

Adam and the Witches

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CHARACTERS

Bethesda- A wife and mother. 345 years old but appears mid 40s. Mostly harmless.

Magdalyn- A wife and mother. 298 years old but appears to be late 30s. Painfully harmless.

Jagger- Brother of Bethesda. 169 years old but appears mid 30. Rude.

Beanie- Daughter of Bethesda and Magdelyn. Early 20s. Trying to learn who she is.

Joanne- Wife of Adam Driver. 38.

Adam Driver- Himself. 37.

SETTING

Home of the witches. A modest little house. Decor that looks like if witches had their own Homegoods. Not too gothic, not too normal. There should be a mezuzah on the door frame, Torahs on the bookshelf, photographs from Beanie's Bat Mitzvah and prayer shawls on the coat rack.

Joanne and Adam's apartment. Standard rich people NYC loft. Maybe some faux Oscar awards are laying around.

Modern day.

Dedicated to my hilarious friends at Bennington College. I'd be all mashugana without you.
Also dedicated to Joanne Tucker. No offense, girl.

SCENE 1

(Home of the witches. MAGDELYN stirs a pot on the stove, BETHESDA rolls matzo balls. They fall apart in her hands, she gets visibly frustrated.)

BETHESDA

Can't I just charm balls to roll themselves? My hands are cramping.

MAGDELYN

Oh Bethesda, don't be so lazy. You know Beanie loves homemade matzo ball soup. And it's not every day our little girl turns 21.

BETHESDA

The girl will never know. We did it for her sixteenth, remember?

MAGDELYN

Yes, and she was miserable the whole year. That was the year she tried to run away to Salem.

BETHESDA

We've all had our run away to Salem phase. It had nothing to do with magic made soup.

MAGDELYN

Just roll the balls or I'll put a hex on you.

BETHESDA

Oo, promise?

MAGDELYN

No time to get fresh. Focus.

BETHESDA

Speaking of balls, where is that rotten brother of mine? He was supposed to be back an hour ago!

MAGDELYN

Maybe his date is going better than we expected?

BETHESDA

It better be going much better than we expected, otherwise I'm gonna-

MAGDELYN

Try not to threaten him tonight, Beth. We want Beanie to have a nice night with her nice family, right?

BETHESDA

We're never nice, it would be weird if we were nice.

MAGDELYN

Just try. Think back to the day she was born. Remember how sweet she was?

BETHESDA

What do you mean? She was GREEN.

MAGDELYN

Only for a few days! I'll never forget the looks on those doctors' faces.

BETHESDA

I guess she was pretty darling after we bathed her in salt and worm urine.

MAGDELYN

(MAGDELYN crossed to Bethesda and hugs her from behind.)

The green melted away and there was our girl.

BETHESDA

And then Jagger spilled a can of baked beans into the blessing cauldron.

MAGDELYN

And we found her name!

BETHESDA

It's better than what your mother wanted to name her.

MAGDELYN

Barbara Steisand Bette Midler was a lovely name.

(JAGGER barges in, angrily touches the mezuzah and rips off his winter jacket and shoes.)

BETHESDA

Well, if it isn't my wonderful, talented little brother.

MAGDELYN

Bad date Jagger?

JAGGER

Don't even get me started.

BETHESDA

We thought, perhaps, it was going well because you're....

(She points at the clock on the wall, flings her finger toward Jagger, and the clock flies off the wall and smashes on his head.)

AN HOUR LATE.

JAGGER

What the fuck?!

MAGDELYN

Beth!

(She runs over to inspect Jagger's head.)

I said no violence tonight!

BETHESDA

You said no THREATENING tonight.

(JAGGER points at the pot of soup on the stove, flicks his hand towards the stove and the pot of soup explodes)

JAGGER

I was too busy getting my heart broken by Bradney to hear the rules.

MAGDELYN

Jagger! Do you know how hard we worked on that soup? Also, I thought your boyfriend's name was Jerome! You were writing a one-woman musical about him? *My Friend Jerome* starring you as Kristin Wiig as Liza Minelli?

JAGGER

No no, Jerome and I had creative differences. He wanted to write *Bishop in Blue: A Musical About Second Chances*. Bradney is the guy Beanie set me up with, remember?

BETHESDA

What happened Jagger? Was he uncircumcised?

JAGGER

If you must know-

(He sits down, rubbing his head. MADGELYN picks up the pot and starts making more soup.)

He lied to me.

BETHESDA

About being circumcised?

JAGGER

No fool!

MAGDELYN

Ignore her, I want to hear.

JAGGER

You know how he plays Rusty in *Starlight Express* on Broadway?

MAGDELYN

Yes....

JAGGER

And how he's never let me come to a show?

MAGDELYN

Yes....

JAGGER

Well, tonight he let it slip that he's just Rusty's understudy!

MAGDELYN

No!

JAGGER

And he's never even gone on!

BETHESDA

(Sarcastic.)

Gasp!

JAGGER

It isn't funny sister! I'm very hurt!

BETHESDA

Oh come on idiot, that boy took two steps into this house and I knew he was a big fat liar.

JAGGER

Excuse me?

BETHESDA

Yup! I read his mind.

JAGGER

You know how I hate it when you read my boyfriends' minds!

BETHESDA

Also, his name isn't Bradney, it's Wheately.

JAGGER

Wheat?

BETHESDA

Yup. Wheatley White. And he's not even an understudy, he's the coffee boy.

JAGGER

(Completely serious.)

Gasp!

(Headlights shine through the window.)

MAGDELYN

Alright you hounds, she's home. Bethesda, clean up the clock, Jagger, scrub the soup off the walls.

BETHESDA

How are we going to make more soup in time?

(MAGDELYN waves her hand over the pot and it fills with soup and matzo balls.)

MAGDELYN

Don't say a word.

(JAGGER snaps his fingers and the kitchen is clean, BETHESDA waves her hand and a HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEANIE banner appears over the kitchen table. MAGDELYN goes to the fridge and pulls out a cake. The three face the door. BEANIE enters.)

MAGDELYN, BETHESDA and JAGGER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BEANIE

(Blushing.)

Oh no, I knew you would do this.

(They surround her in hugs, a chorus of chatter and love.)

Is that matzo ball soup?

MAGDELYN

Yes! Made by hand for our baby girl!

(BETHESDA snickers, MAGDELYN pokes her, a small electric shock is heard.)

BETHESDA

Save that for the bedroom, dear.

JAGGER

Literally, disgusting. Beanie hon, you're 21 now, I'll take you out for a drink instead of dinner with these horndogs.

BEANIE

No no, they better calm down cause I need to inhale that soup

MAGDELYN

Sit down, everyone!

(MAGDELYN does a complicated hand gesture and bowls and spoons fly out from inside cupboards and land neatly on the table. Or she just sets the table, whatever your production can afford. Everyone sits down and MAGDELYN serves the soup.)

BETHESDA

So, Beanie Baby, twenty one years. How do you feel?

BEANIE

I don't think I know. Is there a way I'm supposed to feel?

JAGGER

Drunk.

BETHESDA

Only if you're partying with Alec Baldwin. Not worth it otherwise.

BEANIE

Ew, you didn't sleep with Alec Baldwin, did you?

BETHESDA

What can I say, a witch like me gets around.

MAGDELYN

It wasn't actually Alec Baldwin, it was just some guy at Hannaford who told you he was Alec Baldwin.

BETHESDA

You mean that wasn't Alec Baldwin?

JAGGER

Why would you want it to be Alec Baldwin?

BETHESDA

It was the 80s, right after Beetlejuice came out, he had a nice ass.

MAGDELYN

Funny how your selective telepathy works, darling.

JAGGER

She wanted a piece of Baldwin and didn't care how, or if she really got it.

BEANIE

No more celebrity sex stories on my birthday, please.

JAGGER

Not even about the time I hooked up with Elton John's gardener?

BEANIE

No. Don't care. Let's finish this quick, I have a movie for us to watch after dinner.

MAGDELYN

Oh, birthday movie night! Just like when you were little.

BETHESDA

I'll never forget your first viewing of The Godfather.

BEANIE

My fifth birthday. One of the best.

MAGDELYN

Aren't we forgetting something?

BETHESDA

Your striptease routine?

MAGDELYN

No, you goose. I mean, the 21st birthday prophecy reading!

BEANIE

That's real? I thought that was just something Uncle Jagger uses to justify going on tour with ABBA.

JAGGER

It was in the stars!

BETHESDA

It's very real.

(She pulls out a cauldron from under the table.)

At 21, we look into your future and see what your life looks like. It's the first step of becoming a real witch!

JAGGER

Then your power will come in!

BEANIE

Is this future set in stone? Can I change it?

MAGDELYN

(all too casually)

Probably not. Are you ready to begin?

BEANIE

I don't know.....This seems awfully high stakes.....

BETHESDA

It's not a big deal darling! It doesn't always show you the big stuff. Sometimes it just shows you....what type of underwear you'll be wearing in 50 years. .

MAGDELYN

No need to worry, pumpkin.

BEANIE

Okay.....I guess I'm ready.

MAGDELYN

(To Beanie.)

Stand back.

(The three adult witches join hands around the cauldron, close their eyes and recite a spell.)

BETHESDA, MAGDELYN & JAGGER

Geniosity, my philosophy, your ferocity, Mike Wazowski.

Tell the future, lick the suture, clean the cooher of Jane Krakowski.

(The three witches step aside and motion for Beanie to look into the cauldron. She gazes for a few seconds, BETHESDA and MAGDELYN looking at her proudly. BEANIE steps back, a look of horror on her face.)

Oh no. BEANIE

What? What did you see? JAGGER

Are you living in New Jersey? BETHESDA

Do you have 18 cats? MAGDELYN

Are you working at Macy's? JAGGER

No! No none of that. But,..... oh god.
(She starts to cry.) BEANIE

Oh honey, it can't be that bad. BETHESDA

(Through snot and tears.)
I'm married. BEANIE

Mazel tov! BETHESDA & MAGDELYN

But he's not jewish! BEANIE

Gasp! BETHESDA, MAGDELYN and JAGGER

(Blackout.)

SCENE 2

*(The Witch family sits in front of the TV, the glow of the screen illuminates their faces.
The sounds of The Force Awakens plays in the background.)*

JAGGER

Is this dork movie making you feel better, Bean?

BETHESDA

As if you weren't at the midnight premiere of all the prequels dressed as Jar Jar Binks.

JAGGER

How dare you expose my promiscuous past!

MAGDELYN

Wait now, where's that handsome Luke Skywalker?

BETHESDA

You're *dating* yourself, fool.

MAGDELYN

What? This is a Star Trek movie, isn't it?

BEANIE

UUUUUUGHHH MOM this is AFTER Luke Skywalker!!!! This is a new trilogy!!!

BETHESDA

Harrison Ford's still here, that's all that matters.

JAGGER

I like the Han Solo from Spaceballs more.

BETHESDA

You're *Jewing* yourself, fool.

BEANIE

Can you all be quiet? The bad guy's about to show his face.

MAGDELYN

That's Darth Vader, right Beanie?

BEANIE

NOOO!!! This is Kylo Ren!!!

MAGDELYN

They look the same!

BEANIE

No they don't!!! The mask designs are totally different.

JAGGER

You're getting' awful mashugana over this, he must be hot.

BEANIE

We don't know what he looks like yet!

BETHESDA

If you have a mask fetish it doesn't matter.

BEANIE

MOM!!!!

BETHESDA

Sorry baby, I'm just gettin' bored with this film. Can't we just say our prayers and go to bed?

BEANIE

Shh sh sh!! It's about to happen!!

(Silence, they're hyper focused. The audio plays the moment where Kylo Ren removes his mask.)

Wow.....he's beautiful.

MAGDELYN

Oh look! He's one of us!

BEANIE

He's not a witch, he's a Jedi!

MAGDELYN

No no! He's Jewish!

BETHESDA

But of course he's the villain. I'm so sick of bad representation, I'm gonna put a curse on all those Hollywood writers that makes them incapable of writing anything except reboots of Schindler's List.

BEANIE

Judaism doesn't exist in the Star Wars universe, and neither does witchcraft.

JAGGER

I think she means the actor.

MAGDELYN

Yes! The actor! He seems like a nice Jewish boy.

BETHESDA

I'll google it.

*(With a twinkling sound, BETHESDA closes her eyes and places a hand to her temple.
She stays this way while she says the next two lines.)*

Adam Douglas Driver, born November 19, 1983, is an American actor.

MAGDELYN

Oooo! Adam!

BETHESDA

He has Dutch, English, German, Irish, and Scottish ancestry.

MAGDELYN

What?

JAGGER

Barf city!!!

BEANIE

Are you fucking kidding?

JAGGER

Look at him! I can smell his guilt!

MAGDELYN

I want to invite him over for some brisket!

BETHESDA

I want to make him feel bad that he hasn't called me in two days.

BEANIE

I think I want to have sex with him?

JAGGER

No you don't, you know that Jewish men are the only real men.

BEANIE

Don't remind me.....

MAGDELYN

Oh baby, I'm so sorry.

BEANIE

If only *he* was the goy in the prophecy.....

JAGGER

He looks like he'd choke you.

BEANIE

(dreamy.)

Yeah.....

MAGDELYN

Choking isn't as fun as it sounds, baby...

BETHESDA

At least not when the goyim do it.

JAGGER

The goyim are worse at everything! Have you ever tried to hold a conversation with one?

BETHESDA and MAGDELYN

Barf!

BEANIE

Is it really that bad? I mean I'm gonna have to get used to it.

BETHESDA

....You may not have to.....

JAGGER

Oh no...she's scheming.

MAGDELYN

No she's not.

JAGGER

Yes she is...I can smell it. Smells like falafel.

BETHESDA

You like this spaceman, yes?

BEANIE

Well yeah, look at him.

JAGGER

Looks kinda like a foot to me.

BETHESDA

Jagger hush. I think we could get him for you.

BEANIE

He's still not Jewish.

BETHESDA

I'm not done.

JAGGER

Oh no.

BETHESDA

We could convert him.

BEANIE

Oh yeah, we're just gonna waltz into his house and say "Get in the car, we're taking you to your bris?" Besides, I thought my fate was set in stone.

BETHESDA

It's worth a try, you never know.

MAGDELYN

It will be hard to convince an adult man to go through that, dear.

BETHESDA

Have you forgotten who we are, my sweet?

JAGGER

Witches!

BETHESDA

Witches who are not above forcefully converting a Hollywood actor to Judaism so our daughter can live happily ever after.

BEANIE

This all sounds super sketchy mom.

JAGGER

One small problem.

BETHESDA

Ugh, what?

JAGGER

If you had read a little farther down his Wikipedia page, you'd have seen that he's married.

BETHESDA

So?

MAGDELYN

Aw, good for Adam!

JAGGER

Joanne Tucker. Thirty eight-years-old.

MAGDELYN

Sign?

JAGGER

Cancer.

BEANIE

See? This plan is too flawed. We'd have to break up a marriage, convert an adult man, and make him fall in love with me.

BETHESDA

Who said anything about breaking up a marriage?

MAGDELYN

You're not suggesting we....

BETHESDA

You know I am.

MAGDELYN

I get very turned on by your murderous tendencies.

BETHESDA

When's the last time you studied the big book of spells Maggie?

MAGDELYN

Not since I needed a cure for my yeast infection.

BEANIE

The spellbook! Don't I get a spellbook on my 21st birthday?

JAGGER

Of course! Sister, we forgot Bean's birthday present!

(BETHESDA pulls a wrapped package from behind the couch. Hands it to BEANIE.)

BETHESDA

Since you'll have magic soon, you'll need this.

(BEANIE unwraps the book and flips through it.)

BEANIE

Whoa.....

BETHESDA

Look at page 603.

(BEANIE flips. Reads for a second.)

BEANIE

Murder spells that look like an accident.....

JAGGER

The book was written by some ancient warlock with the tedious creativity of Jason Robert Brown.

BEANIE

We....we can't.....

BETHESDA

Why not? The press would be none the wiser.

BEANIE

That doesn't make it any less wrong!

JAGGER

But.....how else are you gonna change your future?

BEANIE

I don't know! Hang out at the temple after service? Get a job at Zabars?

BETHESDA

You're not gonna find a man like that at Beth El, hon.

JAGGER

Take a chance for once in your life!

MAGDELYN

Don't do anything you're uncomfortable with Beanie, but I'll support you either way.

BEANIE

I can't believe you all! I knew that your moral compasses were questionable but I didn't know that murder was acceptable!

JAGGER

Beanie, do you know we've killed people?

BEANIE

What?

BETHESDA

I killed a waiter at the Ritz once because he brought me a merlot instead of a port.

MAGDELYN

I killed the Rabbi at my old temple because he looked at me funny.

JAGGER

I killed Gianni Versaci.

BEANIE

WHAT?

JAGGER

Just kidding. It was Darren Criss.

BEANIE

No.....no it wasn't.

JAGGER

Oh....then it must have been me!

BEANIE

I've lived in a family of murderers my whole life and I never knew.....

BETHESDA

Exactly Beanie.....so join us.

MAGDELYN

Join us!

JAGGER

JOIN US!!!!

(Thunder claps. Lights in the room flash. The witches cackle maniacally.)

BEANIE

Stop stop stop!

(Thunder stops, witches sit back down.)

Need I point out to you that we are a family of jewish, mostly queer, WITCHES?

MAGDELYN

Yes, and?

BEANIE

Do you have ANY idea of the suffering that our people have faced?

BETHESDA

Yes, and?

BEANIE

You're okay with proving the stereotypes that say that jews will poison the well and that gays are monsters and that witches will curse your family? That feels good to you?

(The three elder witches consider. They exchange a series of looks to one another, looking vaguely guilty, before turning to BEANIE and saying in unison-)

BETHESDA, MAGDELYN and JAGGER

YES!

BEANIE

I can't believe this!

JAGGER

You don't have to believe it to do it.

BEANIE

I don't know what I believe anymore! What would our ancestors think?

JAGGER

So just because we're oppressed we can't be bad? We have to be the face of the Jewish witches?

BETHESDA

Our ancestors had to be absolute ANGELS to get us the privilege to be evil.

MAGDELYN

And it's not like all witches are Jewish, we're just the chosen ones.

JAGGER

Yes yes. Beanie, have we ever told you the story about how our great grandparents, you're great-great grandparents met?

BEANIE

No.

BETHESDA

Well, your grandmother was Jewish,

JAGGER

And your grandfather was a witch,

BETHESDA

They met at a bonfire.

BEANIE

Oh, that's kind of cute. I want to meet someone at a bonfire.

JAGGER

No no, they were IN the bonfire.

BEANIE

You know what, I'm a bit overwhelmed right now, I'm going to my room.

(She exits.)

MAGDELYN

Beanie honey, wait.

(She's gone.)

Oh,

(She turns back to Beth and Jagger.)

YOU FOOLS!

JAGGER

Excuse me?

BETHESDA

What do you want from me?

MAGDELYN

We just made our only child think we're self hating monsters.

BETHESDA

I'm not self hating!

JAGGER

Who's gonna go talk to her?

BETHESDA

You're the sensitive one, dearest.

MAGDELYN

Oh.....you're right. It's such a burden being the only nice one. I'll go talk to her.

(JAGGER and BETHESDA take up the couch as MAGDELYN exits.)

BETHESDA

Whaddya say, turn this off and put on Spaceballs?

JAGGER

Duh!

JAGGER

Oh, your first murder plot.

MAGDELYN

It feels like just yesterday she was getting her broom license.

BETHESDA

Come on dear, no time to waste! Let's go to the spell room!

BEANIE

Where the fuck is the spell room? How much have you been hiding from me?

BETHESDA

No time to unpack all of that now. There's a lot you have to hide from Baby Witches, otherwise they'll turn into an animal.

JAGGER

My first kiss turned to a capuchin.

BETHESDA

Let's go make a death spell!

(JAGGER and MAGDELYN cheer. They guide BEANIE offstage. She looks like she's gonna barf.)

BEANIE

Capuchin?

(blackout.)

SCENE 4

(The spell room. It's a walk in closet with shelves full of glass vials, small caged animals, buckets of god knows what. The witches stand around a giant cauldron.)

BEANIE

I always thought this room was the sex dungeon.

MAGDELYN

No, dear. This is where all the magic happens!

BETHESDA

All kinds of magic, if you know what I mean.

(Beth and Maggie look at each other seductively.)

BEANIE

So it is the sex dungeon?

JAGGER

Don't think about it too much if you want that matzo ball soup to stay in you.

BEANIE

(Looking through the book.)

These ingredients are terrifying.

BETHESDA

Lucky for you, you're mom and I just went to Costco.

BEANIE

You can get this stuff at Costco?

MAGDELYN

Not directly. If you go into that weird little produce room in the back of Costco you'll see a dwarf standing by a hole in the floor.

BEANIE

It's not nice to call little people dwarfs.

MAGDELYN

No no, he's an actual dwarf! Beard and everything! Anyway, you tell him the password and you get into witch costco.

BETHESDA

Like a really lame speakeasy.

JAGGER

Cheaper to buy in bulk!

BEANIE

(oh my god, we're really doing this.)

So, let me get this straight. I don't have my special power yet, but I can make a potion?

MAGDELYN

Making a potion is just like making a coffee! You don't need to be anyone special.

JAGGER

Although you should be, the barista gave me a triple caffeinated espresso the other day and I almost went into orbit.

MAGDELYN & BETHESDA

Not again!

JAGGER

Anyway, soon you'll know what your special power is. Like my hyper sense of smell.

BETHESDA

And my selective telepathy!

MAGDELYN

And I'm an empath!

BETHESDA

Sometimes I wonder if you're really a witch or just a hippie.

BEANIE

Okay, I guess we should get started.

(She flips to the page she needs. She reads off the book.)

Options are heart attack, colon cancer, or ennui.

BETHESDA

Colon cancer is only for your worst enemies.

JAGGER

And ennui works best for petty grudges.

MAGDELYN

Heart attack is your most humane option.

BEANIE

Okay.....fine. Looks like we're making a heart attack cocktail.

BETHESDA

Read us the ingredients!

BEANIE

We need ten drops of latke grease from Adam Sandler's mother's house.

BETHESDA

(She collects the vial.)
That was expensive this week!

MAGDELYN

I know, I forgot my coupon.

(They add the drops.)

BEANIE

A puff of Michael Eisner's stinky CEO breath.....

JAGGER

(Taking an asthma inhaler out of his pocket.)
Sorry, I borrowed it last night.
(He adds a puff to the cauldron.)

BETHESDA

You're not huffing that again are you?

JAGGER

.....maybe.

MAGDELYN

..... Jagger.....
(Seems as if they are about to launch into an intervention when they abruptly start to gather things as BEANIE talks. A frantic frenzy of throwing things into the cauldron,)

BEANIE

We need eighteen ritalin, a lightbulb, a yarmulke from great uncle Stew, a clump of Muppet stuffing, one of Stephen Sondheim's frogs, juice from a flaming fruit....

BETHESDA

Where is that?

MAGDELYN

Oy! We forgot to get some!

JAGGER

Here,

(He spits into the cauldron.)

That should do it.

BEANIE

Four glops of expired vaseline, A Billy Crystal insult, and a pound of ground beef.

(The adult witches marvel at the potion. BEANIE makes a face.)

This smells like death.

JAGGER

No, it smells like possibility. And the dumpster behind the Crown Market.

BETHESDA

It smells perfect. Now we're gonna stir and say the blessing.

(She grapes a large stick from the corner and dunks it in the cauldron. Each witch puts a hand on it.)

Ready Bean?

BEANIE

As ready as ever.

MAGDELYN, BETHESDA and JAGGER

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-o-lam, a-sher na-tan la-nu Torat emet, v'cha-yei o-lam na-ta b'to-chei-nu. Baruch Atah Adonai, no-tein ha-Torah.

BEANIE

That....that's the hanukkah blessing.

BETHESDA

Yeah, just a little something we like to do.

JAGGER

Keeps us in touch with the man upstairs.

BEANIE

So it's not actually part of the spell?

MAGDELYN

I know this is confusing now Mumeluh, you'll learn with experience.

BEANIE

Okay... keep going.

MAGDELYN, BETHESDA and JAGGER

Geniosity, high velocity, murder possibly, tiny gnome.

Plant the slime, slant the rhyme, be gay do crime, Tom Jones.

(BETHESDA pulls an empty vial out of her pocket and fills it with the potion. She hands it to BEANIE.)

BETHESDA

There we go. The key to your future.

BEANIE

I can't believe we're doing this.

JAGGER

Now let's go drink!

BETHESDA

Someone get the Manischewitz!

MAGDELYN and JAGGER

L'chaim!

(The three exit, BEANIE lingers by the cauldron. She sighs. Blackout.)

SCENE 5

(The apartment of JOANNE and ADAM. JOANNE is on the couch watching tv. The doorbell rings. She walks to the door and opens it. BETHESDA, MAGDELYN, JAGGER, and BEANIE are at the door. They're dressed in crappy clothes and have a cart of cleaning supplies.)

JOANNE

Who the hell are you?

BETHESDA

Yes, is this the Tucker/Driver residence?

JOANNE

Maybe....who's asking?

MAGDELYN

Oh, don't worry, nothing to worry about. We're your new cleaning crew!

JOANNE

We don't have a cleaning crew.

JAGGER

Exactly! We're new!

JOANNE

I never called a cleaning crew.

BEANIE

I'm so sorry to waste your time. We'll just be on our way.

(BEANIE tries to usher her family away from the door.)

BETHESDA

We received a phone call from your residence last week asking for a cleaning service. We're here!

(The witches shove past JOANNE and start unpacking their cleaning cart.)

MAGDELYN

Would you please show me to your sink so I can fill the mop bucket?

BETHESDA

Your floors are disgusting.

JAGGER

(Flopping down on the couch and picking up the remote.)

Do you have HBO?

JOANNE

No, absolutely not, get out of my house right now or I'll call the police.

BETHESDA

But why? We were invited!

JOANNE

No you were not! I don't need you here. Goodbye!

MAGDELYN

Maybe your husband called us?

JAGGER

Yes, yes I remember it was a man on the phone. Voice smelled like a sexy chainsaw.

BETHESDA

Like a moose in the sun.

MAGDELYN

Like a haunted house!

JOANNE

I highly doubt that my husband would hire four cleaners without consulting me.

BETHESDA

Why don't you give him a call, darling?

JOANNE

Fine.

(She starts dialing the phone.)

But as soon as I find out that you people are trying to scam me or something, you're out the door.

(she exits. The witches huddle.)

BETHESDA

There's a Starbucks cup on the coffee table, I bet that's hers.

BEANIE

We don't know for sure! We can't just plop a death potion anywhere!

JAGGER

(Squints to read the cup.)

Nonfat white chocolate mocha light ice. That's a girls and gays drink.

BETHESDA

Sexist!

MAGDELYN

She's coming back! Start cleaning!

(The witches start miming cleaning. MAGDELYN rings out a dry mop, BETHESDA sweeps the couch, JAGGER sprays windex on his own shoes, BEANIE freezes.)

JOANNE

It went to voicemail. Out. Now.

MAGDELYN

There must be some mistake!

JAGGER

Drunk dial? You seem like night time bingers.

BEANIE

I'm so sorry about this, Mrs. Tucker. There must have been a prank call or something.

JOANNE

Thank you. Please leave.

BEANIE

But....

(The other witches lean in intently.)

JOANNE

Now what?

BEANIE

We *have* already been paid.

(Beat. The other witches are impressed.)

JOANNE

So?

BEANIE

So we could clean your house at no cost to you.

MAGDELYN

We're very good!

JAGGER

And quiet!

(He takes a dramatic step forward and knocks down a coat rack.)

JOANNE

(Tired.)

Okay. Okay fine, clean the house. I don't care anymore.

(She sits on the couch, rubs her temples. The witches huddle behind her.)

BEANIE

She seems unhappy...

BETHESDA

Does it matter? She'll be dead before the day is out.

BEANIE

I don't want her to die like that! I at least want her to have a nice last day.

BETHESDA

Ugh, she's so sensitive. She got that from you, Magdelyn.

MAGDELYN

That's very sweet of you, Beanie baby. Why don't you go talk to her while we busy ourselves. You can slip the poison in her cup when she isn't looking.

JAGGER

I don't like this. You shouldn't put emotions into your murders.

BEANIE

I don't care.

(BEANIE leaves the huddle and makes her way towards JOANNE.)

Hey, are you okay?

JOANNE

Is it any of your business?

BEANIE

No, no. I'm sorry. It's just that...you looked.....troubled.

JOANNE

Look, kid. I don't know if this is whole thing is an elaborate scheme for you to get a good blog post or something, but I'm not really down to give you my entire fucking life story, okay? Why don't you join the other freaks back there and do your job?

BEANIE

Yeah....of course...I'll do that. Sorry to bother you.

(She starts to walk away)

I also just wanted to say that...um...you have a lovely home.

JOANNE

Oh...thank you, I guess. I hate it.

BEANIE

Really? Why?

JOANNE

I..fuck, I don't know. I just don't think I'm cut out to live in the city. I always saw myself in the country, maybe with some horses and a garden. But, I'm stuck here.

BEANIE

Why?

JOANNE

Do you know who my husband is?

BEANIE

Uh...no!

JOANNE

Okay, *sure* you don't. Well, he's an actor. He thinks he's a lot better than he actually is. But the world seems to like him. So I have to live in the concrete jungle.

BEANIE

Wow, is it weird being married to someone famous?

JOANNE

Weird? Try fucking awful. Everytime I wake up I hear paparazzi out the window. We can't go to the damn bodega without people flocking him like vultures to a carcass, and he thinks he's hot shit! I have to deal with a walking, talking ego lumbering around my house.

BEANIE

That sounds stressful.

JOANNE

It is, it really is.

BEANIE

Do you love him?

(A long pause.)

JOANNE

That's none of your business.

BEANIE

You're right... I'm sorry. I'm just gonna go back to work.

(BEANIE goes back to the group. They huddle again.)

BETHESDA

Did you do it? Is the poison in?

BEANIE

No....I can't do it. I need more time.

MAGDELYN

We don't have a whole lot more time lovey, Jagger bleached the flowers six times already.

JAGGER

Beanie, you're too soft. I'll do it.

BETHESDA

You're not supposed to administer poison for others!

JAGGER

Feh, we're family. Same piss in the same pot.

(JAGGER snatches the potion from BEANIE and saunters over to JOANNE.)

Excuse me Ma'am, I just wanted to apologize for my co-worker. It's against company policy to be a kivitzer.

JOANNE

Oh, thank you. Actually, I was kind of rude to her. I feel bad.

JAGGER

Don't worry about it, she needs a little kick in the crotch. She's young, ya know? Too fragile.

JOANNE

Trust me, I know. That got knocked out of me as soon as I entered Hollywood.

JAGGER

Oh, I know! I tried my hand at the movies, but it's so soul sucking. If I wanted my soul to be sucked out I'd go get blown by a succubus, am I right?

(He chortels. JOANNE gives a polite laugh.)

That reminds me, one time I was dating this succubus, and he-

JOANNE

Do you want a drink?

JAGGER

(Taken aback.)

Of course! I've been day drinking since sundials!

JOANNE

I don't usually do this, but I've just had a really bad day and it'd be rude not to offer. And no offense but I'd rather you specifically weren't cleaning my house.

JAGGER

Understandable! I'll take a non virgin Shirley temple.

JOANNE

(Deadpan.)

We're doing shots.

JAGGER

Brill.

(JOANNE exits. JAGGER checks his surroundings, opens the starbucks cup and drops some potion in. He quickly puts it back. JOANNE reenters with a bottle and two shot glasses. The two take a shot.)

So, what's getting you down?

JOANNE

Oh lord, where do I begin?

JAGGER

The general categories are career, spouse, mental illness, longing, the musical that makes you the most irrationally angry....

JOANNE

Annie 2: Miss Hannigan's Revenge.

JAGGER

I like you.

(They take another shot.)

JOANNE

If I'm being honest, I got offered a role in a movie this morning.

JAGGER

Gasp! Mazel Tov!

JOANNE

I should be happy, but I'm so not. I've been in movies before. I hate it. The long hours, the drama, the people constantly pancaking makeup on me, it's a hellscape! And the competition, the tabloids, red carpets. It's so awful.

JAGGER

Oh, I know. I was Danny Devito's date to a few red carpets. All the cameras flashing at you, interviewers asking who you're wearing...compliments.....

(He stares off, dreamy.)

It's awful. The worst.

JOANNE

Cheers to Danny.

JAGGER

To Danny.

(Third shot.)

JOANNE

I probably sound like an ungrateful cow.

JAGGER

No, never. It's not for everybody.

JOANNE

I don't know what my husband sees in it.

JAGGER

He's that tree trunk looking fella, right?

JOANNE

Yup. That's pretty much all he is.

JAGGER

He's got you living pretty large though. This is good shit.
(He motions to the bottle. They take a fourth shot.)

JOANNE

Money isn't everything.

(BETHESDA and MAGDELYN and BEANIE come back into the room. JOANNE doesn't notice. The witches motion for JAGGER to join them.)

JAGGER

Would you excuse me, my sisters need me.

JOANNE

Don't touch anything breakable.

JAGGER

No Ma'am.

(He joins them. They huddle.)

The poison's in. Now we wait.

BETHESDA

There's booze on your breath, were you two drinking?

JAGGER

No, I never day drink.

MAGDELYN

We should get in on that, dear.

BETHESDA

Yes, let's!

BEANIE

Moms! The poison's in the cup, can't we leave now?

MAGDELYN

We shouldn't go until we've seen her drink it.

BETHESDA

Yes! So we might as well have some fun while we're here!

(BETHESDA and MAGDELYN go up behind the couch, speaking loudly so JOANNE can hear.)

MAGDELYN

Beth, my back hurts terribly.

BETHESDA

Oh dear! You should relax for a bit.

JOANNE

(Sloppy.)

Come sit with me ladies! Have something to drink!

MAGDELYN

Are you sure? We wouldn't want to intrude!

JOANNE

No no! Come! Sit! Drink!

(BETHESDA and MAGDELYN sit on the couch beside JOANNE. The three of them take a shot.)

MAGDELYN

You're very kind, Mrs. Tucker.

JOANNE

Bah! Call me Jo. And I'm really not, I've been a bitch all day. What's that little one's name? I want to apologize to her.

BETHESDA

That's our little Beanie.

JOANNE

Your Beanie? You two together?

MAGDELYN

Yes! A whole seventy five years.

JOANNE

Wow. That's incredible. That's really incredible. You two don't look a day over 30. Incredible. God, I wish I could have been with a woman.

(MAGDELYN and BETHESDA look at each other, mischievous.)

BETHESDA

You don't say.....

JOANNE

Yeah. I've never really been attracted to men. I don't know why I married one.

BETHESDA

It's easy. They're so.....persistent.

JOANNE

Right? Adam and I were FRIENDS. JUST FRIENDS. AND I LIKED IT THAT WAY.

(She slams another shot.)

And then he had to go MAKE IT WEIRD and ask me to marry him. God, I don't know why I said yes. I really don't.

MAGDELYN

Our culture has shamed us into thinking we have to marry men. It's no fault of your own, darling.

BETHESDA

Yes! Yes! It took Magdelyn and I a very long time to stop being "gal pals".

MAGDELYN

But it was worth it.

JOANNE

You two are so lucky. I wish I could feel the touch of a woman. Or women. I've always wanted to have a threesome.

(JOANNE reaches for the starbucks cup. She starts to lift it to her lips. MAGDELYN and BETHESDA lunge for the cup and throw it behind the couch.)

BETHESDA

Sorry.... There was a bug.

MAGDELYN

Yes.... a bug.

BETHESDA

We could....make it up to you.

JOANNE

Yeah?

MAGDELYN

We are in an...."open marriage" of sorts.

(The sexual tension peaks. JOANNE grabs BETHESDA and MADELYN's hands and they run offstage together. BEANIE and JAGGER reenter.)

BEANIE

I'm gonna throw up.

JAGGER

This is where I should give you the "your moms are sexual beings and that's okay" talk but I'm also gonna throw up.

BEANIE

I can't do this! I can't! She's so unhappy!

JAGGER

Exactly! Put her out of her misery!

BEANIE

No! She has dreams! She wants a horse, uncle Jagger, a HORSE!

JAGGER

And you want a handsome Jewish husband. A handsome soon-to-be-Jewish husband who she clearly doesn't want.

BEANIE

Exactly! She doesn't want him! She would leave him in a heartbeat if she felt like she could!

JAGGER

Ugh, that's so much drama to deal with. Divorce is so boring.

BEANIE

I think we should abort the mission.

JAGGER

What do you mean? We've come all this way, put in all this effort and used the last of our Michael Eisner breath all for you! Don't be ungrateful, Bean.

BEANIE

I'm not being ungrateful! I'm experiencing character growth!

JAGGER

Are you sure it's not just gas?

BEANIE

This is the point in a story where the young heroine has a self discovery, she realizes that the world is falling apart around her and her decisions could either fix it or burn it down completely

(Beat.)

What am I thinking? I'm a strong, smart, attractive young woman. I don't need to commit murder and be a homewrecker! All I need is me! I could travel the world! I could end world hunger! I could be the first woman on Mars! I don't need to be tied down this young! I haven't even had sex yet! I need to find my Alec Baldwin! I need to learn how to be a good witch, a good Jew, a good person! I'm too busy for this! If that ugly ass goy from my prophecy asks me to marry him, all I have to do is say no! I have autonomy!

JAGGER

Yes! This is all very inspiring Beanaluh, but I think I just heard a car pull up outside.

BEANIE

Oh shit! HIDE!

(BEANIE and JAGGER scramble around the apartment to find a place to hide.

JAGGER hides behind the coat wrack, still completely visible. BEANIE hides under the coffee table. ADAM DRIVER enters. He takes off his coat and puts down his keys. He is oblivious to the poorly hidden witches.)

ADAM

Joanne?

(He sits on the couch. He sees BEANIE. They both scream.)

BEANIE

IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!

ADAM

WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?

BEANIE

I...UH

ADAM

I have the police on speed dial, I've dealt with crazed fans and John Oliver.

JAGGER

Oh sure you have, Kylo.

(ADAM see's JAGGER, they both scream.)

ADAM

WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?

JAGGER

Your worst nightmare.

BEANIE

He's not, neither of us are.

JAGGER

Ugh, lame.

ADAM

You seriously need to get out of here, now!

(BETHESDA, MAGDELYN and JOANNE enter, all wearing nothing but sharing a bed sheet.)

BETHESDA

What's with all this mishegas?

MAGDELYN

(Running to BEANIE and wrapping her in a hug.)

Oh my Beanie, are you okay?

ADAM

What the actual fuck is going on here? Who are these naked people? Joanne, what's going on?

JOANNE

I have no fucking idea.

ADAM

You clearly do.

JOANNE

They barged in here, tried to clean things, and then I was living out my longest held sexual fantasy.

(Malice in her voice.)

And then you came in.

JAGGER

Yeah, discount Keanu Reeves, you really killed the mood.

BEANIE

I can explain.

BETHESDA

No you can't!

JAGGER

Bean, don't do this.

MAGDELYN

Speak your truth Beanie baby!

BEANIE

Joanne, Mr. Driver, we came here to do something very evil.

ADAM

What, pleasure my wife?

BEANIE

No, not originally. Um, you see...we're...um.....

JAGGER

Contractors!

MAGDELYN

Rabbis!

BETHESDA

Escorts!

BEANIE

Would you all just stop? I'm having my hero moment!

MAGDELYN

Sorry honey. Go ahead.

BEANIE

We're witches. Not evil, not really.

JAGGER

I prefer mischievous.

BEANIE

There was a stupid prophecy that said I would marry a non-Jewish man. I saw you, Adam, and you were the most beautiful man I had ever seen. My loving, insane, psychotic family suggested that we use our magic to come here, kill Joanne, convert you to Judaism and make you fall in love with me. It sounds crazy, but it's the God honest truth.

(A beat. Everyone takes it in.)

JOANNE

You were gonna kill me?

BETHESDA

No!

MAGDELYN

Um...

JAGGER

Yes they were.

BEANIE

But then I met you and heard about the horses and the life you wish you had, and I want you to go live it.

(BEANIE goes to JOANNE, takes her hands.)

Joanne, you deserve so much more than what you have. I am so sorry that I plotted to kill you.

JOANNE

Truthfully, Beanie, no one has asked me if I'm okay in a long time. I knew I blew you off, but I was guarded. You got to the heart of my problems and I got scared. You and your family made me realize that I really need a change.

(They hug. JOANNE goes up to ADAM.)

Adam, you're a kind man. But I'm miserable. I'm leaving.

ADAM

Wow.....this is all so sudden.....

JOANNE

Yeah, duh.

BETHESDA

You know.....we have a California king at home.

JAGGER

Not a bed, just a member of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. We taxidermied him. It didn't go well.

MAGDELYN

What we mean is, you're welcome to start a new life with us.

BETHESDA

On one condition....

JOANNE

Yeah?

BETHESDA, MAGDELYN, JAGGER and BEANIE

We're Jewish.

JOANNE

So, I'd have to convert?

BETHESDA

Yes.

JAGGER

Obvi.

MAGDELYN

Well.....

BETHESDA

Oh no, she's thinking.

JAGGER

I can smell it. Grapes.

MAGDELYN

We've had a lovely time with Joanne. She seems like a lovely person. Does she really have to change?

BETHESDA

She is the only goy I've had a good time being around.

JAGGER

Shiksa, sister.

MAGDELYN

What I'm saying is, do we really have to stick to this barrier to others that we've built ourselves? Shouldn't we celebrate our differences?

BEANIE

That was beautiful, mom.

JAGGER

(Sarcastic.)

I'm tearing up.

BETHESDA

I guess it is time for a change, isn't it?

MAGDELYN

What do you say Jo?

BETHESDA

You wanna be our Shiksa goddess?

JAGGER

Ew! You whores know how I feel about Jason Robert Brown!

JOANNE

Is there room on your property for a stable?

BETHESDA

We'll make room! Ya know, we used to run a farm!

JAGGER

We may have accidentally started the dust bowl....

MAGDELYN

And ended it!

JOANNE

Then I'd love to come live with you.

(Celebration. The witches embrace JOANNE. ADAM looks dejected. JAGGER notices.)

JAGGER

There's a sad, large puppy over there, someone do something.

JOANNE

It's really not personal Adam. Well, mostly.

ADAM

I don't know how to handle this situation.

BETHESDA

Yeah, this is a new one.

MAGDELYN

Adam, honey. Do you wanna join the family too? Is that okay, Jo?

JOANNE

Yes. I still have a soft spot for him.

ADAM

Would I have to convert?

MAGDELYN

Not if you don't want to.

ADAM

No no no! I've always been interested in Judaism. I want to learn more about it.

BEANIE

Oh no....

JAGGER

Stay strong Bean, don't forget about your monologue.

ADAM

Beanie, do you still think I'm....beautiful or whatever you said?

BEANIE

Uh.....

JAGGER

Ending world hunger.....first woman on mars.....

BEANIE

You still got that vial of poison, Uncle J?

JAGGER

Yeah....

BEANIE

Go find Jeff Bezos. Do your worst.

(She runs into ADAM's arms. He picks her up like a disney princess.)

Adam, how do you feel about space travel?

(BLACKOUT.)

EPILOGUE

(The witches home. BETHESDA, MAGDELYN, JAGGER, BEANIE, JOANNE and ADAM sit at the kitchen table. They're in the late stages of a seder.)

JOANNE

This food is incredible.

BETHESDA

Thank you, darling.

MAGDELYN
You're incredible.

JOANNE
No, you are.

MAGDELYN
No, you!

BETHESDA
No, me!

(JOANNE and MAGDELYN kiss BETHESDA on both cheeks.)

MAGDELYN
Beth, get the camera, we have to commemorate Joanne and Adam's first seder!

(JAGGER's phone beeps.)

JAGGER
Ugh, it's Bradney.

BETHESDA
You mean Wheat?

JAGGER
He got cast in Tom Hooper's adaptation of Starlight Express! I should call him!

MAGDELYN
See Beanie, this confirms it! Your power is matchmaking!

BETHESDA
You got yourself a third mom, something for Jagger, and a nice goy.

ADAM
Not to interrupt, but post seder seems like a good time for this announcement.

MAGDELYN
Is this about your Jeff Bezos Wealth Redistribution Foundation?

BEANIE

You're ready to try lightsabers?

ADAM

No, not yet. I've lived with you all for six months, I've been to many services, I've learned some yiddish, I stopped eating pork. I think....I think I'm ready to convert.

BEANIE

Oh, Kylo!

(She gives him a big hug. JAGGER gags.)

JAGGER

Ew, I hate it when you call him that at the table.

BETHESDA

Mazel tov!

MAGDELYN

Oh this is so exciting!

ADAM

So, you're the experts. What do I have to do? Have a bar mitzvah?

(JAGGER suppresses his laughter. BEANIE joins in. Eventually everyone is silently chuckling.)

Beanie, what's so funny?

BEANIE

Let's just say.....

MAGDELYN

I'm the kvatterin

JAGGER

I'm the kvatter

BEANIE

I'm the sandek.

BETHESDA

(Pulls out a surgical knife.)
And I'm the Mohel.

ADAM

Gasp!

END OF PLAY