It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia Spec Script

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Charlie Gets Possessed

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INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY

FRANK comes out of the office to find DEE behind the bar tidying up while CHARLIE and DENNIS are playing slap hands.

FRANK

I just went over our numbers and we're in the hole again this month.

DEE

Maybe it's because this place is so unsanitary.

FRANK

You think? You might be right. You should clean the bathrooms after you're done there.

DEE

Uh, no. That's Charlie work!

MAC enters the bar.

MAC

What up, bitches? You're never gonna believe what just happened.

DENNIS

You won the lottery?

MAC

Nope.

DEE

You got another stupid tattoo.

MAC

Uh uh.

FRANK

You tossed some guy's salad?

Mac looks at Frank with disgust.

MAC

What? Ugh! No!

(beat)

Truth is, you guys are never going to guess...

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CHARLIE

You finally mastered the flying side kick.

MAC

Wait, how did you know that?

The gang looks at Charlie astonished.

CHARLIE

I don't know.

DEE

Maybe you're psychic.

DENNIS

Charlie may be psycho but he's definitely not psychic.

FRANK

But if he IS psychic, we can make us a lot of money. We can hold readings in here. People would have to pay a cover charge. Think of all the dough we could rake in.

CHARLIE

Dude, it was just a lucky guess.

DEE

We need to test him with something he doesn't know.

DENNIS

Well, that doesn't prove anything. That just proves he's Charlie.

DEE

I got an idea.

Dee whispers in Dennis's ear.

Dennis gives a chesire grin.

DENNIS

Well, that's no surprise.

DEE

OK, Charlie. What did I just tell Dennis?

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CHARLIE

I don't know. You told him that Maureen told you he was the best she ever had.

Everyone looks shocked.

DEE

He IS psychic.

MAC

Wait a minute. Wait a minute. You weren't psychic yesterday. What's different about today?

CHARLIE

I don't know. I don't feel different. But you know what, a fortune teller once told me that I could speak to the dead. Maybe that's what's happening. Maybe I'm getting the right answers from dead people. I mean yesterday, I stopped by the cemetery.

FRANK

That's it. That's what made you psychic.

DEE

Wait. What were you doing at the cemetery?

CHARLIE

Just digging up some collectibles.

MAC

Going to a cemetery wouldn't make anyone psychic. I think you guys are just putting me on. You know what I think is going on here? I think Charlie picked up a demon somewhere. Must've been when he was at the cemetery. That's it, freaks. Charlie is demonized! He's possessed!

END OF TEASER

ACT I

INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY - CONT

FRANK

Demonized, psychic, whatever. Doesn't matter to me as long as we can make some money off him. This demon could be the biggest blessing this bar has ever seen.

MAC

We need to get an exorcist.

CHARLIE

I am not demonized. I think I would know if I had a demon inside me.

FRANK

Thank the Lord for demons! We'll do his first reading tonight. Put the word out! We got a lot of work to do! Turns out Charlie is good for something after all!

MAC

I need to go home and freshen up on my exorcism skills.

DENNIS

When did you ever exorcise someone?

MAC

Remember Silas? Yeah, the guy was totally demonized. Said he was having visions and hearing voices. I successfully exorcised his demons and now he's totally fine.

DENNIS

Maybe, he was just schizophrenic.

CHARLIE

Let's say I am demonized. What if I don't want my demon exorcised? Maybe I like my demon. I want to keep him.

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MAC

What makes you think your demon is male?

DEE

All demons are male.

FRANK

If it's demon, we're gonna milk that demon for all it's worth.

END TEASER

INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT

Paddy's pub is filling up with people wanting to be read.

Charlie is in the dark office with his hands around a crystal ball.

Dee and Frank look in on him.

DEE

Where'd he get that crystal ball?

FRANK

Halloween store downtown.

Dennis walks into the office.

DENNIS

Charlie, what are you doing?

Frank grabs Dennis' arm.

FRANK

Dennis, don't disturb Master Zolo.

DENNIS

Who?

FRANK

Master Zolo. He needs to clear his brain waves for the reading.

DENNIS

What brain waves?

Dee walks over to Frank and Dennis.

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DEE

All this talk about demons gives me heeber jeebers. Makes me want to go to church.

FRANK

Church? Oh that reminds of the good ol' days when I used to pick up hot chicks in church.

DEE

Yeah, I bet you got a lot of action from God-fearing women.

FRANK

You'd be surprised. Those church going girls are sexually repressed. One little touch and they are raring to go.

DENNIS

Church as a place to pick up chicks? You don't say. You know, looking around this evening, there are some pretty good looking babes that may need some consolation and daddy Dennis may just be the person to give it to them.

DENNIS notices a HOT CHICK sitting with her friend, BRITNEY, in the back row of seats that Frank has set up.

He makes his way towards her and sits down next to her.

DENNIS

Hello, ladies.

HOT CHICK

Hi.

DENNIS

Are you here for the reading?

HOT CHICK

Yes, me and Britney have both lost someone.

Hot chick nods to her friend.

DENNIS

You must be so devastated.

Hot chick bursts into tears.

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HOT CHICK

It's my dad. He's been gone 2 years now. I was always daddy's little girl. I'm lost without him.

Dennis puts his arm around her and she cries on his shoulder as he looks down her low-cut blouse.

DENNIS

We'll just have to find you a new daddy.

Hot chick quits crying and looks up at him in shock.

HOT CHICK

What? You think my dad can be replaced? How dare...

Dennis then breaks into tears himself.

DENNIS

I'm sorry. This is so hard for me. I lost my dad too.

HOT CHICK

You did?

Dennis starts wailing and buries his head in hot chick's chest.

Britney sits on the other side of him and tries to comfort him.

BRITNEY

We've all lost someone special. That's why we are all here: to try to reconnect with those we've lost and love.

HOT CHICK

Britney lost her grandmother.

Dennis sits up straight.

DENNIS

I'm sorry, did you say your
grandma?

BRITNEY

Yeah, she was more like a mother to me.

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DENNIS

Well, how old was she?

BRITNEY

Eighty nine.

DENNIS

Eighty nine. That's pretty old.

BRITNEY

So... what are you saying?

DENNIS

Well, I mean she probably was ready to croak.

Britney looks shocked and appalled.

DENNIS

I mean, you have to admit, that's pretty old.

Hot chick glares at him.

HOT CHICK

Her granny just died... yesterday.

DENNIS

Yeah but... she was... old. How upset should you be? I mean, you've had decades to prepare.

Frank checks in on Charlie in the dark office.

FRANK

Charlie, you ready? It's show time.

CHARLIE

Uh... just a minute. I think I need to feed my demon some more brain waves.

FRANK

Whatever, just hurry up.

Frank stands next to Dee looking at the crowded pub.

DEE

Gee, Frank. I hope Charlie is really psychic otherwise you're gonna be facing an angry mob of folks wanting their money back.

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FRANK

Psychic, demonized, I don't care as long as he delivers the goods. But just in case, you should go out there and get some intel. You know, just hover around the crowd and see what people want to hear.

DEE

Okay.

Dee goes and sits behind an older woman, SARAH, and an older man, PETER, who are sitting in the front row.

Peter turns toward Sarah.

PETER

So, are you a regular here?

SARAH

Oh, no. I'm here for the reading.

PETER

I'm Peter.

SARAH

Sarah. I hope to connect with my brother, John. He died 30 years ago. He committed suicide. I just want to make sure he's in heaven and his soul's at rest. We were raised to believe that you go to hell if you kill yourself.

Peter nods with empathy.

SARAH (CONT)

I'm the last one he spoke to before he hung himself. He was always threatening suicide but never made any attempts. I thought he just wanted attention so I told him to go ahead and do it. I hope he's forgiven me. What about you? Who are you hoping to connect with?

Dee tries to listen in more closely by tilting her chair towards Peter and Sarah.

PETER

My mom. We had to pull the plug on her a few weeks ago. I was her power of attorney so I had to make (MORE)

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PETER (cont'd)

the final decision. Even though she told me that she would never want to be kept alive in a vegetative state, I still want to know that I made the right decision.

Sarah touches his knee to comfort him.

SARAH

I'm sure you did.

Dee loses her balance in the tilted chair and falls down and everyone looks at her.

Dennis tries to stifle a laugh.

Frank stands in front of the crowd.

FRANK

Ladies and gentlemen. Please welcome the all knowing Master Zolo.

Charlie comes out wearing what looks like a psychic costume.

CHARLIE

Welcome, welcome. I am Master Zolo and I speak to the dead. Right now, I hear the voice an older woman who calls herself Virginia.

BRITNEY

Nana!

Charlie moves towards Britney.

CHARLIE

She was your grandmother but she was more like a mother to you.

BRITNEY

(tearful)

Yes, yes, that's her. That's Nana!

Frank whispers in Dee's ear.

FRANK

By God, he really is psychic. I think we hit the jackpot this time.

Hot chick cries for her friend and Denis strokes her hand.

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DENNIS

We need to be strong for her.

BRITNEY

(to Charlie)

How is she? How is my Nana?

Mac enters the pub with a crucifix.

FRANK

Oh, no.

Mac circles Charlie in front of the crowd.

MAC

The power of Christ compels you! The power of Christ compels you!

CHARLIE

Dude, what are you doing?

MAC

I'm exorcising your demon.

CHARLIE

Dude, I'm in the middle of a reading.

MAC

The power of Christ compels you!

CHARLIE

Mac, stop it! Stop it!

More than half of the crowd gets up and leaves the bar.

FRANK

Wait! Where are you all going? Master Zolo is not finished! Goddamnit Mac! You're scaring them all away!

MAC

Maybe it's his demon who's scaring them.

FRANK

Just keep reading them, Master.

CHARLIE

OK.

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Mac stands with his hands on his hips to see if his exorcism was successful.

CHARLIE

I can't.

FRANK

What do you mean, you can't? Do what you did before. There's still a few people here.

CHARLIE

I can't. Nothing's coming to me.

Frank leans in to whisper to him.

FRANK

Just make it up! I dont' want these people wanting their money back.

Charlie looks at the crowd and looks lost.

MAC

A ha. The exorcism was successful! I am the man!

Charlie grabs Mac by the shoulders and shakes him.

CHARLIE

Give me my demon back! I want my demon!

A few of the audience members get up to start to leave.

Frank goes over to Dee.

FRANK

Listen, Dee. There is no way I'm giving any refunds tonight. You've got to take over. Now's your chance to put your acting classes to some actual use.

DEE

What? No!

FRANK

Just do it, Deandre. Make some shit up with that intel you collected earlier.

Frank waves his hands to get the audience's attention.

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FRANK

Uh... the show's not over guys! Lucky, for you, we've got a back-up psychic, Madam... uh... Dee. She'll read for the rest of yous.

Dee looks bewildered as all eyes turn to her.

She smooths her pants with her hands nervously.

DEE

Uh...OK. I can do this.

Dee puts her hands around her neck.

DEE

Oh, no.... I feel like I can't breathe. I feel something around my neck. I think he hung himself. I feel a brother energy. Did anyone here lose a brother?

Sarah shyly raise her hand.

SARAH

That's John, my brother. Is he OK? Is he mad at me?

Dee tugs at her collar.

DEE

I'm very hot. I feel I'm in an inferno. He says, "I'm burning in hell, you stupid bitch! It's all your fault! You told me to do it and now I'm eternally damned!"

Sarah starts crying and runs out of the bar.

Dennis, who is now standing next to Frank, says to Frank.

DENNIS

Well, I think that went well.

DEE

As you can see. I can clearly talk to the dead.

Frank bows to Dee.

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FRANK

You're on a roll, Madam!

Dee's eyes roll back into her head.

DEE

Now, I hear an older female. I feel... comatose. I feel a mother energy. Did somebody here have to remove their mother from life support?

Peter looks down, not wanting to be noticed.

Dee stands right in front of him.

DEE

I think this is for you.

PETER

Yeah. My mother. I just want to make sure I made the right decisions in respecting her wishes.

DEE

She's saying, "You stupid idiot! I still had life in me! I was just hours away from coming to! I would have made a full recovery but you killed me! "

Peter covers his eyes with his hand and people start sneaking out of the bar.

END OF ACT I

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ACT II

INT. CHURCH - DAY

The gang is sitting in a pew near the back of church.

FRANK

Tall hot blonde to your left.

Mac and Dennis look to their left at a TALL HOT BLONDE notices them looking at her and responds with a look of disapproval.

FRANK (CONT)

I told you there were some hot chicks in church.

DENNIS

Hey, check out the chick with the long curly hair. Hair that is that well-maintained is sure to belong to a pretty face.

The GIRL WITH CURLY HAIR turns around and smiles at them. She has an ugly face despite the nice hair.

The guys grimace.

They look around the rest of the church for some eye candy.

MAC

We had the hottest nun at St. Cecilia's when I was a kid. I used to show up to mass early just to watch her light the liturgy candles and fantasize about what was under that habit.

An OLDER WOMAN sitting in the pew in front of them looks back at Mac with disgust.

Dee looks at Charlie who is kneeling and praying to himself out loud.

CHARLIE

Please God, give me my demon back. I miss my demon.

The older woman in the pew in front of them looks back at Charlie and gives him a dirty look which only Dee notices.

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DEE

Charlie, what are you doing?

CHARLIE

I'm praying for God to give me my demon back.

DEE

Maybe you can get a new demon, a better demon.

CHARLIE

You think?

DEE

Yeah, but not here. I don't think a lot of demons hang out in church.

The collection basket gets passed to Frank who is amazed at all the money in it.

By the time the basket reaches Dee, the money is gone and Frank has a smirk on his face.

DENNIS

I think we should get going.

MAC

Not before communion.

DENNIS

What's that?

MAC

You get eat to the body and drink the blood of Christ.

DENNIS

Gross... I'll pass.

MAC

It's actually just bread and wine, bro.

FRANK

What kind of bread? Do they have jalapeno cheddar?

DENNIS

What kind of wine?

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MAC

You can't go up there and get a swig unless you've had your first communion or been confirmed.

(puffs out his chest proudly)
I'm the only one gets to go up
there.

The USHER has reached Mac's row and he gets up to get in line for communion.

Frank leans over and whispers to Dennis.

FRANK

I gotta go check out this bread.

Frank gets up and follows Mac and Dennis follows him.

Frank looks over at some of the other people in line and notices that all of their hands are folded so he decides to fold his hands as well.

Dennis whispers in Frank's ear who is standing in line in front of him.

DENNIS

Man, this line is moving slow. I don't care about the bread.

Dennis passes everyone in line, much to everyone's dismay, and heads straight to a EUCHARISTIC MINISTER who is holding a chalice of wine.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Blood of Christ.

DENNIS

Yeah, right. I know it's just wine.

The minister winces as Dennis grabs the chalice out of her hands and guzzles down all of the wine.

DENNIS

Thanks. I was thirsty.

Meanwhile Mac has taken his bread and Frank is now standing in front of the PRIEST.

PRIEST

Body of Christ.

The priest holds out the wafer.

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FRANK

You call that bread? You've got to be kidding me! Talk about a scam. There is some shady shit going on around here!

The priest looks appalled as Frank rips the wafer out of his hand and eats it.

Frank just stands there while the priest looks at him in confusion.

FRANK

Well, can I have another? I'm starving over here.

EXT. CHURCH - DAY

The gang is now on the front steps of the church as the usher closes the door behind them.

MAC

Well, that's the first time I've ever been thrown out of church.

DEE

Somehow, I find that hard to believe.

FRANK

Well, at least I got some dough out of it.

DEE

Are you talking about the bread or the money you stole?

FRANK

Both.

Frank takes a fist full of cash out his pocket.

FRANK

This calls for a celebration.

CHARLIE

Can we just go somewhere that has demons? I need to find my demon. I think he's lost.

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DENNIS

Why don't you just go back to that cemetery?

MAC

If he gets another demon, I'll just exorcise that one too.

FRANK

Hm. All this talk of demons and exorcisms is giving me an idea. Why don't we have Mac start charging people for his exorcisms?

MAC

Uh no. I will not abuse my powers.

DEE

What, you have morals all of a sudden?

DENNIS

We could sell a product that sprays your demons away. We could call it: Demon Away.

DEE

Yeah, like anybody would buy it, dickwad.

INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY

The gang is gathered around a lap top watching their self-made commercial for Demon Away.

DENNIS (V.O.)

"Are you tired of your demon? Are you terrorized enough? Is he eating all your food and smoking all your bud? Have you said it's time this demon leave my body and leave me be, just spray yourself with Demon Away and set your demon free."

DEE

I can't believe we already sold eighty three bottles and have three hundred more orders.

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FRANK

We'll be raking in the dough in no time.

DENNIS

Think of all the chicks we could attract with the money.

MAC

I think we should buy a yacht. Throw some crazy parties.

Dee sprays some of a bottle of Demon Away on her wrists and then rubs them together.

DEE

It actually smells nice. Could double as a perfume.

CHARLIE

Now, we just need something that attracts demons. I wonder what smells they like.

DEE

Probably something fowl smelling so don't worry Charlie, your B.O. will probably do the trick in time.

FRANK

Yeah, Charlie. Just be patient. Your demon will return in time.

MAC

I can't believe you bitches! All that work I did to exorcise Charlie's demon and you're talking about snatching him another one.

Mac wrings his hands in preparation.

MAC

No problems. Just gives me time to sharpen my skills.

Mac does some karate moves around Charlie.

DEE

Uh... yeah... I don't think you're karate is going to work on any demons, Mac.

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MAC

A little demon karate and some biblical verses and my mad exorcism skills will do the trick.

FRANK

Or just spray a little Demon Away and poof - demon gone.

(looks over at Charlie)
Don't worry, Charlie. If you get
yourself another demon, we won't
spray you. We'll hold some more
readings and rake in the
dough. Relying on Dee's acting
skills wasn't such a great idea
after all. She scared them all
away and she didn't have a demon!

MAC

Yeah, but she looks like a demon and that's worse.

Dee swats at him.

Dennis is holding up a bottle of Demon Away and looking at the ingredients and reading them aloud.

DENNIS

A mixture of salt water and a secret ingredient. What did you put in here, Frank?

FRANK

Let's just say the concoction has been blessed.

MAC

What do you mean, blessed?

FRANK

Do you know that once I pissed against the side of the building and my piss made a picture of Jesus?

MAC

You blessed it with your piss?

Dee wretches and runs to the bathroom.

FRANK

Now if I could only shit a brick that looked like the Virgin Mary, I (MORE)

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FRANK (cont'd)

could make a real butt load of cash, no pun intended.

MAC

Why not just put some holy water in spray bottles? That's a real demon chaser. I know where we can get vats of it.

DENNIS

If you're talking about stealing some holy water, count me in.

FRANK

We're not stealing any holy water. I've heard that all the holy water around here is polluted.

THE LAWYER enters the bar with a brief case.

THE LAWYER

I should have known this would be the place.

FRANK

What are you doing here?

THE LAWYER

I'm here to serve you with a cease and desist order for your product Demon Away.

CHARLIE

You want to order Demon Away? You've got a demon? You can give him to me. Just blow him into my body.

Charlie goes up to the lawyer and opens his mouth wide.

The lawyer winces and turns away from Charlie, addressing Frank again.

FRANK

Demon Away uses all organic chemicals.

Frank snickers.

LAWYER

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LAWYER (cont'd)

twenty of your customers complaining of a burning sensation on their skin after using the product.

DENNIS

Maybe that burning sensation is the demon leaving which means our product really works.

Charlie looks at his forearms.

LAWYER

If you sell one more bottle of Demon Away, I will alert the proper authorities to confiscate your product.

FRANK

Confiscate my ass.

LAWYER

No thank you.

FRANK

Hey, my recipe was a blessing from God. You can't mess with the big man upstairs.

LAWYER

Well, the good Lord giveth and the good Lord taketh away.

The lawyer leaves the legal paperwork with the gang as he heads out of the bar.

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INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY - CONT

The gang minus Dee, who is still in the bathroom, is sitting around drinking and looking downtrodden.

FRANK

Money...

DENNIS

Women...

MAC

Yacht...

CHARLIE

Demon...

Dee comes out of the bathroom patting her forearms dry with paper towels.

DEF

I think I got all of it.

Dee looks up at the rest of the gang who look glum.

DEE

What just happened?

She yelps as she notices redness spreading on her forearms.

DEE

What's that burning sensation? Oh, it burns, it burns.

Charlie's eyes light up and he races over to Dee and puts his arm next to hers in an effort to try to capture a demon.

DEE

Charlie, what are you doing?

THE END