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THE LAST PONTIFF

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ON BLACK:

"AND THEN THE LAWLESS ONE WILL BE REVEALED, WHOM THE LORD WILL KILL WITH THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH." - 2 THES. 2: 8

EXT. SKY - AFTERNOON

The sun dims. It darkens. But it turns slightly red... on it, a EUCHARISTIC MONSTRANCE appears.

INT. CONGREGATION - NIGHT

SUPER: Some 2 millenia ago.

A man named HIDALGO confronts a theologian named IGNATIUS. Ignatius is on the pulpit, speaking... Hidalgo just bolts forward...

HIDALGO

Unless I find it in the documents,
the Scriptures! I will not believe
in what is being preached!

Ignatius almost does an arms akimbo, frowns. Sighs.

IGNATIUS

It is written word.

HIDALGO

That is what is in question.

EXT. THE MOUNTAINS - NIGHT

SUPER: Garabandal

CONCHITA GONZALES, a young child holds a statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" containing 'holy water.' An APPARITION of what appears to be, ironically the BLESSED MOTHER is before her... Young Conchita sprinkles it to the ghostly scepter.

CONCHITA GONZALES
If you are Satan go away!

APPARITION
Do not be afraid! But I call
everyone to repent!

INT. PAPAL OFFICE, VATICAN - NIGHT

POPE TIMOTHY, 65 aka CARDINAL NARMONOV has a conversation with a close friend of a priest, FATHER GOLDBLUM MARAVE, a man of 42.

POPE TIMOTHY
The Lord Jesus Christ in
Revelation, Three Eight commends
the Philadelphians for obeying the
admonitions of Paul not to go
beyond what is written, for keeping
his words... or what the apostle
John wrote in his second epistle
about the one running ahead of
Christ's teachings having nothing
but the absence of God in him.

Father Marave just nods.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)
In contrast, we have the
visionaries, I can't believe that
what easily dispells their doubts
are the apparitions messages to do
pious acts.... Little do they know
that one of his attributes is to
pose as an angel of light, as Paul
wrote.

SUPER: 2nd Corinthians 11: 14

FATHER MARAVE

Let's not also forget, what Paul also wrote in his second epistle to the Thessalonians about the lawless one performing miracles at the service of deception and all unrighteous deceit for those who are perishing because they refused to love the truth.....

SUPER: 2nd Thessalonians 2: 9, 10

Pope Timothy sighs.

POPE TIMOTHY

You know the thing about "religious experience"... people think experiences are the measure of truth..... what they do not know is that if their search isn't sincere, God will send them the strong power of delusion so that they will believe what is false..... I know atheists who don't seem to have regrets in this life and appear to be even more blessed than the religious. While exact reward is a concept of Christianity, it is not always the case..... For instance does that mean that some agnostics and atheists are more blessed?

Father Marave smiles.

FATHER MARAVE

No it only means God, well perhaps in this life still continues to make the sun shine on the just and the unjust.

EXT. ST. PETER'S SQUARE - DAY

Pope Timothy speaks before the crowd.

INT. FATHER MARAVE'S ROOM - DAY

Father Marave, certain with knowledge this speech will polarize many Catholics, watches from his bedroom.

EXT. ST. PETER'S SQUARE - DAY

Pope Timothy begins to speak.

POPE TIMOTHY

Now, you may call me Cardinal
Konstantine Sergeyeovich... Narmonov
if you wish, or Pope Timothy....
However you may have it.... But
fear not that I have abolished the
practice of Transubstantiation and
the Adoration of the Host! YES, I
declare it is a doctrine of
heterodox..... And from the wafer,
let us revive the use of unleavened
bread....

People in the crowd stare at each other in confusion.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

Jesus, was making a comparison,
when He said "I am the Bread of
Life..." Yes, bread gives life, it
was the staple of the Jews... and
He also said in John Chapter 6, 'do
not work for food that spoils, but
for food that endures forever',
throughout Scripture we see it as a
recurring theme the comparison
between temporary things and those
which have eternal value. Plus the
term EAT, is used more than once in
the Bible to describe internalizing
or understanding. Eat the scrolls.

SUPER: "Eat the scrolls" - Ezekiel 3: 1 - 3, Revelation 10:9

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

Rise, Peter kill and EAT... when
Peter was told to EAT unclean
animals he was told to welcome
pagans into his household.

SUPER: "Rise, Peter kill and eat." - Acts 10: 13

CARDINAL BENIGNI, a man of 51 is infuriated at this speech,
but he is merely a spectator in this crowd.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

In Deuteronomy Chapter 6, we learn that the mark of God was a consecration, where we were told to obey His commands like they were signs on our foreheads and arms. Do we not desire to have God's mark or seal on us? Or do we desire to have the mark of error and sacrilege? What is disturbing is that in the catechism, we are told this is a repetition of the sacrifice of Christ....

Beat.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

In the book of Hebrews, we learn that Christ's all time sacrifice was enough to purify all sin, and consequently sufferings for sin are no longer needed. You can verify that by checking Chapter 10 verses twelve to eighteen of that rather anonymous Scriptural epistle. There is nothing lacking in his sacrifice for sins, otherwise Christ would have had to sacrifice himself again and again from the beginning of the world, but as it is, he sacrificed himself once and for all, so that just as a person dies once and is appointed for judgment, Christ too had to die once, and he will appear a second time not to bear sin but to save those who are eagerly awaiting for him.

Pope Timothy has a Bible before him.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

In First John Chapter Four, verse ten... we are told that God so loved us that He sent His son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins... we couldn't do it! God is just in his punishment for all sin... but as Paul writes at the end of Romans 4, he was sent to die for our transgressions and raised for our justification. So why did the false teachers of the past reject this teaching?

INT. CARDINAL BENINGI'S OFFICE - DAY

A CHILD, of 8 years her name is DAPHNE is escorted by TWO SENTRYMEN towards CARDINAL BENIGNI who is seated, she holds a note in her hand...

Daphne moves forward and presents the piece of paper to Cardinal Benigni

DAPHNE

This is a message from Mama Mary...

Cardinal Benigni, rather perturbed and confused takes the note, reads it....

INSERT CUT: AN APPARITION OF THE VIRGIN, the paper LEVITATING in the air....

Daphne is confused.

DAPHNE (CONT'D)

What does "heretic" mean?

CARDINAL BENIGNI

And where did our Blessed Mother see you?

DAPHNE

... in... a garden.

INT. PAPAL OFFICE - DAY

A man named INGMAR TRUFFAUT, 50 and both his daughters ILSA, 19 years and Daphne! - are seated before the pontiff. Father Marave stands and observes, the seats reserved for the guests.

POPE TIMOTHY

Let us see from Scripture why we can safely ascertain that the visits from the apparitions of Mary are not at all that of the Blessed Mother nor are her cohorts, those purporting to be our Lord or archangels... Let's compare some of her messages to Scripture. Yes, the apparitions have made predictions like the holocaust or the first two World Wars...

(MORE)

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)
 the same also predicted that the
 last pontiff might go down in a
 hail of bullets... but as Paul has
 prescribed to Corinth, we must
 subject the spirits of prophets to
 those OF God's prophets... for God
 is not a God of confusion...

Beat.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)
 But a God of peace....

EXT. MOUNTAINTOP - DAY

An apparition hovers above three children. It is the
 apparition of who is supposedly Mary.

APPARITION
 To be saved, God wishes to
 establish devotion to my immaculate
 heart...

INSERT: Pope Timothy reading the Bible.

POPE TIMOTHY
 In the Book of Acts, chapter four
 verses eleven to twelve, Peter says
 "Jesus... the Chief Cornerstone,
 salvation is to be found in no one
 else for there is no other name
 given unto men by which we are to
 be saved."

Back, to the mountaintop, the apparition says;

APPARITION
 I will be your refuge, my
 immaculate heart will be the Way
 that will lead you to God.

INSERT: Pope Timothy's refutations again.

POPE TIMOTHY
 John Fourteen, Six is common,
 Christ said, "I am the Way, the
 Truth and the Life... no one comes
 to the Father but by Me..."

At this, Uncle Ingmar and both his daughters remain silent
 rather solemn yet attentive...

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

Jesus is a perfect Mediator... He also said "He who comes to Me, I will not shut out..." And he tells each of us who are heavy-laden in life's problems to come to Him and He will give us rest... if we accept Him as Lord and Saviour and believe that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved... Mary would not have it any other way... In John Ten, Thirty-One he says "The Scripture cannot be broken" and in the first chapter of Galatians, Paul tells us that if even they or an angel from heaven preaches a gospel contrary to the one they already preached, let him be accursed!

INGMAR

These apparitions are clearly contradicting Scripture and the central theme of Christ being a perfect intermediary... By the way, I already made about 2000 copies of Josephine Quiño's book....

Pope Timothy nods. Father Marave notes everyone's seriousness on the matter.

POPE TIMOTHY

Ilsa, dear how are you? (to Ingmar), Sir I suppose my exposition this moment was unnecessary as you probably have exposed your eldest daughter hear to the Bible-wide context and impeccable research of "The Antichrist Revealed" that pales virtually all eschatology thus far?

INGMAR

Me and Ilsa will explain to Daphne the prophecies concerning the Beast that is very easy to apply to only one figure... then just like Ilsa then maybe Daphne will be just like the Bereans.

Ilsa smiles. Pope Timothy forces a smile.

POPE TIMOTHY

I will also have copies shipped to the Philippines to Christian bookstores, after all that is where the book was written.... I trained there by the way, in the Filipino martial arts... I have an affinity for those arts, as you can see the many displays I have in my office...

Pope Timothy gestures to some KATANA SWORDS in scabbards, and some RATTAN STICKS decorated in his office.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

But those who live by the sword shall die by it... unless that sword was the Word of God that they lived by...

FATHER MARAVE

(to Pope Timothy) There's been a Eucharistic manifestation in my hometown by the way, in Carcar...

INT. CATHEDRAL - DAY

SUPER: CARCAR, Cebu

Two YOUNG LADS, Sakristans are seated on the pews. They're names are DEMEJO and the other one is MIGUEL.

POPE TIMOTHY (V.O.)

As T.F Kauffman would say, Did the Eucharist speak and have the power to have those executed who did not worship it in the Inquisition? Did those who refuse to bow down to it become victims of confiscated property and usurped businesses that no one could buy or sell? Was everyone consecrated to it, rich or poor big or small slave or free? The answers to all those, are YES. Everyone was marked with perdition and error.

Demejo and Miguel begin to speak to each other, on the altar is a statue of the "MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST."

DEMEJO

Murag sakto ang santopapa, di ko
mutuo anang pan nga mahimong
ginoo...

SUBTITLE: I think the Pope is write, I don't believe in a
bread turning literally into "God."

Beat.

But right in front of them, the host being held by "Mary"
begins to bleed! The "Lamb of Mary" has been given life!!!!
Miguel begins to stare like a cobra, but his face
experssionless... Demejo is IN SHOCK. Demejo rushes to the
host in the altar, kneels and makes the sign of the cross.

MIGUEL

Hala!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Halaaaaaaaaa!!!!!!!!!!!!

INT. INGMAR TRUFFAUT'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Outside Ingmar's office are printing machines and the like,
conveyor belts, and other complex machinery, all these can be
seen through the window of his office...

Ilsa is speaking to her younger sister Daphne.

ILSA

One of the miracles of the lady is
to make fire come down from heaven
and make the sun dance, in the Book
of Revelation chapter thirteen
verse thirteen, we hear of a false
prophet performing miracles for a
figure called the beast, one of
them making fire come down from
heaven! Paul writes that the man of
sin will exalt himself above every
so-called God and object of worship
and claim to be God...

Daphne, the innocent little girl shakes her head.

DAPHNE

But Mama Mary is not God.

ILSA

Yes, but Satan disguised as Mary has also claimed many things that are due to God and God alone, when we were devout Catholics remember papa teaching us the Hail Holy Queen?

INGMAR

Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!

ILSA

Contrary to that, Jesus is our only Life and Hope for glory... you are young, sister I know God will reveal these things to you, that which he has hidden from many and billions of grown-ups and wise men. Mary would want us to obey Jesus, but she would not want us to devote ourselves to her as if she were someone needed to usher in Jesus... Jesus is our Lord! He does not need the help of someone else to reveal himself to us....

INT. CARDINAL BENIGNI'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Cardinal Benigni is talking to VINCENT, a man of 51 wearing a tux and dressed to kill.

CARDINAL BENIGNI

Can you find them? I don't want that book published...

OUTSIDE BENIGNI'S OFFICE, in the DOOR, Father Marave is eavesdropping....

Father Marave is in shock, he then DASHES through the AISLES and makes his way to

INT. THE PAPAL OFFICE - NIGHT

Father Marave is catching his breath, he sees Pope Timothy, seated tranquil...

FATHER MARAVE

We should not have told Benigni about your plan to scatter the Josephine Quiño book!

Father Marave tries to wipe some sweat off his forehead.

INT. INGMAR TRUFFAUT'S OFFICE - THAT NIGHT

Ingmar's cellphone rings. Both Ilsa and Daphne are still seated on the floor. Ingmar takes the call ---

POPE TIMOTHY
(hushed, through the cell phone)
Mr. Truffaut, I am afraid your life
is in danger...

Ingmar's face tightens... it is clear he doesn't understand...

ILSA
Papa what is wrong?

INT. CARDINAL BENIGNI'S OFFICE - NIGHT

The door is wide open... Pope Timothy and Father Marave are standing before the Cardinal, who is now in a smug temperament.

FATHER MARAVE
(catching his breath) We're too
late!!!

Cardinal Benigni smiles....

CARDINAL BENIGNI
(tauntingly) Ohhhhh, yeeeeesss you
are....

FATHER MARAVE
I should have stopped the C.I.A.
Guy! I should have ---

INT. INGMAR'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Ingmar and his two daughters make their escape towards the back door...

IN THE WAREHOUSE SECTION,

The metal door BUSTS OPEN! And Vincent, holding a Glock 22 .40 Caliber pistol, with a silencer emerges!

He sees Ingmar, Ilsa and little Daphne going towards the back door...

BSHHHHTT!!!! Vincent's weapon fires, leaving a hole in the back door.

EXT. INGMAR'S OFFICE - REAR AREA - NIGHT

Ingmar and his daughters make their way inside his PICK-UP TRUCK. Ingmar takes the wheel, steps on the gas and the vehicle begins to move away,

Vincent steps outside where his prey once sprinted, he assumes isosceles stance momentarily with his pistol... but gives it all up as his subjects have ran away.

INT. INGMAR'S PICK-UP TRUCK - NIGHT

Ingmar's vehicle is making it's way through Rome's city traffic....

DAPHNE

What is wrong???

ILSA

Someone is after us... but this is part of doing Christ's work, the world would hate us..... we want to re-publish information about the Antichrist and the last days, it is expected... there are risks...

INGMAR

That's right Ilsa... talk to your sister always of these... you know when we put our trust in Jesus, we can be assured of eternal life with Him...

ILSA

And that is certain, Daphne, even if things aren't so well on earth sometimes...

EXT. ST. PETER'S BASICILICA - NIGHT

Pope Timothy, Father Marave and a man armed with an M-16 rifle dressed with military paraphernalia meet the three of them. Ingmar's pick-up truck is parked in one area of St. Peter's square....

Cardinal Benigni is right at the foyer of the Basilica...

INT. ST. PETER'S BASILICA - NIGHT

Cardinal Benigni is before Father Marave, the Pope, the Truffauts and the military man...

CARDINAL BENIGNI
Oh why must evil prevail???

Pope Timothy palm-heels Benigni in the chest, knocking him on his buttocks making him slide far off backwards...

CARDINAL BENIGNI (CONT'D)
Your actions are repaying wrong for wrong!!!!!!

POPE TIMOTHY
As if you don't fall short... but you, like the rest of the Roman Catholic Church are not ready to accept the death and resurrection of someone for your sins and justification..... We all deserve hell. What of it? We have a Saviour, do you?

They proceed into a starewell...

INT. PAPAL OFFICE - NIGHT

It's just Pope Timothy and the Military man. Cardinal Benigni and Vincent the assassin barge into the room.

CARDINAL BENIGNI
Where are they?!!!

Vincent, without hesitation, draws his firearm, BLAM!!!! BLAM!!! This time the weapon is unsilenced! The military man is shot in the chest... BLAM! One more blow drills the soldier in the forehead right before he falls on his face in a heap.

This startles Benigni.

CARDINAL BENIGNI (CONT'D)
I told you, no unnecessary casualties!

Vincent lowers his handgun.

CARDINAL BENIGNI (CONT'D)

Oh, did I tell you that today the college of Cardinals in a council decided that you should be removed from office?.... By force if necessary? Perhaps you are the pontiff whom our Lady predicted will not count as a Pope.... The conclave is decided!

POPE TIMOTHY

I AM THE CONCLAVE!

Pope Timothy then as if by sleight of hand produces his HARDWOOD STICK as if from under his clerical and Papal attire and SOMERSAULTS IN THE AIR!!! He lands behind Vincent, Vincent trains his weapon towards the Pope but Pope Timothy then SLASHES AT IT disarming the assassin of his weapon.... The handgun clatters to the ground and slides far off out of reach....

Pope Timothy tries to land a blow with his stick. But Vincent leaps and grabs one of the sheathed swords that is on display.... He draws a Katana sword and charges towards Pope Timothy! But Pope Timothy just dances and evades the blade...

Cardinal Benigni watches with much apprehension.

Finally, Pope Timothy manages to lock at the hands of his assailant with the stick, disarms the sword and instinctively CLEAVES at Vincent's neck, decapitating the CIA assassin! A GEYSER OF BLOOD SPRAYS FROM WHERE VINCENT'S HEAD ONCE WAS, THOROUGHLY STAINING THE WALLS, AND THE FLOORS OF THE PAPAL OFFICE!

CARDINAL BENIGNI

Nooooooo!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cardinal Benigni stumbles and lands sitting on the shiny floor of the Papal office, he slips as he tries to get up and falls on his back

CLANK! Pope Timothy touches the tip of the Katana on the floor before Cardinal Benigni's neck!

CARDINAL BENIGNI (CONT'D)

Don't kill meee!

POPE TIMOTHY

Is Babylon the unrepentant harlot?
Oh yes...

(MORE)

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

do you not quote Peter when you decide to defend the primacy of Rome's bishop when he sent greetings from the sister church in Rome?

CARDINAL BENIGNI

No, even if the woman of revelation is not the Blessed Mother because of her sinlessness, WE are that Bride the woman in the person of the twelve apostles, wailing out because of the persecution ---

POPE TIMOTHY

No, the Roman Church is not a part of Israel, from Nero to the Popes did Rome persecute God's people... But rather the remnant who choose to depart from Babylon as the voice from Heaven decided to lament are descendants of that woman... Did not Daniel write in Seven verse twenty three that Rome would crush the whole earth? Was this not the kingdom that has indeed succeeded in hierarchical rule, much more than it's predecessors, Greece, Medo-Persia and Ancient Babylon?

Benigni is still on the floor nervous, sweating a SHARP BLADE before his neck...

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

John writes, nations, multitudes and tongues... responsible for murder of God's prophets... What other universal faction would fit that description of the harlot?

Benigni is catching his breath. He gets up... trembling and SCURRIES OFF.

Pope Timothy sighs. He returns the Katana to it's scabbard... goes to pick up his hardwood stick on the floor.

INT. FATHER MARAVE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Pope Timothy and Father Marave stand before the Truffauts who are in the bed...

POPE TIMOTHY

Obviously no one wants Josephine Quiño's book spread out here in the Vatican... but I feel information like that should be divulged. While the Beast has indeed been wounded by the blow Christ's death and ressurection had on him... he still lives on to deceive, despite the wound of the Good News of the Gospel in his skin...

ILSA

Sir, we worry more for raising awareness to Catholics about this than our safety!

POPE TIMOTHY

Yes... You know, if you've wondered why I don't speak to the Church about this information is that it might be too much pomp and I don't know how an exposition like this is to be carried out in formal oral form yet... But distributing the book is a start... perhaps the lawless one will be revealed... I will send my military men to guard you as you three return home tonight.

FATHER MARAVE

(smiles) Try and get some good rest tonight!

INT. THE TRUFFAUT'S HOME - ILSA'S ROOM - NIGHT

Ilsa is lying in bed. Her father Ingmar sits close to her.

INGMAR

One of the things you said to Pope Timothy was very brave... concerning information of the Scriptures we must divulge even at the expense of our safety...

Ilsa forces a ghost of a smile causing a dimple on her cheek. She nods.

INGMAR (CONT'D)

If anything happens to me... Take care of your sister.

(MORE)

INGMAR (CONT'D)
Continue to tell her about
discernment regarding visions and
apparitions....

Ilsa becomes teary-eyed.

ILSA
Nothing can happen to you, we now
know about Jesus Christ don't we
Papa? We will never really die
because He is our Ressurrection and
Life.

INT. DAPHNE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Ingmar enters, sees Daphne asleep. Ingmar then moves close to
her bed and drapes his youngest daughter properly with the
blanket.

EXT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Ingmar, through the windows sees one of the MILITARY MEN
carrying an M-16 outside, keeping vigil.

INT. A HOME - NIGHT

Father Marave and Pope Timothy speak to a MRS. BADRA. Mrs.
Badra is crying!

MRS. BADRA
I don't know! I don't know what's
gone on with Samantha!....

Beat.

MRS. BADRA (CONT'D)
Don't you have any rosaries with
you? Or holy water?

FATHER MARAVE
No, such items are that of
heterodox and paganistic
Catholicism, demons have so many
times feigned fear of those...

POPE TIMOTHY

It takes simple prayer to remove
spirits... if the Lord wills it in
us...

INT. SAMANTHA BADRA'S ROOM - NIGHT

SAMANTHA, a girl of 13 is demon possessed! Her skin is
rotten! Samantha, with DEMONIC EYES turns to Father Marave...

SAMANTHA/DEMON

Good evening, you motherfucking
ejaculator!!! You horny cocksucker
Goldblum!!!!!!!

Father Marave just frowns.

SAMANTHA/DEMON (CONT'D)

(turns to Pope Timothy)
Murderer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

POPE TIMOTHY

Accuser!

Pope Timothy steps forward and lays his hand on Samantha's
forehead.

POPE TIMOTHY (CONT'D)

In the name of the Lord Jesus
Christ, I command you to depart
from His servant, Samantha Leigh
Badra now!!!!!!!

And then... surprisingly an instant after, Samantha's face
returns to normal.... Her skin remains pale. But the demon
has left her!

FADE OUT.

INT. MRS. BADRA'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Father Marave speaks with Mrs. Badra, Pope Timothy is also
facing her...

FATHER MARAVE

You see how long it would have
otherwise been if we carried out
exorcism involving the items of
heterodox? Anyway, whether it be
exorcisms, doctrinals and
prayers...

(MORE)

FATHER MARAVE (CONT'D)
you see how all deceits are capable
of being done by Satan to lead us
away from the simplicity of Christ,
as Paul wrote...

Pope Timothy just nods.

POPE TIMOTHY
Second Corinthians Eleven, Three...
King James text.

ON BLACK:

"It performs great signs, it even makes fire come down from
Heaven in the sight of men..."

- Revelation 13: 13

"Sit in darkness... no longer will you be called the Lady of
Kingdoms!"

-Isaiah 47: 5 (KJV)

POPE TIMOTHY (V.O.)
Whether his prey may be the elect
led astray or the outright
unbelieving, Satan's most primary
characteristic.... Is to deceive.

INT. PORNOGRAPHIC STUDIO - DAY

RAYMOND, 28 slinging a camera on his chest speaks to a
SECRETARY on a COMPUTER TABLE... He checks his NUDE PICTURES
on the LCD of his camera.

SECRETARY
More pictures of God's work of art?

RAYMOND
Fuck God. I don't believe in God.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Raymond walks through the sidewalk... He doesn't know him,
but he passes by Father Marave anyway in a fruistand called
FRUITS OF 7 HILLS... Father Marave holds a brown PAPER BAG,
just done shopping obviously.

Raymond reaches a park. Suddenly a BRIGHT LIGHT APPEARS! The park has a statue of the LADY OF ALL NATIONS, or is it a MEDJUGORGE representation of the Virgin? Whatever.

The APPARITION of "Mary" appears. The crowd is frightened, Raymond is in awe, Raymond begins to take pictures

APPARITION

I am the one who once was Mary...
the one who has appeared in
Amsterdam... and other places... I
am the Lady of All Nations out to
carry the maternal work of Co-
Redemption and the ushering of the
Eucharistic Reign of My Son...

APPARITION (CONT'D)

Obey God, rather than the Pope...
for the Pope is disobedient, he has
made a laughing stock out of me and
the Blessed Sacrament... I am still
your Auxiliatrix, your Adjutrix and
Mediatrix... Please don't be afraid
of my powerful work of
intercession... Come to Jesus,
through me, for it is through me
that Jesus will culminate the
history of man through the
Eucharist...

And then the sun starts to dim... The host - a monstrance
appears in the sun! People can now look at the sun!

APPARITION (CONT'D)

As I have done in Fatima in 1917, I
will also show you... to
demonstrate the coming wrath for
Papal disobedience...

Then the sun starts to SPIN, it turns into a SILVER DISK! And
then the SUN DESCENDS INTO THE FRIGHTENED CROWD!

Raymond ducks,

RAYMOND

What the fuck?!!!

And then the SUN RETURNS TO IT'S PLACE IN ORBIT!!!!!!

The Apparition continues to hover over the crowd, and in
front of the statue that represents it...

Father Marave, still holding the paper bag full of fruits steps forward before the ghostly scepter...

APPARITION

The sun symbolizes my love and the love of Jesus through the Eucha----

FATHER MARAVE

Do you acknowledge that Christ has come in the flesh?!!! Yes or no???!!!

The Apparition remains still, it's EYES don't even look down on Marave.

FATHER MARAVE (CONT'D)

Yes or no?!!!!!!!

And then the apparition disappears!

Everyone in the crowd is left bewildered.

RAYMOND

(to a bewildered bystander!) I agree with Mary! Fuck the Pope! But I am now a believer!!!!!!

Raymond, like a restless drunkard smiles with delight. Typical American delinquency.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

Yeah man! Shit!!!! What the hell was that!!!! Whoooooohooooo!!!!!!!

INT. PAPAL OFFICE - AFTERNOON

Pope Timothy is seated before his desk. Father Marave stands to face him.

FATHER MARAVE

It's happened in Carcar, Cebu before, in the Theotokos Fatima shrine...

POPE TIMOTHY

(takes a deep breath) Supernatural sophistry like no other from the beginning of the world.

FATHER MARAVE

You think making copies of Josephine Quiño's book will reveal the lawless one? Aren't there already many copies, even the Philippines?

POPE TIMOTHY

Scattering it will pique more interest, hopefully.... And if it is the proper time, the lawless one indeed will be revealed.

INT. CARDINAL BENIGNI'S QUARTERS - DAY

Cardinal Benigni is speaking with a Japanese man, dressed like a disco dancer...

JAPANESE MAN

We are prepared to do what is necessary...

INT. CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILDING - DAY

Father Marave is seated on the steps of the altar, a gathering of only TEN PEOPLE face him...

FATHER MARAVE

The tradition of the apostles involved fellowship... we must not create a common event of worship and turn it into an artifice of one-hour gathering and then going... I am glad at least ten of you came, for many have chosen to still attend mass on disobedient parishes with priests who still continue the Lord's Supper as prescribed in classic albeit erroneous catechism... while ecumenical language has clouded the fact that a slight but sacrilegious modification in the sacrament has been used-----

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER faces his class of about 50 students, Ilsa is one of them. The teacher, whose name is MR. ALGHIERI... summons Isabel to stand.

ALGHIERI

You told me that you don't believe in purgatory... Is not man set to die once and then be judged?

ILSA

Sir, all of us will have to give an account of himself to God... but there is no condemnation for anyone who is in Christ Jesus... to the Corinthians Paul may have spoken about work being burned up but he was speaking of the building blocks of God's spiritual temple... In an early verse of that passage, he writes "I planted, Apollos watered.." I believe faulty logic and interpretations can be derived from quoting verses out of context...

ALGHIERI

Are you saying that the many scholars who affirmed the doctrine have erred because of interpretations out of context, Ms. Truffaut?

ILSA

Does not the same chapter we speak of from the apostle Paul say the wisdom of this world is nonsense in the eyes of God? The same apostle also wrote he filled up in his flesh what is lacking in Christ's sufferings, Christ's sufferings for the sake of the Gospel that is..... In an epistle that might have been written by Paul or Apollos to Christian Hebrews, among many of whom may have been Levitical priests... it says the sacrifice for sin has been accomplished once and for all... and there is no longer an offering for sin...

Alghieri smiles.

ALGHIERI

Were it not for your charm, Ms. Truffaut I would have failed you in my class for your blasphemous discourses and interpretations...

INT. A MILITARY PICKUP TRUCK - NIGHT

The soldier drives the pick-up truck, Daphne and Ilsa on the passenger seats... Ilsa looks rather tense... Daphne is crying...

DAPHNE

What happened to Papa?

Ilsa wraps her arm around her little sister....

SOLDIER .

By the way, my name is Reese... um
I don't know if it's even safe to
go to the Basilica so you can stay
with Father Marave or the Pope...

Ilsa turns to Reese and just nods.

REESE

I'll do my best to protect you,
that wasn't just any assassin like
the C.I.A. Agent....

Ilsa just takes a deep breath at the reminder of of her father's murderer.

INT. PAPAL OFFICE - VATICAN.

Pope Timothy is seated on his chair, rather in a tranquil mode...

A NINJA dangles from a CABLE ABOVE HIM!

The ninja drops a FLASH BOMB on Pope Timothy's desk! But this doesn't make the pontiff flinch...The ninja descends with his cable, but he is instantly KNOCKED OUT BY A BACKFIST BLOW FROM A YET SEATED POPE TIMOTHY!!!!!! The ninja falls to the floor with a THUD, the rope still dangling from the ceiling, extending up to an opening in a window high above.

And then, the closed doors of the office are KICKED AND KNOCKED DOWN AS --- ANOTHER NINJA enters the Papal office! This ninja is holding two CLAWS....

The ninja then CHARGES TOWARDS POPE TIMOTHY, but Pope Timothy whips out his HARDWOOD STICK and parries in between the CLAWS... The ninja tries to land blows that might shred the pontiff but Pope Timothy evades them, parrying gracefully with his hardwood stick....

EXT. ST.PETER'S BASILICA - THAT NIGHT

Reese, Ilsa and Daphne walk towards the Basilica... But as they do they hear sounds of MACHINE GUNS FIRING!!!!

Reese frowns. Ilsa wears a confused look on her face...

REESE

We best get back inside the pick-up.

INT. PAPAL OFFICE - NIGHT

Pope Timothy and the clawed ninja continue to fight... but the Pope SOMERSAULTS in the air and then PHWACK!!! Clubs the ninja in the head.... The ninja drops... unconscious.

As Pope Timothy lands on his feet, a GROUP OF TEN NINJAS ENTER THE ROOM!!!! They all stand still!!!! They all draw SOPHISTICATED HANDGUNS which they have holstered.....

POPE TIMOTHY

Take my tunic... And I will walk with you two miles... anyway, if it is the proper time the lawless one will be soon revealed....

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! Pope Timothy is consumed by the hail of bullets from the sophisticated ninja firearms.

His body lies, all bloodied on his desk....

POPE TIMOTHY (V.O.) (CONT'D)

For instance, the apparition predicted that the last pontiff may go down in a hail of bullets... yet the spirits of prophets must be subjected to the prophets...

FADE OUT.

EXT. AN APPLIANCE STORE - DAY

Ilsa and Daphne stand and watch FATHER MARAVE on CNN! He is with LARRY PRINCE, famed news reporter...

ON TV:

LARRY PRINCE

A controversial book by a Josephine Quiño, specifically ordered to be copied and recopied and given to many by Pope Timothy... Do you believe that this has been yet the most accurate account of eschatology?

FATHER MARAVE

We are in the end times... a thousand years are just like a day has gone by in God's sight.

Ilsa takes a deep breath.

LARRY PRINCE

Yes, that is right folks, this may have been the grandest deception EVER... one that has made it's way via stealth under our very noses for 2 millenia... It would seem that Scripture has predictions of the figure of the Antichrist, and all the prophecies only point to an impostor... and with no amount of genius, as the writer Josephine Quiño states is needed to ascertain that this impersonator is no other than the apparition calling itself -
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EXT. ST. PETER'S SQUARE - NIGHT

Ilsa and Daphne meet Father Marave. Father Marave smiles to meet them. Ilsa then flashes a lopsided smile with her mouth closed, causing that dimple on her face again...

Ilsa stands before Father Marave... Father Marave bends a bit to tap little Daphne's head.

ILSA

Things are okay...

FATHER MARAVE

Trials come but things will ALWAYS be okay, the Lord will always shepherd us...

(MORE)

FATHER MARAVE (CONT'D)
and he does not withhold anything
from those whose walk is
blameless...

Father Marave smiles.

EXT. A SEASCAPE BEFORE THE CITY OF ROME - THAT NIGHT

Waves begin to ROAR in the ocean!!!! And in the SKIES, the
stars seem to be FALLING OUT OF THEIR PLACES!!!!!!!

EXT. ST. PETER'S SQUARE - NIGHT

A METEOR ROCK, crashes into ST. PETER'S BASILICA!!!!!!!

Everyone in the square PANICS!!!!!!! Father Marave, Ilsa and
Daphne get down momentarily... but for some reason, they
regain their composure, get back up...

Father Marave takes a breath... MORE METEORS FALL ON THE
PARK!!!! ON THE CHURCH BUILDING!!!! People begin to go
batshit.

But the three, the priest and the two young girls do not
budge an inch...

ILSA
Could this be it? Should we look up
because our redemption is near?

Father Marave smiles...

FATHER MARAVE
(nervous) Well, I guess so! Maybe
we ought to look up...

THE HEAVENS CONTINUE TO DISMANTLE IN THE NIGHT SKY....

FADE OUT:

THE END

