

"THE DAY THEY JOINED THE CULT"

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FADE IN:

INT. LIVING ROOM - 10 AM

LIVING ROOM, 2 SETEES, TV. (OTS)

DEBBIE SINGH, 16, still in PJs.

Debbie is on setee directly across from tv, she is lying with her head on the floor, her body on the seat, legs on top of chair. (left wing front stage) (MS)

She is changing the channels with the flicker as she see the tv upside down. (LS)

SANDRA SINGH, 42, Debbie's Mum, brown skirt, white top.

Sandra walks in the door at centre back stage (LS)

SANDRA

You do realise you're not going to get a job lying there all day.

DEBBIE

So!

SANDRA

Get a move on! (Pointing her thumb backwards) (KS)

Debbie turns 180 degrees left. (MS) She falls off the chair, stands up and walks off the back stage. (LS)

EXT. TOWN -11AM

Old town, traffic going down roads. (OTS)

People handing out flyers. Centre stage (MS)

People are in her way so she can't see them but she is able to pick up a leaflet. (KS)

Looks at it and read out loud.

DEBBIE

Do you want complete enlightenment? Visit our temple this weekend at 10pm. I know where I'll be going this weekend. Right job center now.

EXT. BUS STOP - 3PM

Inside shelter, walls and bus time tables.

GEORGIA ALVAREZ, 49, dressed like a tramp.

Georgia is sitting waiting for a bus when he finds the same flyer. Centre front stage. (KS)

She picks it up and looks at it)

GEORGIA

This Should be a laugh.
(giggles)

INT. SOMEONES HOUSE - 7PM

Spare room, PC desk, PC printer.

BEATIE KUMAR, 31, PJS

Beatie is on his computer surfing the internet. (MS)

A pop-up shows on his computer about a Leader.

BEATIE

Hmmm, come and meet the leader.
(He clicks attend)

INT. IN BULIDING OUSIDE TEMPLE - 2PM

3 people in front giving a talk front stage right wing everybody else sitting listening. (MS)

Loads of people who are either young morbid or are just curious are in attendance. Front stage center.

MAXINE HUNT, 22, pink colourful dress with pink sash.

MAXINE

Welcome all I'm Maxine Hunt, I am the spokes person for the cult, I've been in the cult all of my life and once I got mistaken by the leader for a woman in a colourful hat trying to steal a cow. (MS)

THE LEADER, 38, Crème robe, sandals revealing his ugly toes.

THE LEADER

I am the leader, there's not much you need know about me apart from my wife is in this cult with our 8yearold son. Oh and I can read minds to.
(MS)

LAMBERT ROGERS, 23, wizards outfit.

LAMBERT

Well I'm Lambert, also known as Lambert & Butler because I smoke like a chimney. You must be wondering why I'm wearing such a ridiculous outfit instead of my robe. I'm the cult magician who does magic shows for the kids in this cult, I mean group I mean... (MS)

THE LEADER

Fag man shut up. (CU) Now what about the rest of you then. (points at Debbie)

The Leader Folds his legs, takes a note pad he has beside him on the floor at his feet. (MS)

Debbie looks round, holds her stomach. (MS)

DEBBIE

I think I've got butterflies.

THE LEADER

Don't worry I'm just reading in your mind that you are exited, because you've found the right people to hang out with.

DEBBIE

OK Debbie, deep breaths, the leader is good The Leader is good, the Leader is great.

THE LEADER

That's the spirit.

(The Leader marks Debbie's weakness down in his members weakness pad) (CU)

DEBBIE

Well I'm Debbie and I'm unemployed. (KS)

THE LEADER

We could employ you in here. Our group holds many exciting career opportunities. (OTS)

DEBBIE

Really?

MAXINE

Really?

THE LEADER

So who wants to go next?

FADE OUT:

CUT TO:

INT. ROOM INSIDE THE TEMPLE- 5PM

A big colourful Church like building with loads of rooms.

The Leader forms everyone in a queue in to the temple, everybody follows him. Centre left-middle and room on right. (LTS)

THE LEADER

Right everybody this is the temple cinema, before we walk in, I say cinema, well- (CU)

The leader opens the door. A whole load of chairs in a small room in front of an 18" TV with a VCR connected to it. (LS)

... You's are gonna want to come here a lot, lets face it, it's the only contact to the outside world you're gonna get. Oops said too much.

BEATIE

What was that sir.

THE LEADER

Nothing son, nothing at all. They all go in the door closes. (MS)

POSTSCRIPT

A couple of hours pass the group are still in there as they've been getting brainwashed for the past couple of hours.

CUT TO:

INT. IN THE LITTLE ROOM- 8PM

Everybody is in the little smiling at the TV. (OTS)

TV (O/S)

And on that fateful, day, the barn will open and the leader will salute you as you board the spaceship.

BEATIE

A very inspiring video.

DEBBIE

I love the leader.

BEATIE

Me to.

Maxine walks over to the door making a gesture for everyone to follow. (LS)

MAXINE

Everyone, The Leader is good, The Leader is great, we surrender our will as of this date. The leader is good, The Leader is great we surrender our will as of this date.

They march this on to the corridor. (OTS)

ALL

The Leader is good, The Leader is great, we surrender our will as of this date. The leader is good, The Leader is great we surrender our will as of this date.

EXT. WEDDING DAY - 4PM

Field where many weddings are taking place. (Scan camera)

Couples partnered up by the leader because they are not mass married yet. (MS)

THE LEADER

Everybody meet my wife and son.

JESSE RICHARDS, 22, Pink flowery dress, pink sash

DAYLE RISCHARDS, 8, white suit and bow tie

P/S 10 minutes later

CUT TO:

INT. MAIN HALL-430PM

BELLA,13, blue flowery dress

Bella is speaking to Debbie Center stage (MS)

BELLA

Believe that eh? 13 and I 2 have wives already.

DEBBIE

But the leader said we can only have 1?

BELLA

Yeah. But that leader's an idiot. (pause) He's telling me I saved the world from a huge asteroid.

DEBBIE

And you believe him?

BELLA

Pfft. (pause) No. (folds arms) I know, that he knows that he knows I'm a lesbian. (pause) Dirty bastard.

DEBBIE

Well I, love the leader so I'm not getting involved.

BELLA

Calls himself a leader, he couldnae lead a bar crawl.

Debbie leaves the room via west wing.

BONNIE PHILIPS, 14, one of Bella's wives pink dress sash disconnected.

Bonnie runs on crying to Bella about how she can't handle the cult. Using the sash as a tissue. (MS)

BONNIE

Oh, Bella I can't take it anymore. I want out of this cult. It's OK nothing bad is going to happen. Let's escape.

BELLA

No, I'm happy here, free bed and board and a leader I can take the crap out of. (pause) Hey I got a better idea. You escape and that way we'll all get some peace. (sarcasm)

BONNIE

Don't tell anyone.

BELLA

Oh don't worry I wont?

Bonnie leans down to kiss Bella.(ECU)

...So this is goodbye then. (trying not to laugh)

BONNIE

Thank you Bella, I knew you'd understand.

Bonnie leaves via right wing.

BONNIE

And then there was 2. (falls in to hysterics)

EXT. OUTSIDE - 8.30PM

Barbed wire, trees, fences. (LS)

Bonnie takes a deep breath, picks up a stick, beats through barbed wire with the stick, gets a few cuts, jumps over the whole she made in the wire. She gets chased by hounds and gets to the crocodile puts the long stick in one of the crocodile's mouths and runs as the hounds continue to bark.

FADE OUT:

INT. CHURCH- 10PM

FADE IN:

Beautiful old church and halls. (MS)

DINA SUTTON, 35, Long black coat.

BONNIE

Help. (all covered in cuts and bruises) (CU)

Bonnie runs to Dina crying in tears.

Dina approaches Bonnie and she opens up a hall makes a cup of tea for to explain the problem.

INT. THE POLICE RAID THE TEMPEL-11PM

Quiet as most people have gone their bed.

The Leader comes through and sees the officers. (KS)

POLICE OFFICER 1

Are you the leader?

THE LEADER

Oh shit!

JESSE

What is it dear?

Jesse runs through and tries to attack the officer, but she gets retrained by another officer. center stage. (MS)

POLICE OFFICER

You 2 are going down for a loooooong time.

INT. COURT-2PM

Court case, people in court audience inclusive of Debbie, Georgia, Beatie & Bell.

The leader and his wife are being heard in court. (MS)

SUZANNA LAUPER, 22, suit unfastened, shirt unpresed scummy shoes.

SUZANNE

Well It's obvious if, Bonnie can't be here she's guilty. (LS)

VICKI WILLIAMS, 39, Suit, tie, black clogs.

VICKI

This is getting nowhere.

FADE TO BLACK:

P/S 1 HOUR PASSES

FADE IN:

SUZANNE

I call the so-called leader to the dock. (MS)
The leader goes up (CTS)

SUZANNE

So leader where were you on the night in question?

THE LEADER

In my temple obviously. (MS)

SUZANNE

This is getting nowhere.

FADE OUT:

P/S ANOTHER 10 MINUTES PASS

FADE IN:

VICKI

Judge, have you made your
verdict?(LS)

The Leader looks down at Vicki with a frown. (MS)

JUDGE

The Leader who doesn't want to tell us
his real name you have been found guilty of
various crimes as has your wife. You will both
go down for life without parole. The rest of the
gang, I'll let you go provided you keep your nose
clean. Bonnies case will be overseen by an
independent body. Case closed. (KS)

THE END