

DEAR SANTA

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WRITERS NOTE:

This here script- A small Christmas present from me to you.

I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

In God's name. May your heart be filled with all that's good and pure in life.

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FADE IN:

INT. HOUSE - STUDY - NIGHT

A small room. An old wooden desk at the window. Seated behind the desk, on his laptop, is BARRY JOHN, 50s, grey sideburns. Whisky bottle and glass by his side.

He stares the monitor with a pregnant pause. Fingers twitching before the keyboard.

He flexes his shoulders. Straightens up in his chair. Relaxed fingers move up over the keyboard...

C/U: Monitor.

DEAR SANTA

Barry John here.

I hope this letter meets you and yours well.

This time of year again. Time sure flies... Seems like only yesterday I wrote to you.

Santa, I like to believe that I've been a good boy this year. Now, I'm worried you might disagree with me? It's with this that I feel I need to explain myself... Give reason for that script I wrote about you.

Now, I ask that you bear with me here. Please. You need to know it's not easy being a screenwriter!

The flack and shit we gotta take in this industry... Just the other day I sent my agent a ninety-page feature that took me six months to write. The fucker then tells me; "Nah, it needs a rewrite"! I mean what the fuck? I don't think he's ever even written out a Christmas card? Least of all written a screenplay!

PS: For your naughty list. His name is James John Langly.

Sorry. I'm getting carried away... Off the subject.

Santa, about that script I wrote this year: DRUNK SANTA. It was in no manner a defamation attack on you! And, most definitely not intended to put your good name in disrepute.

I did after all label the script's genre as, FANTASY. Not to mention, all I wrote about your foul language, drug abuse, and sexual behavior. It's definitely going to be an LSNV 18+ Movie. So you need not worry about the kids.

Look... What I'm trying to say is, it's a screenwriter thing! It's just the way we are. We get these ideas in our heads, and wants there. That's it!

I mean, in all fairness... when John Requa and Glenn Ficarra wrote BAD SANTA, some years ago. You gave them each a new laptop.

Please Santa, this Christmas, don't scratch me off your list. Please, may I have the latest FINAL DRAFT SOFTWARE.

Kind regards,

Barry John.