Stanley's Saint Patrick's Day

1 EXT. STREET - EARLY MORNING

A man stumbled out of his Uber in a green suit that had clearly seen better days. His coat was stained with food and booze from a wild Saint Patrick's Day. He took a few steps forward before stopping and pulling a flask out of his coat pocket. He took a big gulp of Jameson, burped, and continued. Once at his front door, he swayed back and forth as he fumbled for his keys. Finally, he slid the key in and unlocked the door, almost falling forward into his house.

2 INT. HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - EARLY MORNING

The man took off his green suit jacket and threw it in the general direction of the coat rack. He walked over to the couch, falling on to it. Turning on the TV, he shut his eyes and finally dozed off.

A VOICE WITH AN IRISH ACCENT

PATHETIC!

The man shook himself awake and scanned the room rubbing his eyes.

THE VOICE

Down here Laddie!

(The voiced yelled from his coffee table)

The man leaned forward to see a little ginger man in a green suit.

THE MAN
Is that a Leprechaun?
(Wondered out loud)
I must be drunker than I thought.

THE LEPRECHAUN

Oh boy...
(Gulped)
(MORE)

THE LEPRECHAUN (CONT'D)

You're not going to like me saying this, but you're as drunk as you are every other night of the week.

(Afraid of the man's response)

THE MAN

What's that supposed to mean? (Questioning)

THE LEPRECHAUN

It means you've got a bit of a problem Laddie.

(Gulping again)

THE MAN

Ah what do you know? (Waving his arm dismissively)

The man closed his eyes and began to dose off again. The Leprechaun wasn't having it. He shimmied down the leg of the table like a fireman's poll and gripped pieces of fabric, slowly pulling himself up the couch. Once standing on the man's leg, he took a moment to catch his breath. He began jumping up down on the man's leg to get his attention, but it was no use. After this failure, the Leprechaun strolled across the man's chest until he arrived at his face. The Leprechaun made a face as the man's warm breath struck him. He peeled open one eye lid of the man.

THE LEPRECHAUN

Wake up lad!
(Yelling)
The man shook awake to see the Leprechaun staring directly at him.

THE MAN

Ahh!

(MORE)

THE MAN (CONT'D)

(Flicking the Leprechaun off of him)
The Leprechaun went flying backwards landing on the man's lap.

THE LEPRECHAUN

Ow. Jeez lad, pick on someone your own size.

(Laughing)
The Leprechaun began
making his way back up
the man's chest.

THE MAN

What do you want from me?!

THE LEPRECHAUN

Ugh lad, I'm getting drunk just from the scent of your breath.

(Joking)

Stanley, I'm here to talk to you about your drinking.

STANLEY

How do you know my name?

THE LEPRECHAUN

Oh Stanley... I know everyone's name. I just only reveal myself to those who need me.

Stanley shook his head and wiped his eyes, hoping this was a figure of his imagination. It wasn't. The Leprechaun was as real as could be.

STANLEY

So why me?

(Angry and confused)

THE LEPRECHAUN

Stanley... I'm here to talk to you about your drinking.

STANLEY

Of course, you are... (Dismissively)

THE LEPRECHAUN

You see, this isn't just a holiday occasion, you get this drunk every night of the week.

(Caringly)

Yeah, Yeah. You're a fuckin' Leprechaun not my AA sponsor.

THE LEPRECHAUN

But aren't you lonely Stanley?

Stanley didn't reply right away but his face changed.

STANLEY

I've got myself.

(Shaking the expression off his face like an Etch-A-Sketch)

The Leprechaun jumped down from Stanley's chest and slid off the couch. He walked into another room; all the while Stanley's eyes followed him.

STANLEY (CONT'D)

Hey wait! Where are you going? (Yelling after the Leprechaun)

Stanley got no response. He sat still for a minute, as if fighting his curiosity. He finally decided to see what was going. He dragged himself off the couch and stumbled after the Leprechaun.

3 INT. HOUSE, HALLWAY - EARLY MORNING

He walked down the hallway, bumping into the wall and a lamp on his way. Stanley turned into his bedroom to see the Leprechaun standing on his desk admiring a photo of a very beautiful young woman.

THE LEPRECHAUN

She's a beauty.

STANLEY

Don't touch that!

(Very angry)

Stanley swiped the picture frame from the Leprechaun and set it face down next to him on the desk. About 30 seconds of silence pass.

THE LEPRECHAUN

Do you miss her?

Of course, I fuckin' miss her. She was my wife.

(Yelling)

Stanley slumped into his office chair. A moment goes by.

THE LEPRECHAUN

Tell me about her.

STANLEY

I don't think so...

(Staring straight up at the ceiling)

THE LEPRECHAUN

Come on, it will be good for you.

STANLEY

I said no.

(Loud and firmly)

(A whole minute of silence

passes)

We met on the 18th of

December at a Christmas

party.

(Mumbling)

She had the ugliest sweater on...

(Chuckling to himself as

he imagined it)

I was pouring myself a drink and when I turned around, I bumped right into her, spilling the glass of wine I had all over that sweater.

(Now smiling)

She laughed it off, and we got to talking.

(A beat)

She was instantly the most fascinating thing in the world to me. It was like my actual life started that night and everything before was just preparation for meeting this girl.

(A beat)

We were together for ten years.

THE LEPRECHAUN

What happened?

She passed away! (Begins to cry)

THE LEPRECHAUN

How did she pass?

STANLEY

Car crash.

(A moment passed)

A God damn car crash!

(Yelling furiously)

(A beat)

She wasn't even supposed to go to work that day. She got called in last minute.

(Sobbing)

Why couldn't I have been with her? Maybe there was something I could've done.

The Leprechaun hopped off the desk table and walked over to Stanley's leg. He grabbed the fabric of his pants and began to climb. He arrived at the top and stood on the man's thigh.

THE LEPRECHAUN

Let it out laddie, I'm here for you.

STANLEY

No!

(Pushing the Leprechaun off his leg)
You don't know what it's like to lose someone.

The Leprechaun picked himself up and dusted himself off. A moment passed before he opened his wallet and pulled out a tiny photograph of his own. He looked down at the photograph depicted a ginger woman and then back up at Stanley.

THE LEPRECHAUN

I lost me misses three years to the day...

(A beat)

Never been the same since.

STANLEY

What was her name?

THE LEPRECHAUN

Rebecca.

Same name as my wife.

(Sighing)

I just don't know how you go on without her.

(A beat)

I just feel so... Alone all the time.

(A beat)

I can't control it.

THE LEPRECHAUN

What I do is imagine Rebecca is watching me from above for everything I do. Whether she's with me or not, she deserves to see the best version of me I can present. I love her so much, that's why I keep going.

Stanley smiled at that idea and got into bed. He pulled the covers over himself and looked up to the sky.

STANLEY

Goodnight Rebecca.

Stanley closed his eyes and began to snore.

THE LEPRECHAUN

I hope this hoped laddie.

The next morning Stanley awoke extremely hungover. He flicked through the conversation with the Leprechaun in his mind, wondering if it was real or a dream. For the first time in years, Stanley took care of himself. (Short montage of him working out, shower, breakfast brushing teeth)

4 INT. HOUSE, KITCHEN - EARLY MORNING

Stanley opened his liquor cabinet and meticulously put each bottle on the counter. He sighed deeply before pouring each and every bottle out in the sink.

5 INT. HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - EARLY MORNING

He walked to his front door and opened it.

6 EXT. FRONT GARDEN -EARLY MORNING

Stanley stepped outside and took a deep breath. In the distance he could see a rainbow. He smiled.

I can do this.
(A beat)
For Rebecca.