

TITLE: YULE LOG
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INT. A HOMEY APARTMENT WITH A FIREPLACE IN A HIGHRISE

MILLIE and DANNY sit on a couch in their romantically lit family room enjoying some wine with Danny's arm is around Millie.

MILLIE

(lovingly)

Danny. I just love you... Going all old testament on those carolers... you pummeled Stan Haggerty right into 2015!

DANNY

(flirtatiously / being silly)

...and you! Draggin' Stan's little Nathan by his headgear! You really jingle my bells, sweetheart.

MILLIE

(blushing)

Oh Danny.

DANNY

Let's watch "It's a Wonderful Life".

He flips on the TV and the Yule Log turns on, playing a fun Christmas tune. It's shown on the big IB projector as an evil cartoon log with a mouth that can talk/move.

MILLIE

(kind of over it / annoyed)

No! No! No! ...the Yule Log!

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The Yule Log speaks in a Vincent Price-y voice, and the flames move with his voice.

YULE LOG

Helllllllo, Millie, it is I, the Yule Log. You've been a very good girl this year, Millie.

MILLIE

But... but... I saw Danny throw you out the window last year... after... after... the incident.

(PAUSE)

Danny! Danny! You threw Yule Log out the window! I saw you!

DANNY

I did! I totally did! I picked him up and tossed him out watching him disappear to the alley far far below! You should be dead!

YULE LOG

(cheery)

You thought you could get rid of me simply by using a window.

MILLIE / DANNY

Yes!

DANNY

Well, Yule Log, I've been a good boy this year.

YULE LOG

Oh Reeaaaaallly? What happened to your baby son... Christopher.

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MILLIE

For real? You're gonna go there,
Yule Log. Last year we offered him
to you as a token so you wouldn't
return!

YULE LOG

And what did I do?

DANNY

Opened your big TV mouth and
synthesized it into an episode of
The Proud Family and then came
back anyway and continue to taunt
us and act really scary!

(trying to imitate the Yule Log voice sarcastically)
"hoooo-haa-haa-"

YULE LOG

Hoooo-haa-haa. That's right,
that's right. Now, who's ready for
a Christmas miracle?

MILLIE / DANNY

(still cheery as fuck)

NO!!!

YULE LOG

All right, all right, well I'm
going to need an offering if you
don't want a miracle.

DANNY

Millie, go get Baskins!

Millie leaves the stage.

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DANNY (CONT.)

Yule Log, we don't want any
trouble. We just want a do-over...
Maybe have a kid.

YULE LOG

That's what you said last year,
Daniel. Hoooo-haa-haa.

DANNY

And then you ate our kid! Look, I
know you're trying to help but we
don't need a miracle this year.

YULE LOG

But Danny -

DANNY

Not this year, Yule Log.

Millie reenters with a dog.

MILLIE

I've got Baskins!

She is about to shove it into the TV's TV mouth when-

DANNY

Hold on, Millie! Yule Log's not
getting an offering *this* year.

MILLIE

But I want to have a baby!

DANNY

Get the pup out of here.

Millie THROWS THE DOG OFFSTAGE.

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YULE LOG

Millie, Danny's cut me off. Who knows, without purpose, next year during the solstice you'll turn to TBS and maybe you'll just see "It's a Wonderful Life" or maybe you just see those rainbow color horizontal bars with that awful screeching sound

(Yule Log does an awful screeching sound)

YULE LOG (CONT.)

SCREEEEEEECCH...
that you hear when you are practicing to take cover for Nuclear War... but you won't find me. Not on TBS. Not on Turner Classics. Not on FXX.
SCREEEEEEECCH...

MILLIE

Yule Log, no!

YULE LOG

No, it's fine, it was going to happen sometime.

DANNY

Yule Log, I think you should go home.

YULE LOG

(weepy)

I'll just leave. I'm just a fat loser who - if it means anything, I'm proud of you.

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The T.V. screen starts to fade out slowly...

DANNY

No! No! No!. Wait, Yule Log!
Millie, we don't have to do
this...

MILLIE

But I want to have a baby.

DANNY

Yule Log, no miracle, OK? ...but
please stay awhile, we were about
to watch "It's a Wonderful Life"

YULE LOG

(weepy)
OK... sniffle.

The large screen goes to a split screen with cartoon Yule Log on one side and beginning of "It's a Wonderful Life" on the other side, and we see a cartoon little kid rise up behind the yule log.

DANNY / MILLIE

Is that Christopher?

YULE LOG

(admittingly)
Yeeaaaaaaaaaah.

DANNY / MILLIE

Can we have him back?

YULE LOG

(matter-of-factly)
No.

Yule Log laughs maniacally. BLACKOUT.

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