

TIS THE SEASON

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INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

CLOSE UP JACK'S FACE

Ignoring his beautiful jade green eyes, the grotesque scars on his baby face makes the man in his mid-thirties look frightening.

JACK

We're blessed today. On this day...  
(Inhales deeply, releases slowly)  
...We become closer preparing to  
celebrate a new year. I can't speak  
for everyone, but Christmas is  
precious to me and my family.  
(Soft sigh)  
But I won't be able to enjoy the  
experience this year. Do you know why?

Jack brings forth a glass of liquor taking a sip, looking to the side.

The man that's bloody, bruised, tied down to a chair, gagged and filled with fear as tears fall from his blue eyes is NATHAN, early twenties.

Jack gently pats him on the shoulder.

JACK (CONT'D)

You're the reason why I can't spend  
Christmas with my family. You decided  
to get drunk and drive, leading to the  
fatal car crash killing my family,  
leaving me with a disfigured face.  
It's funny because all of the chaos  
you caused, the only thing that  
happened was you ending up with a  
suspended license and probation.  
(Soft laugh)  
Oh, how I love the law.  
Still...despite my pain, there's no  
reason why you shouldn't enjoy  
Christmas with your family.

With a wider view of the room, arranged around the table on plates are the heads of Nathan's family, the judge and his lawyer.

In the center of the table is a closed crock pot. Nathan sobs as Jack takes a sip from his drink.

JACK (CONT'D)

At least you get to see the eyes of  
your loved ones. You took that from  
me, but...this is the season of  
giving.

Pulling out a snub nose .38, Jack steps behind Nathan and  
places the barrel to his head.

JACK (CONT'D)

You gave me the gift of death and I'm  
returning the favor. Merry Christmas.

Jack pulls the trigger, blowing Nathan's brains out. Within  
seconds, Jack places the gun in his mouth and takes his own  
life.

FADE TO BLACK:

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