

HOLY WATER
SCRIPT WORKING DRAFT
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WORDS ON SCREEN: In 1991, thousands of people flocked to Mexico, in hopes of obtaining some of the water from a small town in Tlacote. This water was rumored to be a healing agent to the body once consumed. It was reported that cases of, diabetes, high blood pressure, migraine headaches, cancer and Aids were cured. Even a small sick dog who was very ill, became fully restored within days of drinking the water. When the rest of the world found out, there were lines of hundreds of people from all over the world to get the water.

TITLE ON SCREEN : HOLY WATER "el quinto milagro"

EXT. ESTABLISHING SHOT - TLACOTE, MEXICO - DAY

WORDS ON SCREEN: TLACOTE, MEXICO 1991

INT. OFFICE - DAY

A MAN in WHITE sits at a desk and makes a telephone call. We don't see his face, we only see him from behind on the phone. A glass of water sits on his desk next to the phone.

Ben Echart

Get me Charles Warren please. (Brief Pause) Charles, its me. I just found the story thats going to start your career. Get to Tlacote Mexico pronto! Maranda will get you everything you need.

A MILE of PEOPLE are lined up with empty buckets, bottles, plastic containers and anything that will hold water. Then we begin hearing news stories about miracles of healing as a result of this water. We see CHARLES WARREN, a young white journalist walking down the line of people who have just filled their water vessels. PEOPLE are drinking the water, pouring it over themselves, crying and raising there hands to heaven.

EXT. BEACH - NIGHT 3AM

WIDE SHOT of A Lake under a midnight sky. The moon's reflection shines off the water. A BLACK MAN in his early 30's is walking along the beach. A quick flash, catches his attention. He looks, he sees nothing. The man walks closer and squints as he looks again out to the water. A mirror like object, shaped like a door begins to rise from the water. A heavy rippling wave surrounds the object.

As the object rises silently but quickly a glow begins to emit from it. The LIGHT becomes so bright that it bounces a reflection in the direction of the mans eyes. Covering his eyes, He falls down to the ground. As he lays on the ground, he begins to age, as he ages the ground beneath him turns into a hospice bed. Twenty nine years have passed.

FADE IN: TITLE READS - MAY 5, 2020

29 YEARS LATER

INT. WORLD NEWS BROADCAST BUILDING - DAY

Charles Warren, white man in his late Forties stands by a window in his former office at (World News Broadcast Network. Strategically placed awards, accolades, photos with publications showing an illustrious career, decorate the office space. The desk has a laptop and documents with material regarding the "MIRACULOUS FIVE" men and women who have gained world wide attention due to supernatural events. An attractive woman in her early 40s knocks on the door.

Charles

Come in.

Maranda

Happy Cinco de mayo! (Walks over to window) The boss is gonna eat this up, he loves the attention. Here A little welcome back celebration. (passes drink)

Charles
(Takes Drink) Feels like I never left..
(Coughs into a handkerchief, puts drink down)

Maranda
How has the treatment been going? Any good news?

CUT TO:

EXT. STUDIO PARKING LOT - DAY

Outside a crowd has formed. The parking lot is filled with cars, media and fanatical followers of the miraculous five. A security guard walks on from the lobby and speaks to three other security guards.

Guard 1
Ok this is what we prepped for, two of us will stay out front and escort the decoy group of five inside the lobby, while two of us will escort the real five through the secret studio entrance. We clear?

Guard 2
Chuck Warren's inside. The five are on the way.

Guard 3
He's back from retirement? That explains this crowd.

Guard 1
The boss likes it, he says it adds to the hysteria. Good for TV. People expecting some kind of main event tonight.

Guard 2
My mothers one of them. She drove 8 hours to be here. Says they're miracle workers!

Guard 3
I hope they are who they say they are.

EXT. BLACK SUV - DAY

BLACK SUV, racing to get to the television studio. followed by several other cars. A man leans out the window, trying to get a photo. Inside the suv, JESSE LANE, CHRIS CHANG, AQUA FERIA, ISABELLA ELAINE and POPS also known as The MIRACULOUS FIVE, are being secretly escorted.

Isabella

How much further is it?

Driver

Were not far, mam.

POPS, being calmed down by his four companions in the suv His right hand is shaking. Aqua, pits her hand over his to calm it and the shaking stops.

CUT TO:

INT. CHARLES WARREN OFFICE - EVENING

Charles picks up photograph of Echart, Miranda and himself.

CHARLES

He wanted me to marry you.

Maranda

Its always been about what my father wants.
What do you want, Chuck? Whatever it is, Im sure
I can make it happen.

CHARLES

Its too late for that now.

Starts taking the plaques off the wall down and frantically clearing items related to his past career.

Mranada

Chuck? Hey, (stops him and looks at him)
I thought all this might help you. I was wrong.
Some memories are to painful to mention.

Charles

Tonight, may be the last time I speak to anyone
on air or otherwise.

Maranda

Don't say things like that. We all knew you would
come back. Theres no better time than now.
Tonights show is an opportunity for you.
These five people have the eyes of the world on
them. Millions will be watching tonight, but
only one matters.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARKING LOT - WORLD BROADCAST STUDIOS - SUNSET

Black SUV driving up to the World Broadcast Studio Lot.

Jess

Oh my God.

A crowd has formed in the parking lot. People are camped
out like they are at a sports event. It is A spectacle.

Isabella

Im not getting out of this truck.

Aqua

Ben told us this would be a closed set.

Chen

Is there any other way into the studio?

EXT. STUDIO ENTRANCE BACK DOOR - SUNSET

JESSE LANE, CHRIS CHANG, AQUA FERIA, ISABELLA ELAINE and POPS also known as The MIRACULOUS FIVE, are secretly escorted from THE BLACK SUV into a studio door on the back of the building. Entering an elevator from a narrow hallway. A tv monitor nearby shows a promo spot for tonights LIVE BROADCAST. Graphics and branding read, "AWAKE with CHARLES WARREN" footage will play like a produced news show segment while narration reads,

VO

Five years ago on this day, nationally revered star journalist Charles Warren shocked the world when he announced his retirement. A polarizing announcement he gave while winning the Pulitzer prize for his work. This news soon followed by his reason for stepping down, involving health concerns and complications with with leukemia. For years he stayed out of the media spotlight until now.

2015, the year the world became aware of four remarkable women. Each of them, having survived personal trauma that as a result brought about a miraculous experience. One particular incident which shocked the world, when while at a hospital, the woman stood over a mans bedside that has been in a coma for 20 years. He woke just a few days after and the five have been inseparable since. There names you know, Jesse, Chan, Aqua, Isabella and the man they endearingly call, Pops.

They have faced considerable ridicule and controversy about the exact nature of their relationship. Some have gone so far as to call them a cult. They insist that what and who they represent is of the utmost purity.

Aqua

We've made many sacrifices. We were brought together by a purpose bigger than anything anyone of us realizes. These recent rumors are ridiculous. We have nothing but honest and pure love for each other. We all have families, and we love them very much. We would appreciate it, if people would stop spreading lies. We intend on addressing the world very soon and give some clarity about things.

Not to long after, the five were approached by media mogul and CEO of World News Broadcast, BEN ECHARD. He has brought the worlds most profound modern day heroes and one of this decades best journalist together.

TONIGHT, After retiring from mainstream journalism for seven years the Pulitzer Prize winner, Charles Warren returns to give us an exclusive interview with the miraculous five. Hopefully shedding light on some curious topics indeed. Perhaps, even Chuck himself will receive his healing.

Charles, enters the studio. The set is dark, only lit by a light on the seat he will sit in. As he sits we see his silluete. He picks up glass of water and drinks. He adjusts himself and begins speaking to the center camera as the light increases on his face.

Charles

If you can here me or see me, welcome. Im Charles Warren, The past few years have been difficult. For all of us. Many things have happened to me personally and the rest of the world there been no shortage of tragic events. We often question why tragedy or trauma seem to happen to the best of us. This brings me to the reason that after five years of retirement i have decided to return to my show.

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jesse

Miracles are the millions of random acts of kindness all around the world, everyday.

Charles

It sounds like you are normalizing the "miraculous"

Aqua

Im simply stating the fact that we here are all human beings, that gets lost in the details when people hear stories spun by the media.

Chris

We aren't discounting the fact that our circumstances have made us unique. You need to know that for five years we have been held up to this standard that we never asked for.

PoP

We

Isabella

It's like coming face to face with the thing that is trying to kill you. It's not a safe place to be or at least that's what you think at first. Like approaching a horrible storm, but instead of running away from it, you go right to the core of where the storm is,

Charles

Like the eye of the storm in a hurricane or tornado?

Pops

Something like that.

Charles

These.....miracles, let's say they are moments of clarity, we won't offend the doubters or skeptics by calling them miracles. In these moments of clarity, what exactly takes place?

Jesse

You feel, alone, the world becomes almost still. Like everything stops. At that moment it's both confusing and clear at the same time. You begin to recall memories of things that connect to this revelation that you are about to experience. You feel uncertain and then all fear leaves you and you feel Gods touch.

Then.....you breath.

(Roll in Jesse's story)

Charles

Thank you for sharing that, Jesse. He begins clearing his throat, showing signs of discomfort.

Pops

You alright Charles?

Charles

Im fine, Pops. No need for concern. We will however take a break and return with more on how these five normal people became known as " the miraculous five".

Show goes to commercial break. Production crew moves in handling there various jobs. Make up touches up on some of the five, pops refuses any make up. Charles exits and speaks with Maranda, the show producer.

Charles

What the hell was that? Where does he get off asking me on air if I'm ok?

Maranda

Charles, it was out of concern.

Charles

Fuck concern! I have an image to maintain! How much longer do I have to continue this segment? Do you have an other roll ins we can show?

Maranda

We have four stories prepared as roll ins, but...

Charles

What?

Maranda

Didn't you read the updated script? One of yours guest insisted we pull their story, said they didn't feel comfortable speaking on it today.

Charles

Who?

Maranda

Your new buddy, the one they call, "Pops".

Charles

Start the next roll in coming in from break. I will get a story out of him for damn sure!
(Begins coughing again, uncontrollably.)

Producer

Charles, you should have Cynthia look at you before we come back from break, i can..

Charles

Ive been working to hard on this show tonight. Nothings stopping this.

