

PROBERT BOUND

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Logline: A repressed Christian tween discovers masturbation, forcing him to reexamine the meaning of faith, family, and fun.

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FADE IN:

INT. PROBERT'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

A family pictures hangs on the wall between The Creation of Adam (God pointing to Adam) and The Expulsion from the Garden of Eden (Adam and Eve being cast out of the Garden) by Michelangelo.

On the family picture Probert sits in an ugly Christmas sweater between his parka-d mom and his ski jacket wearing dad. They all smile exuberantly

Beneath the art sits PROBERT, 12 years old and gangly, on a couch flipping through channels. He settles on a movie, The Ten Commandments, and pulls out his PSP and turns it on.

God of War: Angels of Olympus flashes on the screen of his PSP.

On the TV clouds pass by.

TV (V.O.)
And God said, "Let there be light."

Probert begins to scratch his junk.

TV- more clouds

TV (V.O.)
And there was light.

Probert keeps scratching.

The parents on the picture are starting to look concerned. Probert on the picture is smiling wider than ever.

TV- moving clouds

TV (V.O.)
And from this light,

Probert's scratching becomes more urgent.

The parents on the picture look horrified

TV (V.O.)
God created life upon earth.

Probert's eyes widen in revelation. He has discovered masturbation.

In the picture above him his mother is covering her ears, his dad is covering his eyes, and Probert is covering his mouth trying to hold in a laugh.

Rapturous MUSIC swells and climaxes as the parents in the picture's faces fill with terror:

INT. PROBERT'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Probert's posters line three walls:

All Quiet on the Western Front: Paul Baumer looks out red faced with a golden helmet.

The Last Supper: Jesus sits in the middle of his disciples.

The Great Dictator: Chaplin looks out in full Nazi regalia, fist cocked in salute.

God Creates the Sun and the Planets, On the right God points mightily toward the sun, and to the left we see God's butt.

Uncle Sam: staring out with in patriotic colors "I Want You" in big bold letters at the bottom.

Finally a poster of the Pieta: a stone Mary holds a dying Jesus.

Beneath All Quiet on the Western Front is a bedside table holding a Bible.

Beneath The Last Supper, and The Great Dictator, and the Last Judgement is Probert's bed.

Uncle Sam and the Pieta sit over the dresser which holds family pictures and PSP games.

POV, probert: Probert's sheets move up and down rapidly.

Mary and Sam look at one another with concern.

A KNOCK on the door.

PROBERT
One Second.

JUDITH, Probert's 42 year old conservatively dressed and demeasured mother, opens the door and enters.

JUDITH
Probert, have you -

Judith sees her son punishing the bishop.

AHHHH!!!!

PROBERT
Mom!

JUDITH
ZEAK!!!!!!

INT. PROBERT'S KITCHEN - NIGHT

A kitchen table sits pushed up against a wall. The table functions as a thrust stage, with the chairs seated in three quarters round. To the left of the table is a chair with stacks of recycling on it.

ZEAK, Probert's Classically handsome 45 year old father, sits on the right side of the table, across from Probert, whose head is buried in his arms.

Two lights illuminate the kitchen, one above Zeak and one above Probert.

ZEAK
You have to understand son... it's a sin. I didn't make it one. Judith- your mother didn't, it's- there's something that comes with your faith. And it's that you don't want to be- you won't do anything to make God sad. We strive to sin as little as possible to honor Christ's sacrifice for us.

Probert looks up, stricken.

ZEAK
And son, I understand. I thought those same thoughts when I was your age. But. I took them and channeled them into the promise of your mother's flower.

Probert is horrified. He buries his head again

ZEAK
Onanism was no longer on my mind, and that is the most beautiful thing your mother gave me. You have to understand.

The light above Probert flickers and dies.