

**Gintime/Greenhalls**

**Viral/tv/cinema**

**Title: Croquet Match**

Open on a young good-looking couple playing croquet in what appears to be the grounds of a large country house. Everything about the scene is what you'd expect it to be - boaters, blazers and polite boredom.

A butler strides out onto the terrace with a bottle of Greenhalls gin, with tonic and lemon. He smiles as he watches the novices to the game of croquet struggle with the mallets and getting the right angle on the hoops.

He pours them a sparkling gin, we watch a close up of the ice spin in the glass, and the sound of the bubbles fizz, we can see the green of the label reflected in the bubbles.

The young man and woman pause for refreshment. They both take a sip, taking time to enjoy the flavours. Refreshed, they carry on their game.

The woman takes the lead and deliberately hits the man's croquet ball with hers. With a wry smile she takes her penalty shot. Putting the two balls together she places her foot on hers, takes a look at the man, then angles her shot into the bushes.

Whack! The man's ball disappears into the bushes. The butler smiles knowingly. Until now the game has been a sedate affair; the rules however have now changed.

Our man slings his mallet over his shoulder gives the girl a nod as if recognising the way it is now, and disappears through a small gap through the bushes.

He doesn't return and in the end curiosity gets the better of her and she follows his path into the gap.

On the other side she stops and finds our man has decided to continue the game without her. He is hitting the ball through the legs of a Great Dane. He flicks her a challenging smile. The woman disappears back into the bushes.

Moments later her ball flies out of the bushes and straight through the legs of the dog. She emerges triumphant from the bushes.

Our man raises an eyebrow in recognition of the good shot as the woman joins him, closely followed by the butler with their drinks.

The challenge is on they both look for the next for the next 'hoop'. They both spot a woman standing at a cocktail party over on another lawn with her legs slightly apart. The two of them look at each other as the scene suddenly freezes

**Super:** The game is on.

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[A separate flash appears providing a direct link to the 'Greenhall's mad hatter's croquet' game]