Continuing our FRIDAY THE 13TH, PART VIII: JASON TAKES MANHATTAN discussion, begun *here* …

Throughout the cruise, Rennie has had a strange psychic link to Jason for some reason. I guess it was important to the writers that the heroine has a unique advantage or special power (like that damn Tina in PART VII!). Rennie keeps seeing images of a child underwater. With each subsequent vision, the normal-looking child starts to mutate into the bald, slope-eyed, Jason-child from the first movie!! Why? Well, it’s revealed that Rennie’s terror of water comes from Charles McCulloch’s version of a swimming lesson when she was a child. Throw her in the water and force her to swim—or drown. While splashing and trying not to die, little Rennie is pulled under by, yes, Jason Voorhees as a child!

WHOA! Are we still on this whole, Jason-drowned-as-a-boy kick? That he’s been undead since he was 11? No, I refuse to believe it. Perhaps she saw Jason in that stage in a hallucination/premonition. Perhaps Jason (after being chained to a big rock and dropped in Crystal Lake in JASON LIVES) grabbed her and her weird psychic mind saw him as a child…maybe Jason (the 11 year old) swam over to her and wanted to play? Who knows? It makes little sense.

Anyway, after the sinking of *The Lazarus*, our heroes arrive in New York and so does Jason. He rises up out of the water on the docks and hilariously stares at a huge billboard advertising the New York Rangers hockey team with a close-up of a goalie mask.

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