

ACT 2

EXT. HALLOWEEN EVENT - NIGHT

Quinn and Oscar walk around the event, seeing the vast amount of activities, when Quinn suddenly sees a sign promoting a free tarot reading.

QUINN

Hey look, there's a tarot reader here. That sounds like fun!

OSCAR

Really? Tarot? Pay 20 bucks to get a phony magic trick?

QUINN

Ahh come on. Don't be such a killjoy. Aren't you at least a little curious? Also, the sign says they're FREE. Who can pass up something fun AND free?

OSCAR

Yeah, no. I'd rather not waste my time instead.

QUINN

Well, suit yourself. I'm going, and I can't wait to see what my future holds.

OSCAR

Sure, whatever. I'll meet you back here in an hour.

INT. TENT - NIGHT

After walking into the tent, Quinn notices a table in the center where Halloween music plays in the background. Quinn walks closer to the table and thinks how odd her environment feels, considering her only experience with tarot was what her friends had told her about. Her thoughts are interrupted by a voice. **(C)**

TAROT READER

Why hello there dear. How are you this evening? Are you looking to see what fate has in store for you?

QUINN

Uhh, I'm doing well. And yes, that's why I'm here.

TAROT READER

Wonderful. Take a seat at the table, and I'll be with you shortly.

Quinn sits down and sees the tarot reader collect a deck of cards that looks to have something resting on top of them. The tarot reader returns and Quinn begins to speak.

QUINN

Was that quartz you had on those cards over there? (C)

TAROT READER

Looks like somebody's familiar with tarot. Have you had a reading before?

QUINN

Oh no, this is my first reading. I have friends who also use tarot cards, and they've told me a little bit about the process.

TAROT READER

Well, I'm glad to be the first to give you a reading. You're right; that was quartz. I place a clear quartz on top of a deck to cleanse them after each use.

A look of curiosity and interest crosses Quinn's face as the tarot reader sits across from her and begins speaking.

LUNA

Welcome to your reading, my name is Luna. To begin, I'd like you to put your essence into the deck. You could hold the deck close to your heart, kiss it, or do something unique to you.

Luna hands the deck of cards to Quinn. Quinn looks down at the cards and holds them to her heart with both hands. After a few seconds, she looks up at the tarot reader again.

LUNA

Well done. Now, I'm going to have you shuffle the cards. Once you've shuffled them, I want you to pick out a card. However, if a card falls out while shuffling, then that is your card.

Quinn begins to shuffle the cards, determined to avoid having a card fall out after this newfound knowledge. After shuffling the cards a few times, Quinn stops and places the cards face down on the table.

LUNA

Excellent. You may draw your card now.

Quinn draws the card on the top deck and sees the image of a woman with a royal getup with two sphinxes lying in front of her chariot. Quinn shows Luna what she drew.

LUNA

Ah, the Chariot. A wonderful card, to say the least. The Chariot is about progressing forward in a positive direction and overcoming conflict. One needs to keep moving forward. Through sheer hard work and commitment, they will be victorious.

QUINN

So this card is saying that something good is going to happen, and I need to accomplish it soon?

LUNA

Not really. Tarot doesn't tell you about your future. Instead, it is an enlightening experience meant to help you understand your thoughts and help you perceive how the card relates to you. Also, there are no good and bad cards in tarot. Cards may warn you, but there's no inherent badness to them.

QUINN

Man. I wish my roommate Oscar had come with me for this. Although he's not the biggest believer in tarot, I feel like this is kinda fun!

LUNA

Your friend isn't the first I've heard feel like that. Tarot isn't for everyone. I have some decks for sale if you'd like to try tarot out between you two. They're already cleansed, so you don't have to worry about that.

QUINN

Really? I would love to buy one. Even if he isn't a fan of these cards, I at least know some friends I can talk about these with.

Quinn looks through the assortment of decks Luna has and chooses one that catches her eye and feels like it is there just for her. Quinn pays for it, thanks Luna, and leaves the tent.

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Quinn walks outside of the tent with a newfound sense of curiosity about the deck she's bought. She sees Oscar waiting outside the tent for her and she hurries quickly to his side.

QUINN

Hey Oscar, I thought you said you'd be here in an hour. What happened?

OSCAR

I got bored after a while and came back here early. Guess it's a lucky coincidence.

QUINN

Well, I have some great news for you. Look at what I bought.

Quinn shows Oscar the Tarot Deck she just bought.

OSCAR

You seriously paid money for that? I guarantee they upcharged you.

QUINN

None of that matters. What does is that we're gonna go home now, and you're getting a reading.

OSCAR

(annoyed)

I already told you, that stuff doesn't work.

QUINN

Just go along with it, please? It won't take long, and you'll get enough sleep for tomorrow.

OSCAR

Sigh. Fine.

QUINN

YES. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Before Oscar can respond, Quinn grabs his hand and begins dragging him to get back to the apartment.

INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT

Quinn and Oscar are both back in their apartment now. The dog looks excited to see both of them again.

QUINN

Okay, I'm going to get everything together. You go ahead and sit down, and I'll be right with you.

OSCAR

Just don't take forever. I have stuff I gotta do tomorrow.
(insert gameplay here)

Quinn explains to Oscar what the Tarot reader from earlier told her. Oscar begrudgingly begins to shuffle the cards when one suddenly falls out while he shuffles.

Oscar shows the card to Quinn, showing a solid tower struck by lightning, as a man falls out of the window on fire. After Quinn looks at the card's meaning, worry begins to spread across her face.

OSCAR

So? What does it mean?

QUINN

Uhhh, so with that card, the Tower I mean, is often interpreted as meaning danger, crisis, destruction, and liberation. It's also associated with sudden unforeseen change.

OSCAR

(baffled)

Huh, just my luck with you around.

QUINN

Aren't you worried?

OSCAR

(baffled)

No. Because this stuff isn't REALLY predicting the future. Why would I believe what cards have to dictate my life?

QUINN

Tarot doesn't dictate your life. It just-

OSCAR

(frustrated)

Listen, it's late, and I'm tired. I'm going to bed. I suggest you do the same.

Oscar goes towards his bedroom and shuts the door behind him. Quinn looks worried for her friend.

QUINN

Oh god. What if something bad happens tomorrow?

The dog walks up to Quinn with a sad whine.

QUINN

It's alright, buddy. I should've listened to him earlier. I'll introduce you to my cat Mouse, you'll love her.