

QUEEN

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ACT ONE

EXT. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS - DAY

Students walk around on a cloudy afternoon. The buildings range in color and size as well as the students. Some walk to their destination, others run, the rest hanging out in the grass or steps.

INT. QUEENS DORM ROOM - NIGHT

A dorm room with bright colors that somehow makes the space look like a shadow is hanging over. The blinds open, but no light shines in.

On the desk there are text books in piles up and notebooks laid open. By the desk is a old single cup brew coffee pot.

In the corner under a curled lamp sits QUEEN, 21, in blue jeans and a white tee, her face almost touching the inside pages of her book.

Her phone on the table next to her, rings, she looks over at it, and turns back to her books. The ringing stops and starts back immediately.

She picks up the phone and presses the speaker phone button to speak to ANGIE, 22

QUEEN

Hello

ANGIE (V.O.)

Please tell me you do not have your face in a book?

QUEEN

What do you want Angie?

Queen puts in her bookmark from the back of the book, and sets the book on the table.

ANGIE

Come out with me. I got that hot guy that I have been throwing myself at to come.

QUEEN

Angie that guy is so not into you.

ANGIE

Yeah but after a couple of drinks
maybe he will be open to telling me
why, or I will find someone else.

Queen grabs and puts on her a blazer, slides on her shoes,
grabs her keys and walks towards the door.

INT - LOCAL BAR - LATER THAT NIGHT

Queen walks into the dive bar to see Angie sitting at the bar
alone. There were several other groups of people there, but
she saw the group with JASON, 27.

ANGIE

(smiling)

Hey bestie, I ordered you a drink.

Queen rolls her eyes as Angie downs her drink and Queens. She
opens her bag, grabs a compact and looks at herself in the
mirror.

She grabs Angies hand and drags her over to Jason and his
friends.

QUEEN

Hey guys, sorry to interrupt.

JASON

You're not. We weren't talking
about anything important.

Angie starts to dance as a familiar song plays over the loud
speaker. As she dances RAMON, 26, walks over to her and
starts dancing with her.

QUEEN

You know she wanted you to come
over and dance with her.

Jason looks over to Angie and Ramon dancing together. Ramon
is smiling super hard and is on beat.

JASON

I don't know why. I told her I was
interested in you, besides her and
Ramon talk a lot. He really likes
her.

Queens jaw dropped. She looks over to Angie who looks back at
her.

Queen sits down in Ramons seat.

JASON (CONT'D)

So Queen, you never told me what
you're major is.

Queen looked at him sideways and back at Angie who was no longer looking over at them, but instead laying her head on Ramons shoulder with her eyes close.

QUEEN

Anthropology

A faster song comes on. Ramon swings Angie out and she starts laughing. Angie lets go of Ramons hand and walks back over to the table.

ANGIE

So what you are you guys talking
about?

Angie flagged for shots to the bartender. She turned back to Queen and Jason.

JASON

Queen was about to tell me what
kind of party girl studies
anthropology.

Angie laughs. The bartender sets shots on the table. Angie grabs one and throws it back.

ANGIE

She's no party girl. I practically
have to beg her to take her head
out a book and come out. She's
really boring.

Queen looks at Angie but doesn't say a word. Jason grabs Queens knee. Angie sees it and turns bright red.

JASON

Theres nothing wrong with reading.
I'd rather be in the dorms reading
too. What are you reading now?

Angie looks at the pair. She walks to the bar, grabs her keys and bag and starts walking off.

ANGIE

Really Queen, I never took you for
the home wrecking type. A real
friend.

Queen looks at Jason. She stands up to go after Angie.

JASON

Queen wait.

He grabs her hand. Queen shakes his hand off and follows Angie out the door.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE BAR - CONTINUOUS

Angie is standing at her car, which is parked at the door. She is fumbling with her keys trying to find the right one.

Queen walks up, grabs the keys and crosses her arms.

QUEEN

Angie what was that about? And why do you think you are driving? You are clearly drunk.

Jason walks out the door with Ramon close behind. They stand back watching the girls yell. Jason positions himself to be in the middle.

ANGIE

I have always been here for you when no one liked you. Girls in high school told me you were trifling but I never believed them.

Angie turns to Jason and Ramon.

ANGIE (CONT'D)

You know Queen is not only boring, but she is also lame. She had to pick anthropology because its the only thing as boring as her.

Jason and Ramon looks at each other. Jason steps forward.

JASON

Angie, I have told you several times I was interested in Queen. What are you so angry about?

ANGIE

Because she knew and here she is flirting like I would ever think that is ok. But we all know it's not for her looks.

Queen throws Angies keys at her and walks off.

INT. QUEENS DORM ROOM - NEXT MORNING

Queen wakes up to a phone blinking with missed calls. She takes a look and puts it back down.

She goes to the showers and gets dressed. She looks at her phone and turns away from it, walking out the door.

INT. COFFEE HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

Queen walks into a small coffee shop. As she is going up to order she hears a small group of people talking. She stops and walks over to the group where DESTINY, 29, is standing holding up a book.

DESTINY

This is the book we will be reading this month. It's written by a local author, there is some for sale at the back table. We will be discussing this book next month. And don't forget about the get together at the cafe down the street.

Queen waits patiently as a few people talk to Destiny before approaching her. She lightly taps her on the shoulder.

QUEEN

Hi, I just walked in. Is this a book club? Are you all off campus?

Destiny waved goodbye as a couple left.

DESTINY

Hi honey, yes this is the book club. We are small group and although all students, this is separate.

Destiny grabs a book off the table behind her and hands it to Queen.

DESTINY (CONT'D)

My name is Destiny. Here's a free book since you're a newbie. Also come out tomorrow to the cafe up the road, we are having a less formal get together at around 5. What's your name again?

QUEEN

My name is Queen

Smiling, Destiny walks back to talk to her bookclub members.

Going back to the front, Queen stands in line to get a cup of coffee. Standing in line is Jason smiling at her. He orders his coffee and nods for her to order on his tab.

They walk to the pickup area smiling at one another.

JASON

Want to go for a walk?

Jason grabs their coffee cups and hands Queen hers. They walk outside the door.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE COFFEE SHOP

Jason and Queen sip on their coffee and walk towards the campus together.

JASON

I am so glad I got a chance to see you after the other night. I was confused by what happened.

Queen walks a little further up and turns around walking backwards before stopping.

QUEEN

Angie was upset because she has always had a huge crush on you. We have even talked about you telling her you weren't interested, but I never knew you were interested in me.

Jason walks up closer to Queen, he grabs her hand and looks into her eyes.

JASON

I have told her from the beginning. I never thought you all were real friends because she would down talk you every time.

Queen drops his hands and turns around walking again. She drinks the last of her coffee and puts it in the trash can. She turns around to see Jason smiling, she frowns.

QUEEN

Jason, I am flattered that you are interested in me, but Angie is right. My loyalty is to her. That's breaking girl code.

Queen turns to walk away and runs into Angie. Angie was texting in her phone, she puts her phone in her back pocket and stands with her arms crossed.

ANGIE

I guess it doesn't take you long to follow up on the only man ever interested in you.

Jason walks forward, but Queen stops him.

QUEEN

That's not fair Angie. We were only walking and talking. Besides Angie, Jason is not into you. He's told you that several times. But you weren't honest with me either. Why didn't you tell me he was interested in me?

Angie stood with her mouth open. She was forming several words to come out of her mouth. Queen had her hand on her hip.

QUEEN (CONT'D)

We have been friends way to long for you to act like I am nothing to you. I told Jason I couldn't talk to him. But you never gave me a chance to tell you that before you started to go in on me.

Queen walks away from them both with Jason calling her name in the distance.

INT. CAFE - NEXT DAY

Queen walks in to the cafe that had an old school charm. She is welcomed with smiles and hugs from the group as Destiny introduces her to everyone.

DESTINY

(whispering)

Where's that handsome guy you left with yesterday?

Queen laughs and shakes her head before taking her seat.

Feeling eyes on her, Queen turns around to see Angie at the counter. Angie smirks and turns her back to her.

Queen turns around to a worrying look on Destiny's face. Queen shrugs her shoulders and smiles.

The table was full of food and laughter. Angie kept turning around each time her face redder. She gets mad walks over standing over the table.

ANGIE

What kind of friend doesn't get up and try to make up? You were wrong Queen.

The chatter at the table stops and everyone looks up at Angie with a confused look and back at Queen.

QUEEN

Please go away. You don't know when to leave things alone. You need to grow up Angie. We are no longer in high school.

Destiny looks at Queen and mouths the words are you ok? Queen shakes her head no. Destiny gets up and motions for Queen to follow her to the bathroom. Angie stands there with her mouth open.

INT. CAFE BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Destiny locks the door as soon as Queen enters behind her. The bathroom followed the old school theme of the cafe, and was extra clean.

DESTINY

Whats going on? I am in no means being messy, but just being a friend.

QUEEN

Angie and I have been friends since high school. We fell out over a boy, a unwarranted love triangle.

DESTINY

No man is worth losing a friend over.

Destiny grabs a paper towel and wets it and hands it to Queen. Queen wipes her face and looks down at her hands.

QUEEN

It's not the boy thats the problem, at least not for me. It was the hurtful things she said that cut to the core. I always thought we were better than that. Now she wants me to apologize for her being petty.

Destiny pulls Queens face up. She wipes her hair away from her face.

DESTINY

No person has the right to speak
ill of you, no matter the history.
You need to decide for yourself
what you want.

Destiny unlocks the door and walks out the bathroom. Queen turns and looks in the mirror staring at herself. Queen thinks of the times when they were little and the times they had together. She shakes her head as a tear falls.

Angie walks in the bathroom.

ANGIE

Who's your new friend?

Queen looks at Angie through the mirror. At first she just looks at her shaking her head.

QUEEN

Angie, do not talk to me like that
in front of anyone ever again. I
was just here sitting back on us as
friends and it has always been
about you and what you want.

Angie opens her mouth as if she wants to say something.

QUEEN (CONT'D)

Don't even respond. I don't want
your apologies and I wouldn't dare
apologize to you. From this moment
on, we are no longer friends. A
friend supports you, not tear you
down to get ahead.

Queen drops the paper towel in the trash and walks out the bathroom.

INT. CAFE - CONTINUOUS

Queen walks back to the table taking her seat. She smiles at Destiny, who smiles back. The table is back talking and laughing.

Angie walks out the bathroom, eyes red and puffy. She looks over at Queen, who never looks up. She walks out the cafe.

Queen looks up to see Angie walking out the cafe and she smiles.

INT. QUEENS DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Queen is laying on her stomach across her bed, she is reading the book that Destiny gave her with headphones on. Her phone is on her desk, that is now clear. Her books are in neat piles to the side of the desk and papers in a small stack.

As she finishes the book, she turns on her stomach and looks up at the ceiling. She stands up and grabs her phone off her desk. She presses a button and holds it to her ear.

QUEEN

Hey Destiny, whats a good place to go and hang out besides the library?