# Palmistry

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## 1 INT. SHANIQUA'S HOUSE - EVENING

Michonne, Claire, Kisha and Britney are at Shaniqua's house and they are watching Netflix and drinking pop and eating potato chips. They are all planning a trip to the city to see a concert.

#### SHANIQUA

Yo Britney can you grab me a pop over there?

BRITNEY

Yeah sure.

## CLAIRE

Me too.

#### BRITNEY

Okay.

KISHA Shaniqua where do you keep the chips?

## SHANIQUA

Over there on the counter.

#### MICHONNE

Cool, potato chips hand over that whole bag.

#### SHANIQUA

No were all sharing. Well your sharing with me at least.

#### MICHONNE

Yeah that's what I meant, sort of.

## CLAIRE

Bhys what movie we watchin.

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## BRITNEY Oh you know what we should all go to that concert in the city.

Michonne looks down and looks sad.

## CLAIRE

Umm! Yeah that sounds like a great movie. Is Channing Tatum in it!

Kisha throws chips at Claire.

## KISHA

Why are you so stupid?

## CLAIRE

Wow thanks b! I really love hanging out with you guys no joke.

## SHANIQUA

I love hanging with you guys too, So are we all going to that concert in the city or what?

## CLAIRE

Wait I'm so confused is this a movie or what?

## SHANIQUA

What the heck are you getting on with?

CLAIRE I'm just kidding.

KISHA

Yeah sure I will go see some HOT! I MEAN HOT GUYS!

#### BRITNEY

Ok I will go too maybe I will get a boyfriend.

## CLAIRE Yeah I wanna go too!

#### SHANIQUA

Ok I will go too maybe get... wait michonne are you gonna go?

Michonne looks around the room.

## MICHONNE

Umm! Claire can I talk to you outside?

## SHANIQUA

Umm yeah you all have to go now my moms gonna be home soon.

#### CLAIRE

How rude!

#### MICHONNE

Come on Claire lets go I need to talk to you.

## CLAIRE

Ok coming I just need like one or two maybe three or four more chips and a can or two of pop to go.

Claire graps a pillow case and takes lamp chips pop.

## SHANIQUA

Why are you taking the lamp?

## CLAIRE

Quan broke mine last week man I hate that person ugh! it was antique.

Claire looks down and wipes away a tear.

SHANIQUA Ok just get out already and leave that lamp. Claire glares at Shaniqua and slowly puts lamp back down. Michonne and Claire leave.

SHANIQUA Britney kisha get out of the kitchen you don't need food your leaving now.

BRITNEY & KISHA Fine but were taking the fruit loops.

## 2 EXT. OUTSIDE SHANIQUA'S HOUSE- EVENING

Outside Shaniqua's house Michonne confides in Claire about how she's broke and can't go to the concert in the city.

MICHONNE

I need to talk to you about the concert

## CLAIRE

Oh ok.

MICHONNE

I can't go to the concert with you guys. My dad got fired for eating rocks at the mines

## CLAIRE

Can't you get a job or something?

MICHONNE I could play a banjo in the subway!

## CLAIRE

Ew. No, there's rats

MICHONNE

I could mug people when they leave Walmart

CLAIRE That's actually a good idea

MICHONNE

Really?!!!

CLAIRE No! are you stupid ? you'd get arrested

MICHONNE How about I read peoples palms? I could get some good money for doing that.

Claire laughs

MICHONNE It's not funny.

CLAIRE Kinda is but whatever works.

MICHONNE Whatever Claire! Bye!

Michonne walks away.

## 3 EXT. DEER LAKE STREET - NIGHT

The camera points at CLARE while she is walking home. The CAMERA goes close up to CLAIRE while she reaches her house and she puts her hand on the door handle and you can tell by the look on her face that she is thinking about MICHONNE but she enters her house anyway and storms into her room.

## 4 INT. CLAIRE & QUAN'S HOUSE:

(Hard rap music playing in the background)

TYRONE Look how sharp my knife is dude. (He points the knife at Tyrece)

> TYRECE Haha I could buy 100 of your knives with the money I have from selling drugs (he shows a little bit of cash he has on him) It aint easy either... I've been in some rough spots.

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Geoff is so hammered he just stares blankly at the wall. Quan doesn't really say much although the camera will focus on him sometimes. Claire walks up to the door and she hears loud music, she looks curious. She walks in and sees everybody. It smells like alcohol and weed. Raerae looks at Claire in a flirty way raising his eyebrows. Claire looks disgusted and ignores him. She looks at Quan in an anxious way, you can tell she doesn't want Quan's friends in the house. Eventually, everybody leaves.

## 5 INT. CLAIRE AND QUANS HOUSE (BASEMENT) - NIGHT

Claire watches the boys leave and turns to Quan.

(Djuan in the window)

## CLAIRE

Why do you hang out with them? They're messy and gross.

QUAN They're so cool though.

Quan looks like he's thinking.

#### CLAIRE

Whatever, anyway, Michonne was talking to me today about how she needed money. Her dad got laid off and their family is broke.

QUAN Really? I'd like to make more money too!

CLAIRE Why would you want to make money?

#### QUAN

I don't know...

CLAIRE

Well, Michonne was thinking about reading peoples palms

QUAN Oh, really?! CLAIRE Uh, are you okay? You've been acting weird lately, I'm kind of worried about you...

Quan slams the door in claires face. The camera pans to Claire's face. Claire looks confused.

## 6 INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

Camera pans across the cafeteria and stops on the girls

BRITNEY Do you think there will be any hot Boys

Quan walks up to the girls and gestures for Michonne to Follow him. They walk to a spot where there are no other Kid's

QUAN After lunch meet me by the cafeteria doors

MICHONNE

Ok why

QUAN

You will see

Camera pans and finish on MICHONNE then fades to black.

#### 7 EXT. IN FRONT OF THE CAFETERIA DOORS - DAY

Camera is looking at Michonne impatiently pacing back and forth, camera pans and looks at Quan walks up to Michonne very delighted.

MICHONNE What took you so long? I was here for at least 3 minutes!

QUAN So I heard you think you can read palms. MICHONNE

Okay...

QUAN So you really think you can read palms?

MICHONNE Not really. I'm not some genie.

QUAN I know but it is a really good way to some cash.

## MICHONNE Yea okay. I think that I can be serious about this I really want to go to that concert.

Michonne walks away. Camera pans and looks at Quan with an evil smile.

## 8 INT.XAVIER CAFETERIA - DAY

Quan approaches Hayley and Krystal in the cafeteria.

## QUAN Hey I promise I can help you solve all your problems.

## HAYLEY

Umm... sure.

Krystal looks up at Hayley and Quan.

## EXT.XAVIER BEHIND SCHOOL - DAY

Hayley and Quan walks behind the school so Hayley give Quan 20\$ by her side so nobody won't see

## QUAN

Thank you for the money ...

Hayley looks behind Quan and looks and sees Tibias so they look at each other. Then Hayley looks down.

## 9. INT. HAYLEY'S HOUSE - EVENING

CAMERA pans to KRYSTAL and HAYLEY walking into HAYLEY'S house, HAYLEY is shaking with anticipation.

KRYSTAL Hayley, how much did you pay Quan anyways?

CAMERA pans to HAYLEY looking uneasy, HAYLEY turns to face KRYSTAL.

#### HAYLEY

Does it matter?

CAMERA pans to a knock on the door, HAYLEY opens the door and MICHONNE is standing there like a public health nurse.

> MICHONNE Hayley? Hi, I'm here to read your palm.

CAMERA pans to HAYLEY looking down, HAYLEY nods shyly. KRYSTAL stands behind HAYLEY, KRYSTAL gives MICHONNE a hard glare. MICHONNE walks in and HAYLEY turns off all the lights then quickly sits, HAYLEY and KRYSTAL sit also.

> MICHONNE Can I see your palm please?

HAYLEY quickly sticks out her hand.

MICHONNE Hm, I see. You need to speak out more, or your beloved will be snatched by a beautiful girl.

CAMERA pans to HAYLEY smiling bright.

HAYLEY I will! Thank you so much Michonne!

CAMERA pans to MICHONNE smiling and leaving. KRYSTAL chuckles.

KRYSTAL You don't actually believe in this fortune telling crap, right?

HAYLEY

Uh, I actually do. Michonne is right, I need to be more outgoing.

KRYSTAL But it's all a lie!

CAMERA pans to HAYLEY rolling her eyes

## HAYLEY

Get out, I got work to do anyways.

CAMERA pans to KRYSTAL, KRYSTAL scoffs and walks out.

## 10 EXT. PARK - DAY

TIBIAS, GIUSEPPE, PHILLIPPE and DJUAN are having a laugh in the park. They must appear wholesome and good.

## DJUAN

(Looking at tibias) Hey, I think Kisha likes you!

## TIBIAS

(looks at djuan with a smile) How do you know?

## DJUAN

(Laughing)

I can't explain it, but she does.

PHILLIPPE (Looking sad)

I wish I had girls after me. I'm just a loner.

GIUSEPPE (Smiles) Cheer up Phillippe! You will find a nice looking girl with big hips like Kisha one day!

(Everybody laughs)

#### PHILLIPPE

(Happy again) You guys want to help the teachers pick up trash next week?

## GIUSEPPE

(telling a joke)
Why don't we just pick up Quan and
his crew?

## TIBIAS

(looks at Giuseppe) That's not funny! If they heard you say that, you would be fried!

## DJUAN

(Looks at Phillipe then to the boys) Yeah, we could help the teachers then head to my house for my mom's famous spaghetti tacos, then go to that concert in the city.

## TIBIAS

(Looks at Djuan) Sounds great Djuannyy!

(Everybody laughs and agrees)

## PHILLIPPE

(quick to reply) I'm allergic to spaghetti.

#### GIUSEPPE

(looks at everybody) Yeah. I'm allergic to taco shells.

## DJUAN

(palm to face) What has this world come to?

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The boys look as the girls walk by and enter the park.

## 11. EXT. PARK - DAY

KISHA and BRITNEY walk by the park. They eye the boys.

BRITNEY Are you wearing false eyelashes?

KISHA Are you calling me fake?

BRITNEY Well, you do wear a lot of makeup.

KISHA Maybe I like makeup. I bet the boys wouldn't call me fake. You can walk yourself home. BRITNEY

Fine!

BRITNEY leaves.

KISHA takes off fake eyelashes and throws them away.

KISHA leaves and walks up to the boys.

GIUSEPPE Want to go on a date Saturday?

KISHA is too distracted talking with TIBIAS.

KISHA

Apparently I'm fake

GIUSEPPE leaves

TIBIAS Who said that?

KISHA

Britney.

DJUAN What did Britney do now?

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KISHA She said that I was fake.

#### DJUAN

That's rude, But I have to go mow my uncles lawn with the lawn mower I got from Christmas, its called the meximower 3000

DJUAN leaves.

## PHILLIPE

Hey! Is it true that you wear fake eyelashes?

## 12. EXT. PARK - AFTERNOON

CAMERA pans to HAYLEY and KRYSTAL walking by the park. Close up on HAYLEYS face while she looks at KISHA getting to close to TABIAS. CAMERA pans to HAYLEY walking quickly walking towards TIBIAS and KISHA with KRYSTAL following behind her running to keep up.

## HAYLEY

Hey Kisha, what do you think you're doing getting so close to my tibias?

## KISHA

Umm can I not talk to a guy?

HAYLEY

I'm sorry I have to do this but this depends on my future.

CAMERA pans to HAYLEY pushing KISHA to the ground. HAYLEY starts pulling on KISHAS hair. KISHA screams in pain. CAMERA pans to the boys. TIBIAS looks devastated. The other boys along with KRYSTAL look worried for HAYLEY.

## TIBIAS

Hayley what is wrong with you? What happened?

CAMERA pans to HAYLEY looking around at everyone one. HAYLEY grabs her face and starts sob. HAYLEY walks quickly out of the park followed by KRYSTAL. Before KRYSTAL leaves she turns around to apologize.

#### KRYSTAL

Sorry guys.....

CAMERA pans to TIBIAS down on the ground beside KISHA soothing her. TIBIAS kisses KISHA. The screen cuts to black.

#### 13 EXT. XAVIER LANE - DAY

SHANIQUA gives QUAN a 20\$ bill.

QUAN Go to Michonne she will tell your fortune.

QUAN Look she over there by the school.

SHANIQUA

Thank you.

Shaniqua walks up to Michonne

## 14. EXT. MIDDAY-XAVIER SCHOOL

SHANIQUA approaches MICHONNE SHANIQUA paid for her reading and wants MICHONNE to read it now.

SHANIQUA Hey Michonne I paid for my fortune and I was wondering if you were ready to tell it? MICHONNE Yes I am (saying very excitedly).

SHANIQUA puts her palms out for MICHONNE to read them.

MICHONNE You have to drastically change your lifestyle. You are destined for something great... but, but must live dangerously.

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SHANIQUA What what do you mean like skateboarding, water skies, ummm boxing.

MICHONNE No, I think maybe something about a boyfriend.

SHANIQUA Well I do like that boy Djuan he's nice, but Tyrone he's a man plus he's SMOKIN HOT!!!!

The bell rings and SHANIQUA walks into the school.

## 15 EXT. DEER LAKE STREET - DAY

CAMERA pans to BRITNEY'S face looking around to make and sure there is no one. Then, the CAMERA pans down to Quan. Britney hands QUAN 20\$. Cut to

## EXT. NEAR A HOUSE - DAY

Camera pans to Michonne walting there for Britney camera pans to Britney coming there Camera pans to michonne reading Britney hand

CUT TO:

## EXT. MAIN STREET - DAY

CAMERA pans to stranger'S face looking around to make and sure there is no one. Then, the CAMERA pans down to Quan. Stranger's hands QUAN 20\$.

CUT TO:

## EXT. OUTSIDE ELWOOD - DAY

Camera pans to Michonne walting there for the Stranger camera pans to the Stranger coming there camera pans to michonne reading the Stranger hand CUT TO:

## EXT. NEAR ANOTHER HOUSE - DAY

CAMERA pans to Geoff's face looking around to make and sure there is no one. Then, the CAMERA pans down to Quan. Geoff hands QUAN 20\$.

CUT TO:

#### EXT. NEAR THE POST OFFICE - DAY

Camera pans to Michonne walting there for Geoff. Camera pans to Geoff coming there camera pans to Michonne reading Geoff's hand.

## 16 INT. KISHAS HOOUSE - AFTERNOON

CAMERA pans to TIBIAS comforting KISHA.

#### KISHA

I honestly don't even know why Hayley would do that it makes no sense.

## TIBIAS

I know I've never seen her like that before.

#### KISHA

I heard Michonne was reading peoples fortune maybe that had something to do with it?

#### TIBIAS

Ya maybe, but why would her fortune tell her to hurt you, I know if I had my fortune told it wold tell me to love you.

KISHA Why would she tell you that

TIBIAS Cause I kinda like you Kisha!

KISHA

(giggling) I like you too!

## 17 INT. HAYLEY'S HOUSE - DAY

The camera pans to Krystal walking up to Hayley's door. Krystal knocks first but then walks in. Hayley is in a chair in the corner not looking too happy.

#### KRYSTAL

Hey.

## HAYLEY What do you want?

KRYSTAL

I was walking by your house and I decided to come and check on you. How are you doing?

## HAYLEY

Just fine. Well not exactly. But it doesn't matter.

## KRYSTAL

Well it does, but anyway I'm not here to argue with you. So do you think it was right for someone to pick your future? Was it worth it?

## HAYLEY

Ugh. Well obviously it wasn't in the end, but I was just afraid... that it was true... that someone would take my boyfriend. But I messed it up anyway. And I beat that girl. I feel so bad.

#### KRYSTAL

Well at least you learned your lesson.

Hayley mutters something, but we cannot hear what she says. Krystal looks at her phone.

## KRYSTAL

Oh gee I almost forgot. Anyways I should head back, but text me later or something.

## HAYLEY (Snappy)

Ok, fine. Bye then.

KRYSTAL

Ok bye.

The camera focuses on Krystal walking out the door, then zooms into Hayley's face (she is thinking hard.

#### 18 INT. QUAN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

SHANIQUA Hey guys!

QUAN Ummm who invited you here?

SHANIQUA Ya know I have to do this!\_(pointing to her palm and walking towards Tyrone)

 $\label{eq:TYRONE} \text{Why} \text{Why} \text{ are you pointing at your hand}?$ 

SHANIQUA I had my fortune told and it told me to live dangerously!

She is looking at Tyrone with flirty eyes and he is looking at her like what is happening

## TYRONE

Ummmm... you probably shouldn't be here like you should go far far away from me.

SHANQUIA Why would I do that baby?

Tyrone gets up and he pulls Shaniqua to the room and it fades away to black.

## 19 EXT. CLARE AND QUANS HOUSE - NIGHT

The CAMERA FOCUSES on Quan and clares house. We see the door open and Shaniqua starts walking out. The CAMERA FOLLOWS her as she keeps walking out of the house. She is crying, we hear yelling from inside the house and something break. Shaniqua wipes her tears and walks away. The scene fades to black and we transition into the next scene.

## 20 INT. XAVIER HALLWAY - DAY

Michonne is walking through the hall way while people talk about her

MICHONNE Hey Britney want to hang out after school? BRITNEY

(Looks mad at her and says nothing)

MICHONNE Ok never mind clearly you have something to do then.

MICHONNE (Walks up to Geoff) Did you find that math test hard?

GEOFF

(In a mad voice) NO!

MICHONNE

(talking to herself) Did I just turn all of all my friends against me? I wonder if that hot baller name Quan likes me?

## 21 INT. RECESS MONDAY - DAY

QUAN and his crew are on the stairwell. QUAN brags about how much money he's making off of Michonne. Claire overhears the bragging she leaves.

> QUAN I'm making a lot of money off Michonne.

TYRECE HAHA probably not as much as I make off drugs.

QUAN Doubt it, I make a nice bit off her.

CLAIRE Ummm what's going on?

QUAN Nothing's going on... why?

CLAIRE Oh well then can you explain why you said your making money off Michonne?

QAUN Why are you always asking what's going on?

CLAIRE God I just want to know!

TYRECE No one wants you here so can you leave.

QUAN Don't talk to my sister that way!

TYRECE Whatever Quan!

CLAIRE

Ugh whatever.

Claire leaves the stairwell.

TYRECE

Now Quan back to what we were talking about.

## 22 INT. XAVIER CAFETERIA - DAY

CLAIRE tells MICHONNE that her brother, QUAN, has been taking money from her. MICHONNE explains that she still

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doesn't have enough money to go to the concert. MICHONNE is very mad and storms out of the cafeteria.

CLAIRE Michonne, Quan has been taking money from you!

MICHONNE HOW DARE THAT HOT BALLER TAKE MONEY FROM ME!! Now I don't have enough for the concert!

MICHONNE storms out of the cafeteria.

The CAMERA follows her out and cuts to a front view of her walking towards the CAMERA.

#### 23 INT. XAVIER STAIRWELL - DAY

Camera starts low and somewhat far away, looking at floor, pans up to stairway slowly.

Quan, Tyrece, Geoff, RaeRae walk to the stairway and sits down midway up stairwell as the camera pans up.

#### TYRECE

Yo where's Tyrone? My shipment just got here. I don't want him missing out.

GEOFF I don't know. But, gimme the strongest stuff you got.

QUAN Tyrece why you always selling your best to Geoff?

Tyrone walks in, sits down.

TYRONE Okay boys! What'd I miss? I just got 15\$ from a little kid. Where's the drugs at.

#### TYRECE

Hey Tyrone! You almost missed the best of the stuff. And Quan, I sell to whoever I can. Best stuff goes first. If not, I get a knife in the face.

QUAN Well, man! I got a fat stack in my pocket so gemmi all of it.

MICHONNE walks to bottom of stairway. Looks at QUAN mad.

MICHONNE Hey Quan! What's with the rest of the money you've been charging people?

## QUAN

(sarcastic) Ok I'm busted, I'm makin cash off of you, 15\$ each customer, big deal take your 5 bucks or leave it.

## RAERAE

Yeah! Suck it up Michonne! You don't have any say here.

MICHONNE goes from angry to scared, almost starts to cry.

MICHONNE Ok well I'm not doing this anymore for you to just make money and buy drugs.

## QUAN

(intimidating) Sure thing. There's only a million other ways for me to get some cash. You were just another penny in the book.

MICHONNE runs off, trying not to cry.

GEOFF So where's the drugs? TYRECE takes out the drugs and continues the deal as the camera fades away to the next scene.

## 24 INT. XAVIER HALLWAY - DAY

MICHONNE races down the hallway from the cafeteria. She is visibly upset and is holding her hand over her mouth. She races to KISHA, SHANIQUA, CLARE and BRITNEY who are gathered in the hallway talking.

## SHANIQUA

What's wrong Michonne?

MICHONNE tries to talk but cannot because she is holding back tears.

## BRITNEY

Michonne! You seem really scared! What's gotten into you?

MICHONNE takes great effort to talk in a calm voice.

MICHONNE (Almost inaudible) I'm sorry.

#### KISHA

What?

MICHONNE I'm really sorry. I've made a bad decision.

MICHONNE stares at CLARE.

#### MICHONNE

You have to speak to your brother Clare! Quan has me spooked. I just tried to speak to him. He's taken money from me.

#### CLARE

Michonne! Be careful. He's still my brother.

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MICHONNE Clare! He's taken my money! He's stolen from me! And now he's got me scared! CLARE Michonne, he isn't that bad. You have to watch what you're saying. MICHONE Watch what I'm saying? Clare! Your brother is bad news. He's a thief! He's a drug dealer! He hangs out with bad people! CLARE Take it back. MICHONNE (Incredulous) What? CLARE Take it back! MICHONNE Not you too. CLARE Yes. Me too. (Pause) Have a look at yourself Michonne. Think about what you've done! You took money from people to tell their fortune! You know how ridiculous that is? People

know how ridiculous that is? People believed you Michonne! You could have ruined people's lives. You have no right to do that - even if it was possible. You're a hypocrite.

That's all you are.

SHANIQUA, BRITNEY and KISHA exchange awkward glances. They look very uncertain as both MICHONNE and CLARE have valid points.

CLARE backs away, totally disgusted with MICHONNE. She walks out of the school very angry.

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MICHONNE, still in tears, is shaken and can barely processed what happened and what part she has played in the whole affair.

QUAN appears in the doorway with his friend and looks on. MICHONNE is frightened. MICHONNE takes just a moment to stare at QUAN and then bolts out of the building too.

## 25 INT. MICHONNE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

No dialogue! MICHONNE is in CLOSEUP, asleep in bed. We do NOT see QUAN'S face as he enters MICHONNE'S house. Cut back to MICHONNE'S face. Cut to QUAN picking up a baseball bat. Finally, we see QUAN'S face. He quietly opens MICHONNE'S door. She is still asleep. Cut to QUAN'S rising bat. The bat swings down. Subjective shot of camera zooming toward MICHONNE'S open mouth.

CUT TO BLACK.