

SCRIPT TITLE

Heart on Her Sleeve

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INT. SCHOOL LUNCHROOM - DAY

DESSA, 15, and DESIRE, 15, twins, enter. They meet RICHARD, 17, and ERIC, 14, in line.

DESSA
Hey guys, how are you?

RICHARD
Good. How was your math test?

DESSA
I got a B. Thanks for helping me.
Now I only have to finish the
reading assignment.

Eric chuckles.

ERIC
You didn't do the reading either?

DESSA
No. Why do we HAVE to read
anything? The books suck.

DESIRE
You told Mom and Dad you did your
homework?

DESSA
I lied. I tried to read the book,
but ended up on the same page.

RICHARD
Why are you worried about it? You
always get the answers during the
discussions.

DESSA
I wouldn't worry if my spot on the
swim team wasn't at stake.

The kids get their meals and bring them to a spot by the front door. They slide onto the floor.

DESIRE
So why did you let it go so far?
What's your grade in English?

DESSA
C. If it goes to a C-, Mom and Dad
will ground me and pull me off the
swim team.

ERIC

Your parents can't do that.

DESIRE

You don't know how close our
parents are to the coach.

RICHARD

Then you better get in line, Dessa.

Dessa fishes through her backpack. She has music sheets in her, mangas, and sketchbooks in her backpack. Her backpack is pretty well organized. She takes out her homework and her book. She starts flipping through *The Catcher in the Rye*. She rolls her eyes.

After watching Dessa struggle to find the answers Richard shows Dessa a place in the book. Dessa jots down the answers on her paper.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

On Dessa's desk she has her homework out along with a sketch book and music sheets. The sketch she has it open to is a fantastic picture of her with powers she would want on the side.

MR. HERZBERG, 47, walks down the rows grading people's study questions. He comes to Dessa's desk and smiles.

MR. HERZBERG

I told you if you tried harder, it
would pay off.

As Mr. Herberg graded her paper she writes on one of her music sheets.

MR. HERZBERG (CONT'D)

Put everything but your school work
away.

INT. SCHOOL POOL - DAY

Desire sits on the bleachers with Richard and Eric. Dessa puts her hair into cap. She waves at them. She gets in the pool and does a set of laps.

Dessa climbs the ladder to the high dive. She gets dizzy. She shakes it off and positions herself to dive.

As she dives, Dessa cries out as she falls into the water.

Desire, Richard, and Eric jump up.

EXT. UNDERWATER - CONTINUOUS

Dessa lets out a gasp. In front of her is a vision of a car crashed head-on into the wall.

EXT. POOL - CONTINUOUS

COACH DAVIS, 56, jumps into the pool and pulls Dessa out of the water. He performs CPR. Dessa coughs and sputters.

Desire runs down to see her.

Dessa screams and curls up into the fetal position.

COACH DAVIS
Calm down. You had a bad fall.

DESSA
The crash--

DESIRE
Dess, what are you talking about?

DESSA
I fell in the pool, but Desire, I think I had a vision.

The swim TEAM gasps.

SWIM TEAM MEMBERS
An oracle? / It's been awhile.

Desire pulls Dessa into a hug.

DESIRE
Coach Davis, call our parents.

INT. CAR - DAY

MARIE SNOW, 36, buckles Dessa in.

MARIE
Dessa, what happened?

Desire climbs into the car. Marie turns to her.

MARIE (CONT'D)
You have to stay here and pick up her homework and finish the day.

DESIRE

Mom, when she was pulled out, she talked about a car crash.

Marie turns to Dessa.

MARIE

You're an oracle, aren't you?

Dessa nods.

INT. DESSA'S HOME - NIGHT

Dessa starts writing in her journal.

DESSA (V.O.)

So I may be an oracle. If I am this may be pretty cool. Maybe I'll be able to stop horrible things from happening before they happen.

Dessa, Desire, and Marie watch a game show on TV. A breaking news story hits.

NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)

We are live at the scene of a horrific crash. Three cars on I-5 crashed. Two are injured, one is in critical condition, and two dead.

Dessa gasps. She tears up. It's official she is an oracle.

The video footage is even worse than she initially thought it would look.

MARIE

Is that the crash you saw?

Dessa nods.

DESIRE

You can help people.

DESSA

Maybe I can.

Dessa smiles at her sister.

Dessa crumples over as another vision starts.

INT. HOME - CONTINUOUS

A STUDENT, home alone, is tied up. There is tape on her mouth and tears in her eyes.

INT. DESSA'S HOME - CONTINUOUS

Dessa cries out as the vision ends.

DESSA

There was a break in at Kimberly's house. Sh-she was tied up.

MARIE

Call her.

INT. HOME - CONTINUOUS

Dessa sketches out what she saw in the break-in vision. On the other half a page she draws what she hopes happens.

INT. HOME - NIGHT

STEVEN SNOW, 38, enters the living room and sits.

STEVEN

Dessa, I heard you're an oracle.
Are you scared of being one.

DESSA

Yes. I am. And I'm actually a
little excited about it.

The phone rings. Steven picks it up.

STEVEN

Hello?

RICHARD (V.O.)

Hi. Turn to channel 5 news.

STEVEN

Why?

RICHARD (V.O.)

Kimberly says she mentioned Dessa
on the news.

Steven hangs up and changes the channel.

NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)

There was a break in earlier today,
but thank goodness no one was home
to get hurt. The girl who lives
there credits a phone call from a
friend as her life saver.

ON THE SCREEN:

KIMBERLY

My friend, Dessa Snow, called me
this afternoon and asked me to go
to a friend's house. She said she
would explain it to me later. She
must have had a bad feeling about
this. If you're watching this,
Dessa, thank you. My parents and I
really appreciate it.

Steven turns to Dessa.

STEVEN

Did you have a vision about a break
in at Kimberly's house?

DESSA

Yeah. I did. Do you mind if I go
for a walk through the park?

STEVEN

Take your phone.

Dessa grabs her purse, kisses her dad's cheek and exits. As
she walks out she stumbles as a vision starts.

EXT. GRASSLAWN PARK - NIGHT

Dessa enters through the back gate. She slips her headphones
on and turns on her mp3 player. She lays down on the grass.

A shadow appears over Dessa. Dessa opens her eyes to see a
TALIA, 35, long black hair in a high pony tail. Dessa takes
off her headphones. It's the woman Dessa saw her confronting
in her latest vision.

DESSA

Hello. Can I help you?

STRANGER

Are you Miss Dessa Snow?

DESSA

Who are you?

TALIA
I'm Talia Winter-Summers.

Talia sits beside Dessa. She smooths her skirt.

TALIA (CONT'D)
I was the last oracle. How are you
holding up?

Dessa nods.

TALIA (CONT'D)
You're starting off better than me.

Dessa sits up.

TALIA (CONT'D)
How many visions have you had?

DESSA
Two.

TALIA
And you already prevented one?

DESSA
How did you know that?

TALIA
I saw your friend on the news.
That's how I knew to look for you.
I didn't start trying to prevent
things from happening until I was
an oracle for a year.

Dessa sits up and starts backing up a bit.

DESSA
Why?

TALIA
I wanted to continue to live a
normal life, but when a tragedy
that I would predict would happen
I'd have a breakdown. My dad did
his best to find me help. My mother
and I now have a strained
relationship. I lost all my friends
except one because of it.

DESSA
I'm sorry.

TALIA

What made you call your friend?

DESSA

My mom suggested it.

TALIA

You're lucky to have a supportive family. Just know that you can't stop everything. Some things are really meant to happen.

Dessa stands.

DESSA

Why would you say that?

TALIA

I'm trying to be helpful. I know what it's like to try to prevent certain events just to have them blow up in your face.

DESSA

Okay. I would have liked to have more visions before getting advice.

TALIA

I'm just trying to help.

Dessa backs up.

DESSA

No, you're not. You are trying to scare me. You may have been the oracle before me, but we have two completely different personalities.

Talia stands up and puts her hands on her hips.

TALIA

What do you mean?

DESSA

Just because you were scared doesn't mean I'll be.

Talia walks over to Dessa and looks her in the eye.

TALIA

You don't know what you're talking about, Lil One.

Dessa pushes Talia away.

Talia scoffs and walks back to Dessa. She puts both her hands on Dessa's shoulders.

Dessa pushes her harder this time. She turns to run before she trips and falls.

Talia slowly walks over to Dessa and crouches over her.

Desire enters the park. She sees Dessa and runs toward her. She sees Talia approach Dessa.

Desire crouches over her sister.

Dessa snaps back to her senses. She pushes Talia and Desire away. Dessa glares at Talia.

DESSA

Is this some kind of sick joke?

TALIA

What are you talking about?

DESIRE

What's going on? What did you see?

DESSA

Dad got into a motorcycle accident.

Dessa turns to Talia and narrows her eyes.

DESSA (CONT'D)

Did you put that vision in my head because I wouldn't listen to you? What kind of sick person are you?!

Talia narrowed her eyes.

TALIA (V.O.)

How dare this kid act like this? I would have loved help when I first became an oracle.

DESSA

Leave me and my family go.

Dessa grabs her sister's hand and they walk home together.

Talia watches them walk off.

INT. DESSA'S ROOM

Dessa's room is filled with filled bookcases with books, sketchbooks, and music books filling the shelves.

She has a giant stereo that takes up three shelves due to the big speakers and the stereo itself.

Dessa's desk sits against the window littered with homework.

Dessa looks around then sits on her bed with her back against the wall. She takes her sketchbook and pencils out of her backpack.

Dessa sketches what she can remember about the vision about her father. She even draws the clothes she saw him wearing.

He is wearing his helmet without the visor meaning he wasn't alone in the crash. His face is bloody and has bruises.

She draws an ambulance in the distance like she saw it. There's a sleeve and shoes that she couldn't really see but she recognizes them as she draws them.

DESSA (V.O.)

He must have been with Desire. He would never wear that helmet unless he was with someone.

Dessa keeps drawing as much as she can remember. When she's done she sits back and observes it.

DESSA (V.O.)

This will be hard to change or avoid, but I have to try.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Dessa walks in. She sits beside her dad on the giant L shaped couch. His eyes are focused on the big screen TV across the room. Football is on.

When a commercial is on Steven looks at his daughter. He sees she's curled up and holding her sketchbook.

STEVEN

What's up?

DESSA

I saw a vision of you and Desire in a motorcycle accident.

Dessa opens the book to her latest sketch. Steven holds it in his hands and studies the details.

DESSA (CONT'D)

I don't know if I can stop this vision, but I think it may help you to buy a second helmet with a visor on the front to minimize the risk of the outcome turning out like this.

Steven's eyes grow huge as he looks at all the details.

INT. DESSA'S ROOM- NEXT MORNING

Desire walks into Dessa's room. She frowns.

DESSA

What's wrong?

DESIRE

Dad's running an errand when we're supposed to have a daddy daughter day.

DESSA

He'll be home soon.

EXT. DESSA'S HOUSE

Desire puts on her helmet and hops on her dad's motorcycle. Both Desire and Steven wave at Dessa as they head out onto the road.

EXT. 142ND STREET

Steven is driving down the road. When the light turns green he starts crossing the intersection a minivan T-bones his motorcycle.

Both Steven and Desire are thrown off the motorcycle and fall onto the street hard.

Steven looks over at his daughter. She looks at him.

INT. DESSA'S HOUSE

Dessa hears the phone ring and as it rings her heart tightens. She can only stare at the phone.

Marie walks into the room and grabs the phone. She raises an eyebrow at Dessa. She picks up.

MARIE

Hello?

FEMALE (O.S.)

Hello. Is this Marie Snow?

MARIE

Yes. Who is this?

Dessa starts trembling.

FEMALE (O.S.)

I'm Kelly Martinez a nurse at Bellevue Hospital. Your husband and daughter have been in an accident.

Marie falls into a chair.

KELLY (O.S.)

They are not in critical condition. Your daughter has a broken leg and mild road rashes on her arms and legs. Your husband has minor road rash on his legs. They are very lucky they had helmets on.

Marie sighs in relief.

KELLY (CONT'D)

They would like you to come to see them as soon as you can.

INT. BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

Dessa and Marie walk into the room where their family are. Dessa examines her sister first.

Her leg has a blue cast on it and is hanging from a pulley system. She has rashes on her arms.

She then looks at her dad. Her dad's tattoo on his right shoulder is scuffed up.

Dessa can't help but smile. Her family is okay.