

"THE FAMILIARS"

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1 EXT. NEW ORLEANS - CITY OF THE DEAD - DUSK 1
(MUSIC PLAYS: "FANTASTIC VOYAGE" - BY LAKESIDE)

A statue of an Angel adorns the Monreaux Mausoleum. She frowns down on the grave site. Suddenly, a crack in the base of the crypt is formed. A claw like hand emerges from the hole. It fiercely scratches it's way out of the tomb. It squeezes it's unearthly body out of the hole and spouts wings. Two more harpy like creatures ooze there way out of the crack in the tomb. They flap their wings, one after another. They take flight off into the night. The Angel on top of the crypt smiles. It's changed position.

FADE TO BLACK.

2 FADE IN: (GRAPHICS - DEFINITION) 2

Fa.mil.iar: (noun) A demon supposedly attending and obeying a Witch, often said to assume the form of an animal.

FADE OUT:

3 FADE IN: EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - NIGHT 3

The flying, harpy, demons reach their destination. They perch on top of the dark Monreaux mansion. The creatures make their way inside. The plantation home lights up. It comes too life.

4 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ATTIC - NIGHT 4
(FLASHBACK - BLACK AND WHITE)

Three faded Voodoo dolls red, gold and green, are affixed to a wooden pole. A man whimpers nailed to another wooden pole. The man's eyes are sewn shut. He cries out as nails are driven into his skin.

FADE TO BLACK:

5 FADE IN: EXT. BOURBON STREET - DUSK 5

People line the street partying and drinking.

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INT. AGGY'S BED & BREAKFAST - LOBBY - BOURBON STREET - DUSK 6

Emerald, Krystal and Ruby Monreaux enter the Bed & Breakfast. The sisters argue, while dragging their luggage into the lobby. Emerald, is beautiful older more demanding sister. She complains about the heat.

EMERALD

Kris, if we can't check in yet...
I'm gonna...

Krystal, also beautiful, middle sibling. She's the mediator of the three and annoyed with her older sister. She tries to diffuse the situation.

KRYSTAL

What Em! What! Can we just see
before you start trippin'! Please!
Can we just do that!

Krystal rolls her eyes in frustration. Emerald does the same and fans herself.

EMERALD

I was gonna say melt! I thought
Philly was hot!

Ruby, is as beautiful as her sisters. She's the sassy younger sibling. Ruby makes fun of both of them. She is pregnant and walks holding her belly. Ruby checks out the lobby.

RUBY

(Sarcastically)
Yea Em... stop trippin'!

Ruby smiles at her. Emerald makes a face at her.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Besides, you're not the only one
who's uncomfortable.

EMERALD

You know, you were adopted right?

Ruby sticks her tongue out at Emerald. Krystal waits at the front desk. She rings the bell. Emerald browses through the travel guide brochures. She picks up a guide to the Voodoo store. Ruby makes herself comfortable in a chair caressing her belly. An older white woman emerges from the back of the Bed & Breakfast. She steps behind the counter and addresses the women.

AGGY

Well, hey child! Now aren't you a pretty little thing. Oh, there's three of you! Need a room?

KRYSTAL

Yes ma'am, three if you have them.

AGGY

I'm afraid not, but I have one big one you three can share.

Emerald cuts her eyes at Ruby. Ruby smiles.

EMERALD

Figures.

KRYSTAL

We'll take it!

Krystal smiles.

AGGY

Okay Darling, how many nights will you be joining us?

KRYSTAL

Just tonight. Our home should be open and ready for us tomorrow.

AGGY

Tomorrow? Well now, where y'all from? Or did ya just move here?

KRYSTAL

No ma'am. We're from Philadelphia. And it's our family home. The Monreaux Plantation Home.

Ruby chimes in. Emerald continues to browse.

RUBY

It seems... we've inherited it.

AGGY

Oh my! You beauties are Monreauxs? Well, I should have seen the resemblance. Now ain't that something!

She looks at them curiously. The sisters smile at her.

AGGY (CONT'D)

I knew your family. Handsome bunch of folk! Well, here are your keys... number 8. Now, if you need anything just give me a shout. I'm Agnes, Agnes Marchand. They call me Aggy around here. They're clean sheets on the bed. Let me know if you need any extra towels.

Aggy points down the corridor. She smiles at them. They head towards their room.

KRYSTAL

Thank you Aggy.

She yells after them down the hall.

AGGY

Bless your hearts! Holla if you need anything now!

The sisters thank her in unison.

EMERALD

Thank you!

KRYSTAL

Thank you!

RUBY

Thank you!

7 INT. AGGY'S BED & BREAKFAST - ROOM - BOURBON STREET - DUSK 7

Ruby opens the door. She finds the nearest comfortable chair in the room and sits. The other two sisters stumble through the door with all the luggage. Emerald cuts her eyes at Ruby.

EMERALD

Comfy Ru?

Emerald drops the bags in the middle of the room.

RUBY

I am.

Ruby smiles. Krystal makes her way to the bed. She drops the rest of the luggage on the bed. Then, checks out the view from the window.

KRYSTAL
I need a shower.

RUBY
Yeah, you do.

Krystal cuts her eyes at Ruby. Ruby smirks at her.

RUBY (CONT'D)
What? I'm just agreeing with you.

KRYSTAL
Girl, you lucky you pregnant.

Krystal and Emerald look at each other in agreement.

EMERALD
I know... right?

RUBY
Yeah and what...? Neither one of
y'all can fight!

KRYSTAL
Ru!

Krystal throws a pillow at Ruby.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)
Girl, shut up!

RUBY
Hey, hey, baby on board... watch
out now!

Krystal and Emerald yell at her in unison.

EMERALD
Ru!

KRYSTAL
Ru!

EMERALD
Girl, close your mouth for one
second!

Ruby frowns and looks offended.

RUBY
See, one day you two will
appreciate my mouth. My mother
wit!

They both cut their eyes at her.

KRYSTAL
Not today girl! Not today.

RUBY
Whatever.

She rolls her eyes at them.

EMERALD
Both of you please. This heat is
making my head hurt.

RUBY
You're not the boss of me Em!

EMERALD
I give up girl.

She flops down on the bed.

KRYSTAL
Me too.

Krystal heads for the shower. Ruby turns on some music.

RUBY
Krys don't use all the hot water!

Krystal throws another pillow at Ruby before she disappears
into the bathroom. It misses her.

RUBY (CONT'D)
You lucky you can't throw either!

DISSOLVE TO:

8 INT. AGGY'S BED & BREAKFAST - BOURBON STREET - NIGHT 8
(MUSIC PLAYS: "NO RHYME OR REASON" - BY GEORGE DUKE)

The sisters sit around the fireplace. They drink wine and
listen to music. Ruby sips on water. She sits her water
down, puts her feet up and closes her eyes. Krystal snores.
Ruby opens her eyes slightly and hugs her belly.

RUBY
Hey little one... you gonna let
Mommy get some rest?

Ruby reaches for her water. It's gone. She realizes the cup
is across the table. Ruby gasps. She looks around the room.

She grabs the water as it moves toward her from across the coffee table. Emerald lays down on the bed. Ruby looks at her sisters to see if they have noticed. They are oblivious. She sits back and rub her belly. She whispers.

RUBY (CONT'D)
You playin' with your Mama?

Ruby smiles. She closes her eyes.

DISSOLVE TO:

9 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - AFTERNOON 9

Emerald, Krystal and Ruby arrive at their family home in a black SUV. The sisters step out of the car. They meet the Groundskeeper, Mr. Mascanty. He helps the women out of the car. They admire the aged old mansion and the colorful flowers. Mr. Mascanty introduces himself.

MR. MASCANTY
Bonjour mon cher! Je suis Monsieur
Mascanty.

RUBY
Merci, Mr. Mascanty. It is
beautiful and the flowers are
stunning!

MR. MASCANTY
Merci, Madame Ruby. Je m'occuperai
de tes sacs (I'll take care of your
bags).

Ruby whispers to her sisters.

RUBY
I guess that means he'll take care
of our bags. How did he know I was
Ruby?

They look a little puzzled by the question. They follow Mr. Mascanty into the mansion.

10 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ENTRYWAY - AFTERNOON 10

The sisters enter the mansion. They marvel at the family portraits, art work, antiques and architecture.

RUBY
Wow! This is beautiful!

EMERALD

And looks expensive! I see money girls... I see money.

Krystal picks up an antique.

KRYSTAL

Old money... really old money!

RUBY

Aw... can we keep it! Think about it... this is our history. Where we come from... how can we sell it?

The sisters look at her for a moment. In unison they answer her.

KRYSTAL

Where do we sign!

EMERALD

Where do we sign!

Ruby rolls her eyes at both of them. She continues to look at the art work in silence. Suddenly, the women are greeted by more servants of the house. The Butler and Housekeeper, line up. They introduce themselves. The Groundskeeper, Mr. Mascanty joins them.

MR. BUDDY

Good Evening ladies! They call me Mr. Buddy!

He laughs a hardy laugh. Mr Buddy motions to the other servants next to him.

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)

This is Miss Sis Priss, your Housekeeper... and you met Mr. Mascanty, your Groundskeeper.

They both smile, nod and wait for instructions.

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)

Mr. Mascanty, please take the ladies of the house and bags up to their rooms. Miss Sis Priss, maybe some Tea and Beignets in the dinning room?

She nods and heads off to the kitchen. Mr. Mascanty scoops up the bags all at once and ascends the grand staircase. He disappears at the top of the stairs.

RUBY

Mr. Buddy, who are these portraits of... going up the stairs?

MR. BUDDY

Well, this here... is your Great, Great, Great Grand Daddy Clayton Monreaux. He was a businessman, great man, an honest man.

He points at the first portrait at the bottom of the staircase.

RUBY

He looks so handsome, so regal!

Emerald and Krystal follow closely behind. They listen intensely.

MR. BUDDY

He was also wealthy and well respected man around here.

EMERALD

Where did his wealth come from?

RUBY

Is that all you care about Em? The almighty dollar!

EMERALD

I'm just curious.

Ruby cuts her eyes at her sister. Emerald throws her hand up. She backs off.

KRYSTAL

Well, I'd like to know too!

EMERALD

Thank you Krys!

KRYSTAL

You know, Mommy and Daddy would never tell us.

RUBY

Okay, Okay, I really want to hear this so can you guys just listen. This is the history of us.

The other two concede. They motion for her to go on.

EMERALD

Okay Ru, will you chill.

KRYSTAL

Yeah, we want to hear the history lesson too. Go ahead Mr. Buddy.

MR. BUDDY

Well, his Master left him everything when he died.

EMERALD

Master?

Ruby cuts her eyes at Emerald again. She backs off.

MR. BUDDY

Yes, your Great, Great, Great Grand Daddy was a slave. The rest of his family died in the fields. So, he was alone and had no one to share it with... until he met her.

Mr. Buddy points to another portrait. They ascend the staircase. The sisters are captivated by the story.

RUBY

She is beautiful!

MR. BUDDY

Mama Tee-beaux, your Great, Great, Great Grandmother. I see the resemblance in you three. She was hypnotically beautiful. Your Great Grand Daddy Monreaux was under her spell... literally. You see, Mamma Tee-Beaux was the daughter of a powerful Bokor.

KRYSTAL

A what now?

EMERALD

What's a Bokor?

MR. BUDDY

A Witch Doctor... Papa Scubonni. He was a powerful Voodoo Priest. People came from all over for his black magic spells... but no matter how powerful he was... his weakness was his daughter. He kept a close eye on her.

(MORE)

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)

She was almost a prisoner. He wanted her to take over for him one day. She was the heir to his throne. But she was under a spell of her own... a love spell. She took one look at your Grand Daddy and that was it.

The sisters hang on to Mr. Buddy's every word.

RUBY

So, this... Papa Scubonni hated the fact that Great Grand Dad was smitten with his daughter, Mama Tee-Beaux too.

MR. BUDDY

So much so, he forbid the two of them to be anywhere near each other.

EMERALD

Let me guess, they didn't take that well. They saw each other anyway.

MR. BUDDY

Your Great Grand Daddy Monreaux tried to stay away, but they say he was Bewitched. Mamma Tee-Beaux wouldn't leave him alone.

KRYSTAL

Bewitched? What does that mean? She controlled him?

MR. BUDDY

Something around here people call... Cursed or Rooted.

DISSOLVE TO:

11 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 11
(BLACK & WHITE - FLASHBACK - MUSIC PLAYS)

Mama Tee-Beaux and Clayton Monreaux share a glass of wine. They dance in front of the fire place. Locked in each other's gaze.

RUBY (V.O.)

Rooted?

DISSOLVE TO:

12 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - STAIRCASE - AFTERNOON 12

Mr. Buddy continues his story. The sisters move in closer. They are mesmerized.

MR. BUDDY
Yes, by Mamma Tee-Beaux.

RUBY
Wait... by Mama Tee-Beaux?

MR. BUDDY
She set her sights on your Great Grand Daddy and made sure he only had eyes for her too. So, she Rooted him.

EMERALD
She put a spell on him.

KRYSTAL
Damn! Really? Wow... I like her style!

She grins.

MR. BUDDY
Yes, he was helplessly in love with her.

DISSOLVE TO:

13 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - BACK PORCH - NIGHT 13
(BLACK & WHITE FLASHBACK - MUSIC PLAYS)

Clayton and Mamma Tee-Beaux kiss out back on the back porch near the swamp.

MR. BUDDY (V.O.)
A powerful love spell. So powerful he was drawn to her like a moth to a flame. He had to have her. So, they hid there relationship, but it wasn't long before Papa Scubonni found out. He torched and cursed your Great Grand Monreaux.

DISSOLVE TO:

14 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ATTIC - NIGHT 14

Papa Scubonni stands next to Clayton Monreaux with a torch. Clayton is nailed to a wooden post. He is in a trance. Papa Scubonni allows the flames to lap at Clayton's feet. Clayton screams out in agony. Papa Scubonni blows smoke in Clayton's face. Then he waves a death rattle in the air. He begins to chant. Papa Scubonni continues to burn Clayton's feet with the torch.

DISSOLVE TO:

15 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME STAIRCASE - AFTERNOON 15

The sisters wince at the thought of Clayton being torched. They continue to listen to Mr. Buddy. The women absorb every detail.

MR. BUDDY

They were married in secret. After Mama Tee-Beaux gave birth to her third child... your Great Grand Daddy started to waste away to skin and bones. Mamma Tee-Beaux tried every spell she could to counter Papa Scubonni's curse. But nothing worked, he was hexed.

EMERALD

So, Mamma Tee-Beaux wasn't strong enough?

MR. BUDDY

No, but she knew she had to do something.

KRYSTAL

She knew she was losing him.

RUBY

He was dying.

MR. BUDDY

Yes, child... he was.

DISSOLVE TO:

16 INT. PAPA SCUBONNI'S SANCTUARY - NIGHT 16
(BLACK & WHITE FLASHBACK)

Mama Tee-Beaux rushes in. She breaks up her fathers ritual. She throws herself at his feet begging him to release his spell on her husband. Papa Scubonni ignores her. He has one of his disciples remove her from his sanctuary.

MR. BUDDY (V.O.)
She begged him to end it. But he
wouldn't budge.

DISSOLVE TO:

17 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - STAIRCASE - AFTERNOON 17

The sisters are fixed on the portraits. Mr. Buddy's history lesson continues. He observes their eager faces and enjoys his captive audience.

EMERALD
So, what happened?

KRYSTAL
Did he, just die?

MR. BUDDY
Papa Scubonni, sent him to the
swamp using one of his dolls.

The sisters gasp in unison. They share a look of fear on their faces.

RUBY
A Voodoo Doll!

MR. BUDDY
Yes. Since Mamma Tee-Beaux knew
about her Father's torture
sessions, she wouldn't let your
Grand Daddy out of her sight.

RUBY
But Papa Scubonni found way to get
to him.

DISSOLVE TO:

18 INT. PAPA SCUBONNI'S SANCTUARY - NIGHT 18
(BLACK & WHITE FLASHBACK)

Papa Scubonni performs a zombie ritual. He uses a Voodoo Doll with Clayton Monreaux's likeness in the ritual.

MR. BUDDY (V.O.)
Yes. He controlled him with it.
Your Great, Great Grand Daddy was
at Papa Scubonni's mercy.

The sister look filled with dread and disbelief.

DISSOLVE TO:

19 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - NIGHT 19
(BLACK & WHITE FLASHBACK)

Clayton Monreaux walks through the mansion in a trance. Mama Tee-Beaux tries to wake him up. But she is helpless. She can do nothing but follow him. Clayton walks down the Grand staircase.

MR. BUDDY (V.O.)
One night your Great Grand Daddy
got up from his bed in the middle
of the night in a trance. Mama Tee-
Beaux couldn't wake him up. So she
followed him.

Mama Tee-Beaux follows him. She screams his name, but Clayton continues walking out the back door and into the swamp.

MAMA TEE-BEAUX
Clayton! Clayton! Clayton!

DISSOLVE TO:

20 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - NIGHT 20

Clayton exits the house. Mama Tee-Beaux follows him out of the house. They walk down to the swamp.

MR. BUDDY (V.O.)
Papa Scubonni made your Great Grand
Daddy walk right into that swamp.

21 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - STAIRCASE - AFTERNOON 21

The girls are immersed in the story. They continue to listen.

MR. BUDDY

Except he didn't count on how strong Mamma Tee-Beaux's love for your Great Grand Daddy was.

RUBY

What did she do?

The sisters anticipate his answer.

MR. BUDDY

She followed him right into that swamp. She drowned with him!

The women are visibly shocked.

KRYSTAL

Oh my God! That's horrible!

EMERALD

Yeah, the Greeks got nothing on us, talk about a tragedy.

Emerald rubs her head.

RUBY

I was really hoping for a happy ending. So, what happened after that?

MR. BUDDY

Mamma Tee-Beaux's body was recovered and laid to rest in the Monreaux Mausoleum in the City of the Dead.

RUBY

And what about Great Grand Daddy? Did they lay him next to her?

MR. BUDDY

No. They never found his body. They say he's still walking around in that swamp... and Mamma Tee-Beaux's ghost wanders the grounds at night waiting for her lost love to return to her from that swamp.

The sisters are in shock.

EMERALD

Lord, this just turned into a horror movie.

RUBY

Right?

KRYSTAL

How sad.

RUBY

But... what a love story!

EMERALD

Or a curse.

The women are speechless. They stare at the portraits. Mr. Buddy breaks the silence. They jump at the sound of his voice.

MR. BUDDY

Well! Enough of the past for now! Let's get you settled into your rooms. I don't want to give nightmares.

They look around at each other.

EMERALD

Too late, Mr. Buddy.

KRYSTAL

Yeah, I don't think any of us will sleep tonight.

RUBY

Wait, so Great Grand Dad is still in the swamp?

MR. BUDDY

His body was never recovered.

EMERALD

Great, so he's just wandering around in that swamp?

KRYSTAL

On that cheery note, I need a drink!

EMERALD

Yeah, I'm officially disturbed. A drink sounds good.

RUBY

You've always been Em.

Emerald makes a face a Ruby. Ruby smiles at her.

EMERALD

Girl, you so lucky you pregnant!

Mr. Buddy leads them up the stairs to their rooms. He changes the subject.

MR. BUDDY

Right this way ladies... you can wash up for supper. Miss Sis Priss is making her amazing award winning Jambalaya for you!

The girls eyes light up.

RUBY

Sounds yummy... I think my little muffin could use a bite.

Ruby rubs her belly. The ladies follow Mr. Buddy up the staircase to their rooms.

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INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - EMERALD'S ROOM - AFTERNOON 22

Emerald enters her room. The bed is adorned in an emerald green spread with matching curtains. Antique candle lit candelabras are displayed on the mantle. Her eyes lock on a portrait of herself resting above the fireplace. She marvels at the detail. Suddenly, her attention is turned toward a shadow in the room. A black cat pounces on her bed. Emerald walks over. She greets the cat.

EMERALD

Hello Beautiful... what's your name... so pretty.

It purrs and rubs up against Emerald. She looks at the gold tag around the cats neck. It reads: "SP"

EMERALD (CONT'D)

S P... Hmmm... I wonder what that stands for?

DISSOLVE TO:

23 INT. MONREAUX PLANATION HOME - RUBY'S ROOM - AFTERNOON 23

Ruby admires her room dressed in ruby red curtains and a matching satin spread on the bed. Her portrait is also displayed over the mantle. Ruby examines a doll that also resembles herself dressed in red. She notices something moving near the bed out of the corner of her eye. Ruby moves toward the bed. She is startled by black bunny that hops up on the bed. Ruby cuddles the bunny. She reads it's name tag.

RUBY

"M"... Hmmm just an initial. Boy
are you cute... and so soft.

She smiles and strokes the bunny's fur.

DISSOLVE TO:

24 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - KRYSTAL'S ROOM - AFTERNOON 24

Krystal check's out her room. She notices the portrait and the doll that resembles herself. Suddenly, a black Raven lands on it's perch. Krystal screams. Her sisters come running and burst into her room.

EMERALD

Krys! What is it!

RUBY

Are you ok?

KRYSTAL

Yeah girl... this bird! It just
scared me!

Ruby laughs.

RUBY

I got a Bunny! Cute little thing.

EMERALD

I got a Cat. She's very Beautiful.

KRYSTAL

Great. I got a bird... I guess he
is kinda handsome... and this
creepy doll that looks nothing like
me! But, I think it's suppose too.

Emerald and Ruby answer in unison.

EMERALD
Me too!

RUBY
Me too!

EMERALD
He?

KRYSTAL
Yea.

EMERALD
How do you know the bird is a *He*?

KRYSTAL
I don't know... I just do.

The Raven squawks. The girls look at the Raven.

RUBY
It must be a custom or something
around here... you know, to give a
pet.

KRYSTAL
How about a creepy doll?

Krystal picks up her doll. She examines it.

EMERALD
And the portrait? Krys, yours
really looks like you.

They look up at the portrait and study it.

KRYSTAL
Thanks Em.

EMERALD
No, not the doll... the portrait.

RUBY
Yeah... mine is spot on too.
Hey... how'd they know what we
looked like?

Krystal walks up to the portrait.

KRYSTAL
I don't know, but this looks really
old. It's not like someone just
painted it. Which would make more
sense.

EMERALD

Yeah, your right.

The dinner bell rings. They snap to attention.

RUBY

Oh good, I'm hungry.

EMERALD

What else is new?

RUBY

Em, don't start none, won't be none.

Ruby throws up her hand at Emerald. She walks away.

EMERALD

I'm just saying girl... you're always hungry!

RUBY

Em, you try carrying around a bowling ball all day and not get hungry!

They laugh.

KRYSTAL

Girl, stop teasing her! Before it turns to Hangry!

They continue laughing.

RUBY

Too late! Already there!

She rolls her eyes at them. The Raven squawks.

KRYSTAL

See, he can't be doing that all night y'all! I gotta get my beauty rest! I'm gonna open up a window or something... he's gonna have to go!

They laugh at her.

EMERALD

Yeah girl, I don't think he's going anywhere.

Krystal storms past them. Emerald and Ruby continue laughing. They exit the room.

25 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - STAIRCASE - NIGHT 25

The sisters head down the stairs to the dinning room. The Raven morphs into Mr. Buddy. He watches the sisters descend the stairs from above.

RUBY

I've always wanted to try
Jumbaliya.

EMERALD

Me too... I hear it's spicy.

KRYSTAL

I think it's like a stew.

RUBY

I'm starving... I could eat
anything at this point.

26 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - DINNING ROOM - DUSK 26

Emerald, Krystal and Ruby sit at the large formal dinning table. They eat dinner. Miss Siss Priss brings out the dessert.

RUBY

Miss Sis Priss, you have to give me
your recipe for this Jambalaya. It
is just scrumptious!

KRYSTAL

Mmmm, hmmm it's amazing!

Krystal shove spoonfuls of food in her mouth.

EMERALD

Just melts in your mouth! And it
has a kick to it! I don't want to
stop eating it.

Ruby rubs her tummy.

RUBY

Well, I have dine sufficiently!

They smile at each other in agreement.

MISS SIS PRISS

Oh, thank you child! The recipe
goes back generations in your
family. I'd say, you are the
rightful owners anyway.

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MISS SIS PRISS (CONT'D)
It's so nice to cook for family
again. It's been so long.

She smiles at them. Then, serves dessert.

EMERALD
Don't get to use to it girls.
Remember it going up for sale.

MISS SIS PRISS
Such a shame!

Miss Sis Priss grabs her mouth, fighting off tears. She
shakes her head. Then, rushes back into the kitchen.

KRYSTAL
Nice Em. Can you be anymore
insensitive?

EMERALD
What! We are selling this place.
And I think we can get a pretty
penny for it. Not to mention all
the antiques. What?

Emerald looks at them. She shrugs her shoulders.

RUBY
Yeah Em. This is their home too.

Emerald rolls her eyes. She shakes her head.

EMERALD
Whatever! Let's just keep our eyes
on the prize ladies! Shall we?

She tries to encourage her sisters.

RUBY
Don't you guys feel a little sad we
are selling it?

KRYSTAL
I know, it is our legacy.

EMERALD
No! No! Not you too now!

RUBY
And it's a beautiful one! So much
history in these walls.

Ruby looks around admires the dinning room decor.

KRYSTAL

Yeah, it's like the whole house is alive.

Krystal makes jazz hands. Emerald tries to convince her sisters to stay focused on selling the mansion.

EMERALD

Come on girls! We need the money. Let's not forget our debts back home. The almighty dollar! Besides, this is a huge upkeep. We would have to live here. What am I saying! We're not talking about this!

Ruby makes faces. She eats her dessert.

RUBY

My Goodness! The "Tare me sue" is too good! I'm in heaven!

Mr. Buddy enters the dinning room. The girls give him their attention.

MR. BUDDY

And how are the ladies of the house doing this evening?

The sisters are a little quiet. Krystal answers.

KRYSTAL

The food is amazing Mr. Buddy. Miss Sis Priss truly out did herself!

They all shake their heads in agreement. They continue eating.

EMERALD

Yeah... I don't think we've eaten like this since Mommy and Daddy were living.

RUBY

Everything is wonderful... thank you so much for everything Mr. Buddy.

MR. BUDDY

Nonsense child... you're at home! This is your home... and believe me... it's our pleasure to make you feel at home.

(MORE)

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)

In fact, some of the locals got wind that you were in town. They want to throw you a small house warming party.

The sisters perk up. They get excited.

RUBY

Wow, that sounds like fun. Where? At the Bar & Grill?

MR. BUDDY

Well, here... of course! You just leave everything up to us.

EMERALD

That's not what we came here for girls!

Krystal and Ruby cut their eyes at Emerald.

RUBY

Come on Em... will you lighten up?

KRYSTAL

Em... we might as well have one last party before we sell it.

RUBY

Yeah, what can it hurt? Let's have some fun! We don't have to be *all* business.

Emerald is annoyed. She concedes.

EMERALD

Okay fine! I see you two have made up your minds anyway. Always make me the bad guy. (She shakes her head) But after the party we seriously need to sell this place and get back to our lives. I want you two to take it seriously. We need to sell it!

The other two answer in unison.

KRYSTAL

Okay...

RUBY

Okay...

EMERALD

I mean it! You two always get side tracked. And gang up on me!

RUBY

Okay Em. We know you mean it!

KRYSTAL

We know. You always mean it, girl!

They laugh. Emerald frowns.

RUBY

You gotta lighten up a little bit. This is the chance of a lifetime!

Mr. Buddy chimes in.

MR. BUDDY

Okay, it's settled then! This will be a party to remember. For you to embrace your history! Your culture! Your legacy!

RUBY

Yasss! I like the sound of that!

KRYSTAL

Preach Mr. Buddy! Preach!

EMERALD

I thought this was just a small house warming party?

Emerald shakes her head at them. Ruby and Krystal raise there glasses and toast. They giggle and celebrate their win.

27

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - KITCHEN - EVENING

27

Miss Sis Priss washes the dishes. Ruby sips on soda water. She dries the dishes for her. The women get to know each other.

MISS SIS PRISS

Ms. Ruby, there's no need for that child.

RUBY

It's my pleasure Miss Sis Priss. I was raised to help when things need to be done.

MISS SIS PRISS
 Okay, well at least sit. Get off
 your feet child.

She pulls a stool up next to the sink. The woman smile at
 each other. Ruby sits down.

RUBY
 Okay, deal.

MISS SIS PRISS
 When are you due child? I mean...
 if you don't mind me asking. You
 look like your about to pop.

Ruby is slightly embarrassed. They laugh.

RUBY
 I feel like it too... in a month or
 so.

MISS SIS PRISS
 The Father... he around?

Ruby shakes her head "No". She drops her head. Miss Sis
 Priss reaches out her hand. She lifts Ruby's head.

MISS SIS PRISS (CONT'D)
 No worries, Mon Cher. You are all
 that child needs. Do you know what
 you're having?

Ruby smiles. She shakes her head "No".

RUBY
 No... I think I wanna be surprised.

MISS SIS PRISS
 You sure.

Miss Sis Priss smiles at Ruby. She makes a face.

RUBY
 Do you know? Wait... Miss Sis
 Priss, you know? How?

MISS SIS PRISS
 Well, of course child. Don't you?

RUBY
 Miss Sis Priss... how would you
 know?

Miss Sis Priss continues washing dishes. She tease her.

MISS SIS PRISS

That's an easy one child. First of all, I've got a lot of mother wit! Just look at how you're carrying. You forget the history of the house you're in?

RUBY

Aw, I don't believe in all that stuff Miss Siss Priss.

MISS SIS PRISS

Don't you? Now, who's not being honest? Of course you do child. She's already shown you your legacy. You know... the way she plays with you.

Ruby's eyes grow bigger. Miss Sis Priss smiles at her.

RUBY

How did you know that? Wait... She?

Ruby studies Miss Sis Priss' face.

MISS SIS PRISS

But you already knew that too... didn't you child?

Miss Sis Priss winks at Ruby. Ruby smiles back at her.

28

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT
(MUSIC PLAYS)

28

Ruby joins her sisters in front of the fireplace on the sofa. She sips on more soda water. The other two share a bottle of red wine. They compare notes about the house and the servants.

RUBY

So, let's dish!

KRYSTAL

Okay! Who's more serious? Mr. Buddy or Miss Sis Priss.

They all answer in unison.

RUBY

Mr. Buddy!

EMERALD

Mr. Buddy!

KRYSTAL

Mr. Buddy!

EMERALD

And what's with those names?

RUBY

I like them. They make me feel like we're apart of something. You know... special. Like royalty.

KRYSTAL

I guess this is as close to it as we're gonna get.

Emerald snaps back at them.

EMERALD

Oh please Ru, come back down to earth!

RUBY

What? You can't tell me you guys don't feel it too.

Ruby pulls her drink toward her on the coffee table.

EMERALD

I feel like we've been catapulted into some kind of twisted alternate reality!

Emerald looks around the living room.

KRYSTAL

Yeah, the whole Voodoo thing is crazy! And honestly it's creepin' me out. Papa Scubonni and Mamma Tee-Beaux... were descendants of Black Magic! And a fight over our Great, Great, Grand Daddy.

EMERALD

(She whispers)

I mean who names their kid Scubonni... or Mascanty?

Krystal and Ruby pause for a moment and look at each other, then laugh.

RUBY

What? It's no different than "Mann Mann" or "Scoobie"! Y'all know how we get down in Philly.

The girls shake their heads in agreement. They continue laughing.

KRYSTAL

Girl, you had to go there. We do have some crazy nicknames in our family. When you say it like that! What about this creepy family curse?

They look at each other.

RUBY

I rather look at it as a beautiful love story?

EMERALD

Yes, we know Ru.

KRYSTAL

Girl, you're forever the hopeless romantic.

Ruby rolls her eyes at them.

EMERALD

Let's talk about that money we're gonna make off this house!

RUBY

Em!

EMERALD

Ru!

KRYSTAL

Em, you are like a dog with a bone.

EMERALD

So, I've heard. Don't start Ru!

They both look at Krystal for support. Emerald & Ruby say her name in unison.

RUBY

Krys!

EMERALD

Krys!

KRYSTAL

Oh, you two! Can't we just chill right now? Let's watch some flix and chill. Ya'll messin' up my buzz!

They both roll their eyes at her.

RUBY

Oh, you're no help... I'm just saying! Let's just learn about our history. We may not get another chance.

KRYSTAL

I agree Ru.

RUBY

I mean Em... what's the harm in that?

EMERALD

You keep saying that Ru! Just remember you said that when you get all scared of that Voodoo crap!

KRYSTAL

Okay, she does have a point Ru. You are the scariest.

RUBY

I am not!

They laugh. Ruby frowns.

EMERALD

You scare yourself when you walk pass a mirror.

RUBY

Only when it's dark!

They continue to laugh at her. Ruby acts annoyed.

RUBY (CONT'D)

That's cool... y'all got jokes! Whatever!

She rolls her eyes at them.

KRYSTAL

But seriously... you guys notice that?

RUBY
Notice what?

EMERALD
Not a lot of mirrors. How can you
be a woman and not notice that?

RUBY
When you're a pregnant woman, trust
me, there's a lot you don't want to
see.

They all laugh. Mr. Buddy enters the living room. He
addresses the sisters.

MR. BUDDY
Good evening ladies. I just want
to say on behalf of Miss Sis Priss,
Mr. Mascanty and myself... We are
so happy you're here. And if
there's nothing else, we are gonna
retire for the evening.

The sisters thank him in unison.

RUBY
Thank you Mr. Buddy!

KRYSTAL
Thank you Mr. Buddy!

EMERALD
Thank you Mr. Buddy!

Mr. Buddy smiles at them. He starts to leave the room.
Then, he turns back.

MR. BUDDY
Do you ladies do that all the time?

KRYSTAL
Do what?

MR. BUDDY
Say things at the same time?

EMERALD
Uh, I guess we've always done it,
when we're around each other.

KRYSTAL
Yeah, we just don't notice it as
much anymore.

RUBY

Mr. Buddy, where can we go and get
our swerve on?

He looks at her confused. The sister's laugh.

KRYSTAL

You know our groove on!

He cocks his head to the side puzzled. Emerald clears things
up for him.

EMERALD

You know, listen to some music Mr.
Buddy.

She rolls her eyes at her sisters. He laughs.

MR. BUDDY

Oh! Well, that would be at
SUGA DADDIES! It's also your
"Speak Easy".

EMERALD

Wait, we have a "Speak Easy"?

The women look surprised. They are thrilled at the same
time.

MR. BUDDY

Been in the family for generations.

KRYSTAL

Wow! Do we own anything else?

MR. BUDDY

Not that I know of... other than
the Bar & Grill, the Family
Crypt... there's a car in the
garage and... oh, the pets.

EMERALD

Speaking of the pets... is that a
custom or something around here?

MR. BUDDY

Your Great, Great, Great
Grandmother always had pets in the
house. For company and protection.
I suppose... they've just always
been around. We take care of each
other and our own around here. If
there's nothing else?

EMERALD
No, thank you Mr. Buddy.

KRYSTAL
Thank you Mr. Buddy.

RUBY
Goodnight Mr. Buddy.

Mr Buddy smiles at them. With a hardy laugh, he exits the room.

29 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - EMERALD'S ROOM - NIGHT 29
(MUSIC PLAYS - BY)

Emerald gets in bed. The cat curls up next to her. Emerald talks to the cat.

EMERALD
Good night "SP".

The cat purrs. Emerald falls asleep.

DISSOLVE TO:

30 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - KRYSTAL'S ROOM - NIGHT 30

Krystal searches her purse for her makeup compact. She admires herself and catches a glimpse of someone behind her. She turns.

KRYSTAL
Somebody there?

The Raven answers with a squawk.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)
Hey, Hey, it's to late for all that
Mr. Bird!

Krystal climbs into bed. She turns off the lamp and closes her eyes.

DISSOLVE TO:

31 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - RUBY'S ROOM - NIGHT 31

Ruby sips her water. She puts it on her nightstand. She crawls into bed. Ruby talks to the Bunny. He stares at her in his bed.

RUBY
Good night Mr. M.

Ruby reaches for her water. She notices it is across the room on her dresser. She looks at the Bunny.

RUBY (CONT'D)
Did you do that?

Ruby stares at the Bunny. She rubs her belly.

RUBY (CONT'D)
Or was that you little one?

Ruby smiles. She turns over and closes her eyes.

32

EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - GARAGE - NIGHT
(MUSIC: "FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY" - BY THE O'JAYS)

32

The garage door opens. It reveals a Classic Car in mint condition. The sisters are speechless. They look at each other in shock.

EMERALD
Oh, my Lord!

RUBY
Yasss!!!! Thank you Jesus!

Ruby smiles. She claps her hands. The sisters circle the car admiring it.

EMERALD
Shut! Up! I'm driving!

Emerald hops in the drivers seat.

KRYSTAL
I got shot gun!

Krystal runs around the car. She hops in the passenger's seat.

RUBY
I have no problem being Ms. Daisy!

Ruby gets into the backseat. They giggle. The women take off out of the garage and down the street. Mr. Buddy, Miss Siss Priss and Mr. Mascanty walk out of the garage behind them. They watch the sisters drive away.

MR. BUDDY
So, what do you think?

MISS SIS PRISS

I think they can hold their own.
With our help... of course. Their
bond is strong. I can feel it.

MR. MASCANTY

Ca c'est bon. (That's Good)

33 EXT. CLASSIC CAR - FRENCH QUARTER - AFTERNOON 33
(MUSIC PLAYS: "DEVOTION" - EARTH, WIND & FIRE)

The sisters drive around the French Quarter sight seeing.
They enjoy their new car.

DISSOLVE TO:

34 INT. SUGA DADDY'S NIGHT LOUNGE - NIGHT 34
(MUSIC PLAYS: MAMA N'BAUVE' - SINGS)

Emerald, Krystal and Ruby enter the lounge. They take in the sights. The girls find a table. The band plays smooth Jazz. A beautiful black woman dressed in black sings on stage. The lounge is littered with the locals. The sisters order some food and drinks. The woman dressed in black walks around the room greeting people after her performance. The sisters enjoy the bands music. The people in the lounge are captivated by the woman greeting them at their tables.

KRYSTAL

Hey, I wonder who she is... she
must be the Hostess.

RUBY

Yeah, everyone seems to know her.

Emerald grins. She notices the money being spent in the bar.

EMERALD

Wow... look at the crowd. This
place looks very lucrative girls.
And it's all ours!

RUBY

I thought you wanted to sell
everything Em!

KRYSTAL

Yeah, Em!

They give each other the side eye. Emerald gives them a funny look. The band takes a short break and encourages Karaoke. Ruby is excited.

She tries to get her sisters to join her on stage. They are very reluctant, but give into their little sister's urging. Krystal swallows her drink. She joins her sisters on stage. They find themselves singing for the crowd. MUSIC PLAYS: The sisters perform: "Prime Time"- by Janelle Monae' The crowd cheers. The girls exit the stage laughing and giggling. They find their table. The sisters congratulate each other on their performance.

RUBY

That was fun!

EMERALD

Yass! We still got it!

They hi-five each other.

KRYSTAL

Remember when we use to do that all the time.

The woman in the black dress makes her way over to their table. She introduces herself.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Welcome to SUGA DADDY'S ladies.
That was a wonderful performance.
So much beauty. So much talent.
I'm your Hostess, Simone N'Bauve'.
They call me, Mama N'Bauve'.

The sisters look at her suspiciously. Emerald makes the introductions.

EMERALD

Well, I'm Emerald... and these are my sister's, Krystal and Ruby.

KRYSTAL

Nice to meet you.

RUBY

Nice to meet you.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Aw... how cute. Precious gems...
with rhythm, melody and harmony.
Such gifts... and you look like
your ready to pop! Are you
vacationing?

RUBY

No... we're here on family
business.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Oh! I thought I knew all the families around here.

KRYSTAL

Well... we own the Monreaux Estate.

RUBY

It's our family home.

Emerald interrupts.

EMERALD

And we own this establishment as well.

Mama N'Bauve' looks the girls over. She sizes them up.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Really. Isn't that unexpected.

RUBY

Do you think I can get some lemon for my water?

MAMA N'BAUVE'

I don't know... can you?

Mama N'Bauve' rolls her eyes at them. She turns on her heels, and walks away. Mama N'Bauve' continues greeting other guest. The sisters look at each other curiously.

RUBY

Girl, that was rude!

EMERALD

Wasn't she though?

KRYSTAL

Little Heifer!

They watch her cross the lounge. She disappears in the crowd.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Yeah, it got really chilly all of a sudden didn't it?

The sisters are pulled out onto the dance floor by three attractive men. (MUSIC PLAYS: AFTER THE DANCE - BY MARVIN GAYE) They dance and have a good time.

DISSOLVE TO:

35 EXT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MONREAU MAUSOLEUM - NIGHT 35

People in hooded black robes and masks parade through the City of the Dead. They carry torches dancing around the Monreaux Masoleum chanting. They follow a hooded figure wearing a red robe and mask. The red hooded figure holds a torch up toward the Angel on top of the mausoleum. Suddenly, the Angel Statue turns it's head. It looks down at the red hooded figure. The red hooded figure takes off the mask and hood. It is Mama N'Bauve'. She orders the Angel on top of the mausoleum to dance.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

(Whispers)

Now... dance for me!

The Angel statue twists and contorts. It starts to dance on top of the mausoleum. The others marvel at the sight. They bow down to Mama N'Bauve'. She conducts the Angel statue as if she were conducting a symphony.

DISSOLVE TO:

36 INT. MONREAU PLANTATION HOME - ENTRY - NIGHT 36

The sisters burst through the entryway doors. They appear to be with their dates from the lounge. They all make their way up to their perspective rooms laughing and giggling. All at once, the dates disappear. The sisters continue toward their rooms. The women pass Emerald's black cat on the staircase banister. The sisters continue with their imaginary dates into their rooms. They all close they're doors. The cat morphs into Miss Sis Priss. She looks worried. She shakes her head and descends the staircase.

37 INT. MONREAU PLANTATION HOME - DINNING ROOM - MORNING 37

Miss Sis Priss rings the Breakfast Bell. The sisters file in to the dinning room one by one slowly. Miss Sis Priss continues to place the food on the table. The women sit in silence. They are still in their pajamas. The women look hungover and in a daze.

KRYSTAL

Why does my head feel like it was
slammed in a door repeatedly?

Krystal puts her head in her hands. She sighs heavily.

EMERALD

I guess the same reason mine feels like someone ran over it, again and again and again.

She massages her temples.

RUBY

Well, I didn't drink at all and I feel like mine was in a dryer all night.

Emerald looks around the room. Then, under the table.

EMERALD

Hey, where are our dates? I know I brought a man home last night.

They laugh, holding their heads. Miss Sis Priss emerges from the kitchen with pancakes. She interrupts the girls laughter. The girls are quiet. Miss Sis Priss places the food on the table. She answers them.

MISS SIS PRISS

Oh, they're long gone child. They're Master called those Coo-yons home before you entered this house. Before your heads hit the pillows. (She smirks) Now, eat up so you can get rid of that elixir in your systems. Come on now... eat up!

She disappears back into the kitchen. Krystal makes a face.

KRYSTAL

Uh, I can't eat.

Emerald pushes her plate away. She grabs her coffee.

EMERALD

Me neither.

Ruby pulls her plate closer. She digs in to the food.

RUBY

Well, I can.

Emerald watches Ruby eat. She winces at the sight.

EMERALD

What's a Coo-yon?

They look at each other curiously. Ruby continues eating. Emerald and Krystal make faces at her shoveling the food in. Miss Sis Priss emerges from the kitchen with more food. She places it on the table.

MISS SIS PRISS
I believe you would call them
fools, child.

Ruby pauses between bites.

RUBY
Hey how did she hear us?

Krystal looks at the food.

KRYSTAL
I feel sick.

MISS SIS PRISS
Trust me, eat and you will feel
better.

EMERALD
What elixir, Miss Sis Priss?

MISS SIS PRISS
You three were Rooted. Now eat!

RUBY
You mean Roofied! In our own club?

MISS SIS PRISS
No Rooted! *Cunja*, the *gris*,
gris... put under a dark spell.

They answer in unison.

EMERALD
What!

KRYSTAL
What!

RUBY
What!

EMERALD
You mean my man wasn't real!
Damn... and he was fine too.

Ruby questions Miss Sis Priss further.

RUBY
Miss Sis Priss, you mean like
Great, Great Grand Daddy?

The women perk up. They give her their attention. Miss Sis Priss waves her spatula at them.

MISS SIS PRISS
Yes! Now, eat!

They answer in unison.

EMERALD
Yes ma'am.

KRYSTAL
Yes ma'am.

RUBY
Yes ma'am.

Miss Sis Priss disappears into the kitchen. The women look confused. They are still in pain. They do as they are told and eat. Mr. Buddy enters the dining room.

MR. BUDDY
Good Morning ladies!

KRYSTAL
Not, so loud Mr. Buddy.

MR. BUDDY
Oh, too much *swirl* at SUGA DADDY'S
last night?

The girls giggle. They stare at him for a moment.

EMERALD
You mean, *swerve* Mr. Buddy.

MR. BUDDY
Oh! Yeah... that's what I meant.

He chuckles. They laugh with him, holding their heads.

RUBY
No, Miss Sis Priss said, we got
Rooted, the *gris, gris* put on us
and we need to eat!

MR. BUDDY
What!

He is surprised.

RUBY

Yeah, that's what we said, Mr. Buddy!

Mr. Buddy's mood quickly changes from upbeat to very serious.

MR. BUDDY

It's come to this now? Thought there was more time.

Mr. Buddy drops his head. He begins to pace in front of them. They watch his actions carefully as they eat.

EMERALD

So, you think so too... huh Mr. Buddy?

KRYSTAL

Wait, come to what? I'm not digging the sound of this.

Mr. Buddy stops pacing. He addresses them.

MR. BUDDY

If that's what Miss Sis Priss says... I'm sure she's right. I thought we would've had more time to deal with this properly.

RUBY

More time? Mr. Buddy what are you talking about... more time for what?

The girls tune into his every word, they look concerned.

MR. BUDDY

More time before your enemy showed their hand, their face. I'll explain... you girls are in danger. We must prepare.

RUBY

What you talkin' about Mr. Buddy?

Emerald pushes back.

EMERALD

Prepare for what? We're leaving at the end of the week. Selling this place. We're not preparing for anything!

MR. BUDDY

We all know that's not going to happen now child.

The women look at him puzzled. Emerald and Krystal stop eating. They give Mr. Buddy their full attention.

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)

It doesn't matter where you go... You have no choice. Evil, will find you. I know how it sounds. It's just the way it is.

KRYSTAL

Evil who! We just got Roofied!

The sisters become visibly upset. Emerald and Krystal drop their forks. Ruby stops eating.

MR. BUDDY

Well, *it* did reveal itself to you last night... didn't it?

RUBY

Wait... Mr. Buddy. Wait... what are you saying? I feel like we just walked into the Twilight Zone.

The sisters have looks of concern and fear on their faces.

MR. BUDDY

I'm sorry ladies... you have not only inherited this house and your Great, Great, Grand Father's riches... but also his curse.

RUBY

Mr. Buddy, stop playin'!

The girls study his face.

KRYSTAL

His what now!

Emerald gets up from the table. She backs away.

EMERALD

No, No, this can't be happen... some legacy Ru!

The girls are alarmed.

KRYSTAL

This trip just got ugly!

EMERALD

What! This is crazy! That grim fairytale you told us the other night? About Great Grand Daddy Monreaux?

KRYSTAL

I know it's true... but!

MR. BUDDY

Yes. Every bit Ms. Krystal. I told you, it's your history... your legacy.

RUBY

Well, wait, how do we inherit his curse?

MR. BUDDY

You are his descendants.

RUBY

So! We didn't do anything!

MR. BUDDY

You were born Miss Ruby.

KRYSTAL

You mean like, the sins of the father are visited upon the children.

MR. BUDDY

Exactly. In this case... Children's... children.

RUBY

But that was Papa Scubonni!

EMERALD

He's long dead by now... just like Great, Great Grand Daddy!

MR. BUDDY

Papa Scubonni had more than one child... and Great, Great, Great Grand children too.

EMERALD

So, his descendants are exercising his curse?

MR. BUDDY

Papa Scubonni not only cursed your Great, Great Grand Daddy Clayton, he cursed his children's children. That's you ladies. And he made sure his children's, children would make good on that curse.

KRYSTAL

This is insane! This stuff happens to other people! Not us!

RUBY

Apparently not.

Emerald stops pacing.

EMERALD

Oh my God. This *is* a Greek tragedy. That's why Mommy and Daddy never talked about it. Or this place.

Emerald slumps back down at the table in disbelief.

RUBY

Because, they knew it would catch up with us, eventually.

KRYSTAL

I guess they thought if they didn't talk about the curse! There would be no curse!

The women sulk in their chairs.

EMERALD

We're stuck, in this crazy family feud.

RUBY

That we had nothing to do with! Some inheritance!

MR. BUDDY

So, before you were Rooted... *it* revealed itself to you. What is it's name?

They look around at each other.

RUBY

N'Bauve'... she called herself, Mama N'Bauve'.

MR. BUDDY
N'Bauve', I should have known it
was her.

KRYSTAL
She hid herself until now?

MR. BUDDY
Yes... and now we must prepare
ladies.

Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascanty join them. The sister look
at them in disbelief. Ruby picks up her knife and fork. She
continues eating her pancakes. Her sisters look at her
curiously.

RUBY
What?

She looks at her sisters.

RUBY (CONT'D)
I can't do this on an empty
stomach! I just can't!

Emerald and Krystal continue eating.

38 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON 38

The sisters sit in the living room silent, still in a daze.
Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascanty try to delicately
prepare them for what's next.

MR. BUDDY
You must still your minds. Your
biggest strength is each other.
Your love for each other is your
most powerful weapon. Don't forget
that!

The girls look around at each other. Emerald challenges Mr.
Buddy.

EMERALD
Oh my God! Why are we even
entertaining this! Let's just get
out of here!

She jumps up.

RUBY
Em... Mr. Buddy said, this will
follow us.

KRYSTAL

Em, it's okay. We're scared too.

Emerald is afraid and agitated. Krystal reaches out to her. Emerald pushes away from her.

EMERALD

I'm not scared!

Her sisters study her. They are quiet. Emerald continues to rant.

EMERALD (CONT'D)

I'm not! I mean... what does he know? We just met him! We're suppose to just believe all this crap!

KRYSTAL

Em, calm down.

EMERALD

I'm calm!

Emerald starts to pace. Miss Sis Priss tries to reason with her.

MISS SIS PRISS

You already feel it child. That's why you're so upset.

EMERALD

I'm not upset! You don't know me!

KRYSTAL

Em!

MISS SIS PRISS

Your changed since you've walk in this house child. Don't lie to yourself. That will be the end of you.

EMERALD

Are you guys really buying this!

KRYSTAL

Okay, that's a little dramatic Miss Siss Priss. But she right... I do feel different.

Krystal looks at her sisters. Ruby nods in agreement.

RUBY

Me too. Can't explain it... but I do too.

Emerald is still irritated.

EMERALD

Oh my God! Why are you two buying into this crap! I'm sorry, I can't be that gullible! We don't know these people!

MR. MASCANTY

J'ai gros couer. (I feel like crying)

Mr. Mascanty drops his head. The sisters sense his dread. Emerald continues to pace.

MR. BUDDY

Look, I know you're scared... you should be.

EMERALD

You keep saying that! I'm not scared!

KRYSTAL

Em!

EMERALD

No! They obviously don't know where we come from!

RUBY

Em... be honest. You feel it too... don't you?

EMERALD

Okay, I feel something... but I still feel all this Voodoo crap is a load of horse shit!

Emerald throws her hands up. She storms out of the room. Krystal starts to run after her.

RUBY

Krys, let her go. Give her a minute. It's a lot to digest. Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss... we apologize for Emerald. She meant know disrespect.

Krystal rejoins Ruby on the sofa. Mr. Buddy sighs heavily and continues.

MISS SIS PRISS

It's okay child... we understand.
There's nothing normal about
this... but it is real.

MR. BUDDY

That will be your weakness! You
must take this threat seriously.
I'm asking you to trust in each
other's love. That's it! That's
not hard to do... is it child?
Your eyes will trick you... but
your love for each other is strong.
You feel it! You trust it! You
know it is always there! That's
something you do as automatic as
breathing. Don't let anything or
anyone change that! It will anchor
you... believe in each other.
That's your power! I know this is
a lot to take in... but we will be
here with you. It's our duty. We
will not leave your side.

Emerald walks back into the room. She sits next to her sisters. She has tears in her eyes. They smile at her. She wipes her tears.

EMERALD

Why? This is not your fight.

MR. MASCANTY

Not Capo! (No Cowards!)

MR. BUDDY

We our bound to this family and
this house... We are bound to you.
This is just as much our fight as
it is yours.

KRYSTAL

Well, what more can she do to us?

MR. BUDDY

She rooted you, to show you she can
get to you. Do not take her powers
lightly either. Papa Scubonni was
a powerful Bokor. Don't forget
what he did to your Great, Great
Grand Daddy.

(MORE)

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)
 If Mama N'Bauve' possesses even a
 quarter of his Black magic, she
 will be a handful.

MR. MASCANTY
 Lahn yop! (Something extra!)

RUBY
 (She mumbles)
 Yeah, she's something extra
 alright.

Her sisters agree.

EMERALD
 Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss... I'm
 sorry... I shouldn't not have...

Mr Buddy cuts her off.

MR. BUDDY
 It's okay child. There's nothing
 to apologize for.

MISS SIS PRISS
 We're sorry to have to warn you...
 of what is coming.

MR. BUDDY
 And make no mistake... she is
 coming.

39 INT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MAMA N'BAUVE'S SANCTUARY - AFTERNOON

Mama N'Bauve' performs a ritual with her followers. She take
 a machete and cuts off the head of a snake. Mama N'Bauve'
 sits on her throne. The followers chant. They dance around
 her.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
 The Monreaux sisters' powers and
 everything else will be mine.

She walks over to a large spider web. She squeezes the blood
 from the snake on to the web. Then the spider.

40 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - DINNING HALL - NIGHT 40
 (MUSIC PLAYS - BACKGROUND)

Emerald, Krystal and Ruby greet their guests at the house
 warming party. They are stunning in their colorful red,
 green and gold cock tale dresses.

The women cozy up to the locals. Mr. Buddy greet the guests with a drinks. Miss Sis Priss serves hor d'oeuvres. Mr. Mascany parks the guests cars. The sisters are on edge, but they try not to show it. They huddle together.

KRYSTAL

Okay y'all, what are the odds that our crazy cousin Mama "Nasty Biatch"... shows up?

They all laugh.

RUBY

I'd say, 100 percent!

The women survey the crowd. They assess their current situation.

EMERALD

This whole thing is crazy! I want a do over!

RUBY

Em, it is what is... let's just remember what Mr. Buddy said.

KRYSTAL

Yeah, our love for each other is our power. Like we didn't know that already.

Emerald gives her sisters the side eye.

EMERALD

Whatever that means! I say, we give our cuz... a good ole fashion beat down when she gets here.

Ruby and Krystal entertain that idea.

KRYSTAL

Right! That's what I'm talkn' about! We from Philly! Girl won't know what hit her! I wish she would come up in here wit some ole' Voodoo crap!

Krystal rolls her eyes. Ruby and Emerald eagerly agree.

RUBY

Yasss! I'm still mad she roofied me! She do gotta good ass whoopin' coming! It's not like she can't see I'm pregnant!

Ruby shows off her belly. The sisters shake their heads in agreement. They respond in unison.

EMERALD

Okay!

KRYSTAL

Okay!

RUBY

She really don't know... who we are!

Ruby rolls her eyes. Music plays: "Our Love " - by Mary J. Beige'. Ruby gets excited. She drags her sisters on stage to sing. People socialize and have a good time. After there karaoke performance. The sisters find themselves relaxing and having fun. Without warning, Mama N'Bauve' enters the house. She is in a black cock tale dress flanked by two muscular black men. The sister's move to confront her together.

KRYSTAL
(Mumbles)

Here we go.

RUBY

No she didn't!

EMERALD

Yep... but got to admit, the can make an entrance. And damn! The men are fine!

Ruby agrees. Krystal is the voice of reason.

KRYSTAL

Em... focus!

EMERALD

Girl, I am! Good Lawd!

Krystal and Ruby hold Emerald back. Mama N'Bauve' addresses the sisters.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Let me see, Emerald, Krystal and Ruby the fiery one... remember me ladies? I guess I could say, what's up cousins!

Emerald steps closer to her. Ruby and Krystal move with her. They hold her back.

EMERALD

Yeah Bitch! You drugged us! In our own club!

KRYSTAL

And you weren't invited here! So why don't you just turn on your heels and don't let the door hit cha!

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Aw, now, is that the way you treat family? I just came to check out my... the house. And of course the family I didn't know I had. What's with all the attitude?

RUBY

You started it... and trust, we will finish it!

She smiles. Krystal chimes in.

KRYSTAL

You know, usually we embrace family... but like my sister's said, we owe you a beat down from the other night!

Mama N'Bauve' smiles. She looks her cousins up and down.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Oh come on now cuz! Three against one... can't we talk about this? That doesn't seem fair.

EMERALD

Seems fair... you mess with one, you get all three!

Mama N'Bauve' looks them over.

RUBY

Stop gittin'! Bitch you drugged us! Did I stutter! I'm pregnant! And two seconds off your bony ass!

Ruby moves closer to her. Emerald and Krystal move to her side. Mamma N'Bauve' steps closer to Ruby.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

My bad cuz... maybe we got off on the wrong foot. I brought you a house warming gift.

Mama N'Bauve' raises her arms. She chants in tongues. All at once, the guests at the party stand still. The sisters step back. They look around at their guest. The guest throw their heads back. Their mouths gape open wide. Spiders crawl out of their mouths in droves. The army of spiders cover everything in their path. Surprised and frightened the sisters huddle together holding hands. They back away. The spiders appear not to cross an invisible barrier that surrounds them.

EMERALD

What the hell!

KRYSTAL

This can't be happening!

The men that flank Mama N'Bauve' morph into Alligators. They snarl and snap at the sisters fiercely. Suddenly, Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascanty jump in front of the sisters. Their mouths stretch wide open, barring teeth. They fall down on all fours. They change into Rougarou. The Familiars defend the sisters against the snapping gators. The sisters freeze. Mama N'Bauve' addresses the women.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Oh, how cute, you brought your *Familiars* too. Give me what I want...

She focuses on the sisters.

MAMA N'BAUVE' (CONT'D)

...and you don't gotta go out like this... Cousins! (She cocks her head to the side) I promise, I'll let you live... because your family and all. You have until the end of the week... or I'll forget we're family. (She winks and smiles at them)

KRYSTAL

What is it that you want!

Mama N'Bauve' steps closer to the sisters. She observes the barrier.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

My birth right! I want everything thang Cousins! Your power... is wasted on the three you! Don't keep me waiting!

Mama N'Bauve' waves her hand. She disappears all at once in a smoke screen along with her entourage. The spiders disappear. The guests return to normal. The guest don't seem to remember anything. Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascany change back into their human forms. They check on the sisters. Then, attend to the guest. The sisters try to pull themselves together. Krystal rambles to her sisters. Emerald is in shock.

KRYSTAL

Holly Crap! This just got real!
This Bitch is crazy! We ain't
ready for this y'all! Or was that
a dream!

Krystal puts her hand over her mouth. She looks at her sisters.

EMERALD

If it was, I'm having the same
dream! Did you see that! Mr.
Buddy, Miss Sis Priss and Mr.
Mascany are Werewolves!

Ruby is visibly angry. She grabs her belly. She tries to catch her breath.

RUBY

Oh... it's on!

41 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - RUBY'S ROOM - NIGHT 41

The girls sit on Ruby's bed in their pajamas. They discuss what they just witnessed.

KRYSTAL

For once, I don't know what to say,
I feel like I can't wake up.

EMERALD

Well, that's a first.

Krystal throws a pillow at Emerald. They sit in silence for a moment.

RUBY

Hey, we have *Familiars*. That's
what she called them. Mr. Buddy,
Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascanty.

Ruby pulls out her phone. She reads from it.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Listen to this... a "Familiar" is a Demon supposedly attending and obeying a Witch...

They look at each other in disbelief. Ruby continues reading.

RUBY (CONT'D)

...often said to assume the form of an animal.

The girls start to brainstorm.

EMERALD

Hey, wait a minute. That means, my Cat... is Miss Sis Priss.

KRYSTAL

And... my Bird... is Mr. Buddy.

RUBY

I guess my Bunny... is Mr. Mascany. I knew there was something strange about them. I just couldn't put my finger on it.

Emerald and Krystal gasp in unison.

KRYSTAL

They're... Demons!

EMERALD

They're... Demons!

Ruby looks at her sisters.

RUBY

Our Demons.

They look at each other. Ruby walks across the room and faces them.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Our *Familiars*. That makes us... Witches!

They answer in unison.

KRYSTAL

Witches!

EMERALD

Witches!

They study each other. Krystal looks at Emerald. She touches her chin.

EMERALD (CONT'D)
Krys, what are you doing?

KRYSTAL
I'm checking for a wort, hairs.

Emerald smacks her hand away. Ruby laughs at them. They laugh each other.

EMERALD
Do I look like a Witch?

RUBY
Girl, you act like one sometimes!

They laugh. Emerald throws another pillow at Ruby.

KRYSTAL
Girl, was too easy. Well, I'm sleeping right here tonight.

She curls up on the bed.

EMERALD
Me too.

Emerald curls up next to her.

RUBY
Really, like when we were kids?
Who can sleep after that?

She lays down next to them. Ruby rubs her belly. They spoon each other. Krystal starts to fall asleep. She mumbles.

KRYSTAL
All I know is... I'm sleeping with one eye open from now on.

Emerald and Ruby mumble.

EMERALD
Me too.

RUBY
Me too.

The women fall asleep. They snore in unison.

42

INT. MONREAU PLANTATION HOME - DINNING ROOM - MORNING 42

Mr. Buddy and Mr. Mascanty stand at attention. Miss Sis Priss nervously puts breakfast on the table. She disappears back into the kitchen. The sisters enter the dinning room. They sit down at the table. The girls stare at them in silence. Krystal breaks the silence.

KRYSTAL

Em, pass the butter.

Emerald picks up the butter. She puts it down in front of Krystal. The women's eyes never leave their Familiars.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Thanks. Ru, can you pass the syrup?

Ruby looks at Krystal strangely.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)

What? Do I look at you funny when you're hungry?

Ruby shakes her head. She passes the syrup. Ruby's gaze goes back to the Familiars.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Em, can you...?

EMERALD

Krys! Cut the crap!

Krystal rolls her eyes at Emerald. She digs into her pancakes. Emerald addresses the Familiars.

EMERALD (CONT'D)

Uh, y'all got some explaining to do. I'm mean... how were we suppose to be prepare for that!

Emerald is agitated. Krystal shakes her head in agreement. She also displays an attitude.

KRYSTAL

Umm hum! Yeah, really! Ya'll know we could've died!

Miss Sis Priss appears from the kitchen. The girls are silent. She puts more pancakes on the table. Miss Sis Priss disappears back into the kitchen. Ruby reaches for the pancakes. She piles up her plate. She starts eating. Emerald looks at her.

RUBY

What? They're best when they're hot. Uh, and the hot butter!

Mr. Buddy takes a deep breath. The sisters tune into his explanation.

MR. BUDDY

With all due respect ladies... you were not ready to hear it.

Emerald and Krystal continue with the attitudes. Ruby takes a breath between bites.

RUBY

He's right. We weren't.

Ruby shoves more pancakes into her mouth. She looks at her sisters.

EMERALD

Ru!

KRYSTAL

Ru!

RUBY

What! You know I'm right! Go ahead Mr. Buddy, you were saying?

Ruby give her sisters another look. She ignores their behavior. The women give him they're full attention.

MR. BUDDY

It was better to see your potential without our expectations. No pressure. You were never alone and you never will be. We are dedicated to you. And I must say, you ladies held your own against Mama N'Bauve'. You didn't back down. She saw that... together you are a force to be reckoned with and she knows it.

He tries to reassure them.

EMERALD

Really! Because I think the skinny little heifer kicked our asses!

KRYSTAL

Yeah! She's summoning spiders and
crap! Coming up out of people
mouths! Nasty! Who does that?

They make faces of disgust. They agree with each other.

EMERALD

Let's not forget the Alligators!

KRYSTAL

And not to mention y'all are
Werewolves! I think you should
have just let us in on that little
tid bit!

Mr. Mascanty mumbles. He drops his head.

MR. MASCANTY

Rougarou.

EMERALD

What was that?

MR. BUDDY

We are Rougarou or Shapeshifters.

KRYSTAL

And Demons! Let's not forget that.

MR. BUDDY

And *your* "Familiars". Ladies...if
we had told you... would you have
believed us?

Mrs. Sis Priss enters from the kitchen. She drops off a
plate of eggs. She looks at the girls briefly. Then,
disappears back into the kitchen. They watch her leave.

RUBY

Mr Buddy, what my sisters mean to
say is... thank you. Thank you for
protecting us.

Ruby looks at her sisters. She gives them both the side eye.
She reaches for the eggs.

KRYSTAL

Ru... how can you eat at a time
like this!

She shovels eggs into her mouth.

RUBY

I'm hangry! Look, we need to get over it! We're not in Philly anymore girls!

Emerald and Krystal look at her.

KRYSTAL

I can not believe you just said that.

Krystal rolls her eyes at Ruby.

RUBY

Well, we're not! And if we're gonna survive this... we gotta stop attacking each other and wining about it! We would not have survived last night if it weren't for... our *Familiars*! She would have had her way with us! I'm just grateful and happy they're on our side.

Emerald and Krystal look at each other.

KRYSTAL

I guess your right... but now Mr. Buddy, tell us everything.

EMERALD

No matter how small. I don't want to be blindsided again.

Mrs. Sis Priss emerges from the kitchen with a plate of bacon. She serves it to the girls. Emerald, Krystal and Ruby reach for it. They thank her in unison.

RUBY

Thank you Miss Sis Priss.

EMERALD

Thank you Miss Sis Priss.

KRYSTAL

Thank you Miss Sis Priss.

Miss Sis Priss pauses. She smiles at them. Then, disappears back into the kitchen. They watch her leave.

DISSOLVE TO:

43 EXT. SWAMP TOURS - AFTERNOON 43
(MUSIC PLAYS - BACKGROUND)

The girls take a boat swamp tour. They enjoy the scenery and their time with each other.

DISSOLVE TO:

44 EXT. CLASSIC CAR - AFTERNOON 44
(MUSIC PLAYS - BACKGROUND)

The women go on a sightseeing tour. They take pictures and enjoy the sights around the city.

DISSOLVE TO:

45 EXT. SUGA DADDY'S PATIO GRILL - AFTERNOON 45
(MUSIC PLAYS - BACKGROUND)

The sisters, sit with all their souvenirs and people watch, while having drinks. Emerald breaks the silence and questions her sisters.

EMERALD

So, what are we gonna do y'all?

Krystal slurps down her drink.

KRYSTAL

I don't know... I'm just glad we're out of that house for a minute.

She wave her hand at the bartender. She orders another drink.

EMERALD

Yeah, tell me about it. But seriously, what are we gonna do?

RUBY

We're gonna let our *Familiars* teach us. And then, kick that ass!

Ruby gulps down her water. She slams the glass on the table.

KRYSTAL

Okay, let's just pretend for a moment that we are regular people and here on vacation. I need a mental break.

EMERALD

Me too.

RUBY

Me too.

Ruby refills her glass. She sips on her carbonated water. The waiter delivers more drinks. Emerald and Krystal toast. They throw back a whiskey shot. The ladies hide behind their sunglasses. They are in a daze. The girls watch the crowds go by. A new waitress appears at the table. The sister look up from the table. They are greeted by Mama N'Bauve'. The women jump at the sight of her.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Hey Cousins... tick tock!

Emerald attempts to move from behind the table. Krystal holds her back.

KRYSTAL

What are you doing here?

MAMA N'BAUVE'

I work here.

Suddenly, Ruby's water takes flight towards Mama N'Bauve'.

RUBY

Not anymore Bitch! Your fired!

Mama N'Bauve' waves her hand. The glass of water splashes her. The glass falls to the ground. She gasps and waves her hand again. The sister's freeze in their seats. They can't move. Mama N'Bauve' take a napkin from the table. She wipes her face and her clothes down.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

So, you've been practicing. Oh, come on now cousins... you gotta do better than this... I could do this all day. I thought this was gonna be a fair fight. Tick tock cousins, tick tock.

Mama N'Bauve' smiles at them. She exits the Patio Bar & Grill. The sisters regain movement. Emerald jumps up. She starts to pace in front of the table.

EMERALD

Oh, see, this Bitch!

Krystal grabs Emeralds arm. She pulls her back down into her seat. Emerald notices Mama N'Bauve's earring. She picks it up and examines it. Emerald puts it in her purse.

KRYSTAL

Ru! Why did you do that?

EMERALD

How did you do that?

RUBY

I didn't do anything!

Ruby rubs her belly. She looks down at it. Her sisters look at her belly. They answer in unison.

EMERALD

What!

KRYSTAL

What!

46 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 46
(MUSIC PLAYS SOFTLY IN BACKGROUND)

The sisters sit quietly by the fire in the living room. Emerald and Krystal stare at Ruby's stomach. She senses them staring.

RUBY

Hey! Cut it out!

Ruby hugs her belly.

EMERALD

Ru... how long has this been happening?

RUBY

Since we got here.

She continues to rub her belly. They continue to stare at it.

KRYSTAL

And girl you didn't say anything?

EMERALD

Yeah, you didn't think it was worth mentioning?

RUBY

Well, I thought you two would think I was crazy. Besides, it was harmless. She moves little things here and there. Mostly my water. It's like, a game we play.

Emerald and Krystal respond in unison.

EMERALD

She!

KRYSTAL

She!

They jump up, dance around and celebrate. Ruby smiles at them.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)

We're having a niece!

EMERALD

We're having a niece!

KRYSTAL

Okay! Uh huh! Uh huh!

They gather around Ruby.

EMERALD

Well, she certainly doesn't like Mama N'Biatch! She drenched her!

KRYSTAL

Who does?

RUBY

I think she was protecting me.

The Familiars enter the living room. They surprise the sisters.

MR. BUDDY

Let's see how strong the little one is... shall we?

Mr. Buddy takes a candle stick from the mantel. He throws it at Ruby. The sisters gasps. The candle stick stops in mid air right before it reaches Ruby. It boomerangs back to Mr. Buddy. He ducks before the candle stick hits him. They all look amazed.

MISS SIS PRISS

The child can't be touched!

Mr. Mascanty turns into a German Shepard snapping and snarling at the girls. The sisters flinch at the sight of him changing. The Shepard leaps at Ruby. It hits an invisible wall in mid air. The dog yelps. He falls to the floor and turns back into Mr. Mascanty. He shakes his head before getting back to his feet.

MR. BUDDY

Not even by us... that's why the spiders didn't touch ya.

KRYSTAL

I thought that was us!

Krystal frowns. Mr. Buddy smiles at them.

MR. BUDDY

I believe it was you ladies too. But the little one is linked to Ms. Ruby. She's acting on reflex. When Mom is threaten, the little one protects her... she's strong too. We can use that.

Ruby objects to that idea. She moves across the room, away from the others.

RUBY

I don't want to use her.

Mr. Buddy warns the sisters about Mama N'Bauve's Black magic.

MR. BUDDY

Ladies... I assure you Mama N'Bauve's threat against you... is very real. We need all the help we can get. She came into this house not just to threaten you, but to see how powerful you three are... you did not disappoint her.

KRYSTAL

So, it was a test.

MR. BUDDY

Yes, and she *will* show you how powerful she is next time. And ladies... they're will be a next time. Mama N'Bauve' is practicing some very dark Black magic... and that requires a sacrifice.

EMERALD

Oh, I think she made herself very clear at our last encounter.

KRYSTAL

Mr. Buddy, if you are trying to scare us... it's working.

RUBY

Yeah.

EMERALD

Yeah.

Ruby breaks down. She starts to cry. Emerald and Krystal go to her side. They hug and comfort her.

EMERALD (CONT'D)

Ru, it's okay.

KRYSTAL

Don't cry girl.

RUBY

I don't wanna use her.

Mr. Mascanty eyes well up with tears.

MR. MASCANTY

J'ai gros couer. (I feel like crying)

He watches Ruby cry. He cries.

MR. BUDDY

Don't cry child. I'm preparing you. You ladies must be ready. You *will* be ready. Your life depends on it. We will not leave your side, but we are not enough.

Ruby wipes her tears. Mr. Mascanty wipes his tears. They sit and listen intently.

KRYSTAL

Okay Mr. Buddy, lighten up, just a little.

EMERALD

Tell us more about Mama N'Bushe's Black Magic powers.

MR. BUDDY

Mama N'Bauve's Black Magic centers around control. In order for her to do that she must sacrifice something living. And no life is off limits to achieve what she wants.

The sisters are a little stunned by the information. Emerald becomes sarcastic.

EMERALD

Mr. Buddy, you don't do light, do you!

RUBY

She told us today... her birth right is what she wants.

KRYSTAL

Everything we have... or that's been giving to us!

Mr. Buddy is shocked by their news.

MR. BUDDY

You saw her again today?

EMERALD

Yes, at the Patio Bar & Grill. Ru, fired her. And our niece threw water on her.

They giggle. Mr. Buddy takes a deep breath. His mood grows more serious.

MR. BUDDY

(He mumbles)

She's becoming more bold.

KRYSTAL

Mr. Buddy...

MR. BUDDY

From now on... we must stay together.

RUBY

Mr. Buddy what can we do?

MR. BUDDY

Well, we know what the little one can do. Let's see, what you three can do.

The door bell rings. The sisters jump. Suddenly, everyone is quiet. Emerald breaks the silence.

EMERALD

Well, I don't think she's gonna ring the bell!

They all take a deep breath. Mr. Buddy excuses himself to answer the door. He brings the guest to the living room. He announces her.

MR. BUDDY

Ms. Agnes Marchand.

The sisters greet her. She apologizes for just showing up unannounced.

AGGY

Hello, remember me?

RUBY

Yes, Aggy right? The Bed and Breakfast.

EMERALD

Uh, now is really not...

Krystal cuts off Emerald. She gives her a look.

KRYSTAL

What can we do for you Aggy?

AGGY

Oh, I just wanted to return this.

Agnes pulls a baby blanket out of her bag.

AGGY (CONT'D)

It looks handmade. So, I thought it had some sentimental value.

Ruby reaches for the blanket. Agnes hands it to her.

RUBY

It is handmade, past down from our Grandmother to my Mother.

She hugs it. Then, wraps it around her belly.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Oh thank you! I wondered where that got too!

AGGY

And now, to your little bundle of joy.

She smiles at Ruby.

RUBY

Yes, thank you Aggy, but you didn't have to come all the way over here.

AGGY

Oh, nonsense child. Never a problem. Well now, I see you ladies are all settled in.

She looks around the living room. Then at them. Krystal takes the opportunity to dismiss Aggy.

KRYSTAL

Yes, we are... unfortunately, Aggy we are right in the middle of something.

Aggy excuses herself.

AGGY

Well, I'll be on my way. We'll have plenty of time to visit. I'll see myself out. Do you ladies mind if I visit the powder room before I head out?

RUBY

No, not at all, thanks again Aggy.

AGGY

You're welcome child... see you soon... bye now.

Agnes waves at them. She exits the room. Miss Sis Priss shows Aggy to the powder room.

47

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ENTRYWAY - NIGHT

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Miss Sis Priss rejoins the others in living room. Aggy waits until she's is back in the living room. She sneaks out of the powder room and up the staircase. Aggy visits each of the sister's rooms. She notices the sister's dolls. Aggy grabs them from each of their beds. She makes her way back down the stairs quietly. Aggy sneaks out the front door.

48

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

48

Ruby stretches the baby blanket across her belly. Her eyes start to tear again. Mr. Mascanty watches her. His eye tear up too. Emerald and Krystal sit next to her on the sofa and hug her.

EMERALD

Ru, come on now... you're killing us.

KRYSTAL

Not to mention Mr. Mascanty can't keep it together. Haven't you noticed? You cry... he cries.

RUBY

I'm sorry, this blanket just reminds me of simpler times.

KRYSTAL

It's ok girl... we're right here with you.

EMERALD

Yeah, and we're gonna get through this together.

The Familiars line up in front of the sisters.

MR. BUDDY

That's right child... together. Now, let's see what you three can Cunjia.

KRYSTAL

Cunja?

RUBY

Conjure.

EMERALD

How do we start?

MISS SIS PRISS

You've already started child. The way you sometimes say the same thing at the same time. There's power in that. You're in sync with each other. Use that!

They look at each other curiously.

MR. BUDDY

Now, hold hands. Concentrate on the candles. Say the words, "Move this candle" out loud and move them across the room.

The women laugh. The Familiars stare at them.

EMERALD

Oh, y'all are serious!

KRYSTAL

We can't do that!

RUBY

Girls, let's just try.

They reluctantly whole hands. The girls begin to chant the words.

EMERALD

Move this candle.

KRYSTAL

Move this candle.

RUBY

Move this candle.

Nothing happens. The girls giggle. The Familiars stare at them again. The girls feel they're stares. They chant the words again. The candelabra slowly levitates off the mantle over the fireplace. It moves across the room toward the sisters. It lands on the coffee table. The three sisters applaud their success. The Familiars smile at their small victory.

MR. BUDDY

Very good ladies! Now, let's go to work!

49 INT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MAMA N'BAUVE'S SANCTUARY - AFTERNOON

Mama N'Bauve' performs a ritual with her followers. Agnes Marchand enters. She interrupts the ritual. Aggy apprehensively approaches Mama N'Bauve'. She kneels before her. Aggy hands Mama N'Bauve' the three dolls she stole from the Monreaux Family home.

AGGY

Mama N'Bauve', I did what you asked.

Mama N'Bauve' smiles. She holds up the dolls. She admires them.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
Yes, Agnes you did.

Mama N'Bauve' snaps her fingers. One of her followers places a different doll in Aggy's hands. It resembles her.

MAMA N'BAUVE' (CONT'D)
Here.

AGGY
Oh, thank you Mama N'Bauve', thank you.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
Now, leave us!

AGGY
But what about... you promised me I could visit my husband. I'm not leaving until I see him!

Aggy is visibly upset. Mama N'Bauve' turns. She faces Aggy slowly.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
Okay, my child.

Mama N'Bauve' waves her hand. Two of her followers grab Aggy. One of the followers hands Mama N'Bauve' Aggy's doll. She takes her knife and slices Aggy palm. Aggy winces at the pain. Mama N'Bauve' squeezes Aggy's hand. Blood drips all over Aggy's doll. She take the doll, holds it over the fish tank. She drops it in. Mama N'Bauve's disciples start to chant. Aggy begins to cough up pools water. She grabs her throat. Aggy gags on her words.

AGGY
I can't breath!

The disciples continue to chant. Aggy drops to the floor, and bends over throwing up crabs. She reaches out for Mama N'Bauve'. Aggy drowns. Her eyes turn gray. Suddenly, Aggy slowly rises from the floor. She wanders aimlessly around the sanctuary. Mama N'Bauve' motions for the two followers to get rid of her.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
Grant Aggy's wish. Plant her in the swamp with her husband. So they can have a nice visit.

Mama N'Bauve' smirks. Aggy's skin turns gray. She tries to bite one of the disciples. The followers muzzle her. They carry her out of the sanctuary. Mama N'Bauve' takes a machete. She cuts off the head of a snake. She drains the blood into a caldron. The followers chant. They dance in a circle.

MAMA N'BAUVE' (CONT'D)

Now, they'll see... who they're
messin' with!

She walks over to a large fish tank. Decomposed Voodoo Dolls float in the muddy water. Mama N'Bauve' grabs one of the oldest degraded dolls out of the tank. She puts it in the caldron with the blood. She stirs the contents together. Mama N'Bauve' has her disciples empty the caldron back into the fish tank. The water glows blood red. It bubbles and churns.

DISSOLVE TO:

50 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON 50

The sisters find themselves in front of a caldron. Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascanty encourage the girls to come up with protection spell for the house. The sisters are lacking in enthusiasm. They sit on the sofa disenchanting with the whole idea.

MR. BUDDY

This was your Great Great Grand
Mother's, Mama Tee-Beaux's caldron.
She performed many spells with it.
She summoned us with it, to protect
you three... and now it belongs to
you. I know you will do great
things with it.

The women look at him in disbelief.

EMERALD

Mr. Buddy are you serious?

MR. BUDDY

This *is* your legacy.

EMERALD

We know, you keep saying that!

KRYSTAL

Yeah, we can't do this.

MISS SIS PRISS
Can't or wont!

The sisters look at her curiously and make faces.

MR. BUDDY
What Miss Sis Priss means to say...

He cuts his eyes at her. She throw her hands up and exits the room.

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)
...is you're more powerful then you think. You don't realize it, but you can do anything you put your minds too. Concentrate, focus on each other and on the words you use to Cunja.

RUBY
Cunja what...

MR. BUDDY
Your spells child.

MR. MASCANTY
The gris gris!

The girls look at each other with reluctance. Their lack of enthusiasm is transparent.

MR. BUDDY
Just try! Your lives may depend on it ladies!

KRYSTAL
Love the pep talk Mr. Buddy... we get it!

RUBY
Come on girls... it can't hurt. We moved the candle. Let's try.

EMERALD
Okay, Mr. Buddy what do we put in this thing?

The girls circle the caldron.

MR. BUDDY
Something personal from the person or something they've touched.
(MORE)

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)
 There also must be a sacrifice, so
 blood. Yours, theirs or some
 living thing.

Mr. Buddy take out his pocket knife. He cuts his hand. He
 squeezes the blood it into the caldron. The girls watch him
 in with amazement. He throws his glove in.

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)
 Now, your turn. Just something
 personal.

The ladies each take something off. They drop it into the
 caldron. The women cut their hands. They let the blood drip
 into the caldron.

EMERALD
 Now what?

MR. BUDDY
 Stir and recite the words.

The women look at each other. Miss Sis Priss rejoins the
 group.

KRYSTAL
 What words?

MISS SIS PRISS
 Any words you like child.

MR. BUDDY
 Just mean what you say.

MISS SIS PRISS
 Have faith in it. Strong faith!

MR. BUDDY
 Say it together. Then think what
 you want to do. Make me fly.

KRYSTAL
 (Sarcastically)
 Come on Mr. Buddy... give us
 something hard.

Emerald looks at her sisters. Ruby begins to stir the
 contents in the caldron.

EMERALD
 What do we say?

KRYSTAL
 I don't know.

RUBY
 Hey, remember Mommy use to sing
 this? I'd like to fly away! Well,
 I like to fly away"!

Emerald and Krystal join in, in unison.

KRYSTAL
 Zoom! Zoom!

EMERALD
 Zoom! Zoom!

RUBY
 Well, I'd like to fly away!

EMERALD
 Zoom!

KRYSTAL
 Zoom!

RUBY
 Zoom Baby!

EMERALD
 I'd like to fly away! Well, I'd
 like to fly away!

KRYSTAL
 Zoom! Zoom!

RUBY
 Zoom! Zoom!

Emerald and Krystal get into it. They start to dance.

RUBY (CONT'D)
 "Zoom baby! I'd like to fly away!
 Well, I like to fly away"!

KRYSTAL
 "Zoom! Zoom!

EMERALD
 "Zoom! Zoom"!

RUBY
 "Well, I'd like to fly away! Zoom
 baby"!

Mr. Buddy awkwardly begins to levitate off the floor. He
 smiles at their progress. The women can't believe their
 eyes.

KRYSTAL
Look! It's working"!

EMERALD
I can't believe that worked!

RUBY
Yasss! Witches! Yasss!

They all watch Mr. Buddy fly up to the ceiling. Miss Sis Priss is surprised by their accomplishment.

EMERALD
So, how do we...?

KRYSTAL
...get him down?

MR. BUDDY
Now, you're ready for a real...

MR. MASCANTY

Fais do do!

Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascanty smile. They applaud. Emerald, Krystal and Ruby. The women celebrate, but are still worried.

RUBY
A Fais what now!

MISS SIS PRISS
Fais do do...

The sister's loose concentration. Mr. Buddy begins to fall from the ceiling. The sisters gasp at the sight of him falling. Mr. Buddy shape shifts into Mr. B. He flies down to the floor. He transforms back into his human form.

MR. BUDDY
A party!

Emerald shakes her head.

EMERALD
Nope! Nope! I'm never gonna get use to that!

They look at him strangely. Ruby and Krystal respond in unison.

RUBY
Me neither.

KRYSTAL
Me neither.

RUBY
Wait! Wait!

Ruby turns to her sisters with a puzzled look on her face.

EMERALD
Girl, what!

RUBY
What are we gonna wear!

They roll their eyes at her.

EMERALD
Ru!

KRYSTAL
Really....

51 INT. BOURBON STREET - VODOO STORE - AFTERNOON
(MUSIC PLAYS SOFTLY IN THE BACKGROUND)

51

Emerald, Krystal and Ruby walk into the store. Ruby is very enthusiastic. Emerald and Krystal are annoyed with the whole ideal of being there. They skeptically look around the store.

RUBY
Hey look!

She picks up a skull. Ruby starts to talk through it.

RUBY (CONT'D)
Hi, I'm Mama N'Bauve'... you got my
birth right!

She starts laughing. Emerald and Krystal stare at her.

KRYSTAL
Ru, what are we doing here?

EMERALD
Yeah, I don't think this is how it
works.

RUBY
Oh, you two lighten up. Maybe
we'll stumble on to something
useful. Give it a chance.

She browses through the store. An older man emerges from the back of the store.

OZEE

Bon jour, beautiful ladies! I am Ozee, how can I help you?

KRYSTAL

We're just looking.

Emerald and Krystal continue to browse through the store. Ruby stops to chat with him.

RUBY

We need to come up with a protection spell.

Emerald peeks from behind a clothing stand.

EMERALD

Real subtle Ru.

OZEE

Straight to the point! I like dis! You need dis black candle...

Ozee places the candle on the counter. The sisters gather around him.

OZEE (CONT'D)

Four of them for the four sides to your home. Something personal from your *Familiars*.

KRYSTAL

You know about them?

EMERALD

How would you know about them?

KRYSTAL

Maybe he's a spy.

They look at him awkwardly. Ozee responds.

OZEE

You wouldn't be here if you didn't have *Familiars*. Now, each of you stand north, south, east and a Familiar west of your home with a candle. Let the wax and the blood create a seal where each of you step. Spread blood soaked salt and wax around your home.

(MORE)

OZEE (CONT'D)

Repeat this for all entrances. One more thing, you need something personal of the one you need protection from... like a lock of hair, skin, blood works best. And say the words.

Emerald goes on a tirade. Her sisters watch her get upset.

EMERALD

Oh great, that should be easy to get! A lock of that bony Biatch's hair! And again with the words! Where can we get these words!

KRYSTAL

Like Miss Sis Priss said... have a little faith girl, we've come this far!

RUBY

Yeah Em, it'll be okay. We're gonna be okay.

EMERALD

Ru, you don't know that!

KRYSTAL

Okay Em, enough with the freak out... chill girl.

Ozee addresses Emerald. He tries to calm her down.

OZEE

As long as the words mean something to you, it doesn't matter what you say. Faith in each other and faith in what you are doing. You must believe! Beautiful Emerald. There is no other way.

RUBY

Ozee are you sure this will work? Our enemy is very powerful.

Emerald whispers to Krystal.

EMERALD

How did he know my name?

Krystal shrugs her shoulders. The ladies tune in to Ozee's every word. He grabs Ruby's hand across the counter.

OZEE

It will work, as long as dis enemy
doesn't have anything personal of
yours. If they do, they still can
not enter your protected space.
Your home, your circle, but they
can make you come out of it.

The girls look at him with fear in their eyes.

KRYSTAL

A chill just went up my spine.

EMERALD

Right? Is there a draft in here or
something?

Emerald looks around the store. She tries to shake off the
feeling.

RUBY

Thank you Ozee.

Ozee grabs Ruby's other hand. He holds them.

OZEE

It will be alright child. You have
a powerful bond with your sisters.
I can sense it... and help.

He points to Ruby's belly.

OZEE (CONT'D)

Dat one, is strong! She will not
let anything happen to her Mama or
Aunties.

He smiles at them.

RUBY

She? How do you know that?

OZEE

Don't you know dat child?

Ruby looks at him curiously. The sisters thank him in
unison.

RUBY

Thank you.

KRYSTAL

Thank you.

EMERALD

Thank you.

They exit the store. Ozee yells after them.

OZEE

Good luck Beautiful Gems! (He
mumbles to himself) You're gonna
need it.

52 INT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MAMA N'BAUVE'S SANCTUARY - AFTERNOON
(CHANTING IN THE BACKGROUND)

Mama N'Bauve' sits on her throne. She admires the new dolls added to her collection. Her right hand disciples Tio and Zamora enter the sanctuary. They reluctantly bring her news. Tio and Zamora kneel in front of Mamma N'Bauve'.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Zamora, what do you bring me? More
blood sacrifices?

She looks Tio over. Zamora swallows hard before she delivers her news.

ZAMORA

Mamma N'Bauve', the sisters are
planning another party.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Really.

ZAMORA

Yes. A Ball.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Where's my invitation?

Zamora drops her head. Mamma N'Bauve' grows impatient.

ZAMORA

I...

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Make it happen child. Tio, speak.

ZAMORA

Of course... right away.

She bows her head. Tio shakes and stutters. He delivers his news.

TIO
The sisters went to see Ozee today.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
And!

She is annoyed at Ozee's interference. She takes her anger out on Tio.

TIO
Mama N'Bauve' that's all I know.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
That's all! What did he tell them!
What did he give them! Why is he
not with his ancestors!

TIO
Mama N'Bauve' I....

MAMA N'BAUVE'
Give me that!

Mama N'Bauve' raises her hand. Tio opens his mouth. He strains to resist Mama N'Bauve's pull. His eyes grow big. Tio grabs his throat with both hands. Mama N'Bauve' twists her hand into a fist. She pulls it toward herself in one motion. Tio's tongue flies out of his mouth and into her hand. Tio falls to the floor clutching his mouth, spitting out blood.

MAMA N'BAUVE' (CONT'D)
You don't know!

Mama N'Bauve' waves her other hand. She dismisses them both. Zamora helps Tio to his feet. They exit the sanctuary. Mama N'Bauve' walks over to her fish tank. She tosses Tio's tongue into the tank. The water glows red. The fish feast on it. The water bubbles and churns.

53

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ATTIC - AFTERNOON

53

Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss and Mr. Mascanty meet in the attic. They discuss how to help the sisters fight Mamma N'Bauve'. They honor the memory of their late Master and Mistress by calling on their power of love for each other. The Familiars enlist the help of Clayton Monreaux and Mama Tee-beaux with a protection spell of their own. They hold hands. The Familiars create a circle around the wooded post where their Master was pinned and a picture of Mama Tee-beaux. They chant their protection spell together.

MR. BUDDY

Spirits of blood and sacrifice...
guide your precious Gems to conquer
this fight... give them strength,
power and light... give them hope,
peace and sight... and let us
defend them with all our might.

MISS SIS PRISS

She will come hard for them this
time.

MR. MASCANTY

Oo ye yi! (I'm sad!)

Mr. Mascanty drops his head.

MR. BUDDY

We will defend them with our last
breath.

MR. MASCANTY

Weh! (Yes!)

MISS SIS PRISS

That's what they would've wanted us
to do.

Miss Sis Priss runs her hand over the wooden pole where
Clayton Monreaux was affixed too. They stare at it for a
moment.

MR. MASCANTY

Oui, lache pas la patate! (Yes,
don't give up!)

They leave the attic. A glimpse of Miss Sis Priss' demon
reflection is cast in the mirror as she walks by. She exits
the attic.

54

EXT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MONREAUX MAUSOLEUM - AFTERNOON

54

Emerald, Krystal and Ruby visit the family Mausoleum.
Krystal notices the Angel on top of the Mausoleum looking
down at them frowning. Emerald reads the words on the front
of the stone.

EMERALD

"Mi Amour, an anhvee pour vous
toujour". (My love I hunger for
you forever.)

KRYSTAL

Ru! Wait!

EMERALD

Girl, we don't know what's in there!

RUBY

Our Great, Great, Great Grandmother... she in there.

Ruby enters the Mausoleum. Krystal and Emerald follow closely behind her.

55 INT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MONREAU MAUSOLEUM - AFTERNOON 55

The three make their way around the crypt. They stare down at it. Ruby lays the flowers she brought on the crypt. The sisters hold hands.

RUBY

Grandma... please help us.

The sun moves across the crypt.

56 EXT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MONREAU MAUSOLEUM - AFTERNOON 56

The sisters exit the Mausoleum. Krystal looks up at the Angel on top of the crypt. It's smiling down at them.

KRYSTAL

Hey, she's smiling now!

Her sisters just dismiss her observation. Krystal stares at the Angel for a moment.

EMERALD

Okay, Krys.

RUBY

Okay, Krys.

They walk ahead of her. She catches up to them. She looks behind her at the Angel.

KRYSTAL

I could've sworn....

57

INT. MONREAU PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT
 (MUSIC PLAYS SOFTLY IN THE BACKGROUND)

57

The sisters enter the living room. They sit on the sofa.
 The Familiars enter the living room. Mr. Buddy scolds them.

MR. BUDDY

Ladies! I thought we made it clear
 not to separate!

KRYSTAL

Whoa! Mr. Buddy!

EMERALD

Yeah Mr. Buddy... how about you
 take a little bit of that bass out
 your voice!

Miss Sis Priss interrupts.

MISS SIS PRISS

He doesn't mean anything by it
 child. He's just concerned.

RUBY

We're sorry Mr. Buddy... but we got
 it! We got our protection spell!
 And we saw Mama Tee-Beaux's cyrpt!

Mr. Buddy throws his hands up. He leaves the room abruptly,
 visibly agitated.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Mr. Buddy... Mr. Buddy!

Ruby looks concerned. They watch him leave. Miss Sis Priss
 comforts them.

MISS SIS PRISS

It's okay... he's just so
 protective of you girls now. He
 worries for you all the time.

The ladies are upset.

KRYSTAL

Now what...?

RUBY

We work on our spell. Like Mr.
 Buddy would want us too.

58 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - FAMILIAR'S QUARTERS - NIGHT 8

Mr. Buddy studies a picture of Clayton Monreaux and himself.
Miss Siss Priss and Mr. Mascanty enter.

MISS SIS PRISS

You know they need you... they need
us. How long you gonna make a
Bahbin? (Pout)

MR. MASCANTY

You Hont? (Embarrassed?)

He looks at them with concern. They settle in and give him
their full attention.

MR. BUDDY

She's powerful... just like her
Great, Grand Daddy... Papa
Scubonni. We can't let Mama
N'Bauve' hurt them this time.
They're all we have left of them.

He points to a picture of Clayton Monreaux and Mama Tee-
Beaux. Miss Siss Priss moves closer to him.

MISS SIS PRISS

Then, let's help them.

MR. MASCANTY

Weh!(Yes!)

He looks at them for a moment. Then agrees.

MR. BUDDY

Yes... you're right. Let's go.

He exits. Mr. Mascanty and Miss Sis Priss follow closely
behind.

59 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 59

The sisters stand in a small circle facing each other. They
each cut their fingers with a small knife. They allow their
blood to drip into the caldron.

EMERALD

I hope this works.

KRYSTAL

Me too. Do we gotta do this every
time!

RUBY

I guess. Yes... that's why it's called a sacrifice Krys.

The Familiars enter the room. The sisters smile at them. They take the small blade and add their blood to the mix.

MR. BUDDY

It has too work.

RUBY

Mr. Buddy... you came back.

MR. BUDDY

There's no place I'd rather be child... then with you and your sisters. Our Mistress Mamma Tee-Beaux would want nothing less, then for us to protect her precious Gems... and that's what we're going to do!

They smile at him.

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)

Okay... let's get to work. Let our sacrifice be our strength.

Ruby hands Miss Siss Priss the salt. She mixes it into the blood in the caldron.

RUBY

Ozee said, to lay the blood soaked salt all around the house. Then use the candles wax to create a seal. Here's the rest of his instructions.

She hands the instructions to Mr. Buddy. Emerald hands him Mama N'Bauve's earring.

EMERALD

This belongs to her... I forgot I picked it up at the Patio Grill. Ozee said, something personal from her... I think this is close as we're gonna get.

MR. BUDDY

He knows what he's talking about when it comes to spells. We'll take care of his instructions and the blood soaked salt. You ladies come up with the words.

EMERALD

Oh my Lord, these words again!

Emerald grabs her head. Her sister smirk at her frustration.

KRYSTAL

I know this is the hardest part.

RUBY

How about this? Starfish and
coffee made with syrup and jam! We
gonna kick your butt dear cousin!
And ain't gonna give a damn!

They smile at each other. Ruby points to her sisters to join in.

KRYSTAL & EMERALD

If you set your mind free baby,
may be you'd understand!

RUBY

We gonna kick that ass! Dear
cousin, just because we can!

They laugh.

RUBY (CONT'D)

See... we got this!

Emerald rolls her eyes.

EMERALD

Yeah, may be.

RUBY

Now, for the really hard part!

They look at her curiously

KRYSTAL

Girl, what?

RUBY

What... are we gonna where?

They look at her and shake their heads.

60 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - FAMILIAR'S QUARTERS - NIGHT 60

Mr. Buddy and Miss Siss Priss talk about the strength of the sisters. Mr. Mascanty rests on the sofa. He listens to their conversation.

MISS SIS PRISS

I think they will be fine. They are strong. Brave too. They'll find the inner strength they need to fight and beat her.

MR. BUDDY

Maybe, they won't have too. Maybe, what's inside them will awaken and fight for them.

MISS SIS PRISS

But, what if that doesn't happen?

MR. BUDDY

The baby will not let us down.

Ruby listens at the door. She decides not to knock after what she's just heard. She ascends the staircase.

61 INT. RUBY'S ROOM - MONREAU PLANATION HOME - NIGHT

61

Ruby rushes into tell her sisters what she just heard. Emerald and Krystal relax on the bed.

KRYSTAL

Hey, where's our snacks?

RUBY

Our Familiars haven't told us ever thing y'all.

EMERALD

Ru, what are you talking about now?

RUBY

I just heard them talking and Mr. Buddy said, there's something in us.

KRYSTAL

Girl, what are you trippin' about?

RUBY

He said, something's in us needs to awaken and fight.

EMERALD

Well, maybe he's just talking about our inner strength.

RUBY

No... it was the way he said it. I think their holding something else back.

They roll their eyes at her.

KRYSTAL

Ru, like what?

Ruby paces.

RUBY

I don't know, but we're gonna find out.

Emerald shakes her head.

EMERALD

Damn! I knew she was gonna say that. (She looks at Krystal) Why did I know she was gonna say that! I don't like that look on her. Krys get your sister!

KRYSTAL

Oh Lord, Ru! What are you thinking?

RUBY

Come on, just follow me.

EMERALD

Girl, where!

RUBY

To the attic.

She motions for them to be quiet.

KRYSTAL

(Whisper)

Damn! Really girl? Nothing is ever good in the attic!

EMERALD

(Whisper)

Well, at least it's not the basement. Remind me never to go on vacation with you two ever again.

Emerald shakes her head. They follow Ruby out of the room.

KRYSTAL
Me! What did I do?

Ruby shushes them. She checks to see if anyone is outside her bedroom door. Emerald and Krystal shush each other. They exit the room.

62

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ATTIC - NIGHT

62

The sisters file into the attic. They shut the door behind them. The women find themselves amongst old sheets, antiques and cobwebs. Emerald finds a candle and matches. She lights the candle. Krystal finds more candles and lights them. Ruby stumbles onto old pictures of their Great Grand Daddy and Grandmother's wedding. She blows the dust off of photos albums. She shows her sisters.

RUBY
Hey, look at theses. They must be our cousins. They look just like us! That's creepy.

She hands the pictures to her sisters.

KRYSTAL
Yeah that's weird... but vintage. Mamma Tee-Beaux was so beautiful.

EMERALD
Yeah, Yeah, Ru, why are we up here girl? I'm not really feeling the creepy visit down memory lane.

KRYSTAL
Oh, I don't know, I kinda like it.

Krystal smiles. She grabs a photo album.

RUBY
Okay, guys, just look for something out of the ordinary.

Emerald looks at Krystal.

EMERALD
She's kidding right?

KRYSTAL
Ru, try our life right now... everything is out of the ordinary!

Ruby walks over to some old sheets hanging in the middle of the room. She yanks them down.

They gasp at the blood and nails on one pole. There are outlines of three small dolls stained in blood on the other pole.

RUBY

This must be where Papa Scubonni
tortured Great, Great Grand Daddy.

EMERALD

Why would they keep this?

KRYSTAL

Yeah, creepy, it would be the first
thing I'd get rid of....

Ruby reaches out. She touches the pole. Emerald and Krystal instinctively grab her and pull her back.

EMERALD

Ru!

KRYSTAL

Wait!

All at once they are hit with a shock wave of emotions and flashbacks of the past. The women witness and feel their Great, Grand Daddy Monreaux's pain and torcher together.

DISSOLVE TO:

63

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ATTIC - NIGHT
(FLASHBACK - BLACK & WHITE)

63

Clayton Monreaux is nailed to the pole screaming in agony. Papa Scubonni pulls the nails from his body. He wipes his blood on the three dolls pinned to the other pole.

PAPPA SCUBONNI

I curse your children! And your
children's children! Your
descendants will enjoy and reap the
benefits of the pain I inflict on
you this night forever! Like you,
they will never die! Your
daughters will be reborn again and
again into this curse! This pain!
Your pain!

DISSOLVE TO:

64 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ATTIC - NIGHT 64

The sister fall to the floor into each others arms sobbing. Ruby grabs the pole where the dolls were pinned. They experience another shockwave of the past.

DISSOLVE TO:

65 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - FAMILIAR'S QUARTERS - NIGHT 65
(FLASHBACK - BLACK & WHITE)

Mamma Tee-Beaux stands over a caldron. She cuts her hand and squeezes her blood into the caldron. Then one by one the blood of animals. She then adds an Emerald, Krystal and a Ruby. She waves her hands over the caldron and chants.

MAMA TEE-BEAUX

These Familiars will protect the
light, from hurt, harm and danger
with all their might. Never let
these precious Gems from their
sight, till this curse is done,
they will defend the light.

Three small harpy, demon like creatures spring from the caldron. They fly around Mamma Tee-Beaux. The creatures perch on the side of the caldron. She smiles at them. Mamma Tee-Beaux admires her work.

DISSOLVE TO:

66 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ATTIC - NIGHT 66

The Familiars enter the attic. The women are pulled out of their trance. The girls lay on the floor weeping. The Familiars notice the poles are revealed. They pick the girls up from the floor. They escort the women out of the attic.

67 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM 67

The sisters are still in tears. The Familiars try to comfort them. The girls are full of questions. The Familiars try to answer.

RUBY

Why does he hate us so much?

MR. BUDDY

Because you are your Great Grand
Daddy's and Mother's precious Gems.

(MORE)

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)

And Master Clayton stole Papa Scubonni's precious Gem from him... Mama Tee-Beaux. Papa Scubonni never forgave Master Clayton for that.

MISS SIS PRISS

Papa Scubonni was so mad he sent your Great Grand Daddy to the swamp and cursed his children.

EMERALD

But we're his family too. It makes no sense!

KRYSTAL

Yeah.

EMERALD

Yeah.

MR. BUDDY

You know, how some families are child. They don't get along no matter what! Jealousy, envy, they can't help themselves. It's like at a funeral... all that love for the person who's gone... but all that fighting over who gets what.

RUBY

Yeah, like the "Hatfields and McCoys".

MISS SIS PRISS

Who?

MR. MASCANTY

Ha! (I don't know!)

Mr. Mascanty shrugs his shoulders.

EMERALD

Nevermind.

She dismisses the comment. Krystal looks confused.

KRYSTAL

So, does that mean we've done this before?

EMERALD

Yeah, wait, I didn't think of that!

Ruby shakes her head in agreement.

RUBY
We are re-living the same lives?
We just don't remember right?

KRYSTAL
That's why the paintings look so
much like us.

The sisters gasps in unison.

RUBY
They are us.

KRYSTAL
They are us.

EMERALD
They are us.

The girls share an epiphany all at once. The Familiars look at each other. The sisters study them closely. The Familiars confirm their theory.

MISS SIS PRISS
Now, you know why, it's called a
curse... child.

Emerald grabs her head. Krystal paces around the room.

MR. BUDDY
Not the same exactly. Some
differences.

EMERALD
Great! We're screwed!

MR. BUDDY
What's *this* screw?

MR. MASCANTY
Ha! (I don't know!)

Mr. Mascanty shrugs his shoulders.

KRYSTAL
So... we keep dying! Over and over
again!

EMERALD
And then, we come back and fight...
again!

RUBY
 It's like some creepy Ground Hog's
 Day! Lord help us!

Ruby puts her face in her hands. She shakes her head in disbelief.

MR. BUDDY
 Yes, but this time we have help.
 The little one is strong!

The Familiars focus on Ruby's stomach. Ruby rubs her belly.

RUBY
 Yeah, you keep saying that too!

Krystal stops pacing.

KRYSTAL
 How do we not remember this?

EMERALD
 Yeah, how do we get off the crazy
 train?

She shakes her head. Ruby sighs heavily.

RUBY
 Mr. Buddy... do we ever win? Do we
 ever beat her?

MR. BUDDY
 Well, you're here... but we will
 this time.

The sisters look at him with hope and fear in their eyes.

MR. BUDDY (CONT'D)
 But there's another problem.

They all look at him.

EMERALD
 Now what?

RUBY
 Yeah, Mr. Buddy, we can't take to
 much more of this.

MISS SIS PRISS
 The dolls. They are gone!

KRYSTAL
 And!

MR. BUDDY

Any one who possesses those dolls
has control over you three. Papa
Scubboni cursed them. They
represent you.

KRYSTAL

And your just now telling us this
Mr. Buddy!

RUBY

Yeah, we could have protected them!

EMERALD

Great. And there's no way to break
that connection?

The Familiars look at her with a blank stare.

EMERALD (CONT'D)

I'll take that as a "No"!

MR. BUDDY

It's years of ancient Black Magic
child. There's nothing easy about
it.

RUBY

And Mama N'Bauve' has them?

MR. BUDDY

I'm sure of it by now... she does.

The Familiars are in agreement. They nod at each other.

MISS SIS PRISS

If there not here, she has them.

EMERALD

Aw man, we can't catch a break!
How did *that* happen!

KRYSTAL

Remember when she sent us home from
the club?

MR. BUDDY

I don't think so... we would have
noticed they were gone then.

MISS SIS PRISS

And they were here during the house
warming party.

Ruby interrupts.

RUBY

It had to be when Aggy came to
return the baby's blanket.

They all look at Ruby. Emerald and Krystal flop down on the
sofa. They both let out a huge sigh.

KRYSTAL

Damn! We can't trust anyone in
this town. She seem so nice!

MISS SIS PRISS

No, you can't... child. You must
believe she has her hand on
everyone and everything. She wants
what you have! You're riches!
You're powers! And will stop at
nothing to get it! Nothing!

EMERALD

Wow, Miss Sis Priss can we dial it
down a notch?

Miss Siss Priss tries to collect herself.

MR. BUDDY

Don't worry child, as long as you
are in this house. She can't touch
you. We won't let her.

KRYSTAL

But we're prisoners.

Ruby rubs her belly.

RUBY

Like Ozee said, she can make us
come out. Leave this house.

The sisters look at each other with worry. Miss Sis Priss
looks at them and tightens her apron.

MISS SIS PRISS

Well, we will just have to prepare
for that child, won't we?

She heads off to the kitchen. Mr. Mascany adds his two cents
and follows her close behind. The sisters look at each
other.

KRYSTAL

What... is she gonna feed us more food?

RUBY

Let's get to work.

MR. BUDDY

Yes, child... Let not waste anytime.

DISSOLVE TO:

68

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - STAIRCASE - AFTERNOON

68

The sisters line the spiral Grand staircase. Emerald stands at the top of the stairs, Kystal in the middle and Ruby at the bottom. The sisters chant together.

RUBY

Float on... Float on...

KRYSTAL

Float on... Float on...

Ruby and Kystal smile at Emerald. She joins in.

EMERALD

You better float with me now!

Emerald creates a bubble. She levitates it. She passes it down to Kystal. She passes to Ruby. They continue to chant.

KRYSTAL

Float... float... float on!

EMERALD

Float... float... float on!

RUBY

Float... float... float on!

Ruby tries to sit it down. It bursts. They look at each other and shake their heads in disappointment. Emerald creates another bubble.

DISSOLVE TO:

69

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - STAIRCASE - AFTERNOON

69

The Familiars peek in on the girls from the entryway. Emerald fills the bubble with waters. She turns it the color Green. Emerald levitates it down to Krystal.

EMERALD

Float on! Float on!

KRYSTAL

Float on! Float on!

RUBY

Float on! Float on!

She changes the water color to Gold. Krystal passes it to Ruby who changes the color to red. She places it carefully on the floor.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Float with me now!

Suddenly, the bubble grows. It changes to purple. Ruby smiles at her sisters. She rubs her belly. They smile and celebrate with her.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Float... float... float on!

KRYSTAL

Float... float... float on!

EMERALD

Float... float... float on!

Mr. Buddy and Miss Sis Priss celebrate. They fist bump each other.

MR. MASCANTY

("I could cry")

O ye yi!

DISSOLVE TO:

70

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - STAIRCASE - AFTERNOON

70

Emerald conjures a bubble with Green water and her Cat "SP" appears floating inside it. Krystal conjures a bubble with Gold water. Krystal's Bunny appears inside the bubble. She levitates it. Ruby conjures a bubble with red water. Ruby's raven "Mr. B" appears inside.

EMERALD

Float on... float on!

RUBY

Float on... float on!

KRYSTAL

Float on... float on!

The women levitate the bubbles that hold their Familiars around the staircase. The bubbles all at once turn purple. The sisters smile at each other.

KRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Come float with me now!

They lower the bubbles to the floor.

EMERALD

Float... float... float on!

KRYSTAL

Float... float... float on!

RUBY

Float... float... float on!

The gold bubble burst. Mr. Mascanty shape shifts, landing on the floor soaking wet. They all laugh. The other bubbles holding Mr. Buddy and Miss Sis Priss dissolve. They transform into their human forms.

71 INT. MONREAU PLANTATION HOME - DINNING ROOM - AFTERNOON 71

Miss Siss Priss serves Gumbo and Po Boy's for lunch. The sisters eat. They talk over their accomplishments.

KRYSTAL

Ladies, I think we got this!

RUBY

Well, let's not get ahead of ourselves. It was just bubbles.

EMERALD

Ru, our niece *is* strong. You see how she took over?

Ruby rubs her belly. She smiles.

RUBY

I know, did you see that? My babygirl is so aware of things already. It's a little scary... and wonderful all at the same time!

KRYSTAL

Yeah, considering she's not even born yet... just wait til she gets here! Boy, Ru, you gonna have your hands full with that one!

Ruby continues smiling.

EMERALD

I wish we could focus her power more.

RUBY

I think she instinctively just knows when we need her.

KRYSTAL

I'm just glad she's on our side... and she likes purple!

They all laugh.

RUBY

Yeah, I guess we know what her name will be.

Krystal and Emerald reply in unison.

KRYSTAL

Amethyst!

EMERALD

Amethyst!

RUBY

Yass! Witches! It fits her... Ame' for short.

EMERALD

I love it!

KRYSTAL

Mee too! At least she's not an isha!

Krystal rolls her eyes. They all laugh and agree. Mr. Buddy and Miss Siss Priss enter the room. They watch the sisters enjoy their moment. He gives them another pep talk.

MR. BUDDY

Okay, ladies good job... I'm really proud of you. Now, that you've mastered moving things with control and creating a protection barrier... lets try something new. Eat up, you will need your strength.

He exits the dinning room. The ladies continue eating and celebrating their small victory.

72

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

72

The sisters sit on the sofa chatting. They wait for their Familiars.

EMERALD

You know, I have to admit. Our birth right is worth fighting for... I can't believe I'm saying that... but it's true.

Ruby and Krystal smile at her.

RUBY

I knew you'd get there!

KRYSTAL

Girl, am I hearing you right? Em you don't want to sell it?

EMERALD

Well, maybe not *all* of it.

She smiles at them.

RUBY

We knew you'd see the light eventually.

KRYSTAL

You mean, see it our way Ru.

EMERALD

Really Krys?

KRYSTAL

Em, it needed to be said!

RUBY

She's right, I can't imagine giving
any of this away. Or letting
anyone take it from us.

The reply in unison.

KRYSTAL

Amen.

EMERALD

Amen.

Suddenly, Mr. Mascanty stumbles into the living room covered
in blood. The sisters rush to his side.

EMERALD (CONT'D)

Mr. Mascanty! What hell!

MR. MASCANTY

Caimon... Caimon! (Alligator...
Alligator!)

KRYSTAL

What's that mean?

Ruby examines his wounds. She looks at her sister.

RUBY

I think, Gator.

Mr. Mascanty falls to the floor in a daze. He points
outside. The ladies don't hesitate. They run outside to the
swamp.

73

EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - DUSK

73

The women make their way out to the back of the house. They
run down toward the swamp. The ladies get their in time to
see Miss Siss Priss snatched into the swamp by an alligator.
Krystal and Emerald flank Ruby. They move together closer to
the water. They extend their hand out toward the water in
unison. The alligator spins into a death roll with Miss Siss
Priss in it's mouth. She screams, gasping for air. It pulls
her underwater. The sisters raise their hands together. The
alligator and Miss Siss Priss levitate spinning out of the
water. The sisters motion their hands instinctively apart.
The alligator and Miss Siss Priss separate. The sisters
carefully levitate Miss Siss Priss back down to the ground
gently. Ruby claps her hands together. The alligator slams
down into the water repeatedly. Miss Siss Priss yells out
to the sisters.

MISS SIS PRISS

Stop! Don't hurt him!

The sisters freeze. The alligator falls into the water. The water turns into a purple sludge. Mr. Buddy emerges from the sludge filled swamp. He's covered in purple mud. They gasp at the sight of him. Mr. Buddy tries to gracefully drag himself out of the mud. He wipes his eyes. Then, stares at them. The sisters start to laugh. Mr. Buddy struggles to get to his feet. They continues to laugh at him.

DISSOLVE TO:

74

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT
(MUSIC PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND)

74

The sisters sit in a the living room enjoying the fire and each others company. Krystal and Emerald have a glass of wine. Ruby sucks down carbonated water in between burps. They try to catch their breath. The Familiars enter the living room. Mr. Buddy is cleaned up, with a change of clothes. Mr Mascanty is also cleaned up.

KRYSTAL

Mr. Buddy... you scared the heck out of us!

EMERALD

Yeah, Mr. Buddy, we could have really hurt you.

They study him. He smiles at them.

RUBY

This was part of your training. Right? Mr. Mascanty wasn't really hurt either... was he?

MR. BUDDY

No, but you ladies didn't know that... and you three past with flying colors. Even the little one slowed me down. Purple mud, huh?

The sisters laugh. They try to cover up their laughter.

EMERALD

We are calling her "Amethyst".

KRYSTAL

Ame' for short.

RUBY
Ame' for short.

MR. BUDDY
Of course you are child. It does suit her. Now ladies, I know how you will react instinctively when there's a threat. You didn't hesitate to work together and protect Miss Siss Priss. I have no doubt you will react the same when there's a real threat, like Mama N'Bauve'. You three are perfectly in sync... and make no mistake, she will come for you.

RUBY
You're right Mr. Buddy, we are in sync!

KRYSTAL
And our cousin is going "Bye, Bye, Bye"!

Krystal laughs. Emerald shakes her head.

EMERALD
Girl, no you didn't.

KRYSTAL
What? I couldn't resist that, it was to easy! Come on.

EMERALD
Wow, how did we get here? All I wanted to do was sell this house.

She looks around the room.

EMERALD (CONT'D)
Now, look at us...

She looks at her sisters.

EMERALD (CONT'D)
Witches!

RUBY
(She smiles)
Yasss! Look at us! Em, we're better. We're a force! We are some bad...

RUBY (CONT'D)
Witches!

EMERALD
Witches!

KRYSTAL
Witches!

They laugh.

DISSOLVE TO:

75 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - RUBY'S ROOM - NIGHT 75

The ladies are dress in evening gowns for their party. They gather in Ruby's room. The women plan their strategy one last time before they join their guest in the dinning hall. The Familiars enter the room.

MR. BUDDY
Ladies, how are we doing?

MR. MASCANTY
Fais do do! (Party!)

RUBY
Yes, ready to party!

Ruby grabs a purple shaffon wrap to go around her shoulders and accent her red dress.

EMERALD
I have a lump in my throat.

Emerald sits on the bed. Krystal joins her briefly.

KRYSTAL
I'm nervous too.

Krystal begins to paces. They all look at Ruby.

MISS SIS PRISS
And you Miss Ruby?

RUBY
I'm ready!

MR. MASCANTY
Je va te passe une calotte! (Give a slap!)

RUBY

Not just a slap Mr. Mascany... I'm ready to kick that ass!

Her sisters look at her curiously.

EMERALD

Ru, how do you know what he's saying all of a sudden? Last I checked, you don't speak french.

She shrugs her shoulders.

RUBY

I don't know, I just do. He just makes sense to me now. Just like protecting what we have, makes sense. How come you two don't understand him?

They shrug their shoulders.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Free your mind! And the rest will follow!

MR. MASCANTY

Fa sho!

Ruby thanks the Familiars. She dismisses them.

RUBY

Mr. Buddy, Miss Sis Priss, Mr. Mascany... thank you, for everything. Can I have a moment with my sisters?

MR. BUDDY

Of course child... we will be waiting for you downstairs entertaining your guest.

MISS SIS PRISS

Remember children, you are Monreaux's... and we are with you, always.

MR. MASCANTY

Fa sho!

The Familiars exit the room. The sisters sit on the bed together.

RUBY

Krys... Em...

Emerald interrupts Ruby.

EMERALD

Me first Ru... this *is* our destiny.
We didn't know it, but this is the
most important thing in our
lives... other than little
Amethyst. I love you guys... and
no matter what happens we will be
together. Bring it in!

Emerald hugs them. Ruby looks at her sisters with
determination.

RUBY

Now, let's go kick that ass!

They smile at each other. They exit the room together.

76

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - DINNING HALL - DUSK 76
(MUSIC PLAYS - THE SISTER SING - "DON'T ASK MY NEIGHBOR")

The band plays. The sisters enter the dinning hall singing.
They make their way to the stage. After the performance.
They each grab a glass of champagne and toast each other.
They fan out to greet their guest. Mr Buddy, Miss Sis Priss
and Mr. Mascanty huddle together.

MISS SIS PRISS

She's here... some where. You
think they're ready?

MR. BUDDY

They're ready... and so will we be.
She will not prosper! Not in this
house!

MR. MASCANTY

Weh! (Yes!)

The Familiars split up within the party. The Familiars keep
a close eye on the crowd and the sisters. After their song,
Emerald gives a speech.

EMERALD

Good Evening everyone! My sisters
and I just want to thank you all
for coming and graciously accepting
us!

(MORE)

EMERALD (CONT'D)

We are thrilled to be here,
enjoying our family history and to
meet all our new friends! Please
enjoy and...

The sister yell out to the crowd in unison.

EMERALD, KRYSTAL & RUBY

"Lassiez les bon temps roulet"
(Let the good times roll!)

The band plays. The guest cheer. Red, gold, and green balloons with purple streamers are released from the ceiling. The crowd dances and celebrates. During the celebration one of Mama N'Bauve' disciples, dressed as a guest, moves around the party. He uses the crowd as cover. He places the three dolls that resemble the sisters with three black eggs in opposite corners of the house. The eggs hatch three tiny snakes. The baby snakes wrap themselves around the dolls. The sister react simultaneously.

KRYSTAL

Hey, is it me? Or is it getting
hot in here?

EMERALD

I'm a little warm, or I would say
you're flashing.

Krystal cuts her eyes at Emerald. Emerald smirks.

KRYSTAL

You would know Em! Your the older
one!

RUBY

Hey, me too! And I'm younger then
both of y'all!

She motions for the server to come over.

RUBY (CONT'D)

Can I get some ice water!

The party continues. The girls make their way out into foiler to get some air. All three struggle to breath.

77

INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - ENTRYWAY - DUSK

77

The sisters sit at the bottom of the grand staircase. They try to make sense of what they are feeling. Miss Sis Priss checks on them.

MISS SIS PRISS

Children... what's wrong? What's going on?

The women are burning up. They clutch at their throats and struggle for air.

EMERALD

We're hot... something's wrong.

RUBY

Is the air on?

KRYSTAL

Yeah, it feels tight in here... I can't breathe.

Mr. Buddy interrupts. He examine them.

MR. BUDDY

What's happening?

MISS SIS PRISS

They're hot. Can't breath.

MR. BUDDY

This is her! She found a way to make them leave the house!

Mr. Mascanty joins them. He looks concerned.

MR. MASCANTY

The gris gris!

MR. BUDDY

It's Mama N'Bauve'. Stay with them. Mr. Mascanty and I will check for the gris gris. They must have hidden it some where in the house. We will find it!

Mr. Buddy and Mr. Mascanty scour the house. The sisters get up to go outside. Miss Siss Priss stops them.

MISS SIS PRISS

No children, stop! That's what she wants! You must stay inside! It's not safe out there! Stay with me!

EMERALD

I can't breathe! Miss Sis Priss!

KRYSTAL

Me either!

The sisters continue to gasp for air. Ruby rubs her belly.

RUBY

Oh! The baby! I think she's
coming! I need some air!

Ruby stands, then passes out on her feet. Emerald and Krystal catch her.

EMERALD

Ru!

KRYSTAL

Ru!

The sisters carry Ruby to the back entrance. They both look at the blood soaked salt that line the entrance. Then at each other. Miss Sis Priss urges them to stay inside the house.

MISS SIS PRISS

Children! Please! Stay in! It's
what she wants! Stay here with me!
It's an illusion. It's safe inside
the house!

Emerald and Krystal try to heed Miss Sis Priss' warning. They both decide at the same time to cross the blood salted threshold.

78 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - BACK PORCH - NIGHT 78

The sisters carry Ruby onto the back porch that overlooks the swamp. They lay Ruby on the chaise lounge. Emerald and Krystal fall to their knees trying to catch their breath.

79 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - NIGHT 79

Suddenly, Mama N'Bauve' emerges slowly from the swamp. She hovers over the water. She appears to be dry. The women watch her. They continue to gasp for air.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Cousins! Great party! So I'm
told! I guess my invite got held
up huh?

Her disciples line the banks of the swamp.

80 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - BACK PORCH - NIGHT 80

The sisters recover. They slowly catch their breath. Emerald and Krystal stand in front of Ruby. They face Mama N'Bauve'.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Tick Tock Cousins! I've come to
claim what's mine!

The Familiars exit the house. They surround the sisters. The guest of the party follow closely behind them. The party goes shape shift into wolves. They surround the Familiars and the sisters. The wolves snarl and gnash their teeth at the intruders.

MR. BUDDY

You are not welcome here Witch!
You will not pass!

81 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - NIGHT 81

Mama N'Bauve' waves her hand over the water. It bubbles and churns. Her disciples enter the water.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Don't try me old man! You will
loose... again!

An army of alligators emerge from the swamp. They brutally attack the wolves. The wolves strike back. They hold the line at the bank of the swamp. The fight is bloody and vicious. The animals hurl their bodies through the air biting and clawing each other.

82 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - BACK PORCH - NIGHT 82

Ruby wakes. She goes into labour. The battle continues. Ruby screams out in pain. Her sisters cling to her side. Miss Siss Priss tends to her. Mr. Buddy and Mr. Mascanty hold their positions in front of the women. They do not let the alligators penetrate their circle. Mr. Buddy and Mr. Mascanty protect the sisters fiercely.

RUBY

No! Why is this happening now!

She looks at her sisters with tears in her eyes. They reassure her. Krystal and Emerald hold Ruby's hands.

KRYSTAL

Because it's time! You knew our little niece was gonna be all dramatic!

Krystal smiles at Ruby. She tries to smile, but still looks worried.

EMERALD

Uh huh, just like her Mama! Now concentrate Ru! Our niece isn't gonna wait! She wants out!

Miss Siss Priss places pillows from the patio furniture under Ruby's legs and back for support.

KRYSTAL

Yeah, she just like her Mama! On her own schedule! Now push Ru!

Miss Sis Priss gets in position. Ruby has another contraction. She pushes.

MISS SIS PRISS

That's it child! Push!

83 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - NIGHT 83

Mama N'Bauve' waves her hand in front of a wolf that lunges toward her. In one motion, the wolf is hurled in the air to the other side of the swamp.

84 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - BACK PORCH - NIGHT 84

Krystal hands Miss Sis Priss more blankets off the nearby sofa. She places them between Ruby's legs. Ruby continues to push.

MISS SIS PRISS

This little one won't be denied!
Now push child! Push!

Ruby grabs a hold of her sisters hands. She pushes with all her might. She grimaces from the pain. Emerald and Krystal wince as Ruby squeezes their hands.

KRYSTAL

Yes girl! She's coming!

EMERALD

That's it Ru! A little more!

85 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - NIGHT 85

The alligators overwhelm the wolves. They drag the wolves gnashing, and howling into the swamp. Mr. Buddy and Mr. Mascanty transform into Rougarou. They hold the rest of the alligators off. Mr. Buddy's wolf form rips an alligator in half. Mr. Mascanty's wolf form bites another gator's head off. He spits it in the swamp.

86 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - BACK PORCH - NIGHT 86

A purple clear bubble forms. It surrounds the sisters. Miss Siss Priss encourages Ruby to push harder.

MISS SIS PRISS
Come on child! Harder! Push!

Ruby begins to lose consciousness. Emerald and Krystal manage to keep her awake.

EMERALD
Ru! Stay with us!

KRYSTAL
Almost there girl! I can see her!

87 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - NIGHT 87

Mama N'Bauve' stirs the swamp waters again. The water churns and boils. Suddenly, zombies emerge from the waters. They tear into what's left of the Rougarou. The zombies make their way to the edge of the mansion. Among the dead walking are Aggy and her husband.

MAMA N'BAUVE'
I will have what's mine! What I
deserve! You witches think you can
beat me! You really have no idea
who you messin' wit!

Mama N'Bauve' cocks her head to the side. Mr. Buddy and Mr. Mascanty pounce on the dead. They rip them apart.

88 EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - BACK PORCH - NIGHT 88

Ruby delivers Amethyst. She cries, taking her first breath. Miss Siss Priss cleans her off. She wraps her in a blanket. Miss Siss Priss places Amethyst in Ruby's arms. Ruby holds her, but is very weak. She smiles at her daughter.

RUBY

Hi muffin, I'm your Mama.

Ame' smiles back.

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EXT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - SWAMP - NIGHT

89

Emerald and Krystal position themselves in front of Ruby. They face Mama N'Bauve'.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Aw, let me see the little... witch!

EMERALD

Over my dead body!

KRYSTAL

And mine... you will not touch her!

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Now, that's no way to treat family. But... if you insist... girl!

Mr. Mascanty and Mr. Buddy wrestle the last of the undead. Miss Siss Priss transforms into a Rougarou. She leaps at Mama N'Bauve'. Miss Sis Priss is stopped in midair. Mama N'Bauve' swats her to the side of swamp, like a fly. The sisters focus their power together. They try to choke Mamma N'Bauve'.

EMERALD

Now, let's see how you like it!

She quickly overcomes their spell. She turns it back on the sisters. They drop to their knees. Mamma N'Bauve' raises her hands. She plucks Amethyst out of Ruby's arms.

RUBY

No! Please! Don't hurt her! She's just a little baby. She's... your family!

Amethyst floats over to Mamma N'Bauve'. She looks the baby up and down. Amethyst looks at her strangely.

MAMA N'BAUVE'

Sorry, little one... only room for one head witch in this town.

With a wave of her hand, Mama N'Bauve' thrusts Amethyst into the air. Then, she starts to falls. Suddenly, Clayton Monreaux's undead corpse emerges from the swamp. He puts his fist through Mamma N'Bauve's back.

He grabs her beating heart out of her chest. Clayton's corpse crushes it in his hand. Emerald and Krystal begin to breath again. Mamma N'Bauve's hold on them is released. They rush to catch their falling niece. Suddenly, the ghost of Mama Tee-Beaux appears. She cradles Amethyst gently back down into Ruby's arms. She smiles at her Great Grand daughters with pride. Mr. Buddy and Mr. Mascanty transform back into their human form. They rush to Miss Siss Priss' side. She transforms. They help her to her feet. Mamma Tee-Beaux and Clayton gaze at each other. She smiles at him. Clayton never breaks his gaze. He slowly backs down into the swamp. He drags Mamma N'Bauve' body down with him. The swamp water boils and churns. They disappear into the murky swamp water. The sisters watch Mamma Tee-Beaux's ghost float over the swamp. She smiles at the Familiars. They nod at her. Mamma Tee-Beaux's ghost fades away in the mist of the swamp. The sisters watch her disappear. They hold their niece and each other tightly.

DISSOLVE TO:

90 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - RUBY'S ROOM - MORNING 90
(MUSIC PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND SOFTLY)

Ruby sleeps in her bed. Amethyst makes noises in her crib. Emerald and Krystal sneak into the room. The sisters bring a puppy in with them. They move over to the crib to see their niece. Ame' reaches for the puppy.

EMERALD

(She Whispers)

Look at that! See... she likes him.

KRYSTAL

(She Whispers)

Yeah... now all you have to do is name him Ame'. He's your Familiar.

Ame' cuddles the puppy. She looks at her Aunts. She points at the puppy.

AME'

Boo-skee-nee'!

EMERALD

Oh wow! Did you hear that?

KRYSTAL

Yass! She just named him!

EMERALD

Boo-skee-nee'!

KRYSTAL
Boo-skee-nee'!

They try to pick her up. Ruby stirs in her sleep. Emerald and Krystal yell out to Ruby in unison.

EMERALD
Ru!

KRYSTAL
Ru!

Ruby slowly wakes. She turns over to see her sisters holding on to the sides of the crib to avoid floating up to the ceiling. Ruby sits up.

RUBY
What the! (She laughs) All you
two need are brooms!

She starts to laugh uncontrollably.

EMERALD
Hey Krys, she got jokes!

KRYSTAL
Ru! You better get your kid!

Ruby continues laughing.

RUBY
Oh, now she's just mine!

EMERALD
Ame'... now is this the way you're
suppose to treat your Aunties?

KRYSTAL
Ame'... put your Aunties down. Ru!
Are you just going to sit there
laughing!

Amethyst giggles. Ruby continues to laugh at her sisters.

RUBY
I guess y'all won't sneak up on her
anymore! (she laughs)

EMERALD
Oh, I'm glad someone's enjoying
this! I'm gonna throw up.

Emerald and Krystal continue to hang on to the crib.

KRYSTAL

Ru! Can you please stop laughing
and get us down!

Ruby falls back on the bed and continues to laugh.

91 INT. MONREAUX PLANTATION HOME - FAMILIAR'S QUARTERS 91

Mr. Buddy lays the dolls that represent the sisters on the table. Mr. Mascanty and Miss Siss Priss join him.

MR. MASCANTY

Coo Wee! (Wow, look at that!)

MR. BUDDY

We must hide these. So, no one
ever finds them.

MR. MASCANTY

Co faire? (Why?)

MISS SIS PRISS

So, they'll be safe... and at
peace. It's been a long fight.
They deserve it.

92 INT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MAMA N'BAUVE'S SANCTUARY - MORNING 92

A woman in her bare, dirty feet stumble into the Sanctuary. She walks over to the throne. Zamora, sits on the throne. She makes herself comfortable. She stares at the empty fish tank.

DISSOLVE TO:

93 EXT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MONREAUX MAUSOLEUM - MORNING 93
(MUSIC PLAYS - "SEPTEMBER" - BY "EARTH WIND AND FIRE")

The sisters and baby Amethyst visit Mamma Tee-Beaux's crypt.

94 INT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MONREAUX MAUSOLEUM - MORNING 94

They place flowers inside.

95 EXT. CITY OF THE DEAD - MONREAUX MAUSOLEUM - MORNING 95

The sisters leave the grave sight. Three harpy like creatures perch on top of the crypt.

They take flight and follow the sisters. The Angel that
adorns the top of the Monreaux Mausoleum smiles down on them.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END