

THE BIBLE THUMPER AND THE BRUJA

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1 INT. RITUAL ROOM - DAY 1

Traditional and alternative religious objects in a cloud of smoke.

A red ribbon pulls a mound of curls into a ponytail. SOFIA(30s), a free-spirit wannabe and professional tarot card reader, who desperately needs a vacation performs an aura spiritual cleanse.

With her eyes closed, she moves a cut lemon over her body.

SOFIA

Pull out all the negative energy.  
ouch.

Pain - she rubs her jaw.

2 EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY 2

Holding a bible and walking steadfastly, we meet JIM (30s) an uptight, quirky minister, and Sofia's pesky neighbor. He prays then takes a swig from his flask.

3 INT. RITUAL ROOM - CONTINUOUS 3

Sofia looks out the window and sees Jim heading towards her backyard, she watches him through the window.

SOFIA

Minister Jim, not today.

4 EXT. TAROT READING AREA - DAY 4

Sofia's backyard is a mystical space, it's where she meets clients.

Jim walks around the tarot reading table. He reads his bible.

JIM

Micah 5:12, I will destroy your  
witchcraft and you will no longer  
cast spells--

Jim bumps into Sofia.

SOFIA

Get out, Jim.

JIM  
Restless spirit, this life you're  
living, it's evil.

SOFIA  
It's insane, but I like it.

Jim moves towards Sofia's cards. She snatches them up.

JIM  
False prophecy won't save you. You  
will spend eternity in hell.

SOFIA  
Hell, huh? What happened to love  
thy neighb-ouch.

Sofia hunches over in pain.

Jim notices, his face softens for a moment, he moves to help  
her but stops short and doubles down.

JIM  
There's only one truth--

SOFIA  
--The truth is, if you don't get  
out of here...

Sofia's fingers become claws.

SOFIA  
...I'm going to cast a spell on  
you.

JIM  
I'm not afraid of you!

Sofia and Jim are deep in a stare down when CLIENT 1 appears.

CLIENT 1  
Hey.

5 EXT. BACKYARD TAROT READING AREA - CONTINUOUS

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Jim leaves in a hurry. Sofia beckons Client 1 to a table  
where she sits.

Sofia meets with a series of CLIENTS. We see tarot cards laid  
out on the table.

CLIENT 1  
Exactly what is the future of my  
relationship?

Sofia forces a smile. She knew that was coming, she lays down  
cards.

CUT TO:

CLIENT 2  
How can I attract my soulmate?

Unnerved, Sofia nods and lays down cards.

CUT TO:

CLIENT 3  
Can you see what was the reason she  
broke up with me, she literally  
ghosted me!

With a grimace, Sofia looks at her watch, and lays down  
cards.

All three clients reinforce the same question.

CUT TO:

CLIENT 1 CLIENT 2 CLIENT 3  
What about love?

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EXT. BACKYARD TAROT READING AREA - DAY

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Client 3 leaves. Sofia sits and looks at her cards.

SOFIA  
So much power, and all they ask  
about is love. What a waste.

She shuffles, pulls a tarot card, lays it on the table. The  
Fool (new beginnings/an accident).

SOFIA  
An accident?

Two more cards. The Tower (uncomfortable change/unexpected  
accident), Six of Swords (transition away from grief), the  
card has a boat.

SOFIA  
Unexpected... a trip over water?

Sofia takes in the information. She dials the phone. A pain in her chest forces her to wince and she lays a hand over her heart.

SOFIA  
Hello, my name is Sofia Navarro.  
I'd like to cancel my Sail  
Adventure tour.  
(nodding)  
Thank you so much.

She lays both hands on her RUMBLING belly.

7 EXT. BACKYARD TAROT READING AREA - DAY 7

Hands on belly and in a tropical sun dress Sofia grows nauseous. A box of chicken near by. Jim sings, annoying Sofia.

JIM (O.S.)  
(singing)  
Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on  
earth our food, our stay.

The chicken bones catch her eye. She pulls the red ribbon out of her hair, smiles.

JIM (O.S.)  
(singing)  
Alleluia! Here the sinful. Flee to  
Thee form day to day.

8 EXT. JIM'S YARD - CONTINUOUS 8

Jim sings while gardening.

JIM  
(singing)  
Intercessor friend  
(swig from flask)  
of sinners.

9 EXT. BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS 9

Sofia tosses the ribbon-tied bones into Jim's yard.

JIM (O.S.)  
(singing)  
Earths Redeemer, plead for me.

10 EXT. JIM'S YARD - CONTINUOUS 10

The bones land in front of Jim.

JIM  
(singing)  
Where the songs of all  
the..sinless.

11 EXT. DOORWAY - DAY 11

Sofia pulls luggage out of her doorway while wearing an obnoxious large sun hat. She pauses at the entrance to take in a deep breath.

She clicks open the trunk.

12 EXT. SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS 12

Jim runs down the street.

13 EXT. SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS 13

Sofia sees Jim waving his Bible in the air, she hurries in her car.

14 EXT/INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS 14

Jim stands at drivers side door.

JIM  
You cursed me, vessel of satan.

Sofia loses it, she yells, bangs on the steering wheel, hisses, in an all out melt down.

SOFIA  
I'm not going to miss my flight for  
your nonsense.

Jim retreats behind the car. Sofia puts on her seatbelt and pulls her self together.

Behind the car Jim drops his bible, and bends

The car backs up quickly. We hear a loud THUMP and Jim SCREAM, after a moment she rolls slowly forward and back over Jim.

Sofia sits breathing heavy.

Now a ghost, Jim knocks on the passenger window and startles Sofia, she can't believe her eyes.

GHOST JIM  
You killed me.

Sofia holds her left arm, enters into cardiac arrest, slumps over the steering wheel and dies.

PRE-LAP: EMERGENCY SIRENS approach

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EXT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

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Ghost Jim stands outside the passenger side.

GHOST JIM  
I don't think your going to make  
your flight.

Ghost Sofia stands beside him.

GHOST SOFIA  
Of course I'm going to miss my  
flight, I'm dead you asshole.

Jim and Sofia fade into thin air the only thing left is sky.