

INT.HOSPITAL ROOM-NIGHT

CINDY MENDEZ(25) a young Latina lays in a HOSPITAL BED in a brightly lit room in a coma. Her husband AARON (30) and brother ROGER (31) are present at her bedside at the hospital saying their prayers.

A DOCTOR in a white robe walks in from the hall. The doc flips through a set of LOTERIA PLAYING CARDS on a CLIPBOARD masquerading his charts.

DOCTOR

I'm sorry. We tried all that we could.

Aaron kneels next to Cindy, whispers in her ear.

AARON

(whispering)

I'm, here babe. Don't listen to them.

I brought your MnMs and your Patron.

He brushes her bangs back, carefully sets the MnMs and TEQUILA next to Cindy. The doctor makes his exit.

Aaron looks at the white ceiling, clenches his fists in a rage, and yells.

AARON

(CONT)

Cindy!!... Why won't you wake up!??

FADE OUT

INT.CINDY'S MIND-DUSK

Cindy awakens in a dark void. She seems to be floating around. She looks around. She's confused. Her hair begins to wave. Behind her, a purple wormhole spins and sucks black matter in. Nothing is safe from its grip.

CINDY

What the ...Where am I?...

AARON

(V.O. echo of Aaron)

Why won't you wake up?

Cindy searches around desperately.

CINDY  
 Babe?... Babe!!! Where are you?? I can  
 hear you! Here I come!

Cindy looks at the wormhole, walks towards it. She lets it  
 suck her in. Cindy dematerializes into billions of particles.

SMEAR DISSOLVE

INT. I LOVE LUCY SET-DAY

Cindy materializes on the set of her favorite sitcom; I Love  
 Lucy. Her world has turned black & white. 50's decor, a  
 COUCH, an accent chair, plain jane rug. She sits on the  
 chair. As she relaxes, finds her bearings, her clone enters  
 the hot set.

CINDY CLONE  
 Hey...Cindy

The camera pans from the clone's knees to her head. Cindy  
 sees her clone and jumps up from her seat.

CINDY  
 (In a frightened voice)  
 No Way!!... Are...are you me?

CINDY CLONE  
 Listen, You don't have much time. Head  
 in that direction...

Cindy's clone points toward a long hallway glowing green.

CINDY CLONE  
 (CONT)  
 ...where there'll be a proposition  
 waiting for you

CINDY  
 (confused)

Wait, What?

CINDY CLONE  
 He'll propose a game. A game of  
 Loteria. It's simple. Win and you can  
 be reunited with your husband. Loose,  
 and it's ALL over. Get it? But hurry.  
 Look.

The Cindy clone points to a painting behind the couch on the wall.

VIGNETTE MASK IN

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The brush strokes morph into an image of Cindy in the hospital bed, her husband holding and caressing her hand.

CINDY CLONE

(v.o.)

See?? You're running out of time

VIGNETTE MASK OUT

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CINDY

(In a rush)

I...I... have to go. Thanks,  
...thanks.

As Cindy heads towards the green hallway, her clone offers one more token of advice.

CINDY CLONE

Hey, Just a heads up,

Cindy looks back

CINDY CLONE

(cont)

the REAPER never loses

Cindy steps into the hallway unafraid.

FADEOUT

INT.CROSSROADS-DUSK

At the end of the hallway, Cindy finds a lively green meadow with an ocean-blue sky. Strange images, she recognizes from her life fly around.

She sees a path that turns into a fork in the road. Two paths.

CINDY  
 What the...she didn't mention this.

CINDY  
 (CON't)  
 Which way is it? I wish I had a coin!

Cindy fixes her hair. She extends her hand at the paths. A JFK 50 CENT PIECE appears magically in her open hand.

CINDY  
 (CONT)  
 What! Heads to the left, tails to the right.

She flips the COIN. It makes a WHOOSHING sound as it flips and lands on tails with a THUMP on the soil.

CINDY  
 (CONT)  
 Like my hubby always says, tails never fail.

Cindy walks down the path on the right.

FADE OUT

INT.AT THE GATES OF HELL-DUSK

Cindy arrives at the grimy gates of hell. Flames dance all around her. Souls yell for her from the other side of the gates. She's met by a shadowy figure in a BLACK CLOAK holding a WOODEN SCYTHE. THE REAPER.

CINDY  
 This is crazy

Cindy takes a gulp. She proposes an offer to the reaper. She flings her curls. Flirts with the dead man.

CINDY  
 (CONT)  
 Can I just go home? Please? Mr. Reaper?

The reaper shakes his head. He proceeds to point to a GAME TABLE like the ones they use in Texas Hold'Em, flanked by TWO CHAIRS. A bottle of Patron and two SHOT GLASSES and M&M'S wait next to a game LOTERIA.

Cindy and the reaper are instantly transported to their seats

by the GAME TABLE. The camera zooms in on the PATRON bottle and on the MnM'S on the table.

CINDY  
OMG, My favorites!

Cindy takes the bottle and pours herself a shot. She takes it like a champ.

Then she grabs a handful of MnMs. She stuffs them in her mouth as a chaser.

CINDY  
(Cont) (with a mouth full of MnMs)  
Okay jerk,...let's do this.  
(Montage scene begins)

The game begins. The reaper takes the early advantage. His game board begins to fill with colorful MnMs.

FADE OUT

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The doctor has returned. He's there to cut off the life support systems keeping Cindy alive.

Aaron is CRYING, leaning over Cindy.

DOCTOR  
Don't worry, she won't feel a thing.

The Doctor heads towards the life support systems.

AARON  
(WHISPERING into Cindy's ear)  
I love you, babe.

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The reaper is two PLAYING CARDS away from completing his card.

AARON  
(echoed v.o.)  
I love you babe

Cindy hears Aaron's voice. It pushes her on. The CORAZON CARD appears with a sparkle from the DECK of CARDS. Cindy's rally is on.

CINDY  
Come on, come on!!...

Various cards come up that fill up her board with the M n M's. She's one card away from winning.

CINDY  
(CONT)  
Yes!!...Yes!!

Then the MUERTE CARD comes up. The reaper grabs an MnM and places it on the card. He is one card away from winning.

CUT TO

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The Doctor's hand is on the "plug" to Cindy's life support systems. He begins to pull. Aaron is crying.

DOCTOR  
Shouldn't be long once I pull the cord. She'll be at peace soon.

CUT TO

INT.AT THE GATES OF HELL-NIGHT

Cindy stares at the reaper intently. The last card on the deck comes up. It's flipped on the table. The card is the EL MUNDO CARD. The last card Cindy needed to win and to return to consciousness.

The reaper slams his fist on the TABLE. Cindy begins to raise her hands and say Loteria when a flash occurs.

INTRO FLASH

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Cindy awakens before the doctor pulls the "plug".

She wakes up, to the surprise of the Doctor and Aaron, and raises her hands.

CINDY  
LOTERIA!!

(FIN)