

Washington Witches

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**ACT ONE**

SEENA PLANTATION, TEXAS - 2000

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD STREET - DAY

We see a car park and a young woman emerges noticing a recent delivery at her front door.

MARIE SHEPARD, African American, early 20's, athletic and beautiful. Arrives sweaty, drinking water.

Marie steps up and looks down to see a strange package addressed to her and Rose.

MARIE

I wonder what this is.

INT. HOUSE - WALKWAY - DAY

Marie walks to the stairs and calls for Rose.

MARIE

Rosie, are you up yet?

INT. HOUSE - UPSTAIRS BEDROOM - DAY

(Rose, awake, lays in bed,  
watching her phone)

ROSE

What... It's Saturday, you know--

MARIE (O.S.)

Come down here and check this out.

INT. HOME - DEN - DAY

Rose, curious, glides down the stairs, phone in hand.

ROSE

Check what out, Marie?

Marie reveals a package placed on coffee table.

ROSE (CONT'D)

When did this come?

MARIE

This morning, I guess...

ROSE

Funny, I didn't hear anyone at the door while you were at the gym.

(Marie examines the box)

MARIE

It looks kind of old.

Marie starts to open the medium sized rectangular box with caution. Rose helps.

ROSE

Where is it from? Who sent this to us?

MARIE

I'm looking but there is no sender information on the outside of the box. It's addressed to both of us.

They pull out a medium sized golden trunk with WW inscriptions on the front. Both girls in awe of it.

ROSE

This is beautiful, look at the details on this thing. It has to be like 100 years old or something.

MARIE

(roll her eyes, watching Rose's eye light up) Here you go again with your history stuff.

ROSE

I can't help myself, you know it's  
my passion.

A note falls out of the box that it came in.

MARIE

Rosie, look.

(Marie unfolds the note  
and reads out loud)

"Know Thyself, Seek Truth, Release  
The Power Within."

ROSE

African proverbs? Interesting.

Marie and Rose open the chest together.

MARIE

Who is --

ROSE

Whoa Sis, she looks just like you,  
long jet black locs and  
everything.

MARIE

This is kinda spooky, don't you  
think. I mean what in the world is  
going on right now?

Rose continues to look inside the chest.

ROSE

Look I think there is gold coins  
inside. This can not be happening.

A black leather book attracts them.

MARIE

This is beautiful, Manifesto? Its  
inscription says WW "Washington  
Witches"...

ROSE

Do you think we are Washington  
Witches?

MARIE

No, plus our last name is Shepard.  
Looks like old family heirlooms to  
me.

Rose finds a pocket with valuables?

ROSE

And it just keeps getting better--

MARIE

What?

ROSE

Gold coins and two beautiful rings. Here you take the purple stone, I'll keep the pink.

MARIE

I like how the rings are black and the stones trimmed in gold. I don't know why but I feel loved by someone special.

The sisters place the rings on their index fingers.

INT. HOME - DEN - DAY

Suddenly they see other women in the den with them, in white flowing garments.

Rose screams and hides behind her slightly older sister, Marie. Marie fearless stands talk among the ancient beings.

MARIE

Who are you and Why are you in our home?

ROSE

Oh my God they are going to kill us?

MARY WASHINGTON, African American ancestor, mature, ageless beauty, full of wisdom speaks

MARY WASHINGTON

Dear child, we are not hear to harm you, for we have always been here, now you see us with your rings of power.

Marie looks at her hand.

MARIE

This?--

MARY WASHINGTON

Yes, do not remove your rings,  
they bring forth your inner power.

ROSE

So you are like witches or  
something?

MARY WASHINGTON

Yes--

MARIE

So you left this box at our door?

ROSE

That was your picture in the box?

MARY WASHINGTON

Yes child, I need your help? I'm  
being held captive on our old  
plantation land.

The girls are confused?

MARIE

We don't even know you, why should  
we help you?

MARY WASHINGTON

I am your great, great  
grandmother. I need you to find my  
Washington Ring and rescue me.

ROSE

How long have you been captured?

MARY WASHINGTON

I was capture by the Christian  
Coven in the year 1900.

Rose looks to Marie in disbelief.

MARIE

Wait the Christians have a coven?  
They are witches too.

ROSE

That can't be true... What about  
the Bible?

Mary Washington rolls her eyes

MARY WASHINGTON

Of course, how else do you think  
they have been able to cause  
millions to leave their  
families... their countries'  
belief systems and take up a man-  
made belief system that empowers  
one species and diminishes the  
other. Only witches possess that  
power. Be very careful who you  
trust. Protect your secrets with  
your life.

ROSE

This just can't be true.

MARIE

Yeah just like this whole thing...  
the package... being witches...  
the rings.

MARIE

Honestly Rosie, this might be the  
realist thing that has ever  
happened to us period.

MARY WASHINGTON

I am Queen of the Washington Coven  
and I have been waiting on my  
royal bloodline to rise up and  
help me defeat our enemies.



MARIE

We will help you Queen and we will  
somehow defeat this enemy.

**END OF ACT 1**