

From the heart of the Labyrinth (working title)

SYNOPSIS

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Because his mother Maria lies on her deathbed Heery is left no other choice than to go back to Chartres, his birth town. Driving away from CERN where he works as a professor in Physics he begins to understand that the world outside of CERN has changed. It is the year 2029 and it seems as if people are clairvoyant and in peace with themselves and each other. It scares the shit out of Heery.

In Chartres old passion and competition flare up again as Heery sees his ex-girlfriend Rodith, who married his twin brother Cras. He won't listen to his dying mother who's trying to keep Heery away from Rodith. He notices she feels the same so he organizes a rich picnic to which he takes her secretly. There they kiss.

The kiss is brutally interrupted by Rodith's cell phone ringing: mother died and Cras wonders where Rodith and Heery are. Back at home the kiss is never mentioned again as the whole family, including the kids, are working together as a team to get the best for their deceased mother and grandmother. But Heery doesn't fit in. They all seem sad but at peace with her death. Heery on the other hand is a total mess and their peacefulness is giving him the creeps. To get his mind off this he sees Klio and Hodiye. In Heery's opinion these two students of his brother are messing up their entire graduation. Cras can't help them so Heery is going to teach them real science. But Klio and Hodiye get him to talk about his feelings, his grief mixed with anger towards his mother for loving Cras more than she loved him.

That night Heery lies awake and goes downstairs. Rodith can't sleep either and together they sit and look at his mother's coffin. Cras comes down wanting to know what's going on between them. Rodith denies there's anything going on which makes Heery angry: he loves Rodith and she loves him, they kissed, and he wants her back. It's his turn to have Rodith and Cras's turn to feel miserable. But Cras and Rodith kick him out and instead of sleeping in Rodith's arms Heery lies on the cold floor of the Chartres cathedral in his pyjamas that night.

The next morning he meets Klio and Hodiye. This time to really talk science. But instead of helping them with scientific procedures Heery becomes their testee. Klio and Hodiye developed a method which solves Heery's dilemma so he doesn't have to kill his brother to be with Rodith: by walking the labyrinth in the Chartres cathedral Heery gets a complete new view of his future. One in which he doesn't have to compete with his brother anymore and in which he can live as happily and peacefully as everybody else seems to live around here. Heery first denies this view, but after fighting with his resistance, he can laugh about it.

He goes to Cras who's preparing the funeral. He doesn't want to listen to Heery and wants him to leave. So Heery starts to write. The next day at his mother's funeral he shows up as an unannounced speaker and thanks his mother for raising him and loving him just as much as his beautiful twin brother. He apologizes to her for his stubborn selfishness and wishes her farewell. Afterwards Cras takes him in his arms: two brothers with a new future ahead of them.