

AEG: Cassie in love

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Mo Holkar / UKG — 24 Dec 2008, 18:17

Hi all,

This has been playing on my mind for some time now, and I haven't seen anyone else post about it yet, so:

Does Cassie genuinely love Reis / Rosenquist? We assume she's in a love triangle with him and Chase, but it seems to me at least equally possible that she's true to Chase all along and is only ever feigning being in love with Reis.

Cassie says that she loves him, and demonstrates it sufficiently well to convince him and others. But we know that she is both a talented actress and also a habitual and fluent liar.

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Thoughts?

best wishes,

Mo

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Dave Tallman — 24 Dec 2008, 22:48 · follows Mo Holkar / UKG

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As you say, she has no audience here. I have to believe the love is real. Even if she does ultimately end up with Chase, it doesn't undercut the sincerity of her feelings. Bill is dead, after all.

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Mo Holkar / UKG — 02 Jan 2009, 09:36 · in reply to Dave Tallman

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It's interesting that her motivation for travelling is left so very open. (By necessity, since we couldn't trust what she might say about it, but even so.)

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Dave Tallman — 02 Jan 2009, 14:04 · in reply to Mo Holkar / UKG

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David Stockhoff — 02 Jan 2009, 23:42 · follows Dave Tallman

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Mo Holkar / UKG — 03 Jan 2009, 10:17 · in reply to David Stockhoff

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Dave Tallman — 04 Jan 2009, 12:38 · in reply to Mo Holkar / UKG

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Mortals can kill other mortals in Fairyland; Hwan Lee shot Jose Balanco in "Castlevue." Mortals can also kill monsters there; Able killed Grengarm in "The Knight."

On the other hand, I don't really believe the vendetta theory. My assessment is that Gideon Chase isn't on the side of Chtulhu. The winged Death's Visitors seem to be his allies (one appears to assist in Cassie's transformation on p. 43: "Behind him: great, dark wings.") The creatures warn Cassie about the Squid God and save her life. They tell her "Trust those who love you... Only them" (p. 235). That seems to mean to trust only them, along with Bill Reis and Gideon Chase.

Reis seems to have brought his troubles on himself. Chase didn't make him set the Navy on the Storm King. His only responsibility is that Reis wouldn't have loved Cassie (and wanted to attack those who endangered her) without Chase's help. Cassie surely cannot want revenge for that.