

Book Signing

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Characters: Fan Girl One, Fan Girl Two, Fan Girl Three, Charles

Quincy, Toby, Fan Boy

Setting: Convention Center signing

Props: A table, clip board, lots of books, Poster

Sound Effects: Quick slide show

LIGHTS UP:

We see lots of fans jumping up and down together outside the signing room and then Fan Girl One quiets them.

Fan Girl One

Okay Jenny, are you sure that Will Fleek is in there.

Fan Girl Two

Of course Amy, you were there for the call. Hannah said her sister's best friend was at this convention because she's a college student and saw Will Fleek sneak in through a back door to this signing room. He's just using Charles as a fake name in order to keep the fake fans away.

Fan Girl Three

I stayed up all night to binge all the new episodes, Will cannot hide from me. I need to see him.

Charles Quincy and Toby enter through the other side of a signing room talking to each other, Toby is holding a clip board and wearing a headset, and the screen displays "Charles Quincy, In and of The Universe - Book Signing"

Charles Quincy

(a little posh and academic)

Thank you for having me here today, it's not often I get to participate in book signings!

Toby

Of course! We're lucky to have such a qualified bio-geo-chem-aquata-maxi-galactic entomologist at our convention Dr. Quincy!

Charles Quincy

hearty old person laugh Oh toby you don't need to flatter me so.

Toby

Of course Dr. Quincy, sorry. We'll just have you sit right here, this is your pen, these are your headshots.

Charles Quincy

Headshots?

Toby

I'll go let the line in and have security brace for crowd control.

Charles Quincy

Crowd control? Surely there can't be that many...

As the assistant opens the door, he's shoved out of the way by Fan Girl One and almost trampled by the rest of the fans. They sprint to Charles Quincy screaming and jumping up and down. Fan Girl One stands in amazement in front of Charles Quincy.

Beat

Charles Quincy

Oh uh Hi, who can I sign this out to?

As he takes the poster out from her hands he looks at it bewildered, what in the world is this tv poster? Fan Girl One she whispers and laughs with the other fans behind her.

Fan Girl One

Oh hi Will, I MEAN CHARLES *winks obviously* Could you write "to Amy, whose heart glows brighter than the Glorbons core"

Beat

Charles Quincy

Um... Sure... anyways have a great day

Fan Girl One geeks out and runs away. Fan Girl Two runs up.

Fan Girl Two

I'm so excited to meet you Charley *winks*. I never do this but could I get a picture with you?

Charles Quincy

Of course?

Charles poses behind the table as Fan Girl Two gets her phone and takes a selfie.

Fan Girl Two

Say "By the might of our Skreezen and the Courage of Bontoy!!!"

Charles Quincy

By the might of our skleezey and the court of bok choy?

Fan Girl Two freaks out after taking the picture and him saying the line.

Charles Quincy

Okay... odd... Next?

Fan Girl Three walks up.

Fan Girl Three

(speaking frantically and fast because she's nervous)

Hi Mr. Quincey Sir *takes a deep breath and winks*, I just adore your approach to the character so much, you take so many creative liberties that go on to emphasize his inner conflict between the dualities of his personality

Fan Girl Three shoves her book in front of Charles Quincy who looks bewildered and lost. Toby begins to walk back from the door he opened towards the desk.

Fan Girl Three

(Still crazy fast and nervous)

Could you sign this out to Elizabeth and say "As the fates collide and darkness abounds, my dearest friend Elizabeth has always been there for me through thick and thin in our glorious quest against the darkness in defense of the Glorbon and its everlasting light in order to accomplish the grandest and mightiest of-

Charles Quincy

TOBY! Hey um, I don't know what's going on here, what are all of these people talking about...

Toby

What do you mean Dr. Quincy?

Charles Quincy

People keep asking me to sign about globos and screachies and bonvoy.
I get not reading my book but making all this up.

Toby

Oh no, you haven't seen it yet have you?

Charles Quincy

Seen what...

Toby

So there's this new netflix series...

Charles Quincy

Yes?

Toby

And the main heart-throb kind of looks like you do...

Charles Quincy

Well they know it's not me right? My name's plastered all over the
front of the room.

Toby

It sounds like they think that your "science" thing is a ruse.

Charles Quincy

There's no way I need to see this for myself.

Charles Quincy puts on glasses, and Toby begrudgingly pulls up the
video on a phone and hands it to him. Charles views it for a beat like
an old person, then pulls his glasses down.

Charles Quincy

Oh no.

Toby

Unfortunately, yes.

Charles Quincy

Does he keep his-

Toby

yeah...

Charles Quincy

For the entirety of the-

Toby

yup...

Charles Quincy

Good Heavens...

People begin to chant and shout things to the effect of "Take your shirt off charley!" and "Let us see those ABBBSSSS!" Charles Quincy takes off his glasses and stands up from the table to applause, which he soon silences.

Charles Quincy

Who here is here for the signing because of this new fangled Netflix series.

Everyone raises their hands.

Charles Quincy

I regret to inform you all, but I am not this Will Fleek, I'm actually just Charles. I do not have the sculpted athletic form he does, and unfortunately lack the confidence to act shirtless throughout a full feature much less this press signing.

Everyone left in line sighs and boos and wanders back out. But Fan Boy stays behind. He approaches the table where Charles has sat back down a bit sad and confused

Fan Boy

It's a shame they don't recognize you for your real accomplishments Dr Quincy, Your re-classification of the freo-lipo-geiger-nirto-turon principle is truly quite astounding.

Charles Quincy

(hopeful)

Th-Thank you. That means the world. Who can I make it out to.

Fan Boy

Connor Jenkins.

Charles starts to write and hands the book back.

Fan Boy

Thank you, and Dr. Quincy?

Charles Quincy

Yes Connor?

Fan Boy

Can I see those abs?

Goosh