

Excerpt from QUAD by C G Watson

Maggie rolled onto her back and Theo flopped beside her.

"I really liked your movie," she whispered.

He shrugged, a little wary about having shown his video footage to her. "It's not finished yet," he told her. "I still have a few scores to settle."

Maggie laughed. "Interesting choice of words. I have some scores of my own to settle."

Theo's heart sped up. "Really? With who?"

She shrugged. "I dunno. Jocks. Preps. People who are out to get people like us."

Theo's head whirled. He was almost positive by now that he loved this girl. It was like she could read his thoughts. "Why are preps and jocks out to get you?" he asked.

Maggie blinked a few times. "Because they can't see beyond the package."

Theo paused. "What can't they see?"

"Intellect," she said. "Heart. Soul. Danger."

"What kind of danger?"

Maggie's hair fell forward, leaving only one blue eye visible behind a chestnut curtain. "The kind of thing that happens when they push too far."