

The Raven Boys

By Maggie Stiefvater

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Narrator

Blue

Gansey

Narrator: We are presenting a scene from Maggie Stiefvater's fantasy book, *The Raven Boys*. Blue is a teenage girl from a family of psychics who just experienced her first ghost sighting. This scene takes place after a tarot card reading conducted by Blue's mother, her aunts, and Blue. Each of the boys present was asked to choose a card from the tarot deck and have their futures read. One of the boys at the reading is the ghost seen by Blue in the churchyard on St. Mark's Day. The boy Blue saw draws the Death card during the reading, another is told about his future, and one leaves the scene upset about a comment made by one of Blue's aunts. Blue is worried about her future and how it may affect her family as well as the boys. Blue is read by _____. Gansey is read by _____. I am _____ the narrator.

Blue: Do you believe in psychics?

Gansey: Well, I went to one, didn't I?

Blue: That doesn't mean anything. Lots of people go to psychics just for a laugh.

Gansey: I went because I believe. Well, I believe in ones that are good at what they do. I just think there's quite a lot of hooey you have to wade through to get to them. Why?

Blue: Because my mom's told me, ever since I was born, that if I kiss my true love, he'll die.

Gansey: (laughed)

Blue: (angry) Don't laugh, you.....

Gansey: Well, it's just a very precautionary-sounding sort of thing, isn't it? Don't date or you'll go blind. Kiss your true love and he bites it.

Blue: It's not just her. Every psychic or medium I've ever met tells me the same thing. Besides, my mom's not like that. She wouldn't just play around with something like that. It's not *pretend*.

Gansey: (understanding) Sorry. Do you know how he's supposed to die, this unlucky guy?

Blue: (shrugging her shoulders)

Gansey: Ah. Devil's in the details, I guess. So you just kiss nobody, in a precautionary way? That seems grim, I won't lie.

Blue: (shrugging her shoulders, again) I don't usually tell people. I don't know why I told you. Don't tell Adam.

Gansey: (eyebrows raised) It's like that, is it?

Blue: (blushing) No. I mean...No. It's just, because it's not.... because I don't know.... I would rather play it safe.

Gansey: (upset) Well, if you killed Adam, I'd be quite upset.

Blue: I'll do my best not to.

Gansey: Thanks for telling me. I mean, trusting me with something like that.

Blue: (relieved) Well, you told me about how you felt about Ronan and Adam and the nonplussing thing. Only, I still want to know.... Why are you looking for Glendower?

Gansey: It's a difficult story to summarize.

Narrator: Is Blue doomed to kill her true love with a kiss? What other secrets are Gansey keeping? Why is Gansey's working so hard to find Glendower? Join their quest by reading *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater.