

NON-COINCIDENTAL HAPPENSTANCES

In his head, like a cricket chirping incessantly, sometimes annoyingly and other times a timely reminder, the counsellor's shrill voice kept ringing:

"It is not coincidence. Life has no coincidences. There are external forces that are triggered by human beings or aliens altogether that lead to some of these instances. We, human beings, have the innate power to, by concentrating our desires and wishes, influence nature to take a certain course: the course we desire. There is nothing called coincidence. Nothing. Do not be deceived."

The counsellor was a wise man. He was an intimidating pseudointellectual whose following surpassed that of any deity known to man. And yet, he remained remarkably sociable, his warm smile wrapping people's troubles into a nicely woven ball of comfort, his warm hugs famously believed to cure a myriad of diseases, his eyes alone enough to scare away death.

Yet Konellio claimed to be sure this was pure coincidence. The counsellor would have hated to hear one of his most ardent followers believe in coincidences. When his followers seemed too troubled, he gave

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The council was led to the public. This was a highly secretive brotherhood believed to harbor men with the unparalleled ability to see into the future and correct everything they deemed correctable, often for their good. They received their clientele through the counsellor, for in their doctrines was written:

No One Shall See The Council Unless Through The Counsellor.

That mantra, known to all and sundry, had even inspired the song "NOSST The CUTTC", from the initials of the famous incantation, which dominated airwaves for years. When your troubles were too big to be solved by the counsellor, the man, with a warm embrace, whispered into your ear that he was referring you to the counsel. (His was to see into the future and advice, but there was one above him who had powers to correct.) This news was received with exhilaration by many, because there was no higher force in the world of fate as the council, bestowed to their leader, the Chief Counsellor.