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Title: Amos The Gifted

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Logline:

The dreams of a son and his mother are threatened by gang violence, but hope returns when they embark on a journey to a place they least expect.

Character Description:

Amos is a doctor whose father didn't take responsibility for his needs. He leaves New York with his mother when a gang seeks to employ him as an accountant after his high school graduation. He has a brilliant mind and makes remarkable achievements in every organization he is part of.

Soriana is a black woman who gives birth to Amos after having sex with Tyronne under the influence of marijuana. She works during the day and attends classes at night. She also does everything she can to give her son the best life.

Tyronne is Amos's deadbeat father. He is absent in Amos's upbringing but appears out of the blue one day, demanding to be a part of his life. He dies in a gang fight.

Grandmother Rudolph is Soriana's grandmother. She cared for Amos when he was young, and her house is a meeting point for many people. She is a good host and is the first with the knowledge of Soriana's pregnancy.

Gerry is Amos's friend, they play together, and he dies from a gunshot in Grandmother Rudolph's house, speculated to be from a gang he refuses to be a part of. He is a student of Accounting.

Kingfish is the head of the gang Tyronne belongs to. He tries to recruit Amos as his accountant but fails when his gang battles with another gang.

Dr. Goldbaum is the Chief Medical Officer of Berry-Berry Hospital, where Soriana and Amos get employed. He also facilitates the medical education of Amos.

Brett McCormack is Amos' best friend in Berry-Berry. He is a farmer and is married to his neighbor's daughter.

Melanie is an intern at the Berry-Berry Hospital. She attended a conference where Amos spoke and decided to intern under him. She eventually becomes Amos's lover.

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Three-Act Summary

Act One

- Soriana is in the company of Tyrone and four other black couples at a marijuana party. She is encouraged to take some drags but gets unsteady and tired. Tyrone takes Soriana upstairs and has sex with her. She doesn't enjoy the experience as her senses were dulled by the marijuana she took.
- Friends and relatives gather at Grandma Randolph's house. She regularly hosts many people and feeds them with the help of other older women in the kitchen. The conversation among the women is about education and raising better fathers. Soriana confides in Grandma Rudolph about her recent feelings of tiredness, nausea, vomiting, frequent urination, and tender breasts. Grandma Randolph surmises that Soriana is pregnant but advises that she waits for her next period for confirmation.
- Soriana approaches Tyrone to inform him of the possibility that she may be pregnant. He advises that she aborts since he cannot carry the financial responsibility of raising a child. He stresses that if she keeps the pregnancy, she will cater to the child's needs alone. Soriana vows to raise her child to be a great human without his help.
- Soriana doesn't see her period on the expected day. She visits a gynecologist, and he confirms her suspicion. She continues her night studies and works as a medical aide despite the pregnancy pangs, fatigue, morning sickness, and other conditions attached to pregnancy. She spends time with her mother and Grandma Rudolph, who can't wait to meet the latest member of their family. Soriana gives birth to a son. She names him Amos, after her grandfather.
- Soriana takes two weeks off work to take care of Amos. After the expiration of the two weeks, she drops Amos off at Rudolph's place. Amos is easy to raise. He smiles at his mother and grandmother and sleeps most of the day. Since Soriana has to get back to work, Amos eats formula.
- When Amos is six months old, he begins to walk, and by that evening, he is talking in baby language. Grandma Randolph is shocked, as is Soriana. This prompts Amos's quick enrolment in a daycare.
- Soriana approaches the Department of Social Welfare and applies for financial support to raise her son. She supplies the needed documents and gets the fund the following week.

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- Amos's first day at the daycare sees him cry as his mum leaves. He soon begins to play with toys in the daycare and solves a shape puzzle to the daycare attendants' amazement. They relay to his mother that he is special, and she confirms it by telling them how he walked and talked the previous day.
- The daycare attendants find Amos fascinating and give him puzzles to solve. They also engage in verbal communication with him. Soriana also helps him to improve his speech. Soon, he begins to read, and when he is five years old, they move to a better house since Soriana has completed her study and now earns better. Amos soon begins to solve arithmetic, and the teachers don't fuss over him since he already knows better than his peers.
- On weekends, Soriana and Amos still visit Grandma Randolph, and Amos plays with Gerry. When Gerry is not around, he plays with his imaginary friend, Chester.

Act Two

- On a Saturday afternoon, while Amos and his mother are at his great-grandmother's house, Tyrone shows up, claiming to be his father, and his mother confirms the claims. Amos questions why he has been absent in their lives and agrees to follow Tyrone to see his paternal grandmother with Soriana's consent.
- The following day, Tyrone picks Amos up and takes him to his mother's house. Amos likes him but wonders why he is aloof. He reminds Tyrone that he has a best friend, Gerry, and no one can take his place. Tyrone dismisses his statement and introduces him to his paternal grandmother. She welcomes him and is warm. Amos goes on a walk with Tyrone and finds out he tried to contact him.
- Soriana takes up more responsibility at work due to the new government directive that all patients' records be available electronically. She also designs a lesson draft for the local college to use.
- Amidst Soriana's busy schedule and Amos's increasing brilliance, Gerry is killed, and speculation about his death relating to his refusal to join a local gang spreads. Soriana thinks it necessary that Amos witness the funeral. They attend the ceremony together, and Amos is confused about why Gerry is so still.
- Amos grows and graduates high school at the age of sixteen as the valedictorian. He is walking by the road with some friends when a car stops, and one of its occupants announces that Kingfish needs an audience with him. He refuses on the grounds that he has to meet up with his mum that evening. However, he is bundled into the car and taken to Kingfish.

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- Kingfish informs him of his need for a new accountant since they have lost the last one and their business is about to expand. Amos politely informs him of his personal plan to become a medical doctor and how their plans will conflict. Kingfish tells him to think about it, but he doesn't like No for an answer. Amos leaves, but Kingfish informs his men that he might need some motivation.
- Amos informs his mother, and they notice a car parading their house. They should escape but not with the Kingfish's guards in their wake. They go to sleep. Kingfish calls back all his men to prepare for a war against an invader of their business district. Soriana wakes to discover that the guards are gone and wakes Amos. They pack their belongings and leave town.
- Kingfish and DeAngelo meet to discuss his presence in his business territory, and a gunfight ensues. Kingfish and his men leave the gunfight, where Tyrone is killed and calls the police. DeAngelo is arrested.
- Soriana and Amos drive for six hours and reach a farming community called Berry-Berry. They arrive at a motel and check-in. The following morning, they search for a diner for breakfast, where Soriana gets the information that a hospital is nearby.
- She checks the hospital out and asks for employment there. She is employed instantly due to her skills and the hospitals' need for them. Amos also gets a job as a member of the janitorial team. They move into an apartment owned by the Natalias.
- A month into Soriana and Amos's employment, an emergency case involving a man with a deep gash on the side of his body causes the nurse on duty, Tillman, to faint through a Vasovagal attack. Amos steps in to help the man. He stops the bleeding before he is taken to the ER. Nurse Tillman relates what happened to Dr. Goldbaum and promises to look into it the following morning.
- Dr. Goldbaum intercepts Amos before leaving the hospital the following day and commends him for his prompt action on the previous day's patient. He asks him where he learned the skill. Amos answers by supplying the name of the hospital where he volunteered in New York. Dr. Goldbaum decides to employ him as a Medical Technician. He also asks for Amos's high school records and the places he has volunteered in the past. Amos informs his mother, and she is elated.
- Dr. Goldbaum calls Amos's high school and is impressed by the reports he receives. He takes Amos on a ward round, introducing him to the patients. They reach Brett McCormack's bed, and he thanks Amos for saving his life and invites him to his family's farm.
- Dr. Goldbaum thinks Amos is wasting his intellectual ability in Berry-Berry after considering his work ethic and dedication, combined with his high school academic

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records. Amos goes to McCormack's farm and meets the other family members. Brett takes him on a farm tour, and Soriana builds a friendship with Jennie, her landlady. They discuss how she and Amos ended up in Berry-Berry.

- Dr. Goldbaum calls Amos into his office the following morning and informs him that he's impressed with his high school records. He has spoken with the Board of Directors of the hospital and State Health Services, and they are willing to support Amos's education under the condition that he studies and practices in New Hampshire. Amos agrees and informs Soriana, who is delighted at the development.
- Amos calls his friend, Brett, and informs him about his impending move to college. Brett is happy for Amos. He also tells Amos of his planned wedding to Julie; he wants Amos to be his best man. Amos and Soriana drive to the University for the interview, which he doubts was done for other students. They return to Berry-Berry, confident that Amos will be accepted.
- Amos is admitted to the University for Pre-Med courses. He meets Roger, who is in college to study business and hopefully take over his parents' supermarket in New York. Roger and his mother recognize Amos when he walks in because Miranda Wallace had told them about him and because he might help Roger with his studies by influencing him. The mothers get along well, and they all go out for a bite before they leave to their destinations. The boys are on their way to their dormitory when they see a lady with car problems. Roger offers to help her with the tires, and afterward, on their way to their dormitory, he informs Amos he is good with his hands.
- Amos handles the semester courses well, and despite the challenge the heavy workload gives him, alongside other students, he enjoys the thrill of learning and the challenge of keeping up. Soriana continues her friendship with Jenny Natalia and patiently waits for Amos' phone conversation on Sundays, detailing how his week went. She also joins the church and becomes the treasurer, filling her free time with tasks to help her deal with how much she misses her son.
- Amos leaves school for the semester break and Brett's wedding. He spends most of the time reading for the upcoming exams and only meets the bride-to-be at the rehearsal. The Christmas break passes fast. Amos reaches school and picks his test schedule. He writes the tests and feels confident that he will excel. He attends the wedding with his mother. Amos enjoys the vacation, especially as he does not study.

Act Three

- Amos returns to school and opens his dormitory room door. He finds Roger lying on his bed with a bottle of arsenic. He has a piece of paper in his hand, but he isn't breathing. Amos calls 911 and relays the issue. Roger's body is taken out of the room,

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and Amos is warned not to leave the campus until the death is confirmed to be suicide. He calls Soriana to tell her what has happened. Soriana calls Mrs. Wykopf to commiserate with her.

- Amos finishes a class and meets Mrs. Wykopf and Soriana. They discuss how they missed the potential of suicide or even sadness in Roger. Soriana tells Mrs. Wykopf it is not her fault; she was only trying to help her son. Mrs. Wykopf and Soriana leave, and Amos goes to his next class.
- Amos is in his senior year, and the Medical College Admission Test is around the corner. He applies to take the test and writes it, sure that he will pass. Amos graduates college Summa Cum Laude and receives many positive recommendations. He submits his application to New Hampshire State Medical College.
- Amos' admission to Medical College is delayed because he is black until Dr. Goldbaum intervenes and Amos receives a letter informing him of his admission. He soon finishes Medical college and returns to Berry-Berry as a Resident Doctor in the hospital.
- Everything is going fine in the hospital until a patient, Annie Muldoon, comes in to complain about chest pain. Amos checks her heartbeat and finds everything to be alright. He informs a nurse to carry out a mammogram on her. The results come in and show that Annie has cancer.
- Amos informs Annie, and she refuses any treatment that will take her away from Berry-Berry because she is busy at home. Amos takes the case to Dr. Goldbaum and informs him to consult some oncologists to help her. Amos does so and comes up with a solution that he hopes works as it has never been done before. He spends the night in a small laboratory in the hospital.
- He calls Annie the following day and administers the treatment on her. He examines her the next day and notices a tremendous improvement in her cells. Soon, all cancerous cells are gone. He brings the success story to Dr. Goldbaum, who encourages him to make it public.
- Melanie reports to Berry-Berry as an intern after graduation and has her first emergency case of reviving an unconscious man in the absence of Amos and Dr. Goldbaum. Soriana calls the two doctors to inform them, and Amos leaves New York to attend to the patient. He commends Melanie.
- Amos takes Melanie under his wings and educates her on the patients and how the hospital works. Melanie falls in love with Amos, but he acts uninterested in her, except professionally. Soriana discusses the lack of romantic gestures towards Melanie. Dr.

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Goldbaum calls a meeting to inform the staff of the intended expansion of their hospital. Soriana sees to it that more people can do her task.

- In the pharmacy, a robbery is going on. The robber takes heroin and experiences seizures before getting the fix. He is rushed to the hospital and detoxified of his drugs. Amos calls his mum and hands him over to them. He starts a campaign against drug abuse, and a journalist interviews the black doctors of Berry-Berry.
- Soriana dies from an unknown cause, leading Amos into depression and realizing that he will be lonely and alone without his mother. He gets closer to Melanie, and when her internship is about to end, he informs her of his romantic intentions towards her. She agrees to be with him.