

[The footage starts here.]

"You know, it'd be cool if I could actually do more than record videos and take pics of stuff on this thing."

The phone is thrown up in the air and caught the next moment.

"Other than exploring, all I got to 'entertain' myself with is just doodling on the notepad left on the nightstand."

There's a bunch of scribbles on the top page of stars and skulls.

"I'm not an artist so it doesn't really go anywhere usually."

[A jump.]

Just like each day before, Avery opens the door out of her hotel room and steps into the magical beyond. Wow! What could be in store for her today?

"Oh boy a train."

Oh boy a train!

[A jump.]

Director's seated in one of the train carriages, near the front of it on the left. It's not so much a fancy train but a subway train. Although, not so much underground but far above it. A skytrain? Of sorts..

"I don't think I've ever ridden a train. Especially an empty one.. That was kinda, useless to say huh? Um.."

Just clouds and sky surround the train. You could assume there's a track under it all but it's not needed in this world. Wouldn't this journey make more sense in an airplane? At least, Avery is thinking so.

"Placing bets now this is gonna crash, it's pretty obvious that they'd chose that for the expected lame ending. And then I'll like, what, fall into m-"

'Avery?'

Arrival.

'Oh my gosh, Avery Lockes?'

"L-Lauren?"

The new face, a delighted and speckled green skunk woman, hugs Avery tight before sitting down next to her.

'How are you! It's gotta been what like seven years since we last talked?'

"Seven.. Y-Yeah.. Yeah a long time!"

The world changes for the better. Sky to a sunset and clouds to flowing fields of green. The train fills up with more passengers slowly, all here for the ride. Avery clicks into a different mindset too.

'Oh! Whatcha' recording?'

"This? Just uh, getting some shots for my mom to see later."

'Cool!'

[A jump.]

Avery: "So yeah, I'm planning on heading to OVU next year. New Levick's the last big vacation before I head home and spend my last few months with my folks."

Lauren: "That's so great, I was thinking of heading to OVU as well actually."

Avery: "Oh? What for?"

Lauren: "Interior design! I'd love to design places that would really help city folks and still look beautiful. Like centers for LGBT youth and the like!"

Avery: "That'd be really wonderful, wow."

Lauren: "Still thinking about Marigold Heights College as well, since that'd allow me to travel outta state for once."

Avery: "Oh yeah that'd be fun too I'd imagine."

[A jump.]

Night time set in and lights are bright. Avery and Lauren are looking out the window. Speckles of

stars in the sky mimic the skunk's fur patterns.

Avery checks her phone now and then, responding to her mom with updates.

[Mom] How far out?

[Avery] just a couple more hours

[Avery] i'll let u kno when im getting off train ok?

[Mom] Ok love you dear stay safe

Lauren: "Everything alright?"

Avery: "Oh yeah, yeah.. Just my mom checking up on me haha."

Lauren: "Ah parents, always worrying and always loving.."

Avery: "God that sounds like something out of a family movie."

Lauren: "Hehe!"

[A jump.]

Just another ten minutes of the ride remains as the moon guides the train. Avery keeps thinking as she continues looking out the window. It's been so long since Lauren and her have hung out in any capacity. What luck is it that they meet again like this? Will they continue to meet after the ride ends?

Avery: "Lauren?"

Lauren: "Hm? What's up?"

Avery: "I was wondering if.. I'm gonna be here at a friend's place for a couple months and.."

One of the passengers near the girls sneezes loudly.

Lauren: "Sorry, what were you saying?"

Avery: "Just, since we're both gonna be in Levick for a bit.."

Announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen I hope the ride was a great one cause we're finally arriving in New Levick Station East! When we come to a complete stop feel free to get up and head on out, and don't leave a anything behind or it'll be going on its own journey!"

Lauren: "Ah, were here! Sorry Avery, you'll have to tell me the thing later. Here, let me.." (She

quickly writes a number on a paper she pulled from her pocket) "There! My number, feel free to text me tomorrow after 3pm!"

Avery: "O-Okay! It was uhm.. Nice seeing you again!"

Lauren: "Definitely! Alright I gotta head out quick, take care!"

Avery: "Cya!"

As Lauren quickly shuffles out with her bags, Avery sits in her seat for a few minutes. She stares at the paper, with a bit of a hopeful smile under that stare. 7832.. Those lucky numbers at the end.. Stuffing the paper in her pocket, Avery makes her way to the carriage's exit.

'What do you think you're doing?'

Avery: "Just heading off the train sir."

The train employee shuts the door to the exit.

'I think you're confused ma'am, this isn't your stop.'

Avery: "But.."

She pulls out a ticket quickly.

"My ticket right here says-"

'Dead End - Tough Luck'

"I-I'm sorry?"

The employee points to the words he'd just read out.

'Dead. End.'

The world fades.

'Tough. Luck.'

The footage goes out and silent for five minutes. At the next minute a train whistle is heard and Avery is in a hotel hallway. 7832. The suite where it all happens. Nowhere to go but in.

Avery attempts to run down the hallway away from the door but only winds up back in front of

the door.

"No, no fucking way."

Nowhere to go but in.

"Fucking no! I.."

Dead end.

"It wasn't supposed to be like this.."

Tough luck.

The footage stops on dead frames as faint crying is heard in the last seconds.