

(Printed with the demonstration version of Fade In)

INT./EXT. ROCKET SHIP/EARTH'S ORBIT

Hester jumps awake with a huge inhale. She is inside the circular window with BLACKNESS all around.

She looks down frantically at her controls, and can be heard pressing SWITCHES and BUTTONS. The BEEPING stops. She scans the dials gravely.

HESTER
Boosters disengaged. All systems to
internal power. Currently orbiting...
(in disbelief)
...Earth.

She turns to the LEFT. The EARTH, massive and glowing, fades in from the blackness. Hester stares out her window in awe.

HESTER (cont'd)
Everyone. Everything. From all the
way up here. I could cry it's so
beautiful...

Hester turns to the RIGHT and dark, infinite SPACE appears. On the LEFT, the Earth has faded away.

HESTER (cont'd)
Nothing. Like a warm dark blanket.
Mm.

PURE SILENCE as Hester stares out, looking as though she might weep.

Then, a RINGTONE chiming. An obnoxious FACETIME NOTIFICATION pops up: "CALL FROM MATEO." She quickly declines.

HESTER (cont'd)
Quiet now. Listen.

She's absorbed back into the SILENCE. Then, a RINGTONE: Mateo again. She groans and clicks "ACCEPT."

EXT. THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE

A plane of shimmering chrome just like the back of a DVD. A tiny circle of Hester's face in the center. She looks around, like: "*is this it?*"

Then she rummages below and takes out a paper and pen. In a POP-UP WINDOW, her hand is writing.

THE CAMERA ZOOMS-IN to her face.

HESTER

Dear Mom. If I know anything it's that I deserve nothing. I would apologize...for being a bad daughter, a bad friend, a bad girlfriend... but I know I'd mess that up too. I thought that I could fix it by leaving. But even here, at the Edge of the Universe, I am taking up too much space.

I know I don't deserve anything, but Mom, I'm so scared. I've gone really really far this time. And I'm not sure I know my way back.

(a beat)

I love you. I love everything.

Now Hester fills the screen. She rolls up the letter and inserts it into a GLASS BOTTLE. Then she holds out her hand and drops the bottle out the window.