

CLEAN RECORD

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INT. COLLEGE - DECK - DAY

First year students ELLE and FANNIE are laying down on a school deck.

ELLE  
Holy shit...my mind is dropping.

FANNIE  
...What's wrong with you?

ELLE  
Just...exhausted. So...exhausted.

FANNIE  
So, pass out.

ELLE  
I can't. I'm enjoying my thoughts.

FANNIE  
Enjoying your thoughts?

ELLE  
Yeah, My mind is journeying.  
Figuring out some things. This  
only happens to me like once a  
year.

FANNIE  
Did you smoke up?

ELLE  
Nah. Just zoning out.

FANNIE  
That's wicked.

ELLE  
This ever happen to you?

FANNIE  
...Nope.

ELLE  
First time it happened was when I  
was a kid. We had this swing in my  
backyard attached to a tree. I  
remember after swinging on it, I  
laid down on the grass and chilled  
out. I was so chill. My mind went  
loose and I was so chill. I was  
smarter.

FANNIE

Smarter?

ELLE

Yeah, like...oh, this must be sounding very stupid. I don't know how to explain it really. It's like when you smoke up and sometimes you feel like you can see more clearly about things and life. Well, this happens to me without smoking up but only once in a long while.

FANNIE

You sound so friggin' weird right now.

ELLE

Hahaha

FANNIE

Hahaha. I don't even know what you're saying.

ELLE

Forget it, forget it. I'm just having good thoughts.

FANNIE

I want to have good thoughts, too.

ELLE

I can't show you how to do it cause it just happens on its own. I don't even know if there's a science term for it or if it's me being crazy. But it feels real.

FANNIE

Well, how do you get in that state?

ELLE

It just happens. I was resting here, relaxing and we were both quiet for awhile and I started spacing out and these images come and I start wondering about life, my life and the meaning of life and I see things.

FANNIE

What things do you see?

ELLE

A heightened reality. I see things better...for people.

FANNIE

Really?

ELLE

Like, I see a better future...I see inventions and how the world is going to operate one day.

FANNIE

That's amazing. Are you serious?

ELLE

No.

FANNIE

What?

ELLE

I'm not serious. I'm messing with you.

FANNIE

You are?

ELLE

Do you really think I'm psychic or something? I can't believe you were actually believing me. hahaha.

FANNIE

Hahah. I was like, show me the future, I want to see the future too.

They laugh.

That's so depressing. Now I wish it were true.

ELLE

Yeah, me too.

FANNIE

What do you think the future will be like?

ELLE

They will figure a way to actually move planets.

FANNIE

What?

ELLE

I think we are going to figure out how to rearrange our solar system. I mean, without damaging anything, of course but we will be able to do stuff like that. We will be able to make our own planets and galaxies and move them around like pieces on a chess board.

FANNIE

I never heard of that before. I'm not much into science and space.

ELLE

Yeah, it's cool. You should get into it.

FANNIE

What else do you see in the future?

ELLE

I have no idea. What do you think the future will be like?

FANNIE

I'll be able to design my own perfect man, who will do whatever I want and however I want.

ELLE

That would be dope. What would he look like?

FANNIE

I like the broad shouldered, tall blond hair and blue-eyed type. You?

ELLE

I like the tall, dark and handsome type. A brooder. I like men that look serious but are really gentle inside.

FANNIE

Have you had a boyfriend before?

ELLE

Not yet. I've seen a few but nothing serious, you know?

FANNIE  
Yeah, me too.

ELLE  
We should go out tonight and see  
what's up. I've met some of the  
other girls next-door and they  
seem chill.

FANNIE  
Sounds good.

Pause.

ELLE  
Fannie?

FANNIE  
Yeah?

ELLE  
I like you.

FANNIE  
I like you, too.

ELLE  
I want us to start as friends with  
a clean record and I already lied  
to you.

FANNIE  
How?

ELLE  
Just now.

FANNIE  
When?

ELLE  
When I was talking about seeing  
the future and daydreaming and  
stuff...that's all true.

FANNIE  
I know.

ELLE  
You do?

FANNIE

Yeah. I figured I have no right to really know anything about you unless you want to share things about yourself. We only know one another for like two days. If something is personal, it's your choice just like it's my choice.

ELLE

You're right.

FANNIE

I'm glad you told me some stuff.

ELLE

Me too.

FANNIE

Even though you're really strange.

They laugh.