

Melon

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INT. HALLWAY - EARLY MORNING

TOMMI, teenage girl, wears a puffer jacket and walks through a hallway. She's shy and has her head down. There are a few students in the hallway. She carries her books and a backpack. We see the books are about extraterrestrial life.

She puts her books down next to her locker and opens the locker up. She puts her backpack down in front of her locker. She unzips her backpack and takes her books out. She puts her backpack and books inside the locker. She picks up her class books and one extraterrestrial book and walks to the cafeteria.

INT. CAFETERIA - CONTINUOUS

There are a few friend groups sitting down in different spots of the cafeteria. It's noisy but she tries tuning it out.

Walking over to her table she sits at the edge of it. She opens up her extraterrestrial book and begins reading. She flips the page and the noises slowly become louder. She flips to the next page and the noises are at the peak of their crescendo. She covers her ears and closes her eyes tightly before opening them after a few moments. The bell has rung and they have all left.

She walks past the cafeteria kitchen. She hears the sounds of chirping and slithering.

TOMMI:
(quietly)
What is that?

INT. CAFETERIA KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

She gently opens the door of the cafeteria kitchen and sees the watermelons. She comes closer to the noise of the watermelon making noises. She listens to it. She gently picks it up and looks at it with maternal love. She is overcome with a sensation of joy and pride in this new found watermelon. It's an average watermelon, it's strange she's obsessed so easily.

There are minuscule blue cracks on the watermelon but she doesn't take notice of it. She quickly puts it underneath her puffer jacket. She opens the door and walks out quickly.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

She walks with her head down to her next class and sees a handful of students and a teacher passing by. One of the students accidentally bumps into her while passing.

INT. CLASSROOM

She quickly walks into her next classroom. She sits down at a desk in the left back corner and opens up her notebook. The notebook has extraterrestrial life doodles around her notes.

INT. HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

She opens up her locker as the hallways aren't as crowded. She zips her backpack open. Looking down in her backpack the bottom of her bag is drenched in blue goo. The egg makes more chirping noises as it shakes gently.

She looks in her bag as to see the egg has more cracks in it now. The blue cracks are prominent. She looks at it in fascination.

She zips it back up and walks towards the bathroom. She enters closing the door gently behind her.

INT. BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

She zips open her backpack. She gingerly takes out the egg putting it on the side. The egg begins to make sobbing sounds. She picks up the egg quickly. She rocks it back and forth gently as she quietly sings to it.

TOMMI:

Twinkle twinkle little star..

While she sings she hushes the baby. It stops sobbing. She puts the egg down again gingerly.

She takes a bunch of towels. She tries wiping the blue off the bottom of her backpack.

After wiping for a few seconds she takes her hands out of her bag. Looking at the towels and her hands she's now covered in blue goo.

She zips up her backpack halfway and puts it on her back. She looks at the clock. She walks out the bathroom with her head down again.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - MOMENTS LATER

She opens the door to leave. She walks down the sidewalk.

Her hands are clammy against the left strap. She looks back and forth repeatedly. The strings are fraying. It snaps off. Her backpack drops to the ground. The egg falls out and cracks on the ground.

POV ALIEN.

The egg cracks open and the alien looks up at her. Screen is blue with a fish eye lense. She looks excited and mesmerized. It skitters across the ground. Slithering noises. She's unable to move. It quickly scurries and jumps onto her back.

Medium shot of blue cracks forming on her arms and neck. She smiles sinisterly at the camera.

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