

A blurred background showing several people walking in what appears to be a public space or transit station. The focus is on the text in the center, with the background figures out of focus.

***ENDYMION 1.2***

***BONDS***

***BY TETSU***



HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IT'S FINALLY OVER.



COME HERE  
CAMILLE, I WANT TO  
CHECK YOUR  
HEIGHT.

UH?... I-I...



COME ON!  
IT'LL BE FUN!

O-OK...





AH! YOU'RE TALLER THAN ME! HAVE YOU STARTED STAGE 1 YET?

NO, NOT YET.

DAMN... YOU'RE ALREADY WAY AHEAD. OH WELL, IT'LL BE MORE FUN PASSING YOU LATER.

STAGE 1?  
WHAT'S THAT?

DON'T TELL ME  
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT.  
YOUR MUM WORKS ON THE  
PROJECT!

SHE DOESN'T TALK  
MUCH ABOUT IT, SHE  
SAYS IT'S TOP  
SECRET.

WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT.  
ONLY ENDYMION GIRLS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE  
ALLOWED TO KNOW HOW  
IT WORKS...

BUT WHO CARES,  
I'M GONNA TELL YOU ANYWAY!  
WE ENDYMION GIRLS ARE JUST  
AVERAGE GIRLS UNTIL WE COME  
OF AGE.

WE GROW UP NORMALLY  
ACCORDING TO OUR PARENTS' GENETICS,  
HEIGHT INCLUDED, JUST LIKE EVERYBODY  
ELSE. THINGS CHANGE WHEN WE TURN 19  
AND STAGE 1 STARTS!



DURING THIS STAGE WE START GROWING AT A CONSISTENT PACE. IT SHOULD BE A MATTER OF MONTHS. I'M SAYING SHOULD BECAUSE ONLY FIRST-GENERATION GIRLS HAVE REACHED STAGE 1 UP TO NOW. THEY WERE BORN ONE YEAR BEFORE US.

YOU MEAN THOSE GIRLS?

YEP, THAT'S RIGHT. THEY SAID THEY'RE AT THE END OF STAGE 1. FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, THEY'VE GROWN JUST A FEW CENTIMETRES OR MAYBE THEY WERE JUST VERY SHORT WHEN THEY STARTED GROWING. I'LL LOOK INTO IT.

HEY, STOP POINTING!



WHAT HAPPENS AT  
THE END OF STAGE 1?

EHEHEH, THIS IS WHERE  
THE FUN BEGINS. WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO GO ON WITH THE  
EXPLANATION, CAMILLE?

THERE ARE TWO  
FURTHER STAGES AFTER  
THE FIRST ONE.



NOBODY HAS GOTTEN THERE YET,  
SO WE'RE TALKING IN THEORY. IT SHOULD BE  
A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WHEN OUR BODIES  
START GROWING AT A FASTER PACE, ABOUT  
TEN CENTIMETRES IN...

ENOUGH! MAYBE IT'S BEST  
IF YOU DON'T KNOW, I REALLY  
WANNA SEE YOUR FACE WHEN IT'S  
GOING TO HAPPEN!

I'M SOOOOOO JEALOUS!  
I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRER META GIRLS AND  
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ONE OF THEM!  
BUT IT COSTS TONS OF MONEY AND THE  
WAIT TIMES ARE SO LONG! YOU WERE  
BORN THIS WAY! YOU'RE SO LUCKY!



NO! YOU'RE WRONG!  
I HAD NO PART IN THIS! IT WAS MY  
PARENTS WHO TOOK THIS DECISION  
BEFORE I WAS BORN! IT'S NOT  
FAIR, THEY SHOULD HAVE...

HEY HEY...  
WHAT'S WRONG,  
DARLING?



COME WITH ZARIA, I'LL BUY YOU A CUP OF COFFEE AND A PIECE OF CAKE AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS, OK?

Y-YES... THANKS.



RAVEN, ARE YOU'RE  
COMING TOO, RIGHT?  
GET MY SHOES!

UH? YEAH,  
SURE!

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WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THIS AFTERNOON?



NOTHING SPECIAL,  
I THINK I'LL JUST HANG  
OUT WITH DAVID  
AND KELIS.

I NEED TO STUDY.  
DON'T YOU EVER  
DO THAT?



LIAM.

HEY, RAVEN!



LOOK AT THOSE TWO.

EHEHEH...



I'LL SEE YOU  
LATER IN CLASS!

SURE!





LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS WITH YOUR CRUSH OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS.

H-HE'S NOT MY CRUSH!

YOU LOOK SO CUTE TOGETHER!




HE'S JUST  
A FRIEND!

HE'S NOT MY  
CRUSH, I TOLD YOU!



RAVEN, I'M HERE ALREADY, WHERE ARE YOU?

ALMOST READY, I'M COMING!



MY MUM TOLD ME THERE WAS NO WAY YOU COULD GO TO THE SEA IN NOVEMBER WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG.

ONE OF THE FEW UPSIDES OF THE GLOBAL WARMING... THANKS GOD WE STOPPED IT JUST IN TIME. NOW WE CAN ENJOY A BATH ALL YEAR ROUND.

WHY HAVEN'T YOU  
TURNED ON YOUR HOLO?

I'M IN MY  
SWIMSUIT.

SO? ARE YOU  
EMBARRASSED? I'LL SEE  
YOU ANYWAY WHEN YOU  
GET HERE!



I KNOW YOU'LL  
BE LOOKING GREAT.  
SEE YOU!





MOVE ASIDE!  
THE BEACH QUEENS  
ARE COMING!

ZARIA!

AHAHAH!





HEY! RAVEN!

AND HERE'S YOUR BOY!

HE'S NOT MY...  
OOOH WHO FUCKING CARES!

GOLDEN

BEACH BAR

Coconut Moon



SO MUCH FOR  
ALMOST READY.

EHEHE SORRY!  
THAT'S JUST ME!

I SAVED  
YOU A SPOT!

HOW NICE OF  
YOU, THANKS!

MY FAVORITE  
DUMB FRIENDS SHOULD  
BE HERE TOO...



OH! THERE THEY ARE!  
MIA AND JENNY ARE THERE,  
TOO!





HEY GUYS!

YO RAVEN!

SO GIRLS,  
HOW'S YOUR GROWTH  
GOING?

PLEASE EXCUSE  
HER, SHE'S FIXATED  
ON THIS.





SLOW BUT CONSISTENT,  
AS USUAL. SINCE OUR CLASSES STARTED,  
MIA'S GROWN ABOUT 1 CM, I'VE GROWN 2.  
I'M OFFICIALLY 180CM TALL, NOW!

YEP! SHE'S LEAVING  
ME BEHIND DAY AFTER  
DAY.



180, YOU SAY?  
CAMILLE, CAN YOU STAND  
NEXT TO HER?

W-WHY?

COME ON,  
JUST DO IT ALREADY.

MMMH... JUST AS I  
THOUGHT. THERE ISN'T SUCH  
A BIG DIFFERENCE. EITHER  
JENNY ISN'T REALLY  
180 OR...





CAMILLE HAS JUST  
STARTED STAGE 1!!!

UH?!



I HAVE NO IDEA,  
I NEVER CHECK MY  
HEIGHT...

FOR REAL? ACTUALLY,  
I DID FEEL SHORTER THAN  
USUAL OVER THE LAST FEW  
DAYS.



HOW COME? YOU SHOULD!  
AREN'T YOU EXCITED ABOUT  
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO  
YOUR BODY?

WE CHECK IT  
ALMOST EVERY DAY!  
WHY DON'T YOU DO  
THAT?

I-I...

OK, ENOUGH WITH THESE QUESTIONS!

LET'S GIVE HER SOME SPACE! SHOO! THERE'S NOTHING TO LOOK AT!





THE SWIMSUIT  
FELT TIGHTER THAN USUAL  
WHEN I PUT IT ON, I DIDN'T  
THINK I...

NO WORRIES,  
IT'S ALRIGHT.



I DIDN'T KNOW  
CAMILLE'S AN ENDYMION  
GIRL.



YEAH,  
ZARIA TOO.

EVERYBODY  
KNOWS, SHE TALKS  
ABOUT IT ALL THE  
TIME.

POOR CAMILLE,  
SHE DOESN'T LOOK SO HAPPY.  
IT MUST BE SO HARD FOR HER.  
NOT EVERY GIRL WANTS TO  
BE A META.

YOU THINK SO?  
I DEFINITELY DO. DON'T YOU LIKE  
METAS? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE  
ONE OF THOSE PROTESTING  
AGAINST THEM.

NO WAY! IT'S  
JUST IT'S NOT EASY  
TO DEAL WITH THEM.

DO YOU KNOW  
ANY OF THEM?



OH! LOOK! IT'S TWO OF THEM!





THEY LOVE THEM FOR SURE.

YEP.

DAVID! TWO METAS! LET'S GO AND SAY HI!



HEY GIRLS, HOW WAS THE WALK?

SUPER RELAXING, RIGHT CAMILLE?

YES...



IT WAS GOOD TALKING  
TO YOU. YOU'VE MANAGED TO  
CALM ME DOWN AND I'M AWARE  
IT'S NOT EASY AT ALL.  
THANK YOU.





HEY GUYS!  
IT'S STARTING!  
IT'S STARTING!

MIA! IT'S STARTING!

SLOW DOWN, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING!



GIRLS, LOOK  
AT MIA!



SHE'S TALLER!

IT'S NOT SUPER APPARENT, BUT WE'RE SURE ABOUT IT! SHE'S 4 OR 5 CM TALLER THAN THIS MORNING.





OOOOHHH...  
WE'LL FINALLY GET TO  
SEE STAGE 2!