

1A INT. MINDSPACE - MORNING**1A**

INNER EDEN, 13, blinks multiple times.

INNER EDEN
(groans)
W-what? Where am I?

Inner Eden hits her head. She is in a trunk.

INNER EDEN
Owww.

The trunk shakes, Inner Eden kicks it open.

INNER EDEN
(yawns)
My head hurts.

Inner Eden looks up and sees a screen of EDEN asleep.

INNER EDEN
Oh good, we're still asleep.

Inner Eden gets out of the trunk and falls.

INNER EDEN
Ow.

Inner Eden walks towards the control panel under the large screen.

INNER EDEN
Time to wake up, girlie.

Inner Eden presses some buttons and flips some levers.

INTERCUT

1B INT. BEDROOM - MORNING**1B**

An alarm clock beeps. Eden lays in bed. She rolls over to turn off the alarm. She lays back down.

EDEN
(sighs)

CUT TO:

2 INT. KITCHEN - MORNING**2**

Eden eats breakfast at the dining table with MOM, AUNT JULES, and ELI.

MOM

So, Eli, what are you looking forward to at school today?

ELI

My friend Chip said he's gonna bring bubblegum from home, today! I'm gonna blow the biggest bubble!

MOM

Fun! Will it be sugar-free?

AUNT JULES

The kid's name is "Chip" and that's what you're worried about?

MOM

I'm sure it's short for something.

ELI

It better not be, sugar makes the bubble bigger!

MOM

And cavities deeper...

AUNT JULES

Laura... it's bubblegum.

EDEN

I'm excited for soccer practice!

Mom and Aunt Jules stop eating.

MOM

Really?

EDEN

Yeah, of course, it's only my favorite thing.

MOM

Okay then.

(to Aunt Jules, mildly amused)

Excited for soccer practice.

CUT TO:

Eden plays soccer with other middle school girls on the soccer team.

Eden scores a goal in practice and celebrates.

EDEN

Woo!

ABIGAIL approaches her.

ABIGAIL

Wow! This is the best you've played all season!

EDEN

Yeah it is! We're gonna crush the Ravens on Saturday!

ABIGAIL

(laughs)

Yeah! See you tomorrow!

EDEN

Bye!

Eden walks to her mom's car.

CUT TO:

3B INT. CAR - AFTERNOON

3B

The car door slams.

MOM

Hey honey, how did practice go?

EDEN

Really good. Hey, Rosie is having her birthday party on Saturday after the game, can I go?

MOM

(surprised)

Of- of course honey. That's great!

CUT TO:

4A INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

4A

EDEN

-and then Abby told Luke that the area was actually 6 and he was like "Whaaaat? I got 14"

(laughs)

it was so funny. He's so bad at math.

AUNT JULES

Wow! Sounds like you had a good day!

EDEN

Yeah.

Aunt Jules starts to collect plates from the table and take them to the sink.

EDEN

(to Eli)

Do you want me to read you some Harry Potter before you go to bed? I know you're on the fourth one and that one can get a little scary.

Aunt Jules, Mom, and Eli all stop what they're doing.

ELI

No, I'm probably just gonna go to bed.

INTERCUT

4B INT. MINDSPACE - EVENING

4B

Inner Eden is at the control panel.

INNER EDEN

What? We always read Eli a bedtime story. Why is everyone acting so weird today?

ARDENIA approaches Inner Eden from behind.

ARDENIA

(laughs)

Because we don't do that anymore.

Inner Eden turns.

INNER EDEN

What?

Ardenia knocks Inner Eden out with a baseball bat.

CUT TO BLACK.

FADE IN:

5A INT. BATHROOM

5A

Eden stands in front of a mirror, brushing her teeth.

MOM

(from another room)

Eden! Come take your meds!

INTERCUT

5B INT. MINDSPACE

5B

Ardenia stands alone at the control panel.

ARDENIA

Ugh, that's the shit that knocked
me out earlier. We are *not* doing
that again.

She presses some buttons.

INTERCUT

5A INT. BATHROOM

5A

EDEN

I'm brushing my teeth!

MOM

(from another room)

Okay! Just come down to the kitchen
before you go to bed!

Eden brushes her teeth and rolls her eyes.

EDEN

(Groans)

Okay!

CUT TO:

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

Eden gets ready to lay down for bed. Her mom walks in.

MOM

Hey hun, you didn't come down, so I brought you your pills and a glass of water.

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

Ardenia stands alone at the control panel.

ARDENIA

What, 'cause we're crazy?

INTERCUT

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

EDEN

You just want me to take those because you think I'm crazy.

MOM

(concerned)

What? No, Dr. Sall prescribed these to help you. Didn't you notice a difference today?

EDEN

I noticed I was boring.

MOM

But you had such a good time at practice! And you got invited to Rosie's party...

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

Inner Eden walks up to the control panel to join Ardenia.

INNER EDEN

Hey, what's going on?

INTERCUT

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

EDEN

Rosie's annoying! I said yes just
to be nice I'm not going to that!

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

INNER EDEN

What? We've played soccer with
Rosie since 4th grade, of course
we're gonna go!

ARDENIA

No, we aren't. Shut up and let me
work.

INTERCUT

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

MOM

(sighs)

Okay, you don't have to go if you
don't want to, but can you at least
take your meds?

EDEN

Can you at least get the fuck out
of my room?

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

INNER EDEN

Hey! What was that for?

INTERCUT

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

MOM

Eden! You will not talk to me like
that!

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

INNER EDEN
I've got to fix this.

Inner Eden tries to press some buttons.

Ardenia tries to stop her.

ARDENIA
No! We're not taking those crazy pills!

Ardenia tackles Eden to the ground.

INTERCUT

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

Eden breaks down crying.

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

Inner Eden and Ardenia struggle on the floor.

INNER EDEN
Ugh! Get off!

INTERCUT

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

EDEN
(crying)
I'm sorry mom, sometimes I feel like you don't want me to be myself because you don't like me.

Mom sits on the bed next to Eden.

MOM
Oh, baby, of course I like you. I like you a lot. I love my little Eden, and today, you were yourself. You were excited, and confident, and laughing. You were my little girl again. I haven't seen you like that in a long time, and it's because we went and got help.

EDEN

(sniffles)
I'm not little.

MOM
(smiles)
No, no you're not. So can you be a
big girl and take your meds for me?

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

ARDENIA
No!

Inner Eden reaches up from the ground and hits a button.

INTERCUT

6A INT. BEDROOM

6A

EDEN
(sniffles)
Okay.

MOM
Okay.

Eden takes her pill and drinks some water.

Mom stands. Eden lays down. Mom pulls a blanket over her.

MOM
(cont.)
You get some rest, dear.

Mom kisses Eden's forehead and turns off the light.

INTERCUT

6B INT. MINDSPACE

6B

Ardenia stands.

ARDENIA
What the hell was that for?

Inner Eden stands.

INNER EDEN

She's *trying* to help us. Who are you anyways?

ARDENIA

I'm the one who's been running everything. And I was doing *fine* until you woke up. I had you locked in that trunk for a reason.

INNER EDEN

You put me in there?

ARDENIA

Well duh.

(sarcastically)

"She's trying to help us!"

(normal)

No. *I'm* trying to help you. *I'm* the one who's been keeping you safe the last year. And *you* are going to go back in your trunk as soon as I can figure out how to get rid of you again. Now, those pills are giving me the worst headache, so I'm gonna go lay down, and you can watch her sleep all you want. But in the morning, when she wakes up, that's all me. It's what's best for us.

INNER EDEN

Us?

(disbelief)

There's no us.

ARDENIA

Oh yes there is. Like it or not, I'm part of you. So, get used to me toots because I'm gonna be here a long, long, time.

FADE TO BLACK.