

It is Monday, Laylah wakes up for school and is picked up by her best friend Summer. Summer explains that their plans to go to the lake after school fall flat, because she has to work an extra shift at the local diner. Laylah offers to come along for the shift.

At the diner, they witness a kid from Middle school being bullied by a guy named Chris, who is in Laylahs and Summers grade. Laylah steps in and gets into a fight with Chris, which results in her bleeding from her nose and getting kicked out by the diner owner. She walks home and breaks down crying.

Summer follows her by car, as she finds Laylah, she expresses how sick she is of living in this town and that she would like to run away. Summer and Laylah talk about their dream to become famous actresses. Summer however explains that she has given up on that dream, but she encourages Laylah to follow her dream because she is way more talented than her. Laylah wants to be alone for now.

At home Laylah takes out a notebook and begins to develop a plan of how she would run away from home to LA. Over the rest of the week, Laylah fleshes out the plan, planning a route to take and buying an old car, that barely works, with the money she made at her moms flower shop and parks it at the school.

At the day of the premiere of her school play on Saturday, Laylah pretends to use a different entrance and gets into her car. She drives home, packs some food, on the dining table she places a note to her parents that she wrote beforehand. Then she takes a last look at her home and leaves.

At the school, Summer and Ms. Holly, the drama class teacher, wonder where Laylah is. When they can't find her, Summer talks to Laylahs parents, who are as confused as herself. Then she realizes, that Laylah actually talked about running away and tells Laylahs parents. Her parents immediately return home, only to find the letter on the dining table and no trace of their daughter.

Laylah is now on the road for a couple of hours. While going for a refuel at a gas station next to the road, Laylah meets twenty-year-old Kyle, who lives in a small town aswell. Bonding over their wish to become famous and escape their current life, Laylah offers Kyle to come with her to LA.

They stop at Las Cruces, NM to rent a Motel room for the night. Kyle excuses himself and disappears for an hour. Upon returning, he ignores Laylah and walks straight to their room and locks himself in the bathroom. When he finally lets Laylah inside, she is shocked to find out that Kyle stole an old ladys purse to buy heroin. After being confronted about it, Kyle gets angry and throws Laylah out of the room and locks her out. Not knowing what to do, Laylah decides to sleep inside the car.

Hoping that the situation has resolved, Laylah wants to talk to Kyle the next morning. As she enters the room. She sees him lying motionless in his own vomit. Kyle died of an overdose. Alone again, Laylah continues her journey.

Her next stop is Phoenix, AZ.