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### Doors to Success

Doors serve as a gateway connecting the known to the unknown. Opportunity. Chances. Success. Failure. Opening doors can lead us towards or away from these things. More often than not, we would open doors where we can predict what will happen compared to the unknown. Now connect this concept to the path to success. The path to success is an unpredictable one. One step can launch one's career forward or severely back. As an aspiring digital media artist, the future is unpredictable and can be scary. There will be doors that lead to success and doors that won't. Despite the fear and failure, we still seek to open doors in search of success and happiness.

The video begins with a person opening a door transitioning into the story. Once we enter through the door, there are cars driving by, a clock ticking away, and the main character drawing a line with ups and downs on a piece of paper. This line occasionally pops up symbolizes the ups and downs or successes and failures of the character's pursuit for success and happiness. It then cuts to a nervous hand where the main character is nervous with opening a door. When she decides to open the door, the door was locked, conveying a failure in the pursuit for success. As the day turns into night, the main character decides to type up and send an email to another company, in hopes to get hired and towards the direction of success.

When the next day comes, she is going up a flight of stairs, symbolizing upward potential for success. She then opens the door into an office where she is interviewed. Later that night, the main character receives an email, stating that she was not chosen for the position. While the email is on the screen, a downwards line is drawn, symbolizing another failure. The weight of the failure is further illustrated with scenes of rain at night.

The next minute is a montage of ups and downs the main character faces which includes doors being shut, going up and down stairs, and sending emails. The shut doors represent rejection or failure while upwards movement on the stairs represent step towards success and vice versa with downwards. After this montage, the character goes up a flight of stairs with a semi-transparent pink rose blooming in the background. The rose blooming refers to the growth of the character throughout her struggles for success. She comes back to the lock door, but the video ends before she tries to open it. While it is not certain she opens a door to success in the end, the pursuit for success and happiness is long and unpredictable.