

SHADOW OF A DOUBT
PILOT EPISODE "STAR-CROSSED"

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1. EXT. SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD - NIGHT

Establishing shot.

2. INT. DELL'S HOME - BEDROOM - NIGHT

The primary colored bedroom is littered with toys. DEL (11, curly hair) watches a meteor shower from his bedroom window in complete awe.

1 DELL
 (sotto)
Whaaaa! So pretty.

The voice of AVERY, his ten year old bubbly next door neighbor, buzzes through a walkie-talkie. She waves from a window across from Dell's.

2 **AVERY**
Isn't it amazing? I've made a thousand wishes. I would make more but I didn't want to seem greedy.

3 DELL
I save my wishes for birthdays, and mall fountains. Preferably one close to an Old Navy <SIGH> I wish I could see the stars close up.

Dell's DAD calls from the other side of the bedroom door.

4 DAD (O.S.)
Lights out, Champ!

Dell whispers into the walkie talkie.

5 DELL
Gotta go! Goodnight, Avery.

Dell leaps into bed and turns off his bedside lamp. The MOONLIGHT CASTS A SHADOW on the wall. Dell's eyes close.

ON THE WALL Dell's shadow inexplicably rises in bed and pulls itself from the wall as if it were suctioned to it.

3. EXT. DELL'S HOME - BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

SHADOW DELL and SHADOW AVERY wear SPACE HELMETS. Shadow Dell flips a hidden switch on a tree trunk. The ground opens TO REVEAL METAL PLATES. The plates part and a up a crude SPACESHIP emerges from between them. They quickly hop inside the aircraft.

3. INT. SPACESHIP - CONTINUOUS

Shadow Dell and Shadow Avery buckle up.

6 SHADOW DELL
Does riding in a spaceship make you nervous?

7 SHADOW AVERY
Yeah, but so does riding escalators. Now punch it!

Shadow Dell hits the ignition button and the surge upwards pins them to their seats.

The ship slows and from the large window Shadow Dell and Shadow Avery marvel at the wonders of space. Millions of stars twinkle and several shoot by.

Suddenly, <ALARMS SQUEALS> and warning lights FLASH.

9 SHADOW AVERY (CONT'D)
Oh no! It's almost morning and the ship isn't fast enough to make it back in time.

Shadow Dell rubs his chin in thought.

11 SHADOW DELL
I have an idea.

CUT TO:

4. EXT. OPEN SPACE - MINUTES LATER

Shadow Dell and Shadow Avery revel as they ride a star through the sky, leaving a trail of stardust behind them.

SHADOW DELL SHADOW AVERY
Woo Hoo! Yay!

5. INT. DELL'S HOME - BEDROOM - DAWN

Sunshine peeks through the window. Shadow Dell oozes in under the crack of the door, careful not to wake his <SNORING> human counterpart. Suddenly, Dell's ALARM CLOCK SOUNDS and he stirs. Shadow Dell dives into the wall just in time.

Dell wakes to find everything is just as it should be, except for his shadow. Is it wearing a space helmet?

Dell does a double take. The helmet is gone. Dell shrugs. It must have been his imagination. Dell and his shadow happily walk out of the room.

FADE TO BLACK.