

Le Principe

un film de  
**platform.R**

INT. KITCHEN

Tyler walks over to the fridge, Avery sits nearby on his laptop with his headphones on. Tyler opens the fridge door to find his milk nearly gone. He turns to Avery.

TYLER

Avery...

Avery can't hear him over his music.

TYLER (CONT'D)

(slightly louder)

Avery!

Avery looks up from his laptop and pulls his headphones off one ear.

AVERY

What's up Tyler?

TYLER

Did you drink my milk?

AVERY

Oh yeah I poured a bowl of cereal earlier and realized I didn't have any. Figured you wouldn't mind if I used a little of yours.

Tyler breathes out his nose peevishly.

AVERY (CONT'D)

You're not upset, are you?

TYLER

No, no I'm not upset it's just... I just wished you had asked y'know. It's the principle more than anything.

AVERY

Oh uh...for sure man. I guess I'll eat my cereal dry next time.

Avery slides his headphones back on as Tyler gives a face of dissatisfaction at his response.

TITLE: TWO WEEKS LATER

INT. BATHROOM

Tyler is showering. He goes to use his conditioner but the bottle is empty. He turns off the water in frustration.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Avery sits gaming with headphones on. Tyler comes out in a towel, still wet.

TYLER

Avery.

No response.

TYLER (CONT'D)

**Avery.**

Avery slides his headphones off but doesn't look away from the screen.

AVERY

Oh what? Sorry man this game is super sweaty.

TYLER

Did you use the last of my conditioner?

AVERY

Oh yeah I was out and needed to use something to maintain my hair's quintessential shine.

TYLER

Did you think to maybe ask me first?

AVERY

I mean what did you expect me to do? Double shampoo? That's ridiculous.

TYLER

It's just I spent a lot of money on this conditioner man and not to mention you also left the toilet seat up-

AVERY

GOD DAMMIT!... sorry didn't mean to interrupt you it's just my fucking teammates is DOGSHIT at this game.

(MORE)

AVERY (CONT'D)  
 Anyway why do you care if I left  
 the toilet seat down? You're a guy.

TYLER  
 It's the principle, Avery.

AVERY  
 You piss like a girl on principle?

TYLER  
 Y'know what, nevermind. I gotta get  
 ready for class.

Tyler walks away.

AVERY  
 God dammit ROTATE TEAMMATE! ROTATE!

TITLE: ONE WEEK LATER

INT. LIVING ROOM

Tyler vacuums. Avery enters from outside with his earbuds in.  
 His shoes are muddy and track dirt across the freshly  
 vacuumed floor.

TYLER  
 Woah woah Avery take your shoes  
 off!

Avery can't hear Tyler.

TYLER (CONT'D)  
**Avery.**

Still no response, Avery kicks his dirty kicks up on the  
 couch.

TYLER (CONT'D)  
**Avery!**

Again, can't hear him. The accumulated frustration boils up  
 in Tyler leading him to erupt.

TYLER (CONT'D)  
 (thunderously)  
**AVERY!!!!**

AVERY  
 (startled)  
 Woah what's the matter my guy?

TYLER

YOU ARE WHAT'S THE MATTER! You just dragged mud all across where I just vacuumed and now you're putting your dirty shoes up on our couch!

AVERY

Chill out man-

TYLER

NO! NO I will not chill out, Avery, because you're always doing this kind of shit! Drinking my milk, using my conditioner, tracking mud inside- Do you ever think of the god damn principle?

AVERY

Oh here we go again with the principle, always talkin about the principle. What principle? You got it written down somewhere I can see?

Tyler hold up a scroll and lightning crashes.

AVERY (CONT'D)

What's that?

TYLER

(ominous)

It's the principle.

AVERY

Okay then, let me see it.

TYLER

I must warn you Avery, you don't want to look upon the principle with mortal eyes.

AVERY

Oh yeah, and why's that?

TYLER

Because once you see the principle, you can't unsee the principle. And that... is the principle.

AVERY

Gimme that.

Avery rips the scroll from Tyler's hand.

AVERY (CONT'D)  
(unfurling the scroll)  
You treat it like it's the Ark of  
the Covenant or somethi-

As Avery fully unfurls the scroll a blinding light bursts from it shining in Avery's face. Avery begins to scream as the world around him tears away and he falls into a world of darkness.

FLASHBACK:

EXT. GROCERY STORE PARKING LOT

Avery stands up, shocked by his current surroundings

AVERY  
What happened, why am I in a  
parking lot? Wait, someone is  
pulling into that handicapped space  
over there!

A car pulls into a handicap space and the engine stops.

AVERY (CONT'D)  
No...it can't be...

Avery watches as Avery steps out the car.

AVERY (CONT'D)  
It's...me?

Avery gets thrown back into the space time continuum en route to another

FLASHBACK:

INT. HALLWAY

Avery comes to in a long hallway with a door at the end.

AVERY  
What happened? Why am I in a  
hallway now? I need to get out of  
here

Avery heads towards the exit but there's already someone at door, also leaving.

AVERY (CONT'D)  
HEY! HOLD THE DOOR!

Avery's past self opens the door as his present self nearly catches up to him. Past Avery turns and makes brief eye contact with his future self... and lets the door shut.

AVERY (CONT'D)

No, it can't be! I didn't hold the door despite someone else being at a reasonable distance for me to do so!

Avery heads back into another

FLASHBACK:

INT. BATHROOM OF CHILDHOOD HOME

This time, Avery is his past self, dressed in children's clothing.

AVERY

Wait, this place... it's familiar...

(gasps)

This is my childhood bathroom!  
Which means...

Avery quickly flushes the toilet and runs out of the bathroom, leaving the toilet seat up.

INT.KITCHEN

Avery runs into the kitchen to see his mother at the sink, washing produce.

AVERY

(on the verge of tears)

M-m-...*mama*.

Avery's mom turns around

AVERY'S MOM

What's the matter sweetie.

AVERY

(full on emotional)

Mom... I haven't seen you in so long!

AVERY'S MOM

What are you talking about sweetie,  
oh you're so silly.

(MORE)

AVERY'S MOM (CONT'D)

Here, would you finish washing this celery while mama uses the restroom? Then you can help me cook dinner!

AVERY

I'd...I'd like nothing more.

AVERY'S MOM

I love you sweetheart.

Avery's mom goes to the restroom while Avery begins washing the celery. But just as he starts, he remembers he left the toilet seat up.

AVERY

No MOM WAIT!

Avery's mom lets out a scream

SOUND OF AMBULANCE

SMASH CUT

INT.DOCTORS OFFICE

A doctor approaches Avery

DOCTOR

I'm sorry son, but your mother has passed away.

AVERY

No, Doc, it can't be true!

DOCTOR

I'm sorry Avery, there's no easy way to say this but... if only you hadn't had left the toilet seat up, it's... it's the lack of principle that killed your mother.

AVERY

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO....

INT. LIVING ROOM

Avery's back looking at the scroll

AVERY (CONT.)

...OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO



Avery passes out.

TITLE: 5 MINUTES LATER

INT. KITCHEN

Tyler pours himself a bowl of cereal. Avery comes in wearing cleaning gloves and an apron.

AVERY

Hey Tyler! I just finished cleaning the whole house, doing all of the dishes, and taking my laundry out of the wash in a timely fashion!

TYLER

That's great Avery, man have you really been stepping it up around here lately!

AVERY

Y'know, it feels good to finally have some principle!

TYLER

Love to hear it!

Tyler leaves his dish in the sink and begins to walk away.

AVERY

Um.. aren't you going to rinse that and put it in the dishwasher?

TYLER

(turning around)  
Oh, I'll get to it.

Tyler walks away.

Slow zoom onto Avery's eyes as the fires of rage begin to build up inside him to the tune of *Dies Irae*

THE END.