

GAMERS

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Jess is down on her luck. She's just been fired from her researcher job at GNN, the Global News Network. Her friend Susan, a producer at the network, consoles her at her favorite bar.

That night, she meets Trevor. He and his friends are celebrating a sports win, and they buy drinks for Jess and Susan. By the end of the evening, Jess and Trevor hit it off, and they go back to Jess' place.

The next morning, while Jess teases Trevor, she discovers his SPECS, the goggles he uses when playing the GAME. What sort of sport is this, anyway? Jess tries on the specs, and colors change, the whole room swims before her eyes. Before Trevor can explain, he gets an urgent call from his teammates. With a quick kiss goodbye, Trevor is gone... but he's accidentally left his specs.

After a moment of self-doubt, Jess jumps in her car and chases Trevor's cab to his hotel. When she arrives, Trevor is in heated conversation with his teammates in a nearby parking garage. Jess approaches with the specs, but is cut off by the sudden arrival of a panel van. Four men jump out and accost Trevor's team, demanding the PRIZE.

Jess watches, dumbfounded, as Trevor's team respond in kind, defending themselves with collapsible batons. They each pull on their specs -- Trevor takes one off a fallen opponent -- so Jess follows suit. The world changes color. An unnatural beam of light cuts through the garage, hovering about two feet off the ground.

As the fight continues, the driver of the van loses control of the vehicle. It lurches toward Jess, and Trevor reacts. He leaps toward the mysterious beam of light, latching on with a "catch" device he grips in his hand. Once attached to the beam, he speeds past the van and rescues Jess, spiriting her away to safety.

Trevor and Jess enter BEAMSPACE. The ground speeds away beneath them and then fades away. There is an intense cacophony of sound. Everything goes dark except the glowing beam, which stretches out into infinity. Trevor is confident, in his element. But the G-forces are too much for Jess and she faints.

Soon, she wakes up in a field of grass, out in the country. How could she be there? What is happening? Trevor or his friends must have kidnapped her somehow. Trevor tries to explain, tells her he's from "another dimension," but Jess won't listen. She runs into the road and flags down a passing car.

Now speeding away from Trevor, her supposed kidnapper, Jess tells a confused story to the driver. He's concerned, and encourages her to go to the authorities once they get into town. As they drive, Jess notices little details in the car and on passing billboards that seem off. A New York "Raiders" NFL sticker. An advert for the McDonald's Whopper sandwich.

Somehow meet up with Trevor again.

Accosted by feeders/cameramen
they try to interview, broadcast while he gives exposition
He explains the deal, shows her his equipment
"I can't take you back on that flowline, it's one way.
We'll meet up with the others at the nexus.
Then I'll be able to send you home."

Get to Nexus. Whole team wiped out.

Liam is dying. tells Trevor "It was Madrigal..."

Reporter who looks like Susan: "He's eating through the levels, corrupting as he goes... searching for something. Blasted the power core from the nexus. He must be trying to gain control of the flowlines"

Trevor to Jess: "I'm sending you back."
"I don't know what the hell is going on, but it's not safe for you here."

Shady character/reporter gives her a lift home
"Yours is a backwater dimension. You don't know about the games."
slips her the item.
finds item in pocket. activates it.
(or real item is hidden in our world? and this detector is triggered when it's near?)
Madrigal's forces show up.
Madrigal is a double for Trevor.

Take her and item to evil dimension. He laughs at her accusation.
"nothing so tedious as tariffs and tolls. No, I'm almost to paradise. How many dimensions do you think there are? Infinite? No, there has to be a top. a final dimension. the top floor, penthouse suite. And I'm going to crash it. You see, if there's a ceo, a god, I'm going to meet him, wine him, dine him, and rip out his heart. There's going to be a new leader in heaven."

she escapes, gets out
runs into Trevor

hall of justice meeting
he has the item, soon he will control all traffic, bring the energy flow to a halt
But Jess has the coordinates. and knows the stronghold.

They know they have to stop Madrigal
Trevor and Jess go to hell to pull the plug