

Encapsulated Season 2 - Episode 4 of 9

FADE IN:

SUPER: One year later.

EXT. DAYTONA BEACH - DAY

It's spring break! After a brief opening montage of college students partying, drinking, and being obnoxious, focus on the two protagonists: CELINE (30) and FELIX (26), Swedish siblings who are excitedly filming a documentary.

Note: all dialogue in *italics* is in Swedish.

CELINE

It's spring break, isn't that annoying??

FELIX

I'm so not looking forward to this!!

CELINE

For those who don't know, I'm Celine Wikman, and this is my brother Felix.

(Felix grins and waves)

Our latest project takes us to Daytona Beach, where you can see American college students in their natural habitat. Their enclosure comes fully stocked with alcohol, drugs, bikinis, and more alcohol.

FELIX

Don't forget the alcohol.

(he shouts at some passing students)

SPRING BREAK 2026!

STUDENTS

(shouting enthusiastically back)

SPRING BREAK 2026! WOOOOOO!!

CELINE

Felix and I will be posing as students trying to enjoy our 'first American spring break'. We have no idea what to expect, but looking around, the animals seem fairly harmless.

FELIX
And intoxicated.

CELINE
But they're harmless drunks, as long as you don't aggravate them or use flash photography.

FELIX
I mean, what about those guys over there?

He points to a group of wasted frat boys who are taking turns smashing glass bottles on their heads to see who's the toughest.

CELINE
Remind me again why that's all the rage? What do they call it, the IPA Challenge?

FELIX
(shouting to the frat boys)
GO AMERICA! U.S.A.!

FRAT BOYS
HELL YEAH!! U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!

They all cheer and chant patriotically as they continue to smash bottles. Felix and Celine are thoroughly amused by the spectacle.

FELIX
We could probably stop the documentary here and be done with it.

CELINE
I was just thinking - it's only been five minutes and we already have the best scene.

FELIX
Now what?

CELINE
Hmm... interviews?

FELIX
Let's do it.

Cut to a different part of the beach where people are lounging in the sun on towels and beach chairs. Celine interviews them - her English is a little broken, but mostly understandable.

CELINE

Excuse me? What school are you from?

RANDOM STUDENT 1

Penn State all the wayyyy!!!

CELINE

How would you describe spring break?

RANDOM STUDENT 1

No school for the whole week!

CELINE

Yes, but what does it mean to YOU personally?

RANDOM STUDENT 1

It means I have no school for the whole week!
Spring break 2026!!!

Cut to another student

CELINE

Do you always come here for Spring Break?

RANDOM STUDENT 2

I don't always come here.

CELINE

You don't?

RANDOM STUDENT 2

No, I usually come in my hotel room.
(he laughs and smashes a bottle on his head)
GET WRECKED, BITCH!

CELINE

I don't understand...

FELIX

Ignore him.

Cut to another student

CELINE

Can you tell me, why did you pick Daytona Beach for spring break?

RANDOM STUDENT 3

Wait - this is Florida? Fuck!

(she suddenly leaps out of her chair and sprints anxiously over to her friend who's playing volleyball)

Tessa! Hey, TESSA! Get your head out of your ass! This isn't Santa Cruz!!

TESSA

What the shit?! I'm suing my dad SO hard.

Cut to another student

CELINE

If you had to describe Spring Break in one word, what would it be?

RANDOM STUDENT 4

I would say it's an insipid, self-gratifying parody that needs to be shot on sight.

CELINE

I don't understand - why are you here?

RANDOM STUDENT 4

It's like a spectator sport.

CELINE

Spectator sport? *What is that?*

FELIX

He's like us, he's here to watch the animals.

CELINE

Ohh, spectator, yes yes, so are we. Keep up the good work.

RANDOM STUDENT 4

Likewise!

EXT. NEARBY BOARDWALK - DAY

Celine and Felix are standing at the railing, filming the antics taking place on the beach below.

FELIX

If you're interested, I just had a great idea for our fake names.

CELINE

Fake names?

FELIX

Yeah, how does this sound? We are the Heads. I am Meat Head, and you are Air Head.

CELINE

I don't get it.

FELIX

It's a clever American pun. Meathead, Airhead...

CELINE

I still don't get it...

FELIX

I don't think most of them would get it either, they'd probably take me seriously.

CELINE

*Wait, you mean they're not a discerning audience?
(Felix chuckles)
So... now what?*

FELIX

We could do some interviews on the boardwalk for a bit? Or... better option, go back to the hotel.

CELINE

We're doing the hotel Wednesday, remember, because it's supposed to rain?

FELIX

Right, I know, I was just thinking that I'm getting tired, and so...

CELINE

We've been out for an hour. Wimp.

FELIX

Not everyone has stamina like you.

CELINE

And whose fault is that?

FELIX

Yeah, yeah...

CELINE

Aww, do you need a lunch break?

(Felix groans)

We'll do one more hour, then you can nap. Deal?

FELIX

Perfect.

They're suddenly interrupted by BRITTANY (20), a lively student in pink who seemingly appears out of nowhere.

BRITTANY

Hey! Whatcha doing with the camera?

CELINE

We are making - it's a film project about our American spring break.

FELIX

(also in slightly broken English)

We don't want to forget our first time!

BRITTANY

Neat-o! Hey, so I hope this doesn't sound too weird or anything, but like, have you guys ever tried doing a Mind-Scape?

CELINE

Mind-Scape? Is that some new challenge?

FELIX

No no, it's a virtual thing, remember that video about the guy who turned his brain into a house?

CELINE

*Right, the brain map. Yes, yes, the Mind-Scape.
And no, we have not used it.*

FELIX

Is there a place here where you can try it out,
at an arcade or a mall?

BRITTANY

Kinda sorta, wait, like OMG, do you guys wanna
come with me and see one??

She fidgets with anticipation. Felix isn't interested, but
Celine's pitiful expression guilt's him into it.

FELIX

Fine. One hour.

CELINE

You're so weak, it's cute. We would love to!

BRITTANY

Yess!! I like literally can't tell you how
awesome it is! Hashtag SOOO excited!!

CELINE

We are excited too! Is it okay if we film this,
for our project?

BRITTANY

DUH! Film away, girl! BT-dubs, I'm Brittany.

CELINE

Celine! This is Felix.
(they all shake hands)
Let's go do the Mind-Scape!

FELIX

Mind-Scape 2026!

BRITTANY

Bless!! Best vacay EVER!

She skips off excitedly. Felix and Celine follow her, their
curiosity piqued.

EXT. DOWNTOWN NEAR BEACH - DAY

The three of them are strolling casually just a few blocks inland, passing by restaurants and touristy shops. Felix is filming Celine and Brittany's conversation.

BRITTANY

So like, where are you from? Your accents are SO adorbs, literally!

CELINE

Thank you! We are from Sweden.

BRITTANY

Oh that's such a relief! Phew!

FELIX

You are a supporter of Sweden?

BRITTANY

Well yeah, but like, I thought you were German, and I was like 'oh my gosh, I took a whole year of German in high school, and I can't understand anything you're saying! I must be SO stupid and forgot it all!' But if you're SWEDISH, then like, of course I wouldn't understand LOL!

FELIX

(in German)

I doubt she remembers her German.

CELINE

(in German)

You're so cynical. But you're probably right.

BRITTANY

See? I have like NO idea what you just said! Swedish sounds SUPER cool though!

FELIX

(back to Swedish)

I can't tell whether to laugh or cry.

CELINE

So what do you know about Sweden?

BRITTANY

Well, I'm like such a fan, your healthcare is like SO cool. You should be so proud! We all like LOVE your country, it's totally a bull that works for society.

CELINE

Bull that works? I don't know that expression, you mean like a rodeo?

FELIX

I think she meant to say bulwark... You mean to say it is a BULWARK for society?

BRITTANY

Yeah, sorry, a bulwark!

CELINE

That doesn't make sense either.

FELIX

And that surprises you because...?

CELINE

That's so nice of you to say!

FELIX

On behalf of Sweden, thank you.

BRITTANY

Totally! So... what do you think of America??

CELINE

It's very big, and very open. And...

FELIX

Loud. Everybody is very confident and loud.

CELINE

Yes, but that is not a bad thing, you are all very friendly.

BRITTANY

Awww - hashtag supersweet! Well, on behalf of America, you're welcome!

INT. HOTEL LOBBY - DAY

They arrive in the lobby of a five-star hotel, which Felix is immediately confused by.

FELIX

I thought we were going to a VR arcade...

CELINE

Are you getting something from your room before we go to the Mind-Scape?

BRITTANY

OMG, I totally forgot to tell you, we're like going to see MY Mind-Scape!

CELINE

Oh! How nice! We thought maybe it would be in a public place, no?

BRITTANY

Nope! I brought it with me! Don't worry, I have like a TOTALLY comfy headset. Come on up!

She skips over to the elevators. Felix lingers back out of concern, but Celine doesn't seem too worried and follows after Brittany.

FELIX

This is how every horror movie starts.

CELINE

(pauses)

What horror movies have you been watching?

FELIX

She could be a serial killer. Just saying.

Celine glances at Brittany, who's putting on makeup using the reflection from the elevator door. Celine smirks at Felix as if he doesn't know what he's talking about.

FELIX

(walking over)

Don't say I didn't warn you...

INT. BRITTANY'S HOTEL ROOM - DAY

The room is filled with furniture, clothes, suitcases, trinkets, picture frames, and beach gear. And it's all pink and monogrammed with Brittany's name.

FELIX

Yep, we're gonna die. At least we'll have it on camera, it'll be our best documentary yet.

CELINE

Stop it! This is very beautiful. You like pink!

BRITTANY

Totally! Sorry about the mess, I was taking a beauty nap so like the maid didn't clean it.

CELINE

That is okay, we don't mind.

BRITTANY

Awww, you're super low-key. I just need to freshen up for like two seconds, then we can get the party started!

She goes into the bathroom. Felix films the room, notably all the pink decor.

FELIX

I can see it now, winner of the 2026 independent film awards: Legally Blonde meets Carrie.

CELINE

You realize the names of those movies are in English, idiot.

FELIX

She can't hear me, calm down. And if she does, who cares, she'll be killing us either way.

CELINE

What is it with you? She wouldn't know HOW to kill us, let alone want to.

(she sits on the couch)

Just relax. Be chill, dude.

FELIX

Oh, so now suddenly you know American slang?

CELINE

(chuckles)

Aren't you glad we did this instead of going back to the hotel? Isn't this more entertaining?

FELIX

No! It's insane!

(Brittany rejoins them)

This room is nice, thank you for inviting us.

CELINE

Yes, thank you. So - the Mind-Scape?

BRITTANY

Yasss queen! Who like wants to go first?

CELINE

I will, if that's okay with Felix.

FELIX

You're gonna die... Yes, that's okay, I will wait here and guard the room.

BRITTANY

(giggles)

You're too funny! Okay, so, let's go!

She rummages through the closet and pulls out two VR headsets with controllers. She hands one to Celine and puts on the other one herself.

BRITTANY

Do they, like, have VR in Sweden?

Felix rolls his eyes.

CELINE

They do, I know how to use it. Thank you!

Brittany smiles, then she puts her headset on. Felix mouths the Swedish words for 'good luck' to Celine, who ignores him and also puts her headset on.

INT. BRITTANY'S MIND-SCAPE - DAY

Compared to the earlier episodes, the graphics in the Mind-Scape are considerably more detailed, more refined, and more photo-realistic.

Granted, the general layout is still the same: living room, kitchen, office, bedroom. And there are still video albums, colorful Threads on the ground, and random furniture items.

CELINE

Wow! It's more impressive than I thought!

BRITTANY

Right?? Okay, let me show you some cool stuff!

They teleport to the living room. Brittany pulls out a video album titled 'Spring Break'.

BRITTANY

So like, this is ALL of my spring breaks, you can see everything from junior high to now, cause that was like the earliest I remember.

She plays a video of a pool party for Celine.

BRITTANY

This was sophomore year, and like the crazy thing is that I have like a copy of all my friends.

She pauses the video, then clicks on the faces of one of the girls in it. One of the living room walls slides open, and an avatar of the girl steps out.

BRITTANY

That was Joy, she was my BFF, but she moved to New York after high school. But now I can talk to her and like relive those memories, you know?

CELINE

How incredible, it amazes me what people can do with technology now.

BRITTANY

Totally!

She closes the video album, then presses a button on the wall to make the avatar disappear.

BRITTANY

Ooh ooh, check it! Follow me!

They teleport to her office. There are, not surprisingly, very few bookshelves. They gather around a tree that's growing in the corner.

BRITTANY

So like, this is LITERALLY my family tree!

CELINE

Wow!

BRITTANY

Isn't it CRAZY? Here, you can read it! See?

CELINE

Oh my, that IS crazy!

As Celine looks closer, she sees that each leaf represents a family member, and each branch says something like 'father' or 'married' or 'in-law'.

She spends some time marvelling at it in silence, reading each leaf and branch with genuine wonder. Brittany is beaming with delight at being able to show it off.

INT. THE HOTEL ROOM - DAY (cont.)

Meanwhile, Felix is lazily bouncing a pink tennis ball against the wall. Celine and Brittany are just a few feet away, completely immersed in the virtual world.

FELIX

Are you still alive?

(no response)

Is it all pink in there?

(no response - he grumbles, then films himself talking)

Little did they know: everybody checked into this hotel room, but nobody ever checked out... no, it's too generic. Hmm... it all started at the beach...

INT. THE MIND-SCAPE - DAY (cont.)

Now they're back in the living room. Brittany is showing Celine an interactive map on the wall.

BRITTANY

So THIS is all the places I've been, so like you can see my house in Detroit-

(she pulls up a picture of a house)

And then I can like move around and explore my neighborhood.

(she zooms out and shows a street-level view of the area)

So like if it's fuzzy, like that house there, that means I don't remember it, but I can like literally go down the street where I grew up!

CELINE

That is incredible!

BRITTANY

Yeah, right?? Or I can type in Ohio State, and, it's my dorm!

(it switches to a picture of her dorm room)

And I can zoom out and see the campus, just like before, and all the areas I go are clear.

CELINE

Interesting. So that means, you must take THIS route to class.

(she highlights a part of the map that's higher resolution)

But like this area over here is a blur, so you don't go there?

BRITTANY

You got it girl!

CELINE

This is amazing... wow, just wow.

BRITTANY

I spend like SO much time in here, like I always figure out something new. Or see these big ropes that are like everywhere?

She points out the Threads and picks one up.

BRITTANY

(reading it out loud)

Goal: get Mr. Weir to like me! Woah! So like, he's my intro to econ professor, and I need to pass his class to like move on to my regular econ next year. So I know I want him to like me, but now I can see it in my mind, you know?

CELINE

It's putting words to how you think.

BRITTANY

Yeah... yeah! None of this is new to me, but yeah, it's like I can put words to it.

CELINE

I definitely want my own. You have sold me on it!

They both giggle. Celine looks around curiously. She spots a door that they haven't been through yet.

CELINE

Where does that go?

BRITTANY

What? Oh, that's the basement.

CELINE

(chuckles)

How mysterious... Can we go down there?

BRITTANY

Sure, but like there's nothing to see, like I don't even know why it's there.

CELINE

We shall find out, you can lead the way.

BRITTANY

You got it!

Brittany teleports to the door, opens it, and goes downstairs. Celine follows right behind her.

INT. THE HOTEL ROOM - DAY (cont.)

Meanwhile...

FELIX

She seemed innocent enough at first, but she had her secrets. And once they met her, their trip would never be the same...

INT. THE MIND-SCAPE - DARK (cont.)

They enter the basement of her Mind-Scape, a dimly lit, ominous room. The walls are empty and there's no furniture.

CELINE

Is there anything down here?

BRITTANY

Like I don't think so, maybe it's like a glitch or something?

CELINE

Hmm...

Celine wanders around, curious. As she approaches the wall, it glows faintly. A video starts to play loudly - it's one of Brittany's memories. She's being forced into a bedroom by an older man. She's screaming and kicking at him.

BRITTANY

Oh my god, oh my god stop please!

Celine steps away from the wall. The video stops.

INT. THE HOTEL ROOM - DAY (cont.)

Brittany and Celine both abruptly take off their headsets. Felix jolts up, startled.

FELIX

What happened?

CELINE

Out. Now. I mean it.

She looks dead serious. Felix leaves the room immediately and waits out in the hall, shutting the door behind him.

Brittany is starting to cry, she and Celine sit on the couch together. Celine puts her arms around her.

CELINE

It's okay. You are safe here.

BRITTANY

I'm so sorry to make you see that.

CELINE

No no no, it is not your fault.

BRITTANY

I didn't know that was there, I promise.

CELINE

I know, it is okay, I am not upset.

Brittany sobs as Celine comforts her. Felix knocks quietly on the door.

CELINE

Go wait in the lobby!

He doesn't argue with her. They can hear him walking down the corridor. Celine holds Brittany tightly.

CELINE

It is not your fault. You are safe here.

BRITTANY

I didn't want it to happen, I didn't mean for you to see it.

CELINE

I know, I know. You are alright.

BRITTANY

I'm so sorry..

Celine continues to console her as she tries to process through everything.

INT. HOTEL LOBBY - DAY

Felix is sitting somberly in the lounge, completely unsure as to what's going on. But unlike before, he isn't making jokes or talking to himself. Just waiting in silence.

INT. THE HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Brittany has stopped crying, there's a pile of used tissues on the floor. They're both still sitting on the couch.

CELINE

Have you told anybody?

BRITTANY

No, of course not.

CELINE

Do you feel comfortable telling somebody?

BRITTANY

Not really.

CELINE

Is it because you think they won't believe you?

(Brittany nods)

But you have a video now.

BRITTANY

Not like a real video.

CELINE

Well, I saw it, and I know it was real.

BRITTANY

It's... no, no it doesn't work like that.

CELINE

Not yet. But maybe it could?

(Brittany looks at her hopefully)

Maybe you could be the one to change it?

FADE OUT.