

The States Plays – Connecticut – Defying Gravity  
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CAST: 2

AVERY (male or female) ), 18; CT is their home state and they love it

HOLLIS (male or female) 18; CO is their home state and they love it

TIME:

Autumn afternoon

PLACE:

In a car on a Connecticut road that's not widely traveled

SYNOPSIS: As HOLLIS become critical of AVERY'S home state of Connecticut, AVERY shows HOLLIS something impossible. Or is it?

HOLLIS

This is such a treat to get off campus for the weekend. Thanks for the invite.

AVERY

You'll like New London. It's scenic.

HOLLIS

There's "nice" scenic and then there's ... you know "amazing" scenic.

AVERY

It's a pretty seaside town.

HOLLIS

Pretty is ... you know nice. It's not magnificent of course. But I am sure it's very nice.

AVERY

*I* like it.

HOLLIS

I'll have to take you Colorado sometime. I can't believe you've never been to the Rockies.

AVERY

We have mountains in the east.

HOLLIS

Puny ones. They're not exactly your "purple mountains majesty above the fruited plains."

EVERY

I like being in an area where there are both mountains and ocean. We have choices.

HOLLIS

But out west – is magical. The earth touches the sky.

EVERY

We have space-magic in Connecticut. We're in Sterling. It's not far.

(EVERY twists and turns the car around.)

HOLLIS

Twisty road.

EVERY

You ain't seen nothing yet.

(Beat. EVERY puts the car into park.)

See that road.

HOLLIS

It's ... nice. The trees are pretty.

EVERY

And do you see how the road goes up?

HOLLIS

Yeah. But you know – not very high. It's barely a hill.

EVERY

Watch. I'll put the car in neutral...

HOLLIS

To get up a hill? What do you have? A flying car?

EVERY

Here we go.

(And in neutral, the car slides up the hill.)

HOLLIS

You're pressing on the gas...

EVERY

See for yourself. Not that would work in neutral anyway.

HOLLIS

There's a trick.

AVERY

Nope. Just no gravity here. Connecticut defies gravity.

(The car reaches the top. HOLLIS is stunned-silent.)

Hollis?

HOLLIS

Who knows about this?

AVERY

Just a select few. And I'd be careful who you tell. Sometimes the aliens get upset when the humans know things.

END OF PLAY

\*And yes, this is true. You may take it at face value or look up the intersectional of Main Street and Snake Hill Road in Sterling, CT.