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AMERICAN HONEY

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Ending Explained

2016's *American Honey* a coming of age film leaves a lot up for interpretation. For this particular video, we will be depicting the final scene in the film. After celebrating another good week in magazine sales the group of teens embark on another celebration in the night with a bonfire. Lead actress Sasha Lane undergoes a drastic change in the last 4 minutes. It starts off with her dancing and singing with the rest of her newly acquired family around the bonfire. After a few brief moments, Shia LaBeouf or Jake from the film drags star to the side and proceeds to hand her a turtle as a gift. Jake's gifts throughout the entirety of the film were used to keep the people he likes in his life or used as an apology star takes the turtle to the nearby river and proceeds to let it go. throughout the entirety of the film star had a close connection to animals in the film. Star is seen to take care and pay better attention to animals than

herself and other people around her. In scenes where she frees wasps from pools knowing she can't swim or spiders back at her old house it's clear, that she likes to set things free. Star seeping into the water could mean a number of things but I'm set on 1 theory. The first being that after abiding by everyone's rules in her life that she must now be in control of it. Not wanting to be constricted anymore star walks deeper into the water to a point where her head goes completely under. Not knowing how to swim star does it anyway. After submerging her whole body for a few moments she rises above the water and the music stops. Saving herself for the first time in the film you can see the growth in star. Not needing anyone else to teach her or give any more lectures or direction signifying her new way of life of saving herself or making sure to put her needs above every and anything else. Making things for herself now she will be more disconnected from the group now than ever signified by the lack of music star now doesn't need anyone but herself not manipulating lying jake or her family but only herself.

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