

Train Chasers

A multichapter Infinity Train fic

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Disclaimer: You are not obligated to watch Infinity Train to read this fanfiction, but it helps give some context to why things happen the way they do.

STORY

Our story begins in late 2001 in the fall, a group of students from Queripel Academy are on a field trip into the woods. **TULIP OLSEN**, her twin sibling **LAKE OLSEN**, and their friends **MIKAYLA KING** and **JESSE COSAY** were placed in a group together supervised by high school seniors RYAN AKAGI and MIN-GI PARK.

The four kids wander off from their chaperones and end up in front of what appears to be an abandoned trailer. Curious, they enter, and are sucked into an entirely new world. Unfortunately, they leave Ryan and Min-Gi with no idea where they went.

Two years later, **GRACE MONROE** visits those same woods and comes across a poorly discarded notebook about a "Numbers Train" with notes that eerily match the descriptions of the kids that went missing. She enlists her friend **SIMON LAURNET** and a strange little robot named **ONE-ONE** to figure out the mystery behind this train that might have taken the kids.

To go any further, they'll have to go to the last people who saw them before the kids went missing. This story follows Simon, Grace, Ryan, and Min-Gi as they investigate this train and the kids' disappearances. The story will also focus on the four kids themselves as they navigate the strange new world they've been brought into.

THE CORE QUARTET

GRACE MONROE (19) is the main protagonist of *Train Chasers*. She prides herself on being the "de facto" leader of the friend group, and responsible for bringing everyone together to figure out the mystery of the train. Her initial interest in the train may have been born of mostly boredom (and trying to stay out of her parents' line of sight), but she becomes more invested in the case over time and is determined to bring the kids home. She's been experiencing strange visions about the train since she found the notebook, and they're only getting more intense over time.

SIMON LAURENT (19) is Grace's best friend. He is initially skeptical about the train, but is willing to go along with the quest. Whatever gets him out of the house so he doesn't have to deal with his mom and his soon to be "evil" stepmother.

MIN-GI PARK (20) was an ambitious and disciplined musician. Since those four kids went missing, now all he wants to do is put his past behind him and move on. However, his past insists on catching up to him one way or another. He reluctantly agrees to help Grace figure out the mystery of the train for closure.

RYAN AKAGI (20) left town for a year prior to the events of *Train Chasers*, but returns once more to Min-Gi with plans for a gig that will allow them to move on with their lives for good. However, Ryan is acting pretty shady about the gig. Perhaps there is more that Ryan is not letting on. He doesn't seem particularly interested in reopening the wounds of the past by investigating the mystery of the train, but he's willing to play along for now.

THE CARAVAN KIDS

TULIP OLSEN (15) is a kid stuck in the middle of a messy divorce. She tries her hardest to pretend that her life isn't falling apart, burning herself in her coding work. She is the last person to enter the train on that fateful day. Since then, she's been traveling the train with Mikayla by her side

LAKE OLSEN (15) is Tulip's twin sibling. They've spent their entire life in Tulip's shadow. They are tired of constantly having everything about them tied back to their twin to the point where they aren't even their own person. They joined the track team with Jesse to combat this. They followed their friend Jesse through the portal to the train. The two found a band of passengers like them and have decided to tag along while they explore the train and figure out a way to get home.

JESSE COSAY (16) is the best friend of Lake and an overall friendly guy. Too friendly, perhaps. When a "man test" results in his little brother getting hurt, Jesse hides from his brother instead of standing up to his "friends" that pressured them. He is the first person who entered the train.

MIKAYLA KING (15) is Tulip's best friend. A girl who always has a smile on her face, Mikayla is dependable and excitable. She seems to harbor a hidden crush on her best friend that she keeps to herself to preserve the friendship. She and Tulip accidentally fell backwards into the train.

WOMEN OF INTEREST

KEZ LEWIS (23) was Ryan and Min-Gi's babysitter when they were younger. She is seemingly popular with many friends, but her friends do not seem to feel the same way. She disappears one night after a party and only returns years later, with a lot more baggage than she started with. She is the key to figuring out the train.

PORTIA LOCKHART (19) is a friend of Ryan and Min-Gi's and Kez's cousin. She was incredibly worried when Kez went missing and even more so when she refused to tell her what happened. Her growing suspicion will lead her to uncover more secrets than she ever considered.

AMELIA HUGHES (68) is the current conductor of the mysterious "numbers train". She took over the train when she was in her late 20s and has been in charge ever since. Her fiance presumably died and in her grief has been trying to recreate her life with him before he died. She hasn't been very successful.

BLAKE STONE (17) is a passenger on the train. She's been on the train since she was 14 and has no plans of leaving the train any time soon. She's been working with Amelia since she arrived on the train. She spends her time traveling the train with her handy cannon gun to protect herself and others from ghoms, nasty roach-like creatures that terrorize passengers and train denizens alike. She teams up with Tulip and Mikayla after saving them from a ghom attack.

THE CONDUCTOR

ONE-ONE is a sentient robot ball who claims to be from the same train responsible for the kids' disappearance. He was the former conductor of the train before Amelia usurped his place at the helm and had him thrown out of the train. Grace finds him in the woods, buried in dirt. He has a hard time remembering what happened before he got off the train, but he is willing to help the core quartet figure out how to get to the train so he can reclaim his rightful place as the conductor.

RELATIONSHIPS

GRACE AND RYAN

While this fanfiction follows several characters and their stories navigating the mystery of the train, Grace and Ryan arguably have the most important relationship in *Train Chasers*. Grace considers Ryan to be like a big brother to her. The two have been close since they met in detention in grade school. Ryan and Grace become friends after spending the night locked in their school building after detention. Grace's parents forget to send a caretaker to bring her home, so once the two managed to call someone to let them out of the school, Ryan's parents brought both of them to his home, where Grace spent the night. They became close over time.

RYAN AND MIN-GI

Ryan and Min-Gi are in a two-man band named Chicken Choice Judy as well as in a loving relationship. Ryan and Min-Gi have been dating for a few years before the incident with the missing kids. To this day they are still dating, but their relationship is strained due to Ryan leaving town for a year. He returns with news of a gig that he claims will change their lives. Min-Gi wants to trust him because he loves his boyfriend, but something is holding him back. And it's not like Ryan is helping in that aspect with how suspicious he's been acting.

GRACE AND SIMON

Simon and Grace have been best friends since they were really little and Grace saved Simon from a vicious dog that attacked him at a funeral. The two grew very attached to each other and are typically seen pulling pranks and "raids" on people they don't like. They know everything about each other. Well, almost everything. Grace refuses to tell Simon anything about the visions she's been having. She knows Simon is concerned for her but just can't bring herself to let him in lest he react poorly.

SETTING

Crutchley Town

Crutchley town is where half of *Train Chasers* takes place. It is home to the woods where Grace and Simon find the notebook as well as where the four kids went missing without a trace. Grace, Simon, and the others have lived here their whole lives. The townsfolk tend to keep to themselves, but that doesn't stop them from gossiping about the latest pariah in town.

The Train

The train, dubbed the "Numbers Train" is a seemingly never ending locomotive that continuously travels the world picking up passengers. Each train car is its own ecosystem in itself with various environments, denizens, and cultures in it. Tulip and her friends find themselves on this train and are trying to make heads or tails of the place while finding a way home.