

SLEEPING LESSONS

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FADE IN:

- 1 EXT. LONG - BACKYARD 1
Slow aerial pan to a house and tree.
Bubbles are floating from a crooked house to a large gnarled tree.
- 2 EXT. CLOSE ON TREE - CONTINUOUS 2
We follow the largest bubble to the tree. There is a bat, VENESHIA, hanging on one of the branches of the tree. She has her wings wrapped tightly around her. The bubble pass her eyes, we follow the bubble as it lands on a BIRD'S NEST.
- 3 EXT. CLOSE ON NEST - CONTINUOUS 3
The bubble lands on the nest.
- 4 EXT. CU NEST - CONTINUOUS 4
A small bird, STORM, pops his head out of the nest and looks at the bubble. He flaps his wings. The bubble pops. Storm blinks. He tries to take flight but nothing happens. He looks up and sees Veneshia.
- 5 EXT. VENESHIA HANGING BAT STYLE - CONTINUOUS 5
Veneshia spreads her wings, then does a fantastic and perfect loop de loop around a bubble. She settles back into her spot and hangs. She watches Storm.
- 6 EXT. NEST - CONTINUOUS 6
Another bubble floats and lands on the nest. Storm jumps on the edge of the nest to catch it, as he does, the bubble floats away and lands on the branch. Storm flaps his wings madly trying to fly and catch the bubble.
He lunges bravely in the air off the nest. He lands in a heap on the branch.
- 7 EXT. MID - BRANCH 7
A breeze stirs. The bubble is lifted and bounces down the branch of the tree.

STORM gets up and follows the bubble down the branch. He madly flaps his small wings trying to take flight while running after it.

8 EXT. MID - END OF BRANCH 8

Storm makes a run for the bubble and leaps into the air. Just as he is about to land on the bubble, a breeze picks up and whisks the bubble away. Storm falls again.

9 EXT. ECU VENESHIA 9

Veneshia LAUGHS at Storm and flaunts her massive translucent wings.

10 EXT. CU STORM 10

Storm looks up at Veneshia and then at his own short and stunted wing span.

Storm sees another wave of bubbles float by. They swirl in a willy-nilly way and float upwards to the sky. He watches them in awe.

CAMERA PANS 360 ON STORM WATCHING THE BUBBLES

We see Storm watching the bubbles floating up into the sky.

11 EXT. ECU - STORM 11

Storm looks determined as he flaps his wings madly.

12 EXT. MID - BRANCH 12

He gets into position. He runs down the length of the branch, flaps his wings and leaps into the air with his short wings spread as wide as they will go.

EXT. LOWER BRANCH

Storm falls badly onto the branch below. He looks up at Veneshia.

EXT VENESHIA

Veneshia watches Storm. This time she doesn't laugh. She spreads her wings once again.

EXT LOWER BRANCH

Storm flaps his wings. He runs and jumps off the branch and into the air in a valiant effort. He is hopeful, happy, defiant and determined to fly.

CUT TO:

13 EXT VENESHIA - CONTINUOUS 13

Veneshia's facial expression shows the anticipation and wonder of Storm's flying attempt until she sees...

14 EXT. MID - SKY 14

Storm falling out of frame.

15 EXT VENESHIA 15

Veneshia cringes. She covers her eyes with her wing. She waits in complete silence for a crash. She hears nothing so she uncovers her eyes and looks for Storm. She looks confused as her eyes lock onto something floating towards her.

16 EXT STORM - CONTINUOUS 16

A confused Storm, fully contained within an enormous bubble floats into frame. Storm wears a worried smile and floats triumphantly upwards and into the sky. He LAUGHS.

17 EXT VENESHIA - CONTINUOUS 17

Veneshia's face goes stormy then she flies directly into camera cloaking it to black.

CUT TO BLACK:

FADE IN:

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20 EXT DISTANT SKY - CONTINUOUS 20

Storm is flapping his wings within the bubble and floating along with Veneshia flying along side of him.

CUT TO:

21 BLACK 21

Roll credits in black with beautiful music until we hear a LOUD POP and THUD

THE END