

Bob

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FADE IN:

EXT. PARK - DAY

A balloon on a string bobs in the breeze.

ROLL TITLE

BOB, 25, childlike and innocent, is sat on a bench holding the balloon, sad and alone.

LAUGHTER. Bob looks up to see two THUGS pointing and laughing at him. He lowers his head, feeling uncomfortable, but then sees the Thugs are beckoning him over in friendship. He tentatively walks over.

As he approaches, one Thug throws a muddy football at him. Holding his balloon, he's unable to catch it, and it hits him in the stomach. The Thugs laugh. Bob scurries off, sad and confused.

LATER

Bob walks past the playground. GIGGLING. Bob looks up to the top of the very tall climbing pyramid. Two female CLIMBERS, 25, beckon him to join them. He enters the

PLAYGROUND

and approaches the climbing pyramid.

He tries to climb on, but with one hand holding his balloon, it's impossible. The Climbers giggle.

Bob holds his balloon out for them to take so he can climb up, but this just makes them giggle more.

Dejected, Bob walks away.

EXT. HILL - DAY

Bob walks up the hill. A strong wind blows, and he starts struggling with his balloon, being blown about.

A JOGGER comes down the hill.

Bob, fearful his balloon will escape, stretches his arm out towards the Jogger for help, but the Jogger pushes him away, and he falls to the ground.

With two hands, Bob holds onto his balloon more tightly than ever, curled up on the floor, vulnerable and broken.

EXT. LANE - DAY

Bob, head down, utterly miserable, walks along. As he reaches the end of the lane, BETH, 25, holding a balloon, with her head down the same as him, appears.

They both look up in shock but then smile. Beth's attention is caught by something behind Bob, and he turns. A MAN holding a balloon has appeared. He looks fearful, but Bob smiles, and he smiles back and approaches.

Bob looks back towards Beth. Two more people holding balloons have arrived, and she smiles in greeting. She looks towards Bob. Bob smiles and leads the group away.

EXT. FIELD - DAY

Bob leads the group of balloon bearers across the field as more emerge from the trees and follow.

He points across the field, showing the way. More balloon bearers are approaching from the other side.

They reach the middle of the field and stop and smile at each other. They hold out their arms to hug but notice their balloons are obstructing them. They smile at each other and hold their balloons in the air.

Bob and Beth turn and smile at each other with excited anticipation, then the group let go of their balloons, and they fly up into the air. Smiling with excitement and joy, the group watch, then turn to each other and embrace.

The balloons drift up, higher and higher, into the sky.

FADE OUT.

THE END