

SHANDRA'S DREAM

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EXT. STAVES CASTLE - DAWN

The camera soars above an ancient Irish castle on the sea.

Two flags fly above the castle, one with musical notation. The other is an embroidery of QUEEN TREBLE and KING BASS, the rulers of the castle, romantically embracing.

Huge flying cat dragons circle the castle. Instead of having scales, they are furry. The cat dragons' loving faces vary between appearing like tigers, lions, leopards and domestic cats.

The haunting love theme Aria's Dream plays.  
<https://vimeo.com/723539261/2faedc994b>

The cat dragons sing the song, while an unseen orchestra plays.

DRAGONS

(singing)

See it, hear it, all around you.  
Dreams catch fire, they surround  
you.  
Nothing stopping you.  
All your wishes.  
Caught by shooting stars.

Courage is your strength tonight.  
An armor of fearlessness.  
Weaves it's light.  
Darkness will fall, but your life  
everlasting.  
All this magic found inside you  
now.

INT. SHANDRA BEDROOM - STAVES CASTLE - DUSK

PRINCESS SHANDRA is a pretty, but sensitive fifteen-year-old girl, sleeping in her bed.

She hears the singing of the flying cat dragons and then through her turret window sees them soaring outside.

Shandra is cuddling in bed with her pet cat dragon ROSIE. The baby cat dragon looks just like a regular kitten, but she has tiny wings.

Shandra starts singing along with the dragons.

SHANDRA

Wrapped around the skies tonight.  
A ribbon of symphony weaves it's  
light.  
Music comes, music goes,  
everlasting.  
All this music found inside you  
now.  
Found inside you now.

Shandra and Rosie exit the bedroom.

EXT. STAVES CASTLE - COURTYARD - DUSK

Queen Treble and King Bass conduct the "orchestra". Instead of musicians, the melody is played by the Notes, animated musical notation characters.

Treble and Bass continue to conduct the orchestra and they smile at their daughter Shandra.

TREBLE

How is my beautiful Princess  
Shandra?

BASS

And how is Rosie?

The baby cat dragon purrs for Shandra's parents.

Treble gives a nod to Shandra, who takes up the soloist position in front of the Notes, who are anticipating Shandra's voice.

SHANDRA

Take hold of your star  
It will carry you far  
Take hold of your dream  
Don't let go.

But then an unseen male voice starts singing to Shandra. It is RAVI singing, a character that we meet later.

Shandra is quite surprised hearing the unseen singer. After her initial surprise, Shandra joins the duet with Ravi.

RAVI

Shandra will dream tonight  
Take you to places beyond your  
sight.  
The galaxy waits for you, it is a  
light for you  
All your visions move with destiny.

(MORE)

RAVI (CONT'D)  
 Take hold of your stars.  
 It will carry you far  
 Take hold of your dreams, don't let  
 go.

The song ends.

King Bass applauds for the Notes who played the music.

The Notes love being conducted by the King and Queen.

SHANDRA  
 Mommy, who was that man singing  
 with me? Was it one of the dragons?

TREBLE  
 Now his voice is but a dream. But  
 soon he will become a reality.

The kitten dragon Rosie reacts with wonder at Queen Treble's  
 prophecy.

SHANDRA  
 Mommy, I love singing with you,  
 daddy and the Notes. It makes me  
 and Rosie so happy. Can we do this  
 forever?

A look of concern appears on Princess Shandra's parents'  
 faces.

BASS  
 Nothing lasts forever, my beautiful  
 daughter. For the new magic in your  
 life, you will need to give  
 something up. To lose something.  
 Something precious to you.

SHANDRA  
 What do I have to lose?

TREBLE  
 You are fifteen. Now is when life  
 will change quickly.

SHANDRA  
 Why?

TREBLE  
 Life is filled with mysteries. And  
 some of them are sad and  
 bittersweet. And others are  
 beautiful beyond your imagination.

BASS  
 Your kitten Rosie, her parents  
 didn't always fly. They were once  
 kittens as well. Earthbound.

Rosie's cat dragon parents SHADE and PETRA fly high above the courtyard.

Shandra and Rosie wave at Rosie's cat mommy and daddy as they soar in circles.

SHANDRA  
 Hi, Rosie's mommy and daddy!

Rosie's parents Shade and Petra smile back at their beloved kitten and at Shandra.

TREBLE  
 Soon Rosie will need to learn to fly.

Rosie looks alarmed at this idea.

SHANDRA  
 I think that Rosie is scared of heights.

BASS  
 You will need to teach her.

TREBLE  
 It is Rosie's destiny to fly. We know that she loves cuddling you.

SHANDRA  
 And I love cuddling with her.

BASS  
 If you love her, teach her to fly. It is time.

Rosie shakes her little kitten head, "No".

TREBLE  
 Rosie, Shandra loves you so much. She won't let anything bad happen to you. And after she teaches you to fly, you can live in the sky with the other cat dragons.

Shandra and Rosie look nervous about the future.

EXT. STAVES CASTLE - CLIFF - DAY

Shandra folds paper airplanes for Rosie and throws them off the cliff.

The paper airplanes soar in the sky with Rosie's dragon parents, who look lovingly down at Rosie.

SHANDRA

You were born to fly, Rosie. Don't you miss your parents?

Rosie looks wistfully at her parents Shade and Petra, soaring in the sky, who smile back.

But then Rosie thinks better of attempting flight and jumps on Shandra, cowering for safety from the unknown.

In the distance, Shandra sees the royal sailing ship docked at the pier.

Queen Treble and King Bass secretively board the ship.

Shandra looks alarmed.

SHANDRA (CONT'D)

(unheard)

Mommy, Daddy, where are you going?

Treble and Bass untie the ship from the pier moorings.

The flying cat dragons Petra and Shade swoop in and attach the ship ropes to their bodies.

As they fly, the dragons expertly tow the ship to sea.

Shandra and Rosie look alarmed. Where are their parents going? Are they being abandoned?

On the deck of the ship, Treble and Bass romantically embrace, seemingly oblivious to their panicked daughters Shandra and kitten dragon Rosie.

As Shandra's parents' ship sails away, Ravi's ship appears in the distance. It is also towed by flying cat dragons

The song Shandra's Theme continues to play, but now with Indian sitar instrumentation and Ravi's singing voice.

As Ravi's ship approaches the dock, it passes the departing ship of Shandra's parents.

Ravi stands on board, holding his Indian street dog puppy RUSSELL. Both are dressed as Indian royalty, wearing Kurta pajamas.

Handsome Ravi looks like a rascal. Russell has a sweet, vacant look on his loving face.

Ravi has his own crew of Notes on board who perform the instrumentation for the song.

Ravi and Russell spot Shandra and Rosie and sing to them.