

Characters:

Westminster, a brown male owl

Abby, a red female owl

Tabansi, a male baby tiger-sparrow hybrid

Ally, a brown female owl

Tomas, a gray male long-eared owl

Act I, Scene I: (Starts off with a black screen. The light sound of kitchen utensils can be heard clanging together along with the sounds of various birds chirping. The sound of a rooster crowing is heard as the chirping and noises from the utensils quiet down. Abby begins talking off screen in narration.)

Abby: Life is full of moments.. that can change our lives forever. Some are people you'd never expect to be..

(A color photo is shown being dropped gently on the middle of the black screen that shows Westminster making a goofy face.)

Abby: Moments with those people that give off sparks deep inside our hearts..

(Another color photo lands just to the left of the previous one, showing Westminster and Abby standing next to each other at the Nestle in the Nest dance somewhat awkwardly.)

Abby: Then there's moments with that special

somebody that speaks out to you, saying you've met the one and that you don't have to look back on the hurt before them..

(Another color photo lands just to the right of the first photo, showing Westminster and Abby sitting cuddled together atop the S.S. Flieth in the moonlight.)

Abby: If you're real lucky, you get married to that someone and you get to spend the rest of your life with them..

(Another color photo lands just above the center photo, showing Westminster in a tuxedo and Abby in a white lace wedding dress standing together hand in hand with Akilah in the middle of the shot out in a forest clearing.)

Abby: Then before you know it, you get the greatest gift of them all.. a life that you rescue together..

(Another color photo lands just below the center photo, showing Westminster and Abby cuddling Tabansi between both of them in the snow next to a Christmas tree.)

Abby: Shortly after that you create a life together, a gift just as great as the first..
BUUUUT I'll show you that in a moment.

("The Woodlands" shows up on the middle of

the screen in white, bold cursive font. It disappears in a slow fade after ten seconds.)

Abby: What I'm trying to say, is that life is full of moments. Wonderful moments like I just shared and then there's those moments that can take the world you know and attempt to break it in two.. an attempt to destroy it and alter it forever. For you, for me, for those all around us..

(The black screen around the photos transitions into a kitchen table top with Abby's claw to the far left of the screen, tapping gently against the wood.)

Abby: It all started on the morning Westminster and I were getting ready to haul the tots off to see my parents..

(Background noises of the birds chirping picks up in volume as Abby can be heard letting off a big yawn.)

Westminster: *off screen* Hard being up this late, isn't it baby?

(The camera zooms out showing Westminster standing behind Abby, stretching out and yawning. They are on a huge nest with a kitchen table in the middle of it with the morning sun shining through the leaves and branches surrounding them. Abby is sitting at

the table with the photos laying on the table as she turns her head and looks to Westminster with a loving smile.)

Abby: *smiling* Not for me it isn't. For you however..

(Westminster lets off a laugh as he leans up against Abby's right side and tries to sneak in a kiss on her cheek. Abby pushes him away gently with a playful smirk.)

Westminster: Me? Never, I'm always awake! A true owl of the day and the night!

Abby: *grinning* Owl of the day my butt! You need a hard, swift kick in the tail just to function..

Westminster: *laughing* Now, now! Cut me some slack and just gimme a morning kiss already!

(Abby gives Westminster a playful slug in the shoulder as she leans in and grabs him by the head, pulling him down to her level with hard, passionate force and gives him a long kiss. She lets go of him and waves a wing in front of her beak, letting off a few fake coughs.

Westminster gives her an amused look.)

Westminster: Was I too much for you there?

Abby: *sarcastic* Too much morning rodent breath, actually..

(Westminster lets off a laugh as he sits in a chair just to her right.)

Westminster: I said CUT me some slack! But I suppose that kiss makes up for SOME of it..

Abby: *curious* Some of it?

Westminster: *smiles* Yeah. Looking into your beautiful and stunning eyes covers the rest..

(Abby lets off a giggle and blushes a little. Rolling her eyes, she places her wing tips on the table and nuzzles her head into them, just leaving her eyes visible as she looks at Westminster lovingly.)

Abby: *somewhat muffled behind feathers* You're so corny sometimes but it makes my heart melt, ya know that?

(Westminster stretches out his wings some and places the tips of his wings over hers, nuzzling his head into his own feathers and looking back into Abby's eyes.)

Westminster: Just part of my charm, baby.. just part of my charm..

(Westminster and Abby look into each others eyes with nothing more to say. About fifteen seconds of silence passes as the camera switches from his eyes to hers then back to his, as they blink. Abby lets off a happy sigh.)

Abby: I suppose we should get the tots ready to go..

Westminster: *gentle sigh* To grandma and grandpa's house..

(Westminster and Abby continue looking at each other just over their feathers as a rustling sound can be heard behind Abby.)

Tabansi: *off screen, excitedly* GRANDPA?

(Abby lifts her head from her wings lazily as she looks at Westminster, rolling her eyes. Westminster chuckles as he raises his head and straightens his feathers out.)

Westminster: *laughing* What?

Abby: *sarcastic* You riled him up with the secret word.. we all know how that's going to go..

(The camera zooms out to Westminster and Abby still sitting at the table as Tabansi is running around them, flapping his wings wildly and looking all wide eyed and hyper. He is in a light blue cloth diaper and looks very young.)

Abby: *narration* That's our son Tabansi. Of course, you may remember us adopting him last Christmas.

Tabansi: GRANDPA! GRANDPA! We're gonna go see GRANDPA!

(Abby glares at Westminster sleepily as more rustling can be heard. The camera goes behind Abby and shows Ally's head and half of her upper body peaking through a pile of dead leaves in the nest.)

Abby: *narration* That's our Ally! Yes, Westminster and I made a baby. We've been busy!

Ally: *curious* Gramma?

(Tabansi runs in camera and helps Ally up, she is wearing a pink cloth diaper signifying she is also very young, along with a purple balloon flower just below her right ear.)

Tabansi: Grandpa too!

Ally: Yay! Grampa!

(Tabansi runs over and jumps into Westminster's lap without warning, causing Westminster to let out an "oof". Ally bounces around on her feet a bit and winds up falling on her butt just to the left of Abby's chair. Abby leans over and picks Ally up, placing her on her lap. Ally is squirming around in excitement as Abby looks up to Westminster and lets off a chuckle.)

Abby: For the record, I blame you. Who else gets hyper at this time of day?

Westminster: *laughing* Not me! You said I'm not a daytime owl!

(Abby grumbles a bit as Ally is shown getting her wings a hold of some of the pictures on the table and looking at them with a curious expression, tilting her head in wonder.)

Abby: Since you've got the tots hyper, do you have them ready with everything they need for the trip?

(Westminster is rubbing Tabansi's head as Tabansi giggles in response. Westminster looks up in response to Abby and chuckles.)

Westminster: Of course I do!

(Abby gives Westminster a suspicious look.)

Abby: *muttering* Men..

Westminster: *surprised* What?

Abby: *muttering* You'll see.. we'll take off, be in the air for a minute and the tots will need us to come back for what you forgot to pack..

(Westminster chuckles again in response as Tabansi is seen trying to lick his own left eyeball but falling way short.)

Westminster: I mean it this time! We're packed and ready for this trip, I promise baby!

Abby: *sarcastic* Sure thing, big daddy.. I

believe in ya..

Westminster: *excited* Really? You do?

Abby: *enthusiastic* Yeah sure.. *muttering* .. really, not so really..

(Westminster sits up tall and proud of himself, straightening out his feathers again. He picks up Tabansi off his lap and sets him on the ground as he gets up from his chair and stretches out.)

Westminster: Just to prove it, I'll even take the initiative for once. You ready to head out?

(Abby holds Ally in her wings as she struggles to get out of her chair. Putting down the still squirming Ally, Abby gives Westminster a somewhat unimpressed look.)

Abby: For once, huh? You talk the talk but we'll see if you can walk it, big daddy..

(Ally begins running around the table excited and flapping her wings wildly.)

Ally: Big daddy! Big daddy!

(Westminster and Abby look down at Ally and then back to each other, letting off chuckles. Abby stretches out her wings and lets off another yawn as she gathers up Ally and has her climb onto her back. Westminster and Tabansi are looking ready to take off and are hanging

around the edge of the nest.)

Westminster: *confident* Oh I can walk it, alright! Take off in 3..2..

(Abby is ready to take off with Ally holding onto her back, nuzzling her face into Abby's feathers.)

Westminster: 1.. and --

(Just as Westminster, Abby and Tabansi are preparing to take off, the voice of Tomas can be heard close by.)

Tomas: Hello neighbors!

Abby: *sarcastic* Whoa, wait a second Earhart.

(Westminster looks at Abby with a frustrated look on his face. Tabansi has his wings on his hips as he looks impatient. Abby points ahead as the camera shows Tomas arriving at the nest across the way with what appears to be a female owl that is his wife with four other owls, which two are male and the other two female. Tomas is waving and smiling towards Westminster and Abby.)

Abby: *excited* Tomas and Carole! Hello!

(Westminster and Abby wave at Tomas as Abby begins speaking in narrative, zooming in on

Tomas and Carole with the four owls surrounding them.)

Abby: *narrative, off screen* That's Tomas and Carole, our across the street neighbors. Well more like family, he's the brother I never had and she's like the sister. They wave at us as we come home every morning, such lovely and super friendly folks..

Tomas: Where is the Westminster Abby clan heading this morning?

Abby: Grandma and grandpa's house! How was the hunting trip for you guys?

Tomas: Great! We didn't catch anything but the only thing that matters is that we're in it as a family.

(The camera switches to Abby nodding in agreement as she looks to Westminster, who looks less frustrated than before and now has a smile forming on his face.)

Westminster: I hope I can become the type of man you are, Tomas. You sure are a great dad!

(The camera zooms out behind Westminster, showing Tomas smiling and giving off a quick salute with a wing.)

Tomas: You will be, Mr. Westminster! You will be.. just give it time, it comes with experience, you know?

Westminster: I don't doubt that one bit. Thank you!

Abby: Yes! Thank you so much Tomas, I really believe that!

(Westminster lets off a cough as Abby looks to him and then back to Tomas.)

Abby: We really need to go! The tots are getting impatient!

Tomas: *chuckling* We'll let you guys be on your way. Take care clan!

(Westminster gives a quick salute back as Abby smiles and waves to Tomas. Tomas, Carole and the other four owls wave as they head into their nest. The camera focuses back on Westminster, Abby and Tabansi who are once again prepared to take off from the edge of the nest.)

Westminster: Away we go!

(Westminster and Tabansi take off from the nest with Abby following them. They begin to take flight through the bright blue clear sky and are shown flying towards the sun, the light reflecting off of their bodies.)

Tabansi: *faintly heard, echoing* Mommy? Daddy?

Abby: *faintly heard, echoing* Yes dear?

Tabansi: *faintly heard, echoing* I forgot my macaroni drawings..

(Abby can be heard groaning aloud as they begin turning around and head back for the nest.)

Abby: *sarcastic, louder voice echoing* Nice going, big daddy..

Ally: *faintly heard, echoing* Big daddy!

(Abby, Ally and Tabansi can be heard giggling as the camera zooms away from them and goes flying over and under branches filled with luscious green leaves. The surrounding trees fly by in a blur and fly over city streets and by office buildings, coming to a stop on a patio with a gangly human hand shown resting on the left side of the screen on a worn out table with the back of the head of Isabella on the right side. A ring with a sterling silver skull with lit red eyes is shown glimmering as a male snicker is heard. The screen quickly goes to black, ending the scene.)