

Free Fall

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1 FADE IN:

2 EXT. PLANE - DAY

SANDRA O'CONNER, late twenties, blond, pretty, stands in the door frame of an airplane as it flies high above the ground.

She is dressed in full sky diving gear. OVERCRANK with her hair flowing around her. Her eyes are closed.

The ROAR of the airplane engines FADES away and is replaced with a gentle, serene, whistling BREEZE.

Sandra appears on the verge of sleep or death.

3 INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Sandra, laying in bed, rolls over and drapes her arm across SPENCER O'CONNER.

Spencer stirs and rolls to face Sandra, putting his arm around her. They kiss.

SPENCER

Hi.

SANDRA

Hi.

Sandra is all smiles while Spencer struggles to wake up.

SPENCER

I could stay like this forever.

Sandra laughs.

SANDRA

If we do we'll miss our jump.

SPENCER

You're right.

He grabs a pillow and smashes it playfully in Sandra's face.

SPENCER

I've got first shower!

Spencer leaps off the bed and runs towards the bathroom.

SANDRA

Jerk!

Sandra, still smiling and laughing, leaps after him.

On the night stand is a photograph of the two of them in a tandem jump, enjoying life.

4 EXT. AIRFIELD - DAY

Sandra and Spencer are walking out of a hanger to a plane. They're in complete sky diving gear except for Spencer's gloves which he is putting on as he walks.

Sandra comes up to him, placing her arm around his waist and maneuvering his arm over her shoulders.

5 INT. JUMP PLANE - DAY

The plane is full of jumpers and they begin to exit the plane. Sandra sits in front of Spencer and steals a glance back at him.

Their turn comes up and they make their way to the doorway of the aircraft. They look at each other, kiss, and then leap into the sky.

They free fall for a while. Sandra's altimeter hits 3000 and she pulls her chute. Spencer follows after her, but his chute tangles.

Spencer struggles to cut his primary chute free as Sandra watches in horror as Spencer turns violently and uncontrollably.

Spencer fails to deploy his backup chute and hits the ground.

6 EXT. CEMETERY - DAY

It's raining.

Sandra kneels at a tombstone as lifeless as we saw her at the beginning. So much of her is lost that she doesn't even cry. Her smiles are no longer there.

CLOSE on her eyes as she closes them and we go to

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EXT. PLANE - DAY

CLOSE on Sandra's eyes. She opens them.

Sandra stands in the door frame of a plane as it flies high above the ground. We HEAR a gentle, serene, whistling BREEZE.

She holds the photograph of her tandem jump with Spencer. It's battered and worn as if she's never let go of it. Her hand tightens on the photograph, and then releases it.

The photograph dances in the wind as it disappears from sight.

CLOSE on Sandra as she closes her eyes.

WIDE of her in the door way as she gently falls into the sky.

Sandra's limp body falls through the air.

A ghostly image of Spencer falls next to her. Sandra doesn't open her eyes, but clenches them tighter when Spencer is near.

Sandra's altimeter counts down past 3000. They fly through the air like lovers in a dance.

Sandra's altimeter hits 2000. She continues to free fall and makes no motion for her chute. She just closes her eye tighter.

Spencer maneuvers around Sandra and reaches for her pilot chute. Sandra pulls away from him, struggling against his help. Her altimeter reads 1000.

Repositioning, Spencer reaches for her chute again, stretching his hand closer and closer to the release. Sandra's altimeter reads 800.

Spencer stretches so hard that his fingertips break through his ghostly countenance and appear as flesh and bone again.

He releases her pilot chute and Sandra is pulled up and away from Spencer.

8 EXT. GROUND - DAY

Sandra hits the ground hard and rolls to soften the impact. She's weeping and hysterical.

SANDRA

Why did you save me? Why did you
save me?

She cries.

SANDRA

Why did you leave me? Why did you
go? I miss you.

Sandra stays on the ground and sobs.

9 INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Sandra lays alone in bed. The alarm clock begins to ring and she rolls over to shut off the alarm. She gets out of bed and leaves the room.

The picture of her and Spencer tandem sky diving is in a frame on the night stand. The picture is even more battered and beaten then when Sandra last held it.

FADE OUT.