

Heavenly Homeland

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FADE IN:

1. EXT. ALLEY BEFORE HEAVENLY HOMELAND - SNOWY DAY

From the total BLACK, a picture of BLACK-WHITE emerges. White snow dusts everything thickly. Everywhere is pleasantly fluffy: WINTER.

The long, wide ALLEY stretches in a semicircle from the driveway and leads straight to the tall estate.

The view approaches along an alley to a classic two-story house.

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The image *slowly* takes on color: bright white snow around.

KONKORDIA (O.S.)

Konkordia is a very pretty feminine name. It comes from Latin and means harmony and peace. Moreover, this name belonged to a certain Roman goddess a long time ago.

The view overlooks an upstairs window decorated with a cream lace curtain.

KONKORDIA (O.S.)

My full name is Konkordia Placyda Pia Prescovia, of the Rossini family.

2. INT. BABY KONKORDIA ROOM/HEAVENLY HOMELAND - DAY

BABY ROOM. Lace cream curtains on the windows, pastel colors all around, white furniture.

KONKORDIA (O.S.)

My life line has always been straight.

The French AU PAIR comes with the 1-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA in a romper on her arms to the cupboard by the wall. She takes a cashmere sweater from a drawer. She puts the baby on the table and dresses her.

AU PAIR

(in French)

Miss, you look like a little princess.

She looks concerned as she kisses the baby on her forehead.

3. INT. LIVING ROOM/HEAVENLY HOMELAND - DAY

Classic LIVING ROOM. Lush red flowers in a vase on the table.

KONKORDIA (O.S.)

Until I was seven, I spent my time on cultural and obvious topics that were customarily accepted in our circle of friends.

On the side: 4-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA plays a professional piano in the company of a TEACHER in a jacket who turns the sheets of music.

4. INT. BABY KONKORDIA ROOM/HEAVENLY HOMELAND - DAY

The 4-year-old Konkordia sits on a bright carpet. She plays with colorful blocks with the YOUNG LADY and TWO 5-YEAR-OLD FRIENDS. She puts the shaped blocks into the forms.

YOUNG LADY

(in Italian to Konkordia)

Very good, miss. Now the cube.

She hands the red convex square block to the girl.

5. INT. CORRIDOR/HEAVENLY HOMELAND - DAY

7-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA, together with a teacher in a jacket, looks at numerous paintings on the walls of a CORRIDOR.

7-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA

I like Monet. He painted nicely.

She looks into the eyes of the teacher.

7-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA

My mommy has collected a lot of paintings.

The teacher looks with emotion.

TEACHER

Yes, miss. Mrs. Gaia Augustyna was a true admirer of art.

6. INT. LIVING ROOM/HEAVENLY HOMELAND - DAY

A professional piano sits on one side of the room. In the center is a table with pink flowers in a vase, at which a young lady sits with the 7-year-old Konkordia.

KONKORDIA (O.S.)

I was born into one of the best-off families in the country. The high surname and rank of my parents, especially my father, allowed me to do everything...

The lady looks at the notes in the notebook that the girl is making.

7-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA

Ugh, I don't really like math.

She sets the pen aside.

YOUNG LADY

(in Italian)

Stai andando molto bene, signorina. È tutto per oggi. Ora è il momento di giocare.

7-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA

That's good, because I like having fun the most!

She closes her notebook and smiles playfully at the lady.

7. INT. LIVING ROOM/HEAVENLY HOMELAND - CONTINUOUS

In the middle of a luxurious room, a French au pair holds one end of a long skipping rope. The other is held by a young lady, and they turn it more and more vigorously.

7-YEAR-OLD KONKORDIA

Higher! Higher!

She runs up and starts jumping, laughing happily. The lady and the au pair carefully exchange meaningful glances.

KONKORDIA (O.S.)

...Literally for everything.

8. EXT. STUD - DAY

A wide paddock houses a STUD, which stands at the back. The seven-year-old Concordia, on a thoroughbred black horse with shiny fur, jumps high over the obstacle.

A HORSEBACK-RIDING TEACHER in men's breeches watches her from the side, calling in Spanish:

HORSEBACK-RIDING TEACHER

¡Perfecta, señorita!