

DRAGON WINGS

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Dragon wings script

Act 1

EXT. DRAGON MOUNTAIN-DAWN

The scene opens with a shot of a mountain above the clouds. A morning sun hangs over the mountains. Caves line the mountain side and the cliffs. From these cliffs dragons emerge and take to the sky. The mountains are filled with dragons.

On a cave ledge emerges two young dragons, Alder, a small blue and white dragon, and his youngest sister Mira, an even smaller pink and white dragon. They both watch as other the dragons fly through the clouds, the morning sun reflecting on their scales.

MIRA

Wow Alder, look at them all
it's like they are dancing

ALDER

I wish I could fly like
that, I want to feel the
clouds

Mira points to a dragon doing loops in the sky.

MIRA

ALDER, ALDER, LOOK AT THAT
ONE

ALDER

Wow that's so cool!

The chaotic sound of laughter and screaming of young dragons starts to flood the small ledge as Tila (Alder and Mira's mother) gets her children ready for the day. A swarm of little dragons played and leaped around her

TILA

Children, Children settle down, settle down. Moor, stop biting your sister's wing, Ada you just had breakfast, Fara spit that rock out, Thas go get your bag, Kar stop biting your talons, Jor that's a cool and lovely rock you found but please get ready. Alder, Mira please dears, can you please come over here?

ENTER KELL

KELL

Well dear, it seems you have your talons full this morning. Why don't I take the young ones to flying practice today?

TILA

That would be wonderful darling.

Tila lets out a sigh of relief and goes back into the cave. While Kell turns to the young dragons.

KELL

Ok young ones time to go to flying practice

Kell lowers his body and one wing

KELL (CONT'D)

Alright young ones climb aboard

JADE

I don't wanna go

KELL

Jade, you have to, every dragon needs to learn how to fly

As Alder and Mira both climb onto their fathers back, an older red dragon bump into them. He laughs as some dragons start crying

TOBALT

Out of my way small fries, the
best flyer in the family coming
through.

Tobalt starts pushing and batting his wings against Mira

ALDER

Tobalt stop messing with Mira

TOBALT

Oh yeah what are you going to do
about it

Tobalt had a smug look on his face until Alder waddles up
Kell's neck and screams

ALDER

DAD! TOBALT IS MESSING WITH MIRA

KELL

Tobalt stop messing with your
sister.

TOBALT

Whatever

Tobalt moves on to mess with other dragons.

KELL

Ok young ones hold on tight

Kell takes flight and the sounds of laughter and weeeeeee
come from the young dragons as they go to flying school.

EXT. IN THE SKY. MORNING

As Kell flies on, Tobalt comes up

ALDER
Tobalt stop

TOBALT
Why? afraid you're going to fall?
Can't you fly?

ALDER
I'm learning to do better, all of
us are learning how to fly

TOBALT
I already know how to fly. Better
than everyone here

Tobalt spreads his wings and flaps them, then glides for a few seconds and lands back down a Kell

TOBALT (CONT'D)
See, I can fly better than
anyone in the family and you
can't.

While Tobalt laughs Mira puts her wing around Alder to comfort him. he looks into her eyes, and she smiles at him. Tears start to fall from Alder's eyes

MIRA
Don't listen to him Alder, you
will become a great flyer one day

ALDER
You sure Mira?

MIRA
I know you will, You will fly among the clouds and have the sun glitter on your scales just like the dragons we saw this morning. Plus you're my favorite big brother.

Alder smiles and he wraps his wings around Mira and both smiled.

EXT. FLYING LESSON CAVE. MORNING

Kell lands on the cliff outside the cave and lowered his wing.

KELL

Ok young ones we are here

ALL THE YOUNG DRAGONS SCURRIED AND SLID OFF KELL'S WING TO GET READY FOR THEIR FLYING LESSONS. AFTER A COUPLE OF MINUTES TWO DRAGONS SWOOP IN AND LANDED GENTLY IN FRONT OF THE YOUNG DRAGONS.

GALE

Good morning young ones

YOUNG ONES

(In unison)

Good morning Gale and Zephyr

Gale was a tall dragon with light blue and dark blue scales with a hint of purple. Zephyr was a medium sized dragon with Dark and light green scales with a hint of white. They were the kind of teachers that looked out to help any struggling students, both are well liked and respected by the parents and the community.

GALE

Now young ones, as you may know
The Great Day of Flight will take
place in a few days. It is our
job to prepare all of you for the
big day.

ZEPHYR

Now with that out of the way. I
will be taking the stronger
flyers and Gale will take the
flyers that need a bit of help.

THE YOUNG ONES SCURRIED ALONG TO THEIR RESPECTIVE TEACHERS.

TOBOLT MAKES HIS WAY OVER TO ZEPHYR'S GROUP

ZEPHYR

Tobolt I believe it would be better if you joined Gale's group

TOBOLT

I'm a strong flyer. I'm better than those pip squeaks. I can show you.

TOBOLT FLAPS HIS WINGS AND HOVERS ABOVE THE GROUND BUT FALLS ON HIS FACE. THE OTHER DRAGONS laugh

ZEPHYR

Young ones don't laugh we are all learning here. Now why don't you join Gales group. Young ones, practice your form. While I take Tobolt to Gale.

As Zephyr and Tobolt walk off to join Gale's group, Alder Mira and the other young ones sit close together and listen to Gale talk of the importance of flight.

GALE

The ability to fly is one of the most important aspects of being a dragon. Without the knowledge of flight, a dragon will not be able to do well in life. They won't be able to gather food, meet other dragons and other important things.

Zephyr and Tobolt approach Gale's group

GALE (CONT'D)

Young ones I will be back shortly, please behave yourself

Gale approaches Zephyr and Tobolt

ZEPHYR

Gale, dear, would you mind taking
Tobolt in your group. I believe
he would do better in it today.

GALE

I would love to have Tobolt.

Alder and Mira look on

ALDER

Oh no why is Tobolt here

MIRA

Maybe he isn't the great flyer
that he claims to be

They both giggle. Gale makes his way to the
front of the group.

GALE

Let us begin our day

BEGIN MONTAGE

Alder struggles through flying school. Mainly from a series
of obstacle courses, distance flying and wing exercises,
while Tobolt excels.

END MONTAGE

EXT. CLIFFS OVER AN OCEAN. SUNSET

Gale leads the young ones to a cliff 30-40ft over the
ocean. The ocean is calm and there is few rocks at the
bottom.

GALE

This cliff is where The Great Day
Of Flight will take place. You
all will all show your parents
what you have learned. I know you
all will succeed.

Alder looks out upon the horizon then looks down at the water. A look of nervousness comes over Alder

MIRA

Are you ok Alder

ALDER

Its so high up, I don't think I can do it

MIRA

Don't worry Alder I believe in you

GALE

Alright young ones it's time to line up. Don't worry about falling.

(MORE)

GALE (CONT'D)

I will catch you before you hit the water. But first I will demonstrate.

Gale jumped off the cliff spread his wings and gave a big flap. He shoots up into the sky, flies around for a bit and lands gently back onto the cliff.

GALE (CONT'D)

I have full confidence you all will be able to do this.

Alder shuffles to the back of the line and watched as the others flew. Until it was his turn. He watches as other dragons fly. He watches as Mira takes her turn to fly. She struggles to fly but she manages to land on the cliff. Tobalt excelled at the flying. He lands back on the cliff with a smug look on his face. Now it was Alder's turn.

GALE

Go ahead Alder, you can do it

Alder hesitates, looking down at the water below. He closes his eyes, takes a deep breath and jumps. The water was approaching fast. Alder spreads his wings and flaps and flaps and flaps but the water was getting closer until Alder hit the water a bit too hard. Gale swoops down and grabs Alder. Gale then brings him back to the cliff side

GALE (CONT'D)

Are you ok Alder?

ALDER

(in pain)

Y-yeah I'm fine

EXT. FLYING LESSON CAVE. SUNSET

Kell lands on the flying lesson cave, as he picks up the young ones. Gale and Zephyr approaches Kell.

GALE

Hello Kell, do you have a moment?

KELL

Sure

GALE

Well Alder had a little accident.
During flying practice he hit
some water a little too hard.

KELL

Oh no, is he alright?

ZEPHYR

He is but, we are concerned about
his flying ability. He may not be
ready for the Great Day of

Flight. He will need some at home flying lessons.

KELL

Well you guys are the experts. I will see what I can do.

Kell takes off and flies back home.

EXT. ON KELL'S BACK. EVENING

As Kell flies home, everyone talks about the day.

TOBALT

I flew the best today. The best that I have ever flown. I passed that flying lesson and I didn't even hit the water like Alder.

MIRA

Be quiet Tobalt, Alder did his best.

TOBALT

His best, Ha, it seems like he isn't even trying to fly.

Mira and Tobalt argue for the entirety of the ride back home.

EXT. HOME. EVENING

As the young ones get off Kell's wing, Kell stops Alder.

KELL

Alder, I heard about the fall, are you ok?

ALDER

I'm fine dad, but I'm worried I won't be able to fly in time for The Great Day of Flight.

KELL

Here, come with me, I want you to meet someone.

Kell lowers his wing and flies off into the night.

EXT. DRAGON MOUNTAIN. NIGHT

Kell flies through the night sky

ALDER

Where are we going Dad?

KELL

The Diogs' cave

ALDER

Aren't those the dragons that can't fly.

KELL

Some of them used to. Now hang on tight Alder.

EXT.DIOGS CAVE-NIGHT

The Diog's cave contained a small city The bottom of cave was lined with canvas, leather and wooden huts. Kell landed on the outside of the cave. While stairs and zip lines connected the hard to reach places.

ALDER

Why are we going to see dragons who can't fly?

KELL

Just because they can't fly doesn't mean you can't learn anything from them about flying. We are going to see a childhood friend of mine.

Kell and Alder walk through the streets of the Diog cave. The streets are filled with huts and dragons with limps and mangled wings. After a while Kell stops in front of a certain hut.

KELL (CONT'D)

Icarus are you there?, It's me
Kell

A dragon with broken wings pulled back the hut's canvas flap and smiles.

ICARUS

Kell, It's good to see you how
have you been. Who's the young
one?

KELL

This is one of my sons, Alder, he
is having difficulty flying.

ICARUS

You have come to the right place!

Icarus welcomes Alder in to his hut.

KELL

I will be outside Alder. Listen to
what he says.

Alder walks into the hut which is filled with flying medals
certificates of flight achievements and maps.

ICARUS

So Alder, what do you want to be
when you grow up?

ALDER

Why do you ask?

ICARUS

It helps with me teaching you

ALDER

Well, I want to be an explorer
like my dad.

ICARUS

An explorer, I remember when me
and your father would map out
mountain ranges. I also remember
my racing days. That's when I
could fly.

ALDER

What happened?

ICARUS

Well I flew a bit too high and
couldn't recover and teared my
wings. But just because I can't
fly doesn't mean that I can't
help get you ready for the Great
Day of Flight. Now let us begin.

The back of Icarus's hut contained a zipline. Alder and
Icarus both got in and went up to the top of the Diog cave.

EXT. DIOG CAVE- NIGHT

The top of the cave was flat and grassy. Here a nice breeze
washed over alder.

ICARUS

Now Alder I want you to spread
your wings like so

Icarus spread his shriveled wings, the flaps blowing in the
wind. Alder raised his wings as well, feeling the wind.

ICARUS (CONT'D)

The wind helps a dragon fly. It's what gives us the momentum we need.

INT. DIOG CAVE- NIGHT

Alder and Icarus both come back down from the mountain and back into Icarus's hut.

KELL

Thank you, Icarus, for your help.

ICARUS

It's the least I could do, I'm happy to have Alder back anytime

Alder and Kell leave the hut, as they walk out of the Diog cave Alder sees many dragons happily going about their day.

EXT. IN THE SKY. NIGHT

Kell flies Alder home

ALDER

Why did we go there?

KELL

To help you learn.

ALDER

What was there to learn, I didn't learn anything apart from spreading my wings. I need to perfect my flying.

KELL

Alder, not everything is perfect,
there is a learning curve to
everything.

ALDER

Well I need to be perfect if I
want to be like you.

KELL

What makes you say that?

ALDER

When I think of a perfect dragon,
I picture you. I want to be like
you because you are perfect.

KELL

You don't need to be perfect Alder
all you need to be is yourself.
No dragon is perfect son, not
even me.

EXT.ALDER'S HOME CAVE- NIGHT

Kell lands on the cave ledge

KELL

Alder, I will always believe in
you. Just remember you don't need
to be perfect.

ALDER

Thanks Dad.

Kell walks back to the cave. While Alder stays outside.
Mira comes up beside him.

MIRA

What's wrong Alder?

Before Alder can speak Tobalt appears

TOBALT

Well look who decided to show up.

MIRA

Go away Tobolt!

TOBALT

Heard you got back from the Diog cave? We all know that's where you are going to end up.

ALDER

So what, so what if I don't know how to fly. I'm just as much as a dragon as anyone else. I don't need your constant harassment everyday about my ability to fly.

TOBALT

Whatever, enjoy the ground!

As Tobolt walks away, Alder turns to Mira.

ALDER

I learned something today Mira, I really did.

MIRA

What did you learn Alder?

Before Mira could finish her sentence, both dragons hear Tobalt scream and fall off the side of the cliff. Without hesitation Alder leaps off the cliff side.

EXT. FALLING FROM THE SKY - NIGHT

Alder glides towards Tobalt now with a ripped wing.

TOBOLT

You're crazy, why did you jump?

ALDER

Just grab my talons Tobalt it will be ok.

TOBALT

Are you sure?

ALDER

I'm sure.

Tobalt grabs Alder's talons, as both dragons pass through the clouds, the rocky bottom of the Dragon Mountain appear. Alder closes his eyes, spreads his wings and flaps and flaps until he flies.

TOBALT

Your flying!

ALDER

I'm flying! I'm flying!

EXT. DRAGON MOUNTAIN. SUNRISE

Alder lands gently on the cave ledge where all the family has gathered.

TILA

My sweet babies are safe!

KELL

Alder you flew and saved Tobalt!
I'm so proud of you.

After a moment of celebration everyone goes back into the cave except Alder, Mira and Tobalt.

TOBALT

Hey Alder, I would like to
apologize for how I have treated
you.

ALDER

Its alright.

Tobalt leaves.

MIRA

So what now Alder?

ALDER

I'm going to fly around a bit like
the other dragons do in the
morning.

As Mira goes back to the cave Alder spreads his wings and
takes flight into the morning sky.

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