

An animated short

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Story:

Catfished is a black comedy about a little girl who learns the harsh reality of life when she mistakes tonight's dinner for a new playmate



Plot

Beginning

Cali awakes from her bed on a beautiful, sunny morning. Heading to the kitchen to grab some juice, she sees this shining, glittering glass bowl sitting on top of the dining table; inside, a chubby, adorable koi fish floats pensively in the water. Absolutely enamored with the fish, she takes him down from the table and claims him as her new friend

Middle

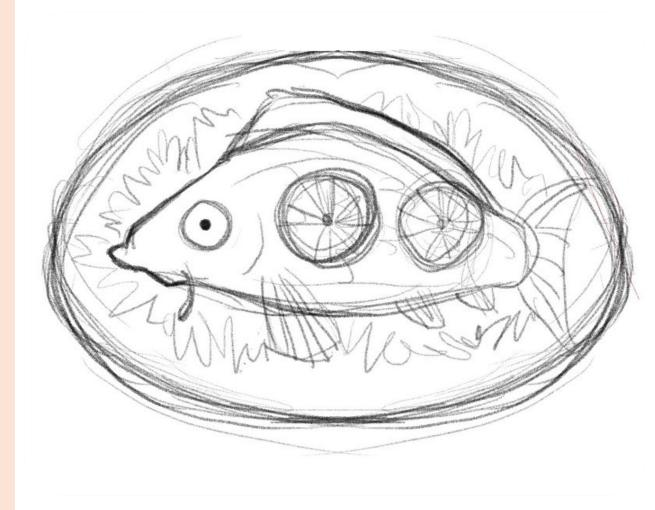
Cali goes through her day bringing the fish along to do her favorite activities. Together, they play dress up, have a tea party, swing on swings, watch cartoons, eat cookies, and draw pictures. After a long day of play, Cali brings the fish along, snuggles herself and the bowl under the covers, and falls into a peaceful sleep

End

Waking from her nap later in the afternoon, Cali sees that the fish is no longer by her side. Confused, she looks around her room trying to find her new friend. Before the search can continue, her mother comes in beckoning her for dinner. Cali sits at the table, her mother brings a silver lidded serving dish to the table. Lifting the lid, to Cali's horror, she sees the cooked body of her fish friend laying on a bed or lettuce and garnished with slices of lemon.

Themes:

- Harsh realities of life
- Childhood naivete



Characters

Cali girl & koi fish





Character Inspiration

Pixar, specifically Zootopia



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- stylized
- round features
- anthropomorphic







Environment



- small colorful house
- bedroom
- vintage styled kitchen
- small backyard with playground

Mood

Beginning

- Playful
- Bright
- Whimsical

Ending

- Shocking
- Ironic
- Harsh



Visual Style

Pixar's Bao

Simple, yet detailed settings, textures, and lighting



The Crew

- Three to four modelers for characters, props, environments, and lighting
- Three animators for character and prop animations



