

Blue Shoes

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INT. CINDERELLA'S SHOE STORE -NIGHT-

CINDERELLA flips the sign to "CLOSE" at the entrance of her store . She is a small, Spanish woman with long black hair

EXT. CINDERELLA'S SHOE STORE -NIGHT-

It starts to rain lightly, thunder is heard from a distance. Cinderella looks outside, everyone is wearing red shoes; neighbors, strangers, customers, and children. She feels stuck and alone, then closes the blinds from the door

INT. CINDERELLA'S SHOE STORE -NIGHT-

A picture of her mom and her, as a child, is hung from the door that separates the store from her studio apartment. It contain four flamenco dancers, native to her country, Spain. It is labeled, "Grand opening, 1954." The room is small; a desk has a pile of paper containing shoe deigns. She is laying on her couch, watching a fashion show that featured the most popular designer at the time, DAPHNE. She is all over the news for designing a daring shoe.

INT. FASHION SHOW -NIGHT-

Daphne is sitting on a chair next to the anchor. Wearing a puffy, white coat, glasses, and her notorious pink shoes.

FASHION SHOW ANCHOR

Daphne, were you ever afraid of losing your entire career over a single pair of shoes like this? Many people are protesting your shoes, calling it communistic propaganda.

The camera focuses on Daphne, she turns then stares directly at it, sporting a confident smile.

DAPHNE

Sometimes darling, you have to be willing to risk your entire life for an idea you believe in.

INT. CINDERELLA'S STUDIO APARTMENT -NIGHT-

Cinderella is asleep laying on her couch. It continues to rain.

INT. CINDERELLA'S DREAM, FASHION SHOW -NIGHT

Cinderella is sitting at the exact position where Daphne was sitting. She is confused. The Anchor appears to be talking, but there was no noise. The director frantically tries to get Cinderella's attention. He moves his arms like he is lifting something. She looks down, and notices she is holding on to a pair of blue shoes. She stares at the pair intensely.

INT. CINDERELLA'S SHOE STORE -DAY-

Cinderella jumps out of bed and rushes towards her desk. She passionately designs the blue shoes from her dream. Then opens a drawer filled with materials and made the shoe. She holds it up, and happily dances around the room. She rushes towards the front of the store and places it at the display.

INT. CINDERELLA'S SHOE STORE -NIGHT-

She stands proudly over looking her store filled with blue shoes. Suddenly, a rock smashes through her window. An alarm sounds. A truck drives off. She rushes towards the debris to salvage her first pair of blue shoes then walks outside and notices graffiti all over her building displaying "You communist whore," etc.

INT. CINDERELLA'S SHOE STORE -DAY-

After weeks of displaying her first pair of blue shoes, no one entered the store. Her stomach rumbles as she opens her cashier drawer, it only contains a few dollars. She picks up her first pair of blue shoes, then cries. One by one, she places her blue shoes in a trash bag. A woman wearing a puffy, fur coat, glasses, and pink shoes enters. Cinderella looks over and drops the trash bag. She is speechless. Daphne picks up a pair of blue shoes and stares at them, then smiles confidently. Cinderella sells her the shoes and Daphne leaves the store.

INT. CINDERELLA'S SHOE STORE -DAY-

Cinderella wakes up late. The TV was on and there was breaking news that Daphne was seen wearing blue shoes. Cinderella was busy organizing and did not notice. She opens the blinds to the store, there was a huge line of people, then quickly closes the blinds. She turns back to the store. She peeps through the blinds. She replaces the red shoes with blue shoes. After, she looks at the picture containing her mom and smiles then places it back on the door. She flips the sign to "Open" at the entrance and opens the blinds. A big cheer comes from the crowd and people start rushing in.