



AUDIO DESCRIPTION SCRIPT FOR *THE COLOR OF PARADISE*

Cues in CAPS; descriptions preceded by ">>."

1 01:01:36:12 00:00:10:26

>> **Mohammed kneels and taps his hands through the thick ground cover of brown curled leaves.**

2 01:01:46:16 00:00:00:23

...[CHIRPING/RUSTLING :02]

3 01:01:48:16 00:00:04:04

>> **A scrawny nestling struggles on the ground near Mohammed's hand.**

4 01:01:52:19 00:00:00:23

...[GASP/CHIRPING :02]

5 01:01:54:19 00:00:15:00

>> **His palm hovers above the baby bird. He lays his hand lightly over the tiny creature. Smiling, Mohammed curls his fingers around the chick and scoops it into his hands. He stands and strokes its nearly featherless head with a fingertip.**

6 01:02:08:12 00:00:00:23

[CHIRPING/RUSTLE :01]

7 01:02:09:12 00:00:17:19

>> Mohammed starts as the bird nips his finger. He taps his finger on the chick's gaping beak. He tilts his head back, then drops it forward. Mohammed tips the chick into his front shirt pocket. Wrapping his legs and arms around a tree trunk, Mohammed climbs.

8 01:02:28:10 00:00:01:04

...[HEAVY BREATHING/CLIMBING :11]

9 01:02:39:10 00:00:17:19

>> He latches onto a tangle of thin, upper branches. His legs flail for a foothold. Mohammed stretches an arm between a fork in the trunk of the tree and wedges in his head and shoulder. His shoes slip on the rough bark.

10 01:02:55:11 00:00:00:23

...[SCRAPING :03]

11 01:02:58:11 00:00:16:04

>> He wraps his legs around the lower trunk, then uses his arms to pull himself higher. He rises into thicker foliage and holds onto tangles of smaller branches. Gaining his footing, Mohammed stands upright and cocks his head to one side.

12 01:03:13:20 00:00:01:04

...[CHIRPING/FLUTTER]

13 01:03:18:15 00:00:10:15

>> An adult bird flies from a nearby branch. Mohammed extends an open hand. He touches a branch and runs his fingers over wide, green leaves.

14 01:03:27:11 00:00:00:23

...[RUSTLING :03]

15 01:03:30:11 00:00:14:08

>> He pats his hand down the length of the branch. His fingers trace the smooth bark of the upper branches, search the network of connecting tree limbs, and discover their joints.

16 01:03:43:20 00:00:00:23

...[RUSTLE :02]

17 01:03:45:20 00:00:05:06 01:03:50:26

>> Above his head, Mohammed's fingers find a dense mass of woven twigs--a bird's nest.

18 01:03:50:26 00:00:00:23

...[CHIRPING :03]

19 01:03:53:26 00:00:07:15

>> Smiling, he removes the chick from his shirt pocket and drops it gently into the nest beside another fledgling.

20 01:04:01:00 00:00:00:23

...[CHIRPING :03]

21 01:04:03:04 00:00:13:04

>> He rubs the top of the chick's head with his index finger. Mohammed wiggles his finger like a worm and taps a chick's open beak. Smiling, he slowly lowers his hand.