

The Green Balloon Reveal

Production & Prompt Guide

A complete, repeatable workflow for a 15-second cinematic 3D reveal comedy — from identity-locked character references to the final Seedance 2.0 render.

15 sec · 9:16 vertical · Pixar look · No dialogue · Built for virality

THE IDEA

A gender reveal that answers a question no one asked.

The whole backyard is primed for pink or blue. Banner up, phones out, the glam pregnant couple counts down and lifts the lid — and instead of an answer, a cluster of GREEN balloons rushes into the sky, followed by a single startled white dove flapping away across them. The joke only lands because the colour is uniformly, confidently wrong: no pink, no blue, no mixed cluster hedging the bet. Then everyone freezes deadpan — a cupcake mid-air, a phone slipping from a hand — while the dove drifts off as a speck above the 'BOY OR GIRL?' banner. No dialogue; SFX and music do the reacting, right down to the record-scratch.

WORKFLOW AT A GLANCE

01. Lock the cast — Fix the glam mom-to-be and the dreamer dad as identity-locked references.
02. Build key frames — Three stills: the countdown, the green reveal, the deadpan freeze.
03. Animate in Seedance 2.0 — Feed refs + master prompt, render 9:16 at 15s.
04. Polish & post — SFX, gold title card, comment-gate caption, publish to Reels.

CHARACTER REFERENCE IMAGES

Consistency is everything — the same faces, outfits and backyard must read in every frame. Lock two clean references in Nano Banana (Gemini) or GPT Image, then upload both into Seedance 2.0. Two constraints here are load-bearing: the belly size must not drift between shots, and the crowd must stay the same crowd throughout.

The Mom-to-be (Glam · 9 months pregnant) — Stylized-3D glamour woman, very long straight golden-blond hair, big bright-blue eyes, bold winged lashes, glossy lips, sun-kissed tan, tiny cheek beauty mark. Full round nine-month bump in a sleeveless fitted white bodycon maternity wrap dress, chunky gold cuff, gold geometric earrings. Belly size identical in every shot.

The Dad-to-be ("The Dreamer") — Tall, slim stylized-3D man, ~30s, with a VERY large, perfectly rounded soft pale champagne-blond tightly-coiled afro, thin arched brows, charming half-smile. Cream/champagne satin silk pajama set with a glossy sheen, thin black piping, small chest pocket, matching trousers, cream slippers. Afro and silk kept identical throughout.

The Crowd (The backyard guests) — A backyard full of party guests in bright outfits, many holding up phones to film. They lean in, count down on their fingers, then freeze wide-eyed and jaw-dropped. Keep the crowd consistent shot to shot.

STORYBOARD THE COUNTDOWN, THE REVEAL AND THE FREEZE

[COUNTDOWN] The couple at the ribboned reveal box under the 'BOY OR GIRL?' banner, hands on the lid; the crowd counts down on their fingers, phones up.

[GREEN REVEAL] A cluster of uniformly GREEN balloons bursting up against the bright blue sky; the couple's smiles flickering into confusion.

[FREEZE] Final two-shot: the couple deadpan and bewildered beneath the drifting green balloons and the banner, the lone dove a speck above.

KEY FRAME · THE GREEN REVEAL

THE GREEN REVEAL FRAME

[STYLE] Premium stylized 3D animation, glossy Pixar/Illumination feature look, cinematic sunny backyard lighting, bright blue sky. Not photorealistic. 9:16.

[ACTION] THE MOM-TO-BE (long golden-blond hair, white bodycon maternity dress, full round nine-month belly, one hand on her bump) and THE DAD-TO-BE (very large champagne-blond afro, cream silk pajamas) look up as a rush of balloons bursts from the open box — their smiles flickering into confusion.

[REVEAL] Every balloon is uniformly GREEN — a whole cluster floating up against the sky. No pink, no blue, no mixed colors. Behind them the fabric 'BOY OR GIRL?' banner with a pink bow and a blue bow.

[NEGATIVE] Belly size consistent — no shrinking. All balloons green, no pink or blue. No other on-screen text, no watermark, no distorted hands, no photorealism, no live-action.

TIMELINE

0:00–0:01 Wide establishing — sunny backyard, 'BOY OR GIRL?' banner, guests with phones raised, the pregnant couple beaming behind the ribboned box.

0:01–0:02.5 Reaction close-ups — she glows, hand on her belly; he grins and pats his big afro; guests lean in.

0:02.5–0:04 Each take a side of the lid; she keeps a hand under her bump; the crowd counts down silently 3–2–1.

0:04–0:05 The turn — extreme close-up on their hands on the lid; music swells and holds; the whole crowd freezes for one beat of silence.

0:05–0:06.5 Slow-motion — eyes shut with joy, they lift the lid together.

0:06.5–0:08 Dozens of balloons burst upward; camera tilts up to follow them into the sky (soft lid pop, whoosh).

0:08–0:09.5 The green reveal — every balloon is GREEN, not pink or blue; smiles flicker into confusion; record-scratch.

0:09.5–0:11 A single lone white dove flaps up out of the box and flutters away across the sky, weaving between the balloons; everyone's eyes follow.

0:11–0:12.5 Slow-motion on the couple — they track the dove and the green, then look at each other, deadpan and bewildered.

0:12.5–0:14 Whip-pan across the frozen crowd — jaws dropped, a cupcake tumbles mid-air, a phone slips from a hand.

0:14–0:15 Final two-shot beneath the green balloons and the banner, the dove a speck above — freeze frame, dry comedy sting.

THE 15-SECOND MASTER PROMPT

This is the whole thing — copy it, swap the wrong colour or the lone animal (a single black cat, one goldfish, a lone flamingo) and you have your own reveal-gone-sideways series.

MASTER PROMPT · THE GREEN BALLOON REVEAL

CINEMATIC 3D AI CARTOON MINI-STORY – THE GREEN BALLOON REVEAL

[FORMAT] 15-second vertical 9:16 stylized 3D animated comedy, 720p+. NO DIALOGUE – SFX + music only.

[STYLE] Premium stylized 3D animation, glossy Pixar/Illumination feature look, ultra-expressive faces, cinematic sunny backyard lighting, fast visual-comedy timing, big reaction energy. Not photorealistic. Not live-action.

[TONE] Joyful gender-reveal build-up that flips into a surreal, shocked comedic twist.

[CHARACTERS – IDENTITY LOCKED (use the 2 uploaded reference images)]

THE MOM-TO-BE (glam · 9 months pregnant): a stylized-3D glamour woman (Bratz-meets-Disney), very long straight golden-blond hair, large bright-blue eyes, bold winged lashes, full glossy lips, sun-kissed tan, tiny cheek beauty mark. Heavily pregnant – a full round nine-month bump. Sleeveless fitted white bodycon maternity wrap dress that hugs and drapes over the belly, chunky gold cuff bracelet, gold geometric earrings. Radiant, often resting one hand on her bump. Keep face, hair, dress, jewelry, proportions AND belly size identical in every shot.

THE DAD-TO-BE "THE DREAMER": a tall, slim stylized-3D man, ~30s, with a VERY large, perfectly rounded, soft pale champagne-blond tightly-coiled afro, thin arched brows, charming slightly-smug half-smile. Cream/champagne satin silk pajama set with a glossy sheen and thin black piping along the collar, plackets, cuffs and hems, a small chest pocket, matching satin trousers, cream slippers. Confident, expressive. Keep face, afro, silk outfit and proportions identical in every shot.

THE CROWD: a backyard full of diverse party guests in cheerful outfits, many holding up phones to film, all genuinely excited. Keep the crowd consistent.

[LOCATION & SIGN] A sunny suburban backyard gender-reveal party: string lights, a dessert table with a cake, guests seated and standing on a lawn, warm afternoon light. Behind the couple hangs a large fabric banner reading "BOY OR GIRL?" with a soft pink bow on one side and a blue bow on the other (clean, well-formed lettering; the ONE sign in the scene). On the table sits a large decorative white reveal box with a lid, tied with pink-and-blue ribbon. The green balloons and the dove stay hidden inside the closed box until the release.

[TIMELINE] 0:00-0:01 WIDE ESTABLISHING: sunny backyard, the "BOY OR GIRL?" banner, guests with phones raised, the pregnant couple beaming behind the ribboned box. · 0:01-0:02.5 REACTION CLOSE-UPS: she glows with a hand on her belly, he grins and pats his afro, guests lean in. · 0:02.5-0:04: they each take a side of the lid, she keeps a hand under her bump, the crowd counts down silently 3-2-1. · 0:04-0:05 THE TURN: extreme close-up on their hands on the lid, music swells and holds, the whole crowd freezes mid-cheer – one beat of silence. · 0:05-0:06.5: slow-motion, eyes shut with joy, they lift the lid together. · 0:06.5-0:08: dozens of balloons burst upward, camera tilts up into the sky. · 0:08-0:09.5 THE GREEN REVEAL: every balloon is GREEN instead of pink or blue, smiles flicker into confusion, the crowd tilts heads. · 0:09.5-0:11: a single lone white dove flaps up from the box, startled, and flutters gracefully away across the sky, weaving between the balloons; everyone's eyes follow. · 0:11-0:12.5: slow-motion on the couple, they track the dove and the green, then look at each other deadpan and bewildered. · 0:12.5-0:14: whip-pan across the frozen crowd, a cupcake tumbles mid-air, a phone slips from a hand. · 0:14-0:15: final two-shot beneath the drifting green balloons and the banner, the dove a speck above – FREEZE FRAME.

[CAMERA] Wide backyard establishing -> reaction close-ups -> extreme close-up on the lid -> slow-mo lid lift -> tilt-up on rising balloons -> wide green-balloon reveal against the sky -> the lone dove flying across -> slow-mo couple reaction -> whip-pan across the shocked crowd -> final freeze-frame two-shot.

[AUDIO] Cheerful party music -> held breathless note at the turn -> soft lid pop -> balloon whoosh -> music record-scratches to silence -> soft dove wing flaps + a lone coo -> confused crowd murmur -> dry final sting. No dialogue, no narration, no subtitles, no lyrics.

[COMEDY RULE] pregnant couple stand at the ribboned box under the "BOY OR GIRL?" banner -

QUALITY CHECKLIST

- [] Both leads look identical to their references in every beat — face, hair, outfit, jewelry (identity consistency)
- [] The belly stays the same size in every shot — no shrinking or disappearing
- [] Every balloon is uniformly green — no pink, no blue, no mixed cluster
- [] Exactly one white dove — no flock, no other birds
- [] The only readable text is the 'BOY OR GIRL?' banner — no numbers, no watermark, no subtitles
- [] SFX + music only, with the record-scratch landing exactly on the green reveal
- [] 9:16, 15 seconds, 720p or better, strong first 2 seconds so it stops the scroll

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