



In a small desert village, Hurle, a dreamy young woman, scans the clouds with her precious golden spyglass whenever she can. She works in the family café, while her more pragmatic mother Sophie constantly brings her back to her daily chores. Despite her love of customers and the café routine, Hurle longs for something different. The arrival of a mysterious musical traveler, Hecatonchire, upsets her daily routine and arouses her curiosity...

When the old man flees, stealing her spyglass, Hurle sets off in pursuit. She ventures into the desert and manages to catch up with the thief after a frantic chase. As they fight over the spyglass, a storm catches them by surprise! To get out of it, Hurle makes a decision: fly above the clouds. Up there, she discovers a grandiose spectacle: immense ships, faraway cities... Everything she'd ever dreamed of seeing.

## DIRECTORS' NOTE

Our main intention was to create an immersive story within a creative, imaginary universe. We chose a light, comical tone, while respecting emotional moments that allow viewers to identify with the characters. Our film is about emancipation: for Hurle to get out of her comfort zone, she needs to change her perspective. We were keen to tackle the coming-of-age theme that was personal to each member of the team.

Visually, we wanted to depict an intriguing, marvelous universe, which may seem dangerous but which makes the viewer and the character want to explore. To materialize this strange universe we created our own rules, for example through the stylization of everyday objects. The final look, in flat colors and clean lines, is inspired by the style of science-fiction comics from the 70s to 90s, the main inspiration for our visual universe.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

TITLE Tumbleweed
YEAR OF PRODUCTION 2025
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN France
RUNNING TIME 6 min. 49 sec.
LANGUAGE French
SUBTITLES English
ANIMATION TECHNIQUE 2D computer animation
ASPECT RATIO 16:9
SOUND Stereo, 5.1

## CREDITS

CREATORS, DIRECTORS, ANIMATORS, WRITERS Johanna BOUAOUICHE, Louis CREUZET,
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VOICES Hurle - Léana MONTANA Sophie - Céline MONSARRAT Hécatonchire - Benoît GRIMMIAUX

SOUND ENGINEER Clément NALINE

MUSIC Jérémy BEN AMMAR Interpreted by Lina LOPERA on banjo and guitar

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