

BUBBLE TOURS

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FADE IN: GFX: BUBBLE TOURS

We open on the title screen. Subtle musac suggests we're connecting to an interface.

SOFT SUSAN (VO)

Welcome. Please wait while we connect you with one of our guides. Take this moment for your Self. Breathe in and breathe out. Be here...now. Begin to envision the new home that awaits you....Please wait while we connect you with one of our Guides...

....Our guide...Ned...will be with you shortly....

Pop your cherry with Bubble Tours!

CUT TO: FULL BUBBLE TOURS INTERFACE

The Bubble Tours interface – designed for virtual property tours – consists of user thumbnails for the seller and prospect. A background screen displays the property being viewed.

Ned, the agent, appears in a thumbnail. A green outline highlights his thumbnail. He's smiling intently, trying to portray trustworthiness. In his late 30s, he's dressed formally, with a sharp haircut, projecting competence and professionalism. His stripy necktie is tight around his collar. He clears his throat, looks around the room, waiting for the prospects.

Jan and Robie appear in the other previously vacant thumbnail. A gay couple in their early 30s, they seem a bit flustered but calm enough. Dressed in turtle necks and workwear, they attempt to maintain a neutral air to conceal their desperation and weariness.

NED

Hi guys, so good to fucking see you....

Ned speaks fast, in absolutes, never mincing his words.

JAN

What better way to spend a Saturday.

Jan has a sarcastic but sincere tone, happy to snap back when necessary. The virtual tour is beginning in the background without much fanfare. The dialogue continues in thumbnails while, in the background, sharp 360 imagery depicts a new-build lacking in any personality. A spiky volatile 3D bubble guides the camera movements, reflecting the environment around it.

NED

Spare me. Look, you will love this. This is the kind of place you can fuck all day, do yoga, bake bread, breed dogs if you want to. You've got good natural light, an inner-city neighborhood that's 15% gentrified so you can get an oatly latte, and the neighbors are all tech, marketing, consultancy, design, all that hunky dory natural wine phallic ketamine sensual orgy crypto currency crap you're into.

ROBIE

Good sell. You're really managing to connect with the customer Ned. What are they asking for this corporate shoe box?

NED

It's a steal...

Ned's phone rings interrupting his flow.

NED

Gotta take this....Hello!

Ned's on a call with another prospect. He mutters softly but it's still audible over the Bubble Tours interface.

NED

Yes, wonderful, wonderful....No, no, there's still time....
I see....Yes right....Well it would be a shame....
I mean you're making this call from Doha!!
..yup, I'm touring some prospects right now....

Ned stands up so you can only see his crotch, in grey suit trousers with a silver belt buckle.

NED

No I mean you've been a shrewd player these last years....
No of course, we value your position.

Jan and Robin stare vacantly at the screen. They begin to mutter to themselves, the two dialogues overlapping.

CUT TO: BUBBLE TOURS SPLIT SCREEN

The seller/prospect thumbnails now dominate the screen, while the main property tour continues around it.

NED

It couldn't hurt, right....

ROBIE

It looks completely soulless.

JAN

It's not as if we have many options.
It's just a start.

NED

Yes pick those cherries boss man! Pick it! Pick it!
Pop it! Pop it! Lock it lock it! down down
down down. You are a killer.

ROBIE

Yeh we'll get all comfy and complacent and
before we know it this is our home for the
last decade. & we'd put too much into
custom handmade furnishings that we'd have
to keep on....

NED

Yes Sir...Yes, absolutely Sir. No all in good
time....But...no time like the fucking now
right! Yep beat the curve, gain leverage.

JAN

Fucking hell this guy's the worst.

NED

No it's fair game.

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CUT TO: MID, NED'S THUMBNAIL

The spiky bubble dominates the backdrop behind Ned's thumbnail. It slowly penetrates Ned's thumbnail, enveloping his space. It momentarily wraps around his head, almost suffocating him, before climbing into his wide-open mouth. The final spiky tentacle crawls in, and Ned takes a large gulp to ingest it fully.

NED

Look good, feel good. When your space looks good you feel good
and your confidence grows. Build confidence, build a brand, be
your best self.

Ned's launching into corporate sales mode, losing his previous character. He seems to be malfunctioning, excreting lines from sales handbooks.

NED

With a little investment you can set up a productive home
environment away from attention temptations.
Keep humanity at arms-length in your very own bubble.

CUT TO: MID, ROBIE & JAN'S THUMBNAIL

JAN

Ohh, a new side to him.

NED

You better get in while the market's hot. It's now or never.

TBC

EXTRA LINES

SYNC – NED

Right, let's start with the bedroom.

SYNC – NED

This could be your dedicated workspace, far from the kitchen and laundry room and any other attention temptations. Then, you can close the door to keep business in and family friends and pets out. Purge the space of everything that isn't work related like animal crates, bills.