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MY LITTLE PONY 5

Do Princesses Dream of Magic Sheep?

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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - THRONE ROOM (DREAM)

In a scene eerily reminiscent of what we saw in episode 401, PRINCESS LUNA finds herself transforming into NIGHTMARE MOON!

Suddenly, the MANE SIX rush in and – like they did in the pilot— use the ELEMENTS OF HARMONY to turn her back into Luna.

Only this time, it doesn't work!

The ponies fail, and Luna is now Nightmare Moon again!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 2 - INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - THRONE ROOM (DREAM)

As Nightmare Moon <LAUGHS EVILLY>....

SC. 3 – INT. LUNA'S BEDROOM – DAY

Luna sleeps fitfully in her bed. She tosses and turns. What we just saw in the Castle of the Two Sisters is a NIGHTMARE THAT LUNA IS HAVING. Which becomes clear as we TRANSITION BACK AND FORTH from Luna tossing and turning in her sleep to...

SC. 4 - INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - THRONE ROOM (DREAM)

The dream starts over again. Luna once again transforms into Nightmare Moon.

As before, the Mane 6 rush in to save her by using the Elements of Harmony.

This time, Luna tells them: “You won't be able to save me. In my nightmare, you never do.” This is what Luna dreams about every day when she sleeps: Becoming Nightmare Moon again. And again! And again!

In the background, through a big window, a BLACK, MALEVOLENT ORB shines darkly in the sky, almost like a moon. Until it suddenly WHOOSHES away and disappears.

And when it does, Luna is shocked to see for the first time, the Elements of Harmony work!

Luna transforms back to normal. Nightmare Moon is gone!

SC. 5 – INT. LUNA’S BEDROOM – DAY

At which point Luna WAKES with a <GASP>.

But instead of being pleased that her dream had a happy ending, she’s horrified! That cannot happen!

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – DAY

THE MANE SIX are giving their pets a “spa” day of grooming in Twilight’s castle. It’s something they’ve been looking forward to (and so have the pets – especially Winona, who could use a bath after working hard on the farm). But this morning, the ponies are so SLEEP-DEPRIVED they can barely keep their eyes open. After dunking Opal in the bird-bath meant for Owlicious and some other funny mix ups, the girls realize they are all so tired for the same reason: they all slept terribly last night because they had bad dreams.

In fact, the same thing happened in all their dreams: a black orb showed up and turned what had been nice dreams into nightmares.

RAINBOW DASH admits she sometimes has weird dreams when she drinks spicy cider before going to bed. Only, she didn’t have anything spicy last night. And that wouldn’t explain why they all dreamed about the same black orb.

TWILIGHT knows how to figure this out. They need to ask the pony who knows everything about dreams: Luna. Twi calls for SPIKE and asks him to send Luna a scroll (Spike enters, having just woken up – yawning and inadvertently rubbing it in to the sleep-deprived ponies that he slept like a baby last night).

As soon as Spike’s dragon breath sends the scroll away, Luna immediately appears. That was fast!

But Luna didn’t show up so quickly just because of princess professional courtesy. She knows exactly what the black orb was in their dreams. Because it escaped from Luna’s dream! The orb is a nightmare creator - whatever dream it’s in will become a nightmare!

Luna knew the orb was growing more powerful, but she didn’t realize it could escape her dreams until it did yesterday. Luna has been hunting for it ever since but had no idea where it had gone until she got Twi’s scroll. Now Luna realizes it must have learned about the Mane 6 because they were in Luna’s dream, and somehow found its way into their dreams.

Until Luna can catch it, it will continue to give the Mane 6 sleepless nights.

As bad as that is, there’s something worse: if the Mane 6 dream about other ponies, the orb will learn about them and be able to visit their dreams too.

That means Luna must enter the Mane 6’s dreams tonight and catch the orb before it is too late!

END ACT 1**ACT 2****SC. 7 – INT. IN EACH OF THE PONIES’ BEDROOMS – THAT NIGHT**

As the Mane 6 each drift off to sleep in their beds...

SC. 8 - RARITY'S DREAM

We enter RARITY'S DREAM. It's incredibly avant-garde and fashionable. The Rarity dream version of a Dior commercial. Rarity is loving it. But then, it starts to turn dark. Not fashionably dark. Creepy dark.

Suddenly, Luna appears and tells Rarity: The Orb is here!

Wherever the Orb goes, it trails wisps of its nightmare energy – turning whatever parts of the dream they touch into nightmares. That creates obstacles that prevent Luna from blasting the Orb with her magic.

Rarity wants to help, but Luna insists that Luna already caused Rarity enough trouble; she'll deal with the Orb herself. Luna is trying to protect Rarity by keeping her away from the Orb. But Luna is unable to catch it on her own, and the Orb gets away.

Luna ends up chasing the orb across each of the Mane 6's dreams. Though the Mane 6 are eager to help her catch the orb, Luna refuses their offers – insisting that she's caused enough trouble for them already and that she will take care of this herself. But each time, the orb manages to escape into another of the Mane 6's dreams, which its evil essence corrupts into a nightmare.

SC. 9 - PINKIE PIE'S DREAM

Is a constantly changing series of tangents as her dream flits from one super fun thing to the next to the next.

SC. 10 - IN FUTTERSHY'S DREAM

She is the pet, whom the Mane 6's actual pets take care of and make sure is super happy.

SC. 11 - RAINBOW DASH'S DREAM

Is all cutesy flowers and rainbows and sparkles. Which she's kind of embarrassed about Luna seeing. So RD is actually a little relieved when the Orb's nightmare essence makes the cutesy flowers dark and edgy – and less embarrassingly sweet and cute.

SC. 12 - APPLEJACK'S DREAM

Is EXACTLY like reality on the farm. There's nothing fanciful or exaggerated about it. Just a regular day at home on the farm is what she happily dreams about.

SC. 13 - TWI'S DREAM

Takes place in a library of infinite books.

Luna chases the Orb through all six dreams over the course of the night. By the times she gets to Twilight's dream, it is morning and....

END ACT 1

ACT 2**SC. 14 – INT. IN EACH OF THE PONIES' BEDROOMS**

As the sun rises, the Mane Six all wake up. They're all even more sleep-deprived than before. None of them slept well last night. Even worse...

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – A LITTLE LATER THAT MORNING

Having gathered sleepily in Twi's castle, the Mane 6 learn from Luna that the Orb got away.

This is a nightmare for Luna – the last thing she wanted was for the Orb to get out and turn their dreams into nightmares. After what Luna did as Nightmare Moon, the fact that she is once again responsible for harming others is almost more than she can bear.

But at least the orb is confined to the Mane Six's dreams. Luna can try again tonight. When she visited each of their dreams, Luna warned the Mane 6 again not to dream about other ponies. As long as they didn't, there is nowhere else the Orb can go.

Unfortunately, each of the Mane 6 sheepishly admit that despite Luna's warning (and the ponies best efforts to tell themselves "Don't dream about other ponies! Don't dream about other ponies!"), they each couldn't help but dream about another pony.

Except Pinkie. She didn't dream about another pony.

She accidentally dreamt about all of Ponyville!

Which means the Orb can now get into any and all of their dreams!

Uh-oh!

END ACT 2**ACT 3****SC. 16 – INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – RESUME**

Luna is horrified. Tonight, the orb could turn every Ponyville pony's dream into a nightmare!

Even worse, if any of those ponies dream about other ponies in other towns...by the end of the night, the Orb could be anywhere in Equestria!

Luna has to catch it before that happens.

But how? The orb was able to evade Luna all night last night. And then it only had SIX dreams it could get to. Tonight, it could be in any one of dozens of dreams.

Applejack nods, saying this is just like when a chicken gets out of the coop. There's no sense chasing it all over the farm. There're too many places for it to run and hide. You gotta get it in a confined space before you can catch it.

That gives Luna an idea. Tonight, when all of Ponyville goes to sleep, Luna can use her magic to create a SHARED DREAM. One dream shared by ALL PONIES IN PONYVILLE!

That way, says Luna, at least she'll know where to look for the Orb. And hopefully she can catch it before it's too late.

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE – NIGHT (DREAM)

The sun sets and the moon rises over Ponyville – an off-kilter, dream-version of Ponyville. Everyone in town is there – the CMCs, Derpy, the Mayor, Spike. And they're all very surprised to find themselves all sharing the same dream!

And since everypony is dreaming this dream, the Ponyville we see isn't exactly like the real Ponyville. For example, in Derpy's dreams, things are always made out of muffins. So parts of Ponyville in this dream are made of muffins. Big Mac usually dreams about flying – so here he's floating through the air along with the Pegasi.

So it's understandable that everypony in town is confused – until Twilight and rest of the Mane 6 arrive with Luna to tell them what's going on.

If any pony has any doubts about what Twilight and Luna are telling them, they are answered when the Orb suddenly appears! Wherever it goes, its nightmare essence corrupts the dream – turning it dark and nightmarish. And dangerous.

Luna wants to catch the Orb quickly to protect the ponies from it. But it is taking almost all of Luna's magical energies to create and hold together such a large shared dream. She has to concentrate on that to keep the dream from shattering.

Luna feels that the ponies have already suffered enough because of her. But with her powers diverted to maintaining the dream, Luna can't catch the Orb alone. She'll need their help to do it.

Sharing the burden of having to deal with the Orb is the last thing Luna wanted. But it's what finally allows her to catch it. Working together, all the ponies in town overcome the dangerous, nightmarish obstacles in the dream to herd the Orb to Luna.

The ponies corral the Orb, and Luna uses her power to entrap it so it can't escape. They did it! Now all Luna has to do is fire another blast and destroy it once and for all.

But Luna tells them she's not going to destroy it. She needs to put the orb back in her own dreams -- and this time make sure it stays there forever.

"Why would you want it to do that?" asks Rainbow Dash. "This thing will turn your dreams into nightmares! Forever!"

Luna knows that. Because she's the one who created the Orb.

Luna explains that since she has power over dreams, she could stop any nightmare she had. So she created the orb to make sure she would have the same nightmare every night. She did that to punish herself for all the bad things she did in the past. To teach herself a lesson, so she would never again become Nightmare Moon.

All the Ponies in Ponyville are surprised to hear that. Especially Twilight. She tells Luna that her time as Nightmare Moon is in the past and that everypony else forgave her a long time ago. The rest of Ponyville nods in agreement.

No one's ever told Luna that before, because Luna never told anyone about the nightmare she has every time she sleeps. She didn't want to share her suffering, because she felt she had made everyone else suffer enough.

But now that she has finally shared her feelings of shame with the Mane 6 and the rest of Ponyville, Luna hears for the first time that all of Equestria forgave her long ago. They all know Luna is not the same pony she was when she was Nightmare Moon. Nightmare Moon would have loved how the Orb turned their dreams to nightmares. Luna did everything she could to stop it. Doesn't she see that proves she's not the same pony any more?

Thinking back on what she did today, Luna realizes they are right. She isn't the same pony anymore. She already has learned her lesson.

She thanks everyone for helping her realize that. And then she fires a POWERFUL MAGIC BLAST that DESTORYS THE ORB – and SHATTERS THE DREAM!

SC. 18 - QUICK CUTS AROUND PONYVILLE – MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

Everypony suddenly wakes up (we'll only show a few of them) with a <GASP!> And then says, "Huh. I guess that was just a dream." They all quickly fall happily asleep again, drifting into the own happy dreams.

Only the Mane 6 know what Luna really accomplished tonight. Each in her own bed, all 6 want to go and congratulate Luna. But after the last two nights of crazy dream, they're all so exhausted they all fall immediately back to sleep.

SC. 19 - INT. LUNA'S CASTLE – THE NEXT MORNING

Refreshed after finally getting some good sleep and having good dreams, Twilight races down the stairs with Spike in tow (with Spike telling her – "Twi, you're not going to believe the dream I had last night!")

Twilight races to the guest bedroom where Luna is staying to congratulate her. Only to find Luna sleeping happily. As Spike asks, "I wonder what she dreams about?" We PUSH IN ON LUNA and see...

SC. 20 - LUNA'S DREAM

Luna enjoys her first happy dream in a long time – lounging on the beach. As she smiles, we...FADE OUT.