

LEGO TITAN

EP 116: "The Worthy Dreamer"

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1                    **EXT. LANDING (DREAM WORLD) - DAY**                    1

OPEN ON ZOELY, astride ZION, swooping over the landing. She scours the horizon for Oz' rocket ship bus. From her vantage point, we see --

MATEO, IZZIE, Z BLOB, LOGAN and COOPER gathered together. Logan looks up, locks eyes with her. Lifts a hand to wave, then stops himself. Zoey swings Zion around, staying in the air a little longer.

ON Mateo, clocking the hurt in Logan's eyes. Logan feels his gaze.

1                    LOGAN                    1  
                  Dude, what?

Logan stomps off. Cooper shrugs, follows Logan over to the other side of the landing. Mateo turns to Izzie, confused.

2                    MATEO                    2  
                  What's Logan's problem?

3                    IZZIE                    3  
                  Firstly, when is Logan NOT in a  
                  mood? Secondly, he asked Zoey out,  
                  but she shut him down hard.  
                  (shrugs)  
                  Maybe she likes someone else.

Mateo can't help it -- he perks up. Exchanges a hopeful glance with Z Blob, who flashes an encouraging grin. Mateo cocks an eyebrow at Izzie.

4                    MATEO                    4  
                  How do you know all this anyways?

Izzie waggles her hands in front of her face mysteriously.

5                    IZZIE                    5  
                  I see and know alllllllllll.

Mateo's unsure whether to laugh or be worried. Zoey swoops by overhead --

6                    ZOELY                    6  
                  They're here!

Mateo looks up and spots OZ'S ROCKET SHIP BUS as --

2                    **TITLE SEQUENCE ROLLS**                    2

Music swells... and we HARD CUT TO --

3        **EXT. LANDING (DREAM WORLD) - DAY**        3

MR. OZ, holding LUNA'S HOURGLASS, and ALBERT emerge from the ship. Albert whistles loudly for everyone's attention.

7                                MR. OZ                                7  
                              Huddle up. Let's hear what Cooper's  
                              figured out.

Oz hands the Hourglass to Cooper, who steps forward.

8                                COOPER                                8  
                              Okay, the key to unlocking Luna's  
                              Hourglass was realizing that things  
                              aren't always what they seem.

9                                LOGAN                                9  
                              Dude, you sound like Mrs. C.

Albert waggles his eyebrows at Logan disapprovingly as Cooper gestures to THREE RINGS at the top, middle, and bottom of the Hourglass. Each ring is emblazoned with DECORATIVE IMAGES.

10                               COOPER                               10  
                              See the symbols on these rings?  
                              They're actually...  
                              (wait for it)  
                              A cryptex!

11                               IZZIE                                11  
                              A what-tex?

12                               ALBERT                               12  
                              Cryptex. It's a kind of old-  
                              fashioned puzzle.

13                               COOPER                               13  
                              (excited)  
                              You rotate the rings into the  
                              correct position and *boom!* Puzzle  
                              solved and we're on our way to  
                              Castle Nocturna.

Excited, Izzie hugs Zoey then does a little victory dance.


14                               IZZIE                                14  
                              Going to the castle! Going to meet  
                              Luna! Going to have some awesome  
                              snacks!  
                              (off Albert's stern look)  
                              And ask her how she defeated the  
                              Nightmare King.

15 MATEO 15  
(to Cooper)  
So which symbols unlock the puzzle?

16 COOPER 16  
(prevaricating)  
Yeah, about that...

17 ZOELY 17  
You have no idea, do you?

18 COOPER 18  
(upbeat)  
Nope. But hey, it's a start.

19 ALBERT 19  
(groans)  
There's thousands of possible  
 combinations to a cryptex. This  
could take forever.

Oz and Albert look concerned but the kids are undeterred.

20 MATEO 20  
(determined)  
Not if we can help it. Let's see  
the first ring, Coop.

Cooper holds up the Hourglass -- the first ring is emblazoned  
with letters, animals, flowers, etc. Mateo spots a MOON.

21 MATEO (CONT'D) 21  
There! The moon could stand for  
Luna!

Cooper spins the first ring so the moon symbol is in front.  
As it CLICKS into place, the hourglass GLOWS.

22 ZOELY 22  
Sweet! Nice work, Mateo.


Mateo grins under Zoey's praise. Logan glares. As everyone  
starts throwing out guesses for the second ring (some of  
which Coop tries but don't work) --

23 IZZIE 23  
(sotto, to Teo)  
Um, did Zoey just compliment you?

24 MATEO 24  
(sotto, to Izzie)  
Yeah, super weird.

But Mateo's wheels are spinning -- *maybe Zoey likes him.*

25 LOGAN 25

 Look! An infinity symbol. That could refer to all the realms under a Dream Keeper's protection.

Cooper spins the infinity symbol to the front of the second ring. As it CLICKS into place, the hourglass GLOWS again. Logan fist pumps. Peeks at Zoey for a reaction. She's giving him nothing. She studies the third ring...

26 ZOEEY 26

Maybe that olive branch symbolizes peace.

Cooper high-fives Zoey... spins the third ring into place... all the symbols line up... and the Hourglass suddenly BLAZES with light!

Everyone shields their eyes... and then... *all the sand falls out!* Cooper groans.

27 IZZIE 27

That was s'posed to happen, right?

28 LOGAN 28

Dude, you broke it!

Our team deflates. Suddenly... WHOOSH! The sand *zooms off like a comet!* As the others stare, stunned, Zoey leaps astride Zion and takes to the skies.

29 ZOEEY 29

Zion, go!

Oz recovers first, races for the Rocket Bus.

30 MR. OZ 30

After that sand, Dream Chasers!

As our team sprints towards the ship, CUT TO --

4 **EXT. FANTASY REALM (DREAM WORLD) - DAY** 4

CLOSE ON MRS. CASTILLO snoozing peacefully at the window of her food truck.



WIDEN OUT to reveal SEÑOR TORTUGA munching on a gingerbread house as an annoyed GINGERBREAD COUPLE watch. Suddenly, the couple catch sight of something O.S. and gape.

31 GINGERBREAD MAN 31

What the--?!?!

BAWOOSH! Oz's rocket ship BLASTS by, blowing the gingerbread couple off their feet.

GINGERBREAD MAN/GINGERBREAD WOMAN  
Whooooaaaa! / Oh sugar!

Off Mrs. C undisturbed, snoring loudly, CUT TO --

5 INT. OZ'S ROCKET SHIP - DAY - CONTINUOUS 5

Z Blob jiggles happily in his seat from the velocity of the bus rocketing through the dream ether. DREAM REALMS pass by the bus windows in a blur.

WIDEN OUT to reveal Mateo, Logan, Cooper, and Izzie in their seats. Oz and Albert in front, manning the controls. Mateo cranes his neck to see outside.

33 MATEO 33  
There's Zoey!

LOGAN  
                (worried)  
Where? Is she okay?

34

Logan unbuckles his seatbelt and stands. Awkwardly leans across Mateo to look out.

OUTSIDE -- Zoey and Zion hot on the sand comet's tail. They bank left and right, following the comet's every move. Suddenly, WHOOSH! The sand comet flies straight up --

Oz jerks the controls sharply. Takes the bus vertical. Logan tumbles down the center aisle, hits the bulkhead door. THWAP!

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35                                     MATEO                                     35
                                     (to Z Blob)

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Think Logan will ever learn to stay buckled in when Oz is at the wheel?

Z Blob shakes his head 'no' as we CUT TO --

6 EXT. SKIES (DREAM WORLD) - CONTINUOUS 6

An epic shot of Zoey, Zion, and the rocket ship bus streaking through puffy pink clouds of Dream Ether after the sand comet. As the sand zooms higher and higher, the clouds get thicker and thicker until...

7            **INT. OZ'S ROCKET SHIP - DAY - CONTINUOUS**            7

Oz and Albert peer out the window into a seemingly endless layer of ominous, grey clouds.

36                            ALBERT            36  
                              This is starting to feel like a  
                              wild goose chase, Oswald.

37                            MR. OZ            37  
                              I've never understood that analogy.  
                              Are we the geese? Or the ones  
                              chasing the geese?

ON Mateo and Z Blob, gazing intently out the window.

38                            MATEO            38  
                              C'mon, castle. Please be here... we  
                              need Luna's help to stop the Dark  
                              Army.

As if in answer to Mateo's plea, the clouds part and we suddenly see... CASTLE NOCTURNA!

It's a CRYSTALLINE MEDIEVAL CASTLE towering over a barren rocky realm. (Think Jim Henson's *Dark Crystal* meets Superman's Fortress of Solitude.) The kind of place that could only exist in the Dream World. The kids are awestruck.

39                            MATEO/IZZIE/COOPER            39  
                              Holy cow. / Daaaang. / Whoa.

Nearing the end of their long search, Oz and Albert beam.

40                            ALBERT            40  
                              We made it, old friend.

Logan picks himself up off the floor to peer outside.

41                            LOGAN            41  
                              (awed)  
                              It's... it's...

8            **EXT. ROCKY REALM (DREAM WORLD) - MOMENTS LATER**            8

ON Logan, aghast.

42                            LOGAN            42  
                              (aghast)  
                              A pile of crap.

REVERSE to reveal Castle Nocturna's true state. Up close, the crystalline castle's walls are dirty, dull and overgrown with THICK VINES. The place is dormant, uninviting, and creepy.

The sand swirls back into Luna's Hourglass, settles inside. Our team brightens. An expectant beat. Nothing happens.

43 MR. OZ 43  
Luna would never leave the castle  
in such a state.  
(stricken)  
She's really gone...

His worst fears seemingly realized, Oz is overcome with emotion. Albert places a comforting hand on his shoulder.

44 COOPER 44  
So... we got this far for nothing?

45 MR. OZ 45  
(composes himself)  
Not necessarily. In our research,  
Albert and I discovered that Luna  
made a record of how to defeat the  
Nightmare King before she vanished.


46 ALBERT 46  
And Logan heard the Nightmare King  
say he wanted to erase the story of  
how he was defeated.

Zoey's head snaps up.

47 ZOEEY 47  
You two think Luna left the book  
here...

48 MR. OZ 48  
Precisely. To the library!

As our team approaches Castle Nocturna, Z Blob ducks inside Mateo's backpack. Mateo reassures him.

49  MATEO 49  
I know buddy. I wish this place  
didn't look so dang scary, too.

Off Z Blob peeking out, apprehensive, DISSOLVE TO --

9 INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - GREAT HALL - MOMENTS LATER 9

As the team enters the Hall, they look around, taking it all in... dark shadows dot the edges of the room.



A long BANQUET TABLE in the middle is set for dinner but covered in cobwebs. Dusty shields and tapestries decorate the walls. The space feels eerie and dead.

LOGAN


And I thought it was creepy  
*outside.*

Izzie catches sight of a LARGE HERALDIC TAPESTRY that piques her interest. It's of a strange animal that our keen-eyed viewers will recognize as a MANTICORE -- head of a man, body of a lion, and a tail with a prickle of sharp spikes.

51                         IZZIE                         51  
Sweet, a manticore!

52 COOPER 52  
What's a manticore?


53                                 IZZIE                                 53  
                Only one of the most fearsome  
                animals to ever walk the land!

54                                 ZOEY                                 54  
                             (scoffs)  
 Manticore's aren't real.

55 IZZIE 55  
Don't listen to her, Coop.  
Manticore's ARE real. I've read  
about them in my mythology books.

Zoey rolls her eyes -- the talk of myths proving her point.

56 IZZIE (CONT'D) 56  
They've got the head of a man, the  
body of a lion, and the tail of a  
porcupine!

57                                 ZOEY                                 57  
      A porcupine tail on a lion's body?  
     Not real. Not scary.

58                                 IZZIE                                 58  
                                (under her breath)  
I'd like to hear you say that with  
a quill sticking out of you.

59                    LOGAN                    59  
Um, guys? You need to see this...

Our team heads over to Logan... peers into a dark alcove. Recoils. Reveal the terrible tableau within -- CRYSTALLINE DREAMLINGS frozen in terror.

60 IZZIE 60  
Who would do this to Dreamlings?!

61 COOPER 61  
I thought Castle Nocturna was  
supposed to be *safe*!

The kids shuffle around. Afraid. Oz tries to hide it, but  
it's clear he's shook, too.

62 MR. OZ 62  
(totally unsure)  
Don't worry, I'm sure whatever did  
this is long gone.

Just then, the tapestries whip, disturbed by an eerie wind.  
And then --

SNAP! The sound of a tail cracking like a whip. WHOOSH! A  
poisonous QUILL streaks through the air --

SHUNK! The quill hits Oz and he *turns to crystal*!

63 ALBERT 63  
Oswald!

Izzie points to the quill, horrified.


64 IZZIE 64  
A manticore!

Before anyone can react, Zion catches sight of something  
slinking through the shadows... takes off after it!

Zoey sprints after Zion. We hear the SNAP of a tail. Then  
WHOOSH! A poisonous quill flies from the shadows and...  
SHUNK! The QUILL pierces Zion's side and he *turns to crystal*!

65 ZOHEY 65  
Zion, *NO!!*

The rest of the team catches up with Zoey as she throws her  
arms around Zion.

66 ZOHEY (CONT'D) 66  
(distracted)  
 I'll fix this. Promise.

Logan goes to grab Zoey's arm, stops himself. Pleads.

67 LOGAN 67  
That thing's going to take us out  
if we don't move!

Zoey is reluctant to leave Zion, but Mateo pulls her away.

68 MATEO 68  
We gotta go!

Panicked, the team races through large doors at the end of the Great Hall and into...

10 **INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS** 10

A long hallway, grimy from years of neglect. Logan and Cooper SLAM the doors shut. RAAAGHH! A giant roar echoes. The door RATTLES with the force of something large but holds fast.

69 COOPER 69  
What do we do?

70 ALBERT 70  
Stay focused. Find the book.

71 ZOXY 71  
Screw that, I'm looking for a way to fix Zion.

Logan opens his mouth to offer to help. Mateo beats him to the punch.

72 MATEO 72  
I'll go with you.

BOOM! The door RATTLES again.

73 ALBERT 73  
Fine, just steer clear of the manticore. Everyone else, with me.

74 IZZIE 74  
(animal expert mode)  
Manticore's usually only react when provoked. Maybe we can reason with him.

On cue, BOOOOM! A large PAW PUNCHES through the door, narrowly missing Izzie's head! Wood splinters fly!

75 IZZIE (CONT'D) 75  
On second thought... RUN!!

They sprint away, desperate to put some distance between them and the creature! All of a sudden --

KRAAAK! FWOOSH! The hallway breaks into several pieces that SWING APART in different directions (think Hogwarts meets MC Escher)! The kids stumble, trying to keep their balance.

76 MATEO/IZZIE/ZOEY/LOGAN/COOPER 76  
WHOAAAAAA!

ON Zoey, as the piece she's on tilts precariously, sending her sliding towards the edge. She nimbly leaps from one piece to another... trying to reunite with the others. But she's thwarted by the MC Escher-esque castle.

Zoey spots Logan, on a piece with Izzie, gesturing for her to jump to him.

77 LOGAN 77  
Zoey! Jump this way!

At the same time, Mateo, on a piece with Z Blob, whooshes past, too. Waves for Zoey to join him.

78 MATEO 78  
Zoey, we're here!

Zoey's eyes dart from Mateo to Logan. She runs, leaps --

WHAM! Knocks Mateo down. Lands on top of him!

79 MATEO (CONT'D) 79  
Oof.

From his prone position, Mateo sees Logan, crestfallen, as he and Izzie are zoomed one way and Albert and Cooper another!

Zoey scrambles to her feet, pulls Mateo up. But before they have a chance to even catch their breath --

SWOOSH! Their piece of hallway transforms into a circular SLIDE. They WHOOSH around and around and down to --

11 **INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - CELLAR - CONTINUOUS** 11

THUD! Mateo, Z Blob, and Zoey sprawl to a stop on the floor of a vaulted cellar. The detritus of eons of Dream Keepers - chests, furniture, books, paintings - stacked everywhere.

Zoey jumps up to investigate.

80 ZOEY 80  
We could find something here to help Zion.

As Zoey starts looking, Z Blob nudges Mateo towards Zoey --  
*go join her.*

81 MATEO 81  
(sotto to Z Blob)  
Unh-uh.

Playing matchmaker, Z Blob is insistent. Mateo relents,  
hesitantly walks over to where Zoey is engrossed in pulling  
items out of a chest.

82 MATEO (CONT'D) 82  
There must be centuries worth of  
Dream Keeper stuff in there.

83 ZOELY 83  
(grinning)  
Maybe we'll find the book too!

Zoey scooches over, making room for Mateo to join him. Z Blob  
flashes Mateo a grin. Off Zoey and Mateo searching together --

12 **INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - APOTHECARY ROOM - CONTINUOUS** 12

Albert and Coop rifle through shelves stuffed with books and  
old-fashioned glass bottles full of mysterious colorful  
liquids and preserved strange-looking creatures.

But uh-oh, they're so focused, they don't notice a glimpse of  
TAWNY FUR pass by the open door. Albert cocks his head at a  
faint rustle of wings.

84 ALBERT 84  
Did you hear something?

85 COOPER 85  
(oblivious)  
Nope.


Albert shrugs and goes back to his task -- pulling books off  
the shelf. Reaching for a book, Coop gets a cobweb stuck in  
his hair.

86 COOPER (CONT'D) 86  
Blech. Gross.

Albert drops the heavy tomes on a nearby table. Dust billows.  
He starts rifling through their pages.

87 ALBERT 87  
These books aren't going to look  
through themselves, Cooper.

On Coop, still wrestling with the cobweb. Flailing around, he accidentally swipes a glass bottle off the shelf. Catches it before it hits the ground.

88 COOPER 88  
 (reading the label)  
Siren's song. Cool.

At the same time that Coop turns to show Albert --

SNAP! The flick of a tail and... WHOOSH! A poisonous QUILL zooms through the air and hits Albert, *who turns to crystal!*

WHIP TO Cooper, staring agog --

89 COOPER (CONT'D) 89  
Oh cr--

SNAP! WHOOSH! SHUNK! A quill lands in Cooper's thigh. As he turns to crystal, he drops the bottle...


It SHATTERS against the floor... the eerie wails of SIREN'S SONG fill the air.

Off Cooper's face, frozen in terror, we CUT TO --

13 **INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS** 13

Logan and Izzie creeping down the decrepit hallway. Busts of former Dream Keepers line either side. They pause as the last wails of the Siren's Song reach their ears.

90 LOGAN 90  
(spooked)  
What was that?

91 IZZIE 91  
 I don't know.

Izzie suddenly spots a bust of a young Luna adorned with a CRYSTAL TIARA. Beelines for it.

92 LOGAN 92  
Wait, Izzie! Don't touch that.

Logan flinches as Izzie plucks the tiara off the bust, ignoring him. Nothing happens. She flashes him a cocky grin.

93 LOGAN (CONT'D) 93  
That could've been a trap.

94 IZZIE 94  
Well it wasn't. And now I've got  
this sweet tiara.

95 LOGAN 95  
We gotta stay focused and find the  
library. Yanno, where people keep  
their books?

96 IZZIE 96  
Isn't that, yanno, too obvious for  
an all-powerful Dream Keeper?

97 LOGAN 97  
(taken aback)  
What? No, it's logical.

Izzie swings around, startling Logan. She takes him by the  
shoulders and shakes him.

98 IZZIE 98  
Forget logic! Follow your heart.

Too late, Izzie realizes what she's said. Logan deflates.

99 LOGAN 99  
Yeah, tried that. Now Zoey hates  
me.

100 IZZIE 100  
She doesn't hate you.  
(off Logan's hope)  
Dislike you strongly? Yeah. But  
hey, that's not hate.

Logan sighs exasperated and stomps off down the hallway. As  
Izzie hurries to catch up, CUT TO --

14 **INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - CELLAR - CONTINUOUS** 14

CRASH! Mateo and Z Blob are startled from their searching by  
a plate smashing against the wall. They look over to Zoey,  
fists clenched, clearly pissed off.

101 ZOXY 101  
Ugh. There's nothing here! It's  
just a bunch of junk.

Zoey holds up another plate. Looks ready to hurl it against  
the wall. Mateo rushes to stop her.

102 MATEO 102  
Whoa, whoa. Evil manticore-thing  
hunting us, remember?

Zoey puts down the plate.

103 MATEO (CONT'D) 103  
C'mon, maybe the others have had  
better luck.

A thunderous ROAR freezes them in place. Scared. No way out.

104 ZOHEY 104  
(sotto)  
Quick, *hide!*

Zoey gestures to a stack of large paintings leaning against the wall. There's a small space behind them. Zoey, Mateo, and Z Blob dive for cover as --

*SCREEEEEECH!* CLAWS scrape against a wall...

Our trio huddle close... the scraping sound gets closer...  
Zoey clasps Mateo's hand...

He glances down. Terrified but ecstatic. He squeezes Zoey's hand, she squeezes back. It's dangerous and romantic.

The clicking of CLAWED FEET pauses in front of their hiding place. Our trio tense... fearing the worst --

WHOOSH! The sound of wings flapping away. *Whew!* A beat. Then Mateo, Zoey, and Z Blob emerge, relieved. Mateo and Zoey's hands are still intertwined.

105 MATEO 105  
(with a ragged breath)  
That was a little too close.

Zoey lets go of Mateo's hand.

106 ZOHEY 106  
Ugh, gross.

Mateo jerks back, flustered.

107 MATEO 107  
W-w-what?

Zoey gestures to a portrait they were just hiding behind -- an idealized representation of the platonic love shared by LUNA and MIGO. Luna gazes wistfully at Migo, who looks up at her sweetly. (It's done in the dreamy, art nouveau style of Alphonse Mucha.)



Mateo considers the painting, confused.

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| 108 | MATEO (CONT'D)   | 108 |
|     | What's so gross about that?  |     |
| 109 | ZOEY   | 109 |
|     | Forget it...   |     |
| 110 | MATEO  | 110 |
|     | No, really.  |     |
| 111 | ZOEY   | 111 |
|     | Mateo! The Nightmare King is out there right now, wreaking havoc on the Dream World. We need to fix Zion and find Luna's book. |     |
| 112 | MATEO  | 112 |
|     | (blithely)   |     |
|     | So you're avoiding my question?  |     |
| 113 | ZOEY   | 113 |
|     | (blowing up)   |     |
|     | I don't know why, okay? It just is!  |     |
| 114 | (searching)  | 114 |
|     | Love's stupid. People ghost you and you're left alone. <i>Happy?</i>   |     |
| 114 | MATEO  | 114 |
|     | Wow.   |     |
| 115 | ZOEY   | 115 |
|     | Wow what?  |     |
| 116 | MATEO  | 116 |
|     | That's an incredibly depressing point of view.   |     |
| 111 | Zoey huffs, exasperated, as we CUT TO --   | 111 |

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| 15 | <b><u>INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - ROTUNDA - CONTINUOUS</u></b> | 15 |
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Logan and Izzie step inside a round room -- shadowed and dark. Izzie stops in her tracks and stares upwards, awed. Logan takes in the room quickly, turns on his heel to leave.

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| 117 | LOGAN                              | 117 |
|     | Welp, I've seen all I need to see. |     |
| 118 | IZZIE                              | 118 |
|     | Logan, look.                       |     |

119                   LOGAN                   119  
I did. No books. Not a library.

Izzie grabs his arm and points upwards.

120                         IZZIE                         120  
Logan, look!

Logan tilts his head back. Gapes at an incredible sight --

The rotunda's domed ceiling is constructed of gorgeous, multi-colored STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS in the same dreamy style that we saw in the painting of Luna and Migo.

[Note: The windows are dusty on the inside and obscured by THICK VINES covering the outside of the dome. Barely any light streams in through the glass.]

121                                 LOGAN                                 121

Whoa.

122 IZZIE 122  
I have GOT to get a closer look.

Izzie darts over to a rickety staircase... starts climbing... reaches a narrow walkway around the base of the dome.

|     |   |     |
|-----|---|-----|
| 123 | LOGAN   | 123 |
|     | Iz, we don't have time for the<br>grand tour! |     |
|     | (under his breath)                            |     |
|     | Remind me how I got stuck<br>babysitting?     |     |

124 IZZIE 124  
           (calls over her shoulder)  
        I heard that.

Izzie wipes at a spot of dirt on the inside of one window. Through the glass she suddenly spots --

A LEONINE EYE peering back at her. She gasps and flails backwards, startled.

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125                IZZIE (CONT'D)                                125
                (scared)
                The manticore!

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A loud ROAR shakes the glass. Izzie whips around.

126 IZZIE (CONT'D) 126  
It saw me!

127 LOGAN 127  
C'mon, let's move!

Izzie races down the stairs to join Logan. But when they turn towards the door --

RAAAGH!! The MANTICORE blocks their exit. And he's a sight to behold! The head and mane of a lion. The torso of a man. Iridescent wings. He'd be stunning if his tail wasn't flicking ominously -- razor sharp porcupine quills glinting.

A beat. Then all hell breaks loose. The manticore SNARLS. Whips his tail around...

Izzie dives out of the way. Logan POPS into his tiny blue BEAST MODE and shrinks in size. *WHOOSH!* The quills barely pass over his head!

Izzie whips out her hourglass, begins to dreamcraft... the sand swirls into a giant ANIME-STYLE SWORD!

128            IZZIE            128  
Bunzaibunga!!!

Izzie grits her teeth, hefts her sword, and charges! The manticore releases another flurry of quills... Izzie whacks the projectiles off-course like a badass martial arts master.

129                                 IZZIE (CONT'D)                                 129  
Lo-Lo, GO!

Lo-Lo breaks for the door as the manticore releases a fresh onslaught of quills. Izzie's sword is a blur... she keeps advancing... until --

*SHUNK!* A quill pierces Izzie's shoulder. She stares at it, disbelieving --

130            IZZIE (CONT'D)            130  
Oh poopers.

Her sword clatters to the ground as she *turns to crystal*. As the manticore flies after Lo-Lo, CUT TO --

16 INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - GREAT HALL - CONTINUOUS 16

Zoey, Mateo, and Z Blob cautiously enter the room. Zoey's eyes dart to Zion, still crystallized.

ZOEY

I'm done running and hiding.


132 MATEO 132  
(glancing at Oz)  
Me too.

A booming ROAR splits the air. Zoey steps closer to Mateo.

133 ZOXY 133  
(to Mateo)  
You sure you want to stay?

Mateo steps closer to Zoey.

134 MATEO 134  
Always.

 ON Mateo, feeling the intimacy of the moment... decides to make a move... leans in for a kiss...

BOOM! The doors slam open. Lo-Lo sprints inside! The manticore inches away. The manticore picks Lo-Lo up in his claws... hurls him across the room!

135 LO-LO 135  
AHHHHHHH!!

Lo-Lo CRASHES onto the banquet table -- sends place settings flying! Zoey races to his side, worried.

136 ZOXY 136  
Are you okay?

He shakes himself, POPS BACK into Logan.

137 LOGAN 137  
I'm good.

Zoey and Logan stare at each other. *Awkward.*

138 MATEO 138  
Uh, guys... little help here?

WHIP TO Mateo and Z Blob, facing down an irate manticore.

Zoey and Logan spring into action. They snatch cutlery off the table and hurl it at the manticore, drawing his attention. The manticore flicks his tail... quills THWICK straight for them!

Zoey flips out of the way. Logan dives behind a chair. THUNK! THUNK! THUNK! Peers out to see a line of razor sharp quills embedded in the chair.

On Mateo. He whips out his HOURGLASS and turns to Z Blob...

139

MATEO (CONT'D)

139

Ready, buddy?

Z Blob grins. Mateo dreamcrafts Z Blob into a NOBLE STEED. Grabs a LANCE off the wall and leaps astride. *Charge!*

The manticore whips around to face them. GROWLS. Inches from impact. Mateo thrusts the lance forward... the manticore springs into the sky at the last second... the lance barely misses him! As Mateo pulls up hard on the reins to bring Z Blob around --

SLAM! Two clawed feet right to Z Blob steed's side, sending him and Mateo to the ground. Z Blob turns back to his regular form.

ON Zoey wrenching a sword from one of the frozen Dreamlings. She twirls it expertly.

140

ZOEY

140

Let's dance, furball.

Zoey races towards the manticore, dragging her sword along the ground and sending up a shower of SPARKS. It's badass. It's easy to see why Mateo and Logan are in love -- we're all a little bit in love with Zoey. She slashes and feints, her sword is a blur... but the manticore parries her every move until --

Zoey's sword grazes the manticore's side. He HOWLS in pain and sweeps his wing around to knock Zoey off her feet!

141

LOGAN

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*Zoey!*

From Zoey's POV, we see the manticore advance... out of the corner of her eye, she spots Logan racing towards her.

142

ZOEY

142

Don't be an idiot!

143

LOGAN

143

(grits his teeth)  
Too late.

The manticore flicks his tail... a quill flies straight for Zoey... Logan leaps and... SHUNK! Logan drops to the ground, crystallized. Zoey's face crumples in anguish.

As Zoey reacts to Logan getting turned into crystal, ANGLE ON Mateo as he realizes -- *Logan is the one Zoey likes.*

But there's no time to dwell on it. Mateo dreamcrafts a barrage of arrows. *THWICK! THWICK!* They bounce harmlessly off the manticore's tough hide! And then --

SNAP! The manticore cracks his tail like a whip firing quills like arrows. *SHUNK! SHUNK!* Mateo and Z Blob are *turned to crystal!*

The manticore turns on Zoey -- last woman standing -- she brandishes her CLOCK. But before she can wind time --

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| 144 | MANTICORE   | 144 |
|     | Enough! Prove you are a worthy<br>dreamer or be trapped<br>forevermore... |     |

The manticore SNAPS open his wings, transitioning us to...

#### TEMPTATION SEQUENCE

Zoey's startled to find herself in a crystal cave (think Fortress of Solitude meets funhouse Hall of Mirrors). Cold. Disconcerting. Zoey stares at her reflection, which morphs into the manticore. He is everywhere and nowhere, cajoling.

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| 145 | MANTICORE (CONT'D)                                    | 145 |
|     | I can see into your heart. I know<br>what it desires. |     |

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| 146 | ZOEY   | 146 |
|     | If you knew me, you'd know I'm<br>heartless. |     |

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| 147 | MANTICORE   | 147 |
|     | Tsk, tsk. We both know that's not<br>true. I sense a deep loneliness in<br>you, Zoey. |     |

That lands. Zoey flinches.

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| 148 | MANTICORE (CONT'D)   | 148 |
|     | You may have a tough hide like me.<br>But you've lost people and that<br>takes a toll. |     |

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| 149 | ZOEY                                      | 149 |
|     | You're the reason I'm alone right<br>now! |     |

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| 150 | MANTICORE  | 150 |
|     | Years ago, Luna tasked me with<br>protecting the castle.<br>(MORE) |     |

MANTICORE (CONT'D)

Not knowing what guise the Nightmare King would come in, I must be sure you're not him. Prove it and I'll let your friends go.

ZOEY

(aghast)

I'm not the Nightmare King!

152 MANTICORE 152

Exactly what the Nightmare King  
would say.

153                                 ZOEY                                 153  
                                (seething)  
I hate him. I'm going to stop him  
from ruining the Dream World.

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| 154 | MANTICORE                         | 154 |
|     | Ahh, the one place you feel safe. |     |
|     | The one place you can be          |     |
|     | yourself...                       |     |

155                                 ZOEY                                 155  
You said it. Not me.

The manticore is suddenly next to Zoey. He curls a wing around her, persuasive.

156 MANTICORE 156

But what if I could make the Dream  
World even better? Bring your  
parents back? Give you everything  
you could ever want...

(beat, then)

All you have to do is ask.



The manticore gestures to where we see a silhouetted image of a young Zoey holding hands with her parents. Zoey wavers, clearly torn.

157 MANTICORE (CONT'D) 157  
Wouldn't you like to have a family?

Zoey closes her eyes. We FLASH to: Zion nuzzling her; Izzie hugging her; Cooper high-fiving her, Mateo huddling with her behind the painting; and finally, Logan leaping in front of her. She squares her shoulders and opens her eyes.

158                                 ZOEY                                 158  
    <DEEP BREATH> I already have a  
    family. So thanks but no thanks.  
    I'm good.

With a SNAP of the manticore's wings, we transition back to:

17                    INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - GREAT HALL - CONTINUOUS                    17

The manticore gets in Zoey's face. Menacing. Opens his mouth to flash his fangs. Zoey tenses, anticipating the worst...

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| 159 | MANTICORE                   | 159 |
|     | That. Was. <i>AWESOME!!</i> |     |

The manticore breaks into a HUGE GRIN. CLAPS his hands twice. Air horn blasts. An explosion of CONFETTI. Zoey's jaw drops and she splutters as confetti rains down from the sky.

160                                 ZOEY                                 160  
W-w-what the heck?



The manticore holds up his paw as if to say *wait a sec*. He pulls a small voice modulator DEVICE off his neck. Crushes it. Grins. Says in a much friendlier, higher-pitched voice:

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161                                MANTICORE                                161
    Whew, that's better! You have no
    idea how happy I am to be done with
    the whole 'scary manticore'
    routine. Now, where were we?

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162                                 ZOEY                                 162  
Beats me.

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163                                MANTICORE                                163
    You did it! You passed Luna's final
    test! And now...
        (ecstatic)
    I have someone to talk to again!!

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The manticore envelopes Zoey in a hug! She stares, dumb-founded as KRAAAK! The crystal encasing Mateo, Logan, Oz, and Z Blob breaks apart. It's their turn to stare, stunned.

Zion shakes himself, sending crystals TWINKLING to the ground. Spotting the manticore, Zion growls and charges!

164                                 ZOEY                                 164  
                                Zion, wait! He's okay!

Zion slams to a stop. To everyone's amazement, the manticore scratches Zion -- and he actually likes it! Zion flops onto his back for a belly rub.

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| 165 | MANTICORE                                   | 165 |
|     | Who's a good kitty? You're a good<br>kitty! |     |



That unlikely sight greets Albert, Cooper, and Izzie, who race in, looking for a fight. Come up short at the scene.

Everyone stares, incredulous, as the manticore starts enthusiastically shaking hands.

166 MANTICORE (CONT'D) 166  
Hey! Hi! How you doin'?

167 COOPER 167  
Hold up. You're *friendly*?!

168 MANTICORE 168  
The friendliest!

The manticore shakes Z Blob's hand so exuberantly it sends Z Blob bouncing up and down.

169 MANTICORE (CONT'D) 169  
Love this green look you've got going on.

The manticore moves on to Izzie, who grins.

170 IZZIE 170  
I told them you'd be a big ol' puffball once we got to know you!

171 MANTICORE 171  
(bowing over her hand)  
Filipo Achaemenid Darius Cambysis at your service.

172 IZZIE 172  
Okay if I just call you Phil?

173 MANTICORE 173  
Works for me!

Phil gazes around at the sorry state the castle's in.

174 MANTICORE (CONT'D) 174  
I just wish I knew how to bring the castle back to life.

He gestures to the Dreamlings, still frozen in crystal.

175 MANTICORE (CONT'D) 175  
My home used to be filled with love, light, and creativity. But it vanished the day Luna left, leaving the castle's heart broken. In fact, I haven't even been able to breathe a proper flame since then.

Phil ROARS but all that emerges is a tiny puff of smoke. It fizzles without a spark. Oz claps him on the back.

176 MR. OZ 176  
We can't have that, Phil. You were  
born to breathe fire.  
(beat, then)  
Now then, where is that throne...

Our team watches as Oz bends over to examine the floor of the Great Hall. He wanders aimlessly searching...

ANGLE ON Mateo. He clocks Zoey sneaking a glance at Logan standing off to the side. Mateo sidles over to have a quiet conversation with Zoey.

177 MATEO 177  
So you're willing to face down a  
manticore but you won't go on one  
date with Logan?

178 ZOELY 178  
I don't have time for distractions.  
As long as the Nightmare King is  
out there, the Dream World isn't  
safe.

179 MATEO 179  
That's true. But you're not alone.  
You have all of us. And we make a  
great team.  
(then, gently)  
That's not going to change if you  
give Logan a chance.

Zoey fidgets, clearly torn.

180 MATEO (CONT'D) 180  
(with a sigh)  
Zoey you're fearless, go talk to  
him.

181 ZOELY 181  
(relenting)  
When did you get so smart?

182 MATEO 182  
I've always been this smart?

Zoey and Mateo exchange a smile -- it's not romance but it is friendship and for now, it's good enough.

ANGLE ON Logan, surprised to see Zoey walk up to stand close beside him. She bumps his shoulder, playfully.

183                                 ZOEY                                 183

Hey.

184 Hey. LOGAN 184

Logan grins like a doofus.

ON Mateo watching them. Z Blob reaches up to clasp Mateo's hand sweetly. Nearby, Phil declares loudly:

185 MANTICORE 185  
(re Oz)  
He's mad as a hatter, isn't he?

186 IZZIE 186  
For sure. But he usually knows what  
he's doing.

Just then --

187 MR. OZ 187  
Aha! Found it.

Oz wipes the dust off an octagon shaped TILE in the floor. It's decorated with a large SUNBURST. He presses down on the middle of the sun and --

THWUNK! With a grinding of GEARS... the entire tile FLIPS OVER! It rotates to reveal...

A beautiful, crystal DAIS decorated with STARS and MOONS. Atop the dais rests a gorgeous, grand THRONE. Befitting a ruler of the Dream World. Our team lets out a startled GASP.

Oz picks up Luna's Hourglass. Gestures to an HOURGLASS shaped INDENTATION in the throne.

188 MR. OZ (CONT'D) 188  
Luna once told me about her  
failsafe. All that's left is to  
slot her Hourglass in and bring the  
castle back online.

Oz holds the hourglass out to Mateo.

189 MR. OZ (CONT'D) 189  
Care to do the honors?

Mateo looks around at his friends. The fact they've gotten this far a testament to their strength as a team.

190 MATEO 190  
How 'bout we *all* do the honors?

Oz passes Mateo Luna's Hourglass. The kids approach her throne. Mateo slots the hourglass in. Together, Mateo, Izzie, Cooper, Zoey, and Logan rotate the hourglass 180 degrees...

As the sand starts to drain, a BEAM OF LIGHT shoots up from the top of the hourglass!! Our team stares in awe. CUT TO --

18      **EXT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - DAY - CONTINUOUS**

18

The beam of light blazes brightly penetrating the grey dream ether all around the castle. As the light hits the clouds, they dissipate until the sun shines brightly on Castle Nocturna slowly coming back to life!

Vines recede, dirt disappears, the dingy walls regain their luster until...

We finally get to see Castle Nocturna in all its glory. It's a translucent, iridescent crystal fairy tale castle!

The sound of CHEERS erupts as we CUT TO --

19      **INT. CASTLE NOCTURNA - GREAT HALL - CONTINUOUS**

19

The interior of the Great Hall is transformed. It glitters and glistens. Gold and white pristine banners hang from the ceiling. Our team gazes in wonder. The Dreamlings shake free from their crystal prisons.

Phil ROARS his approval, letting loose a blast of FLAME that forces everyone to dive for cover!

191                      MANTICORE

191

Oopsies.

As our team pick themselves up, the Dreamlings chitter excitedly and dog-pile Phil. Izzie excitedly joins the fray.

192                      IZZIE

192

So, Phil? Any awesome snacks up in  
heahhhh?

193                      MANTICORE

193

Of course! Why I could tell you  
about legions of incredible meals  
served at that very banquet table.

194                      IZZIE

194

Oooh, do tell.

Izzie leans in, all ears. But Albert clears his throat and steps forward, serious.

195                                   ALBERT                                   195  
I hate to break up this cozy scene,  
but we need to find Luna's book.

196                                   MR. OZ                                   196  
Albert's right. The sooner we  
discover the key to defeating the  
Nightmare King, the better.

Izzie grins, excited to drop a bombshell.

197                                   IZZIE                                   197  
What if I told you the book isn't  
actually a *book*?

Off her cryptic announcement, we PUSH IN on Logan's HAT where  
-- unbeknownst to our team -- the Nightmare King's EYE  
TRACKER blinks ominously.

CUT TO:

20       **INT. SHADOWKEEP - GRIM REALM (DREAM WORLD) - CONTINUOUS**       20

As the DARK ARCHER looks on, the NIGHTMARE KING projects an  
image from his staff:

Our team... gathered together in Castle Nocturna...

198                                   DARK ARCHER                                   198  
They're closer than we thought.

199                                   NIGHTMARE KING                                   199  
No matter. Tonight, we destroy  
Castle Nocturna once and for all!!

As the DARK ARMY lets out an unholy cheer, we CUT TO BLACK...

**END OF EPISODE**