

DREAMERS

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SCENE ONE

At rise: 10:00 p.m. in Catrina's bedroom. Catrina has a bunk bed with a desk underneath. Next to her bed are stairs for her dog. There are lots of stuffed animals and photos of her friends and family, and there are string lights on the wall. Catrina is on her bed with her dog, Mushroom.

CATRINA:

(calls offstage) Goodnight mom!

CATRINA'S MOM:

(from offstage) Goodnight sweetheart! Sweet dreams. *(Catrina's mom leans in and turns the light off.)*

CATRINA:

Goodnight, Mushroom.

MUSHROOM:

Ruff (Mushroom wags her tail and lick's Catrina's cheek)

(Catrina falls asleep. The stage gets dark. There is the sound of wind. We see Catrina walking around in the darkness.)

CATRINA:

Where am I? What is happening? Help? Hello? *(she hears footsteps off in the distance)* Who are you?

(Daisy, part human, part bunny, appears. She is wearing a hood that hides her face. When she appears the stage gets light and the wind sound turns to birds chirping.)

DAISY:

(She removes her hood) Hi I'm Daisy. Hmmmm.... I think you're new in this place. Are you?

CATRINA:

Yes? Because I didn't know about this place. So I guess I'm new? Where am I and what is this place called?

DAISY:

This place is called dreaming. Welcome to our dream!

CATRINA:

Huh? I am dreaming? I thought that everything was real. I've had dreams before but I've never dreamed about this place, and I've never met you before. What's happening?

DAISY:

Oh, well, I'm real and during the day I live in the human world like you. And now you've met me. And now you're one of us.

CATRINA:

One of us? Who is "us"??

DAISY:

Yes the dream protectors! We are all humans in the real world during the day. Well, some of us. My friend Robbie is different – he lives on the sun. Our job is to protect all dreams from becoming nightmares. And you are a chosen one!

CATRINA:

Really? I don't understand. Chosen for what?

DAISY:

Well, I already told you, but you're new so I'm going to explain it again. We're dream protectors and our job is to protect all dreams from becoming nightmares-

CATRINA:

Okay, I get it, so why am I a chosen one?

DAISY:

Well, you must be a dreamer.

CATRINA:

What? But everybody dreams.

DAISY:

Well, they chose you because you're curious, brave, intelligent, creative, and so on. Dream protectors need to be all these things because we have to have plans so we can defeat the nightmares. You also need to be brave because nightmares, well, you know how they look.

CATRINA:

(Shudders) I remember once something happened that I saw like this girl who didn't have a face. But it wasn't real I think.

DAISY:

Oh yeah, I remember that.

CATRINA:

But you weren't dreaming the same thing.

DAISY:

No, I protected you from that nightmare. I was your dream protector. I had the power to feel when you were having a nightmare. So I go to the dream and defeat the nightmare by defending you with a magic sword. The nightmare melts and turns to dust. And then the wind takes it away.

CATRINA:

Whoa. Okay, I think I understand. *(A bell rings)*

DAISY:

Oops – time to wake up. I will see you later

CATRINA:

Okay, thanks, see you later.

DAISY:

Wait - don't tell anyone about this because The Dream Protectors are a secret society.

CATRINA:

Okay. Pinky Promise. *(Daisy and Catrina do a pinky promise and Daisy exits.)*

(The queen appears. She has red hair, a golden crown, and a sparkly gown that is the colors of fire. She speaks to Catrina.)

QUEEN

Catrina. Help us defeat them. I trust you.

(Before Catrina can answer or ask a question, she wakes up, and she hears her alarm clock. She turns it off. Mushroom wakes up too.)

CATRINA:

Ooof *(Catrina sighs)* Mushroom, have you ever heard of Dream Protectors?

MUSHROOM:

Ruff *(Shakes head "no")*

CATRINA:

(gasps) I told you! I wasn't supposed to tell anybody! *(quietly and nervous)*
Uhhhhh...Mushroom, I was just joking. Hee hee *(nervous laughter)*

MUSHROOM:

(shrugs and goes back to sleep)

SCENE TWO:

At rise: 10:00 p.m. Catrina's bedroom. Catrina and Mushroom are on her bed.

CATRINA'S MOM:

Goodnight sweetheart. I have to run to the office, but I will be back soon. *(Her mom turns the light off and exits)*

CATRINA:

Goodnight mom! Goodnight Mushroom. Goodnight human world.

(Catrina falls asleep. She is in the same dream, but now it's not dark. Daisy enters.)

CATRINA:

Hi, Daisy!

DAISY:

Hi Catrina! I mean, CAT!

CATRINA:

Cat?

DAISY:

Check your ears and check your tail!

(Catrina reaches up to her head and realizes she now has cat ears, and a cat tail!)

CATRINA:

AH! I'm half cat! What's happening??

DAISY:

Well, a cat is your spirit animal. And every dream protector is part animal in the dream world because of their personality. And have you never noticed my bunny ears and my bunny tail. I'm part bunny because I'm happy, joyful, cheerful, truthful, and who doesn't think I'm cute?

CATRINA:

So what does the cat mean?

DAISY:

That means you're curious, adventurous, brave, patient, truthful, and who doesn't think that cats are cute, too?

CATRINA:

Awwww, thanks. But I've been wondering....

DAISY:

Yes?

CATRINA:

Who chose me to be a dream protector?

DAISY:

Have you seen a woman with red hair, a crown and a beautiful gown in your dreams? Or, have you seen a Phoenix that has eyes of gold and it's feathers look like flames?

CATRINA:

I have seen that woman that you're saying. When I told you about the pinky promise and I was going to leave this woman appeared and I think she was the person that you're saying.

DAISY:

Did she say anything to you? Also, so you know, she's the queen of this place!

CATRINA:

Whoa, cool. Wait, so the QUEEN chose me?

DAISY:

Yes, but now let's get back to the story. What did the queen say?

CATRINA:

Yes, she spoke to me and she told me, "Catrina, help us defeat them. I trust in you."
Oh, I mean she said, "I trust you".

DAISY:

What happened next?

CATRINA:

I woke up and heard my alarm. And I definitely did NOT tell anything to my dog.

DAISY:

(with a suspicious face) Okaaayyyyyyy.... Oh, I almost forgot, you need to train!
Today is your training day!!!

CATRINA:

Huh? Training day? When do we start?

DAISY:

Right now! First, you need to train how to use the magic sword. Second, you need to know how to have brilliant plans. Third, you need to know how to be brave and not be scared of the nightmares. Fourth, you need to sense if your person is having bad dreams. Every dream protector has their own person that they protect from bad dreams. And you're gonna know who is that person.

CATRINA:

How do we start?

DAISY:

First you need to train how to use the magic sword. Now, let's go to the training area. *(They go to the training area, it is a big room with a lot of blocks she needs to learn to jump on. There is a mat with a mannequin that looks like a nightmare. In the room there is a wall with magic swords. There is a big table with a sign that says "Plans" and there is a big screen that has all the problems that are around the kingdom.)*

VOICE OVER:

Three hours later *(Daisy and Catrina are panting and look like they've been working very hard.)*

DAISY:

You did a great job! Now the last part. *(They come to an area with a sign that says "Your person" and there is a screen showing many people.)*

CATRINA:

What are all these people?

DAISY:

This is where they tell you who's your person. You don't need to choose them. The screens know your training and personality and they will know who's your person.

CATRINA:

The screens know your training AND your personality?

DAISY:

Yes, because these screens are magical. Now it's time for you to see who's your person. Just say your name, so the screen knows who's your person.

CATRINA:

(Steps to screen) I am Catrina.

(The screen "beeps" and shows many people, then stops on one person. The image of a young girl appears.)

CATRINA:
Who's that?

VOICE FROM THE SCREEN:
Huh?

DAISY:
You don't know? Screen, please show her the information.

(Screen "beeps" some more, then shows information. Catrina reads it, then gets in shock.)

CATRINA:
Christina Halminton?? Daughter of Christain Halminton?? That's my dad! *(Catrina starts pushing all the buttons under the screen at the same time.)*

SCENE THREE

At rise: Training room, just a few moments later. Catrina is still pushing the buttons under the screen.

DAISY:
Stop it Catrina!

(Catrina stops)

CATRINA:
Why does my dad have another family?

THE SCREEN VOICE:
What happened to him???

CATRINA:
My dad left my mom when they divorced. They had a big problem being together. They always fought. And my dad got enough of it and he left us. Even though they fought, I loved my dad *(Catrina starts to cry.)* Now he has another family.

DAISY:
But he loves you still. Don't be sad.

CATRINA:
How do you know that?

DAISY:

Well, not all dream protectors only have one person. Some of us are lucky to have two. And I'm one of them. My second person is actually your dad.

CATRINA:

My dad??????

DAISY:

Yes. And I have seen his nightmares. His nightmares are that you don't love him anymore. And his other nightmares are that you wouldn't get along with his new family.

CATRINA:

Oh.

DAISY:

So the screen picked Christina because you are kind of the same with your personality. Maybe if you are her dream protector, you could get to know her in dreaming, and maybe get along in the human world.

CATRINA:

Thanks.

(The stage gets brighter, and the queen and the phoenix appear.)

QUEEN:

Catrina, it's now time for you to be a dream protector. I hope that you and Christina can get along together. My job is to choose who you are going to protect and your job is to protect. And because I know this is hard for you, I will let you go to her dreams every time she is dreaming and you can know her more than only going to her nightmares.

CATRINA:

Thanks. I trust you.

SCENE FOUR

At rise: The next night, in dreaming. We see Catrina and the Queen. With her magic sword, Catrina makes a circle and then a portal appears. Catrina steps toward the portal, and checks back before she gets in to look at the Queen. And the Queen nods her heads to say "yes". Catrina nods her head too. Then Catrina gets in the portal. Then Catrina is in Christina's dream.

CATRINA:

Hi, I'm Catrina.

Blackout.

END OF PLAY