

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

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ON BLACK

A SHARP PIERCING SCREAM CUTS THROUGH THE DARKNESS

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

The door opens and in come RAYMOND and DOROTHY, a young couple wearing pajamas.

RAYMOND

Sophie, are you ok?

CLICK - A lamp turns on and we see Raymond and Dorothy sitting on the edge of the bed where their daughter SOPHIE - age 5, sits upright, frightened, looking at her parents with puppy dog eyes.

SOPHIE

I had a bad dream again.

RAYMOND

It's alright honey, it's gone now,
we're here.

SOPHIE

But what if it comes back?

RAYMOND

I'll let you in on a little secret.
When you close your eyes and go to
sleep, think of the fluffiest cutest
little bunny you can imagine, and a
world where you can do everything you
want.

Sophie

A world?

RAYMOND

Yes. A dream world.

Sophie looks unconvinced at Raymond.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

...and if that doesn't work, tomorrow
we'll go and buy you something to keep
those bad dreams away. Ok pumpkin?

Sophie suddenly bursts with joy.

SOPHIE

Yaaaaay!

RAYMOND

Alright now. You go back to sleep and
we'll come to see you in the morning
ok?

SOPHIE

Oky daddy.

Raymond and Dorothy lean in and kiss Sophie on the forehead
before leaving her room.

They close the door and Sophie is again floating in a pitch
black void with only a glimmer of moonlight to keep her
company.

CAMERA pans around the room and FOCUSES towards the bottom of
a WHITE DRESSER.

LIGHT CRACKLING SOUNDS come from underneath the dresser, like
someone is slowly crushing a boiled egg, an insidious feel.

Sophie is sound asleep in her bed.

FADE TO BLACK.

CRACKLING FADES OUT.

EXT. SOPHIE'S HOUSE - MORNING

Outside shot of Sophie's house in a picture perfect morning.

INT. SOPHIE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Raymond and Dorothy enter Sophie's room.

RAYMOND

Morning sunshine, sleep alright?

Sophie sits upright in her bed rubbing her sleepy eyes.

Raymond walks over to Sophie and kneels beside her.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

Had anymore bad dreams last night?

SOPHIE

No.

RAYMOND

Told ya!

SOPHIE

Does this mean I don't get a toy
anymore?

Raymond looks over his shoulder at Dorothy.

DOROTHY

You did promised her.

RAYMOND

Eh why not, we gotta keep those bad
dreams from coming back don't we?

Sophie smiles.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

Now brush your teeth and come
downstairs for breakfast. Your mom
made blueberry muffins.

Sophie jumps out of bed in delight.

SOPHIE

Yaaaay!

EXT. FLEE MARKET - LATER THAT DAY

A joyful atmosphere, a cluttered alley full of bazars, shops, and people milling about everywhere with merchandise.

Raymond and Sophie are trying to advance through the thick crowd.

SOPHIE

Where are all the toys?

RAYMOND

We'll get to them in a minute sweetie,
they keep them in the back. First I
need to find something for my--

Something catches Sophie's attention and she snatches away from Raymond, disappearing into the moving wall of people.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)
(grabbing the air behind her)

Sophie! Wait!

Raymond catches up with Sophie and finds her standing by a GIPSY WOMAN with a few old toys scattered on a blanket. She holds a TEDDY BEAR in her arms, a KNIGHT TEDDY BEAR, with a tiny helmet, a small wooden shield, and a wooden sword sown to its paw.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

I see you found something.

SOPHIE

Can I have it daddy?

GIPSY WOMAN

Little girl has big heart, she heard
the calling.

RAYMOND

Of the Teddy Bear?

GIPSY WOMAN

Of the protecting spirit.

RAYMOND

Alright, how much do you want for it?

GIPSY WOMAN

Depends, what do you want it for?

SOPHIE

I need it to protect me from bad
dreams.

GIPSY WOMAN

Than that it's what it will do, my
child.

RAYMOND

So, five bucks?

GIPSY WOMAN

25.

RAYMOND

25 bucks?! For a stuffed bear?!

SOPHIE

Pleeeeeeease daddy!

RAYMOND

(counting money in his
wallet)

Using my own kid to extort me, that
has to be a new low.

Raymond hands the money to the Gipsy Woman and she grabs him
by the wrist staring intensely into his eyes.

GIPSY WOMAN

The sprits do not come in dark homes
Mr. Raymond, you also have big heart.
Keep the home happy, and your daughter
will be protected.

The Gipsy Woman lets go of Raymond and he slowly retreats.

RAYMOND

Well, I guess I got my money's worth
with that one, see ya later, and,
thanks for the bear.

Raymond and Sophie walk away from the Gipsy Woman.

SOPHIE

That lady knew your name.

RAYMOND

She saw my ID when I opened my wallet
dear.

SHATTERING NOISE echoes from behind.

Raymond and Sophie stop and turn around.

We see the Gipsy Woman standing next to a broken ceramic pot,
waving a cane. She is blind.

The salesman of the ceramic shop is shouting and gesturing
frantically.

CERAMIC SALESMAN

I worked all night to make that pot!

Raymond looks down at Sophie with suspicion.

FOCUS on the Teddy Bear in Sophie's arms.

RAYMOND

Come on buttercup, let's see if daddy
can find a toy for himself too, I have
some bad dreams of my own.

SOPHIE

You have bad dreams too?

RAYMOND

Yep, every time the car breaks down.

SOPHIE

Can't you think of a fluffy bunny?

RAYMOND

He-he, You know , I haven't really
thought of that.
(beat)

So you have a name for your new
friend?

SOPHIE

No.

RAYMOND

Well, he has a shield and a sword, and
a helmet, I guess he is some sort of
Knight.

SOPHIE

Teddy Bear Knight!

RAYMOND

You see, that wasn't so hard, nice to
meet you Teddy Bear Knight,
(looking far into the
distance)

(MORE)

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

You take good care of my daughter

Teddy Bear, and keep those bad dreams

away.

Is the only place I can't go and do it

myself.

INT. SOPHIE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

We hear Raymond's MUFFLED VOICE from behind the door.

RAYMOND (O.C.)

Come on sport, time for bed!

Sophie bursts through the door and slams herself into bed, holding her new Teddy Bear close to her chest.

Dorothy walks in her room and approaches her bed.

DOROTHY

You gave it a name yet?

SOPHIE

Yes. Teddy Bear Knight.

DOROTHY

Well then, let's hope that Teddy Bear

of yours does a good job at keeping

those bad dreams away.

Dorothy gives Sophie a peck on the forehead then turns off the lamp.

RAYMOND

Good night Sophie!

SOPHIE

Good night mommy!

The door closes and the room is almost pitch black.

Sophie is sleeping with Teddy Bear tight to her chest.

CAMERA pans around the room, and FOCUSES on the same white dresser, moving down towards the floor, going underneath it.

We hear the same ominous CRACKLING NOISE and a RED MIST starts rolling into the room, carrying a strange shadowy figure that floats towards Sophie's bed.

CLOSE UP Sophie sound asleep holding the Teddy Bear in her arms.

The red mist is above Sophie's feet and the dark shadowy figure crawls underneath the sheets then comes out lingering and slithering above her. A fluid red mist staring at the little girl with CRYSTAL BLUE EYES. Nothing human in them. Pure evil.

It snarls and charges towards Sophie in a mad rush but stops just inches away, face frozen in surprise.

ENSAMHET

Huh?

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT (O.C.)

Not so fast foggy!

As the entity turns around, we see Sophie's Teddy Bear, now came to life, holding a firm grip on the nightmares' tail.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT (CONT'D)

What do you think you are doing?

With a swift move, Teddy Bear yanks the nightmare's tail and sends it tumbling across the floor - WHAM!

ENSAMHET
(slithering voice)

What? Who are you?

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

I, am TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT, and this
girl, is under my protection!

The nightmare whooshes across the room and stops in Teddy Bear's face.

ENSAMHET

You can't ssssssstop me!

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

I just did!

Ensamhet reveals a sharp claw and prepares to strike Teddy Bear with it but he ducks and rolls sideways pulling out his sword and blocks another blow with his shield.

He kicks the nightmare in the chest and swings his sword chopping one of its claws off.

Ensamhet and Teddy Bear face each other in a stand-off, with Ensamhet hovering and slithering menacingly in the sharp tip of Teddy Bear's sword.

CLOSE UP Teddy Bear's twinkling dark eyes.

CLOSE UP Ensamhet's neon blue eyes looking over Teddy Bear's shoulder seeing the sun rising. He growls in frustration and quickly retreats underneath the dresser.

ENSAMHET

Thisssssssss isn't over Teddy Bear, I
will be back!

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT
(holsters his sword)

And I will be waiting!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. SOPHIE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Morning comes, casting away the ominous feel of the night, and Sophie wakes up next to her Teddy Bear, now a lifeless toy again.

SOPHIE

I had a nice dream last night. I
dreamt I was flying with the stars,
and the stars were all smiling at me.
(beat)

Thank you.

The bedroom door opens and Dorothy walks in.

DOROTHY

My, you're up early!

Dorothy walks over to Sophie's bed.

DOROTHY (CONT'D)

Did you had another bad dream last night?

SOPHIE

No!

(squeezes Teddy Bear to her chest)

Teddy Bear protected me!

DOROTHY

That is a brave little Teddy Bear!

You should take good care of him.

SOPHIE

I will mommy!

DOROTHY

Good, now brush your teeth and come downstairs, breakfast is ready.

Sophie yawns and stretches.

Dorothy walks out of the room while Sophie gets out of bed and takes the Teddy Bear with her.

SOPHIE

You're coming with me Mr. Teddy Bear

I'm not letting you out of my sight!

CLOSE UP Teddy Bear Knight, background fades to dark, and when we PAN OUT we see Sophie ready for bed.

Raymond is making his way out of the room.

RAYMOND

Goodnight Buttercup!

SOPHIE

Good night daddy!

Lights go out and the bedroom door closes.

CLOSE UP Teddy Bear Knight, and we see small twinkles glittering in his eyes. The little twinkles start moving left and right, then its little paws start twitching.

Sophie turns to the other side releasing Teddy Bear. She pulls the blanket over her shoulder and inhales deeply as she continues to sleep.

From behind her, Teddy Bear peels his round ears then moves to the edge of the bed and jumps on the floor.

He climbs onto the window seal and looks up at the moon.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

The night is my might,

Nightmares I fight,

I will serve my master,

I will do what's right,

For I, am Teddy Bear Knight!

Thunder and lightning rumble outside as approval.

Teddy Bear jumps from the window and stands guard besides Sophie's bed - a small furry creature bursting with an endless well of love and commitment.

FADE TO:

A few moments past midnight, the same crackling noise fills the room.

Teddy Bear Knight peels his ears and when he looks up at the ceiling, he sees a large shadow dripping on the floor.

Its cold blue eyes shine through the darkness of the room and growls viciously as it flexes its body.

ENSAMHET

Remember me?

Teddy Bear Knight quickly pulls out his sword and hides behind his shield preparing for another round.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Foul Ensamhet ! You will not scare
this little girl anymore! No matter
how big and ugly you are!

Ensamhet grows in size and charges towards Teddy Bear with its long sharp claws. Teddy Bear blocks a claw with his sword and the other with his shield then kicks the creature in the belly sending it tumbling backwards.

A sharp flick of the tail and Ensamhet sweeps Teddy Bear off his feet.

He gets up and they both push against each other in a fierce clench. Ensamhet is clearly stronger but Teddy Bear doesn't relent.

Ensamhet forces Teddy Bear back into a corner and raises his scorpion tail over his head.

ENSAMHET

End of the line Teddy Bear!
This little girl will have the worst
nightmare of her life!

A whiplash and Teddy Bear falls on the floor.

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ENSAMHET'S DIABOLICAL LAUGH FADES OUT REVERBERATING.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

No! Sophie!

INT. SOPHIE'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Thunder and lightning rumble outside and the rain comes in sheets against her bedroom window.

Sophie is twitching and turning in her bed, and with the next flash of lightning she wakes up and pushes all the air from her lungs into a terrifying scream.

The bedroom door bursts open, the lights turn on, and in comes Raymond and Dorothy.

RAYMOND

What's wrong honey?

Sophie cannot stop crying. She gasps and sniffles while tears streak her checks.

Her father sits next to her and wipes the tears of her face then takes her in his arms.

RAYMOND (CONT'D)

It's ok honey, daddy's here now, it's all right.

SOPHIE

I had a bad dream daddy, the scariest dream I've ever had!

RAYMOND

Well it's over now sweetie, no bad dream can get you while I got you in my arms.

SOPHIE

But Teddy Bear was supposed to protect me, why didn't he protect me daddy? I was nice to him!

DOROTHY

Well, honey, I'm sure he tried his best.

SOPHIE

Teddy Bear Knight lied to me, he was supposed to protect me.

RAYMOND

Hey, hey hey. You're a big girl now anyway. You can protect yourself from the bad dreams.

SOPHIE

And I won't need Teddy Bear Knight anymore?

RAYMOND

No. You won't be needing his services anymore.

Sophie wipes her tears and sniffles.

SOPHIE

Can I sleep with you tonight?

DOROTHY

Off course you can sweetie, we'll make sure those bad dreams don't come near you again.

RAYMOND

But only if you promise you stop crying.

Her father stands up holding Sophie in his arms and they all exit the bedroom.

Thunder rumbles and lightning flashes reveal Sophie's empty room.

Another flash shows Teddy Bear lying against the dresser on the floor.

CLOSE UP Teddy Bear's eye.

Another lightning and the flash leaves a small twinkle in Teddy Bear's eye. With the next one, he is gone, now standing on the bedroom window.

The left button eye hangs down his cheek, and white stuffing bursts through the rips in his fabric. Teddy Bear holsters his sword and shoulders his shield staring into the night.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

I'm coming for you, Ensamhet!

The following flash of lightning shows the window half way opened and Teddy Bear gone.

EXT. FIELD - NIGHT

We see Teddy Bear's ears peeled backwards, his feet stomping the mud, water dripping down his fur.

He fights against the angry storm pushing himself against the battering winds and treating each gust like an arch enemy then--

--everything is dead silent.

The wind and the rain stopped, and the light around him has a light orange hue.

Nothing but desolated land everywhere around him. An entirely different world completely untouched by life.

He looks behind him and sees the blood orange sun half way over the horizon.

A passing shadow sweeps by his feet and zig-zags away from the sun's rays.

Teddy Bear follows it until it arrives by his feet.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

What are you supposed to be?

We hear SOFT REVERBING WHISPERS then we see Teddy Bear's ear twitching.

EMAS

Eeeeeeeeeemaaaaaaaaassssssssssssssss!

Teddy Bear flexes his brow and pulls out his sword.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT
(circling around himself)

Come out and fight me you coward! I'm
not afraid of you!

Nothing happens for a beat, and just as Teddy Bear gets ready to holster his sword, the fast moving shadow sweeps him off his feet and he falls on his back.

EMAS

You faaaaaaaaaaaaaaileeeeee!

Gooooooooooooo baaaaaaaack!

Teddy Bear grunts in anger, he shakes his head, stabs the ground with his sword and when he tries to help himself up, he sees his own reflection in it.

He looks back at himself in awe, touching his hanging eye button then feeling the drenched cotton poking through his fabric.

Another slap from the shadow sends Teddy Bear stumbling back in anger.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Argh! What is this?!

EMAS

Gooooooooo baaaaaaaack!

He peels his ears, gets a tight grip on his sword, and BANG! Slams his sword right in the tail of the squirming shadow.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

No! I'm not going back! And neither
will you. Now tell me, where do I find
Ensamhet?

EMAS

Ensamhet? You are no match for him.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Tell me where I can find him or I will
point this sword directly into the sun
and pulverize you!

EMAS

He will be your nightmare!

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

I don't care!

EMAS

You would sacrifice yourself just so a
little girl can have nice dreams?

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Yes I would!

A voice of an angel speaks to him from behind.

EBB (O.C.)

Very well then.

Teddy Bear then looks behind him and his jaw drops in awe as he stands in front of an ANGEL dressed in a black and orange gown, with a pair of blue wings on its back, and red ribbons spiraling up her arms.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Who are you?

EBB

I am EBB, the guardian of the
Conflict. Protector of the realm
between dreams and reality.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

(looking around at the
desolated landscape)

This realm?

(MORE)

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT (CONT'D)

Doesn't look like there is much to protect.

EBB

You can walk and talk yet humans don't see you Teddy Bear Knight. Magic does not happen with your eyes.

You are at the crossroad between the dream world and the real world. A place where good and bad dreams fight to go through and become a reality. Most of the times the good dreams make it to reality and become wonderful ideas that help inspire generations. However, sometimes, bad dreams prevail, and when they do, they bring nothing but suffering with them. We call this land, THE CONFLICT

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Wouldn't it be easier to stop them from getting out in the first place?

EBB

No. Because unlike the good dreams that grow here only when evil is in reality, bad dreams grow regardless of what happens in the real world.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

So? Keep them here and the children
will be safe.

EBB

But we won't. We must let out a few
bad dreams into your world if we want
to avoid destroying ours.

Otherwise the dream world will be
gone.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

And you have to decide what evil to
unleash into the world? Are you sure
you're wearing the right uniform?

EBB

Now you know why it is called the
Conflict. We do not know how the
nightmares will look when we let them
through. To us they are like shadows
until they cross into the other side.
And when we see them, we can only pray
that the good dreams grow quickly so
they can stop them.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Did you let Ensamhet out as well?

EBB

No. He is always one step over the threshold, carried in their hearts by the people of your world. He is a trap, one that people try to avoid but continuously fall into. For Ensamhet does not haunt dreams just to scare people, he plants a seed into the soul, and if it grows, it isolates that soul from the rest of the world, turning it into a slave.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

All the more reason to stop him.

EBB

You are in no state to fight him Teddy Bear Knight.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

I will be by the time I see him.
How do I find him?

EBB

By taking the journey with your heart and not with your feet

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

I'm sorry, I don't understand.

EBB

Where can you go when you are surrounded by nowhere?

Ebb starts fading away.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT

Wait!

But it was too late. Ebb was gone.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT (CONT'D)
(shouting at the air above)

How could you let evil spawn into the
world?

Do you have any idea how scared that
little girl is right now?

I was supposed to protect her!

I failed...

As soon as he said those last words, the same slithering
shadow came crawling back at his feet, trying to coil up his
leg.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT (CONT'D)

Beat it doubt!

I'm not going back until I'm finished
with that pesky nightmare!

Teddy Bear looks up and finds himself standing in front of a
BLACK DENSE FOREST with a chilling air coming from it.
Frightening and tempting at the same time.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT (CONT'D)

I guess I should get used to this.

Teddy Bear looks at himself in the reflection of his sword,
his mangled body and his eye hanging by a thread.

Behind him, his slithering doubt was waiting. In front, an
entire ocean of shadows was gaping between the trees.

Teddy Bear holsters his sword and starts marching into the
forest.

TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT (CONT'D)

The darkness is my might,
Blind or half sight,
I shall crush that evil,
For I,
Am TEDDY BEAR KNIGHT!

CUT TO:

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END