

MONSTER HIGH

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OPENING CREDITS

SINGER

*Monster, Monster High/
We might give you a fright/*

*Unique as can be/
And friends forever, literally/
We might walk, might swim, might
fly/
Either way we gonna run the night/*

*We're Monster, Monster High/
Monster, Monster High/
We might give you a fright/*

*Monster, Monster High/
Friendship never dies/
We're Monster High/*

Monster High/

We're Monster High

"Paw-zzle Pieces" Part 1

INT. WOLF HOME, MAIN ROOM - NIGHT

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

Well, iBall, it's been a whirlwind weekend. After I came clean to my dad about my true inner monster, we had some serious quality time. We laughed --

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

We ate --

CLAWDEEN

This smell, this taste... I could never forget.

MR. WOLF

Mom's tamales recipe. Mine never come out as good as hers, but not bad.

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

-- We talked about mom.

CLAWDEEN

This is my favorite -- wait, I don't remember ever seeing mom in werewolf form, but look her hand, er, paw. Even if I didn't know, I must've felt it. Why'd she have to disappear before she could tell me?!

MR. WOLF

I know this sounds one sausage short of a gumbo, but I have a feeling that she's still alive out there, somewhere. And every second of the last ten years, all I've wanted is to find her.

CLAWDEEN

I know looking into her secrets was dangerous, but she had to have left something behind.

MR. WOLF

You can look in her stuff.

CLAWDEEN

Whoa! Look at all this! But I don't see anything about her monster side. Guess she wouldn't have kept that stuff here. A human might've seen it.

MR. WOLF

True. Still, some little clues slipped through.

CLAWDEEN

Ha! I've looked at this music box a million times and never thought it was a clue about my mom being a werewolf. She used to sing me this lullaby.

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

<HUMS>

MR. WOLF

Everything else she left was a dead end. Up next in mom's box of mysteries, we have a blank book.

CLAWDEEN

Dad, THIS book's not blank!

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

Wait --

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

Blank.

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

Not blank.

MR. WOLF

For monster eyes only!? Your mom brought it home right before she disappeared.

CLAWDEEN

"Monster High: An Architectural History." This has to be a clue to where she went. And I'm gonna figure it out.

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

All these years without my mom, my heart's had a paw-shaped hole...

EXT. MONSTER HIGH - ESTABLISHING - MONDAY

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

But when I went back to Monster High after my weekend home, I realized that a lot of other monster-shaped pieces fit into my heart puzzle too.

INT. CLAWDEEN/FRANKIE/DRACULAURA'S DORM - LATER

CLAWDEEN

It has to mean something, right?

DRACULAURA

It's from our library. But be prepared for killer late fees.

DRACULAURA (CONT'D)

It's ten years overdue.

FRANKIE

Oops. Ya dropped this.

CLAWDEEN

Looks like a puzzle. This could be a clue about what happened to my mom!

DRACULAURA

Luckily, I'm an ace code cracking puzzle-solver! Like, almost the best in our puzzle-ology class.

FRANKIE

Except for Manny, who IS the best puzzle solver in our class.

DRACULAURA

Everyone needs a good arch-rival.

DRACULAURA (CONT'D)

Hmm. That looks like a gorgon. And some sort of bat. And the thing in the middle is a bullseye...

FRANKIE/CLAWDEEN

Oh! / What?!

FRANKIE

Says here Lagoona's great-great grand-momster was the model for the sea monster guardian statue! Neat.

CLAWDEEN

How is that connected to my mom's disappearance?

DRACULAURA

I don't know. Maybe we should start where she left off --

CLAWDEEN

The library!

INT. LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

DRACULAURA

Manny Taur!

MANNY

Aagh! Oh, hi! Sorry. Library's usually just me at this hour.

MANNY (CONT'D)

Soooo, how can I help you, Draculaura?

DRACULAURA

<LAUGHS> Help me? I can't accept help from my puzzle-ology rival. Not even if you are a junior librarian.

MANNY

We're rivals? Really? That's... an honor, I guess.

FRANKIE

Hi. Know anything 'bout this?

MANNY

Yiii! The Architectural History of Monster High volume one! This has been out of circulation for a decade. I've read the other eight volumes. Twice... Okay, three times. But now my completionist dreams can finally come true!

CLAWDEEN

There are NINE volumes? Yeesh.

MANNY

Yeah, but this is the only one that describes the ORIGINAL Monster High, as the founders intended it. Ooh, it even talks about the deepest level of the catacomb labyrinth underneath the school!

FRANKIE

Oh, feeling a flashback coming on!

SHADOWY FIGURE

We're not stopping now, Dr. Blunder! I didn't come all the way down to the catacombs for nothing.

MANNY

Uh, is Frankie okay?

DRACULAURA

Frankenstein monster thinkies. It's a thing they do sometimes.

FRANKIE

Dr. Blunder's brain bit wiggled again. Saw some symbols, and catacombs, and monsters in snazzy cloaks and! And!

FRANKIE (CONT'D)

And nothing. Poof. Memory gone.

DRACULAURA

Uh, Frankie, where are you going?

FRANKIE

Mom says when that happens, I gotta jog the memory. So I'm going jogging. Bye!

CLAWDEEN

It's some sort of puzzle.

MANNY

Oh! I LOVE puzzles. They're kinda my thing.

DRACULAURA

I ALSO love puzzles. And they'll be my thing... eventually. But don't you worry, Clawdeen. I'll figure this out. No matter how hard it is or how long it takes.

(MORE)

DRACULAURA (CONT'D)

Even if I have to go to the ends of the Earth or even the ends of the universe--

MANNY

Got it!

DRACULAURA

Showoff.

MANNY

The Monster High founders built the school on a wellspring of power that could only be accessed through the catacomb labyrinth. There were entrances to the labyrinth around the school, but they've all been sealed off. This map shows the original entrances -- and the symbols line up!

CLAWDEEN

This one -- it's the werewolf statue in the garden!

MANNY

We'll need to do some research. If this led to your mom disappearing, we'll want to be careful --

DRACULAURA

Werewolf zoomies. It's a thing they do sometimes. Come on.

MANNY

<SNIFF, YELP>

EXT. SCHOOL GARDEN - MOMENTS LATER

CLAWDEEN

Ugh. It's just...statue-y.

MANNY

We could go *back* to the library and read the book for more information? And I'm not saying that just because I really wanna read it.

CLAWDEEN

But we're so close! My mom's been gone for ten years already. I need her back -- I'm not letting some statue get in my way!

DRACULAURA

What did you do?!

EXT. MONSTER HIGH - SAME TIME

DEUCE

Yo, Frankie! What's up?

FRANKIE

Just out for a jog with Watzie!

FRANKIE (CONT'D)

Been trying to remember something.

DEUCE SNAKES

Preccciousssss memoriesssssss?

ANCIENT GORGON SNAKES (O.S.)

Placccce the talisssssmanssssss.

DR. BLUNDER

The portal should only be opened during the Blood Moon Eclipse with the *full* monster council present and their respective talismans in hand! Otherwise, opening this portal could unleash DISASTER on our entire world--

FRANKIE

"Opening this portal could unleash DISASTER on our entire world--"

DEUCE

That sounds like a real bumner.

FRANKIE

And it sounds like something Clawdeen would do to find her mom! Watzie! Legs! C'mon, Deuce!

INT. CATACOMBS - SAME TIME

MANNY

Hmmm. This must be the catacomb labyrinth the book mentioned. The book I didn't get a chance to finish reading.

DRACULAURA

We should probably head back to the Library and do some more research. We can come back later--

DRACULAURA (CONT'D)

--a LOT later.

CLAWDEEN

Uh-uh. No way. We're so close. Mom must've left the moon claw so I could find Monster High. And now I have the clues to finally find HER.

DRACULAURA

<SIGH> FINE. I'm a total bloodsucker for family reunions. Looks like we've got a labyrinth to solve, Manny.

DRACULAURA (CONT'D)

And if we could do it super fast that would be much appreciated.

INT. LIBRARY - SAME TIME

DEUCE

Draculaura? C.D.? You in here?

FRANKIE

The map? If they know about the statue, betcha they're already in the catacombs!

FRANKIE (CONT'D)

We have to stop them before they unleash that disaster.

FRANKIE (CONT'D)

Watzie, could you use that super sniffer to track Clawdeen?

WATZIE

<BARKS>

INT. CATACOMBS - PUZZLE ROOM CENTER - MOMENTS LATER

CLAWDEEN

That howling was just a draft. See? Nothing to be worried about!

MANNY

But where's the draft coming from?

DRACULAURA

Yeah, all I see is rock wreckage.

MANNY

Draculaura, you're a genius!

DRACULAURA

I know. But feel free to tell me why you think so?

MANNY

The stones must fit in there...

DRACULAURA

Yes! We did it!

MANNY

It's a key!

CLAWDEEN

Bullseye -- the last symbol on Mom's notes! I'm coming, Mom!

DRACULAURA/MANNY

Wait!/Don't!

INT. PORTAL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

CLAWDEEN

Whoa. A portal?

INT. CATACOMBS - PUZZLE ROOM CENTER - SAME TIME

DRACULAURA

Frankie, Deuce!

MANNY

Hey! So... any luck with that memory you were jogging earlier? Because Clawdeen just went into a big black hole which seems bad.

FRANKIE

Yep! Remembered it all. And it's definitely bad she went down there.

GLUTTONY SNAKE

Gluttony is sssscared of heightssss. Makesss me queassssy.

FRANKIE

You're definitely not gonna like
what's about to happen next then.

INT. PORTAL ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

MANNY/DEUCE/DRACULAURA

<FALLING SCREAMS> <IMPACTS>

CLAWDEEN

What're you all doing here?

FRANKIE

Oh, just came to tell you that
since it's not a blood moon eclipse
and ya don't have a monster
council, opening the portal would
unleash DISASTER. So don't put your
talisman in there!

MANNY

You already put it in, didn't you?

CLAWDEEN

Mom? Are you there? It's me--

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

Who was that? Hello?

DEUCE

I think it's time to exit, friends!

CLAWDEEN

Wait, my necklace! The moon claw!

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

That thing from before must have
snatched it! We have to stop it!

DRACULAURA

Run now!

FRANKIE

Oh zap!

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INT. MAD SCIENCE LAB - MOMENTS LATER

CLEO

Add three drops of basilisk venom.

CLEO (CONT'D)

That's, like, three-ish.

CLEO (CONT'D)

Um, hello? Are we just bursting in on Mummy Royalty without knocking now?

INT. MONSTER HIGH - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

CLEO (O.S.)

<SCREAMS!>

DRACULAURA

Who screamed?

CLAWDEEN

Thanks, Ghoulia!

SKULLETTE

Alert! Unidentified intruders spotted in Monster High! Alert!

MANNY

Wait... what's the plan?

CLAWDEEN

Stop the disaster!

FRANKIE

Simple, but solid!

DEUCE

We'll go this way!

CLEO (O.S.)

Help!

CLAWDEEN

We'll take this side!

INT. MAD SCIENCE LAB - CONTINUOUS

CLAWDEEN/FRANKIE

Cleo! / You okay?

CLEO

No! I have been intruded upon! Over there!

CLAWDEEN

Gimme my necklace back you... wait. You're... a werewolf!

CLAWD

And you're in my way!

CLAWDEEN

Who are you!?

CLAWD

I'm the only one who can stop that disaster!

CLAWD (CONT'D)

My tamale!

CLAWDEEN

My necklace!

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

I know that smell...

CLAWD

Don't you dare, you lunch stealing splitsee!

DRACULAURA

Splitsee. It splits. I get it.

DRACULAURA (CONT'D)

Hey!

FRANKIE

What is that thing? Or things? Kinda wanna study them.

FRANKIE (CONT'D)

Or hug them.

CLAWD

Don't be fooled by its cuteness, the splitsee is a world destroyer!

CLAWDEEN

Wait, who are you?! Why do you have my mom's tamales?!

CLAWD

These are MY mom's tamales. Wait a minute... Clawdeen Wolf?

CLAWDEEN

How do you know my name?

CLAWD

My mom told me all about you.
Our mom. I'm Clawd, your brother.

CLAWDEEN/DRACULAURA/FRANKIE

WHAT?!

CLEO

Clawd and Clawdeen? Thank Ra my parents didn't name me Nefera-een.

CLEO (CONT'D)

Right, not the time, Cleo.

CLAWD

Mira. It's a long story so I'm gonna give you the highlights --

CLAWD (CONT'D)

On the move! Come on!

CLEO

Um, hey, hello? I'm coming with!

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

CLAWD

Mom got trapped in Beheme -- the place where I grew up -- *pero*, she didn't know she had a bun in the oven, aka the adorable baby me.

DRACULAURA

Frankie, Cleo, this way!

FRANKIE

We're gonna check this out.

INT. CLAWDITORIUM - MOMENTS LATER

CLAWDEEN

But you're too old to be my little brother.

CLAWD

Technically, I'm your older brother because I'm sixteen.

CLAWD (CONT'D)

Time passes differently there, it's filled with terrifying beasts, and whatever you did earlier brought me and splitsee here.

INT. LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

CLAWD

Based on what mom told me, I'm guessing this is Monster High, which is exactly where Mom and I have been trying to get for years. So, thanks, I guess.

CLAWDEEN

Look, I don't know why you'd make up some story about my mom but --

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

You're (mmm) my (yum) brother...

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

We have to stop this disaster! But you are telling me EVERYTHING, IN EXTREME DETAIL, later.

CLAWD

If we survive? Sure.

INT. LAGOONA'S ROOM - SAME TIME

LAGOONA

Aw.

LAGOONA (CONT'D)

Aw, hi cutie! ... Annoying but impressive... Don't you dare! NOOOOOO!

INT. HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD'S OFFICE - SAME TIME

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

What? How dare you eat the
stinkwich of the Headmistress!
Detention!

EXT. COFFIN BEAN - SAME TIME

SPECTRA

Hey! I was in the middle of an epic
text! Give it back.

INT. MONSTER HIGH - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

BG STUDENTS

Not cool! / Whoa! / What is that
thing! / It ate my homework!

MANNY

Well. That escalated quickly.

DRACULAURA

Don't have to be an expert puzzle-
solver to see that.

CLAWDEEN

So, how do we fix this, Clawd?

CLAWD

Mom and I, we got a pest control
business back in Beheme. Figured
out we can sing splitsees to sleep.
And then-- You don't have a De-
Splitifier handy, do you?

INT. DR. BLUNDER'S LAB - FLASHBACK

DR. BLUNDER

Having this De-Splitifier handy
will help fend off
future...DISASTERS!

DR. BLUNDER (CONT'D)

Now. Time for lunch! <EVIL LAUGH>

FRANKIE

Dr. Blunder has a De-Splitifier
stored in the lab. Also kinda
craving a stinkwich now.

SKULLETTE

Intruder in the Creepeteria!
Intruder in the Hauntonomics Class!
Intruder in the Clawditorium!

CLAWD

Agh! Why are your skulls so loud
here?!

CLAWDEEN

That's it! Skullette! She's hooked
up so every corner of the school
can hear her! Which means we can
use her to get all the splitsees
asleep at once! Frankie, get the De-
Splitifier. Clawd and I will sing
to them --

CLAWDEEN (CONT'D)

The rest of you gather the snoozing
splitsees and meet in the lab!

DEUCE

DUDE!

INT. HEADMISTRESS'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

Miss Wolf, I don't have time to
meet new students. I need to secure
Monster High's priceless records
before that splitsee --

CLAWDEEN

That's why we're here! We need to
see Skullette!

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

Last time a student got Skullette
access, it was ten minutes of
armpit farts broadcast school-wide--

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD (CONT'D)

She's all yours.

CLAWDEEN

No! You have to sing into it! I'll
keep the splitsee busy!

CLAWD

If you ever feel like you are all alone. Look up at the moon and I'll be there.

CLAWDEEN

When you see the light, I'll be there to guide you. Just remember what we used to say.

CLAWD/CLAWDEEN

Take a breath
Respira
One more step
Un paso más
And remember that we're in this thing together
Pata con pata
You fit with me
En donde estés
My missing piece
Ahí estaré
No matter where we are
Siempre contigo
With you it's always better
Ahoooooooo
You are my moon Eres mi luna
Ahoooooooo
You are my moon Eres mi luna

INT. MONSTER HIGH - VARIOUS

DRACULAURA (O.S.)

As your student bloody president, I'm asking that everyone please bring the sleeping splitsees into the Mad Science Lab. Quietly! Thank you!

INT. LAB - LATER

CLEO

Both adorable and dangerous.

LAGOONA

Like me! Aw, you're so cute when you sleep I could eat you with a spoon... or with a fork.

CLEO

You don't know where these have been, Lagoona. Ew.

FRANKIE

Dr. Blunder did a bunch of work with splitsees. This machine combines them all back to the first one.

CLAWD

One of our pest control gadgets. It'll stop it from splitting again.

DRACULAURA

Yeah, but what do we do with it?

MANNY

Don't look at me, most cute tiny furry things are terrified of--

MANNY (CONT'D)

I love it and I'm keeping it forever. Library shifts will be even more fun with a little book buddy. I wonder if there's a splitsee manual?

CLAWD

Well, they need plenty of water and naps. And they like chin scratches. I can't believe I'm helping you care for the jerk who stole my lunch every day.

CLAWDEEN

Can you really blame him though? Mom's tamales are--

CLAWD/CLAWDEEN

The best!

CLAWD

I could make 'em for you sometime, if you want.

CLAWDEEN

I'd like that.

DRACULAURA

Uh, Manny, I think I'd rather be your friend than your arch-rival. And let's face it, I definitely need a puzzle-olgoy tutor.

MANNY

And I'd rather be your tutor than the guy who had no idea he was your rival.

CLAWDEEN

Good teamwork back there.

CLAWD

Yeah.

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

So even though I didn't get my mom back, I figured out another piece of the puzzle that's me and got back a missing piece I didn't even know was gone... a brother. As for the fall out, well...

INT. MONSTER HIGH - HALLWAY - LATER

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

Headmistress Bloodgood was surprisingly understanding.

FRANKIE

The symbols on Watzie's collar match the monster talismans I saw in the memory! There's the Frankenstein one and Clawdeen's got the werewolf one. So just need to find the sea monster, gorgon, mummy, and vampire talismans!

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

Many of the talismans were hidden over time, but with some research, I should be able to track them down before the next Blood Moon Eclipse.

CLAWD

Why do we need all of 'em anyway? Can't we just do what Clawdeen did earlier and open the portal now? Mom is all alone back there!

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD

The portal has already been destabilized.

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HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD (CONT'D)

If we try it again, improperly, not only could it collapse and trap Selena in Beheme forever -- it could release the great power that flows beneath Monster High and destroy *everything*.

HEADMISTRESS BLOODGOOD (CONT'D)

I promise, we will bring Selena back. But without destroying the world when we do.

EXT. COFFIN BEAN - LATER

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

Even though I really want to find mom, I know we have to wait until the time is right to put that piece of the puzzle back. But we don't have to wait that long before I introduce Clawd to Dad! Dad is gonna flip! And in the meantime, Clawd's been helping by telling me all about mom and how hard she's been trying to get back here.

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

I'm just getting to know him and he's getting to know me, and our whole world, really.

CLAWD

Ay, Sabe malo! I feel like I licked an electric eel!

DRACULAURA

It's an acquired taste.

CLAWDEEN (V.O.)

But I have a feeling Clawd's gonna be more than a brother. He's gonna be a great friend too. And you can never have too many of those.

MANNY

Did any of you see Splitsee anywhere?