

THE LOUD HOUSE

#320 - "Bye, Bye, Birthday!"

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EXT. ROYAL WOODS CEMETERY - LATE AFTERNOON

The Mortician's Club (minus Lucy) is gathered around BERTRAND. He reads a SPELL BOOK and looks up at the sky.

1 **BERTRAND**
*Spirits, hear our plea!/Take us to
the underworld/Post-hastily!*

CLOUDS gather. THUNDER claps.

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2 **MORTICIANS CLUB**
<GASP>

The EARTH shakes and... nothing happens. The cemetery returns to normal. The Club looks disappointed.

3 **MORTICIANS CLUB (CONT'D)**
<AWW>

Boris plays WOMP WOMP on his keyboard.

4 **BERTRAND**
Apologies, dear friends. I'm afraid
my spell work has suffered since my
exile aboard that cruise ship.

5 **LUCY (O.S.)**
Sigh.

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We PAN DOWN to see a sad Lucy lying on a grave slab, arms crossed over her chest.

6 **LUCY (CONT'D)**
BIG Sigh.

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7 **BERTRAND**
Worry not, Lucy. We *shall* get to
the underworld some day.

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8 **LUCY**
It's not that. Tomorrow is the
anniversary of my tragic arrival on
this earth.

9 **MORTICIANS CLUB**
<HUH?>

10 **LUCY**
My ninth birthday.

The Club nods knowingly. Boris plays a DARK CHORD on the keyboard.

11 **HAIKU/DANTE/BORIS**
My condolences!/How
dreadful!/<GROAN> Why must normie
society insist on celebrating
life?!

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12 **LUCY**
I'm afraid my birthdays are even
worse than a typical normie
celebration. Every year, my family
subjects me to the same traditions--

QUICK CUTS - INT/EXT. BIRTHDAY FLASHBACK SEQUENCE

--LUCY & LYNN'S BEDROOM: Lucy opens the lid to her coffin.

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13 **LUCY**
Yawn.

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REVEAL BALLOONS falling down as the LOUDS shake NOISEMAKERS,
blast AIRHORNS, and throw CONFETTI in the air.

14 **LUCY (V.O.)**
They start the day at a frightening
pitch--

15 **THE LOUDS**
Happy Birthday, Lucy!!!

Lucy grimaces and SLAMS her coffin shut.

--LOUD HOUSE KITCHEN: The family is gathered around Lucy at
the table. MOM drapes an old, crusty BIRTHDAY SASH over her.

16 **LUCY (V.O.)**
Then they force me to wear the
traditional Loud birthday sash. I
suspect it's never been washed.

17 **LANA**
Hey, it's my booger from my third
birthday! <EATING BOOGER>

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Lucy covers her mouth in disgust.

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--PRINCESS BOUNCE CASTLE: Outside: A BIRTHDAY BANNER hangs
over the house with the names "Lola," "Rita," and "Lincoln"
crossed out and "LUCY" written over it. Inside: DAD bounces
happily with the family.

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19 **LUCY (V.O.)**
Then I'll be subjected to the
dreaded bouncy castle, a family
birthday staple ever since my dad
got it on clearance.

20 **LENI/LORI/LISA/LOLA/LINCOLN**
<GIGGLING/BOUNCING>

21 **DAD**
See Rita, I told you we'd get our
money's worth!

22 **LYNN**
Cannon ball!!!

LYNN cannonballs hard onto the inflatable floor - BOING! Lucy
flies through the roof. Lucy lets out a <DEADPAN AHHH>.

23 **LUCY**
 (deadpan)
AHHHH!

--JEAN JUAN'S FRENCH MEX BUFFET: LUNA plays GUITAR while the
Louds sing. *

24 **LUCY (V.O.)**
Then there's the singing.
<SHUDDERS> Oh, the singing-- *

25 **LOUDS** *
 (ending song)
"...Happy Birthday to you!"

26 **LUCY**
 (to herself)
Sigh. Finally the torture ends.

Just then, Luna jumps up. The waitstaff join in. *

27A **LUNA/WAITSTAFF** *
Now in French, *les dudes!*
 (singing)
Bon anniversaire a toi! Bon
anniversaire a toi! Bon *
anniversaire a toi! *

Lucy <GROANS> and slides underneath her seat.

28 **LUCY**
<GROAN>

EXT. ROYAL WOODS CEMETERY - BACK TO PRESENT

The Morticians Club looks horrified.

29 MORTICIANS CLUB
<GASP!>

30 LUCY
I wish my family would just forget
about my birthday.

31 BERTRAND
Perhaps I can make your wish come
true!
(reading spell book)
Let's see, "bi-lingual spell",
"binding spell"--ah! Here we are:
"Birthday-Be-Gone spell"!

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Lucy sits up. Her interest is piqued. Bertrand reads:

32 BERTRAND (CONT'D)
"In order for this spell to work,
you must gather your loved ones
before the sun sets on the eve of
your birthday."

Lucy looks up at the sky. The sun is already low.

33 LUCY
Gasp. It's almost sunset! I'll have
to work fast!

INT. DINING ROOM - LATER

Dad enters with a CASSEROLE DISH.

34 DAD
Dinner, everybody! <YELP!>

He goes to set down the dish - CRASH! The casserole hits the
ground and spills. REVEAL the table and chairs are gone.

35 DAD (CONT'D)
Where's the ding dang table?!

The family rushes in. They see the empty room and stop in
shock, SLAMMING into each other.

36 LANA
And where are the ding dang chairs?

Lucy enters the room.

37 **LUCY**
<AHM> Please, follow me.

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The family exchange puzzled looks as they step away from Lucy and follow her out. Dad quickly scrapes the casserole back into the dish and runs after them. *The Loud animals rush in, fighting over whatever scraps are still on the ground.*

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ANIMAL WALLA
<GROWL>/<HISS>/<SQUEAK>

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EXT. BACKYARD - LATER

The dining room table and chairs are set up and decorated with CANDLES. A TABLET is propped up on a seat with LORI on videochat.

38 **LORI**
Hello? I've literally been waiting here for twenty minutes.

The family enters.

39 **MOM**
Oh hey, honey! Lucy, what *is* this all about?

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40 **LUCY**
Well, with my birthday on the horizon, I thought we could celebrate early with a sunset dinner and, um, poetry slam!

41 **LYNN**
I'm in! I love a good slam!

Lynn body slams *Lincoln*.

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42 **LINCOLN**
<OOF> Unnecessary.

43 **LUCY**
If you'll please take your seats,
I'm eager for you all to hear my...
poem.
 (looks at Fangs)
Wink.

Fangs winks back. Lucy reads from a piece of paper:

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44 **LUCY (CONT'D)**
<AHM> Gathered 'neath *the* setting
sun--

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(MORE)

LUCY (CONT'D)

(looking around)

Wait. Where's Leni?

LIVING ROOM: Lucy and Fang peek around the corner to see LENI is draped over the couch and on the phone.

45 LENI

<GIGGLES> No, Gavin you hang up
first!...no, you! No, you-- no you!

Lucy nods to Fangs who flies over and nabs Leni's phone. He's heading back outside but it's too heavy, and he accidentally drops it in a nearby glass of water. *

46 LENI (CONT'D)

Oh no! Gavin can't swim!

Lucy grabs Leni and starts pulling her out of the living room. *

46A LENI (CONT'D)

Gavin, hold your breath! *

ON SCREEN Gavin puffs his cheeks and holds his breath.

BACKYARD: Leni is back in her seat, looking annoyed. *

47 LUCY

Now, where were we?
(chanting)

Gathered 'neath the setting sun-- *

(noticing Lisa gone)

Wait, where's Lisa?

LISA'S BEDROOM: Lucy peeks in to see Lisa tinkering with a device.

48 LISA

Lucy, it's far too chilly outside
for al fresco dining. But once I
get this weather modulator working
I can alter tonight's temp to a
comfortable 72 degrees--

Lucy gets Fangs to throw a puffy coat onto Lisa. *

49 LISA (CONT'D)

That works too. *

EXT. BACKYARD - ALMOST SUNSET

Lisa and Lucy are back at the table. *

50 LUCY
Okay! Now, if there are no more
interruptions--

WHIRR! PAN TO Mr. Grouse, mowing his lawn from the other side
of the fence. Lucy and Fangs exchange glances. Fangs flies
off. CUT TO: Grouse who sees Fangs making a beeline for him.

51 GROUSE
What the dickens?!

Fangs chases Grouse off his lawn mower. *

52 GROUSE (CONT'D)
<SCREAMING>

O.S. CRASH.

Lucy smiles and resumes her spell. *

53 LUCY
*Gathered 'neath the setting
sun/This past year is almost done--* *

Wind gathers around her and her family.

54 LUCY (CONT'D)
*My birthdays come, my birthdays
go/At sunrise you'll never know.*

The wind blows out the candles just as the sun sets. Lucy
takes a small bow. The family, confused, claps politely.

55 MOM
<AWKWARD COUGH> Great poem,
sweetie. Very abstract. *

56 LYNN
Yeah, I was moved and junk. Can we
eat now?!

Lucy nods. The family eats like wild animals. Fangs flies
back to Lucy and <CHIRPS>.

57 LUCY
Patience, Fangs. Bertrand said we
won't know whether the spell worked
until sunrise!

58 LANA
<MMM> <EATING> Good casserole, Dad!
(holding up carpet hair)
The carpet hair garnish was a nice
touch! <CHOMPING> *

She chomps on the carpet hair. Lola pushes her dish away, grossed out.

59 **LOLA**
<GAG>

INT. LUCY & LYNN'S BEDROOM - THE NEXT MORNING

Lucy cracks opens her coffin and looks around cautiously.

60 **LUCY**
Hmm...no screaming siblings...no
noisemakers! Could it be?

She steps out of the coffin and swings open her door. REVEAL
Lola, wearing her bathrobe, walking down the hall.

61 **LUCY** (CONT'D)
Lola! Tell me, is today special for
any reason?

62 **LOLA**
<GASP!> Lucy! I almost forgot!
(Lucy deflates)
Today is my weekly mani-pedi
<CHUCKLES>. Thanks for reminding
me!

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Lola flips her hair as she walks OS. Lucy high-fives Fangs.

63 **LUCY**
Yes, the spell worked! This is
cause for celebration.
(beat)
If we were the celebrating type. Ha
ha.

INT. KITCHEN - SHORTLY AFTER

Lucy and Fangs enter the kitchen. Dad is making breakfast.
Leni, Luan and Luna race around grabbing food.

64 **LUCY**
Good morning, famil--

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The sisters rush past Lucy toward the door.

65 **LUNA**
Outta my way! I'm late for a Moon
Goats rehearsal!

66 LENI
Toodles! I have a date with Gavin!

67 LUAN
 (on the phone)
Sure, I'm always available for a
last-minute Gigglin' Geezer set!
I'll be right over!

They exit. Lucy sits down at the table and talks to Fangs.

68 LUCY
 (pleased)
<AWW> Ignored per usual. Perfect.

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69 DAD
Breakfast time, kiddo.

Dad places a bowl of cereal in front of Lucy. She looks at the bowl for a moment, thinking.

FLASHBACK: Lucy wears the sash and sits at the table. Dad is dressed like a ghost, wearing a white sheet with no eye holes. He walks cautiously with a PLATE.

70 DAD (CONT'D)
 (ghost voice)
I got a *spooky* birthday breakfast
for a *spooooo*ky-- <OOF!>
 (runs into a wall)
-- Oh, okay, that's a wall!

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Dad recovers and serves Lucy. We see it's a plate of PANCAKES shaped like ghosts. Lucy smiles and starts <EATING>.

70A DAD (CONT'D)
Happy Birthday, kiddo.

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71 LUCY
<EATING>

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BACK TO Lucy and Fangs are still at the table.

73 LUCY (CONT'D)
Huh. I forgot about the ghost
pancakes. That was actually...kinda
nice.
 (shaking it off)
Still - I made the right choice.

INT. LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

Lucy and Fangs watch TV on the couch. **ON TV:** The opening credit sequence for "Vampires of Melancholia."

74 **LUCY**
Fangs, this is the life! An all-day
marathon of "Vampires of
Melancholia" with no one to bother
us!

As she starts watching the show, Lucy begins to remember:

FLASHBACK: CLOSE ON Lucy, still wearing the sash, watching VOM on TV.

76 **LUCY** (CONT'D)
<STARTLED>

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75 **LINCOLN (O.S.)**
(vampire voice)
Greetings, *birthday ghoul!*

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REVEAL: Lincoln, dressed like a vampire, leaps onto the couch and twirls his cape. Lucy startles:

77 **LUCY**
Gasp. You scared me.

78 **LINCOLN**
Bleh! You're *velcome!*

79 **LINCOLN/LUCY**
Ha ha. Ha ha.

80A **LINCOLN**
For your birthday, I thought we
could watch your vampire show
together.
(pulls out sheet of paper)
Plus I found some fan theories for
us to debate. Do you think Tristen
is a shapeshifter? Yay or nay?

Lucy smiles.

BACK TO Lucy is still seated on the couch.

81 **LUCY**
Wow, that was... kinda nice. <SIGH>
Sigh.

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EXT. BACK YARD - LATER

Lucy, with a BOOK, sits under the tree reading to Fangs:

82 **LUCY**
"... and they all lived unhappily
ever after... The end."

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Just then, a spider drops down from a branch in the tree.
Lucy looks at it, remembering something:

FLASHBACK: Lucy, still in the sash, sits in her coffin. Lana
stands in front with her arms behind her back.

83 **LANA**
Happy birthday!

Lana reveals a JAR of SPIDERS with a bow on it. She releases
them all and they completely cover Lucy.

BACK TO PRESENT: Lucy looks at the hanging spider.

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84 **LUCY**
<EMOTIONAL GIGGLE> Best. Present.
Ever.
 (deflates)
<SNIFF> Fangs, I've made a grave
mistake.

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EXT. ROYAL WOODS CEMETERY - LATE AFTERNOON

The Mortician's Club stands in front of Lucy and Fangs at the
podium.

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85 **LUCY**
Friends, thank you for coming on
such short notice. I need your
help. I want my birthday back.

86 **DANTE/PERSEPHONE/BORIS**
<HUH> That can't be!/Have you
fallen ill?/Or been bewitched by a
sorcerer?

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Lucy bangs her gavel, silencing the Club.

87 **LUCY**
Just hear me out. I only remembered
the birthday stuff that I didn't
like and not the really cool things
my family did to make me feel
special. And now, I just miss all
of it. <CRIES> What have I done.

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Bertrand cracks open the spell book and reads.

88 **BERTRAND**

Wait, good news.

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93 **BERTRAND** (CONT'D)

The "Birthday-B-Back" spell!

(reading)

"In order for this spell to work
you must gather your loved ones
before the sun sets on the day of
your birthday."

94 **LUCY**

<SIGHS> Oh, great. This again.

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She glances up at the sun.

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95 **LUCY** (CONT'D)

And I only have an hour. And some
of my siblings aren't even home.

96 **DANTE**

Fear not - we'll help!

97 **MORPHEUS**

Morticians Club - engage bat mode!

They all pretend to turn into bats, flapping their arms like
wings and <SQUEAKING> as they run away.

98 **MORTICIANS CLUB**

<SQUEAKING>

Fangs rolls his eyes.

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INT/EXT. ROYAL WOODS/VARIOUS LOCATIONS - MONTAGE

--**THE BURNT BEAN:** Luna and the Moon Goats are in the middle
of playing "Play with my Band" on a makeshift stage. The
Morticians Club boogie onto the stage and drag off a confused
Luna. Boris whips out his KEYBOARD. He takes her place,
jamming and dancing around the stage like Marty McFly in *Back
to the Future*. The audience goes wild.

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99 **AUDIENCE**

<CHEERING>

--**GUS'S GAMES & GRUB:** Gavin and Leni are dancing together on
the dance battle game. The Morticians Club (minus Boris) run
in and grab Leni.

100 **LENI**
<YELP>

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Persephone takes her place and dances with flair. *She grabs Gavin and twirls him OS.*

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--**GIGGLIN' GEEZER:** Luan and Mr. Coconuts address a group of SENIORS.

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101A **LUAN (AS MR. COCONUTS)**
Welcome aboard! I hope you took
your calcium supplements, because
I'm about to tickle your funny
bone! Also they're just good for
you-- <YOINK!>

A cane reaches out and throws Luan off the bus. Morpheus takes Luan's place on the mic.

102B **MORPHEUS**
(like a stand-up comic)
*Hey ladies and worms. Why are there
gates on cemeteries. Because people
are dying to get in there. Ha-cha!*

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103 **ELDERLY MAN**
<COUGH>

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Off silence:

104A **MORPHEUS**
Wow. *Tough bus.*

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EXT. BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

On the empty table, Lori is on video chat on the tablet. She talks to no one:

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105 **LORI**
Hello? My time is valuable too, you
guys.

Lucy and Fangs herd in the rest of the family.

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106 **LUCY**
Hurry, everyone, take your seats!

107 **MOM**
Lucy, sweetie, what's going on?!

108 **LUCY**
Uh...encore poetry slam!

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Lynn looks at Lincoln, ready to body slam him again.

109 **LYNN**

Heh heh.

110 **LINCOLN**

Don't even think about it.

111 **LUCY**

(rushed)

Let's get started!

(chanting)

*My birthday's gone and I'm filled
with regret--*

She looks over to see Grouse playing bagpipes. Fangs flies over, spinning him until he dizzily falls over, tied up in his bagpipes.

113 **GROUSE**

<PFFT>

Lucy resumes the spell:

114 **LUCY**

*My birthday's gone and I'm filled
with regret/Please bring it back
while there's sunlight left!*

The wind blows the candles out just as the sun sets. The family blinks. They look around, confused. Lucy looks at Fangs and takes a deep breath.

115 **LUCY (CONT'D)**

I hope this worked...Family, is
today special for any reason?

116 **LOLA**

Lucy! I almost forgot!

(Lucy looks excited)

There's a new episode of "Prison
Pageant Wars" tonight!

(Lucy deflates)

Oh - and it's also your birthday.

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117 **LENI**

OMGosh, why are we not celebrating?

118 **MOM**

Quick! Get the sash!

119 DAD
And the bounce house!
(to Mom)
I told you we'd--

120 MOM
(cutting him off)
--get our money's worth - yes,
honey.

Lucy smiles and pulls her family into a hug - including Lori
on the tablet. They're shocked!

121A LUCY
Hug.

122 LUNA
Um, dude, you feelin' okay?

Lisa checks Lucy's forehead with her DIGITAL THERMOMETER.

122A LUCY
Sigh.

123 LISA
(with a shrug)
Eh. 62 degrees. That's normal for
Lucy.

124 LUCY
I'm just glad to be spending my
birthday with you guys.

121 LINCOLN
Did anyone make a reservation at
Jean-Juans?! Move it people, Lucy
only turns nine once!

116A LUNA/LISA/LYNN WALLA
Happy birthday, Lucy!/Here
here!/Birthday noogies!/etc.

They all walk off leaving Lori alone at the table on the
tablet.

LORI
Hello!

Fangs flies in to grab the tablet.

THE END.