

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - SLEEPING LOFT - DAY

CAT STEVEN is curled up like a cinnamon bun, asleep on something pink. She opens her eye, stands up, and does a cat stretch. She pads jauntily off her resting place, which is revealed to be Lion's mane. LION is still curled up and asleep, at the foot of Steven's bed. STEVEN is also asleep.

CAT STEVEN
(looking around the loft)
Rowr?

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Using the bookshelves underneath Steven's sleeping loft as a ladder to the couch, Cat Steven jumps down to the floor.

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Cat Steven pads into the kitchen. Her bowl is empty!

CAT STEVEN
Meow! Rowrrrrrr!

Cat Steven's eye darts back and forth.

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - TEMPLE DOOR - DAY

Cat Steven meows in front of the temple door, stretches up and scratches as close to the star pattern made of gems as she can. No response. Her eye darts back and forth again.

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Cat Steven leaps back up the couch and bookcase.

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Cat Steven jumps up to Steven's bed, and then directly onto Steven's tummy.

STEVEN
(not really awake)
Morning ... has ... broken?

Cat Steven pulls her paw back and bops Steven on the face.

CAT STEVEN
Meow-ow!

STEVEN
Huh? Cat Steven, why?

Cat Steven jumps off the bed then turns back to look at Steven, who leans over the side of the bed to speak to the cat.

CAT STEVEN

Mew!

STEVEN

You -- you want me to follow ya, girl?

CAT STEVEN

(purring loudly)

Mew mew!

Cat Steven blinks slowly at Steven and then turns to lead Steven back to the kitchen. Steven's pupils turn to stars and he blinks slowly, too, then rubs his eyes -- he's still very sleepy, but also likes the attention from Cat Steven.

STEVEN

Awww! Okay!

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Once again using the bookshelves as a ladder, Cat Steven energetically jumps down from the loft, as Steven floats down dreamily. Steven lands butt-first on the couch and settles in, closing his eyes and sighing a little. Cat Steven leaps into his lap and bops his face again.

CAT STEVEN

Meowf!

Steven opens his eyes but does not move.

CAT STEVEN (CONT'D)

(loudly)

Mewwwwwwwwwww!

STEVEN

Okay, okay, I'm coming right meow!

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Arriving at the food bowl, Cat Steven looks back to make sure Steven is behind her.

STEVEN

Huh, it's not like Garnet to forget to feed you.

Steven opens a cabinet and looks for cat food. A close-up on a CAN OF CAT FOOD reveals the Cookie Cat character, a similarly cartoon-y chicken character, and the words "Cookie Cat's Kitten Gourmet Chicken Pâté" on the label.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
Our breakfast selection this morning is -- well what do you know? Cookie Cat makes cat food!

Steven opens the can and plops it into the food bowl.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
This must be the good stuff!

Cat Steven rushes in and devours the food.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
Not a single thank-mew?

Cat Steven keeps eating. She's eat-purring. Steven's pupils turn to stars again.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
Awww!

The temple door opens and GARNET rushes through.

GARNET
Steven! I already fed Cat Steven!

STEVEN
But she's so hungry! Listen!

CAT STEVEN
(deeply eat-purring)
Purrrrrrrrrrr!

STEVEN
She woke me up to feed her. She's never done that before. She loves me!

Cat Steven is still eat-purring, head in bowl. Garnet crouches down and pets her, which makes the purring louder but does not stop her from eating.

GARNET
That's very odd. I fed her. She wasn't awake yet, but I had a vision of her waking you up to feed her, and I wanted you to sleep.

STEVEN

Well, that didn't work out.

GARNET

No, it did not.

Garnet and Steven watch Cat Steven eat and purr. Her tail thumps a bit.

GARNET

Maybe Lion?

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Lion is still asleep.

STEVEN (O.S.)

He doesn't like Cookie Cat anything. He's loyal to Lion Lickers.

Lion's ears prick up at the mention of Lion Lickers. His eyes open. He stands up and shakes his mane.

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Cat Steven finishes eating and moves to the water bowl for a drink.

STEVEN

Besides, Lion's still asleep.

Lion saunters in and rubs Steven's chin with his nose.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

I said the magic words, huh?

GARNET

What magic words?

Steven opens the freezer and stops cold. We see inside the freezer, which is mostly purple and blue in color. There's built-up frost, an ICE CUBE TRAY, some BOXES, but no Lion Lickers.

STEVEN

Lion Lickers!

Lion puts his paws on Steven's shoulders to get a look inside the freezer.

LION

Grrrrr!

STEVEN

There aren't any! But I just bought
a whole bunch yesterday! What --

Lion grabs steven by the shirt, flips him up to ride on his
back, roars a warp open, and jumps through.

INT. BIG DONUT - DAY

Lion and Steven come through the warp, startling a few
customers, but not BILL DEWEY behind the counter. Steven
grabs some LION LICKERS from the LION LICKERS FREEZER CASE
and puts them on the counter, then reaches into his pajama
pocket and pulls it inside out. Steven reaches into Lion's
mane, pulls out some money and hands it to Bill Dewey, who
hands over the Lion Lickers inside a BIG DONUT BAG. Steven
pulls a Lion Licker out, opens it and gives it to Lion, who
immediately devours it. Steven climbs on Lion's back, and
they warp again.

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Steven puts the Lion Lickers away, reserving one to give to
Lion, who looks a bit winded. Lion eats his treat. Garnet is
petting Cat Steven.

CAT STEVEN

(looking at Lion, then
Garnet)

Mewwwwww!

GARNET

Ah -- you want a treat, too. At
your service!

Garnet pulls a BAG of Cookie Cat-brand cat treats labelled
"Cookie Cat's Spacey Cat Snax" from the cabinet and gives a
few to Cat Steven, who gobbles them up.

GARNET (CONT'D)

Another oddity, Steven. This bag is
nearly empty. It was full
yesterday.

STEVEN

What? This is cat-a-strophic! Cat
food, Lion Lickers and cat treats
catnapped from our very own cat-
chen! We've got to cat-ch this cat
burglar before they strike again!

GARNET

Will there be many more cat puns?

STEVEN
Mew know it!

GARNET
No. Not cat puns.

STEVEN
I can't stop myself, Garnet. They
just purr out of me.

GARNET
I'm out.

Garnet walks away, back toward the temple door.

STEVEN
Then I guess it's just us feline
friends!

Cat Steven and Lion blink.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
We will band together to solve
these cat-themed crimes as ... uhhh
... Mewniverse Investigations!

As Steven yells his heroic (to him) roll call, each member of
Mewniverse Investigations is shown.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
Cat Steven! The clever cat-thlete
with a nose for trouble!

Cat Steven falls over while cleaning her back leg.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
Lion! The mighty meow-scle and I
ain't lyin'!

Lion yawns. Sitting sphynx-style, he puts his head down atop
his paws for a nap.

STEVEN (CONT'D)
Aaaaand -- Steven Universe, AKA Cat
Fingers, the cat-ismatic leader of
the gang!

Steven stretches his arms wide and flourishes his FINGERS,
which have turned into tiny mewing CATS, as in the episode
"Cat Fingers." Cat Steven climbs up Steven's clothes to
Steven's left arm and starts grooming the cat fingers, which
purr, then turn back into fingers as they're groomed.

Cat Steven walks across Steven's shoulders to the other hand and grooms those, as well, and they also disappear. Cat Steven jumps down.

CAT STEVEN

Rowr!

STEVEN

You know, you're right, Cat Steven.
We should keep the cat fingers as
our se-cat weapon.

Cat Steven returns a blank stare and goes back to grooming herself. Lion is asleep.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

So if I was the leader of a crack
investigative team, and I am, what
would I do first?

Leaping up to the kitchen counter, Cat Steven knocks over the cat treats bag, but it is closed up and nothing comes out.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Okay. So. We know you can't get
into your treats because Garnet
seals them up tight. Good work,
C.S.!

Cat Steven bats at the bag of treats, and then jumps down to circle Steven's legs.

CAT STEVEN

Mewph!

STEVEN

Well. I guess you deserve it for
your keen observation.

Steven struggles with the bag a bit, opens it and tosses a few treats to Cat Steven, who swats at them as they fly over her head. She knocks one out of the air and onto the ground, where she gobbles it up. A couple of treats fly too far and hit Lion in the nose. Lion sniffs at them but then settles back to sleep.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Ah-ha! So now we're positive that
Lion does not eat Cookie Cat brand
snacks.

Cat Steven saunters over to the snacks and eats them, then jumps up Lion's back and onto his head, where she curls up and starts to snooze.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

The two cats are officially
eliminated as suspects.

Lion and Cat Steven both open their eye(s) and look askance
at Steven.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Sorry! You were never really under
suspicion!

Lion and Cat Steven close their eye(s). AMETHYST walks up to
stand next to Steven.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Go ahead! Recharge your cat-teries!

AMETHYST

Good one, dude.

STEVEN

Amethyst! Where'd you come from?

AMETHYST

I dunno. Around.

STEVEN

I'm so glad to see you! Would you
like to join the Mewniverse
Investigations detective team and
start detecting with me?

AMETHYST

What are we detecting? Wait! What's
detecting?

STEVEN

Detecting is investigating. We're
looking into a mystery. The only
thing is, Mewniverse Investigations
is a cat-themed detective agency.
Lion and Cat Steven are part of the
crew, but they're currently asleep.

Amethyst turns into a fluffy CAT, as she did in "Crack the
Whip." She starts walking around Steven's legs in a catlike
manner, as Cat Steven did earlier.

AMETHYST

Ohhh. Well I have a solution for
ya! The cats are napping because
cats sleep a lot. It's pretty cool!

Amethyst, still a fluffy cat, curls up at Steven's feet as if she's going to nap, too.

STEVEN

That's not the mystery. I know that. And I don't need another sleepy kitty on the team!

Lion and Cat Steven briefly open their eye(s), then settle back to sleep. Amethyst turns into PURPLE PUMA as in the episode "Tiger Millionaire."

AMETHYST

Okey dokey, pokey! Is this cat enough for ya?

STEVEN

Sure is!

AMETHYST

So what do we do first?

STEVEN

Honestly, I'm not sure. I guess we look for clues.

AMETHYST

Great! But, like, how do I know if something's a clue?

STEVEN

Well, a clue could be something that seems out of place, or weird, or ...

AMETHYST

I'm gonna stop ya right there.

STEVEN

Huh?

AMETHYST

Human house in front, ancient crystal gem temple in the back. It's all weird, yo.

STEVEN

Mostly we need to concentrate on the kitchen. It's pretty normal in there usually.

AMETHYST

All right. So I should be looking for weird things in the kitchen.

STEVEN

Pretty much, yes.

Amethyst (still in Purple Puma form) turns the forearm and hand of her left arm into a GIANT MAGNIFYING GLASS and looks around. Steven nods. Music similar to but legally not at all the same as "The Pink Panther" theme plays, but with a very "Steven Universe music" sound, similar to the "Peanuts" inspired music that appeared in "Storm in the Room."

MONTAGE

Steven pulls a FLASHLIGHT out of Lion's mane and turns to walk away, but Lion, in his sleep, reaches one paw out and grabs Steven, pulling him down under his head, one paw holding him close like a cuddle toy. Steven wiggles his way out, but doesn't get the flashlight out before Lion snuggles it down under his head. Steven wiggles the flashlight out, puts a bubble around himself and the flashlight, and starts to roll-walk away when Lion reaches his paw out again, smacking the bubble and Steven across the room. Cat Steven, still atop Lion's head, slowly opens her eye, then closes it again.

Amethyst looks through her magnifying glass, magnifying her eye, which startles Steven when he turns to look at her. He jumps back, loses his balance, tosses the flashlight into the air and falls on his butt, making Amethyst laugh and roll around. Amethyst catches the flashlight at the last second, continuing to laugh.

Steven turns the fingers on his right hand back into cats and runs them along the dining counter. The cat where his pointer finger should be starts meowing, so Amethyst magnifies it and the counter around it, but even close up, there's nothing there. Amethyst removes the magnifying glass and looks really closely at Steven's cat fingers, and the pointer finger cat licks her nose -- so she wetly licks it back and it reverts into a finger.

Amethyst opens the treat cabinet door but her giant magnifying glass hand is bigger than the cabinet, so she leaps up into the cabinet as she shrinks her body down to fit inside the cabinet, retaining a proportionally "giant" magnifying glass forearm/hand. She looks around at the treats, then kicks the bottom of one bag, which promptly falls on her. She kicks the bag off, then leaps out of the cabinet as she changes back to Purple Puma's normal size, landing right on top of Steven, who was walking by, hunched over to look at the ground with his flashlight. Amethyst laughs. Steven does not.

From across the kitchen, Steven shines the flashlight directly through Amethyst's magnifying glass, creating a SPOTLIGHT on her. She opens her eyes wide with surprise, then tilts her head demurely and does a graceful bow while standing in the spotlight.

STEVEN

Welp. I couldn't find a single clue. Are detective TV shows liars? We had a flashlight and a magnifying glass and everything!

AMETHYST

All TV shows are liars, Steven. That's what's so great about them!

STEVEN

Did you find anything?

AMETHYST

I got nuthin'. This kitchen is almost too normal. And I'm beat!

Amethyst turns back into a fluffy cat, walks over to Lion, climbs up on his back and curls up as if to sleep.

STEVEN

Aww! Amethyst! We were getting close!

AMETHYST

Nah. You never even told me what the big mystery was!

STEVEN

I didn't?

AMETHYST

Nope, you just said to look for clues. There weren't any. Probably. G'night!

STEVEN

It's still morning.

AMETHYST

G'morning!

Amethyst puts her head down and immediately starts snoring, with a little meow-ish sounds in the mix.

STEVEN

Are you kitten me right now?

Lion, Cat Steven and Amethyst are asleep.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

(yawns)

They do look cozy. And I really wasn't ready to wake up this morning.

Steven walks over to the sleeping cats and rubs Lion under his chin. Lion wakes slightly, pulling Steven under his head with his paw and cuddling him like a toy again. From Steven's point of view we see Lion's head, giant.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Let's just take a little nap, buddy.

Still peering through Steven's eyes, we watch Lion close his eyes. The image of Lion is partially blocked and then not and then blocked again, as Steven's heavily blinking eyelids are obscuring the view. Then it's just black and we hear Steven sigh and a faint mew-snore from Cat Steven.

INT. CAT CAFE - DAY (DREAM SEQUENCE)

Steven's dream starts close on a fuzzy cat. Next, a much wider view shows many cats roaming freely around a somewhat impressionist cafe, like a Renoir as imagined by a teen who grew up on anime. Lion sits at a table dressed as a fancy gentleman with a jacket, top hat and monocle, and across from him is Cat Steven, dressed in a high-necked button-up dress with a bow at the neck. The two sit at a table like humans, their proportions altered to make that possible, with Lion sized down and Cat Steven sized up and elongated a bit. Steven, dressed in a Maid Cafe outfit, pink cat ears, and a poofy pink cat tail, walks up to the table.

STEVEN

Are the lady and gentleman ready to order?

LION

(smooth, European-accented voice)

Indeed we are! But first, may I ask, how are the Lion Lickers today?

STEVEN

We make our Lion Lickers in-house out of the farm-freshest ingredients, and I have to say, today's batch is truly the cat's pajamas!

A random purple puffy cat has wandered up to Lion, who picks it up and strokes its fur as he continues to order.

LION

Wunderbar! I'll have a dozen! And to drink, let's see, how about a large hot water with a wedge of salmon. And for the lady --

CAT STEVEN

(slowly, with a touch of a southern drawl)
The lady can speak for herself! I'll take the Cookie Cat food flight and a bowl of cream.

STEVEN

Excellent choice. Any starters for the table?

CAT STEVEN

Oh, my! Should we, Lion? The Chaaaps for cats, perhaps?

LION

Why not? Let's be a little naughty. We deserve it.

The cat that Lion is holding now clearly has Amethyst's face.

AMETHYST

We all deserve it!

Lion, Cat Steven and Amethyst all chuckle. Garnet, who is wearing cheetah-spotted ears and tail with her maid cafe outfit, approaches the table with a large pan of LASAGNA.

GARNET

On the house!

AMETHYST

Don't mind if I do!

Amethyst jumps into the pan of Lasagna as Garnet places it down, grabs hunks of it from beneath her and tosses it into the air, catching some of it in her wide-open mouth. As she tears into the lasagna and flings it about, Lion and Cat Steven nip at the air, trying to catch some in their mouths. The chunks Amethyst is pulling from the pan are now bags of cat treats, cans of cat food, and Lion Lickers. The items rain down all over the cafe, piling up all over the floor. Cats are running around everywhere.

Lion and Cat Steven are holding huge armfuls of Lion Lickers (Lion) and Cookie Cat food and treats (Cat Steven). Amethyst is laughing and shoving alternate handfuls of Lion Lickers and Cookie Cat food and treats into her mouth, as these items are now magically pouring down from the ceiling. Steven is buried up to his neck in Lion Lickers and Cookie Cat products.

STEVEN

Noooooooooo!

AMETHYST

Yesssssssss!

Through Steven's eyes, we see bags and cans of Cookie Cat cat food and treats and Lion Lickers flying toward his face, until they completely block his view and it's all black. Amethyst is laughing and screaming "yes!" in the background. It's silent for a beat, then there's a loud crash and what sounds like Amethyst yelling.

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

It's still dark, then suddenly, it's bright and blurry. This is Steven's point of view, waking up from the dream. There's a smear of color to represent Steven sitting up and then things quickly come into focus -- the kitchen and Amethyst with a net around her and a bag of Cookie Cat treats in her hand. She shrugs and begins eating the treats, one at a time at first, then she tilts her head back, tips the bag to her lips and pours the whole thing down her throat.

STEVEN

Amethyst!

AMETHYST

(mouth full)

Steven!

STEVEN

It was you!

AMETHYST

It was me what?

STEVEN

It was you eating Lion and Cat Steven's food!

AMETHYST

Um, duh! I eat everything in this kitchen, food or not.

Amethyst crumples the cat treat bag, tosses it in her mouth, chews, swallows and burps.

STEVEN

But why? Why didn't you tell me?

AMETHYST

You didn't ask.

Amethyst tries to break out of the net, but she just gets tangled and the net tightens around her.

STEVEN

But the mystery!

AMETHYST

Was that the mystery?

STEVEN

Yes! The disappearing cat and lion food was the mystery!

AMETHYST

Dude. We went over this. You never told me what the mystery was. You just said to look for anything weird.

STEVEN

Eating cat food is weird.

AMETHYST

Not to me! And Lion Lickers aren't technically cat food. Just sayin'.

STEVEN

Well, no. But still!

AMETHYST

I guess I sorta knew you might be trying to figure out who ate all the Lion Lickers or whatever. But you never said, so I never said.

STEVEN

Amethyst!

AMETHYST

Steven!

STEVEN

You could have replaced them!

AMETHYST

I could have. But then, when I was chillin' out in the freezer, I saw you got more.

INT. STEVEN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - FREEZER - FLASHBACK

Amethyst is very small, licking the giant-to-her stick to what must have been the last Lion Licker. The door of the freezer starts to open, and Amethyst turns into a PURPLE BOX, blending in to the mostly blue and purple items in the frosty freezer. Steven places the Lion Lickers inside, and closes the door.

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Amethyst continues to struggle against the net. She turns her arm into SCISSORS, but pauses.

AMETHYST

Ugh. Steven, I'm gonna cut your net. I hope this isn't your good net.

STEVEN

It's not my net at all!

Garnet arrives. She walks up to where Amethyst is struggling.

GARNET

It's my net. I set a trap to catch the cat food thief.

AMETHYST

Well I'm cutting your net.

GARNET

I don't think that will work. Bismuth made that net for me. Well, actually, she made it for you.

Amethyst tries to cut the net. She can't.

AMETHYST

Whaaaaaat?

GARNET

Some type of superstrong fiber. When she makes a weapon, she means Bismuth.

STEVEN

A pun, Garnet?

GARNET

But not a cat pun, Steven.

AMETHYST

If you knew it was me, why didn't you just, I don't know, tell me to stop or something?

GARNET

This way was more fun.

AMETHYST

Fun? For who?

GARNET

For Steven, of course. He deserves a spot of fun now and again.

STEVEN

We were not very good detectives. But we were, and I can't stress this enough, excellent in the napping department. All in all, it was fun.

AMETHYST

Yeah. It totally was fun, until this net. This net is a no-fun zone.

Garnet hunches over a very tangled-up Amethyst and turns her about until she finds a strip of metal. She flips up part of the strip and pushes a button. The net retracts back into the strip of metal, releasing Amethyst.

AMETHYST (CONT'D)

Ugh! That was the opposite of good. But you know what is totally good? Cookie Cat cat food, baby!

Amethyst reaches into her shirt and pulls out a can of Cookie Cat cat food, pulls the tab, raises the can above her head and taps the bottom, sending a can-shaped mass of cat food toward her mouth. Out of nowhere, Cat Steven flies through the air and swats the food down. It lands with a plop on the kitchen counter, and Cat Steven lands right after. She puts her head down and starts eating, purring up a storm.

AMETHYST

Et tu, kitty?

STEVEN

Hey, it's her food.

GARNET

That's how the Cookie Cat crumbles.

STEVEN

A Cookie Cat pun, Garnet?

GARNET

But not technically a cat pun,
Steven.

Cat Steven walks to the edge of the counter, where Garnet has placed the metal strip containing the net trap Bismuth made. She bats at it playfully and it spins and skitters on the counter top.

STEVEN

Should Cat Steven be playing with
that, Garnet?

AMETHYST

Yeah, she might get caught up in
that crappy net.

GARNET

It's a complicated bit of weaponry.
Safety measures and all that. She's
fine.

Cat Steven looks up at Amethyst, then whacks the metal strip off the edge of the counter while continuing to look at Amethyst. The metal strip lands on the ground with a clank. Everyone laughs. Then the net flies out of the metal strip and captures Amethyst again. Amethyst bellows and struggles in the net. The star-shaped wipe centers on Cat Steven, who blinks her eye as the star shrinks and pops to black.

THE END