

TREASURE TOWN OUTSKIRTS

The special episode begins on a rainy day. We pan over an odd-looking Meowth egg, with two figures silhouetted behind it.

MATEO

You're leaving?!

DAMINI

Why do you sound surprised.

MATEO

Because we- we agreed we were going to do this! We were supposed to start a *family* together, Damini!

DAMINI

I told *you* that I wanted to continue my family line. You really don't have any idea how many of my kind are *left* in the world.

MATEO

You're kidding me. You had to have known this was an outcome-!

DAMINI

Of course I fucking knew it could be an outcome. And I knew exactly what I would do if it was. And I'm *doing* it.

MATEO

Can't you just carry on those traditions anyway? Why does it have to be the same species as you?

DAMINI

Because Mateo, it's not just about party tricks! It's about years and years of tradition and culture that have been getting erased

before my very eyes! If it were about just teaching any old Meowth about decades of history, my kind would have died out long ago from *settling*.

MATEO

... So why did you even bother trying with me, huh?

She looks away.

DAMINI

Because I got distracted.

She starts walking out the door.

MATEO

So what, you're just gonna leave? What, am I supposed to just raise this thing myself?

DAMINI

Sounds like a plan to me.

Before Mateo can rebuttal, she dashes away, leaving a faint trail of electricity and sparks behind her. He remains at the door, and his hand falls to his side. He goes back inside, and sits at the table next to the egg as his head falls in his hands.

MATEO

What am I going to do...

We fade to black on a closeup of the egg.

MATEO'S HOUSE

The scene opens with a Meowsy Dielle mewing, her stomach growling. Mateo comes out from his room.

MATEO

... Noisy kid, huh.

He tentatively pats her, but her whiskers shock him.

MATEO

Gah! Damn it-!

Dielle continues to mew.

MATEO

Calm down. I'm going grocery shopping. I'll be back in a few minutes.

He exits the house, leaving Dielle inside. She immediately yowls at the door, but to no avail. As the hours pass we see she scratches some furniture (with sparks coming out her claws, lightly scorching it), and generally lays around, her stomach still growling. Once night falls, Mateo finally returns, with a small sack. He grabs a bowl and pours Dielle a bottle of milk, which he unceremoniously puts in front of her before landing on a cushion. Dielle fervently laps up the milk, and once she finishes, twitches her ear in Mateo's direction as she hears him snoring. She curls up with him, purring.

The next morning, she wakes up alone.

MATEO'S HOUSE

Some years pass, and we find Dielle playing with some sticks decorated with string.

DIELLE

"Don't worry, princess! I will protect you from the evil wizard, Hydro!"

"Lady knight, I knew you'd come save me! Mwah!"

She makes the sticks kiss.

Her playtime is interrupted by a creak from the front door. She looks over, and Mateo is about to leave.

DIELLE

Dad! Dad wait, I wanna come this time! Please please please!

MATEO

Sorry, kiddo. You know I can't take you. Nothing exciting out there anyway.

DIELLE

But dad, I've gotten super good at holding in my zaps!

He frowns, and Dielle relents.

DIELLE

... Okay.

MATEO

There ya go. Don't forget to eat your Wacan berry today.

He leaves, and Dielle goes over to the table, where a bowl of Wacan berries awaits her. She eats one, groaning as she chews it. She stares outside, but there isn't much to see.

DIELLE

I wonder if our town is big or small... Do you think there's a princess castle there?? Or maybe-!

She drops her Wacan berry and sprints over to her toy chest, where she pulls out a book.

DIELLE

Maybe there's a wish cave!

She gobbles down the rest of the Wacan berry, and scuttles over to the couch. She thumbs through the story, and the illustrations take over.

DIELLE

Our story begins a long, long time ago...

In a sky filled with stars, there was one that shone brighter than any others. Though pokemon loved to watch it fly across the night sky, it felt lonely. From far, far above, it could hear the wishes of the pokemon down below. So one night, it decided to leave its home in the sky. But such a long, long journey left it exhausted. The star closed its eyes, and fell into a deep sleep. It awoke to the

voice of a pure-hearted pokemon,  
who was gently singing a lullaby  
to it.

When daytime turns to night,  
When the moon shines bright  
When you're tucked in tight  
When everything is alright  
Slip softly to that place  
Where secret thoughts run free  
There come face to face  
With who you want to be

The star was so moved that it  
wanted to grant the wish of the  
pokemon of pure heart-

She stops.

DIELLE

Only one wish... What would *I* wish  
for?

She holds up one of her sticks, talking to it.

DIELLE

I wish I didn't have to eat Wacan  
berries! Or maybe I'd go out with  
dad. Or maybe be a princess? Or  
maybe-

We fade out from her talking about potential wishes.

MATEO'S HOUSE

More time has passed, and Dielle seems restless. She's  
putting together her own book, and hears her dad walk in.

DIELLE

Dad, dad! Before you leave, I  
wanna show you why I think I  
should go with you-

She flips to a page featuring a picture of her and her dad  
holding hands on a sunny day. He gently pushes the book  
down.

MATEO

Alright, kiddo. Hold on.

He goes over to grab something while Dielle is excited beyond belief. He puts a simple cloak over her, though it clearly was made for an adult as she's swimming in it.

DIELLE

Wait, really??

MATEO

Mmhmm. You're right, you're getting better at controlling your powers. The Wacan berries help too.

DIELLE

Yeah!!

He pulls the hood over Dielle's head.

MATEO

But no talking to strangers.

DIELLE

Mmhmm!

The hood falls off her head as she bounces, and he pulls it back over.

MATEO

Keep your hood on.

DIELLE

Yessir!

MATEO

And no using your powers.

DIELLE

Yep!!

He grabs her shoulders firmly.

MATEO

You have to *promise* me, Dielle. If you break any of these rules, no more outings.

DIELLE

Okay! I super promise!

MATEO

Good girl.

They walk outside, and Dielle is giddy. As they walk to their destination, Mateo gives Dielle's constant reminders not to act out.

MATEO

Don't run ahead of me.

Don't stare.

Keep your voice down.

She seems to be put down by his orders, and soon they arrive outside of a cafe.

DIELLE

A cafe?!?

MATEO

Mmhmm. Now,

He walks her over to a tree that's out of immediate line of sight.

MATEO

You're going to wait here until I'm done, okay?

DIELLE

Okay!

MATEO

And no leaving. Remember our rules?

DIELLE

Uh-huh!

MATEO

Good girl. I'll be back in a few minutes.

He does not take a few minutes. Dielle sits out by the tree, doing her best to keep busy. She collects leaves, picks at tree bark, and plucks blades of grass.

DIELLE

I wish I brought my book...

More time passes, and it's dark out. Dielle is making shadow puppets when her dad exits the cafe, and Dielle looks up when his shadow is cast upon her face.

MATEO

Brought you something, kiddo.

She looks up, and he's holding a bottle of milk.

DIELLE

Milk!!

MATEO

You did a good job today. You can come again if you keep being good.

DIELLE

Okay!

She happily sips on her milk on their way home. We transition to a montage of the two going on outings, but over time, they start to get stale. Until it's dark one evening, and Mateo comes out.

DIELLE

Hey dad!

MATEO

Hey kiddo.

Dielle gets up, dusting herself off, but rather than being handed a bottle of milk, her dad hands her a pen and paper.

MATEO

The star festival is coming up soon. I want you to write down your top 100 wishes, and we'll pick a few out together for the festival.

DIELLE

Really?? Eee, I have so many!



Mateo nods, and heads back inside the cafe while Dielle makes herself comfortable. More time passes, and it's soon very late into the night. Dielle yawns, her list having long been completed. She looks upset as she waits, and then finally gets up to do the unthinkable.

She enters the cafe.

#### SPINDA CAFE

Inside, she sees her dad at the bar with a few other pokemon, laughing. She tries keeping her cloak on, but when she looks up at her dad to get his attention, the hood falls off.

DIELLE

Dad, I wanna go home.

BAR PATRON

Whoa, Mateo, is that your kid?

Wordlessly, Mateo gets up. He puts a few coins on the counter, while Dielle frantically puts her hood back on. She stares at the bar patron.

MATEO

Night, fellas.

BAR PATRON

Bah c'mon, not even gonna finish this round? Boo!

#### TREASURE TOWN OUTSKIRTS

The walk home is quiet, and tense. Dielle is avoiding eye contact with her father until he breaks the silence.

MATEO

Dielle, you know I love you, right.

DIELLE

Mmhmm.

MATEO

... Have I ever told you how I got this scar?

Dielle looks up at his arm. She shakes her head.

MATEO

When you were younger, you were being a bit of a troublemaker, and when I tried to discipline you, you zapped me.

Dielle looks guilty. He laughs.

MATEO

That's why we always keep Wacan berries around. You're very powerful, you know that? You got that from your mother. And it's your responsibility to keep that in check.

DIELLE

Mmhmm.

MATEO

I'm only a Meowth, but you're something different entirely. Buh, I wish I knew what I was doing...

Dielle frowns, and they continue the rest of their walk in silence.

More days pass, and Dielle ruminates on her list of wishes. She comes up with a new wish, writing it down one day while she sits outside the cafe. "I wish I was a normal Meowth". As she watches her dad go inside the cafe, she steals away quietly into town.

TREASURE TOWN

In town, she's overwhelmed by the amount of people around.

DIELLE

Whoa-! What a big city!

She shakes her head and jogs over to a team pouring over a map.

DIELLE

Um, excuse me.

They don't notice her.

DIELLE  
Excuse me!

Her hood begins to slip off, but she catches it.

EXPLORER  
Hey little miss! How can we help  
you?

DIELLE  
Could I look at your map? I wanna  
find the Wishmaker.

EXPLORER  
The Wishmaker, huh? Well sure,  
come on up. You'll want to find a  
place called "Star Cave".

Dielle scrambles up a chair next to the explorers, but shrinks when she notices they're staring at her. She tries to avoid making eye contact as she looks at the map. On the map there are many locations, but one catches her interest- Star Cave, which is conveniently located near Treasure Town.

DIELLE  
Oh!!

EXPLORER  
Find what you're looking for?

DIELLE  
Mmhhh! I'm gonna go to Star Cave  
now!

EXPLORER  
Hey, before you do- every explorer  
should be prepared.

He hands her a knapsack, which has Oran berries inside of it. Dielle is delighted.

DIELLE  
They're not Wacan berries!

The explorer laughs.

EXPLORER

Of course not! Oran berries help you heal up. Stay safe out there, alright?

DIELLE

Y-Yeah!

She scrambles away, and another explorer remarks,

EXPLORER

Isn't she a bit young?

EXPLORER

If she's gonna stick her nose in adventuring, Star Cave is probably the safest place she can crawl around. It hardly meets the standards for a Mystery Dungeon.

Dielle exits town, and begins her journey. Along the way she says hi to passing merchants and explorers, but realizes she shouldn't talk to them and shies away. In this montage we see she stops for a picnic, before eventually coming outside of Star Cave. She pulls out her list of wishes, and clutches it.

DIELLE

Okay...! Here we go!

STAR CAVE

She steps inside Star Cave, and it's lined with sparkling walls. It's not a very long dungeon, but she's amazed to find small, luminous flowers growing spontaneously. After a bit, she gets to the center of the cave, where she sees the comet shard. Dielle gasps.

DIELLE

The Wishmaker-!

She tentatively walks up to it.

DIELLE

H-Hello Wishmaker... My name is Dielle... And I wanted to- Wait! I need to sing the lullaby first.

She begins singing.

DIELLE

When daytime turns to night,  
When the moon shines bright  
When you're tucked in tight  
When everything is alright  
Slip softly to that place  
Where secret thoughts run free  
There come face to face  
With who you want to be...

And then...

Nothing happens.

DIELLE

W-What did I do wrong...?

She sinks to the ground as she begins to cry.

DIELLE

D-Dad is gonna be so mad... I  
should have listened to him-!

She pulls out her list of wishes again, looking over her wish to be a normal Meowth.

DIELLE

But... If I was a normal Meowth...  
Every day with dad would be the  
same. I haven't zapped in *forever*,  
but nothing's changed...

She sniffs.

DIELLE

Today was so fun...! I got to go  
on an adventure...!

She gets up and goes over to the comet shard.

DIELLE

I don't know if you can hear me  
but... If you can, I wish for lots  
and lots of friends that love me  
the way I am!

She hugs it tightly, and it appears to glow softly. She steps away, and leaves the dungeon.

Dielle arrives back at the tree at Spinda Cafe by nightfall, but finds it's closed. She looks around for her dad before walking back home.

#### MATEO'S HOUSE

Once home, Dielle finds that she's alone.

DIELLE

Dad...?

There is no response. She goes to bed, looking worried.

When she awakens the next morning, she heads over to the cafe. Still with no sign of her dad, she peers inside. He's not there either. Back outside she waits by the tree, and we see a Nidorina watching her from the distance. Hours pass, and Dielle begins to cry.

DIELLE

H-He left me...! I was *bad* and he left me!

It's all my fault...!

She's bawling, as we pan back over to the Nidorina who is speaking with another pokemon.

MOXIE

And you're sure he skipped town?

NPC

The report from the outpost says so.

MOXIE

What kind of degenerate leaves his young daughter to fend for herself-!

We cut back to Dielle who is still crying, when a shadow is cast over her. She looks up to Moxie, a Nidorina, holding out her hand.

MOXIE

Hey sweetheart... Are you okay? Do  
you need a place to stay tonight?

Dielle shifts away, trying not to make eye contact.

MOXIE  
... Sweetheart?

DIELLE  
Dad says I can't talk to  
strangers.

... I'm waiting for him to come  
back.

Moxie frowns, but accepts her response.

MOXIE  
Alright.

She leaves, and comes back after a bit with a tent, some  
toys, and a meal. She sets down the food in front of  
Dielle, and starts pitching the tent.

MOXIE  
If you're camping, you gotta do it  
right. I hope you like fish!

Dielle doesn't respond right away, but gobbles up the fish.

MOXIE  
And those toys are yours, okay?  
Gotta keep good company out here.

As Dielle eats, she starts crying.

DIELLE  
C-Can I still come to your house,  
miss?

Moxie smiles.

MOXIE  
Of course, honey. Call me Moxie.

They go to Moxie's place, and we see Moxie's father and  
girlfriend awaiting them. In a montage sequence, Dielle is  
set up with her own room and Marowak brings out more food

than Dielle can eat. Some days pass, and we see Dielle making friends. One evening, Moxie asks,

MOXIE

Dielle, you've been with us for a little bit... But I was wondering, would you like to live with us permanently?

Dielle lights up at the prospect.

DIELLE

Yes!! I- I promise to be good!

MOXIE

You don't have to prove anything to show us you're good- just be yourself.

We see a montage of Dielle living a much happier life, where she's celebrating her birthday, playing games, cuddling a Jirachi plush, and soon, helping Moxie and Charlotte take care of an egg.

MAROWAK DOJO

In our final scene, Dielle is barreling through the dojo.

DIELLE

Moxie!! Charlotte! Gramps-! It's time!!

Everyone gathers around the egg as it shakes. As it cracks, Dielle looks on with awe, until it hatches with a shining light. When the light fades, we see a very small, baby Inigo. Moxie reaches down and picks up her newborn.

MOXIE

Ohh sweetheart, look at you...

Charlotte joins in.

CHARLOTTE

You're absolutely beautiful!

Moxie looks up at Dielle, and motions for her over. Dielle comes up, and Moxie places Inigo in her arms without hesitation. Dielle holds him tenderly, and he reaches out a



clawed hand to grab her. Her eyes are misty, as she sings the final part of the lullaby-

DIELLE

Make a wish, it's up to you.  
Find the strength inside, then  
watch your dreams come true.  
You don't need a shooting star,  
the magic's right there in your  
heart;  
Close your eyes, believe, and make  
a wish...

END OF EPISODE