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Name of Play 劇名 : Who Dares to Dream?

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Synopsis 故事大綱 :

Dreams, what's wrong with them? At some stage in our lives, we dream... don't we? If used properly, dreams can be very powerful tools. But if they are used in the wrong way or for the wrong purposes, a dreamer waits for disaster to happen.

For John, he learns about dreams the hard way. A few of his "coincidental dreams" come true and he, only but a primary school child, starts to believe that ALL his dreams can come true, even without him putting any effort into achieving them. He seeks to harness this newly found "power" to gain any advantage he can get. Can his dreams really get him to where he wants to be? Is it possible to achieve his goals without working hard to achieve them?



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Scene 1 @ Home – Sometime during the early hours of the morning

Mum *[Stage right wings – borrow mic from Brett]*

Boys! Wake up, honey! It's time to wake up to go to school!

[John enter stage right – Area 1; Charles following behind - yawning]

John *[Excitedly]* Hey Charles, I had the best dream EVER! I dreamt that Mum made me my favorite food: fruit cake! Hmmmmm ... and you know what? It wasn't cake for dessert after dinner, it was cake ... FOR BREAKFAST! Wouldn't it be cool if we actually got cake for breakfast this morning? Ah, just thinking about it is making me hungry already *[sniggering]*

Charles *[In your dreams tone]* You're right ... it'll most probably stay as the best dream ... EVER. What are the chances of us having cake for breakfast?

Mum *[Enter stage right with Dad; bring cakes on tray to dining table]*

C'mon boys, if you don't come out you'll be late for school!

[John & Charles go to the dining table to find Mum has prepared a fruit cake]

John *[Over reacting]* What? Really??? NOOOOOO!

Mum Happy birthday honey! I woke up at 4 this morning to make you your favorite dish. Hope you both enjoy it.

Dad Happy birthday, John! *[Patting John on the back]*

John *[In shock]* You know what? I dreamt last night that you gave us fruit cake for breakfast this morning. Thank you Mum!

Mum No problem my son, it's your favorite right? Poor thing. Both of you have your English dictation today and I know you've been working really hard on it. Oh and John, since it's your birthday, I gave you extra snacks to share with your friends. *[John's face beams and takes snack pack]*

[Boys leave home, Brett waiting impatiently] [Greet each other]

Charles *[John walking downstage right to downstage left with Brett; Charles running in front of them] [Shouting]* C'mon guys, hurry up or we'll be late for school!

[Exit stage left]

John *[To Brett]* I'll tell you all about it after the dictation.

[Exit stage left]

[Mum – takes cake backstage. Dad takes pajamas backstage]



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Scene 2 In the classroom

[Students studying or chatting quietly; Smart Alex is playing jokes on Nicholas]

John and Brett rush into classroom puffing; teacher walks in right after them]

Nicholas Class, stand up!

Mr Mickey Good morning boys!

Students Good morning Mr Mickey.

Smart Alex Good morning Mr Mickey ... mouse.
[Other students giggle, all point to Smart Alex when Mr Mickey eyes the class]

Mr. Mickey *[Eye Smart Alex, but lets it go]*
OK, let's get straight into it. You've got your dictation coming up. Please get yourselves ready to start.
[Students get ready and teacher hands out the books].
Does anyone have any questions before we begin? *[Pause]*
[A lot of non-speaking acting for the duration of the dictation]

Mr Mickey Time's up! Please put your pencils down. Pass your books to the front. Have I got all your work yet? I'll try to get these marks back to you by tomorrow.

Students *[Some excited, some moan, some shocked]*

Monitor Class, stand up!

Mr Mickey Goodbye class!

Students Goodbye Mr Mickey *[all eyes on Smart Alex in case he starts playing up again]*
[Students start to get messy - post dictation mode]
[John, Brett & twins - with snack]

John *[Excitedly]* Guys, I MUST tell you about the dream I had last night.

Brett Oh, there you go again!

John No, no! This one's different. My dream ACTUALLY came true!

Brett *[Looking at twins with fingers to head implying that John has lost his mind]*
What are you talking about?

John Last night I dreamt that my mum made me the best breakfast ever this morning ... fruit cake. Guess what? When I woke up, Mum had made a chocolate cake for me and my brother!

Zac *[Sarcastically – left side of John]* Yeah, and I'm sure your cake had just the right amount of fruit on it too, right?



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John Yes, exactly!

Mac *[Sarcastically too – right side of John]* And the size and shape of the cake was in the exact same shape you had seen in your dream too, right?

John *[Excitedly]* Yes, yes, how'd you know? It was totally like that! ... Wait, wait ... guys! I'm beginning to think that my dreams can come true in reality! I think I actually have the power to "change" the future ... no, no, no ... MY future!

Brett Yeah, whatever John. You sure it isn't because it's your birthday today that you got your favorite food?

Zac *[To John, pulling him slightly away from Brett]*
Don't listen to him. Maybe you're onto something. Maybe you do have psychic powers that can change the future.

Mac *[Laughs in agreement with his brother – eggs John on]*

Brett *[Dragging John]* C'mon, John. Don't listen to this nonsense from these two. They're like the Weasley twins from Harry Potter ... all they'll do is get you into trouble. C'mon, let's get home.

[Exit stage left]



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Scene 3 He dares to dream again

[Living room; Charles is reading a book; John is pacing]

John I don't get why Brett doesn't believe me! Charles, you believe me, don't you?

[Charles not listening] CHARLES!

Charles *[Startled]* What?

John You believe me, right? This morning I told you that I dreamed that Mum would make us a chocolate cake for breakfast. It came true!

Charles *[Yawning]* Yeah, it's all a coincidence. Don't think too much about it. I'm tired, I'm heading to bed. Don't stay up too late. *[Exit stage right]*

John Why does no one except the twins believe me? *[Pauses]* Right, I'll have another dream tonight. I'll show them alright! I'll show them that my last dream was no fluke. I'll score 100 on my dictation in my dream ... and then we'll see if I do get 100% or not. Ooooh, if I can pull this off, I'll be able to get myself on "Easy Street". *[Sniggers & exits stage right]*



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Scene 4 The (first) moment of truth [Classroom]

[students and Mr Mickey already in position – Mr Mickey is teaching and students working listening/sleeping/chatting]

Mr Mickey Does anyone have any question? Ok, please close all your books.

I have marked your papers. Most of you did really well in this. I'll call out your name and announce your mark if you managed to get full marks. Please come out to collect your work, take it home to review and return it to me with your corrections in the morning.

Students *[All different emotions – some murmur – John is praying and mumbling]*

Mr Mickey Nicholas, very very close. Well done!

Nikolas *[Shows disappointment]*

Mr Mickey Zac, big improvement, keep it up. *[Pat on the back]*

Zac *[Feels satisfied]*

Mr Mickey Alex? Please work harder next time.

Smart Alex [Show 'don't care look']

Mr Mickey Mac, seems like you did not check your work at all.

Mac *[Shrugs in disappointment]*

Mr Mickey John, 100%!

John *[Elated, fist pump] Yes!*

[Nicholas death stares John / slaps hand on table out of jealousy]

[Brett really happy for his friend]

[Rest of class – look at John's paper]

Mr Mickey Last but not least, Brett. Good Job.

Brett *[Seems quite pleased with himself]*

Mr Mickey Ok everyone, please stand up. I'll see you tomorrow.



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- Smart Alex *[Taking Nikolas' job]* Stand up, class!
 [Nikolas displeased with this]
- Mr Mickey Goodbye class.
- Students Goodbye Mr Mickey.
- Smart Alex Goodbye Mr Mickey ... mouse
 [Some students giggle]
- Mr Mickey *['Come' gesture at Smart Alex]*
- Zac/Mac Wooooooo!

 [John calls his mates for another chat]
- John Guys, I did it again! My dream has come true again! I dreamt that I would get 100%
 in my dictation ... and LO AND BEHOLD, the ONLY PERSON TO SCORE 100%
 [Raises his book proudly]
- Brett Eh, there you go again. Bragging about your dream again. You were like this
 yesterday, and you're doing it again today!
- John But it's true! Both my dreams DID happen the way I had dreamt it. The vision is
 almost identical too! One time, yes – coincidence. But twice in a row? This can't be
 coincidence ... can it?
- Zac *[Sarcastically]* Nah, it can't be a coincidence. You MUST have "the power" to change
 your own life! *[Laughs with Mac]*
- Mac *[Playing along]* Hey John, gimme your autograph. I wanna tell everyone that I
 personally know a superhero! Your signature is gonna be worth squillions of dollars
 once you become famous!
- Zac Oh, oh, can you have another dream tonight that makes both us twins SOOOOO
 smart that we don't have to do any school work ... for ...ever! *[Elbow nudging
 brother]*
- Mac Why not make us rich while you're at it. *[Brothers break into laughter]*



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Brett Stop it guys! There's no such thing as being able to make a dream become a reality straight away. You've got to work hard even when you're chasing your dreams, John, stop it! It's all a coincidence.

John No, wait! I think the twins are right! Maybe I do have what it takes to "change" my life around through my dreams. *[Pause]* I know what my next dream is. My next dream is that I don't need to do study hard anymore, and I'll still get top marks in all my work! I'm going to dream that I am ... a ... genius!

[Twins clap their hands in agreement and out of silliness; Brett shakes head and leaves classroom stage right]

[Exit stage right]



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Scene 5 Why won't they trust me? [Home]

[Mum & Dad at dining table minding their own business]

John *[Walks in through door]*

Mum! Dad! I got 100% in my dictation!

Dad Well done, son! You must've worked really hard to get this mark!

John The day before yesterday, I dreamt that you would make me a fruit cake. You did. Last night I dreamt that I would get 100% in my dictation ... guess what? That came true too. *[Beaming]*

Mum It's just a coincidence. I did see you work really hard to prepare for your dictation.

Dad I'm sure you've heard of the terms working hard and luck before, right? Everyone needs to work hard or gets lucky at some stage in their lives so don't think too much about it ok? These things shouldn't be taken too seriously.

John *[A bit desperate]* It's true though. It did happen AND I dreamt both events!

Mum You remember what I told you when you were younger? You can't reach your goals if you don't put any effort in it.

Dad Exactly!

John Why don't you believe me? *[Storms to bedroom]*

[Parents show concern]

John *[With a sour face]* Blah blah blah ... you can't reach your goals unless you put effort in it ... I've heard it MANY times before.

[Start pacing in the room]

[To audience] Haven't you had a dream before and then it happened in real life? It's happened to me twice now! Not a fluke, right? I think the twins are right. I think I'll dream of something else and that'll come true too!

Let's see. I wanna dream that I don't need to do anything and still manage to get good results. I'll show everyone, especially my family!

[Time lapse with caption saying "One month later"]



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Scene 6 One month later ... the REAL moment of truth [Classroom]

[John looks a bit scruffier than before – sits in seat more relaxed than before]

Mr Mickey So I've marked all your exam papers. Some rather interesting results have come up from it. Do come out and collect your work and ...

Mr Mickey Looks like there's no time to hand it out individually. I'll get Nicholas to hand out the papers. I'll come back after recess and we'll discuss the paper in more depth.

Nikolas Stand up class

Mr Mickey Goodbye class!

Class Goodbye Mr Mickey!

Smart Alex Goodbye Mr Mickey ... *[thinks twice about calling the nickname]*

[Students rush towards Nicholas to get their results – mixed feelings]

John *[Very anxious to get his results, looks at paper and gives most disappointed look]*

Brett What d'ya get this time? Full marks? I finally got 100%. *[Proudly displaying book]* I worked real hard for this one.
[Notices John unhappy] What's wrong? You didn't get your usual 100% this time?

John *[Angry/upset/crying]* 100? 100? Does this 61 look like 100 to you? I've never had such a low mark in an exam before!

Twins *[Overhears John talking and cues each other to get out of the classroom because they realize that John's dream is partly their fault]*

Brett *[Shocked, softly]* Wwwwhhhat?
[Looks at John's book] Whoa, that's definitely a new low for you. Didn't you prepare for this dictation? Mr Mickey had already warned us that this one would be really difficult.



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John *[Disgusted]* What preparation! Of course I didn't do any. I dreamt that I would get 100 in all my work without putting making any effort. My dreams worked for the fruit cake and also for the dictation. Why didn't it work for this one? I did everything the same way as before.

Brett You what? Dreamt that you could get good results without doing any work for it? *[Deliberate pause]* Now I get it. This is not the first thing you've been flunking this past month: Mr Mickey has already been warning you about your homework quality; then you only scored 5 in your small dictation. Now, THIS mark for your exam? No wonder Mr Mickey wants to see your folks ... You know what? You're not in a dream; you're in the middle of a nightmare!

John *[Shakes head]* Tell me about it.
I thought I could ... (*sigh*). I've already been trying to avoid telling my parents about the lower marks, thinking that I would do better next time ... But when next time came, there wasn't any improvement.

Brett *[Trying to console John]* I know buddy. Guess because you used to work so hard for your good results you were just trying to find a way to do less work but still get high marks. Guess you hoped that your dream from a month ago would come true, but it never came, right? So, what do you think you'll do now?

John *[Sulking].* I can't handle seeing all these low marks and grades anymore. I don't ever want to dream again!

Brett *[Convincing mode]* What are you saying? Of course dreams can come true ... look at people like Albert Einstein! He wrote one of the world's most famous scientific ideas we've ever had ... it all started with a dream! Don't you see? A dream can be the starting point towards greatness. But you can't become great unless you keep working hard at trying to make that dream come true.

John *[Pause ... speaking in bolder voice]* ... Right! I'll start working hard from now on! I can't simply count on any dream to come true without working on it!

Brett That's a boy! I'm glad you're finally coming to your senses. *[Pats John on back]* Come on! Let's go grab a quick bite from the canteen before lessons begin again.

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