DANGER MOUSE

Dark Dawn

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Shooting Script

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EXT. TRAFALGAR SQUARE - DAY

Black cabs, red buses, commuters.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
London. A normal, ordinary, everyday-

A STAMPEDE OF RAINBOW PONIES sends cars and pedestrians flying. <SCREAMS>

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Stampede of ANGRY RAINBOW PONIES!?

DANGER MOUSE gallops in on the Danger Horse. PENFOLD, wearing his Giraffe Warriors onesie, grips onto DM’s waist.

PENFOLD
It’s a bit early for all this, isn’t it, Chief? I haven’t even had my porridge.

DANGER MOUSE
Evil doesn’t have a snooze button, Penfold!

They vault a car, chasing after the stampeding ponies and Penfold grips DM’s waist harder.

DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
(constricted)
A bit tight!

PENFOLD
Sorry. I’ll cuddle Bernard instead.

Penfold takes out his teddy bear, BERNARD, and cuddles him.

WHIP PAN TO SNUGGLES the giant teddy bear, who is hanging off Nelson’s Column, shooting out black rays of anger from the black tiara on his head.

SNUGGLES
JOIN ME, FRIENDS! FEEL MY CUDDLY RAGE!

He blasts a CHILD’S TEDDY BEAR. It leaps from its pram, blows a raspberry at its owner and joins Snuggles. The child <BAWLS!>.

Two little teddy bears are trying to wrestle Big Mike, who just giggles in response. As several more teddies run past, Danger Mouse dismounts and squares up to Snuggles.
DANGER MOUSE
Alright, Snuggles, I think someone needs a time out on the naughty step. And by ‘someone’ I mean you and by ‘naughty step’ I mean a maximum security prison.

SNUGGLES
I’ll never surrender! I’ll destroy anyone who isn’t my friend! Do you want to be my friend? BE MY FRIEND!

DM and Penfold look at each other, surprised.

SNUGGLES (CONT’D)
I don’t care! I don’t need you, I can make my own friends!

ZAP! Snuggles aims a POWER RAY at Bernard who comes to life, leaps out of Penfold’s arms and <GROWLS> at him.

PENFOLD (gasps, stricken)
Bernard?

Snuggles jumps off Nelson’s Column onto a rainbow pony and swings Bernard up behind him. They gallop off.

PENFOLD (CONT’D)
BERNARD?!

Danger Mouse steps up, watching them go.

DANGER MOUSE
Let me handle it, Penfold. I know who’s behind this. I’ll simply summon the Danger Car and-

NEEEYOW! The Danger Car races past, an irate Penfold at the wheel, standing up as he drives.

PENFOLD
NO ONE TAKES MY BERNARD!

DM looks around, awkward.

DANGER MOUSE
Seat belt Penfold!!!!

He <WHISTLES>, leaps on Danger Horse and takes chase.
EXT. PINK DAWN’S PLAY SET PALACE - DAY

<CRASH!> Penfold drives the Danger Car through the gates, jumps out and stomps up to a bedroom door with a PICTURE OF PINK DAWN hanging on the door. Penfold pounds on the door.

PENFOLD
Pink Dawn? You open this door at once right now!

He listens. No reply.

PENFOLD (CONT’D)
Right then. I’ll... KICK IT DOWN!

He winds up to kick the door down.

INT. PINK DAWN’S NEW BEDROOM - DAY

<CRASH> Penfold’s feet fly smash through the door, but the rest of his body is on the other side. The door opens, revealing DM and the top half of Penfold stuck in the hole.

DANGER MOUSE
It wasn’t locked, Penfold.

PENFOLD
Thanks, Chief.

He falls out of the door with a thud.

DANGER MOUSE
Don’t mention it-

Penfold pushes past and stamps into the room, angry.

PENFOLD
You’ve got some explaining to do, young lady!

REVEAL - the room has changed. The girly pink accoutrements have been replaced by with GOTHIC TEENAGE PARAPHERNALIA.

DANGER MOUSE
Wait. Where’s all the pink stuff?

A chair swings round to reveal PINK DAWN, but not as we know her. Black hair, moody fringe and a black dress adorn the all-new Dawn as she scribbles in her journal.
DAWN
Heard of privacy much!? Ugh, I hate grown ups. GET OUT OF MY ROOM!

PENFOLD
Chief, something’s changed. I think she’s...

DANGER MOUSE/PENFOLD
(with horror)
...A TEENAGER!

NARRATOR
NO! Pink Dawn? A teenager? The only thing worse than a super villain is a teenager! And the only thing worse than a teenager is a teen aged super-villain!

ACT TWO

DAWN
Now leave me alone before I, like, flick my hair at you and stuff.

DANGER MOUSE
I think we can handle that.

DAWN
Ugh.

Dawn FLICKS her black fringe, emitting a black power-wave that sends DM and Penfold flying into a side table, covering them with teenage goth jewelry.

DANGER MOUSE/PENFOLD
Oof!

COLONEL K’S HOLOGRAM pops up in front of them.

COLONEL K
Ah DM, Interesting new look.

They shake off the jewelry. Penfold, angry, stomps OOV.

DANGER MOUSE
Just dealing with a villainous teen tantrum Colonel. Looks like Pink Dawn’s grown up and abandoned her toys.
Hm... I wonder if that could be connected to all the angry soft toys rampaging across Britain?

Well, yes Colonel, obviously.

Drop everything and deal with it DM! Major Mugsy has disappeared!

He shows a picture of himself with a teddy in uniform.

We’re at Pink Dawn’s right now sir. Should have everything under control in no time. Just needs a bit of finesse and-

Now you listen here, Missy!

Excuse me Colonel.

DM joins Penfold who is angrily confronting Dawn.

Snuggles is out there causing mayhem with your super-powered tiara - and he’s done something terrible to my Bernard!

T.L.D.L. Too long, didn’t listen.

Dawn starts another super-powered hair flick.

Ooh ‘eck!

He grabs the POETRY JOURNAL from her desk and uses it to shield himself from the blast, but is still blown across the room into Danger Mouse’s arms.

Penfold pulls the journal off his face and reads.
“Life is a hole. Like the darkness in my soul. I am alone. Even the charge is out on my phone.”

(emotionally to camera)
It’s rather moving actually-

Dawn snatches it off him.

Don’t read that! Ugh, so embarrassing.

(to himself)
Hm, doesn’t like being embarrassed...

(louder)
Come on Penfold. We’ll just tell everyone the teddies are Dawn’s.

Penfold, gloomy, slopes after DM towards the door. Dawn jumps in front of them.

WAIT! You can’t. I’ll look like such a like baby and stuff.

Then do the sensible adult thing and help us fight these teddy bears! Hm, doesn’t sound quite as adult when you say it out loud.

Tsch. FIIIINE.

Dawn rolls her eyes and winds up for as hair flick. DM and Penfold look at each other alarmed.

And dive for cover as she hair-flicks.

EXT. LONDON - DAY

PAN DOWN TO the fog-shrouded bridge.

And so our heroes arrange a rendezvous- Is that fog? Tut! Oh!

(MORE)
That’s 20 minutes on my home journey!

Danger Mouse appears holding a smoke machine, that’s pumping out fog.

We’re just creating a bit of atmosphere!

Oh sorry, carry on.

What am I going to do if I don’t get Bernard back chief?

I don’t know? Get another one?

Penfold wails.

Don’t worry, Penfold I’m sure Dawn will convince Snuggles to put everything back to normal.

Snuggles, Bernard and some of his toy army peer through the fog at one end of the bridge.

Dawn steps out of the fog at the other end of the bridge.

(briefly excited)

DAWN!

(remembers he’s angry)


Dawn hears DM’s voice in her earpiece. He’s hiding in the fog with an anxious Penfold.

Remember, Dawn, just tell him what he wants to hear.

Is Bernard there, can you see him?

Penfold, get off the microphone!

Well? I’m waiting?
With DM and Penfold, DM is whispering into a microphone.

DANGER MOUSE
Repeat after me Dawn... “I’m really sorry I was mean to you, Snuggles. Please stop scaring people.”

Penfold is in near tears and tapping DM’s arm. DM sighs.

DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
And please give Bernard back.

With Dawn and Snuggles

DAWN
(robotic, fast)
I’m really sorry I was mean to you. Boo hoo. Please stop scaring people. And give Barney back.

PENFOLD (OFF, IN DISTANCE)
BERNARD!

Snuggles seems unsure.

Intercutting between DM and Dawn

DANGER MOUSE
Say it like you mean it!

DAWN
Say it like you mean it!

SNUGGLES
Huh?

Nothing!

DAWN
Nothing.

SNUGGLES
Okay, I’ll send the toys home, but only if you say ‘pretty please’.

DANGER MOUSE
Great! Just say it, Dawn!

DAWN
Pr- Pr- Prrrrrr- UGH!

Dawn hair-flicks, knocking Snuggles and the toys over.
SNUGGLES

OOF!

And dispersing the fog, revealing Danger Mouse.

DANGER MOUSE

Ah.

SNUGGLES

DANGER MOUSE?! What is this?

DAWN

Ugh, you’re such a baby toy. I don’t want you back. I don’t care if I never see you again!

Snuggles <GASPS>, heart-broken again. His toy friends are outraged.

Penfold breaks ranks and runs towards Bernard.

PENFOLD

Don’t worry chief! Bernard will listen to reason!

Bernard turns on the approaching Penfold, <GROWLING>.

Penfold races back past DM.

PENFOLD (CONT’D)

There’s no reasoning with him!

Snuggles grows angry as he rises up, his face darkening...

SNUGGLES

No more Mr. Nice Snuggles. ALL WILL FEEL MY PAIN!

EXT. LONDON STREETS - DAY

Snuggles rampages through the streets <ROARING> and blasting every soft toy in sight.

DANGER MOUSE

Well, that could have gone better.

Teddies leap from the arms of distraught children, run from houses and break out of shop windows, joining his growing army and leaving a trail of devastated owners.

DM and a depressed Penfold race after them in the Danger Car.
PENFOLD
Bernard! Bernard! Who’s going to hug me now?!

He looks hopefully at DM.

DANGER MOUSE
Bit busy saving the world Penfold. Honestly, a few lost teddies and everyone falls to pieces. At least I can rely on the Professor to keep a level head. Profess-

PROFESSOR SQUAWKENCLUCK comes onscreen – she is turning the Lab upsidedown, weeping with such emotion that she is completely incomprehensible. Snot-bubble level bawling.

PROFESSOR SQUAWKENCLUCK
(INCOMPREHENSIBLE BABBLE)

DANGER MOUSE
Sorry Professor, what was that?...

PENFOLD
I think she’s speaking Spanish.

She picks up a keyboard and types, still bawl-babbling.

DANGER MOUSE
Wait, she’s typing something.

He activates his eye-patch and reads the message.

DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
‘Professor Donkey’ is gone! My life ruined.

DM hangs up.

DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
Looks like we’re on our own, Penfo–Oh good grief.

Penfold has wadded up his jacket and is cradling it like a baby.

PENFOLD
You’ll be my new baby bear now, Jacket. I’ll call you Jacky.

DANGER MOUSE
Getting a bit weird now Penfold.
EXT. LONDON - HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT - DAY

Snuggles blasts some MPs, whose briefcases fall open, revealing teddy bears which join his ranks to their distress.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
It looks like there’s no stopping Snuggles. But honestly, isn’t everyone a little old for teddies?

Snuggles turns TO CAMERA and blasts us with his rays.

A SILHOUETTE OF A TEDDY jumps up on screen and runs off.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Mickey Phone! Mickey Phone! Wah!!!

The Danger Car flies in. Penfold <blubbing>.

DANGER MOUSE
I-patch, scan for targets.

I-patch POV plots a course through all the rampaging teddies.

DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
I can still contain them, just as long as things don’t get any worse.

Snuggles appears on screens everywhere, angry and emotional.

SNUGGLES
By the way, if anyone’s wondering who’s to blame, it’s HER!

Embarrassing photos of Dawn on every screen - in her super-girly phase, cuddling Snuggles, having teddy tea parties etc.

SNUGGLES (CONT’D)
She used to love me! She used to dress me in ribbons and bows. I was her special bear!

DANGER MOUSE
Uh-oh!

DAWN (O.S.)
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

ACT THREE

BLACK STORM CLOUDS rolls over the horizon as GOTH DAWN streaks into sight, hovering on black power beams.
DAWN (CONT’D)  
STOP MAKING ME LOOK SILLY!

DANGER MOUSE  
If you don’t like silly, you chose the wrong show.

DM makes evasive manoeuvres as Dawn hair-flicks, sending waves of black doom all over the city.

<SCREAMS> as shiny skyscrapers are turned black and gloomy, traffic lights are turned black, pedestrians on a zebra crossing are forced to flee as the white stripes turn black and the cars drive across.

NARRATOR (V.O.)  
(still sad)  
Can Danger Mouse stop our villains (sniff) before they turn London into a gloomy, unfriendly place? You know (sniff), more than usual.

DM continues to pilot them around black rays and dodge attacking teddies, under the following:

PENFOLD  
You’ll never understand Chief. You never lost someone you care about more than anything in the world.

DANGER MOUSE  
I nearly lose my best friend every week! It’s the thing that drives me. And his name is Penfold.

Oh. So not only is Bernard gone, but now I find you’ve got another friend called Penfold who’s more important to you than I am! <WEEPS>

Good grief.

<ZAP!> the Car is blasted, turning it black.

EXT. BIG BEN - CONTINUOUS

Snuggles (with Bernard) scales Big Ben like a cuddly King Kong. Dawn rises next to him, both powering up their black rays, ready to obliterate each other.
The Danger Car screeches in between them and hovers there. DM leaps onto the bonnet and holds up his hands.

DANGER MOUSE
WAIT! I know you’re both upset, but things change. People change. Teddies change!

PENFOLD
I don’t want them to!

DANGER MOUSE
Not helping, Penfold... What I’m saying is, if you love something, you have to set it free!

Dawn and Snuggles look at each other, thoughtful. Beat.

DAWN/SNUGGLES
Nah.

Danger Mouse dives clear as Snuggles and Dawn blast each other. <ZAP! ZAP! ZAP!>

Bernard loses his grip on Big Ben and plummets away.

PENFOLD
BERNARD!

Penfold leaps from the hovering Car and falls after him.

DM leaps after him, but collides with Dawn, who spirals out of control, crashing into Snuggles. The three dangle from the clock face and can only watch as Penfold grabs a surprised Bernard with the ground approaching fast! At the very last moment Penfold pops open a parachute! They land on the ground and Penfold releases his grip on Bernard.

PENFOLD
It’s okay, Bernard. You go. I can learn to live without you!

Bernard’s frown lifts... and he runs into Penfold’s arms! They both <BURST INTO TEARS>
ABOVE THEM, ON BIG BEN

Danger Mouse, Snuggles and Dawn are all moved by what they see... then embarrassed

115 DANGER MOUSE/SNUGGLES/DAWN
Ahem, something in my eye/The wind’s making my eyes water/Minor tear duct infection

Snuggles and Dawn look at each other. DM is in the middle.

116 SNUGGLES
I’M SORRY I WAS SO ANGRY!

117 DAWN
Me tooo!!!

Dawn takes the Tiara and puts it on, turning back into Pink Dawn. They hug, crushing DM - he manages to squeeze out of the middle of their embrace.

118 DANGER MOUSE
I’ll just... give you some space...

ON THE GROUND

Bernard turns back into just a teddy and falls into Penfold’s arms, as Danger Mouse lands next to them.

119 DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
Looks like it all ended happily ever after for once Penfold.

In B/G Dawn and Snuggles fly away spreading rainbows across the sky.

120 DANGER MOUSE (CONT’D)
Thank goodness as angry Bernard was quite creepy.

121 PENFOLD
(gasps) Chief!

Penfold covers Bernard’s ears.

122 DANGER MOUSE
All that’s left is for the Narrator to sum up what we’re all feeling with a few heart-felt words.
NARRATOR (V.O.)
Waaaaah!!! Mickey Phone! I love you so much! Mic-key-ph-one!!! Never leave me again!