

**Lola's morning montage narrative version**

Inside her hidden cave's twinkling glow, Lola unfurled her day with rituals unknown to land. She'd comb her hair with a forked seashell, each stroke sparking bioluminescent trails. There, she'd snack on pearls of algae, bursting with oceanic essence, as she adorned her tail with sapphires that shimmered with the depth of the sea. She'd practice her siren songs, hums that could hush waves, preparing her voice for a world unheard. Before stealing away from her watery chamber, she'd glance at her reflection, seeing not just the mermaid but the future she dared to claim. She approached a relic from the world above—a compact mirror, encrusted with sea jewels. It was no ordinary item; for her, it was a portal into the realm she yearned to join. As she peered into its glass, she didn't just see her reflection; she envisioned a human girl looking back. Flipping the mirror open, it played a melody that transcended the depths, sealing her resolve to steal her mermaid mother queens magic necklace.

**Lola's morning montage screenplay version**

**INT. UNDERWATER MERMAID MANSION- DAY**

LOLA THE MERMAID, teenish, unfurls her aquamarine fantail before her mermaid vanity, a bejeweled set of shelves seamlessly integrated into the cave's rocky wall.

Holding a compact mirror encrusted with emerald sea jewels and a forked seashell comb, she GASPS! at her reflection.

In the MIRROR, Lola sees her human self -- with TWO LEGS! Excitedly, she stashes the compact in her hair. Burping bubbles, fish look at her sideways.

**INT. UNDERWATER HALLS/CHAMBER - DAY**

Swishing by pearl altars and seaweed tapestries telling stories of her connection to the sea and its creatures, Lola halts at a gilded portrait of her CROWNED MERROW MERMAID QUEEN.

Bowing her head, Lola wears a mischievous grin. But if you looked into her mermaid eyes, they'd say she's on a noble mission.

Lola looks left, then right.

Unhinging the portrait -- she uncovers a luminescent PEARL KEYPAD. Entering the correct sequence, she slips behind the portrait -- through a darkened SECRET CHAMBER.

**INT. UNDERWATER SECRET CHAMBER - DAY**

The only light comes from a BRAIDED GOLDEN NECKLACE under a small glass case. As Lola inches closer, she hears a STRANGE SOUND. The MUSIC is coming from the NECKLACE.

The HAUNTING MUSIC grows louder. Lola, panics as she grapples for her hidden compact. Stealing one last look -- she snaps the compact shut. Snatching the GOLDEN NECKLACE, Lola never looks back.

**INT./EXT. OCEAN - OUTSIDE MERMAID MANSION ENTRANCE - DAY**

Lola hears her named called by a familiar voice, and smashes into a statue of her father, the Ocean Ruler, Poseidon.