

"Pilot"

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COLD OPEN

EXT. CATATONIA, BARREN HELLSCAPE - NIGHT

Over darkness, we hear the SNARLING AND GROWLING OF WILDCATS that fades TO ROLLING THUNDER.

A lightning bolt takes the shape of an **electrified cat paw print** and dissolves away to reveal a dark barren rocky hellscape that we see stylized as **1990s TV Cel Animation** as a THUNDER CLAP ECHOES.

At the top of a large craggy mountain, backlit by a **lightning bolt**, a strapping humanoid lion, LIDO, unsheathes his mighty sword and holds it aloft.

LIDO (bellowing)
Wyldcats...Assemble!

Lightning strikes the tip of his sword and reflects off three jets of pink, green, and yellow electric energy.

A FAST-PACED CHEESY THEME SONG plays over the action.

THEME SINGER
Defending peace and the rule of law,
WyldCats join to lend a paw!

Bathed in electric green light, a humanoid Persian feline, SHADOW (black, white, and grey) soars through the air, swinging his battle axe.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)
Lido, Shadow, Ginger, and Snowball,
The whiskered warriors fight for all!

Soaring through her own electric pink energy, GINGER (orange tabby) holds her spear out ready to fight.

SNOWBALL (tiny, white, fluffball of a feline) runs below electric yellow energy, a dagger in each hand and a medieval helmet on, ready for battle.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)
Go, go WyldCats, go!

The four WyldCats felines stand outside a gothic castle. From a window above GREYFANG (wizened old Russian Blue) SAM (siamese, dressed as a samurai) and a diminutively adorable gold and white tabby with a pirate-like eye patch, GOLDY GOLDENTAIL, leer down at the WyldCats.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)

The wicked wizard king they call Greyfang, Leads his evil Claw Clan henchmen gang.

A door opens in the castle wall, letting an army of evillooking armed feline CLAW SOLDIERS flow out to fight the WyldCats.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)

To rule Catatonia by death and fear. The dawn of dark is near.

SWORDS AND BODIES CLASH. Battle begins.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)

Go, go WyldCats, go!

Lido swings his sword around, CLANGING off the shields of three claw soldiers, knocking them down.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)

The WyldCats fight for truth and light. Stopping evil with their strength and might.

Shadow and Ginger fight more claw soldiers together with a double attack of his war hammer and her bladed spear.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)

The WyldCats must prevail!

Snowball runs around at an incredible speed, hacking at the unshielded legs of the Claw Soldiers.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)

Watch the WyldCats tale!

In the midst of the melee, Lido holds his sword up high. Lets out a MIGHTY ROAR.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)

Go, go WyldCats, go!

Just as a RIGHTEOUS GUITAR RIFF fades into the ROAR and the WyldCats logo appears, the **screen pauses**.

INT. LIDO'S HOUSE, SANCTUM - DAY

The vintage 1990s TV Cel Animation stylization is gone, and we see the modern world as HD Motion Graphic Animation.

In a home office decorated with mystical artifacts, weapons, photos, and WyldCats memorabilia from the nineties, LIDO -- now twenty-five years older, pudgier, and grayer in his mane -- has paused the WyldCats theme song video we were just watching on YouTube on his iMac.

He turns to a young male lion cub, KC (13), and female calico KALI (16) watching over his shoulder.

LIDO

See what I'm talking about? The the WyldCats were a pretty big deal.

KALI

Yeah. Back then. That was like a million years ago, Uncle Lido. What do the comments say?

She grabs the mouse. Scrolls down to see the comments below.

KALI (CONT'D)

"This show sucked."

LIDO

Of course we had our critics.

KALI

"That Lion guy is super hot."

LIDO

(flattered)

Well...

KALI (CONT'D)

"...But super dumb."

Lido tries to get the mouse back from Kali.

LIDO

Okay. That's enough.

Kali swoops in and pushes Lido out of the way. She reads on.

KALI

"Terrible show for kittens. Way too violent."

LIDO

Of course it was violent. It was a weekly broadcast documenting the Catopian Revolutionary Army's attempt to gain independence from the Catatonian rule of Wicked Wizard King, Greyfang!

KC

It's okay, Uncle Lido, I watched all of your show. I liked it.

LIDO

It wasn't just a show. It was my life!

KALI

Really? Because Lickmycat15 says it's fake news propaganda designed to distract from the dirty dealings of the fat cats in Pawsington, D.C.

LIDO

It wasn't fake! Didn't they teach you any of this in school?

He opens a glass display case on his wall. Pulls out a rusty dagger.

LIDO (CONT'D)

Look, this is the Dagger of Malgrathia. The wielder becomes impervious to bladed weapons.

He pulls out a necklace with a big blue gemstone.

LIDO (CONT'D)

This amulet gives sight beyond sight! Sight beyond sight! That's...double the...sight?

While Lido places the items back KC finds a decorated ring box. Opens it. A dazzling light refracts through the gemstone and catches Kali's eye. She goes over to it.

KALI

Pretty!

LIDO

Careful with that. The ring of Evalon is cursed and--

As she slides the ring on. Lido's iMac bursts into flames.

LIDO (CONT'D)

Dammit, Kali, what did I just --

We hear the SNARLING AND GROWLING WILDCATS as we

SMASH CUT TO:

WYLDCATS! TITLE CARD

ACT ONE

INT. CASTLE GREY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS - DAY

In a windowless torchlit castle chamber, six felines wearing hooded black robes and ornate necklaces with **glowing green gem pendants** sit around a large stone dais.

With faces hidden, their identities remain a mystery, but we will soon discover this is the COUNCIL OF THE CLAW. The central hooded figure also wears a prominent **red sash**, this is the HEAD COUNCILOR.

A middle-aged tortoiseshell, MS. TORRENCE, stands in front of the dais, shaking nervously.

HEAD COUNCILOR

Welcome to Castle Grey, Ms. Torrence. You have been invited to address the Council of the Claw about your concerns. Now tell us what brought you here.

MS. TORRENCE

I went through the kingdom's books, and even if we downgrade from Fancy Feast to just Feast, get the regular litter instead of the stuff with gold flakes, and cut your cloak dry-cleaning bill by doing the wash in house, I still can't find the funds for the, uh, "side projects" you commissioned.

HEAD COUNCILOR

I told you to find the money. Now you return to us empty-handed?

MS. TORRENCE

I'm sorry, sir. There's nothing I can do. The kingdom's treasury has been bled dry.

HEAD COUNCILOR

Very well. If that's all, you may go.

She warily turns to scamper out of the chamber.

MMMMRRRRRROOOOOOOOOOWWWW-- The HEAD COUNCILOR growls fiercely behind her. She wheels around in time to see his pendant **shoot** out a jet of green energy at her. She HOWLS in pain.

INT. CASTLE GREY, HALL - CONTINUOUS

We hear Ms. Torrence HOWLING and CRYING through the open chamber door.

She suddenly stops -- The HOWLS ECHOING in the hall fade out.

A small tortoiseshell cat, down on all four paws like a real-world cat, runs out of the door into the castle's shadows.

INT. LIDO'S HOUSE, SANCTUM - DAY

FOOSH FOOSH-- Lido smothers the remaining flames on his computer with the white cloudy spray of a fire extinguisher.

As Lido coughs and wafts away the mix of smoke and spray, KC appears out of the cloud holding a glowing green orb.

KC

What's this?

KALI

Ew. Is that thing like radioactive or something?

LIDO

NO!

(beat)

Actually, I don't know. I don't think so. Anyway, it's the Orb of Omens.

KC

Does it do anything?

LIDO

Of course. It, uh, glows. Obviously.

KC

What does that mean?

LIDO

I can't remember. Let me check my files.

From his desk drawer he pulls a small box of index cards organized into alphabetical slots.

KALI

(astonished)

Your files are on paper?

LIDO

Well, I had digital files, but...

He points to smoldering iMac as he finds the right card.

LIDO (CONT'D)

Aha!

(reading)

Orb of Omens: Detects evil

presence. Green glow equals bad.

KALI

That's it? Super helpful, Uncle Lido.

LIDO

Hey, that's all we really need to know. It's green. Something evil's coming.

KC

What exactly is an evil presence?

LIDO

I don't really know, KC. But from experience, most of the time this thing went off it was Greyfang and his Claw Clan.

KALI

Ugh. Is this gonna be a whole big thing now?

LIDO

Probably. Yeah.

KC

(excited)

Should we assemble the WyldCats?!

LIDO

I'll get my sword!

INT. LIDO'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - MINUTES LATER

Lido pushes the coffee table aside to stand in the middle of the room. Fiddles with his mighty sword in hand, trying to hold it just right. Kali and KC watch from the sofa.

LIDO

Alright, I just have to remember how to...

(bellowing)

WyldCats...Assemble!

Just as before, **lightning** strikes the tip of his sword and reflects off **three jets of colored electric energy**.

The energy surges for a beat. He lowers his sword and the energy jets dissipate, leaving behind extensive burn-damaged holes in the roof and walls.

LIDO

(sotto)

Did I forget to-- No. Yeah. It's definitely...

He holds his sword up again and bellows--

LIDO (CONT')

WyldCats...Assemble!

The same energy shoots out again for five seconds. Still no response. He lowers his sword and the energy dissipates.

LIDO

Sometimes they don't answer, y'know. So maybe I should text them first.

He pulls out his phone and starts typing. Kali surveys the burn damage.

KALI

Probably should have done that outside, huh?

LIDO

(realizing)

Uh, yeah. Probab--

A piece of ceiling CRASHES onto the coffee table.

INT. LIDO'S HOUSE, KITCHEN - DAY

The **glowing orb** sits on the kitchen island. Lido and KC stare at it, with their chins resting on the island. Kali leans back against the counter, engrossed in her phone.

KC

Do you really think it's him? The Wizard King Greyfang?

LIDO

All we know is some great and terrible evil is growing in Catopia. It has to be Greyfang. I know he's behind it somehow. KALI

Or maybe it's our corrupt system of government and economic oligarchy masquerading as a democracy but is really classist hell that feeds on the oppression of the downtrodden Catopian citizens.

KC

Hot take, Kali. Why don't you save the witty political commentary for Twitter?

The DOORBELL RINGS.

LIDO

That might be them.

INT. LIDO'S HOUSE, FOYER - MOMENTS LATER

Lido opens the front door to reveal TOM (maine coon, 30s) standing outside.

MOT

Lido Aslanson? My name is Thomas Pawsington Jr., I believe you knew my father.

LIDO

Li'l' Tom? You sure grew up! Of course I would recognized you anyway. You look just like your dad when he was about your age...Come on in.

Lido allows Tom into the foyer.

LIDO (CONT'D)

It's nice of you to stop by. Can I get you a drink or something?

TOM

Actually this isn't a social visit. I work for Catopian Intelligence. We've been detecting a growing evil for months now. We picked up on your call to assemble the WyldCats earlier. We've decided it's time to move forward with reinstating Project WyldCats. I'm here to take you back to join the others.

LIDO

The others?

TOM

Everyone's waiting for you back at the Cat-Cave.

LIDO

Oh, really? I hope you cleaned up the cave a bit. I think there was some kind of infestation when we moved out.

MOT

Yeah, the lion-fleas were hard to clear out, but we managed.

LIDO

Not sure why they're called that. They don't <u>only</u> feed off just lions, y'know.

MOT

Uh-huh. Anyway, if you're ready to go, I can brief you on the way. We don't have much time.

LIDO

Shit. I've got my niece and nephew, I can't just leave them here.

MOT

Bring them. They'll be taken care of back at the facility. We have safe rooms.

LIDO

Yeah. I'm probably going to need to repair all the lightning damage to the house anyway.

He looks over at a large hole in his front wall ten feet to his left. Turns back into the house.

LIDO (CONT'D)

(shouting)

KC, Kali. Get your stuff together. We're going to go join the CIA, okay?

KC (0.S.)

Awesome!

KALI (0.S.)

Okay, but I'm not doing my homework then.

LIDO

We can definitely...discuss that.

EXT. LIDO'S HOUSE/CIA QUADCOPTER - DAY

A large, sleek, and futuristic quadcopter with domed glass cockpit enclosure sits in Lido's driveway.

Lido, KC, and Kali, carrying backpacks and duffle bags follow Tom to the vehicle. Lido wears his old sword scabbard belt over his clothes, pinching tightly, and causing bulges of fat to spill over.

LIDO

Did you both remember to use the litter before we go?

KC KALI

Yep.

Ugh. Yeah.

A gullwing door hisses open and they file in.

INT./EXT. CIA QUADCOPTER - MOMENTS LATER

Inside the transparent, dome cockpit, Tom settles into a pilot's chair and presses buttons.

The others investigate the cockpit, eyeing lights and buttons.

TOM

Chopper, prepare for takeoff. Set course for CIA headquarters, facility one-seven-seven-A.

Emanating from speakers somewhere in the cockpit, a ROBOTIC FEMALE VOICE responds--

CHOPPER

Confirmation. Charting course. Preparing for take off in 5 seconds.

LIDO

Who's that? Where is she?

TOM

That's Chopper. And technically, you're inside her, seeing as she's the mind of this vehicle.

LIDO

That's funny, I haven't been inside a woman since--

Off KC and Kali's horrified faces, he stops himself.

CHOPPER

Taking off.

The copter RUMBLES. Takes off.

LIDO

Y'know, back in the nineties, the WyldCats had a talking van we rode around in. We called her Vanessa...Get it? Van-nessa?

He pauses for a response. No one bites.

LIDO (CONT'D)

Anyway, she was actually a standard military van possessed by the soul of a powerful witch. Probably a similar magical enchantment to what you have here.

MOT

Oh no, she isn't a witch, or even magic. She's an autonomous quadrotor helicopter with a very advanced artificial intelligence. Isn't that right, Chopper?

CHOPPER

I have been designed to analyze and adapt in all manner of flying conditions. I can fly more efficiently than any feline counterpart possibly could. I am a superior pilot.

LIDO

A bit full of herself isn't she?

CHOPPER

I have flown four hundred and seventeen successful--

The copter shakes and tumbles, jostling everyone around.

TOM

What was that? (beat) Chopper? CHOPPER

(sheepishly)

A cloud.

LIDO

A cloud?!

CHOPPER

A very thick cloud.

ТОМ

You know what? Let's put the shields up, Chopper.

CHOPPER

(defeated)

Shields up.

A blue plasma shield surrounds the copter. Turns invisible.

KALI

Good. Now we'll be protected from any cumulonimbus attacks.

INT. CAT-CAVE, HANGAR - DAY

The quadcopter has parked in an expansive underground hangar. Other military vehicles and an air jet sit further back.

Tom, Lido, Kali, and KC file out of the quadcopter. Walk through the hangar.

INT. CAT-CAVE, WAR ROOM - DAY

Shadow, Ginger, and Snowball sit around a table in a room surrounded by wall-mounted monitors. They look old and tired compared to their youthful energy in the YouTube video earlier.

Tom enters, bringing Lido, KC, and Kali into the war room. Snowball runs up, nearly knocking over Lido with a big hug.

LIDO

Snowball, you old fuzz nut, it's great to see you!

(looking to Shadow and

Ginger)

Ginny, Shadow. Nice to see you

too.

Shadow possessively puts his arm around Ginger.

SHADOW

Hi Lido.

GINGER

(pointedly)

I actually just go by "Ginger" now.

LIDO

Oh okay.

(avoiding palpable tension) This is my niece Kali and nephew KC.

SHADOW

We heard about your sister's accident. It's just awful.

GINGER

(to kittens)

Your mom was a wonderful lioness. I'm so sorry you lost her.

KALI

KC

Uh-huh.

Thank you, really.

LIDO

It's been tough, but at least I get to spend more time with the kittens. Been staying with me for a few weeks now.

SNOWBALL

Who let you be responsible for their well-being?

KALI

I know right? He barely takes care of himself.

KC

If you count living off dry kibble and old tuna as taking care of himself.

KALI

At least there's plenty of cat nip around for us to get into.

LIDO

I've been a bachelor for decades. I wasn't ready to take on two kittens. We're figuring it out.

MOT

Not to worry. Safety is our priority here.
(MORE)

TOM (CONT'D)

We have a secure perimeter and a room set up for any emergency needs.

(winking at Kali)
No nip to get into.

He KNOCKS on a side door and a PRIVATE enters silently.

TOM (CONT'D)

Take these two to Safe Room B.

KC

But I wanna help kick ass!

KALI

Kissass.

KC

No, I said kick ass.

KALI

I know.

LIDO

Sorry, kiddo. It's too dangerous. I can't watch you and fight evil.

KALI

C'mon KC. Seems like they don't want us around.

She pulls him, following the Private out the door. Before the door closes behind them, we can hear Kali say--

KALI

I'm behind on a binge, so I need the wifi and my phone's at eight percent, so your highest priority should be finding me a charger.

LIDO

So how have you guys been? It's been what, fifteen years?

GINGER

Twenty actually. Since you disappeared after inauguration.

LIDO

Oh yeah! Crazy night. I don't really remember--

SHADOW

-- Getting drunk and pissing on the Pawsington monument?

LIDO

Sounds vaguely familiar.

GINGER

How about throwing up a sloppy hairball on my new satin sheets?

Shadow winces at "sheets."

LIDO

No, sorry, I uh--

MOT

-- Sorry to interrupt the reunion, but we have some urgent matters to discuss. If you please.

(motioning for them to sit) You've all been briefed on the mission status. We don't know exactly the source of the evil presence, but our intelligence suggests nefarious activity in Castle Grey.

LIDO

It's Greyfang. I knew it! That's why you brought us back.

MOT

We do suspect the source of evil will be familiar to you four, so we wanted you specifically for the team. I just need confirmation. All agents present ready to reinstate Project WyldCats, raise your paw.

All paws go up. Tom picks up a red phone mounted on the table.

MOT

Mr. President? WyldCats are a go.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT./EXT. CIA QUADCOPTER - EVENING

The WyldCats look out the windshield as they fly over sparse pastoral communities tucked away on a coastal mountain.

They approach Siam City, the opposite of the surrounding rustic lands-- neon lights and bright signs illuminate a bustling downtown filled with mostly SIAMESE FELINES.

SHADOW

You sure about this?

LIDO

Of course. Samurai Sam's the best informant we ever had. He gave us tons of good intel.

GINGER

You mean when he wasn't being a double agent for Greyfang and telling him all our shit?

LIDO

Yeah, that's exactly when I mean.

INT. SAM'S APARTMENT BUILDING, HALLWAY - NIGHT

The WyldCats walk single file down an extremely narrow, dingy hallway. They study the doors, looking for the right number.

SNOWBALL

I'm telling you I think it was that last hall on the left.

LIDO

No. It's 2437. It should be right...here. Aha!

He pulls out his sword. SMASHES through the door.

INT. SAM'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lido **bursts** into the smoky apartment. A much wrinklier version of the Siamese Sam from the YouTube video cowers under a poker table with a BENGAL and a BROWN TABBY.

Lido slashes the table in half, cutting the Bengal's paw.

LIDO

(snarling)

What is Greyfang up to?! Tell us everything!

The Bengal YOWLS in pain as his paw bleeds like a fountain.

GINGER

Holy hell, Lido! Way too hard. Way too soon.

She goes to help the Bengal stem the bleeding with a towel.

LIDO

(sheathing his sword)
Sorry. I'm still a little rusty
getting back into all this.

SAM

What the hell are you littereaters doing here?!

SHADOW

We suspect Greyfang is up to something. What do you know?

SAM

Honestly, nothing. I swear! I haven't been in the evil business for years! You know I'm good now. I haven't been in contact with any of those guys since-- (remembering)

Actually. I might have something. Just hang on a sec.

He goes further into the apartment. Returns, dragging a much younger EGYPTIAN HAIRLESS wearing a dingy bathrobe.

SAM

This is my girl Bastet. She's a...dancer.

BASTET

Hon, I'm a stripper.

SAM

Yeah anyway, tell them what you told me.

BASTET

You don't buy me nice things anymore.

SAM

Not that, the thing about Goldy Goldentail.

LIDO

Goldentail? Here in Siam City?

BASTET

I work at the Cat Scratch Club. A popular club for "unsavory types." There's this regular Tom comes in every Thursday night. Golden swirly fur, eye patch. Pretty sure it's that guy from that old show.

SHADOW

Are you sure it's him?

BASTET

I was too young to watch that shit on TV. I was more into Kitty Toons at the time, y'know? So alls I knew was that he looked familiar. I told Sammy what the guy looked like and Sammy says that's him. That's this Goldytail guy.

GINGER

Wait, Thursday night? That's tonight!

BASTET

Yeah, I go on stage in about an hour. He's always there already when I get in, and he usually leaves around midnight.

LIDO

Where's this club?

INT./EXT. CIA QUADCOPTER - NIGHT

A blue and red, half-lit neon CAT SCRATCH CLUB sign shines through the windshield. Gleams off of the cockpit's polished instrumentation, bathing the WyldCats in blues and reds.

SNOWBALL

We shouldn't be so close. Goldy's going to spot us and run.

SHADOW

Were invisible right now. He can't even see us. Right, Chopper?

CHOPPER

My active camouflage shields allow us to remain undetected by visual perception, radar, infrared, x-ray and other electromagnetic spectrum detection.

GINGER

What about things like mystical detection? If someone used a body detection spell to look for us, what would they see?

CHOPPER

Depending on the skill of the magic-user, its possible they could detect the presence of six unidentified individuals.

LIDO

Six?!

CHOPPER

There are currently six individuals on board.

KC and Kali crawl out of a hidden compartment in the floor.

KC

Not cool, Chopper. You promised you wouldn't tell.

CHOPPER

Incorrect. I said I would not voluntarily disclose you were a stowaway.

KC

You just--

CHOPPER

-- I was asked a question of fact and I answered.

KALI

Technically she's right.

CHOPPER

Suck it.

LIDO

Suck it??

KC.

Something I taught her. I updated her programming with a little code to give her a more interesting personality.

CHOPPER

I'm sassy now. Deal with it.

KC

I may have overdone it little. Maybe I could re-reprogram her.

CHOPPER

(sarcastically)

Oh no. Please don't. I understand sarcasm now. It's super useful.

KC opens panel to reveal a computer display and small keyboard. Starts typing, filling the screen with complex looking code.

LIDO

I didn't know you were so good at computers, KC.

KC

I'm not just "good at computers," Uncle Lido. I'm a pretty advanced programmer for my age.

KALI

Not like you've taken the time to get to know us at all.

CHOPPER

Ooh burn. You're a terrible uncle.

LIDO

I thought you were making her less sassy.

KC

I'm working on it.

SHADOW

Why did you change her in the first place?

KC

You guys are so serious all the time.

(MORE)

KC (CONT'D)

If you're going to successfully reboot WyldCats, I think you need to add a little light-heartedness to your team dynamic.

LIDO

We're not rebooting. We're reinstating a military operation.

SHADOW

What do you mean team dynamic?

KC

I watched your old show online. It was entertaining enough, but it really dragged through a couple seasons in the middle.

GINGER

You know it wasn't just a TV show? It was a docuseries of our lives.

KALI

Why do you think the government broadcast all your adventures like a TV show? To make the WyldCats the face of the revolution, propagandize the nations support, and sell the excitement of war.

KC

And I think we-- Me, Kali, and Sassy Chopper -- can help make you guys likable again.

LIDO

We don't need to be likable to defeat evil. We're not even filming this time.

KALI

You should be. You're missing out on a huge new audience.

(showing her phone screen)
I was live-tweeting your whole
conversation before, while we were
hiding. It's getting a little
viral buzz.

SHADOW

What do any of those words mean?

KALI

I was posting online everything you guys said in your conversation. And now people are talking about it. Like, look. I just got a retweet: "I'm literally dying. WyldCats reunion stakeout in an invisible jet? That's so cray I can't even!"

SHADOW

Gibberish. I don't understand anything.

LIDO

Kali, why would you think it's a good idea to let thousands of strangers know we're hiding out? At least you didn't tell them where. Right?

Lido aggressively grabs Kali's phone. Looks at the screen.

LIDO

(reading)

Somebody 'bout to get pounced on outside the Cat Scratch! Hashtag WyldCats reboot.

SNOWBALL

Is there a chance Goldy might have been tipped off by one of these, uh, tweeters?

KALI

There's no way. I have less than five thousand followers. And none would even--

LIDO

-- This one has ten-thousand hearts. And still going.

SNOWBALL

Does this mean what I think?

Lido tosses the phone back to Kali. Rushes out of the cockpit.

LIDO

Wyldcats...Go!

INT. CAT SCRATCH CLUB, MAIN ROOM - NIGHT

A voluptuous female feline dressed as a sexy SOUTHERN BELLE STRIPPER dances on stage to loud music playing out of speakers.

A dozen CLUB PATRONS watch her and talk privately with a handful of other FELINE STRIPPERS milling about.

A door bursts open and the WyldCats come rushing in. Everyone stops to turn and stare at them.

LIDO

(announcing)

Uh...excuse us, everybody. We're with the, uh, we're the WyldCats.

A RESENTFUL CLUB-GOER shouts from the back of the room--

RESENTFUL CLUB-GOER
We're tryna peep some

Shut up! We're tryna peep some teats here!

GINGER

You may remember us from our reality show from the nineties.

LIDO

It wasn't a--

GINGER

-- It's just easier.

Another shout from the crowd--

HECKLING CLUB-GOER

Yea I remember you!

LIDO

Thank you.

HECKLING CLUB-GOER

Your show sucked!

LIDO

Okay. Unnecessary. Anyway, we're sort of law enforcement officers. We're looking for--

SHADOW

-- Has anyone seen Goldy Goldentail?

GINGER

He's a miniature golden swirl.

SNOWBALL

He wears an eyepatch and has one creepy little beady eye!

LIDO

(sotto)

Which you'd know if you remembered the show.

SNOWBALL

(aggressively)

We know you're here somewhere, Goldy! You can't hide forever!

KC (0.S.)

I'd like to hide here forever.

They turn to see KC and Kali have followed them into the club.

LIDO

You shouldn't be in here. It's not safe...or appropriate.

He covers up KC's eyes with his paws.

KC

Why can't I look? I have the internet you know.

LIDO

You both need to go back to the chopper. You'll be safe there.

KC

But I just want to watch the dancers.

KALI

Me too. This looks kinda fun. I wanna dance like these ladies.

LIDO

Please don't ever say that again. And I'll try to forget you did.

Bastet enters from behind a curtain. Sees them and rushes over.

BASTET

What are you guys doing in here? I thought you were going to wait outside.

LIDO

The circumstances changed the course of action.

SHADOW

Our surveillance vantage was compromised.

KC

My dumbass sister accidentally narced on us over Twitter.

BASTET

Why would you bring these young kittens with you?

LIDO

It's not ideal.

(to the kittens)

Get to the chopper.

Kali and KC pretend to go. Return as soon as Lido turns back.

GINGER

Bastet, where's Goldy? You said he's here every Thursday, right?

BASTET

He is.

(looking around)

He must be in a private dance room. He splurges for that about once a month.

LIDO

Where would he be?

INT. CAT SCRATCH CLUB, PRIVATE ROOM - NIGHT

A fifty-year old version of Goldy Goldentail, sits on an overstuffed love seat watching COOKIE (30s, black and white shorthair), dressed like a sexy french maid, dances for him.

Bastet enters from behind a curtain.

BASTET

Cookie, the boss needs you. It's urgent. I'll cover for you.

COOKIE

Oh. Okay.

She exits through a curtain.

GOLDY

Hey! She wasn't finished!

BASTET

It's okay, big boy.
 (starting to dance)
I'll give you one for free.

WHOOSH WHOOSH, THUD THUD-- two small daggers sail through the air. Stick through the collar of Goldy's shirt by his neck, restraining him back against the chair.

LIDO (0.S.)

Excellent shot, Snowball!

The WyldCats emerge from behind the curtain.

SNOWBALL

We know you're up to something you piece of shit! You, Greyfang, and the whole Claw Clan!

GINGER

Just tell us what we need to know and we won't hurt you.

SNOWBALL

Like hell we won't!

He pulls one of his daggers out of the chair and holds it against Goldy's throat.

LIDO

Wait, so <u>he</u> gets to be all aggressive?

SHADOW

Feels a little more earned at this point.

GOLDY

Why are you guys always so wrong? You're the absolute worst!

LIDO

Yeah, well, we beat you guys, didn't we?

GOLDY

Not really! We fought you literally hundreds of times and you never beat us.

(MORE)

GOLDY (CONT'D)

The only reason you won the war was because Greyfang grew tired of fighting and gave up.

LIDO

Lies! His army grew weak and was defeated by our superior might!

GOLDY

Remember it how you want, but there's a reason he got to keep even the smallest part of his kingdom and it ain't because you let him.

LIDO

Is that his plot? To regain the rest of his kingdom?

GOLDY

There's no evil plan. I swear.

Snowball pushes the dagger tighter against Goldy's throat.

SNOWBALL

Stop. Lying. Or I'll cut you from teeth to tail.

KC

Wait! I have an idea!

He goes over to Ginger. Holds his hands up in a way that he thinks shows off his wrists but really looks like he's holding giant breasts.

KC (CONT'D)

Can I see your thingies?

Everyone SCOFFS at his perverse audacity.

LIDO

What the hell, KC?!

(looking at Ginger's body)
I mean, I get it. But now is
really not the time, kiddo.

KC

What? Oh. God, no. I don't mean-- I meant your cuff thingies.

He Points to her fashionable silver cuffs.

GINGER

Oh thank God. I was gonna say, I'm flattered, but-- Anyway, yeah.

She hands him her cuffs. He takes them over to Goldy. Clamps them on Goldy's wrists.

KC

The Cuffs of Justice and Truth.

He presses a hidden button on each cuff and they lock together as if magnetized.

GINGER

Of course! They restrain and compel the truth!

KC

You used them in the WyldCats episode where you took the stronghold of Purrsha.

KALI

Nerd.

LIDO

How did you remember that?

KC

I've seen every episode like ten times. Plus I'm thirteen. I'm like a sponge for pop-culture trivia.

KALI

He's a total freak, like obsessed. He has all your trading cards. And you should see the poster he has of Ginger above his bed.

GINGER

Again. Flattered, but...

KC

(to Kali)

What the fu-- Why would you-- (to Ginger)

It's not like that. It's the one they had as a contest prize!

LIDO

Let's just, uh, put a pin in this for now.

(to Goldy)

Let's hear the truth, Goldentail. What's the evil plot?

GOLDY

Honestly. I don't know where you got your information, but it's wrong. You may not have truly defeated Greyfang before, but he's certainly defeated now.

GINGER

How do you mean?

GOLDY

He's grown older. More pathetic. Aimlessly wandering the castle, napping in sunbeams. Nothing more than a house cat.

SHADOW

Impossible! He's an evil genius! Not some doddering old coot.

GOLDY

I'll show you.

They suspiciously watch Goldy reach into his coat pocket and pull out a bottle of **shimmering swirling green ink.**

He uncorks the bottle and a swirly whisp of ink floats out, weightless. It expands into an inky green portal.

GOLDY

This is a portal into Castle Grey.

LIDO

How do we know this isn't a trap?

Goldy holds up his paws to show he's still wearing the cuffs.

GOLDY

Not a trap.

GINGER

Okay fine. But you're going first.

She grabs Goldy, pulls him through the portal with her, Shadow and Snowball. As Goldy stumbles through--

GOLDY

Be quick. It won't last long.

They disappear into mystical green inkiness

LIDO

Bastet, make sure these two get back out to our Wyldcat-Copter.

Bastet nods silently, in awe of the magic portal.

KC

No way. We're coming! I totally get the danger. I watched every episode, remember? So along with all the cool shit, I also saw all those soldiers die.

KALI

Wait, what now? Died how?

KC

Plus, I can remember all the useful tools and tactics that you all probably forgot.

KALI

We won't die though, right?

KC

We know the risks. We still wanna help.

KALI

 $\underline{\text{We}}$ should talk about this a little more.

Lido looks back at the portal, the vibrant green circle has begun to fade and darken.

LIDO

There's no time. We'll be fine. You've got your phone. If we need backup, you can call for help. Or tweet. Or whatever.

They disappear through the portal as it fades away.

Cookie re-enters. Sees Bastet staring at the empty room.

COOKIE

Where'd he go?

BASTET

Oh, uh, he had to run.

COOKIE

Somebody owes me forty bucks.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. CASTLE GREY, HALL - NIGHT

Goldy leads the pack through a dark castle hallway, periodically lit by the dim light of torches hung on the wall.

LIDO

It's 2019, and you guys haven't upgraded to electricity yet?

GINGER

Seriously. Who even has time to light all of these?
 (looking back)
We must've passed like two hundred torches at this point.

GOLDY

The Council does not care for upgrading the castle grounds. They're hardly ever here except for the occasional Council meeting.

LIDO

Plus, it's got that whole dark, creepy castle vibe, which I'm sure is part of the whole evil aesthetic.

SHADOW

So who's this Council anyway? Why do they get to make all these decisions?

GOLDY

After the war, six Catopians came to offer council in governing the kingdom and helping Greyfang attain ultimate power. Gradually they stole more and more authority. He still holds the title of Supreme King of Catatonia, but the Council of the Claw has usurped most of his power.

SNOWBALL

Council of the Claw? Sounds a lot like your Claw Clan to me.

GOLDY

That's what I said! I said, "Won't that be confusing? They have a similar name." But what do I know?

SHADOW

So how are they different from the Claw Clan?

GOLDY

They're much more powerful. And way more evil. When I was in the Clan, all we did was fight you assholes at the king's bidding. These guys...they've got their eyes on a bigger prize.

GINGER

Why, what do they want? Who are these guys?

GOLDY

Nobody knows. They all wear dark hoods, and the whole thing is shrouded in mystery. All I know is they claim dark magic powers that scare even me.

SNOWBALL

What happens at these meetings? Ritual sacrifices?

GOLDY

Not quite. But you'll see for yourself.

He stops at a passageway, leading to another darker hall.

GOLDY (CONT'D)

Down this hall is their Council chambers. We can watch from an overlooking balcony where we'll be hidden from their view below. Just remain absolutely silent. If they find out we're up here...

(stares off ominously)

...let's just not find out, okay?

He lets his instructions sink in, then quietly leads them down the hall into a doorway half-hidden in shadow.

INT. CASTLE GREY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS - NIGHT

As before, five hooded figures sit around the dais in the dark chambers. They talk quietly, oblivious to the WyldCats hiding in the balcony.

The Head Councilor, with his red sash, enters the chamber. Just behind him, Greyfang enters. He is decades older, but just as old and wizened as he was in the nineties. He wears his crown and no hood, but he has a similar green pendant around his neck.

The Head Councilor and Greyfang stand before the dais, addressing the Council.

HEAD COUNCILOR

I call this meeting of the Most High Council of the Claw to order. To begin, let us turn our attention to our honored guest: our Supreme King, himself.

GREYFANG

(weakly)

I'm honored to be invited tonight. I appreciate being included in the governing of my own lands.

HEAD COUNCILOR

And we gladly welcome your input. But first, we have made a decision regarding your place with the Council, and what we require of you.

A few MURMURS OF AGREEMENT from the rest of the Council.

HEAD COUNCILOR (CONT'D)

We will allow you to convene with us if we can have your Pendant of HISSSS.

Greyfang clutches his green pendant, protectively.

GREYFANG

But I need it. It's the source of-- I can't give it up.

HEAD COUNCILOR

I'm afraid we can no longer allow a feline outside the control of the High Council to wield the power of the Pendant. **GREYFANG**

But it's my royal birthright! You wouldn't even have all of your pendants if I hadn't harnessed it's power to forge yours!

HEAD COUNCILOR

I'm afraid we must insist. It's because our powers are based in yours that we must destroy the pendant in order to gain that power for ourselves.

GREYFANG

I refuse! I will not relinquish my power as long as I am still your king!

HEAD COUNCILOR

In that case.

(ripping Greyfang's pendant
 from its chain)
Long live the king.

He proudly displays it like a trophy.

HEAD COUNCILOR (CONT'D) We can now perform the Ritual of HISSSS and become more powerful than mere sorcerers. We will be as gods.

The other Councilors CHEER and APPLAUD excitedly.

The Head Counsilor unleashes a LOUD FERAL HISS and tosses the pendant into the air. A green blast of energy emanates from the pendant around his neck and holds the pendant aloft.

As the other councilors add their HISS to the chorus green energy blasts out of their pendants, all focusing in on Greyfang's pendant dangling midair.

It builds into a green ball of energy surrounding the pendant that grows to nearly envelop the whole dais. The councilors all STOP HISSING to watch as the energy ball continues to grow on it's own.

An ELECTRONIC BIRD CHIRP echoes throughout the chambers. The Councilors GASP and jerk their heads around, trying to hear the source of the sound.

They hear a second BIRD CHIRP, followed by a whispered--

KALI

Sorry. Sorry. It's off now.

The Head Councilor stares up at the balcony.

HEAD COUNCILOR

Someone's up there. Felix, Jinks, go find them!

With a FEROCIOUS ROAR, Lido leaps from the balcony onto the stone floor below. Tackles the Head Councilor to the ground.

Shadow, Ginger and Snowball jump down from the balcony behind him.

SHADOW

We've got you now!

GINGER

The Wyldcats are here!

SNOWBALL

You can run but you can't--

POOF POOF POOF POOF -- One by one, the other Councilors disappear into puffs of green smoke.

In the commotion, Greyfang grabs his pendant, now lying on the stone floor, and scurries out the door.

KC and Kali hurry in from a side door, having walked around down from the balcony.

As Lido pulls his councilor up in a restraint hold--

LIDO

(shouting)

We've got your leader --

He looks around and sees he has the only remaining councilor.

LIDO (CONT'D)

Where'd everybody go?

SNOWBALL

They...poofed.

GINGER

But at least we have the leader.

She places her **Cuffs of Truth and Justice** on his wrists, binding them together so Lido can let him go.

GINGER (CONT'D)

That's what you are, right? That's what this ugly red sash means?

HEAD COUNCILOR

I am the Head Councilor, but you are fools if you think I will ever reveal my identi--

Lido pulls the hood back to reveal the Head Councilor as a middle-aged cougar with wireframe glasses. Everyone GASPS.

HEAD COUNCILOR

Aw shit!

KC

Steve Cougle?

HEAD COUNCILOR/STEVE COUGLE

You got me. I am Steve Cougle.

LIDO

Of Cougle.com?

STEVE COUGLE

My website. My brainchild.

SHADOW

But why be on this evil Council?

STEVE COUGLE

You think I could become the CEO of Catopia's most-visited website, and become as rich and powerful as I am without tapping into the evil darkness of feline nature?

GINGER

It doesn't have to be that way.

STEVE COUGLE

You have no clue what it takes to get to my position in society! I sold my soul years ago. Now untethered from morality, I use my site to gain the trust and loyalty of the Catopian people and integrate my unholy dark magic algorithms to control their lives.

LIDO

It's just some stupid social media website and search engine.

SNOWBALL

Everyone could just stop using it.

STEVE COUGLE

You fools! Cougle is the most important aspect of the virtual lives of hundreds of thousands. The corrupt content they share manipulates them to do my bidding. It's too late to stop me now!

SHADOW

We stopped your little hissy thing.

STEVE COUGLE

This is just a stumbling block. Make no mistake, we'll still become more powerful than you can ever imagine. We're beyond reproach. The most powerful and influential felines in all of Catopia. We can't be brought down!

KALI

Tell that to the hundreds of Catopians watching this now via live-streaming Cougle Video.

KC

And thousands who'll watch it later, while using the litter.

Kali reveals she has been recording Cougle's confession with her phone.

STEVE COUGLE

Noooooo!

LIDO

Brought down by your own creation. Gotta love an ironic undoing.

KC

(checking his phone)
Boycott Cougle is trending
already.

GINGER

Looks like you and your friends are not entirely invincible.

SHADOW

Let's hear some names of these friends.

STEVE COUGLE

(reluctantly)

Dixie Jinks.

(defiantly)

But you'll get the rest out of me!

GINGER

Okay. Just one more name.

STEVE COUGLE

Felix Fuzzyface. Gah! Why am I telling you this?!

GINGER

This is going to be fun.

SHADOW

I'll call Tom and update him on the Council stuff.

Lido turns to Kali and KC He pulls them in for a big hug.

LIDO

You were great! With the cuffs and streaming his diabolical monologging. You'll have to show me how to do that some time.

KALI

It's literally just one button. Any dumbass could figure it out.

LIDO

Not a dumbass. Just old. I still need help.

KC

We'll help. If you make us officially part of the team.

LIDO

Alright, fine. I don't know if the CIA will stand behind this, but... (tapping his sword on their heads)

I dub thee, WyldCubs.

KALI

Ew. That sword's been inside people.

KC

Thanks, Uncle Lido! We won't let you down!

KALI

Ya thanks. I'm not gonna, like, die for this or anything though. So I'll mostly just kinda advise from a safe location.

Lido happily hugs them again. The other WyldCats come over.

GINGER

I don't think it's a great idea to involve the kittens with this.

KC

We're not kittens. We're the WyldCubs.

LIDO

We weren't much older than them when we started warrior training.

SNOWBALL

I'm okay with it. They really saved our asses today.

GINGER

As long as it's <u>saving</u> our asses. Not <u>staring</u> at them.

SHADOW

Yeah, I don't want to see posters of my wife in the barracks, kid.

KALI

Trust me. Live with him long enough, you're bound to walk in on something you don't want to see in the barracks.

LIDO

I'll make sure they get their own rooms. Tom can't say no. We always get whatever we want. After all, we're the goddamn WyldCats.

END OF ACT THREE

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INT. CASTLE GREY, GREYFANG'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT

Greyfang sits at his vanity. He talks into the mirror as if seeing someone else. It's surface is hidden by the angle.

GREYFANG

It's only a matter of time until they find the others and destroy the High Council for good. Then I can regain my destined position of power.

We now see the surface of the mirror and a face staring back through the magic mirror. Holy shit, it's **Tom**!

TOM

Phase One begins in the plan to restore the Kingdom of Catatonia to its former glory, reigning over all of Feline Island!

GREYFANG

When the Council is destroyed, I have your oath that the WyldCats will be vanquished once and for all?

MOT

I swear it on my life.

GREYFANG

Excellent. With you as the head of my New Claw Clan, we shall rule with an iron paw.

Tom's PHONE RINGS. He looks at it.

MOT

I should take this. It's them.

GREYFANG

We have them right where we want them. Take the call.

Tom's face disappears and the mirror reflects Greyfang's old face as he LAUGHS MANIACALLY. Stops to cough up a slobbery hairball. Recovers and continues CACKLING.

FADE OUT.

END OF EPISODE