

183A Producing 1: Film and Television Development
Summer Session A 2017

Title:	CATHOUSE	Submitted to:	Elias Gutierrez
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Genre:	Comedy, Drama	Budget:	2M to 5M
Locale:	Appalachian Mountains	Circa:	Present Day

Logline: An ambitious and goal-oriented young woman goes through the ups and downs of college life, and forms a group with her roommates to compete for the talent show competition to earn money. They call themselves "Cathouse".

Compare to: The Big Bang Theory and Silicon Valley.

Attachments: N/A.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Premise		X		
Storyline			X	
Characterizations		X		
Dialogue			X	
Plot/Structure		X		
Casting Potential		X		
Writer Recommendation:	Recommend			
Project Recommendation:	Recommend			

SUMMARY:

An ambitious and hardworking college student, RUTH, works at a restaurant to make ends meet, but someone is calling on her cellphone which interrupts the middle of her work. She calls back in another secure room to find out that one of her roommates is having a leakage problem in their run-down house in the Appalachian Mountains.

Ruth has four roommates whom are JANE, HEATHER, ALLISON, and KRISTA, and they all have their little difficulties towards each like any other college roommates such as fixing the leakage, or trying out different pies. She also has a boyfriend, CARL, whom she sees from time to time and one night when they were having sex, he expressed his thoughts on getting married. Ruth does not like the idea of it since she has a lot of obligations she needs to take care of first such as finishing her degree, and decides to end their relationship because of this.

After Ruth tells her roommates about the breakup with her ex-boyfriend, they continue to have water issues in the house. They need money to fix the repairs of the house, and decide to join a one thousand dollar talent contest called "What College Means to Me". The roommates and Ruth eat bar-b-que outside with a group of other people. They need a team name for competing in the contest, and after a food fight amongst each other, they call themselves "Cat House".

Naturally, Carl is bummed out about the recent breakup with his ex-girlfriend, and he gets invited to a party to get his mind off about it. He talks to a female whom is interested in him, but in the end his self-esteem relapses because of his heartbreak. The Cat House gang make various plans on preparing for the competition, and when the day of the competition comes, they win in first place. After celebrating their successful victory, Ruth is not feeling well and has a suspicion about it. She goes to the bathroom and pees in a cup to see if it contains a hormone called human chorionic gonadotropin, and the worse comes to worse: she's pregnant.

COMMENTS:

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

RUTH (Major Female Lead, 19): A hardworking student who focuses on her career, she attends college while working at a restaurant. She is driven and independent, and she broke the relationship with Carol.

CAROL (Major Male Lead, 20): A student at the same college as Ruth, he is an engineering student. He was once Ruth's boyfriend before he mentioned the idea of marriage, and is heartbroken about the breakup.

JANE (Minor Supporting Female, 19): The roommate to Ruth, she is college student majoring in political science, and has a bit of a lazy attitude.

HEATHER (Minor Supporting Female, 18): A roommate to Ruth as well as a college student.

ALLISON (Minor Supporting Female, 18): The roommate to Ruth, and she goes to college and dresses fashionable.

KRISTA (Minor Supporting Female, 18): The roommate to Ruth, she is also a college student with her punk-style appearance, and she loves taking hot showers.

OPAL (Minor Supporting Female, 18): The roommate to Ruth, she also goes to college. She is a younger version of Dolly Parton.

LORRIE (Minor Supporting Female, 19): The roommate to Ruth, she also goes to college with a passionate mind of a scientist.

LANDLORD/JOHN LANGFORD (Minor Supporting Male, 30s): The landlord to the house which Ruth and her roommates are staying at, he fixes the problems of the house with little success which prompts Ruth and her roommates to enter the talent contest in college.

BEN (Minor Supporting Male, 18): The boyfriend to Opal, he has a cowboy personality with some sexism in his voice.

HAROLD (Minor Supporting Male, 19): A science nerd who goes to college.

FRANKLIN (Minor Supporting Male, 19): A college student who dresses preppy and is in a fraternity. He suggests the name for Ruth and her roommates' team name for the competition.

LARRY (Minor Supporting Male, 18): Another college student who is also in the same fraternity as Franklin, and who Heather has a crush on.

JAKE (Minor Supporting Male, 20): A friend to Carol, he helps him out to forget about the breakup with Ruth.

IZZIE (Minor Supporting Male, 19): An attractive blonde, she has an interest with Carol during a Fraternity party, but Carol still has his heart to Ruth.

PRESIDENT (Minor Supporting Male, 50s): The president of the university, he presents the awards to the competitors of the talent show.

THREE GUYS (Minor Supporting Males, 30s): Men who look like they came from deer hunting, they sing along to Ruth's ringtone when she is working in the restaurant.

MOM (Minor Supporting Female, 40s): The mother to Young Boy.

FATHER (Minor Supporting Male, 40s): The father to Young Boy.

YOUNG BOY (Minor Supporting Male, 11): A young child who takes out his Android and plays a Grand Theft Auto ringtone in the restaurant where Ruth works in.