

Disney's \*\*\*  
**KATBOT**  
 "Night of the Living Squirrel" \*\*\*  
 (formerly "Scare Kat-Tics") v.3 \*\*\*  
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FADE IN:

**EXT. DARK FOREST CLEARING - EVENING** \*\*\*

PAN a clearing in a misty forest. WIND BLOWS. An <OWL HOOTS>. A TEENAGE BOY in a letter jacket walks through the clearing toward a TREE on the other side. \*\*\*

1 TEENAGE BOY \*\*  
 (cocky) \*\*\*  
 Aw, come on, you guys! Don't tell me you believe that bogus story about "the Wiggy Twig Man". \*\*\*  
 There's no such thing as a dude made out of twigs who wanders the forest eating kids' brains! \*\*\*

WIDEN: he realizes he is alone. He walks off. \*\*\*

2 TEENAGE BOY (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 (calling back) \*\*  
 Mitch? Jeannie? Where'd you go? \*\*

CUT TO: \*\*

**INT. MOVIE THEATER - DAY (DARKENED)** \*\*

ON MOVIE-WATCHING KIDS, completely absorbed, eyes wide. We PAN to ROCKY, PAULA, **KATERINA** and JUNIOR. \*\*

3 ROCKY \*\*  
 (SOTTO - to screen) \*\*  
 Dude... do not go into those trees. \*\*\*

Katerina leans forward, across Paula to ask Rocky: \*\*\*

4 KATERINA \*\*  
 (SOTTO - to Rocky) \*\*  
 Why not? Isn't he looking for his friends? \*\*

5 PAULA \*\*  
 Well yeah, but that's where the Wiggy Twig Man is going to eat his-- \*\*

From the screen we hear <RUSTLING> and a <SCREAM>. \*\*

6 TEENAGE BOY (O.S.) \*\*  
 <BLOOD-CURDLING SCREAM> \*\*

Katerina cringes. Paula, Rocky and KIDS cover their eyes. \*\*

7 AUDIENCE/ROCKY/PAULA \*\*\*  
 <HORRIFIED WALLA>. \*\*

Katerina looks to Junior, who blithely eats a messy, ketchup \*\*  
 covered hot dog as he watches the carnage with glee. \*\*

8 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
 <HAPPILY EATING> \*\*\*

WIPE TO: \*\*

**EXT. FLAT HILLS STREET - DAY** \*\*

ON **KATBOT**, Junior, and Paula walking home. \*\*

9 KATBOT \*\*  
 "Scary" I get. What I don't get is \*\*  
 spending a Sunday afternoon like \*\*\*  
bathing in it. \*\*

10 JUNIOR \*\*  
 To use a forty-four cent word - \*\*\*  
 it's "fun". \*\*

11 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 If bein' scared is fun then Rocky's \*\*\*  
 having the time of his life... \*\*\*

WIDER: ROCKY scoots along in a ready-crouch, eyes darting. \*\*\*

12 ROCKY \*\*  
 (jumpy; paranoid) \*\*\*  
 Huh!? Wuzzat!? I ain't afraid of \*\*\*  
 no Wi-wi-i-igg-gg-gg-- \*\*\*

13 JUNIOR \*\*  
 (trying to spook) \*\*\*  
 Say it Rock, "the Wiggy Twig Man." \*\*\*

14 PAULA \*\*  
 You can say his name once. Just \*\*\*  
 don't say it three times in the \*\*\*  
 dark while looking in a mirror! \*\*\*  
 <WILLIE SHIVER!> \*\*\*

They come upon a tree, which Junior leans against. \*\*\*

15 JUNIOR \*\*  
 Aw, you guys are scaredy-weasels! \*\*\*  
 There's no such thing as--YOIK! \*\*\*

Junior falls behind the tree as if he's been pulled in. \*\*

16 JUNIOR (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 WIGGY TWIG MAN! Nooo! Arrrggh! \*\*  
 My Brain... MY BRAIN! NOOOOOOOO! \*\*\*

A silent beat. Rocky and Paula share a nervous look. \*\*\*

17 ROCKY \*\*\*  
 June'? That's enough, brah-- \*\*\*

Junior LUNGES out with his sweatshirt pulled over his head. \*\*

18 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
 You dudes seen my brain? <LAUGHTER> \*\*\*

He pops his head out, laughing. \*\*\*

19 ROCKY \*\*\*  
 Dude, you just took like years off \*\*\*  
 my young life! \*\*\*

20 PAULA \*\*\*  
 And I swallowed my gum - which I \*\*\*  
 just started! Kat, did you-- Hey, \*\*\*  
 where is she? \*\*\*

21 KATBOT (O.S.) \*\*\*  
 Up here-- \*\*\*

UP THE TREE: Katbot clings by her claws, TAIL PUFFED OUT. \*\*\*

22 KATBOT (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 Is this the fun part of being \*\*\*  
 scared? \*\*\*

WIPE TO: \*\*\*

**CLOSE UP ON A BURRITO** in Junior's hand, "running" along a \*\*\*  
 tabletop - chased by **LARGE FRIES** in his other hand. \*\*\*

23 JUNIOR (O.S.) \*\*\*  
 And that one dude was all "ahhh, my \*\*\*  
 ankle" and the Wiggy Twig Man was \*\*\*  
 all... <MOAN! SLURP! SLURP!> \*\*\*

As the fries "overtake" the burrito, we **PULL BACK TO REVEAL** \*\*\*  
 Junior sits at a table with Rocky, Paula and **KATBOT...** \*\*\*

## EXT. EDIBLE TACOS! - OUTSIDE TABLE - DAY

They all grimace at Junior's *tableau*.

24 PAULA  
Ugh - please, Junior. You're  
drivin' away my appetite!  
(pushes plate away)  
You could do that professionally.

25 ROCKY  
Yeah, chill. The time to talk  
about a movie is not right after  
seein' it!

26 JUNIOR  
Choa - that motion picture really  
tweaked you dudes!

27 KATBOT  
What I don't get is why it didn't  
tweak you!?

28 JUNIOR  
I'm just not really afraid of...  
well... anything!

29 PAULA  
Junior, everyone's afraid of  
something. I fear a Fashion Don't.  
Rocky's afraid of light bulbs.

30 ROCKY  
I'm afraid to change light bulbs.  
There's a difference!

31 KATBOT  
I'll discover your fear, Junior - I  
could robo-scan your brain waves  
and learn all I need to know.

32 JUNIOR  
I'm up - scan me at will!

Katbot screws up her face in concentration.

HER POV: ON JUNIOR, looking fairly blank and dumb. We see  
the familiar GREEN-LIGHTED GRID as Katbot scans him.

33 ROBO-BRAIN  
Scanning subject: Junior LeBore.  
(beat, beat)  
(MORE)

ROBO-BRAIN (CONT'D)  
Brain activity too "mellow" to  
detect. Try again later. \*\*\*

BACK ON ACTION as Junior points two fingers at Katerina. \*\*\*

34 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
*Anti-psych!* Guess y'll have to \*\*\*  
take my word for it. I fear... \*\*\*  
*nada.* \*\*\*

35 KATBOT \*\*\*  
There is another way to find out. \*\*\*  
We can take you into hypno-topia. \*\*\*

36 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
Cool! Can I bring my burrito? \*\*\*

37 KATBOT \*\*\*  
I wouldn't advise it. Now, \*\*\*  
everybody look into my eyes... \*\*\*

ANGLE: Katbot's eyes PENDULUM hypnotically. Behind her, the \*\*\*  
b.g. SWIRLS like the "Neutral Vortex". \*\*\*

QUICK SHOTS: Junior - then Rocky - then Paula. They glow as \*\*\*  
their b.g. swirls. They look stupefied as EERIE MUSIC PLAYS. \*\*\*

SHIMMER TO: \*\*\*

CLOSE ON JUNIOR: his hair seems to stand on end. \*\*\*

38 KATBOT (V.O.) (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Do you see it yet...? Do you see \*\*\*  
where you are? \*\*\*

39 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
Cha! Faaaaaar out! \*\*\*

PULL BACK AND ROTATE CAMERA to REVEAL we are... \*\*\*

EXT. NEUTRAL VORTEX - DAY \*\*\*

Junior hangs UPSIDE DOWN from the branch of a WEIRD TIM \*\*\*  
BURTON-ESQUE TREE in some dark, dreary NETHERWORLD. \*\*\*

40 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
(pouty) \*\*\*  
I do miss my burrito. \*\*\*

41 KATBOT (V.O.) \*\*\*  
Okay. Tell me you're not scared \*\*\*  
hanging upside down from a tree! \*\*\*

42 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
 (Mr. Cool) \*\*\*  
 Do it all the time. Helps stretch \*\*\*  
 the vertebrae-tia after a gnarly \*\*\*  
 wipe-out at the skate park. \*\*\*

WIDER AS GLOWING REPRESENTATIONS OF **KATBOT**, Paula and Rocky \*\*\*  
 step up to the tree. \*\*\*

43 KATBOT (V.O.) \*\*\*  
 But what if that tree were jutting \*\*\*  
 out over a steep cliff... high \*\*\*  
 above a pit of two-headed snakes? \*\*\*

The GROUND near the tree falls away, revealing a ROCKY CLIFF \*\*\*  
 Junior hangs far over the edge. TWO-HEADED SERPENTS strain \*\*\*  
 to reach him, <SNAPPING> their jaws. Paula grabs onto Rocky. \*\*\*

44 PAULA \*\*\*  
 For this I left my favorite table \*\*\*  
 at Edible Tacos? ^ ^

45 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
 Whoa, cool! Freaks of nature! I'm \*\*\*  
 gonna name 'em. \*\*\*  
 (pointing) \*\*\*  
 That one's Fred and Fred. That \*\*\*  
 one's Junior and Rocky! That one-- \*\*\*

46 ROCKY (V.O.) \*\*\*  
 Okay, okay - what if instead of \*\*\*  
 snakes it was something really \*\*\*  
 scary... like marionettes?! \*\*\*

The snapping snakes MORPH into blank-eyed MARIONETTES, \*\*\*  
 dancing in place, their little jaws CLAPPING. \*\*\*

47 JUNIOR (V.O.) \*\*\*  
 <LAUGHS WITH DELIGHT!> Check it - \*\*\*  
 they're dancin'! Go, little \*\*\*  
 magical wooden dudes, go! \*\*\*

The TREE TRUNK goes from rigid to living and SLUG-LIKE, \*\*\*  
 inching away from the cliff. \*\*\*

48 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 Fine! What if instead of a tree, \*\*\*  
 it was a slithering stalk monster \*\*\*  
 like they have on Gamma Nineteen? \*\*\*

49 TREE MONSTER \*\*\*  
 <WET GROWLY GARBLES> \*\*\*

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50      ROCKY                                     ***
Like one of those "tree monsters"             ***
from that one movie...                          ***

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51 PAULA \*\*\*  
T-t-tree Monsters, The M-m-movie. \*\*\*

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Junior is wrapped in the "arms" of the TREE, then licked on ***
the cheek by a long wet tongue. ***
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52      TREE MONSTER                                     ***
<SLOBBERY YUMMY YUMMY!>                               ***

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53      KATBOT                                     ***
Now are you scared?                               ***

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54 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
(blissed out) \*\*\*  
Ahh... warm n' slathery stickytude! \*\*\*  
Overall, a soothing way to live. \*\*\*  
May I stay behind? \*\*\*

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55      KATBOT (V.O.)                                ***
Did we mention that the tree                        ***
monster wants to slow dance with                    ***
you to bad Nineties music?                          ***

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The TREE MONSTER sways with him to CELINE DION-ESQUE MUSIC. \*\*\*

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56      JUNIOR                                     ***
Truth?  Privately, I groove to the               ***
"slow jams" - cha!                               ***

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57      KATBOT                                     ***
UUUURGH! Okay, fine.                             ***

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In a quick effect, the music, b.g. and picture SWIRL BACK TO:\*\*\*

**EXT. EDIBLE TACOS! - DAY**

The kids are at the table, SHAKING THEIR HEADS, groggy. \*\*\*

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58      KATBOT                                ***
We're back.  What a bust!                    ***

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59 PAULA/ROCKY \*\*\*  
<JUST OFF THE ROLLER COASTER MOAN> \*\*\*

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        60      JUNIOR                                ***
        (gleeful, off burrito)                        ***
Burrito Verde, you awaited my                        ***
return! <BIG HAPPY BITE!>                            ***

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61      ROCKY                                ***
Brah, you're like a superhero!              ***
      (marquee with hands)                   ***
The Dude Who Knew No Fear or                 ***
Whatever!                                     ***

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62 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
My gifts are many! \*\*\*  
(then, to Kat) \*\*\*  
Hey, can we go back to Hypno-ville? \*\*\*  
I think I dropped my cell phone. \*\*\*

WIPE TO: \*\*\*

**EXT. SIDEWALK - NEAR PARK - DAY** \*\*\*

Katbot and Paula walk down the sidewalk, as Rocky then Junior\*\*\*  
rocket by them on their skateboards. \*\*\*

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63      JUNIOR                                     ***
Heeeeeee-whooooooooo!                           ***

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64 PAULA \*\*\*  
That boy's got to be afraid of \*\*\*  
something. It annoys me that he \*\*\*  
may be flawed in a good way. \*\*\*

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65      KATBOT                                     ***
I take it as an epic challenge - I               ***
will learn his greatest fear.                     ***

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Junior suddenly walks back into frame, going the other way, \*\*\*  
he GLANCES back over his shoulder - his face showing concern.\*\*\*

66 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
(hurried, nervous) \*\*\*  
Ladies - I think I'm gonna take the \*\*\*  
long way home. J-j-junior, out! \*\*\*

They turn and watch him walk O.S. \*\*\*

67        PAULA    \*\*\*  
That was weird. Did he seem--?                      \*\*\*

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68      KATBOT                                     ***
An eensy bit scared?  Let's see                 ***
that again...                                     ***

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Katbot stares into space and we hear a MECHANICAL WHIR. \*\*\*

KATBOT'S POV (REPLAY): Junior walks toward Katbot in SLOW-MO, \*\*\*  
a look of concern on his face. \*\*\*



CAMERA (KATBOT) PANS WITH HIM as he PASSES and heads AWAY. \*\*\*  
He SHOTS A SLOW-MO GLANCE back over his shoulder. \*\*\*

69 KATBOT (V.O.) (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Freeze frame! \*\*\*

FREEZE FRAME on Junior's concerned OTS glance. \*\*\*

70 KATBOT (V.O.) (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Magnification... 100 times. \*\*\*

PUSH IN ON JUNIOR'S FACE - getting very close. \*\*\*

71 KATBOT (V.O.) (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Magnify... right eye. \*\*\*

CAMERA PUSHES IN on Junior's right eye - it fills the screen. \*\*\*  
In the iris is a REFLECTION of a TREE. \*\*\*

72 KATBOT (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Hmm... maybe my tree scenario \*\*\*  
frightened him more than he let on. \*\*\*  
Magnify again. \*\*\*

CAMERA PUSHES IN FURTHER. Junior's PUPIL fills the screen. \*\*\*  
In the REFLECTED TREE, on a low branch, sits... the \*\*\*  
REFLECTION OF A CUTE SQUIRREL. \*\*\*

73 KATBOT (V.O.) (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Ahhh... no, it's not the tree... \*\*\*

BACK ON SCENE IN PARK as Katbot turns to Paula. \*\*\*

74 KATBOT (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
It's what's in the tree. \*\*\*

75 PAULA \*\*\*  
Junior's afraid of leaves? \*\*\*

76 KATBOT \*\*\*  
You've been spending too much time \*\*\*  
with those boys. \*\*\*  
(turns to go) \*\*\*  
Come on! \*\*\*

Katbot hurries through the park - Paula in tow. \*\*\*

WIPE TO: \*\*

**EXT. STREET NEAR THE LABORE'S HOUSE - DAY** \*\*

Junior and Rocky skate along. \*\*

77	ROCKY	**
	I'm not saying having no fear makes	***
	you a "freak," I'm saying it makes	***
	you "freak- <u>ish</u> ". Like one of those	**
	guys who can do that rollie thing	**
	with his tongue.	**
78	JUNIOR	***
	You mean this thing here?	***
Junior looks at Rocky and rolls his tongue.		**
79	JUNIOR (CONT'D)	***
	<TONGUE ROLLING SOUND>	***
80	ROCKY	**
	<u>Dude</u> - you're doubly odd!	***
Rocky's not looking where he's going. He bumps into JOCK KOWALSKI and they both hit the ground.		**
81	ROCKY/JOCK KOWALSKI	**
	OOF!/Hey!	**
82	ROCKY	**
	Whoa... apologies, dude. Totally	**
	my bad.	**
They are joined by JOCK SCHMIDT.		**
83	JOCK SCHMIDT	**
	Yeah it was, and now we're going to	**
	"my bad" that skateboard right down	**
	your throat...	**
84	JUNIOR	**
	(stepping in between)	***
	Whoa! Where's the love, my brother?	**
Junior helps Jock K. to his feet. The second he stands, Jock K. joins Jock S. - they loom menacingly over Junior.		**
85	JOCK KOWALSKI	**
	Bet you're scared now.	**
86	JUNIOR	**
	Of what?	**
87	JOCK SCHMIDT	**
	Of us.	***
	(quickly to Jock K.)	***
	Right?	***

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      88      ROCKY                      **
Good one!  My Boy Junior doesn't      **
scare.                                       **

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The Jocks turn and glare at Rocky. \*\*

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      89      ROCKY (CONT'D)                **
      (tiny, scared)                      **
Not me...                                **
      (points lamely to Junior)          ***
Ho-ho-homey.                            **

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The Jocks turn back toward Junior. \*\*

90 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
Not scared of nothin', eh!? We're \*\*  
not scared of nothin' either. \*\*

91      ROCKY                                  \*\*  
Yeah, maybe... but Junior can also        \*\*  
roll his tongue.                             \*\*

Junior sticks out his tongue. After a beat he rolls it. \*\*

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    92      ROCKY (CONT'D)                                **
How freaky is that?                                     ^

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93      JOCK KOWALSKY                                ***
Aw, anyone with a tongue can                        ***
<GARBLED TONGUE NOISE>                             ***

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Jock Kowalsky crosses his eyes, trying to roll his tongue. \*\*\*  
He WINCES. \*\*\*

94 JOCK KOWALSKY (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Ow! That hurts! \*\*\*

They look back at Junior, still with his tongue out. \*\*

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95      JUNIOR                                     ***
<WET RASPBERRY!>                                ***

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The Jocks take an involuntary step back. That's all the break \*\*  
Junior and Rocky need. They skate away. \*\*

96 JUNIOR (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
Later, Jock-a-mobiles! \*\*\*

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97      ROCKY                                **
Peace, Jock-lobsters!                       ***

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The Jocks watch Junior and Rocky escape. \*\*

98 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
 Jock, did they or did they not just \*\*  
 make us out like huge dorks? \*\*

99 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*\*  
 (BEAT; hasn't a clue) \*\*\*  
 Well, Jock... I'm... gonna... \*\*\*  
 say... orange. \*\*\*

100 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*\*  
 (grim; fist into palm) \*\*\*  
 That's good enough for me. \*\*\*

WIPE TO: \*\*\*

**EXT. THE LEBORE HOUSE - DAY** \*\*\*

Rocky and Junior skate up the driveway. A LARGE SHADOW falls \*\*\*  
 over them. Rocky notices first. \*\*

101 ROCKY \*\*  
 Huh. Now there's something you \*\*  
 don't see everyday. \*\*

102 JUNIOR \*\*  
 What might that be, Rockkkkkkkkk--! \*\*\*

Junior's face fills with TERROR as he looks up at what \*\*  
 appears to be... an ENORMOUS, CUTESY SQUIRREL. \*\*

103 JUNIOR (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 <HORRIFIED SCREAM!> It's happening! \*\*\*  
 Giant squirrel attack! <SCREAM!> \*\*\*

Junior runs screaming in circles, then into the house, \*\*  
 <SLAMMING> the door. After a beat, the squirrel, a cardboard \*\*  
 cutout, falls to the ground - REVEALING **KATERINA** and Paula \*\*  
 <LAUGHING>. \*\*

104 KATBOT \*\*  
 <LAUGH> Scared of nothing - except ^  
 that! ^

105 PAULA \*\*  
 <LAUGH> He absolutely freaked! \*\*\*  
 Take that, Gum-Swallow Causer! \*\*\*

106 ROCKY \*\*\*  
 I haven't seen him run that fast \*\*\*  
 since he saw a giant cardboard \*\*\*  
 squirrel like five seconds ago! \*\*\*

POV FROM ACROSS STREET: Katerina, Rocky and Paula head into  
the LeBore house.

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REVERSE ANGLE on the two Jocks watching from across the way. \*\*

107 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*\*  
So that's what LeBore-on is afraid \*\*\*  
of. \*\*\*

108 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*\*  
(with finality) \*\*\*  
Cardboard. \*\*\*

WIPE TO: \*\*

**INT. JUNIOR'S ROOM - DAY** \*\*\*

**KATBOT**, Rocky and Paula stand around Junior's empty bed. \*\*

109 KATBOT \*\*  
Come on, Junior! We were just \*\*\*  
joking around. It was funny! \*\*\*

Junior pokes his head out from under the bed. \*\*

110 JUNIOR \*\*  
There is nothing funny about jokes! \*\*\*

He pulls back under the bed. \*\*\*

111 KATBOT \*\*  
How come scaring Rocky, Paula and \*\*\*  
me was okay - but this isn't? \*\*

His head pops back out. \*\*\*

112 JUNIOR \*\*  
'Cause Wiggy Twig Man is made up... \*\*\*  
and those... *horrible things*... are \*\*  
real! Really really real! \*\*\*

He pulls back under the bed. \*\*\*

113 KATBOT \*\*  
I thought you weren't afraid of \*\*\*  
anything. \*\*

114 JUNIOR (O.S.) \*\*\*  
I lied, okay? Now leave me alone - \*\*\*  
me and my pet dust bunny need a \*\*\*  
little pity nap-age! \*\*\*

Katbot turns to the others with a worried, helpless shrug. \*\*\*

WIPE TO: \*\*

**EXT. LEBORE HOUSE - FRONT YARD - DAY** \*\*\*

The two Jocks stare at the cardboard squirrel. \*\*

115 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*\*  
Ha ha. LeBore freaks at the sight  
of beavers! \*\*\*

116 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*\*  
Squirrels, Jock, squirrels. \*\*\*

117 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*  
See, that proves it! Nobody's \*\*  
scared of nothing! \*\*\*  
(quickly) \*\*\*  
B'cept us. \*\*

118 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
We got somethin' on LeBore now. We \*\*\*  
gotta use it to do somethin' big. \*\*

119 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*  
Big and mean... \*\*\*

120 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
And big. \*\*

121 JOCKS \*\*\*  
<DUMB, MEAN LAUGHTER> \*\*\*

HIGH ANGLE as the Jocks walk off, stepping on the cardboard \*\*\*  
squirrel on the lawn, as we... \*\*\*

DISSOLVE TO: \*\*

**EXT. SCHOOL STEPS - DAY** \*\*\*

Junior marches up the steps to school, still ticked off. \*\*  
**KATERINA** follows with Paula and Rocky. They look sheepish. \*\*

122 KATBOT \*\*  
(pleading) \*\*  
Junior, can't we just talk-- \*\*\*

123 JUNIOR \*\*  
(still angry) \*\*  
Junior *no en casa*... for Katbot. \*\*\*

Katerina grabs his arm to stop him. \*\*\*

124 KATBOT \*\*  
 But *I get it*, Junior...I get the \*\*  
 difference between fun scares and \*\*  
 scary scares... \*\*

125 JUNIOR \*\*  
 Well do you also *get it* that being \*\*  
 scared of squirrels makes me look \*\*  
 like a total doof-a-dactyl? \*\*

126 PAULA \*\*\*  
 We're the only ones who know. \*\*\*

127 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 Just us - nobody else! \*\*\*

128 ROCKY \*\*\*  
 And we ain't tellin', brah. \*\*\*

Junior looks at them, then at the ground. \*\*

129 JUNIOR \*\*  
 You guys knowin' is bad enough. \*\*

He opens the door and is SHOCKED to see... \*\*\*

130 JUNIOR (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 <GASP OF HORROR!> \*\*\*

**INT. SCHOOL - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS** \*\*\*

THE STUDENTS all wear SQUIRREL HATS. Jock Kowalsky hands one \*\*  
 last squirrel hat to Darcy. He sees Junior and points. \*\*\*

131 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
 There he is, everybody! Squirrel \*\*\*  
 him! Squirrel him, good! \*\*\*

The students hold their hands up the their mouths, like big \*\*  
 buck teeth, and begin to make <CHUCKY> squirrel noises. \*\*

132 STUDENTS \*\*\*  
 <SQUIRREL NOISES> \*\*\*

DOLLY OUT/ZOOM IN on Junior as he reacts in horror. \*\*\*  
 Katerina, Paula and Rocky step up beside him. \*\*\*

133 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 Er, that is, I didn't think anyone \*\*\*  
 knew. \*\*\*

134 JUNIOR \*\*  
 I'm running away now. \*\*\*



Junior BREAKS INTO A RUN down a HALLWAY followed by a CROWD OF KIDS, all making <SQUIRREL> noises. \*\*\*  
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135 STUDENTS \*\*\*  
<SQUIRREL NOISES> \*\*\*

136 BOY #1 \*\*\*  
Happy Birthday, Junior! \*\*\*

Katbot is left alone with Jock Kowalsky. \*\*

137 KATBOT \*\*\*  
Jock, what did you do!?!? \*\*\*

138 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
I told everybody it was LeBore-on's birthday and that the kid was "nuts about squirrels". Ha - get it? I \*\*\*  
said "nuts" and was talkin' about \*\*\*  
squirrels! Funny, huh? \*\*

139 KATBOT \*\*  
It's not funny! It's horrible and \*\*\*  
mean. Junior's really, truly \*\*\*  
afraid of squirrels. \*\*

140 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
I know! I saw you pull that \*\*\*  
cardboard classic on him yesterday. \*\*  
That was hilarious and mean, too! \*\*\*  
(seeing her in new light) \*\*\*  
Hey, Botenski... you ever go out \*\*\*  
for football? \*\*\*

141 KATBOT \*\*\*  
<UGH!> \*\*\*

Katbot's eyes narrow at Jock. \*\*\*

HER POV: ON JOCK KOWALSKY in ROBO-GRID VIEW. \*\*

142 ROBOT BRAIN (V.O.) \*\*\*  
Scanning subject: Jock Kowalsky. \*\*  
Indexing fears... begin download... \*\*

Jock turns his head to the side like a puzzled dog. \*\*\*

143 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
What is with you, weird-cicle? \*\*

BACK ON KATBOT AND JOCK as something inside Katbot <DINGS>. \*\*

144 KATBOT \*\*  
 <GASP!> No way! \*\*\*  
 (then to Jock) \*\*  
 'Scuse me! \*\*\*

<WHOOSH> Kat is gone. \*\*

CUT TO: \*\*

**EXT. SCHOOL - SIDE EXIT - DAY** \*\*\*

ON JOCK SCHMIDT tossing crumbs onto the lawn. Doing so, he \*\*  
 has attracted THREE DOZEN SQUIRRELS, who <CHITTER> and eat. \*\*\*

145 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*  
 (to squirrels) \*\*  
 <TST! TST! TST!> That's it... \*\*\*  
 gather 'round, little schoolyard \*\*\*  
 woodland creatures... have some \*\*\*  
 crunched up stackable potato chips. \*\*\*

CUT TO: \*\*

**INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS** \*\*

Junior runs down the hallway, spots the exit and runs for it. \*\*

146 JUNIOR \*\*  
 <PANTING> There! My doorway to \*\*\*  
 sweet... squirrel-less... freedom! \*\*\*

He is followed by STUDENTS with squirrel hats on, led by \*\*\*  
 Darcy. Junior reaches the doors-- \*\*\*

CUT TO: \*\*

**EXT. SCHOOL - SIDE EXIT - CONTINUOUS** \*\*\*

Junior <EXPLODES> outside. He freezes when he sees the \*\*  
 squirrels. \*\*

147 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
 <PROTRACTED GASP!> \*\*\*

148 SQUIRRELS \*\*\*  
 <CHIT-CHIT-CHIT!> \*\*\*

149 JUNIOR \*\*  
 No... not... REAL ONES! NOOOOO! \*\*\*

Junior drops into a FETAL POSITIION. Kids gather in the open \*\*  
 door. Jock K. pushes through and gives Jock S. a high-five. \*\*

150 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
 Look! LeBore-on really is a-scared \*\*  
 of squirrels! How comically \*\*\*  
 humorous is that? \*\*

Darcy steps out of the group, leading them like a cheer. \*\*

151 DARCY \*\*  
 C'mon everybody... let's all laugh \*\*  
 at Junior. On Three. One... two-- \*\*

152 KATBOT (O.S.) \*\*\*  
 <meow--AHM!> \*\*\*

They all turn around, looking - where'd that come from? \*\*\*  
 Katerina rounds the corner of the school. \*\*\*

153 KATBOT (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 Before you start laughing at Junior \*\*\*  
 for his fear of squirrels, remember \*\*\*  
everyone's afraid of something. \*\*

154 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
 Not me. \*\*

155 KATBOT \*\*  
 Oh, *really*? \*\*

156 KATBOT (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 Not even if I were to whip out... \*\*\*

<FWIP!> She whips out a cutesy PINK PONY DOLL. \*\*\*

157 KATBOT (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 A Pony-Tailed Pony doll?! \*\*\*

Junior peeks out through his crouched position. \*\*\*

158 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*\*  
 (rattled) \*\*\*  
 W-w-what? Who would ever be afraid \*\*\*  
 of something that scary-- DUMB! I \*\*\*  
 mean something that dumb! Heh-heh. \*\*\*

She approaches him forcefully with the pink pony toy. \*\*\*

159 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 Unless of course, that someone were \*\*\*  
 the only boy in a family of all \*\*\*  
girls, hmm? <DEMONIC PONY WHINNY!> \*\*\*

160 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*\*  
 Take it away! TAKE IT AWAY, CINDY! \*\*\*  
 I'll never step foot in your room \*\*\*  
 again! \*\*\*

161 KIDS \*\*\*  
 <LAUGHTER!> \*\*\*

She rests the pony on Jock's shoulder. It causes him to \*\*\*  
 crumple into a heap on the ground. \*\*\*

162 KATBOT \*\*  
 Cindy'll take away the scary pony \*\*\*  
 when you tell Junior you're sorry. \*\*

163 JOCK KOWALSKY \*\*  
 I'm sorry, LeBore! I'm sorry, I'm \*\*  
 sorry, I'M SORRY! \*\*\*

164 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*  
 Dude, get a spine! A pony never \*\*\*  
 hurt anyone anyhow! \*\*\*

Katerina does a quick TERMINATOR GRID of Jock Schmidt. \*\*\*  
 <DING!> \*\*\*

165 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 Probably not, Jock - but... \*\*\*

Katerina grabs a nearby JANITOR'S MOP IN A WHEELED PAIL. \*\*\*

166 KATBOT (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 Germs certainly have! And this \*\*\*  
 bucket is loaded with 'em! \*\*\*

Katerina yanks the mop out and WIELDS IT like a weapon. \*\*\*

167 JOCK SCHMIDT \*\*\*  
 No - not germs! Anything but \*\*\*  
 germs! MOMMMMMMYYYYYYYY! \*\*\*

Both Jocks RUN around the corner. Katerina puts a hand on \*\*\*  
 Junior's shoulder. He gets up from his fetal crouch. Paula \*\*\*  
 and Rocky WAVE OFF the other kids. \*\*\*

168 PAULA \*\*\*  
 Alright people, move along, nothing \*\*\*  
 to see here! Nothing to see...! \*\*\*

169 JUNIOR \*\*  
 Thanks Kat - that was huge. Those \*\*\*  
 goofy jock fears kinda make being \*\*  
 scared of squirrels seem... not so \*\*  
 freak-tastic. \*\*

170 KATBOT \*\*  
 That still doesn't mean I had the \*\*\*  
 right to make fun of it. Junior, \*\*\*  
 I'm sorry. \*\*\*

171 JUNIOR \*\*  
 It's cool. Lookin' back? That \*\*\*  
 cardboard squirr- I mean, *thing* - \*\*\*  
 was pretty funny. \*\*\*

They both start across the schoolyard pavement. \*\*\*

172 JUNIOR (CONT'D) \*\*\*  
 Hey... you never told me what you \*\*  
 were afraid of. \*\*

173 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 Mmm, sudden loud noises, sirens, \*\*\*  
 the Fire Creatures of Saturnia... \*\*\*  
 (beat; bashful) \*\*\*  
 Losing a good friend. \*\*\*

174 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
 That's one you never have to fear. \*\*\*

175 KATBOT \*\*\*  
 Thanks, dude. Oh! I just \*\*\*  
 remembered something else I'm \*\*\*  
 afraid of. Ever since we spoke to \*\*\*  
 you under your bed yesterday? Dust \*\*\*  
 bunnies? I mean - what are they? \*\*\*

They both turn and head for the school. \*\*\*

176 JUNIOR \*\*\*  
 They're cute! They're teeny tiny \*\*\*  
 furballs... with HUGE GNARLY TEETH! \*\*\*  
 They got cute little fuzzy noses... \*\*\*  
 and GIANT POISONOUS CLAWS! Nothin' \*\*\*  
 to worry about really. UNTIL \*\*\*  
 NIGHTFALL! That's when they sing a \*\*\*  
 beautiful lullaby - WITH HIDEOUS \*\*\*  
 BLOODY GUMS! \*\*\*

177 KATBOT  
<SHIVER> Keep going - I have a  
feeling I deserve this.

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IRIS OUT. \*\*

**END OF SHOW**

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