

Disney's
KATBOT
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FADE IN:

EXT. FLAT HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL - DAY

To establish. The <BELL RINGS>

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

KATBOT, JUNIOR, PAULA AND ROCKY exit a classroom, into a hallway flooded with other exiting kids.

1 KIDS
<AFTER SCHOOL CHATTER>

2 JUNIOR
Now then - before we were so rudely interrupted by school - I believe we were speaking of candy bars -- and the ultimate ingredient thereof...

3 PAULA
Coconut!

4 KATBOT
Mackerel!

5 ROCKY
(AH-HA!) CANDY!

6 PAULA
It's so cute when you try, Rocky.

7 JUNIOR
(whips out a "NU-GET"
candy bar)
I speak, of course, of nougat.

8 PAULA
Nougat! Yes! So chewy, so sweet, so... chewy...

9 KATBOT
But -- what is it?

10 DARCY (O.S.)
What is it?!

They look.

DARCY DUVET, in her cheerleading outfit, does a series of ***
flips up to them, ending in a fancy double-flip and a spread-
eagle stance with her arms thrust out.

11 DARCY (cont'd)
The word Nougat is French, derived
from the Latin "nuca," itself a
derivative of the word for "nuts."

12 JUNIOR
(DAZED) Duh duh Darcy... s...spoke
L...L... Latin to m...m...--

13 DARCY
(HOLDS UP FINGER) Wait: Traditional
nougat contains egg white, sugar,
honey, almond, pistachio, vanilla
and cocoa.

14 PAULA
So all this time we --

15 DARCY
(HOLDS UP FINGER) Wait: Why do I
know this, you ask? Because in
addition to my duties as
cheerleading captain I'm also
chairperson of the Flat-Hills
vocabulary club! We're stamping
out ignorance four students at a
time!

She circles the four of them doing a cheer.

16 DARCY (cont'd)
STAMP! STAMP! STAMP STAMP STAMP!
STAMP! STAMP! STAMP STAMP STAMP!
IIIIIIIIIGNORANT STUDENTS!!! WOO-
HOOOO!!!
(jumps up and down)

As she lands a KID next to her lets out a BLOOD-CURDLING ***
YELL.

17 KID ***
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUGH!!!!
(tiny voice, wincing)
You stamped on my pinkie toe.

18 DARCY
Stand back, everybody!

She steps up to the kid and with much professional flourish places her fingertips on both sides of his head, pulling the skin on his face back so it stretches ridiculously.

19 KID ***
 Hey -- my toe's all better!
 (SMACKS his lips)
 And I'm experiencing a delightful
 lemony taste!

She lets go.

20 DARCY
 Ain't no thang for the chairwoman
 of the Flat Hills Acupressure
 Society.

21 KATBOT
 Acupressure? What's that?!

22 DARCY
 No time to explain! Why not join
 the Society and find out, Katerina -
 if you have time between all your
 other activities! Ta'!

Darcy SKIPS O.S. Rocky, Paula and Junior watch her go,
 impressed. Katbot is lost in thought.

23 ROCKY
 How does Darcy do so much?

24 JUNIOR
 And still have time to flirt with
 me?

25 KATBOT
 My... other... activities...?

MR. SPITTLE steps up, in front of them, gazing proudly off, ***
 PAST CAMERA.

26 MR. SPITTLE ***
 Someday that Darcy is going to be ***
 President! ***

Katbot looks at Spittle, piqued: really?

WIPE TO:

EXT. LEBORE HOME - DAY

27 PROFESSOR MEEW (O.S.)
 ...Acupressure, cheerleading,
 chairperson of the vocabulary club?

INT. KAT'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

KATBOT lies on her bed with her LAPTOP. MEEW's on screen.

28 PROFESSOR MEEW (O.S.)
 And all these activities will one
 day qualify her to be earth
 president?

29 KATBOT
 That's what I thought, but then
 Junior told me that's just an
 expression grown-ups like to say.

30 PROFESSOR MEEW
 Because...?

31 KATBOT
 They love it when kids do tons of
 stuff. They say it's how they can
 reach their full potential.

32 PROFESSOR MEEW
 Hmm... Interesting theory. What
 extra-curricular activities have
you been involved in?

33 KATBOT
 Um... well... I watch TV. I nap.
 I rid the neighborhood of pesky
 songbirds....

34 PROFESSOR MEEW
 That's it?!

35 KATBOT
 I eat nougat!

36 PROFESSOR MEEW
 You'll never grow up to be Uber
 Chaircat that way!

37 KATBOT
 But I don't want to grow up to be
 Uber Chaircat!

38 PROFESSOR MEEW
That's not the point! I didn't
send you halfway across the galaxy
to eat candy and watch TV! You
should take a page from Darcy's
impressive book and push to achieve
everything you can!

39 KATBOT
You really think so...?

40 PROFESSOR MEEW
Of course! And you do want to be
Uber Chaircat. You just don't know
it yet.

MEEW ZAPS OUT. Katbot lifts a BOOK: FLAT HILLS YEAR BOOK and
pages through it, musing...

41 KATBOT
Okay, well the school yearbook
should help me find an
extracurricular...let's see, what
to do...? What? To? Do...?

She focuses on a page and perks up.

42 KATBOT (cont'd)
Ah - purrrrrrfect!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LEBORE DINING ROOM - NIGHT

DICK walks in and sits at the table with DELORE and Junior.

43 DICK
I am starving! All that palpating
pets really works up an appetite!

44 DELORE
Junior, where's Katerina?

45 JUNIOR
She said something about going out
and signing up for some junk and
stuff.

<BANJO PLUCKING> fills the room! Katerina enters wearing a ***
STRAW BOATER and RED AND WHITE STRIPED VEST, playing a BANJO.***

46 DICK

Ah, sweet serenade! Is that what
you kids call hip-hop?

47 KATBOT

You are looking at the newest
member of the Flat Hills Middle
School Dixieland Band!

She <STRUMS HER BANJO> and sings.

48 KATBOT (cont'd)

(to the tune of "Oh
Susanna")

*Oh I come from Katatonia with a
banjo on my knee!*

Dick and Delore <CLAP>.

49 DELORE

Well lick a kitten -- since when
are you interested in the banjo?

50 KATBOT

Since I realized that I didn't come
here to just eat candy and watch
TV! I plan on doing lots of extra-
curricular activities - like the
banjo.

51 JUNIOR

Righteous choice, though I myself
would have preferred air banjo.

He "air-plucks" a banjo.

52 DICK

I just think it's super! Why with
that attitude you'll grow up to
be... um... what sort of leader do
you have over there in Katatonia?

53 KATBOT

Uber Chairca--I mean
Chair...person.

Delore slides a plate of pie over to Katerina.

54 DELORE

Would you like to start with your
pie tonight, dear? You've earned
that special privilege.

55 JUNIOR
What!? Hey, no fair!

56 KATBOT
 No thank you. I'm late for a
 meeting of the Flat Hills Middle
 School Book Club.

57 DELORE
 How adorable! What are you reading?

58 KATBOT
 Oh, we don't read books - we write
 and publish them.

She EXITS. Junior reaches for her pie.

59 JUNIOR
 If she's not going to eat her pie--

60 DELORE
After dinner. Pre-meal pie is for
 future Presidents and Uber Whatsits
 from foreign lands.

61 JUNIOR
 Whoa... it suddenly occurs to me -
 ogling that fluffy meringue - that,
 like, I haven't been living up to
 my full tween potentiality.

Junior stands, looking off, filled with purpose.

62 Junior (cont'd)
 From now on, I, Junior LeBore
 Junior, will no longer do less than
 the minimum! From this day forth,
 I'm stepping it up... and doing the
absolute minimum!

63 DELORE
 Oh, I'm so proud...!

64 DICK
 Mother, give that boy a slice of
 pie!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. LEBORE HOME - NIGHT

A light burns in Katbot's window.

65 KATBOT (O.S.)
Professor Meew? Are you there?

STATIC. No response.

INT. KAT'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Katbot lies on her bed with the laptop, hitting keys.

66 KATBOT
(impatient sing-songy)
Professor Meew-ewww?
(beat; frustrated)
Helllloooooo!?

67 PROFESSOR MEEW (O.S.)
Yes, yes, I'm here, Katbot...

ON LAPTOP SCREEN - PROFESSOR MEEW steps into frame wearing an old fashioned nightcap and nightshirt.

68 PROFESSOR MEEW (cont'd)
It's the middle of the night! I
was busy running around the
apartment knocking things over.

69 KATBOT
Sorry, Professor, this was my first
chance to check in since I took on
those extra-curricular activities.
I'm sending you my updated resume.

She hits a button on the computer <BEEP!> Meew sees it on his end and his eyes go wide in surprise. ***

70 PROFESSOR MEEW
My word! Tennis, banjo, origami,
meditation, something called
"improv"... you deserve pre-meal
salmon for all this! ***

71 KATBOT
Ain't no thang for a future Uber
Chaircat! ***

72 PROFESSOR MEEW
Katbot, I want you to be sure and
keep a sense of balance in your
life. Young robotic felines need
to-- ***

73 KATBOT
 Balance? Ooh, thanks for reminding
 me, Professor! I have to sign up
 for that five-thirty a.m. trick
 horse riding class! Meow for now! ***

74 PROFESSOR MEEW
 Katbot, wait, I didn't mean--

Katbot pushes the OFF BUTTON. ***

WIPE TO:

FRENETIC OVER-ACHIEVING MONTAGE!

--CAFETERIA: KATBOT (IN CHEF'S HAT) flamboyantly tosses food
 in a pan and catches it. She slides the food onto a plate
 and HURLS seasoning at it.

75 KATBOT
 Budda-BLAM-O! Field Mouse
 Fricassee!

APPLAUSE! REVEAL we are in the SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Kat hands
 the plate to a table of TEACHERS, all giddily <CLAPPING>. ***

76 FEMALE TEACHER
 It's amazing what this girl can do
 with a simple woodland rodent! ***

77 MR. SPITTLE
 This is the best Teacher
 Appreciation Lunch I've ever been
 to! (BEAT) Come to think of it,
 it's the first... ***

--CLASSROOM: A GEEKY BOY folds an ORIGAMI CRANE. PAN TO A
 GEEKY GIRL who folds an ORIGAMI BEAR. PAN TO KATBOT, deftly
 folding a ORIGAMI SWAN. WIDER as she turns, sticks it into
 place as a hood ornament on a LIFE-SIZE ORIGAMI CAR, climbs
 in, starts it and DRIVES OUT of the room. The Geeks gape.

--DICK'S VET CLINIC: KATERINA, IN CANDY-STRIPER OUTFIT, HANDS
 A WELL-GROOMED KITTEN with a bow on its head to Dick, who in
 turn hands it to a SATISFIED VET CUSTOMER.

78 DICK
 Isn't that a well-groomed kitten!

79 CUSTOMER
 Doc, your new helper is a peach!

BACK ON KATERINA, beaming proudly, as she turns to pick up another KITTEN and begins grooming it - *with her tongue!* ***

WIPE TO:

INT. LEBORE DINING ROOM - EVENING

Delore enters from the kitchen with a platter.

80 DELORE
Chicken liver loaf is served!

81 DICK
Mmmm! Doesn't that look delicious,
Junior? Junior...?

Dick and Delore look down the table where Junior <SNORES LOUDLY>, asleep in his potatoes au gratin. Dick shakes him.

82 DICK (cont'd)
Uh, son...? Time to wake up and
clean the *au gratin* off your face.

Junior sits up blinking, disoriented.

83 JUNIOR
Wha...? Who...? Oh, sorry.
(sleepily licks his face)
Doin' the minimum is exhausting. I
joined a book club at school.

84 DELORE
You're kidding.
(catches herself)
I mean, that's wonderful!

85 JUNIOR
We're readin' *Little Women* - I
thought a science-fiction book
about incredible shrinking chicks
sounded cool - but we're a hundred
pages in and it's not very science
fictiony yet!

86 DELORE
You know Katerina is a book groupie
these days, maybe she could help?

87 JUNIOR
Nah. I never see Kat anymore -
except staring at me from these
posters.

He holds up a POSTER with her face that reads: VOTE KATERINA CLASS PRESIDENT! PUSH IN TIGHT ON KAT'S FACE...

88 KATBOT (V.O.)
...together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish after three-fifteen, when the final bell rings, and eight-fifteen when the first bell rings the next morning!

As we hear Kat's speech we...

CROSS-DISSOLVE:

EXT. LEBORE HOME - NIGHT

There's only one light on in the house, Kat's. PUSH IN...

89 KATERINA (O.S./CONT.)
And that, students of Flat Hills Middle School, is why I ask - no - why I urge you to vote for me...

INT. LEBORE'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

ON HEATING VENT, TILT DOWN to Dick and Delore lying in bed EYES WIDE OPEN, listening to Katerina from across the hall.

90 KATERINA (O.S.)
...Katerina Botenski, for Student Council President - it'll just be that much cooler when I become the real President! Thank you.

91 DICK (SOTTO)
(whispered to ceiling)
No, thank you - for wrapping it up.
It's three-thirty in the a.m.

92 DELORE (SOTTO)
Oh now Dick, we can still get in a good two hours of sleep before the alarm goes--

<TIBETAN MUSIC> fills the air - they sit bolt upright.

INT. KATERINA'S ROOM - NIGHT

The LeBores enter to find Katerina dancing around playing a *dung* (Tibetan trumpet) and *damaru* (a drum). It's LOUD.

93 DELORE
Katerina dear... what's going on?

94 KATERINA
I'm starting a Tibetan Culture Club
to chant for world peace!

95 DICK
Kat - you've got to sleep sometime.

96 KATERINA
I'll sleep when I'm old - like you guys! ***

97 DELORE
Well... the music does sound nice -
and I do approve of peace! ***

Delore joins in Kat's strange dance. Dick thinks and SHRUGS.***

98 DICK
I guess a little aerobic activity
might be good for me! ***

He joins in doing a goofy shimmy to the otherworldly MUSIC.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Junior slogs along, slumped over, eyes three-quarters shut.

99 KATBOT (O.S.)
Hey! Junior!

Katbot catches up with him.

100 KATBOT (cont'd)
Don't we always walk to school
together?

101 JUNIOR
Guess I figured you'd be off
building some kind of helicopter
for the Kids Who Fly to School Now
Club.

102 KATBOT
(missing the jab)
Kids Who Fly to School...? I
missed the flier on that one.
(whips out instruments)
Wanna see my dance? It's amazing
what one can accomplish when one
doesn't have to eat or sleep!

103 JUNIOR
 (mutters pointedly)
 Or hang with one's buds. See ya.

He sulks off leaving Kat standing there with her instruments.

104 KATBOT
 Hey, Junior, where ya goin', I--

Kat stops in mid-sentence. Her eyes go wide as she stares into space. Something's not right.

105 ROBO-BRAIN (O.S.)
Warning! System overload. Repeat,
 system overload. Find a soft spot
 to land.

Katbot drops her instruments on the ground.

106 KATBOT
 Uh-boy.

Junior hearing instruments clatter to the ground. He turns.

107 JUNIOR
 Kat...? You okay...!?

ON KATBOT: SMOKE roils from her ears and ELECTRICITY crackles around her head.

108 ROBO-BRAIN (O.S.)
 System shutting down in five--

With a CREAKING SOUND, her smoking form falls to the ground.

KAT'S POV: as Junior leans over looking worried. He SNIFFS.

109 JUNIOR
 <SNIFF> Dude, something's burning.

IRIS TO BLACK.

BLUE SCREEN. A CURSOR BLINKS ON... the word REBOOT types across the screen... we hear a HARD DRIVE WHIRRING...

CLOSE ON KATBOT'S EYES. They flutter open. They look side to side with a touch of confusion.

KAT'S POV: Junior and a Katatonian in overalls, MR. PATCHES, loom above. Mr. Patches wipes his hands on a rag and smiles.

110 MR. PATCHES
 There she is, back on line.

We are...

INT. KATBOT'S ROOM - DAY

Katbot sits up on her bed, groggy.

111 KATBOT
Wha...? What happened...?

112 JUNIOR
You blew a circuit - I carried you
up to your room and figured out how
to contact Katatonia by K-mail.

113 MR. PATCHES
After first dialing Spain. Expect
one heck of a long distance bill.

114 JUNIOR
This dude's Mr. Patches - Professor
Meew sent him to fix you up.
(aside)
Meew was mad crazy worried about
you!

115 MR. PATCHES
I replaced your central processor.
You've had a close call, young
lady, and I recommend you--

116 KATBOT
<LONG GASP!> I've got things to do!

She leaps up and starts racing around the room, throwing
things into a back-pack as she rants--

117 KATBOT (cont'd)
I've got to design a poster for the
Choir Truck Wash, create a "wacky
character" for Improv class, revise
my student counsel president speech-
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Kat stops in the middle of the room - eyes wide, shaking.

118 KATBOT (cont'd)
Uh-oh--

BUZZ! FLASH! POOF! Smoke roils out of her ears and she
falls straight onto her face! KER-KLANK!

119 MR. PATCHES
<SIGH> I only got one more circuit -
half the size of the one she's been
runnin' on. She's got to ease off
on them extra-curriculars.

120 JUNIOR
Funny one, cat-guy. She's obsessed.

Patches snaps a TINY CIRCUIT into Katbot and - with a <BEEP> ***
and a <WHIRR>, she sits up again in the middle of the room. ***

121 KATBOT
I'm back. What did I miss?

122 JUNIOR
Patches sayin' you got to chill,
yo, or else.

KNOCK-KNOCK-KNOCK!

123 DELORE (O.S.)
Katerina...? Are you okay? Did I
hear a suit of armor hit the floor?

124 KATBOT
I'm fine, Mrs. LeBore!
(waves off Patches; SOTTO)
Go! Go! She can't find you here!

125 MR. PATCHES (SOTTO)
You're on a half-capacity chip.
I'll be back in a week with a
bigger one but you gotta slow down!

126 KATBOT (SOTTO)
Fine, fine, just go, Mr. Patches!

Mr. Patches opens a window and ROCKETS OUT.

127 DELORE (O.S.)
Katerina? Some of your new friends
are here to see you.

Katbot and Junior share a puzzled look.

INT. LEBORE LIVING ROOM - DAY

Katerina and Junior enter to find a CROWD from school - RUGBY
PLAYERS, ORIGAMI CLUB GEEKS, PEACE CHANTERS, and more.

128 RUGBY GIRL
There she is! Kat you missed our
rugby game against St. Smootens!

129 KATERINA
Well, I--

130 ORIGAMI GEEK
You were gonna teach us to make an
origami plane we could all fly to
Cleveland.

131 PEACE CHANTER GIRL
(clangs finger cymbals)
World peace is depending on you!

132 CROWD
<WALLA; CLAMOR FOR HER ATTENTION!>

Junior shoots Kat a look and does a TAKE - WISPS of SMOKE
rise from her ear. Without thinking he JUMPS between the
crowd and Kat, quieting them all with a HORSE WHISTLE!

133 JUNIOR
Excuse me, dudes, but I'm puttin'
my foot down - you have to go! Kat
will see you at school later, much!

134 PEACE CHANTER GIRL
Can't she speak for herself?

135 KATERINA
I--

136 JUNIOR
She could, but she might melt - do
you want that on your conscience?

The CROWD of kids all BLINK in unison, confused.

137 Junior (cont'd)
Didn't think so. Now if you'll
excuse Kat, she's gonna be cutting
back on extra stuff. She's doing
one extra activity and one only.

138 KATERINA
Uh, Junior... what might that be?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LEBORE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Junior and Kat sprawl on the couch reading copies of *LITTLE WOMEN* and eating gooey CANDY BARS.

139 JUNIOR
Thanks for chairing the Junior/Kat Book and Candy Club. I needed just a scooch of help with *Little Women*.

140 KATERINA
Hey, glad to do it. It'll look great on the resume.

141 JUNIOR
(looking up, worried)
Huh...!?

142 KATBOT
Psych!
(levels with him)
Junior, thanks for being a pal and bringing me back to earth. I know I pushed too hard and did too much - and from now on, I'm gonna leave plenty of time for fun, friends and the occasional hot oil bath.

143 JUNIOR
Stoked to hear it, dude. Shall we continue? <AH-AH-HEM!>
(lifts the book to read:)
"A little gray-coated sand bird came tripping over the beach 'peeping' softly to itself, as if enjoying the sun and sea."

EXT. LEBORE HOME - DAY

PULL AWAY from the windows as Junior reads aloud.

144 JUNIOR (O.S.)
"It came quite close to Beth, and looked at her with a friendly eye and sat upon a warm stone, dressing its wet feathers, quite at home."

145 KATBOT (O.S.)
Man, this book is making me hungry - pass me another Nu-Get bar!

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW