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COLD OPEN

EXT. 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 evil-looking armed feline CLAW SOLDIERS flow out to fight the WyldCats.

THEME SINGER (CONT'D)
*To rule Catopia 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 LION 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 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 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 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)

What did I **JUST** say?

We hear the SNARLING AND GROWLING WILDCATS as we

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WYLDKATS! TITLE CARD