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FADE IN:

EXT. ZIPPY MART/FIRE HYDRANT

CATDOG are walking to the ZIPPY MART.

CAT

Dog, we are only getting food.
I don't want you begging for candy
in the check-out line. "Please,
please Cat," will not work.

Dog stops suddenly. Something catches his eye OFF-CAMERA.

DOG

Wait a second, I gotta inspect
my hydrant.

Cat rolls his eyes.

CAT

Must you go through this ritual
every time... in public?

DOG

I just gotta sniff my hydrant, I
gotta!

CAT

It's not your hydrant, Dog.
(sighs)
You dogs are so territorial.

DOG

(begging)
It'll just take a second, please,
please, please Cat?

Dog smiles real hard. Cat tries to resist... but gives in.

CAT

All right, just do it quickly
before anybody sees you.

Dog starts licking Cat on the nose in appreciation.

DOG

Thank you! Thank you!

CAT

Yuck, that's wet!

Dog walks to the FIRE HYDRANT. He takes a deep breath,
exhales, deeply SNIFFS the hydrant... then SIGHS with
satisfaction.

CAT

Okay, you sniffed let's go.

CatDog ENTER the Zippy Mart.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. ZIPPY MART/ FIRE HYDRANT - LATER

CatDog LEAVE the Zippy Mart. Cat carries a SACK OF KIBBLE. Dog suddenly stops. Cat is caught by surprise, and the Kibble goes flying into the air. Cat stretches out to make a diving catch!

CAT
Dog! Look at what you made me
do!

DOG
Yeah, that was a great catch!

CAT
Why did you stop?

Dog puts on his hopeful smile and bats his eyes.

CAT (CONT'D)
You sniffed it five minutes ago.

DOG
(concerned)
I want to make sure I didn't miss
anything. Please, please...

CAT
I wish you were this concerned about
keeping the house clean.

DOG
(desperate)
Cat, I'll clean the whole house
when we get home, I promise.

Cat sees an opportunity. Dog smiles wide.

CAT
I probably shouldn't... but okay.
You have to clean the whole house!

Dog happily LICKS Cat on the nose.

CAT (CONT'D)
Stop! I can't breathe!

Dog takes a deep breath, exhales, and sniffs the hydrant... this time his face turns beet red. He's furious!

DOG
(snarls)
Alright who's been messing with
my hydrant?

Dog glares suspiciously at Cat.

CAT
It wasn't me, I was in the store.

DOG
(probing)
Do you have any witnesses?

CAT
Dog, you were in there with me.

DOG
(thinks about it)
Oh... oh, yeah.

CAT
Now, don't get so upset.

DOG
Don't get upset?! There's been
a crime committed here!

CAT
You've committed that crime lots
of times.

DOG
I'm talking about trespassing!

CAT
Dog, this a public hydrant and--

DOG
(sniffs)
I've got his scent!

Dog goes darting OFF-SCREEN, dragging Cat with him!

MONTAGE

1. Dog drags Cat through the STREETS. Cat digs his claws in!
2. Dog follows the scent to a JUNK YARD and drags Cat through.
3. Dog sniffs his way onto a ROLLER COASTER.

EXT. ALLEY - DAY

Dog follows the scent down to a dead end. He finally stops.

CAT
I guess that's the end of the trail.
Let's head home, Dog.

Dog doesn't move.

CAT (CONT'D) (cont'd)
Dog? Dog?

DOG
 (righteous indignation)
 Cat, no tree, no fire hydrant, no
 light pole is safe with this...
 this trespasser roaming the streets!
 He must be brought to justice!

INT. POLICE DEPT. - SOON AFTER

MR. SUNSHINE, the Police Clerk, watches as Dog thumbs through a mugshot/scent book with various paw prints. Dog SMELLS each pawprint. Cat sits off to the side, bored.

MR. SUNSHINE
 (dead)
 Anyone? Anyone?

Dog shakes his head "no."

MR. SUNSHINE (CONT'D)
 We have a few more books.

PAN OVER TO a mountain of MUG SHOT BOOKS.

Cat's EYES widen in dread.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. POLICE DEPT. - LATER

Dog has gone through all the books.

MR. SUNSHINE
 (dead)
 Anyone? Anyone?

Dog shakes his head "no," he's depressed.

CAT
 Okay, time to go. Looks like
 this one got away.

Mr. Sunshine pulls out a DRAWING PAD.

MR. SUNSHINE
 Can you give me a description of the
 suspect?

CAT
 Gee, I wish we could. But we never
 saw him. See you later.

MR. SUNSHINE
 I'm asking the victim, sir.
 (to Dog)
 Try to remember what you can and
 I'll make a composite sketch.

DOG
(thinking)
Well, he had a big nose and...

CAT
How could you possibly know that???

MR. SUNSHINE
Sir, let the victim cooperate, or
I'll have to lock you up.

In the background, WE SEE a jail cell with a MEAN-LOOKING
DOG.

CAT
(scared)
Okay, okay...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. POLICE DEPT. - LATER

MR. SUNSHINE
I think I have a pretty good idea
of what this creep looks like.

DOG
Good! Good!

Mr. Sunshine shows them his sketch... it looks like Dog!

DOG (CONT'D)
Yeah! That's him. Look at those
beady little eyes! That's the face
of a hardened criminal!

MR. SUNSHINE
We'll print up a wanted poster.
Maybe someone will turn him in.

EXT. POLICE DEPT./EXT. STREETS - LATER

CatDog are WALKING OUT of the Police Dept.

CAT
Well, I guess all we can do is go
home, right Dog?

DOG
Cat, he said "maybe" someone will
turn him in. That's not justice.
(sniffs)
Aha!

CAT
What?

DOG
That's him! That's him!

Picking up the scent, Dog takes off, pulling hapless Cat along for the ride.

CAT
Waiiiiiitttttt!

CUT TO:

MONTAGE

1. Dog pulls them through a FENCE, Cat is squished trying to get through.
2. Dog runs into a BOWLING ALLEY, Cat dodges bowling balls.
3. Dog follows the scent into a "DOG'S ONLY" POOL HALL. WE HEAR dogs GROWLING, furniture BREAKING, and glass SHATTERING! Finally they end up back at the...

EXT. FIRE HYDRANT - LATER

Cat is really roughed up, and his bag of Kibble is torn and leaking. He's lost half the bag.

CAT
Dog, we're back where we started from. Let's go home.

Cat starts to walk away, but comes to an abrupt halt...

WIDEN TO REVEAL

Dog has planted himself on top of the hydrant.

DOG
The criminal always returns to the scene of the crime.

CAT
How do you know?

DOG
It happens on TV all the time. All I gotta do is a stake out.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FIRE HYDRANT - LATER

Dog is still perched on top of the fire hydrant.

CAT
(pleading)
Dog, please. Let's go home. We can come back tomorrow.

Dog's busy sniffing the air as VARIOUS DOGS walk by.

DOG
 (sniffs)
 Nope...
 (sniffs)
 ... Not him...
 (sniffs)
 ... Next...

Dog SNIFFS as the GREASER DOGS walk by. They hear it.

CLIFF turns and squints at Cat like Robert DeNiro in "Taxi Driver."

CLIFF
 Hey, you sniffin' me? You sniffin'
 me?

CAT
 (meekly)
 N-N-No... I-I-I would never sniff
 a d-d-d-dog.

SHRIEK gets right up in Cat's face, like (a female) Joe Pesci in "Goodfellas."

SHRIEK
 So now you think you're too good
 to sniff a dog? It that it?

CAT
 N-n-n-o what I m-m-meant...

SHRIEK
 Oh, now you think I'm stupid'?

The Greaser Dogs CLOBBER Cat. Dog is oblivious as he is looks out for criminals.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FIRE HYDRANT - DAY

Cat is miserable. He eats what's left from the Kibble bag... with his hands.

CAT
 No utensils, how primitive.
 (to Dog)
 Do you see what you've done to
 me? I'm eating like a savage!
 Hundreds of years of good breeding
 and etiquette lessons down the
 toilet! I've been reduced to the
 level of a... a... a dog!

A FEW BEATS.

WINSLOW walks up to the Zippy Mart.

WINSLOW
 Cat, why are you eatin' like a dog!

CAT
 Because Dog refuses to leave this
 hydrant. He thinks someone trespassed
 and will eventually return to the
 scene of the crime!

WINSLOW
 No kiddin' ...

CAT
 We've been stuck here for hours!
 Winslow, you speak dog's language.
 Talk to him.

Winslow gets a mischievous grin.

WINSLOW
 I'll do what I can.

CAT
 Thank you, thank you.

CAT (CONT'D)
 (to Dog)
 Dog, Winslow is here. Winslow
 is your good friend. You remember
 him don't you? Do as he says.

Dog looks down at Winslow. Cat smiles in anticipation.

WINSLOW
 Dog, I say this as a friend...
 Do not move.

CAT
 What?????

WINSLOW
 Stand your ground! Stay up there
 for weeks if you have to! We gotta
 take back our neighborhoods from
 the crooks and unsavory types.

CAT
 Winslow!!!!

INT. CATDOG HOUSE - NIGHT

Winslow has taken over the house. MUSIC'S BLASTING! A DISCO
 BALL hangs from the ceiling. LEFTOVERS are set up on tables.

THE DOORBELL RINGS!

WINSLOW
 Ahh, my guests have arrived.

EXT. FIRE HYDRANT - SAME TIME

Cat is down to last his piece of Kibble. He breaks it in
 half.

CAT
Must ration food. Must ration.

He eats one half, and puts the other half back in the bag.

Cat is miserable and cold. A BEAT.

He hears MUSIC and LAUGHING in the distance. He turns and looks... it's coming from their house!

CAT (CONT'D)
He... Winslow's throwing a party
in our house! He'll wreck the
place, we have to stop him!

Dog has taken on a determined "Patton-like" attitude.

DOG
That's just what the enemy is
expecting. But I shall not leave.
I want you to know... I would be
proud to lead you into battle
anytime, anywhere, anyplace.

Cat slumps down in defeat.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FIRE HYDRANT - NIGHT

Through HEAVY RAIN and HOWLING WIND, Dog stays firmly perched on the hydrant, in a salute like a soldier. Cat suffers the elements while listening to Winslow's wild party in full gear.

INT. CATDOG HOUSE - DAWN

Winslow's GUESTS stagger to the door. They're all partied out.

WINSLOW
Hey guys, why are you leaving so
early? I just put a brand new
batch of leftovers in the oven.

Winslow sits down on the couch... and quickly nods off to sleep.

The leftovers continue to cook in the OVEN.

EXT. FIRE HYDRANT - MORNING

Cat is partially woken up when he smells something.

CAT
(groggy)
Dog, I told you not to smoke in bed.
You're going to burn the house down.

He feels an ache in his neck. Suddenly, Cat's eyes pop open! Now, he sees smoke... coming from...it's coming from their house!

CAT (CONT'D)
(hysterical)
Dog, wake up! Our house is on fire!

Cat tries to take off for the house, but Dog has a firm grip.

DOG
Can't leave!

CAT
At least let me call the fire department.

Cat stretches over to the pay phone and quickly dials.

INT. CATDOG HOUSE - SAME TIME

Winslow sprays water on the fire with a TINY HOSE.

WINSLOW
It's a good thing somebody in this house is a licensed Fire Marshall.

The flames ROAR as they jet up through the roof! Winslow drops his hose, and runs out! SIRENS BLARE in the distance.

EXT. FIRE HYDRANT - MOMENTS LATER

Fire Trucks drive up. Carrying hoses, FIREMEN head right for the fire hydrant. But Dog stands his ground.

DOG
(growls)
In the background, CatDog's house is raging with fire and smoke.

CAT
Wholey smokes! The house is going to be toast, Dog!
(starts to weep)
Dog, my whole life is in that house. It's going up in smoke.
(dramatic)
I don't have hydrant to call my own. I won't have anything.

DOG
(tearing up)
Oh... okay Cat.

Cat is relieved as Dog starts to climb off the hydrant.

CAT
(to the Firemen)
Save the room on the right first--

Wiping away tears, Dog starts to SNIFF the air... suddenly his face turns red with fury! Dog points at the DALMATIAN FIREMAN.

DOG
I knew you'd come back trespasser!
Didn't think I'd be here did you?

Dog jumps between the fire hydrant and the Dalmatian Fireman.

DALMATIAN FIREMAN
This is city property! Move!

DOG
I'm a taxpayer! I paid for this
part of the city!

DALMATIAN FIREMAN
Do you want to lose a tail?

DOG
I'd like to see you try!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CATDOG'S HOUSE - LATER THAT DAY

CatDog walk through the rubble. Cat has a BANDAGE on his nose.

DOG
Sorry about your nose Cat, I didn't
think he would bite.

Cat finds his BALL OF YARN, CATNIP MOUSE, KNITTING NEEDLES, and MR. LOOFA... all burned to a crisp.

DOG (CONT'D)
Cat, cheer up, we didn't lose
everything.

CAT
(weeping)
We... we... didn't?

Dog plops the fire hydrant down in the middle of the house.

DOG
(smiling)
We'll never have to worry about
trespassers again!

Cat CRIES!

DOG (CONT'D)
(grinning)
And... remember when I promised
to clean the house?
(proudly)
Well, I'm gonna clean it.

Dog smiles proudly. Cat SOBS!

And we...

FADE OUT:

THE END