

XANAX FOR CATS  
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CAST

NARRATOR

CINDY - A fan of cats, 30s

LAUREN - An anxious mess, 30s

INT. A BEDROOM

(LAUREN stares at herself in a mirror. She's wearing a suit and tying a tie. She looks stressed.)

CINDY [O.S]

Honey, hurry up! We're going to be late!

LAUREN

Just a minute!

(LAUREN stares at herself in the mirror, breathing heavily. Her eyes look over to the dresser next to the mirror. The camera cuts to what she's looking at: Two tickets to Cats, fourth row from the stage.)

NARRATOR [V.O.]

So, your wife wants to see Cats, and you're about to have a full-on episode about it. But what if I told you there was a way out of it?

LAUREN

There is?

(NARRATOR walks on screen.)

NARRATOR

Introducing: Drugs to Take to Calm You Down for When You're About to See the Musical Cats.

(NARRATOR holds up an unmarked bag of pills that kind of look like Xanax but there's something a little off about them.)

NARRATOR

But for now, we'll just call it Xanax for Cats

(NARRATOR hands the bag to  
LAUREN.)

LAUREN

So, it's Xanax?

NARRATOR

Is the Rum Tum Tugger a curious cat?

LAUREN

I don't know?

NARRATOR

Exactly!

CUT TO: AN ANIMATION

(On screen, we see an animation of  
the following description given by  
the NARRATOR.)

NARRATOR [V.O.]

Here's how it works: Before you see Cats, swallow one of the  
Xanax for Cats tablets. Through that, we shoot maybe two-ish  
grams of straight-up psychedelics throughout your entire body,  
or whatever's enough to make you think any idea is a good idea.

(We see an animated person take a  
pill that looks like a cat. We  
follow the pill down the  
esophagus, and see it disperse  
into cat-shaped particles  
throughout the bloodstream, which  
goes to the brain.)

NARRATOR [V.O.]

That way, you can go to see Cats live on stage without fearing  
that you'll vomit when you hear Skimbleshanks sing his cat song  
about living on a train.

CUT TO: THE BEDROOM

(LAUREN sits on the bed and looks at the camera.)

LAUREN

But what about the dialogue?

NARRATOR

(Laughs, LAUREN'S an idiot)

There's no dialogue in Cats.

(CINDY walks in.)

CINDY

Are you ready to go, honey?

LAUREN

Just a second!

(LAUREN turns around where CINDY can't see. The camera cuts to her, and we see her take a pill with no water. She smiles at the camera.)

LAUREN

Thanks, Xanax for Cats!

NARRATOR

No problem!

(LAUREN turns around and faces CINDY.)

LAUREN

Ready!

CINDY

Great! And next week, we're going to see Chess: The Musical!

LAUREN

Sounds perfect!

(LAUREN looks at the camera and winks. The camera freezes.)

NARRATOR

(Quickly)

Please contact your doctor before taking Xanax for Cats. Cease all interaction with Xanax for Cats if you have any of the following symptoms:

(On screen, a list quickly makes its way across the screen.)

NARRATOR

Fevers, Chills, strokes, hallucinations of Dame Judi Dench following you around your home, shaking, crying uncontrollably, meeting God in your dreams, pregnancy, or anything else that you might call "generally unsettling." Try Xanax for Cats today!

(Blackout.)