

HEXAPUSS

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FADE IN:

EXT. OUTER SPACE - NIGHT

The darkness between the stars, cold and lifeless.

Then, a strange RIPPLE. Followed by another. As if something enormous is banging into it, trying to force its way in.

A moment later, a small inter-dimensional PORTAL opens up. A "COSMIC EGG" shoots out, and the portal winks shut.

The egg hurtles through space like a meteorite, leaving a trail of MULTICOLORED LIGHTS in it's wake.

It enters our galaxy, rocketing past familiar planets like Saturn and Mars, heading straight for Earth...

EXT. NIGHT SKY - CONTINUOUS

The egg enters our atmosphere, streaking toward a bright collection of lights - A CITY.

EXT. CITY LIMITS - CONTINUOUS

Just beyond the city limits, the ground rises to a ledge with a clear view. The city lies below, lit up in the distance.

The egg cuts through the clouds, and crashes into the ground in an EXPLOSION of dirt and rocks. When the air clears, the Egg is nestled in a smoking crater, a newly-formed CRACK running through it-

It begins to wobble. A chorus of INHUMAN CRIES come from within, causing more cracks to spider across the shell, until it SPLITS OPEN with a FLASH of blinding light, revealing:

A sleek BLACK CAT sitting in a shallow hole. It has six COLORED TAILS that make it seem like it's waving tentacles.

The illusion is broken when it leaps out, followed by another. Each was sitting directly behind the other. Six in total. The cats are only distinguishable by their colored tails: RED, GREEN, BLUE, CYAN, YELLOW, and MAGENTA.

The cats sit side-by-side, looking out at the city below. Then they look up to the sky, again as one, and let out a terrifying CATERWAUL that sounds like "HEXAPUSS!".

The six cats head off toward the city in unison, walking in-step. It's an unnatural sight.

EXT. SKYSCRAPER - NIGHT

A high-tech building uptown. A sign above the revolving glass doors reads "Scientific Corporation". The RED-TAILED CAT runs into the revolving doors as an EMPLOYEE is leaving.

INT. SKYSCRAPER - CONTINUOUS

The cat moves stealthily across the lobby, unseen by the SECURITY GAURD, and slips into an open elevator.

INT. LAB - NIGHT

The cat walks into the lab. An attractive woman in a white lab coat sits at a computer bay. The cat MEOWS like a kitten.

She looks down, startled. A name tag reads "CHIEF SCIENTIST".

CHIEF SCIENTIST
Aren't you a beautiful kitty. And
look at that tail! Some sort of
genetic mutation? Maybe bio-
luminescent expression in the
melanocytes...

The Red-Tailed Cat jumps up on her desk.

CHIEF SCIENTIST (CONT'D)
Or engineered? Could be CRISPR-
related. Weird, but not impossible.
I mean-

The cat's eyes begin to GLOW RED. She stares in wonder, watching as it squats and releases a GLOWING RED TURD. A fine mist of red-hued particles lifts from it, drifting into the air like living spores. Toxoplasmosis, weaponized.

Something passes between them TELEPATHICALLY. The Chief Scientist stiffens, then turns to her computer, eyes GLOWING RED. She opens a new folder and titles it: "HEXAPUSS".

She places her hand on the MONITOR and information fills the screen, high-tech schematics resembling a PINBALL MACHINE...

EXT. STUDIO - NIGHT

A rundown MUSIC STUDIO on the wrong side of the tracks. The GREEN-TAILED CAT moves down the block toward the front door.

The cat assesses the situation, then leaps up onto a garbage can, and enters through an OPEN WINDOW.

INT. STUDIO - CONTINUOUS

The cat surveys the room from the window ledge: The small rehearsal space is littered with fast food wrappers and beer cans. A four member METAL BAND are sitting around dejectedly.

They look defeated: The DRUMMER is passed out, the GUITARIST is tuning his guitar, the BASSIST is bouncing a tennis ball off the wall, and the SINGER is pacing with a pad and pen.

The cat purposefully knocks over an empty can as the Singer passes by. He looks over at the Green-Tailed Cat.

SINGER

Whoah.

He moves closer to the cat.

SINGER (CONT'D)

Someone spray paint ya?

The cat's eyes begin to GLOW GREEN as it defecates, dropping a GREEN GLOWING TURD onto the ledge.

SINGER (CONT'D)

Hardcore.

A green-hued MIST is released from the turd into the air. The Singer's eyes GLOW GREEN. He stiffens, then rushes to a table and wipes the junk off, spilling everything onto the floor.

The other band members look up - *What's happening?*

The Singer writes furiously in his pad. His bandmates crowd around, looking at the musical notes spilling out of him.

GUITARIST

New Song?

BASSIST

When did you learn sheet music?

And above the notes, a single name, underlined-

DRUMMER

Hexapuss... Cool.

The Singer keeps scribbling like he's possessed. Then the green-hued particles hit his bandmates. Their eyes GLOW GREEN too. They all reach for their instruments.

EXT. SKYSCRAPER - NIGHT.

The building's windows are all dark save for one.

INT. FABRICATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The Chief Scientist works at a giant 3D PRINTER connected to dozens of wires and monitors that feed into a supercomputer.

She watches anxiously as the PINBALL MACHINE is printed. The Red-Tailed Cat PURRS in satisfaction and rubs up against her.

EXT. CONCERT VENUE - DAY

The BLUE-TAILED CAT enters a large CONCERT VENUE on the heels of an EMPLOYEE carrying a box of coffee and donuts.

INT. CONCERT VENUE - DAY

The cat moves down the hall and stops at a door labeled "Venue Manager". It uses a paw to push the door open.

A heavy-set man sits behind a desk covered in paperwork.

VENUE MANAGER

You've gotta be kidding me. Who let this stray in?

(leans forward)

C'mon, furball, let's go. I run a concert venue, not a shelter.

The cat saunters forward and leaps onto the chair in front of his desk. It's eyes begin to GLOW BLUE. The Venue manager watches in horror as it squats and drops a GLOWING BLUE TURD.

EXT. CONCERT VENUE - LATER

The cat watches as the Venue Manager directs WORKERS putting the finishing touches on the new MARQUEE: "Tonight Only - HEXAPUSS!"

EXT. COLLEGE CAMPUS - DAY

A grassy city college quad filled with STUDENTS between classes. The CYAN-TAILED CAT moves along the main path, emitting GLOWING CYAN-COLORED FECES at regular intervals. Each tiny turd spreading cosmic spores.

Student's eyes FLASH CYAN before reverting to normal.

INT. SUBWAY - DAY

A crowded SUBWAY CAR comes to a stop. PASSENGERS enter and exit. The YELLOW-TAILED CAT slips in, eyes GLOWING YELLOW.

The cat starts moving between the passengers. As it does, it starts dropping GLOWING YELLOW TURDS. A yellow cloud spreads out and people's eyes start FLASHING YELLOW.

EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

The MAGENTA-TAILED CAT walks down a seedy block. It stops in front of a TATTOO PARLOR with some SKATEBOARDERS doing tricks out front. The cat squats and takes a GLOWING MAGENTA crap.

As the magenta-hued cloud spreads, the skateboarders jerk to a halt, one wiping out. Their eyes FLASH MAGENTA.

SKATEBOARDER

Yo! We gotta see Hexapuss tonight!

The others reply with "Epic!" and "It's on!".

EXT. STUDIO - DAY

The studio looks even worse by day than it did at night.

A VAN with a Scientific Corporation logo stops in front. The Chief Scientist exits and walks up to the door. Behind her, the Red-Tailed Cat sits on the dashboard, watching.

The studio door is opened by the Singer-

SINGER

I've been waiting for you.

The Chief Scientist smiles knowingly in reply. The Green-Tailed Cat appears by the Singer's leg, and makes eye contact with its counterpart in the van, giving it a subtle wink.

INT. STUDIO - LATER

A large open CRATE with a Scientific Corporation logo rests on a dolly. Nearby, an epic PINBALL MACHINE is set up. The name "HEXAPUSS" is displayed prominently on the artwork.

CHIEF SCIENTIST

It's all about harnessing the power
of quantum chromodynamics.

The band watch the Chief Scientist bend down and plug it in.

The machine comes alive with a blast of sound and light.

The Singers steps up to play. When he takes hold of the plunger, his eyes GLOW WHITE. He let's go of the plunger and there's a loud CRACK as it strikes the silver ball. His bandmates eyes all LIGHT UP, glowing white as well.

OFF TO THE SIDE, the Red-Tailed Cat and the Green-Tailed Cat sit next to each other, their tails swishing in synch.

The band crowds around the singer as he plays. When he completes the MULTIBALL game mechanic, chaos erupts!

The machine vibrates and reconfigures, seemingly melting into a VORTEX OF ENERGY.

CHIEF SCIENTIST (CONT'D)

The portal is open! Grab your instruments!

As the guys race to their gear, the vortex EXPANDS, spreading out and engulfing the whole studio.

EXT. CONCERT VENUE - NIGHT

Outside the venue the place is mayhem. There's a huge MOB surrounding the entrance and blocking the street.

INT. CONCERT VENUE - CONTINUOUS

The show is sold out. The wild-eyed CROWD is made up of all the people seen earlier being influenced by the Cyan, Yellow and Magenta-Tailed Cats.

ON STAGE, the band materializes, instruments in hand. The six cats appear as well, lined up on stage like some kind of feline security team.

The band launches into their NEW SONG. The crowd goes nuts.

AT THE OTHER END of the venue, the Chief Scientist is at the MERCH BOOTH. Her lab coat is off, as she pull's a T-Shirt on over her naked torso. The VENDOR stares at her in awe.

She turns, a sly grin on her lips, wearing a tight black concert tee with "HEXAPUSS" printed in heavy metal font. She then lets down her hair and takes off her glasses, replacing them with sun glasses. She looks over the crowd, toward the-

-MOSH PIT. In front of the stage, concert-goers throw themselves at each other with abandon, moving in a circle.

ABOVE THEM,

A tricolored ball of ENERGY forms mid-air, made up of RED, GREEN and BLUE light. It draws power from the moshers, driving them into a frenzy. Violence breaks out. They start tearing each other apart in a SPRAY OF BLOOD.

ON STAGE, blood hits the Singer in the face, like war paint-

SINGER

Bleed for your salvation!

The crowd let's out a PRIMAL SCREAM and rips into one another with greater fervor. In reply, the ball of light grows even larger, supercharged, splitting into three solid colored balls of RED, GREEN and BLUE that hover overhead.

As the song crescendos, the three balls SLAM together creating a BLINDING WHITE LIGHT which opens a massive COSMIC GATE. Behind the light, something very dark approaches...

The Singer, EYES GLOWING WHITE, roars into the mic-

SINGER (CONT'D)

The gate is open! The Ancient One comes! Wielder of the Tentacles of Madness! Let Chaos crown Him! All hail Hexapuss!

The crowd, eyes also GLOWING WHITE, yell back at him as one-

CROWD

(chanting)

Hexapuss! Hexapuss! Hexapuss!

The Chief Scientist, blood-spattered, writhes in ecstasy.

CHIEF SCIENTIST

No more fear! No more control!
Insanity is freedom!

The crowd is driven totally mad as an ELDRITCH BEING, hungry to enter our dimension, floats toward the open gate...

It looks like a ginormous black cat head, bigger than a house, with shining eyes and six monstrous tentacles-

HEXAPUSS!

CUT TO BLACK.