

EXT. STONE MOUNTAIN PARKING LOT. MORNING

A family is gathered in a parking lot before embarking on a hike to the top of Stone Mountain. GLORIA is a young, hippy-wanna-be Mom. Toby is a disgruntled encyclopedia who could find a reason to hate mac and cheese. ALEX is the younger, much more amiable sibling. GLADYS is GLORIA's spunky Mom who's happy to spend time with the grandkids.

GLORIA

Ok, so! Who's ready to go hiking with your Grandma GLADYS? TOBY.
ALEX.

TOBY

Do you really want me to answer that?

GLORIA

What do you mean? We'll be able to see for miles and there's even that radio tower at the top.

Alex and Toby hear an indistinct sound at their feet. MEOW!

ALEX

Friskie!?! How did you get here?

(baby talk) Do you want to come too?

(picks up the cat) Your collar looks funny.

TOBY

Ugh! Why is he here? Did you know that cats will starve themselves if they don't like their food?

ALEX

No way! You just hate cats. Come on, let's go!

After some time has passed (SUNRISE REFRAIN), the kids are huffing and puffing.

GLADYS. (not breaking a sweat)

Don't let your ole grandma beat you up the mountain! (Groans from Alex and Toby)

As they near the top, FEROCIOUS MEOW Alex SCREAMS from her recent feline scratches.

Friskie runs up the mountain and Alex chases after.

ALEX
Wait! Friskie, come back!

Insidious high pitched LAUGHTER fills the air. Where is that voice coming from? They look down but their eyes and ears cannot believe what they're seeing.

FRISKIE
At last!

ALEX
Friskie can talk!!

FRISKIE
And that's *Commander* Friskie to you. With this beacon I shall unleash a feline army to take over the world forever!

(Getting lost in reverie).
No more chicken by-product meal,
MUAHAHAH!

Gladys takes advantage of FRISKIE'S reverie.

GLADYS
Give me that! (chucks the beacon off the mountain)

Friskie remains undeterred and lunges after the beacon without considering the current terrain.

FRISKIE
The beacon!! Uh-oh.

FRISKIE'S pitiful MEOWS bounce ALL. The WAY. DOWN the MOUNTAIN.

GLORIA
Seriously, what was in that cat food?