

Project #1

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EXT. GENERIC CITY - DAY

Through a window, we see the sigh of a city street in a rainy day.

On the sidewalk we see a cardboard box with MOM CAT, a calico cat, and its LITTER OF KITTENS, 5 kittens total, two orange kittens, two white kittens, and one black cat.

All scared of the storm.

They get startled by the sound of a tempestuous thunder.
CRACK BOOM!

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAWN OF SAME DAY

We see STRANGER holding an umbrella, walking down the street by the box, making water from the rain drip from his umbrella onto the box.

The noise and motion affecting the box scares the Mom Cat who takes off quickly.

Most of its litter follows right behind her.

KITTEN, the black cat and youngest of the litters, was somehow asleep during the storm and didn't notice its mom and siblings dashing away.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DUSK OF NEXT MORNING

The Kitten wakes up out of its slumber, liking its muzzle as in hopes for breakfast.

Kitten notices having been left alone in a box that looks ten times its size.

Kitten lays in one of the corners of this soggy cardboard box, looking sad and awaiting rescue.

EXT. SIDEWALK - MOMENTS LATER

Storm has dimmed down, but it is still drizzly.

Kitten looks calmer but notices the grunts of its belly indicating hunger.

It decides to go explore its surroundings in hopes for anything to eat.

As it looks around, luckily enough, it sees a little market store nearby. The problem is... It is on the opposite side of the road.

Kitten, bravely frightened, approaches the road constantly looking back to the cardboard box (now safe heaven to it).

We can see the air bending around the fast cars and pushing against it.

Once it gets to the edge of the curb, the traffic light turns red, so all the moving cars are now staying still.

The Kitten looks up and sees an endless car shape that curves towards the horizon of its ground view, making them seem gigantic.

Kitten looks over to the traffic light and sees it turn green. Almost instantly after that, the cars roll away causing so much wind that blows the little Kitten all the way back into its box.

The Kitten jumps out of its box towards the curb once again.

It crosses the sidewalk much faster this time, and now almost laying on the ground for better traction while the cars are speeding by, it waits for the closing streetlight.

Once the light turns back to red, the Kitten sprints into the street, fiercely dodging the warm wheels of the giant cars.

After a lot of dodging and some tripping, the cat nearly makes it to the opposite sidewalk, milliseconds before the traffic light turns green once again.

Now literally hugging the floor, in relief for succeeding in its brave act, Kitten looks back at the street it just crossed.

KITTEN

Phew!

Now it is able to try and sneak into the market.

FADE TO:

INT. STORE - DAY

The STORE OWNER, a tall and plump middle aged man with a distinct somewhat long mustache, is putting a CUSTOMER's purchase into paper bags.

While conversing in a casual way, goes to open the front door for the Customer to leave in a warm and happy manner.

As Store Owner is about to close the door, the Kitten furtively strolls into the store.

The Store Owner's PARROT, mostly green with some yellow feathers, spots the Kitten and alerts the Store Owner.

PARROT
INTRUDER! INTRUDER! INTRUDER!

Store Owner looks down as kitten runs to a corner of the store, nearest to the front door, while arching its back and hissing as a self-protective reaction to the whole situation.

STORE OWNER
Oh, ha ha ha! You poor thing...
Don't you worry about that
suspicious old parrot over there!

Says as turns over to the Parrot.

STORE OWNER (CONT'D)
Can't you see it's just an innocent
kitty looking for food huh?

Store Owner gives the Parrot a cookie and turns to Kitten.

STORE OWNER (CONT'D)
(baby voice)
Isn't that right precious?!

Store Owner stops for a second, thinking.

STORE OWNER (CONT'D)
Oh no... You are all alone, aren't
you?...

In solidarity, the Store Owner gets a bottle of milk and a small plate. Puts it down for the Kitten.

STORE OWNER (CONT'D)
Here you go.
Aw you are so young and already
left in solitude in this big
city... I wish I could keep you,
but from what I gather, your animal
host would not be the most
welcoming.

Store Owner gives a displeased look the Parrot's way.

Store Owner settles his hand on chin while thinking out loud.

STORE OWNER (CONT'D)
I bet I can find someone to take
care of you... Oh! LUCILA!!!

The Store Owner called his niece, a six-year-old redheaded girl wearing her hair in two braids, who was in the back of the store reading a comic book.

LUCILA
What is it uncle?

STORE OWNER
Ta-da!

With the scared Kitten in hands, the Store Owner turns over to Lucila.

STORE OWNER (CONT'D)
How would you like a kitty cat?

LUCILA
Awwww. It is adorable! What's its
name?

STORE OWNER
Huh, I don't know. I think it's a
stray, so you name it!

LUCILA
Hmmm.

Lucila takes Kitten in hands.

LUCILA (CONT'D)
So.... Pitty!

STORE OWNER
Pitty? As in to feel pity?

Lucila says as hugs Pitty a little too tight.

LUCILA
No!! As in "what a pitty pitty
kitty".

Pitty, almost suffocated, looks up over the shoulders of Lucila, and sees the little girl's candid smile, and smirks for it feels finally safe again.

EXT. STORE'S SIDEWALK - DAWN OF SAME DAY

Lucila walks out of the store while the Store Owner, her uncle holds the door for her.

Pitty looks comforted in Lucila's arms.

With a sad look in its face, Pitty looks back into the street and sees the cardboard box, while receives by a gentle stroke on its head by Lucila.

While pressuring its head against Lucila's hand, Pitty glances in the distance, and notices some cats approaching the cardboard box, sniffing it, and looking around it.

In a dramatic change of expression, Pitty realizes it is its family, that came back searching for it, once the storm was over and it was safe to come back.

Pitty gets down from Lucila's hold, and once in the ground, it starts meowing.

Mom Cat quickly notices the sound of the meow near them, looks around in all directions, and spots Kitten.

Mom Cat and the rest of the litter come running towards Pitty and Lucila.

They meet and start caressing each other, jumping onto each other's back, and rolling around on the floor.

The Mom Cat approaches Lucila in a suspicious manner, as if Lucila was trying to kidnap Pitty.

Pitty quickly interjects and purrs while leans its head against Lucila's leg.

Mom Cat seems to understand that Pitty is trying to show that Lucila is just a caring kid.

Pitty sits in front of Lucila, looking at the girl, and indicates the other cats to do so as well as if saying, "If they can't come too, I not coming with you either."

Lucila somehow reads what they were trying to say.

LUCILA
Oh, what the hell...

EXT. STORE'S SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS

We see Lucila walk away and we can tell that she is caring most of the kittens, while Pitty and the Mom Cat walk beside her, onto the horizon as the final shot.

FADE TO BLACK.