

Adult Cat in the Hat

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Aaron Hertzog for Goat Rodeo in The Theme Show: Make it Rain

INT. BEDROOM

An ADULT MAN and ADULT woman lie in bed. The sounds of heavy rain is heard beating against the window. ADULT MAN is reading something on his laptop while ADULT WOMAN pages through a book.

ADULT MAN closes his laptop.

ADULT MAN
Supposed to rain all day, maybe
tomorrow, too.

ADULT WOMAN
I'm just going to lie here in bed
with nothing to do.

THE CAT IN THE HAT bursts into the bedroom! The MAN and WOMAN are slightly taken aback.

THE CAT IN THE HAT
Nothing to do?! *Nothing* to do?!
Sure sounds to me like some
hulla-baloo!

ADULT MAN
Get out of our bedroom! Get out of
our house!

ADULT WOMAN
Get out of our lives! Oh, shit
there's a mouse!

She points to a mouse on the floor.

THE CAT IN THE HAT
I can help you with this. I can
help you with that.

THE CAT IN THE HAT picks up the mouse and eats it.

THE CAT IN THE HAT
(continued)
For I am your new friend. The Cat
in the Hat.

He takes a big, stupid bow.

ADULT WOMAN
How'd you get in here? What are you
doing?

ADULT MAN

You burst in our bedroom - we could have been screwing!

THE CAT IN THE HAT

I heard someone say there was nothing to do. So I came here to bring some adventure to you!

ADULT WOMAN

I'm tired.

ADULT MAN

Exhausted.

ADULT MAN

Busy week at the office.

ADULT WOMAN

So stop trying to push your adventure thing on us.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Who looks at adventure and says, thanks, but no? Just come with me, oh, the places we'll go!

ADULT MAN

We're always so busy. Our life is a grind.

ADULT WOMAN

This is our time to relax and unwind.

ADULT MAN

We work Monday to Friday, from nine until five.

ADULT WOMAN

When the weekend gets here, I barely feel alive.

ADULT MAN

Even then, our days off, full of work, full of chores.

ADULT WOMAN

We look forward to nothing. We *like* being bored.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Let's get up and play! Let's get up
and run! Stop lying in bed, and
let's have some fun!

ADULT MAN

We're staying in bed, where there's
nothing to do.

ADULT WOMAN

Gonna order some food, watch our
whole Netflix queue.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

If you'll just get up, out of bed,
you'll feel better! Move around,
have some fun, despite the bad
weather.

ADULT MAN

The rain's a great reason to stay
in and be lazy.

ADULT WOMAN

We don't want to get up, what are
you, fucking crazy.

The Cat in the Hat is most definitely crazy.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Crazy? Me, crazy? Not me, I
maintain. I'm the Cat in the Hat, I
can't be insane. I show up at
houses whenever it rains. I show up
at houses with goozles of games. I
show up with fozzles, and
boozle-be-canes, and
chew-zley-chews, and
jew-zilly-trains. Crazy? Insane?
Crazy-crazy, insane. I just want to
have fun, inside, when it rains. I
just want all the voices inside me
to wane. I just want to forget all
the hurt, all the pain. I just want
to make friends, all my old ones
were slain. Will you be my friends,
have some fun, in the rain?

The MAN and WOMAN are terrified.

ADULT MAN

Yes, you're our friend, there's no
doubt about that.

ADULT WOMAN

In fact, our *best friend*, is The Cat in the Hat.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

I'm so glad to hear it. Here's a game we'll play next. We'll stay here inside, and I'll watch you have sex.

The MAN and WOMAN look at each other, scared. They don't know what to do.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Make it soft. Make it sweet. Make some romance. I'll be here in the corner. My hand down my pants.

ADULT MAN

Hey, how 'bout that, what was it? jew-zilly-train?

ADULT WOMAN

Or a chew-zilly-chew, any goozle of games.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

You said no to my games, now you're all out of luck. Now I'm gonna jerk off, while I watch you two fuck.

A few moments of uncomfortable silence. Everyone stares at each other in a Sexual Mexican Standoff.

SFX: The rain stops, birds begin to chirp.

ADULT WOMAN

Hey, the rain's slowing down, and the sun's coming out.

ADULT MAN

...I've got gutters to clean, and a bathtub to grout.

ADULT WOMAN

We've got laundry to do, and dishes to clean.

ADULT MAN

You must go, we've got work, we don't want to be mean.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

I'll pack up my bags, with my
games, and I'll go. But new
friends, I'll be back, when it
rains, when it snows. When you're
cooped up inside, and you start to
get bored. Your new friend will be
here, and I won't be ignored. You
will play my games, mark my word,
that's a fact. Signing off, your
new friend, The Cat in the Hat.

The Cat in the Hat leaves. The Man and Woman sit in silence
for a few moments, lucky, stunned.

ADULT MAN

Guess I'll go outside now, get to
work in the yard.

ADULT WOMAN

Let's just stay here inside, Season
Two, House of Cards.