

Cat's Tongue

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A short play

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CAST OF CHARACTERS:

CONNOR - An actor

LUCA - An actor, dressed like a sexy gay cat

SAM - A director

AT RISE: A living room.

CONNOR sits on the couch. He has a laptop.

Off to the side, another man, SAM, sits and watches.

CONNOR

And on the second cover, you want the barely manipulated clip art feel, right? No, no. I won't use actual clip art. You'd be surprised how much work goes into making something look both generic and specific. I can get you a mock-up in a couple of days. That's right. No, coloring comes last. Exactly. Okay. Okay. Thanks. Yep. I'll shoot you an email. Okay. Bye.

He hangs up.

CONNOR

Goddamn writers. Babe! My meeting's over!

LUCA

(Off-stage)

Meow.

CONNOR

Meow? Babe, don't let the stray in again.

LUCA enters. He is dressed as a slutty cat. Take that how you will. Whether his attempt hits the "hot" or "cute" or "oh... well, he tried" territory is firmly up to you.

LUCA

Ahem. Meow.

CONNOR

Oh.

LUCA

I'm the stray tonight.

Why are you...?  
CONNOR

You don't like it?  
LUCA

I'm keeping my laptop on top of my lap so I don't leap up and tackle you.  
CONNOR

That's a pretty violent reaction to seeing a cute little kitty.  
LUCA

Little?  
CONNOR

And cute.  
LUCA

Definitely cute. I don't know about little.  
CONNOR

That's not nice. Oh. Ohhh.  
LUCA

Yeah.  
CONNOR

You meant...  
LUCA

Glad you caught up.  
CONNOR

I thought you were being mean.  
LUCA

Me? Never.  
CONNOR

You regularly beat me up.  
LUCA

CONNOR

I don't think we can say that.

LUCA

I meant sexually. You beat me up in a sexual manner. Meow.

CONNOR

I don't --

LUCA

Because you grab me by the tail and pound me.

CONNOR

The censors are going to hate this.

LUCA

What censors?

CONNOR

You know. Come here. I need to recharge. That call sucked.

LUCA

So you want me to suck?

CONNOR

Not here.

LUCA

You love getting blown on the couch.

CONNOR

I meant on-stage.

LUCA

Yeah, but on the couch. I blew you on the couch in the moving truck that one time.

CONNOR

That was pretty great.

LUCA

Right?