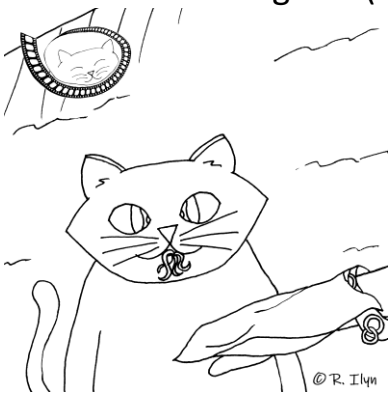
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Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo (1984)



SKIPPER
Meows

INTRO JINGLE

INTRO SHOW

RAY
Hi everybody! Welcome to *Cats on Film Pod.* I'm Ray Ilyn, here with my co-host, Skipper.

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Meows

RAY
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Spoilers ahead!
This week, we're reviewing *Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo.* The 1984 sequel to *Breakin'* has even more poppin' and lockin' and boogalooin' than the original. Plus awesome musical performances by Ice-T and Fire Fox and Ollie & Jerry and so many more cool musicians.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY

I really love this movie.
Let's recap!

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
A fluffy white kitty, who goes unnamed, lives in a big white mansion with a couple of rich white people and a little blonde terrier. The rich couple's daughter, Kelly, is the token white girl of these dance movies.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Kelly is a classically trained dancer. In the first *Breakin',* she meets break dancers Ozone and Turbo, who are Afro-Latino and African American, respectively. The skinny white girl falls in love with their hip-hop style and learns to break dance as best as she can, then she incorporates some of the moves she picked up from break dancers in her modern Broadway-type performances.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Skipper, the back story is important 'cause in *Breakin' 2,* Kelly brings Ozone and Turbo to her rich parents' mansion, where they meet the fluffy white kitty!

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Yes. But the kitty doesn't seem to like it when Turbo meows at 'em.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Here's the clip.

CLIP FROM *BREAKIN' 2: ELECTRIC BOOGALOO*
CAT
Meows
TURBO

Meows

RAY
So, what did he say, Skipper?

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Laughs Yeah, that's a good joke, but I can see why the kitty would walk away from a stranger saying that.
Anyways, Kelly's parents, the Bennetts, are hosting a not-quite-formal dinner in a small dining room in their mansion. There's some gag about Turbo getting a big helping of soup that I don't quite get.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
It feels like a demonstration of how the Bennetts are looking down their racist noses at Turbo, but I don't get the exact references the filmmakers are making with the red seafood soup.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
I dunno – it was the '80s. I was barely cognizant back then.
Anyways, Turbo doesn't like the soup, but is too polite to criticize it. However, all the white people are volubly praising it while Turbo looks for a way to discretely dispose of the squid tentacles that he definitely does not want to eat. Which is when the kitty returns to save the day!

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Yeah! Turbo gives a subtle head nod and the kitty pads right on over to his stylish boots. Turbo surreptitiously lowers a napkin of tentacles below the table and the kitty eagerly chomps into 'em.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY

Squid flavor is very different from your favorite fish—salmon—but still tasty. But I have never been able to eat squid tentacles, myself. *Uch* They're so rubbery.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Back to *Breakin' 2,* the kitty makes off with their chewy snack without anyone else noticing. We don't get a chance to see the cat again before Mr. Bennett offends Turbo and Ozone so much that they leave.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Yes, the kitty is briefly mentioned later on, when Kelly is apologizing to Turbo for her dad's bad behavior.

CLIP FROM *BREAKIN' 2: ELECTRIC BOOGALOO*
KELLY
Sorry about the other night. I should've known better. My parents live in a world all their own.
TURBO
Hmm, that's okay. Kinda like your cat. *Laughs*

RAY
They're a good kitty, but they are type-cast. White fluffy kitties are the only ones who get to live in nice houses in movies.

SKIPPER
Meows

RAY
Skipper, how do you rate the fluffy kitty in *Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo?*

SKIPPER
Meow, meow, meow

RAY
Three out of four paws for *Breakin' 2.* The one kitty is treated well and shows proper feline traits, but the color-ist type-casting is problematic.

SKIPPER
Meows

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