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Episode: 104: What if cats turned into fairies and there was a super hero cat? (Purrcy Part 2)

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[Rising harp scales followed by the What If World theme song.]

Lyrics: What if kittens played the glockenspiel? And what if unicorns were real? What if you could fly or travel back in time, we welcome you to What If World. What If World. This is What If World.

[Gentle bell music.]

Mr. Eric: Previously on What If World:

JF Kitty: I feel like I got the least special job, leading the Fur Force. I used to be special, but what am I now?

[Time skip noise.]

Purrcy: JF Kat, finally making time for your friend, Purrcy.

[Time skip noise.]

Purrcy: Nobody gets to push a button and figure out who they are. That's part of the fun of being alive!

Mr. Eric: And Purrcy took off over the dunes, but with his first leap, Purrcy's blazer stretched tight over the button and—pink magic puffed out from Purrcy in a cloud.

[Time skip noise.]

JF Kitty: All right, Fur Force, we've got an army of fairy cats givin superpowers to every cat they encounter.

Patty Pan: Yep, it's a pretty typical Monday.

JF Kitty: And if Toiger turns the seas pink, he could disrupt What If World's entire ecosystem!

[Gentle bell music.]

Fred the Dog: Oh wow, I wonder what's gonna happen.

Mr. Eric: Fred, you're very busy as the new president, don't you have a lot to do.

Fred the Dog: Oh, yeah, but I can't get to work without saying thank you to Asher, our newest patron.

Mr. Eric: Oh, thank you, Fred, for the reminder, and thank you Ashah.

Fred the Dog: It was very nice of you to join us.

Mr. Eric: Yes, indeed. Now, Fred, I do have to start that story.

Fred the Dog: Oh, no you don't. You got to thank Jasmine and Joshua.

Mr. Eric: That's right! Joshua and Jasmine were two of the kids to introduce themselves at our most recent live show. Thanks for coming.

Fred the Dog: Now, you got to get back to the story, Mr. Eric.

Mr. Eric: I know that, Fred!

Fred the Dog: I mean, all this stalling and delaying is—

Mr. Eric: Fred.

Fred the Dog: Okay, okay, I going.

Mr. Eric: Okay, let's catch up with JF Kat and find out how our story ends.

[Rising harp scale.]

Howdy Pooch: Patty Pan, do you have any of that there emergency fairy dust?

Patty Pan: Yep, it's just enough to get us to the shore.

Howdy Pooch: Well, all right. Hop on my back, JF Kat. We've got some flying to do.

Mr. Eric: And Patty Pan pulled a pinch of purple powder from her belt pouch and sprinkled it over Howdy Pooch's nose.

Howdy Pooch: [Sneezes]

JF Kitty: Howdy Pooch, I've never flown on a dog's back before?

Howdy Pooch: Really? Well, what'd you even do when you were president?

Mr. Eric: As Howdy Pooch started to float in the air, JF Kat leapt on his back.

Howdy Pooch: Ow! Ooh ooh! Watch the claws.

Mr. Eric: And Patty Pan zipped ahead of them.

Howdy Pooch: Hang on, wait for me!

Mr. Eric: Howdy Pooch galloped into the air with his big blonde paws, staying right on Patty Pan's tail.

JF Kitty: Woah, this is uh, oh boy.

Patty Pan: Yip, just as I expected, there are some problems below.

Mr. Eric: JF Kat unburied his face from Howdy Pooch's fur and looked down to see the cat chaos below. The streets were all paved pink and butterfly winged fairy cats flew through the sky while on the ground, superhero cats fought supervillain cats.

Catsperson: Catsperson away!

Darth Kitteous: Not if Darth Kitteous has a say!

Mr. Eric: And every mile or so they'd come across a whole crowd of sleeping people.

JF Kitty: All right, Purrky's headed this way, too. And it looks like some people are after his button.

Howdy Pooch: Oh, every time they push it, they get super cat powers.

JF Kitty: It's a catapurry 5 emergency! I mean epurgency!

Patty Pan: Is this a new Fur Force rating system, or something?

JF Kitty: All right, Patty Pan, the only way we're going to catch up with this kitty chaos is by flying higher and catching the jet stream.

Patty Pan: Yip, I'm on it.

Mr. Eric: And Howdy Pooch followed after.

JF Kitty: Howdy Pooch, are you good at chasing cats?

Howdy Pooch: It was my major at Fur Force College.

JF Kitty: We'll address the problems with Fur Force's curriculum later, but when we come down out of this jet stream, I'm going to need you to catch up with Purrcy first.

Howdy Pooch: Purrcy firstly.

JF Kitty: And then I'm gonna need you to tangle up that Toiger.

Howdy Pooch: Tangly Toigly.

JF Kitty: Uh, sure. By the way, you might end up being a pink dog forever, is that okay?

Howdy Pooch: Won't change who I am on the inside, now will it. And hey, boss?

JF Kitty: You can just call me JF Kat or Jojo for short.

Howdy Pooch: Well, Jojo, what am I supposed to do if my fairy dust starts running out?

JF Kitty: I suppose you should head for the ground before your fairy dust runs out.

Howdy Pooch: And what if while you was answering that question, my fairy dust done run out completely?

[Record scratch.]

JF Kitty: Well, then I'd say you should try to crash in the least deadly way possible.

Mr. Eric: And the two of them started plummeting to the ground!

JF Kitty: I think we should have discussed this plan soonerrrrr.

Howdy Pooch: Hoooooeee!

Patty Pan: Yip yip yip, they're gonna get smooshed.

Mr. Eric: Patty Pan zipped down to try to catch them but the only thing she could grab was JF Kat's lashing tail.

JF Kitty: Oooowwww!

Mr. Eric: And the only thing he could grab was, well, Howdy Pooch's back... with his claws.

Howdy Pooch: Ooowwwwooo!

Patty Pan: [Muffled] I'm sorry I'm sorry I'm sorry I'm sorry I'm sorry I'm sorry!

JF Kitty: Don't try to talk around my tail!

Patty Pan: I'm sorr-I mean, okay!

Mr. Eric: And Patty Pan was able to slow their fall just enough for the Fur Force to have a very rough landing on a pink sanded beach.

Toiger: The wonderful thing about beaches is I made 'em all pink!

Mr. Eric: Toiger was dancing at the edge of the shoreline, turning all the mud and washed up seaweed and clam shells and mussels a hundred different shades of pink!

JF Kitty: Toiger, you've got to stop turning things pink!

Toiger: But it's my favorite color!

Patty Pan: Yip, but it might not be everybody else's favorite color.

Toiger: That's a lovely sentiment. Unfortunately...

Mr. Eric: And a wave crashed against Toiger's extra long, pink, cat claws. The bright neon color drained from those claws in a flash and spread through the waters as far as the eye could see. Confused half-pink seagulls flew up from the surface of the water. Blotchy pink and black seals started swimming for the shore and tiny tidal pools started forming as confused fish swam in circles making the pools bigger and bigger.

Howdy Pooch: Oh, should I still catch Toiger?

JF Kitty: No, our only hope is to find Purrcy before he can purr us back to sleep.

Mr. Eric: Just then, JF Kat spotted Cleocatra napping under the starlight on a soft pile of pink sand.

JF Kitty: Cleocatra, wake up! Your magic power button is about to end What If World!

Cleocatra: No, no, you were president. You can handle this...

Mr. Eric: But as Cleocatra's eyes closed again... she was splashed by a big pink wave coming in from the side.

JF Kitty: Oh, what now!

Toiger: Wow, these beautiful pink tidal pools are making even beautifuller sideways tidal waves.

JF Kitty: Toiger, that is not a good thing!

Mr. Eric: The pink water splashed over them again.

Toiger: Shh, you don't want to hurt the waves' feelings!

JF Kitty: All right, Toiger, you still got those long nails. I need you to run ahead and be a lookout for Purracy.

Toiger: Aye aye, Mr. President!

Howdy Pooch: What should I do?

JF Kitty: Howdy, I need you to sniff me out a chalkboard, stat!

Howdy Pooch: Oh, I've never seen a stat chalkboard, but uh...

JF Kitty: Just a regular chalkboard, go!

Mr. Eric: Everyone took off away from the beach as the waves crashed higher and higher and farther onto the land.

JF Kitty: Patty Pan, look for clusters of sleeping people in the skies!

Patty Pan: Oh, here's one!

Mr. Eric: And Toiger and JF Kat took off in that direction. JF Kat found himself on the boardwalk of a tiny beach town. Purracy the cat was asleep on a wooden carriage drawn by a wooden horse, spinning around a beautiful old carousel. Howdy Pooch burst onto the boardwalk, too, a small chalkboard in his mouth. And Patty Pan zipped down for a gentle landing as Toiger clattered in behind them all on his long cat claws.

JF Kitty: All right, he's asleep which means he could purr at any minute so we've got to be very careful, but also very quick!

Mr. Eric: Another big pink wave crashed into all four of them. The only one whose claws were long enough to stay above the water was Toiger. And Patty Pan, Howdy Pooch, and JF Kat, each clung to one set of claws to keep from being washed away.

Toiger: I've still got one free paw.

Mr. Eric: And as the waters continued to roll in, Toiger used his one front paw to scratching claw himself toward the carousel. Tabby Tallulah, the kitty vampire fairy flew down to perch on top of the spinning carousel.

Tabby Tallulah: Wouldn't you like a little fairy dust so you could fly right here.

JF Kitty: Stay back, Tabby Tallulah! If Purrky purrs, we'll all fall asleep and the water could get you.

Tabby Tallulah: Now, you don't even want our help, huh.

Howdy Pooch: These cats just don't get it, do they.

Tabby Tallulah: Maybe we will just take the button for ourselves.

Darth Kiteous: Not if we get to it first.

Mr. Eric: And Darth Kiteous crashed down to the pink waters in front of the carousel.

Cat Person: Not if we can stop you!

Mr. Eric: And there was Cat Person, and Supercat and Spider-Cat, and Cat Widow, and the Incatible Hulk!

Hulk: Yeah, we want more superpowers.

Mr. Eric: And it was a cat superhero, cat supervillain, cat fairy melee!

[Various cat fighting noises]

Mr. Eric: All the while, the pink waters kept rushing in and Toiger kept clawing his way forward. JF Kat's eyes were locked on Purrky as they got closer and closer, but the waters were already rising up over the edge of the carousel.

Howdy Pooch: [Muffled]

JF Kitty: Oh, give me that chalkboard.

Mr. Eric: And Jojo grabbed the chalkboard from Howdy's mouth with his one free paw.

Howdy Pooch: I said, at least things can't—

JF Kitty: Don't say it!

Howdy Pooch: Get any worse!

Mr. Eric: Amidst all the chaos, Purrky hadn't budged an inch, but then the Incatible Hulk was reaching for Purrky and Tabby Tallulah was pushing

him away with dark fairy magic. And the Incatible Hulk's giant, green, kitty paw, gently pet the napping Purrncy before being swept away by the wind.

Purrncy: [Purr-like rumble.]

Mr. Eric: A low rumble started to sound. Purrncy was about to purr and JF Kat was the only one who saw it.

JF Kitty: Patty, cover Toiger's ears! Howdy, cover your own ears and clamp down on Patty's tail.

Mr. Eric: The waves kept rolling in as Purrncy's purr grew and as JF Kat was plunged under another splash of pink water, he stuck the chalkboard into his mouth, bent his front legs around Toiger's claws, and covered his little ears at the last second. All the kitty superheroes and kitty fairies, and even Darth Kiteous fell fast asleep. The kitty fairies started dropping right out of the sky as did the flying Patty Pan. Good thing Howdy had her by the tail, but her paws were starting to slip off of Toiger's ears as she went into a deep nap.

Another wave crashed over them. It had to be loud enough to drown out the purring so JF Kat took a risk and did every kitty's least favorite thing. He swam underwater, chalkboard in his mouth. Can you guess what he's trying to do? Toiger was falling fast asleep, now, too, his long-clawed paw reaching out one final time before falling limply, only inches from the carousel. But JF Kat burst up from the water with one last push, the chalkboard held above his head, the purring already knocking him out, too, when...

[Horrible noise!]

Toiger's claws scratched long and loud down that tiny chalkboard.

Darth Kiteous: I don't like it!

Purrncy: Hey, what gives!

Mr. Eric: Everyone on the boardwalk was suddenly awake, including Purrncy. JF Kat threw down the chalkboard and clawed his way up the spinning carousel.

JF Kitty: Purrncy, the button! Give me the button!

Purrncy: Hey, I thought you'd be less stressed now that you're not president.

JF Kitty: Purrncy, will you look around!



Mr. Eric: The superhero cats were helping the fairy cats out of the water, and even the supervillain cats were pitching in, trying to blast away the encroaching waves. But one, massive, pink tidal wave was already casting a shadow over the town.

Purrcy: Okay, I think I see your point.

Mr. Eric: And Purrcy struggled to pull the button out from under his blazer and toss it to JF Kat. It tumbled on the rolling carousel, and when Jojo caught it, he knew there was only one power he wanted.

JF Kitty: I hope this works. I mean, purrrks.

Mr. Eric: And he slammed his free paw down on the button so hard that it cracked.

JF Kitty: Everyone, hold onto the Incatible Hulk! And everyone swam and flew and climbed onto that giant green cat as the massive pink wave crashed over them.

Hulk: CAT. WET.

Mr. Eric: Said the Incatible Hulk as the pink waters... no, the pinkish-blue waters... no, the blue waters... started to calm down.

Hulk: WHAT... CATTENing...

Mr. Eric: And the Incatible Hulk started to shrink and all the cats' wings sprinkled away like fairy dust. Cleocatra who, somehow was still dry, angrily marched up to JF Kat.

Cleocatra: You have taken away our powers.

JF Kitty: I'm sorry. It was the only way.

Purrcy: You didn't ask to be special, or nothing?

JF Kitty: I just wanted us all to be ourselves again.

Tabby Tallulah: What are you talking about? I was a better version of myself!

JF Kitty: A vampire cat doesn't also need to be a fairy, it's ridiculous.

Tabby Tallulah: Eh.

Hulk: I miss being big.

Mr. Eric: Said a rather rotund green cat.

JF Kitty: You're still green and you weigh 100 pounds, Incatible Hulk. That's purrty incatible to me.

Hulk: Oh.

Purrcy: I didn't even really want powers. I just wanted to get away from you, give you some time to figure yourself out.

JF Kitty: I know, Purrcy. You're a good friend.

Howdy Pooch: Hoo-ee. Looks like this town's gonna need a lot of Fur Force help after all this water damage.

JF Kitty: Well, Cleocatra? Even without your powers, you can purr, uh, still make a difference.

Cleocatra: I will get my powers back, JF Kat. And all of you cats who want true power, too? You should follow me.

Mr. Eric: And when Cleocatra split off from the group, a few confused cats did follow.

Howdy Pooch: Well, I bet that is the absolute last we'll ever—

JF Kitty: Don't say it!

Howdy Pooch: See of that Cleocatra.

JF Kitty: Of course it isn't!

Patty Pan: Yip yip! I agree!

JF Kitty: No, she's gonna have like a season-long bad-guy arc.

Cat Person: Bad person arc.

JF Kitty: Okay, Cat Person. Why don't you come help me clean up all this mess?

Mr. Eric: And the Fur Force, once made up entirely of dogs, got a whole bunch of new cat helpers.

The end.

[Falling harp scale.]

Mr. Eric:

All right, Willa, Gabe, and Emma. I hope you enjoyed your story.

I'd like to thank Karen Marshall O'Keeffe, my co-creator, Jason O'Keefe for our artwork, Craig Martinson for our theme song, and all you kids at home who know that magic powers can't make you feel special. If you want to find a really special feeling, all you need to do is find wonder in the world around you, and all the amazing people out there. You know what? I think some of them might be listening to this show right now!

So thanks. And until we meet again, keep wondering.

[What If World theme plays.]

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