

Cats on Film Pod

Transcript

Cats on Film Pod Episode 12 DJ Cinderella (2019)



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

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Thanks for joining us every Tuesday as we review cats in film. There will be spoilers.

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On today's show, we're reviewing the Brazilian film, *DJ Cinderella*, from 2019. It's based on a YA romance novel by Paula Pimenta.

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Yep. Classic fairy tale update.

Let's recap!

A well-fed ginger lives with the auntie / fairy godmother (without the magic) of the Cinderella character, Cintia. She's this skinny, fair-skinned, 30-something woman with short curly brown hair. She's a wild, bohemian-type poet.

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Yes, the pets. Not only does she keep the cat indoors with a caged bird and rat – which she thinks is a mouse – she also gives them insultingly mixed-up names.

I'll read from the subtitle translation, since the clip is in Portuguese.

CLIP FROM DJ CINDERELLA (ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

CINTIA asks
That Cat? Who would name a mouse "Cat"?

AUNTIE HELENA replies
I named it Cat because of the guy who gave it to me. The guy was a stray.

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So, Auntie Helena's ex-boyfriends give her pets as parting gifts, and she names the pets after the ex's. She named the rat Cat, the cat Dog, and the parakeet-maybe is called Chicken.

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Hmmm, I guess so. So long as she's treating them well, what difference is the name to those animals? She's holding them captive as pets, but certainly treats them better than the Disney fairy godmother, who magically transforms animals into horses and men.

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True – Auntie shouldn't complain about the cat meowing to be let in all night. She should've let the cat in. And then to top it all off, the actual dog.

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Ugh. Yeah, she names the dog *Amor* because she's still in love with the man who left her with a dog. She's just crying, holding this dog and it's like, Why waste your time with the dog when there's a cat to comfort you through the heartache?

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Like that dog actually gave Cintia the idea to swap the shoes. Dogs like stinky shoes. That doesn't make them clever enough to trick a scheming step-mom. And she's a tough one to best – the step-mom admits to spending her whole life lying and cheating.

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Yes, back to the cat. After the dog, *Amor*, arrives, the cat is nowhere to be found.

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You're right – probably avoiding the dog.

Well Skipper, what's your rating of cat representation in *DJ Cinderella*?

SKIPPER

Meow, meow

RAY

Only two out of four paws. The only actual cat isn't physically harmed, but he does get very little screen time and is disrespected repeatedly.

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