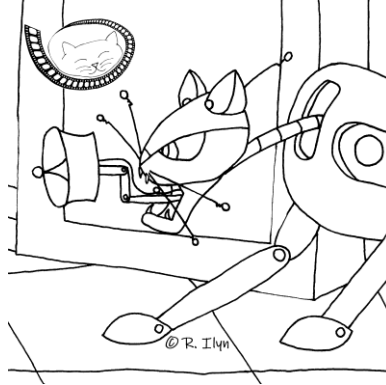


# Cats on Film Pod

Transcript

## Cats on Film Pod Episode 23 Stay Tuned (1992)



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Hi everybody! Welcome to *Cats on Film Pod*. I'm your host, Ray Ilyn, 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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Today, we're discussing *Stay Tuned*, from 1992, which is mostly just a bunch of satanic-themed parodies of TV shows.

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Let's recap!

John Ritter gets tricked by that creepy sex-crim Jeffrey Jones into exchanging his eternal soul for a sweet satellite TV system. He and his wife get sucked into a hellish version of television in which they are fighting against eternal damnation.

One of the channels they get sucked into is showing a parody of *Tom & Jerry* – a mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century cartoon showcasing slapstick violence between a cat and mouse.

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The mouse *has* to survive for another episode to exist, so Tom always has to lose.

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Oh, it's hard to watch when you're thinking about how horrific those injuries would actually be IRL.

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Poor kitty.  
Anyways, these two humans are turned into cartoon mice, who walk on two legs, speak English, and wear clothes.

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Yep, even pants this time! And the lady mouse has to wear high-heeled shoes. Right after they arrive in cartoon house, the humans living there head out.

CLIP FROM *STAY TUNED*

WOMAN  
Oh, Ralph, I left some food out. I hope it doesn't attract any mice while we're gone.

RALPH  
Don't worry; that new device we bought is guaranteed. No rodent stands a chance in there.

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Once the humans are gone, John Ritter mouse eats a big ol' donut, activating – Robocat!

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Well, it's basically patterned after Robocop, and they don't give it a name, so it's Robocat to me, Skipper.

Robocat is all metal, aside from the glowing red radar eyes – so we get to see a little radar-vision like Robocop or the Terminator. Robocat makes some kitty screeching and growling noises, but also has a loudspeaker to warn those mice that they're about to get it!

CLIP FROM *STAY TUNED*

ROBOCAT

Warning! You are trespassing in a human habitation. The penalty is death.

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It's kind of like Inspector Gadget – only all the extra gadgets pop out of the cat's back rather than its little antenna-topped head.

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Yeah, so many weapons! A flamethrower, a machine gun, a laser blaster – Quite a hellish version of a cat. More like a ruthless guard dog than a playful, independent kitty.

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Ooo, yeah – the multiple lives cuz it can repair itself – much more like Terminator than Robocop on that one. But it can definitely feel pain like Robocop, what with all that yowling when it gets electrocuted or attacked by Robodog.

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Right? John Ritter mouse has to cheat to survive. But why *would* a robot care about catnip?

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Uh *hmm* – just superficial feline traits without a true feline personality. So, what do you rate *Stay Tuned* for its Robocat?

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That seems about right. One out of four paws for *Stay Tuned*, with its hellish abomination of a cat-themed killer robot.

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