

# 22 - The Cat Bares Claws

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**[00:19]** ---

You've come to?

**[00:22]** ---

Annette...

**[00:23]** ---

How's Sven?

**[00:25]** ---

His injuries aren't serious.

**[00:27]** ---

But... it looks like  
he's taking this pretty hard.

**[00:34]** ---

Princess!

**[00:37]** ---

*That's how it always starts...*

**[00:39]** ---

*under the azure sky*

**[00:42]** ---

*After making a vow,*

**[00:46]** ---

*I now set off*

**[01:02]** ---

*Yeah, the desert glitters with a golden hue*

**[01:07]** ---

*(The wind is scorching)*

**[01:09]** ---

*I'm searching for a diamond flower*

**[01:13]** ---

*(I keep on wandering)*

**[01:15]** ---

*Now, for the first time in my life,*

**[01:21]** ---

*I live for someone else*

**[01:28]** ---

*There's something I wanna protect*

**[01:34]** ---

*I'll never, ever lose it again*

**[01:40]** ---

*Resound, my heartbeat!*

**[01:47]** ---

*A heartbeat smaller and fragile,  
but tougher than anyone's.*

**[02:07]** ---

"The Cat Bares Claws"

**[02:26]** ---

Eve, your journey that began  
in a tank at Bioberg

**[02:30]** ---

has come to an end.

**[02:33]** ---

The life of people, the joys and sorrows...

**[02:36]** ---

the wisdom to live, and battle...

**[02:38]** ---

You have obtained all  
the knowledge you require.

**[02:43]** ---

Rejoice!

**[02:44]** ---

You have been given the  
right to live in paradise.

**[02:48]** ---

Pa... ra... dise...

**[02:52]** ---

Yes, the paradise called Eden.

**[02:55]** ---

E... den...

**[03:09]** ---

From this moment, you  
will become one with Eden!

**[03:12]** ---

And you will live in paradise for eternity!

**[03:15]** ---

Magnificent!

**[03:33]** ---

Eve!

**[03:43]** ---

You're going to get Eve back?

**[03:45]** ---

Of course!

**[03:46]** ---

You don't even know where she is...

**[03:48]** ---

and in that condition, what can you do?!

**[03:49]** ---

You expect me to lie still in bed?!

**[03:52]** ---

How can I?!

Eve's been kidnapped!

**[03:56]** ---

If I don't save her, who will?!

**[04:00]** ---

Don't act like no one else cares but you!

**[04:03]** ---

Even to me, Princess  
is a precious comrade!

**[04:10]** ---

Remember, you once punched me?

**[04:14]** ---

I seem to recall something like that.

**[04:17]** ---

You said yourself...

**[04:19]** ---

to rely on your comrades more.

**[04:23]** ---

So leave the rest to me.

**[04:26]** ---

You sure talk cool!

**[04:31]** ---

Annette is checking on  
Mason's movements right now.

**[04:34]** ---

That old man?

**[04:36]** ---

Mason was the oldest member of Chronos,

**[04:38]** ---

and the only member of the  
Numbers to experience the Itairiku War.

**[04:42]** ---

Sephiria depended on him a lot, too.

**[04:44]** ---

But why would someone like him...?

**[04:46]** ---

The problem is that Mason  
is the one who took Eve.

**[04:52]** ---

Anyway, take it easy and recover.

**[04:55]** ---

Hey! Where are you going?!

**[04:57]** ---

Mason is quite a schemer.

**[05:00]** ---

I've gotta be prepared for him.

**[05:03]** ---

Drink that and heal quickly.

**[05:05]** ---

Be seeing you!

**[05:08]** ---

Is this his only way of showing kindness?

**[05:16]** ---

The three elders have been assassinated.

**[05:19]** ---

As I expected...

**[05:21]** ---

I see it was Mason's doing?

**[05:23]** ---

We were totally had.

**[05:26]** ---

The branches around the  
world are in a state of turmoil.

**[05:29]** ---

A plot 20 years in the making...

**[05:32]** ---

When we faced Mason,  
he used Tao techniques.

**[05:36]** ---

When did he gain such power?

**[05:39]** ---

Probably in the Itairiku War...

**[05:40]** ---

So he made an alliance  
with Taoists back then.

**[05:44]** ---

Nanotech and Tao...

**[05:46]** ---

This is quite a problem.

**[05:48]** ---

Ultimate peace...  
he said something like that...

**[05:52]** ---

That's sheer nonsense.  
We must stop them at all costs.

**[05:55]** ---

But Sephiria...

**[05:57]** ---

do we have the power at this time,

to confront Mason?

**[06:01]** ---

The reality is that world governments are calling to cancel their financial support.

**[06:07]** ---

Still, we must do it.

**[06:12]** ---

What a creepy moon.

**[06:15]** ---

It's an ominous color.

**[06:17]** ---

Where're you guys headed from here?

**[06:20]** ---

I'm taking off for a while. I'm exhausted.

**[06:23]** ---

I have work.

**[06:26]** ---

So we're all going our separate ways.

**[06:29]** ---

Wanna come with me?

**[06:30]** ---

If you're by yourself, you get lost even in your own room, don't you?

**[06:33]** ---

What?! D-Don't insult me!

**[06:35]** ---

I was at least able to find my way back from the john!

**[06:57]** ---

Smooch, smooch, smooch...

**[06:59]** ---

Kuro-sama...

**[07:11]** ---

I guess no one's here anymore...

**[07:15]** ---

Who's there?

**[07:18]** ---

Quit standing there like a stick!

**[07:20]** ---

If this were a real bullet, you'd be dead!

**[07:23]** ---

Tim...

**[07:26]** ---

Leon...

**[07:34]** ---

Layla...

**[07:38]** ---

We thought you were dead, Leon!

**[07:46]** ---

Welcome home, Leon.

**[07:53]** ---

It's good to be back.

**[08:06]** ---

No data at all on those Zero Numbers?

**[08:10]** ---

Like the number says... zero.

**[08:12]** ---

Any word from Train?

**[08:14]** ---

He just left!

**[08:18]** ---

Hey...

**[08:19]** ---

What's the use of sitting there and  
punching away at the keyboard?!

**[08:22]** ---

Shut up!

**[08:24]** ---

I'm contacting the information brokers and  
the sweepers around the country right now!

**[08:29]** ---

I'll go walking for rehabilitation.

**[08:37]** ---

Sven?

**[08:39]** ---

R-Rins?!

**[08:41]** ---

You're alive?

**[08:43]** ---

Well, I saw the netherworld  
for a second just now...

**[08:45]** ---

Never mind that.

What're you doing here?

**[08:48]** ---

I heard about Eve from Annette.

**[08:50]** ---

So I brought someone  
who may have some leads.

**[08:53]** ---

Leads?

**[08:59]** ---

Sh-She's...

**[09:01]** ---

Eve!

**[09:03]** ---

Tearju Lunatique.

**[09:05]** ---

Eve's creator.

**[09:08]** ---

Amnesia?

**[09:10]** ---

Then she can't give us any leads!

**[09:13]** ---

But I'm sure she knows something.

**[09:15]** ---

That may be so, but...

**[09:18]** ---

In any case, they really look alike!

Are they blood-related?

**[09:22]** ---

I'm almost positive Eve's her clone.

**[09:24]** ---

Clone?! Hey!

**[09:27]** ---

Tearju is one of the top scientists not only  
in nanomachines but also in clone science.

**[09:32]** ---

In other words, she was  
experimenting on her own clone?

**[09:37]** ---

What was she thinking?!

**[09:39]** ---

Scientists live in a different world.

**[09:44]** ---

Rins, give me your cell phone!

**[09:46]** ---

Huh?!

**[09:46]** ---

You took Eve's picture  
with it before, didn't you?

**[09:48]** ---

So?

**[09:49]** ---

If we show it to her,  
it may jog her memory!

**[09:52]** ---

Hey, you're right!

**[09:55]** ---

Here it is. This is Eve.

**[09:58]** ---

E... ve?

**[10:00]** ---

Well? You recognize her, don't you?

**[10:05]** ---

Tearju?

**[10:23]** ---

Eve!

**[10:24]** ---

Hey lady, calm down!

**[10:26]** ---

Eve! I must stop Eve!

**[10:29]** ---

What? Do what to Eve?!

**[10:30]** ---

Eve! Turn back to dust!

**[10:33]** ---

Eve!

**[10:39]** ---

--Tearju!

**[10:39]** ---

--Tearju!

**[11:15]** ---

You're awake, Eve?

**[11:19]** ---

Where am I?

**[11:22]** ---

Eden... the paradise  
at the center of the world.

**[11:26]** ---

Who are you?

**[11:28]** ---

I'm Adam. I've been  
waiting for you a long time.

**[11:41]** ---

I was lonely all by myself,

**[11:43]** ---

so I'm really happy that you've come.

**[11:46]** ---

I... can't remember anything.

**[11:50]** ---

You don't have to remember anything.

**[11:52]** ---

You have been reborn, so...

**[11:57]** ---

Reborn?

**[12:01]** ---

Anxiety doesn't suit Eden.

**[12:03]** ---

Now smile!

**[12:10]** ---

There is no fighting...  
no illness... no unhappiness in Eden.

**[12:15]** ---

Even food can be...

**[12:16]** ---

Look...

**[12:20]** ---

Like this, we can eat  
all we want whenever we want.

**[12:23]** ---

There's no hunger here either.

**[12:28]** ---

An apple...

**[12:30]** ---

Take a bite.

**[12:38]** ---

Hypnotized yourself?

**[12:39]** ---

To react when you see Eve's face?

**[12:43]** ---

That's why you reacted  
in front of the mirror...

**[12:46]** ---

Why'd you do such a thing?

**[12:49]** ---

I didn't want them to use me...

**[12:52]** ---

Huh?

**[12:53]** ---

Or my research... or Eve.

**[12:55]** ---

That's why when Torneo attacked  
the research lab at Bioberg...

**[13:00]** ---

I tried to destroy everything.

**[13:02]** ---

But I didn't have enough time.

**[13:05]** ---

Kanzaki, my assistant, was  
already in cahoots with Mason, so...

**[13:08]** ---

Kanzaki?

**[13:09]** ---

At the lab, we called him Doctor.

**[13:13]** ---

It's this man.

**[13:15]** ---

That's...

**[13:16]** ---

He may not look it,

**[13:17]** ---

but he was an ambitious man  
who was determined to take my place.

**[13:20]** ---

And he fell victim to his ambition  
and was ensnared by Mason.

**[13:24]** ---

I can't forgive him!

**[13:26]** ---

He stole the research that  
I poured my heart and soul into!

**[13:29]** ---

Now, now...

**[13:31]** ---

So tell us, what was  
this research of yours about?

**[13:35]** ---

It was the Eden Project, wasn't it?

**[13:38]** ---

What is that?

**[13:40]** ---

A frightening plan... to bring  
about ultimate peace to the world.

**[13:44]** ---

Peace? Nothing wrong with peace.

**[13:47]** ---

Even if humans stop being humans?

**[13:51]** ---

Infect people with nanomachines

**[13:53]** ---

and centrally control  
them using the power of Tao.

**[13:56]** ---

That is the outline of the Eden Project.

**[13:59]** ---

Well, that certainly would  
put an end to wars...

**[14:02]** ---

But that's quite an outrageous plan.

**[14:05]** ---

But what does Eve have to do with it?

**[14:08]** ---

Eve will activate Eden.

**[14:09]** ---

Eden?

**[14:11]** ---

The mechanical life  
form which I invented.

**[14:14]** ---

Once activated, it will spread  
nanomachines throughout the world

**[14:18]** ---

and control the people of the world...

**[14:20]** ---

And using their life  
energy as the driving force,

**[14:22]** ---

its life will become immortal.

**[14:24]** ---

And you're saying that Eve  
will be the pilot for this?

**[14:26]** ---

Yes...

**[14:28]** ---

Eve will be set in the center of Eden.

**[14:31]** ---

Eve was developed to serve  
as Eden's consciousness.

**[14:35]** ---

Her role as a "bio-weapon" was just a ruse.

**[14:40]** ---

That's why I must destroy Eve!

**[14:42]** ---

Before Eden is activated!

**[14:44]** ---

That is my duty as her creator!

**[14:47]** ---

Don't be so selfish!!

**[14:49]** ---

She may be a clone or  
whatever, but... Eve is Eve!!

**[14:52]** ---

You think I'd let you erase  
her just to suit your whims?!

**[14:57]** ---

Tearju...

**[14:59]** ---

I want to save Eve, too.

**[15:03]** ---

But if Eden is activated,

**[15:05]** ---

it will mean the end of this world.

**[15:10]** ---

Hasn't Eden been activated yet?

**[15:12]** ---

Eden's operation circuit is  
trying to link up with Eve.

**[15:16]** ---

Once that is complete...

**[15:20]** ---

Aren't you going to eat? It's good.

**[15:25]** ---

It tastes wonderful... something  
you've never tasted before in your life.

**[15:29]** ---

Now, hurry...

**[15:32]** ---

What will happen when Eden is activated?

**[15:35]** ---

Eden will cover the sky and make it rain.

**[15:38]** ---

Rain?

**[15:39]** ---

Nanomachine rain.

**[15:41]** ---

It will seep into humans...  
and cause a transformation.

**[15:45]** ---

Even I don't know what the result will be.

**[15:49]** ---

Can't we tell Eve not to do that?

**[15:51]** ---

The Eve that you know will be erased

**[15:53]** ---

and she'll become one with Eden.

**[15:56]** ---

She probably won't  
remember anyone by that time.

**[16:00]** ---

That's ridiculous!

**[16:02]** ---

Eve will become Eden's consciousness.

**[16:05]** ---

Only after that happens

**[16:07]** ---

will Eden be able to recognize and control humans.

**[16:11]** ---

So Eve will no longer be Eve...

**[16:17]** ---

A giant nebula which  
has absorbed all humans...

**[16:21]** ---

Some people may call it god.

**[16:25]** ---

Or... demon...

**[16:29]** ---

Eat it.

**[16:32]** ---

Eat... this...

**[16:47]** ---

That's wonderful, Eve.

**[16:50]** ---

You will nurture paradise...

**[16:52]** ---

and paradise will continue to grow...

**[16:55]** ---

and soon cover everything on this planet!

**[17:02]** ---

Ohhhh!

**[17:05]** ---

The moment has arrived!

**[17:07]** ---

The day I have waited for...

**[17:09]** ---

for so long!

**[17:14]** ---

Creed...

**[17:17]** ---

Creed!

**[17:30]** ---

Oops, I drank too much again.

**[17:32]** ---

We had drinks... at the  
wedding party... for a toast.

**[17:35]** ---

Huh?

**[17:39]** ---

Oh, the sunset?

**[17:41]** ---

How pretty!

**[17:43]** ---

But why a sunset in broad daylight?

**[17:49]** ---

Pretty...

**[17:50]** ---

Yeah...

**[17:52]** ---

The cloud is spreading in this direction...

**[17:56]** ---

So Mason is on the move now...

**[17:58]** ---

The location is the desert in the northwest... near Kashmir City.

**[18:02]** ---

Just what is he up to?

**[18:04]** ---

That is not our concern.

**[18:06]** ---

Order an attack immediately.

**[18:08]** ---

The communication with our Kashmir branch has been lost.

**[18:12]** ---

So nothing is left on our side...

**[18:16]** ---

Even if it's just us alone!

**[18:17]** ---

With just the few of us,  
we cannot hope for victory.

**[18:22]** ---

Hey, hey... why so depressed?

**[18:25]** ---

I really don't want to  
see you guys despondent.

**[18:29]** ---

Heartnet!

**[18:33]** ---

And you still call yourselves Numbers?

**[18:35]** ---

You're going to take  
old Mason's antics lying down?

**[18:39]** ---

Since you left Chronos,  
it's none of your business.

**[18:43]** ---

Or... will you return to Chronos?

**[18:46]** ---

Eve was kidnapped by Mason.

**[18:48]** ---

Eve? That bio-weapon?

**[18:51]** ---

Eve is my comrade!

**[18:54]** ---

What do you expect us to do?

**[18:56]** ---

It's simple. I'm gonna rescue Eve.

**[18:59]** ---

You're coming too, right?

**[19:02]** ---

Whatever happened to the Numbers' pride?

**[19:04]** ---

That insufferable pride?!

**[19:10]** ---

All right.

**[19:12]** ---

Just this one time...

**[19:15]** ---

We, Chronos, will lend you a hand, Heartnet!

**[19:19]** ---

Now that's more like it!

**[19:28]** ---

Oh?! What's going on?

**[19:32]** ---

Oh, it's rain.

**[19:40]** ---

Peace... peace is coming.

**[19:45]** ---

Huh? Maybe I drank too much?

**[19:49]** ---

Oh?

**[19:53]** ---

Oh, yeah! It's begun!

**[19:55]** ---

--Hey, sit down! I can't see!

**[19:56]** ---

--Go!

**[19:57]** ---

--I know I'm getting too old for this,

**[19:58]** ---

--but I always get excited  
when I see something like this.

**[19:59]** ---

--Death Blow Beam!

**[20:01]** ---

--Hey, I've seen this program before.

**[20:01]** ---

--Ahhhh!

**[20:06]** ---

We interrupt this program  
for important news.

**[20:07]** ---

Kashmir City in the  
northwestern region of the continent

**[20:10]** ---

is under attack  
from a strange flying object.

**[20:12]** ---

We will bring you more news  
as it becomes available.

**[20:21]** ---

Say, what'll you order?  
I'm having a fruit parfait.

**[20:24]** ---

Sweet bean soup for me.

**[20:25]** ---

Grilled octopus in batter for me!

**[20:26]** ---

A sweet shop wouldn't have that, you know!

**[20:27]** ---

Oh, really?

**[20:29]** ---

Oh? What's wrong, Kyoko?

**[20:33]** ---

Hey, Kyoko!

**[20:35]** ---

--Kashmir...

**[20:36]** ---

--Hey, what's that?

**[20:37]** ---

--The city where I dated Little Kuro-sama?!

**[20:38]** ---

--Oh... I'm scared!

**[20:45]** ---

Splendid...

**[20:50]** ---

Look! Man has abandoned  
his ego and become one!

**[20:54]** ---

This is indeed Utopia!

**[20:56]** ---

Now we will absorb people into Eden.

**[21:00]** ---

They will become

the flesh and blood of Eden,  
**[21:02]** ---  
and become the source of Tao power.  
**[21:16]** ---  
What is this?!

**[21:24]** ---  
Tearju, you really  
created something terrible.  
**[21:28]** ---  
People are being sucked in!  
**[21:31]** ---  
It seems it's designed not only to merge  
human minds, but their bodies as well.  
**[21:36]** ---  
Designed?! Can't you do something?!

**[21:39]** ---  
As the one responsible for its development,  
**[21:41]** ---  
I will take responsibility  
until the very end.  
**[21:43]** ---  
But how?  
**[21:46]** ---  
Oh! Is it over for mankind?!

**[21:49]** ---  
Quit your whining!  
**[21:51]** ---  
I'm sorry... Huh?  
**[21:53]** ---  
Bro!  
**[21:54]** ---  
Yo! Sorry to keep you waiting.  
**[21:56]** ---  
Train, you're so late!

**[22:08]** ---  
These guys are pretty  
dependable, wouldn't you say?  
**[22:10]** ---  
Huh? Yeah...  
**[22:12]** ---  
Awright! Let's go, Sven!  
**[22:15]** ---  
Princess must be tired of waiting!  
**[22:29]** ---  
*Since your new black  
boots caused a blister,*  
**[22:36]** ---

*you rest your right foot*

**[22:43]** ---

*We'll keep walking along  
with our own rhythm, without rushing*

**[22:56]** ---

*Don't say anything*

**[23:04]** ---

*because we'll soon understand each other*

**[23:11]** ---

*I'm just holding you now to keep you warm*

**[23:25]** ---

*I'm completely wrapped around you, so...*

**[23:35]** ---

*Quietly the powder-like  
snow is building up...*

**[23:55]** ---

*"Next Episode"*

**[23:56]** ---

*Eve... what are you thinking?*

**[23:59]** ---

*You're not remembering the past, are you?*

**[24:03]** ---

*Stop this nonsense.  
You are here in paradise now.*

**[24:07]** ---

*Look at this peaceful scenery  
filled with happiness.*

**[24:12]** ---

*If you are still haunted  
by the ghosts of the past...*

**[24:17]** ---

*I know a way to deal with that.*

**[24:17]** ---

*"The Cat's Paradise"*

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