

# Fire-Breathing Kitten

A Comedy in One Act  
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### **STORY OF THE PLAY**

When a stray kitten turns up at her sister's wedding reception, Avery decides to give it a temporary home in her family's laundry room. When she checks in on the kitten later that night, Avery discovers that a portal to outer space has opened in the wall, a T-Rex is trying to eat the washer and dryer, and the kitten can breathe fire. Then a unicorn shows up. And some aliens. And a few mythological deities. Avery is convinced it has to be a dream—but it's not. Her life is about to get a whole lot more interesting, and she may never be able to complete another homework assignment again. About 25 minutes.

**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

*(Widely flexible cast of 9 - 24)*

*(12 speaking roles and 12 non-speaking roles which can all be played by actors of any gender. Extras.)*

SPEAKING ROLES

AVERY: A high school student.

AVERY'S MOM or DAD

WEDDING GUEST #1

WEDDING GUEST #2

KITTEN

T-REX

TORTELLINI

UNICORN

\*THOR: The Norse god of Thunder.

\*APOLLO: The Greek god who pulls the sun across the sky.

\*POSEIDON: The Greek god of the oceans.

MR./MS. SNYDER: Avery's math teacher.

\*The mythological deities are male, but there's no reason the actors have to be.

NON-SPEAKING ROLES

OUTER SPACE (up to 3)

FIRE

FLYING SAUCERS #1-6

LASER BEAMS (1 actor)

STAGE CREW MEMBER

LIGHTNING

EXTRAS: There may be additional Wedding Guests.

NOTE: There may be as few as 2 FLYING SAUCERS—the actors can exit and re-enter as “new” saucers after the previous saucers have been destroyed.

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**STAGING**

Staging is simple. Two flats are needed: A small one representing the fronts of a washer & dryer, and a larger flat suggesting a section of laundry room wall. Additionally, cardboard or foam core cutouts are used extensively to help represent characters—see costume list.

**PROPS**

2 Bowls  
Towels  
Cell phone or watch  
Electric guitar (real or a drawing on cardboard)  
Trig homework

**SOUND EFFECTS**

Flame thrower  
1950s-style flying saucer noises  
Explosion  
Laser beam  
Lightning & thunder  
Hard rock guitar music  
Burp

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*(AT RISE: On a bare stage, a SPOTLIGHT comes up on AVERY, a teenager dressed in school clothes, addressing the audience.)*

**AVERY:** If I'd just skipped my sister's wedding reception, there would never have been a problem. Of course, I was in the wedding party, so skipping out was never an option. Which probably means that what happened was destiny—completely unavoidable, and totally not my fault.

*(SPOTLIGHT goes down and LIGHTS come up to reveal WEDDING GUESTS mingling in the background. AVERY'S MOM (or DAD) enters and crosses to AVERY.)*

**MOM:** Having fun, Avery?

**AVERY:** Do you want an honest answer to that question?

**MOM:** No.

**AVERY:** *(Deadpan.)* I'm having a great time. Stupendous. The best time ever.

**MOM:** Good. Keep telling yourself that and maybe you'll believe it by the time we go home.

**AVERY:** I wouldn't count on it.

**MOM:** Can't you at least be happy for your sister?

**AVERY:** I am happy for my sister. I can be happy for my sister without having a good time at her wedding reception. The two things are completely unrelated. I could be happy for my sister without being here at all.

**MOM:** She wanted you in the wedding party.

**AVERY:** That's debatable. But she knew you'd have thrown a fit if I wasn't.

**MOM:** I wouldn't have thrown a fit. Your father and I would have just refused to pay for anything.

**AVERY:** You're the best mom ever.

**MOM:** You bet I am. Why are you being so grouchy?

**AVERY:** I don't like crowds and this church basement's not that big to begin with.

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**AVERY:** (*Cont'd.*) I feel awkward at social events where I'm surrounded by people I don't know. And I have a big test review packet for trigonometry that I should be working on.

**MOM:** You can do it tomorrow.

**AVERY:** You don't like me putting off my homework. Why is this an exception?

**MOM:** It's your sister's wedding. And do you seriously expect me to believe that if you weren't here, you'd be doing trig homework on a Saturday night?

**AVERY:** It's due on Monday and it's worth 75 points. I'm kind of stressing out about it.

**MOM:** How long have you had the test review packet?

**AVERY:** Since Monday.

**MOM:** Have you started it?

**AVERY:** Yup.

**MOM:** How much have you gotten done?

**AVERY:** Not enough.

**MOM:** Whose fault is that?

**AVERY:** Whoever invented trigonometry.

(*Beat.*)

**MOM:** You should at least get a drink.

**AVERY:** I'm not old enough to drink, and there's no alcohol here anyway.

**MOM:** I meant lemonade.

**AVERY:** Why do you want me to drink lemonade?

**MOM:** It would give you something to do, instead of just standing here.

**AVERY:** I'd just be standing here drinking lemonade. It wouldn't be that much different.

**MOM:** Go get some lemonade.

**AVERY:** Is that a suggestion?

**MOM:** Nope.

**AVERY:** Fine.

(*MOM exits R. AVERY crosses L. WEDDING GUESTS 1 and 2 and KITTEN enter from L. Guest 2 has their left arm extended around Kitten's back. Guest 2's left hand is on*

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