

◊ MADAME

Yes, money. And Edgar can take care of you for the rest of your lives!
Isn't that wonderful?

(MADAME exits.)

• EDGAR

(aside)

What? What? What-what-what?!? No!!!

(#3 - WHAT-WHAT-WHAT?!? EDGAR storms off.)

◊ DUCHESS

All right now, darlings. Time for your lessons. Line up.

(MARIE moves to the front of the line of ARISTOKITTENS.)

◊ MARIE

Me first, me first!

• BERLIOZ

Why should you be first?

◊ MARIE

Because I'm a lady.

◊ TOULOUSE

You're not a lady - you're a sister.

• BERLIOZ

Mama!

◊ DUCHESS

No shouting, kittens. Use your inside voices.

• BERLIOZ

But Marie cut in line!

◊ MARIE

Ladies do not "cut" - they deserve to be in front.

• TOULOUSE

That's cheating!

◊ MARIE

Ladies do not cheat - they get their way.



• • TOULOUSE, BERLIOZ

Mama!

◦ DUCHESS

Now, kittens, you must not fight.

TOULOUSE

But someday we might have to fight some tough Alley Cats, like the ones we saw today...

(shadow-clawing)

Meow-fft! Meow-fft!

◦ DUCHESS

Toulouse! Aristocats do not fight. Aristocats behave like ladies and gentlekittens.

• TOULOUSE

Yes, Mama.

◦ DUCHESS

Now, it's time for music practice.

• • TOULOUSE, BERLIOZ

But Mama!

