

**BOY GIRL DOG CAT MOUSE CHEESE**  
**SPEC SCRIPT**

**"EVERYONE'S A CRITIC"**

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**PREMISE:** Cheese makes a Sparkcheeza music video and shows it to the family. It's awful. But the family say it's great to spare Cheese's feelings. Except Mouse, who picks it apart brutally. In retaliation, Cheese creates a review show where she harshly "criticises" Mouse's inventions.



Boy, Girl and Dog stifle their cringe. It is that bad!

11 DOG  
Wow, Cheese. You made this? It's  
so... good. 11

12 GIRL / BOY  
(non unison)  
Yeah! Best music video ever! / 12  
Awesome, yeah!

Cat gives a thumbs up, despite her ears being pulled back.

13 CHEESE  
I know. It's perfect! 13

Suddenly, MOUSE enters, wearing a VISOR.

14 MOUSE  
Will you all keep the noise down? 14  
I'm working on my invention, which  
I'll present at the science museum  
tomorrow.

Cheese pushes Mouse towards the TV screen and then presses  
him against it.

15 CHEESE  
Oh, Mouse! You're a genius, right? 15  
What do you think of my music  
video? I worked really hard on it!  
<GASPS> It may be my magnum opus!

Mouse peels himself off the screen and then looks at it. He  
puts his finger on his chin and squints his eyes as he peers  
closer to the screen. He then pulls his head back.

16 CHEESE (CONT'D)  
So? What do you think? 16

17 MOUSE  
Cheese. It's awful. 17

Ouch. Cheese's giant smile immediately breaks.

18 CHEESE  
What?! Why?! 18

19 MOUSE  
Well, the video is shot awfully, 19  
the guitar is out of tune and the  
singing? Whoof! There's tone deaf  
and then there's tone dead! I'd  
give this one star.

20 CHEESE  
But... I was gonna post this online  
for my millions of followers! 20

21 MOUSE  
I think it's best if you don't to  
spare yourself the trouble... and  
everyone their ears... 21

Cheese's fists clench, and her vein pops on her forehead.  
Boy, Girl, and Dog shake their heads, signalling him to stop.

22 MOUSE (CONT'D)  
... their eyes, their sanity, not  
to mention their - 22

23 CHEESE  
- what do you know?! It's not like  
you're a genius! 23

24 MOUSE  
You just said I was, a minute ago. 24

25 CHEESE  
You just don't appreciate my art! 25

26 MOUSE  
Sheesh, relax, Cheese. It's just  
criticism. 26

27 CHEESE  
Well, if that's the way you feel,  
I'm not sharing any of my creations  
with you ever again! Hmmp! 27

Cheese turns the TV off and storms off with the remote.

28 BOY  
Can you at least leave the remote? 28

29 CHEESE (O.S.)  
I'm keeping the remote! 29

30 GIRL  
Mouse, what was that? You know  
Cheese is sensitive. 30

31 MOUSE  
What? I was just being honest.  
Besides, it's Cheese, she'll get  
over it. Anyways, back to the lab.  
Gotta have that machine prepped for  
tomorrow! 31

Mouse pulls down his visor and heads off.

32 DOG  
Aww, great, now we have no TV. 32

Cat re-dons her top hat and stands in front of the TV.

33 CAT  
<MA-MOW!> (Magic act! Yay!) 33

Cat brings out a CAT VERSION DECK OF CARDS.

34 CAT (CONT'D)  
<MEOW> <MEOW>! (Pick a card!) 34

35 BOY / GIRL / DOG  
<SIGH> 35

2 **INT. BEDROOM - CONTINUED** 2

Cheese lies on her bed, scrolling on her TABLET. A TRIPOD, GREEN SCREEN SET, her Sparkcheeza outfit and guitar are in the corner.

36 CHEESE  
Who does he think he is? I need to  
give him a taste of his own  
medicine! But how? 36

Cheese then comes across a video on her feed.

37 LILA BIRD(ON VIDEO)  
*The Lord Blastoboon spinoff is the  
worst movie ever! One star! More  
like Blastobomb! I'm Lila Bird.  
Follow for more movie reviews!* 37

Cheese looks at her set and slowly grins.

38 CHEESE  
One star, eh? 38

**INT. MUSEUM - NEXT DAY**

Mouse stands next to his machine covered in a LARGE SHEET, with the PROFESSOR by his side, who is holding a PHONE.

39 MOUSE  
I can't wait to show off my latest  
invention, Professor! 39

40 PROFESSOR  
Well, the floor is yours, Mouse. 40

MOUSE

41 Gather around people! Feast your eyes on my latest invention! I give you the Projectertron 5000! 41

Mouse removes the sheet to reveal the PROJECTERTRON 5000.

MOUSE (CONT'D)

42 A device that's programmed to holographically project via Bluetooth devices! 42

Professor then plays a video on the phone. The machine emits a HOLOGRAM PROJECTION of a DOG balancing a BALL on his head. Mouse expects applause but instead, there's silence. The audience then disperse to Mouse's bewilderment.

MOUSE (CONT'D)

43 I don't understand. 43

Professor takes a look at his phone.

PROFESSOR

44 Apparently, there's this viral blog talking about your inventions. 44

Professor offers Mouse his phone, as he takes a look.

MOUSE

45 "Mouse's inventions are faulty? More likely to blow up in your face rather than function"?! Who wrote this garbage?! 45

Professor then taps a video on the screen.

3 **INT. VIDEO - CONTINUED** 3

Cheese appears, presenter-like, wearing GEEKY GLASSES. The title, "Cheese Review" appears.

CHEESE (ON VIDEO)

46 What up, Cheeseheads, and Welcome to my brand new show, "Cheese Reviews"! The show where I review everything. Today's episode is on tech. Now, my show here is a valid source for all you science nerds... uh, I mean, fans. 46

A SQUARE IMAGE OF MOUSE appears onscreen.

47 CHEESE (ON VIDEO) (CONT'D) 47  
 Did you know that Mouse's  
 inventions are faulty and keep  
 blowing up? Let's roll the clips!

VARIOUS CLIPS of Mouse's inventions <BLOWING UP> in his face!

48 CHEESE (ON VIDEO) (CONT'D) 48  
 Let's talk about his latest  
 invention, The Projectertron 5000.  
 Why the number "5000"? Is that how  
 many he built to finally get it  
 right? I give Mouse's inventions  
 one star. The score's not low  
 enough if you ask me. Okay, byeeee!

49 MOUSE 49  
 But those were prototypes!  
 (whispers to himself)  
 50 I can't let anyone else see this! 50

51 PROFESSOR 51  
 Uh, Mouse?

PULL OUT to reveal that the video he played was just  
 holographically projected in front of everyone, repelling  
 them even further.

52 MOUSE 52  
 Those were prototypes, people!  
Prototypes!!

Mouse's eye twitches as he seethes.

53 MOUSE (CONT'D) 53  
Cheeeeeese!!!!!!

4 **INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY** 4

Cheese does her manicure, an excited Boy and an annoyed Girl  
 build a CARD TOWER out of Cat's cards, Dog gnaws on a ball  
 and Cat plays with her hat and wand.

54 BOY 54  
 Isn't this exciting?!

55 GIRL 55  
 <SIGH> Cheese, where's the remote?

56 CHEESE 56  
 How should I know?

Mouse then kicks open the door, with a phone in hand. The card tower falls, to Boy's dismay.

57	BOY Awww.	57
58	MOUSE Cheese! What is the meaning of this?	58
Mouse shows everyone Cheese's blog on the phone.		
59	MOUSE (CONT'D) Why would you put up a blog, bashing my inventions?!	59
64	The siblings are shocked.	64
60	CHEESE Oh, relax, suga. Like you said, it's just criticism.	60
61	MOUSE But my inventions do not blow up! Well, most of the time. Now take down the blog this instant!	61
62	DOG Come on, Cheese. Just take it down. You made your point already.	62
Cheese hops off the couch and walks around Mouse tauntingly.		
63	CHEESE Alright, fine. I'll take down the blog but only if Mouse admits he was wrong about my music video and apologises.	63
64	MOUSE Are you serious?! You want me to apologise for merely criticising your video even when you told me to? Fat chance!	64
65	CHEESE Suit yourself, one-star inventor.	65
66	MOUSE Well, you're a one-star sister!	66
67	GIRL Ok, Mouse. If you could just apologise then we can all -	67



68                                 MOUSE  
- why should I? I just said what                                 68  
all of you were thinking!

69                                 CHEESE  
Ha, that's not true. They thought                                 69  
it was perfect, right guys?

Pause. Cheese turns around and sees the siblings look at each other uneasily. It all sinks in with Cheese.

70                                 CHEESE (CONT'D)  
Wait, you lied to me?!   70

71                                 BOY  
We're sorry Cheese, we didn't want                                 71  
to tell you your video was awful  
because we know how you'd - No  
wait! I didn't mean to say it was  
awful. It was great! I mean -

72                                 CHEESE  
- oh, save it! Get ready to see one                                 72  
stars for the rest of your life,  
traitors! I will criticise the heck  
out of all of you!

Cheese storms off.

73                                 GIRL  
<SIGH> Nice one, Boy.   73

74                                 DOG  
                               (worried)  
Uh, guys? What did she mean by   74  
that?

**MUSIC MONTAGE - CHEESE'S REVIEWING RAMPAGE!**

4A                                 **INT. VIDEO**   4A

Cheese gives bobbleheads a thumbs down. A picture of a BOBBLEHEAD is onscreen with a giant thumbs down in front.

4B                                 **INT. BOBBLEHEAD STORE**   4B

Boy plays BOBBLEHEADS but then stops when OTHER PEOPLE point and laugh through the window.





88                                   MOUSE                                   88  
 She said her video was her magnum  
 opus! More like magnum nope-us!

89                                   CHEESE                                   89  
Someone needs to admit they're  
 jealous!

90                                   MOUSE                                   90  
Someone needs to accept their music  
 video makes people's ears and eyes  
 bleed!

91                                   CHEESE                                   91  
 Don't listen to him! He's a mad  
 scientist! Mad, I tell you! Trying  
 to brainwash you all! His  
 inventions will destroy humanity! I  
 give the world's destruction a  
 thumbs down! Doomed! You're all  
 doomed DOOMED!

105                                   The stream cuts off. The rest of the siblings are inside now.  
 Girl has cut off the video.                                   105

92                                   CHEESE (CONT'D)                                   92  
 Ha! Try and top that, Mouse.

93                                   MOUSE                                   93  
 Cheese! That wasn't even criticism!  
 Those were just lies!

94                                   DOG                                   94  
 Now the whole town's going to be  
 paranoid with Mouse's inventions.

95                                   CHEESE                                   95  
 So I told one fib. Big deal. It's  
 not like anyone believes  
 misinformation online.

The siblings hear two <KNOCKS> at the door.

9                                   **EXT. HOUSE - CONTINUED**                                   9

110                                   Girl opens the door to see an innocent OLD LADY MAGUIRE.   110

96                                   OLD LADY MAGUIRE                                   96  
 Hello, dearie. Could Mouse come out  
 for a moment? We only want his  
 inventions, that's all. Or there  
 will be consequences.

Girl sees an ANGRY MOB on her front lawn.

97 ANGRY MOB  
We want Mouse's inventions! That's all we're here for! 97

JOCKO is also present holding a PIZZA BOX.

98 JOCKO  
Uh, I'm here 'cause someone ordered a pizza. What's going on here? 98

99 GIRL  
(to siblings)  
Guys? Don't freak out but there's an angry mob on our front lawn. 99

100 CHEESE  
Ugh, relax. I'll handle this. 100

Cheese rolls her eyes and walks over to the front porch.

101 CHEESE (CONT'D)  
Whaddap, Cheeseheads! False alarm: Mouse's inventions do not destroy humanity. Now, please skedaddle! 101

102 MOB MEMBER  
Cheese must be under some sort of mind control! 102

103 MOB  
Let us in! Let us in! 103

Cheese quickly shuts the door as the mob the entrance.

11 **INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUED** 11

104 CHEESE  
Uh, okay. Now we can freak out. 104

Everyone panics.

105 BOY  
Ahh! What are we gonna do?! 105

106 MOUSE  
Everyone, quick! To the lab! 106

12 **INT. LAB - LATER** 12

All the siblings are inside, panicking.

107                                   MOUSE                                   107  
Fear not, everyone. My steel doors  
are impenetrable so we'll all be -

108                                   GIRL                                   108  
- no wifi? We're doomed!

109                                   MOUSE                                   109  
This is all your fault, Cheese.

110                                   CHEESE                                   110  
My fault? If you hadn't bashed my  
video, none of this would've  
happened.

111                                   MOUSE                                   111  
If you think that video was a  
masterpiece, why make a review show  
to get back at me? Why did my  
opinion matter so much to you?

112                                   CHEESE                                   112  
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE PERFECT GENIUS  
IN THIS FAMILY! OF COURSE YOUR  
OPINION MATTERS!

Pause. Mouse is flabbergasted.

113                                   CHEESE (CONT'D)                                   113  
You make these cool inventions, so  
I do value your opinion. But I  
created one thing and shared it  
with you and you just trashed it. I  
worked hard on that video too.

114                                   MOUSE                                   114  
I... I never thought of it like  
that. Cheese, I need to show you  
something.

Mouse then goes over to a BOX, and takes out a SCRAPBOOK,  
titled, "MOUSE'S ACHIEVEMENTS." He opens it and shows it to  
Cheese. She is shocked to see it filled with newspaper  
clippings. "MOUSE FAILS!" "MOUSE'S INVENTION BACKFIRES!"  
"Nice try, Mouse." All of the articles are negative.

115                                   CHEESE                                   115  
You keep all these? Why?

116                                   MOUSE                                   116  
Cheese, criticism makes me the  
genius I am today. It's essential  
to growth. If you can't take it,  
then you'll never grow.

Cheese then shuts the book and covers her eyes in shame.

117 CHEESE 117  
I'm so sorry, everyone. You were  
right, Mouse. I really have been a  
one-star sister.

118 MOUSE 118  
No, Cheese. I admit I was  
inconsiderate. Maybe next time, I  
could help you make your video. I'm  
sorry, too.

Mouse and Cheese embrace.

119 BOY 119  
Aww, now that's what I call a happy  
ending... except for the angry mob  
that's still outside our house!

Suddenly, Cheese notices Mouse's Projectortron 5000.

120 CHEESE 120  
Wait, I have an idea!

13 **EXT. HOUSE - LATER** 13

141 The angry mob are still on the front lawn. Cheese opens the door and brings out the Projectortron 5000. 141

121 CHEESE 121  
Hit it, Mouse!

Mouse then appears with a phone. He taps the screen, then the machine emits a hologram projection of CHEESE'S MUSIC VIDEO.

122 CHEESE (HOLOGRAM) (CONT'D) 122  
*La la laaaaa!!! I am  
Sparkcheezaaaaa!!!! Laaaaaaaaa!!!*

145 Cheese's scream causes CAR WINDOWS to <CRACK> and <BREAK> 145  
The angry mob cover their ears and disperse. When the coast  
is clear, the other siblings appear in the doorway, smiling.

123 MOUSE 123  
I changed my mind, Cheese. That  
really was your magnum opus!

14 **INT. BEDROOM - LATER** 14

All the siblings gather around in front of the green screen set in front of Cheese's recording phone.

124 CHEESE  
 Hey, y'all. Hope your ears are recovering. The truth is, I started this show because I couldn't take criticism. I'm sorry. We all know it's not easy to take criticism, but you must learn to deal with it. I know I will from now on. 124

125 MOUSE  
 Criticism should also be constructive. I like to think of it as self-expression for a subject you're passionate about. 125

126 CHEESE  
 Thanks, y'all for watching the final episode of "Cheese Reviews". 126

The siblings hug. Cheese then ends the recording.

127 BOY / GIRL / DOG / CAT / MOUSE  
 Whoo hoo / Yeah / <MEOW GIGGLING!> 127

128 CHEESE  
 Well, time to take the set down. 128

129 MOUSE  
 (smiles)  
 I believe that won't be necessary. 129

15 **INT. VIDEO - LATER** 15

Cat appears, presenter-like, wearing GEEKY GLASSES. The title "CAT REVIEWS" appears. We see an IMAGE OF THE SIBLINGS on screen, then we see FIVE STARS appear.

130 CAT  
 <MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!> (You get five stars, you get five stars!) 130

We then see IMAGES OF VARIOUS THINGS: bobbleheads, cosplay, Dog's backyard burying, Cat's magic act. All images are accompanied by five flashing stars.

131 CAT (CONT'D)  
 <MA-MA-MOW!> 131

Cat winks at the camera and gives a thumbs up as five stars flash on the screen one last time.