

Hunger Games
(Cato's interview)

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INT. AUDITORIUM- AFTERNOON

CAESAR

Hello and welcome back everyone!
Well the District 1 tributes are
certainly fired up. I suppose they
have a right to be since they win
nearly every year.

The audience gives a mild chuckle.

CAESAR (CONT'D)

But now let us give a warm welcome
to the District that always gives
them a run for their money.
Audience, Cato of District 2!

The audience gives a satisfactory applause as Cato walks on stage. He has a serious look about him, from the way he walks, sits down, his facial expression, to even the way he shakes Caesar's hand. Once the applause settles down they jump straight to the interview.

CAESAR

So everyone, you could say that
Cato is District 2's answer to
surprise tribute Katniss Everdeen
of District 12. What we have here
is District 2's youngest tribute in
quite sometime at age 16.

Caesar looks over Cato.

CAESAR (CONT'D)

(chuckles)
Could have fooled me.

The audience joins Caesar in his laughter. Cato looks mostly stoic, but give a slight smile.

CAESAR (CONT'D)

So Cato. How do you feel about the
upcoming Games?

CATO

(slight pause)
If I were just your typical
tribute, I'd say 'it's an honor to
be representing my district'. But
I've got more to prove than just
bringing home victory.

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CAESAR

Yes, your father does hold the record for the most people killed on his own. Do you plan on trying to surpass it when you enter the arena?

CATO

Yes. That's why I volunteered and why I have the body of a 21 year old. That and it does get me a lot of attention back home.

The audience laughs once more and Cato slightly brightens up for the length of the applause.

He then slips back into his typical persona.

CAESAR

How prepared would you consider yourself? District 1 has perhaps its most eager tributes in decades and that is saying something.

CATO

I admire their spirit, but I've been rigorously training myself since the last time District 12 came close to winning.

CAESAR

But...that was eight years ago.

CATO

Exactly.

Caesar is caught off guard by this. He opens his mouth, but can't think of anything to say.

AUDIENCE MEMBER

Caesar's speechless! Never seen that before!

The audience erupts into another bout of laughter. Caesar clears his throat and quickly regains his composure.

CAESAR

Well you certainly can't say he isn't dedicated. Before we run out of time do you have any final words you'd like to say?

Cato faces away from Caesar and looks at the cameras.

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CATO

Family, I'm going to make you guys proud.

The timer runs out.

CAESAR

Ladies and gentlemen. Cato!

Cato stands and bows to the audience as they applaud him. Cato walks off stage and towards Clove.

CATO

Target's set up. Go in for the kill.

Clove smirks as Cato walks past her and she heads for the stage.

INT. CATO AND CLOVE'S QUARTERS-POST EVERYONE'S INTERVIEW

Cato and Clove are sitting beside one another. Now dressed in more casual attire.

CLOVE

Nice job. District two is apparently going crazy over your interview.

CATO

I didn't really say much.

CLOVE

Yeah, but you also didn't seem like a cocky ass. You know like Marvel and Glimmer...seriously. Who gives their child the name Glimmer. I can't even say that without wanting to puke.

CATO

Well in all fairness, what kind of a name is Cato?

Clove rolls her eyes and hits him with a pillow.

CATO (CONT'D)

I'm pretty sure they loved you more. No one cares about strong silent types anymore. It's all about graceful assassins now.

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CLOVE
(sarcastic)
Awww. That's sweet. Almost as much as you wanting to live up to your dad's record.

CATO
(smirks)
Think they bought it?

CLOVE
Oh they bought it alright. Truth be told I sort of believed it as well. You wanting to make your family proud. Definitely gonna get sponsors on your side. Well those that weren't already on your side. The part about you being 8 was a bit much though.

CATO
That wasn't a lie. That's the truth.

Clove is surprised by this.

CLOVE
Seriously?

CATO
I just told...yes. For twelve to nearly come close to winning the 66th Hunger Games...it was inexcusable and with that Katniss girl in the ranks now we can't afford to take any chances.

CLOVE
You think she and lover boy are gonna be a threat?

CATO
I don't know yet, but we can't take any chances when the games begin.

CLOVE
You don't mean we have to team up with Marvel and Glim...can't say it.

CATO
That's exactly what I mean. Just to ensure neither of twelve's tributes
(MORE)

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CATO (cont'd)
make it out. Then we take down
whomever is left until it's just us
and District 1. It'll be a good way
for us to finally get out of their
shadow if it comes to a battle
between both tributes of Districts
1 and 2.

Cato then reaches forward and takes Clove's hand. There is a
brief flashback to Peeta holding Katniss' hand from earlier.

CATO (CONT'D)
It'll also give us more time
together before...well you know
what.

CLOVE
Maybe one of the other tributes
will get me and save you the
trouble.

CATO
That will never happen. You have
the fastest hands I've ever seen.

Clove raises an eyebrow at Cato's comment.

CATO (CONT'D)
You know what I mean. When it comes
to you and me...

CLOVE
I don't want it to come to you and
me!

The calm and confident Clove is gone. She reaches forward
and hugs Cato. You can hear her holding back tears.

CLOVE (CONT'D)
I'm so scared, Cato.

CATO
So am I..., but we have to be
strong in the arena. We need...to
bring honor to our District.

Cato continues to hold Clove as we fade out.