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We OPEN on four escaped CHAIN GANG PRISONERS splashing through the dismal MEGAKAT SWAMP. "No way those guards are gonna find us in here," says the LEADER of the tough-looking cons. "There's a light," says another. The cons sneak toward it. They want to steal a boat, some food and some money. The cons arm themselves with some small, heavy tree branches. On one, a THREE-EYED SNAKE hisses. The con GASPS, tossing it away. "What the heck was that? This place gives me the creeps," he mutters. The leader tells him to shut up, as the foursome sneak up to...

A weird looking LAB amidst the trees. The light is coming from BUBBLING CHEMICAL BEAKERS. It's DR. VIPER'S SWAMP LAB, but these poor saps don't know that...yet. What is this place? The cons don't know, but they'll steal whatever they can, then leave. The leader finds a locked door. Maybe something valuable's in there. With a powerful tug, the Leader WRENCHES the door open. A pale beam of light illuminates a darkened corner of the room. There's a cot. On it is a kat, his face and arms hidden from view. The Leader grins, hitting the branch in his palm: "This guy won't be giving us any trouble." The Leader reaches out to grab the guy's shoulder...then REACTS to see the kat's face is BANDAGED! "What the...?" gasps the Leader. Suddenly the bandaged kat's hands reach up. They're not hands...they're

insect claws! With one sharp swipe, he yanks away the bandages, revealing the scarred insect face of DR. HARLEY STREET a/k/a THE CI-KAT-A! With a SNAP of his mandibles, the Ci-Kat-A bites the Leader's hand, causing him to drop the tree branch. The Leader YELPS with pain, falling to the floor. Another con tries to WHAP the Ci-Kat-A with his branch, only to have the insect SNAP it in two with his claw. Then he bites the con's shoulder. The other two cons flee from the room, only to come face to face with...

DR. VIPER! "I see you've gotten your appetite back, Ci-Kat-A!" chuckles Viper, who swings his tail and SMASHES one con into the wall, knocking him out. He grabs the other con with his tail. The captive con watches in horror as his two fellow cons (the ones who were bitten) rise from the floor with bug eyes! They've become Ci-Kat-A's too! "W-what's going on?" asks the captive con, as Dr. Viper explains.

In a brief FLASHBACK (from '93 "The Ci-Kat-A" episode) we hear (in VO) Dr. Viper and Dr. Street tell of how the space scientist doctor was bitten by the alien Ci-Kat-A bug and became an insect himself. "We Ci-Kat-A's would have taken over the world, if it wasn't for those meddling Swat Kats," buzzes Street. We see the FLASHBACK of the Swat Kats blasting Dr. Street with an OCTOPUS MISSILE over his face. He CRASHES out of the Megakat Tower window. In the street below (NEW SCENE) we see the battered Dr. Street disappearing into a storm drain, the broken Octopus missile

nearby. "I found him in the swamp and nursed him back to health," says Viper (VO) as we see Viper dragging the muck covered Dr. Street through the swamp. We END the FLASHBACK as Viper grins evilly to the two 'normal' cons. "You see the Ci-Kat-A and I have a lot in common. We both hate the Swat Kats...and we both want to destroy Megakat City...and you're going to help us do both," hisses Viper. The cons REACT, panicked, as the insectoid Dr. Street advances on the duo, MANDIBLES SNAPPING. We HEAR the cons' SCREAMS ECHO through the SWAMP, startling a HERON, as we...CUT TO:

A T-shirted CHANCE, giving a big yell, as he SLALOMS around some obstacles in the SALVAGE YARD. He's wearing TURBO-CHARGED ROLLER BLADES (along with a helmet and knee pads) as he races JAKE, who's also wearing the jet blades. "These new turbo-roller blades are radical, buddy! They give me one more way to beat your tail!" grins Chance as he ZOOMS around some metal drums. "Dream on, buddy!" says Jake, ZOOMING up a board, which launches him into the hollowed out cylinder of a 747 engine. Jake ZOOMS around the cylinder, then WHOOSHES out like a bullet, right past Chance, who REACTS. "Crud! Let's see what these blades can really do!" mutters Chance as he MAXES out the remote control device in his hand. We see the JET BURNERS on the Turbo-roller blades IGNITE. Chance BLASTS past Jake in a BLUR as we see SMOKE coming from his wheels. CLOSER on the wheels as they SPIN RAPIDLY, OVERHEATING and wearing down. The BLADES cut a TRENCH IN the ground as they SPARK and burn

off! Chance is now down to the soles of his feet!

"Yeowww!" bellows Chance, as he plunges his smoking feet into an Igloo-type barrel of drinking water. Jake rolls up and REACTS to the relieved Chance, soaking his steaming feet. "Hey, that's our drinking water, Chance," says Jake. "You gotta reinforce those wheels, buddy. I'm too fast for 'em," says Chance, removing his bare feet.

MEGAKAT BIOCHEMICAL. Night. We see EMIL the guard reading his KAT KOMMANDO comic book. The cover shows some BUG-EYED GIANT INSECTS. Emil REACTS to some BUZZING. He looks up, puzzled, then REACTS to a small fly. He grins and goes back to his book, only to hear LOUDER BUZZING. He turns and REACTS to the bug-eyed cons (still in their prison suits) moving toward him. Emil reaches for his sidearm. The cons spew webbing from their mouths, cocooning the guard. Dr. Street follows the cons as they go up in the elevator to...

A hallway. There's a doorway marked TOP SECRET LAB. The bugs quickly RIP open the door, tripping a BLINKING RED SILENT ALARM above the inside doorway. Dr. Street enters the lab, as we CUT TO:

An Enforcer helicopter. Inside is LIEUTENANT FELINA FERAL and her new partner, SERGEANT GRAY TAYLOR, a cocky hotshot just out of Enforcer Academy. "Silent alarm at Megakat Biochemical. Step on it, Taylor!" orders Felina. "That's what I do best!" grins Taylor, as he WHOOSHES around some buildings, almost SMASHING into a KATSEYE NEWS chopper

with ANN GORA and JONNY in it. Felina REACTS: "Is that how they taught you to fly at the Academy, rookie?" "Nah, my grandpa was a crop duster," grins Taylor. "Yeah, well you just set a fresh crop of reporters on our tails," says Felina, pointing backwards to where Ann Gora, sensing a story, is following the Enforcer chopper. "Don't sweat it. I'll ditch 'em," says Taylor, ZOOMING between two buildings. "Stop showing off and get us there, Taylor," orders Felina, shaking her head. She can't believe this hot dog graduated first in his class.

In Megakat Biochemical, we see a clawed hand moving over various beakers. We PULL BACK to see Dr. Street, looking for SUPER-KATALYST 566. He finds it, giving a mandible grin. This is what Dr. Viper has sent him for. Suddenly we hear Felina's voice: "Hold it right there!" Street whirls to see Felina and Taylor in the doorway, weapons drawn. They REACT to Street: "What the...?" Street looks up and gives a BUZZ as we see two cons/insects DROP DOWN (they've been clinging to the lab ceiling) onto Felina and Taylor.

Taylor and Felina manage to flip the insects off them, but Taylor's flight suit is torn by the swinging mandibles of a con. "You okay?" asks Felina. "Just a scratch. I'm gonna zap these bugs," says Taylor, aiming his sidearm. "Hold your fire. You could blow up the whole lab," warns Felina, swinging into a karate move to whap a con into the

glass window of the lab, his bug-eyed face pressed hideously against it, as we CUT to:

Outside, where the Katseye News chopper is hovering. Jonny films as Ann talks into her mike. "This is Ann Gora, Katseye News, live at Megakat Biochemical where the Enforcers are engaged in a fight with..." We CUT TO:

The Garage. Jake is SOLDERING new roller blades onto Chance's skates as our duo REACT to the images on the TV. The face of the insect/con against the glass. "...what appear to be giant ci-kat-as!" continues Ann. "Crud! I thought we'd eliminated that bug problem," gasps Chance, as Jake drops what he's doing. "Looks like the bug infestation ain't over, buddy!" agrees Jake as our duo jump for the ladder into the...

Secret Hangar. We do some QUICK Transformation shots. Gloves on. Zipping up suits. Helmets on. The jet ROARING out of the secret door in the Salvage Yard, as we CUT TO:

The Megakat Lab. Felina is in the grip of one of the insect/cons. His mandibles come close as she grabs a nearby microscope and clobbers the insect with it. The creature staggers away, SMASHING Felina with his claw. Felina CRASHES into a shelf of beakers, which topple and CRASH. Smoke and fumes. She and Taylor are trapped beneath the shelves as the insects approach, mandibles SNAPPING. "You'll be joining us, Enforcers," says Dr. Street, menacingly. Suddenly the Swat Kats swing down on bungee cords outside the window. Pointing their Glovatrixes they

shoot TURBO BLADES through the window glass, CRASHING an opening as they swing into the lab.

"Swat Kats!" buzzes Street. "Surprised to see us, bug-eyes?" asks T-Bone, pointing his Glovatrix. "We have unfinished business to settle!" grins Street, spewing cocoon stuff over T-Bone, then charging toward him, mandibles SNAPPING. Razor LEAPS IN with a "Hyaaah!" and karate kicks Street away from T-Bone. Then he RIPS through the cocoon with his claw, freeing T-Bone. "I hate this crud," says T-Bone, who REACTS as two insect/cons are ready to bite the captive Enforcers.

T-Bone and Razor race in to SMASH the insects away from the Enforcers. They pull the shelving off the pair, just as two more insects DROP IN. T-Bone and Razor swing around with the metal shelving as the mandibles BITE through, just missing them. With their other hands, they send Glovatrix BLASTS at the two insects. The pair fly backwards out the window. Dr. Street tosses some "HIGH EXPLOSIVE" beakers at the Swat Kats. They EXPLODE near our duo, who go flying, right into Felina and Taylor. Dr. Street grabs the beaker of Super-Katalyst 566 and sprouts wings as he FLAPS toward the open window.

The Swat Kats activate their Delta Bak-Paks and WHOOSH out the window after Street. In the lab, Felina and Taylor are ZAPPING laser fire at the remaining two insects. They scramble off. Felina points out the window toward Street and yells to the Swat Kats: "Don't let him get away!" "Don't

worry, Lieutenant. We'll hold him for you," says T-Bone, as our duo ZOOM past the Katseye News chopper, in pursuit of Ci-Kat-A/Street.

Several ENFORCER CHOPPERS appear in the sky to block Street's path. He SPEWS webbing on the choppers, gumming up their rotors as they veer off. We see Street fly down to a deserted warehouse roof, where the insect hands the Super-Katalyst to Dr. Viper. Razor REACTS: "Dr. Viper! So that's why the Ci-Kat-A was stealing Katalysts!" T-Bone nods: "Well, whaddaya know. Bug-eyes and snake-eyes are a slimeball team!" "Let's capture these doctors of doom!" says Razor, as he and T-Bone launch mini-spider missiles from their Glovatrixes. "I don't think so, Swat Kats!" hisses Dr. Viper, on the warehouse roof, as he launches some ACID GLOP from his fingers, melting the missiles. The Swat Kats veer to avoid the deadly stuff. "I've waited a long time for this, Swat Kats," buzzes Dr. Street, who flies up and sends his cocoon webbing toward the Swat Kats. Their Delta Bak-Pak intakes are covered with GLOP as their engines sputter. They start falling toward their doom, as the LAUGHING Viper disappears from the shadowy roof. Dr. Street flies off into the darkness.

The falling Swat Kats suddenly REACT to the sound of Felina's chopper. They point their Glovatrixes and LAUNCH grappling cables. They CLANG onto the chopper as the Swat Kats start to climb upward. Felina tells Taylor to hold the controls steady. His back is to her, shoulders shivering,

trembling hands touching his torn flight suit where he was scratched. He turns suddenly as we see he's now become a bug-eyed insect. His mandibles SNAP at Felina as she moves away. The teeth SNAP her seat belt as she dives out of the cockpit. T-Bone catches Felina around the waist as she drops out of the chopper. Now the threesome are hanging by cables as insect/Taylor LEANS out to SLICE them with his sharp claw. The trio drop as Taylor gives a BUZZING LAUGH.

"Max Bak-Pak thrusters, T-Bone! Maybe we can blow that glop out of our intakes!" shouts Razor, in free fall, as the duo hit their controls. With a WHOOSH, the Bak-Paks reignite, allowing our trio to avoid a crash. Taylor ZOOMS in toward the two Swat Kats (and Felina) chopper LASER GUNS BLASTING. The Swat Kats veers as they POP BUZZSAW BLADES from their Glovatrixes and LAUNCH them at the chopper. The blades BUZZSAW through the chopper rotor, severing it. Taylor REACTS as the chopper CRASHES into the swamp.

The Swat Kats are running out of Jet-Pak fuel as they ZOOM over to the Katseye News chopper, which has arrived. "Mind if we hitch a ride?" asks T-Bone as the trio land in the open doors of the chopper as Jonny keeps his camera on the new arrivals. "In exchange for an exclusive? You've got it!" says Ann, who proceeds to ask the trio what these insects wanted at Megakat Biochemical. "They're working with Dr. Viper...and that can only mean trouble," says Razor, as we DISSOLVE TO:

Dr. Viper's Lab. Night. A BUBBLING BEAKER as we PULL BACK to see Dr. Viper is mixing up a nasty looking formula. We see that there are now six insects with Viper. Taylor, still in his Enforcer outfit, has joined the bug-eyed crew. "My formula is complete. Soon Megakat City will be destroyed...and reborn as Viper City," hisses Dr. Viper. Dr. Street shakes his head. "I've repaid my debt, Viper, by bringing you that Katalyst. Now you're supposed to help me and my fellow Ci-Kat-A's to rule the world," insists Dr. Street. "Let's get one thing clear, Dr. Street...you bugs are working for me!" hisses Viper, SMASHING a beaker to the ground. It EXPLODES with billowing green gas. "Pleasant dreams! When you awaken, you will have metamorphosized into a whole new being!" snickers Viper as the bugs start to REACT, woozily. From Dr. Street's blurry POV, we see Dr. Viper SLINKING TOWARD CAMERA, holding an eye-dropper of formula. The SCREEN GOES BLACK, as we DISSOLVE TO:

THE SALVAGE YARD. We're CLOSE on Chance's spinning skate-blade wheels as we see Chance zoom by Jake, who's holding a radar speed gun. "120 miles an hour, buddy," yells Jake. "Yeah, and these blades ain't burnin' up! You did it, pal!" says Chance, who tries to stop, with SCREECHING brakes. SFX from the heel as he SLAMS into the garage wall, bouncing back into the dirt. "Now you just have to work on the brakes," groans Chance, as he brushes off some red ants from his arms. "Darn bugs," he mutters. Razor REACTS: "Speaking of bugs. I'm getting a little worried. There's

been no sign of Dr. Street since he and Viper disappeared weeks ago. Those two slimeballs have gotta be hatching something nasty." We CUT TO:

Viper's lab. CLOSE on six hanging cocoons - five white and one black. They start to CRACK open as Viper enters, grinning. The 'new' insects emerge from the cocoons. Street has become a black, armored scarab-type BEETLE. The other five bugs have become ten-foot, armored, white worm-like grubs. "Excellent, I have mutated you into perfect bugs for digging, Dr. Street. You and the armored larvae will now execute my plan...to totally contaminate Megakat City, turning it into a nuclear wasteland," grins Viper. "You have no choice. I have genetically altered you insects so you obey no one but me!" adds Viper. As the insects start for a drainage tunnel, we DISSOLVE TO:

A MEGAKAT CITY SUBWAY TUNNEL. A subway DRIVER REACTS horrified as the armored grubs DIG out of a side tunnel, right in front of him. They SPEW acid at the windshield, melting it as the train SCREECHES to a halt. PASSENGERS SCREAM as the bugs continue tunneling away from the train.

Up above, we see buildings start to collapse as the tunnels are dug beneath them. The Enforcers are helpless. The Swat Kats descend into the subway tunnel with their TURBOMOLE (See '94 "Caverns of Horror".) Following the slime trail of the grubs, the Swat Kats realize what the bugs are tunneling toward! The Three Mile Island-type Megakat Thermonuclear Plant on the shores of Megakat Bay.

The Swat Kats arrive underneath the lab, just in time to stop the bugs and Dr. Viper from completing their plan...which is to cause a meltdown that will render Megakat City uninhabitable. Then Viper City will rise from the ashes.

The acid-spewing grub worms manage to destroy the Turbomole, as the Swat Kats jump out, attempting to escape. The Dr. Street/beetle is busily DEVOURING NUCLEAR RODS as he gets bigger and bigger. Dr. Viper is there to lend a hand (and tail) as the Swat Kats try valiantly to stop the armor plated larvae. These mutated bugs are impervious to turbo-blades and even mini-Scrambler Missiles. Meltdown is imminent...unless the Swat Kats can find a way to flood the reactor with water from the Bay. Razor has an idea that just might work...but they have to be bug bait!

Viper orders the giant Scarab/Dr. Street to finish off the Swat Kats once and for all. Our taunting heroes have Street and the grub/bugs chasing them through the facility as they Max out their Turbo-roller blades to stay one step ahead. 200 miles per hour! And this time, the wheels don't go into meltdown, though Megakat City just might!

Razor and T-Bone lead the bugs into a cylindrical nuclear smokestack, ZOOMING up and around it on their skate-blades as they toss grenades over their shoulders to seal the bugs in. Then they BLOW a water valve, as Bay water floods in. Our heroes skate blade just ahead of the water, which rapidly fills the smokestack. The grub/bugs are

trapped. They can't swim...but the bigger, faster Scarab/Street is crawling right behind our kats, nipping at their tails. Daylight ahead as the Swat Kats roller-blade up and out the top of the smokestack, just as Felina (in a chopper) BLASTS the concrete walls of the structure. Tons of concrete FALL downward as the smokestack is capped, the debris trapping Dr. Street and the bugs in the water...to flail and drown!

"Unlike those stupid bugs, I can swim," hisses Viper, managing to snake through the open valve, fighting against the current as we see his tail disappear in the Bay.

The Swat Kats have saved the day, but T-Bone is more concerned about bragging that he won the roller-blade race up the stack. "I hope you're kidding, buddy," protests Razor. T-Bone points to the mandible scratches on the back of Razor's torn skates. "See, you were behind, buddy. Otherwise that big bug couldn't have chowed down on the back of your skates," smirks T-Bone. Razor points to the same bites on T-Bone's skates: "Oh yeah? Looks like he was gnarling on yours, too, pal!" Ann Gora reports on the saving of the city, as the Swat Kats walk right past her, still debating who came out first ("Maybe we can get an instant replay."), as we FADE OUT.

THE END (of the season!)