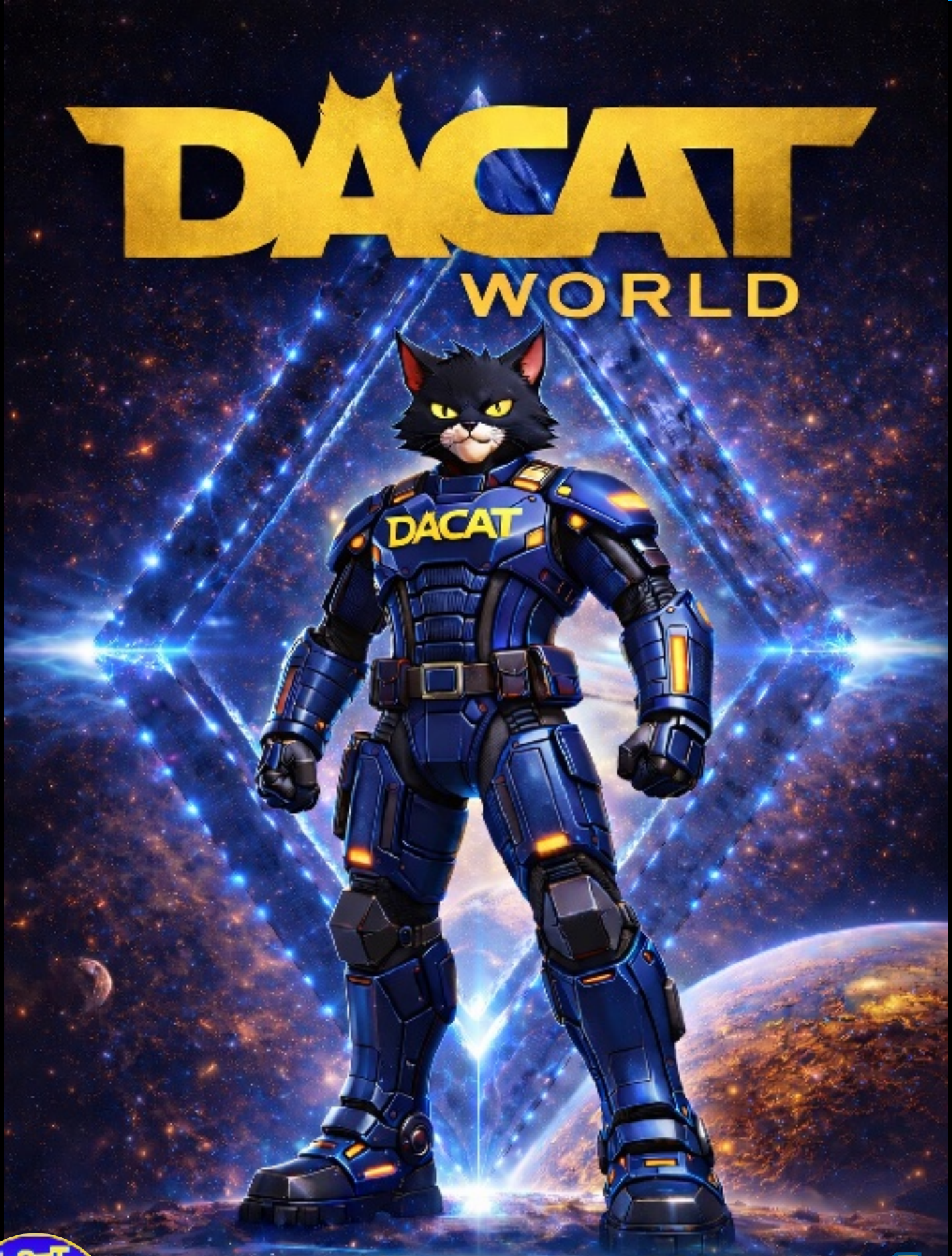
# DACAT WORLD




## ENTER THE CRYPTOSPHERE

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Who's with me?
I am. For our families!
You want our jobs?
Take them from our cold, dead, dirty paws!
We are here to support, not replace.
Sure, you are.

What do we call you bots anyway?
I am 333.
How about 3 for short?
But I'm 3.
I am sensing tremors.
I don't feel anything.
Stop all work immediately!

I don't take orders from bots!
KRAK!
It's collapsing!
It's these heavy metal monsters with all their stomping around!
Run!
Safety protocols initiated!
Replace us? Hell, they killed us!

Put me down 333! I have to help the others! They need me!
I must follow my programming.
Programming?
Fathers get saved first.
Or the company has to pay for their kid's college educations.

You're safe, Dad!

You can thank 333 for that, Dacat.

I got a second chance today.

I know you did.

And I'm using it to go to the Cryptosphere.

Targ, we talked about this. It's too risky.

I had a chance to be somebody once. I'm not missing it again.
You are somebody.
A husband, a father.
No one respects me.
They all just think I'm a dumb miner, but I have a dream, Celeste, to build something amazing!

I wanna give you and Dacat a better life than this.
Everything okay?
It's fine, Dacat. We're just talking about going on a little adventure.
Where to?
A whole new world.
LET'S GO!

Well, it was a nice farewell party.
Yes, but everyone thinks we're crazy for doing this.
We'll see what they say when we're richer than half the Catocracy.
Dad, the Etherian Gate!

There it is. The doorway to dreams.

Here we go!

Hold on tight, Dacat!

We're going so fast!
Before the Etherian Gate this trip would have taken a year. Now, hours.
Back then, only the crazy and the brave went to the Cryptosphere.
Don't forget the criminals.
Well, they all got rewarded for going.
Not always.
I see it!

Whoosh
We made it!
What's that orange glow, Dad?
The city of Bitcoinia. Some of the most expensive real estate in the galaxy.

And eight years ago it was all worthless.
You could have grabbed as much land as you wanted.
What are those?
Fighters!
Frogs and Dogs! Always squabbling.

We don't have to worry about that. Our land is peaceful. Nothing going on.

You can say that again.

Dad, what's our land called?

It doesn't have a name yet.

Targistan?
Celestia?
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Dacat World it is.
Delivery.
Want some free land? A gift to our first visitor.
Nope. Seen this movie before. Always ends the same way.

Dacat World Phase One is complete!
Looks amazing!
Now all we need are investors.
Where are they?
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At the convention.

You got Frog protection?
There are no Frogs way out there.
There will be. Sorry, but I'm not investing in a future Frog Town.
How can I compete with these hyped up other cities? Not one sale today. None.
BUY NOW!
This can't get any worse.
Pass, I look at it and I'm just bored, bro.

When will the sandstorm stop?

I don't know.

They're just hungry.

No buys again.

That was close.

STOP!

Happy 8th Birthday, Dacat!
My wish is that Dacat World will be the greatest city in the whole galaxy.
He's the only one that still believes in the dream.
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I got a Catbot!
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Happy Birthday!
Hi Nana!
It's bad.
But we can't quit.
My parents are worried about Dacat.

Dad, we have visitors! Maybe they're investors.
They're not investors!
Frog Empire patrol ship.
Stay inside.
We are searching for Dog Dynasty saboteurs.
We're just settlers.
I see you have mining equipment.

Are you a trained geologist by chance?
No, but if it comes out of the ground, I can tell you about it.
Splendid. The Frog Empire has conquered so much, we are looking for experts like yourself to analyze what we have. Interested in joining?
You don't have to be a frog. All are welcome in the Frog Empire.
I can't right now.
Perhaps in the future then.

Frogs are ruthless. They'll be back. You have to take Dacat and stay with your parents until things are safe again.
Targ, no!
It's the only way.
We can't leave you!
If I go, we could lose everything.
Just keep Dacat safe, promise me that.
I will.
I'm so sorry I did this to our family.

I want to stay and help you build Dacat World.
No.
Your Mom needs you.
I'll go, but I promise you, Dad, I'll return.
I know you will, Dacat.
I know you will.

WAR!
Frog Empire attacks Dog Dynasty
News alert, Dacat.
Call Dad!
Dacat, I'm fine.
I'm scared for you, Dad.
Don't be worried. When this war ends and it's safe, you and your mom can come back. I've been discovering amazing things lately, Dacat.
What things?
I can't say on here, but I sent some to a friend to learn more.

It's been too long.

Fishing is about patience.

No, Dad hasn't called in a week.

Mom, I think something is wrong with Dad.

No signs of him anywhere.

What is your best theory?

He was exploring and got hurt.

Or worse.

Dad!

Autopilot, take me to Dacat World, fast!

Dacat, stop!

I've hired the best investigators.

Dad needs me!

There's a war! It's too dangerous for us!

Dacat World was our dream. I said I would return to help him build it.
Your father wants you to be safe. That's his dream. That's how you can help him.
I can't risk losing you, too, Dacat.
I promise you, they'll find your father.

We found him.

Thank you. I'll be right there.

He was hiding in a cargo freighter heading for the Cryptosphere.

Sorry for all of this.

Offered me land in Dacat World. Which could have been a bribe, if it was actually worth anything.

What were you thinking? You could be in jail right now!

But Dacat World is the greatest investment in the galaxy. It would be criminal not to tell him about it.

I tried to keep you safe, Dacat, but...

If you wanna go to Dacat World, fine, but you have to pass a test first.

I just want to find out what happened to Dad.

I shouldn't have to pass a test for that.

Can I help you?
You're the best fighter here?
Six time champ.
Dacat, if you can defeat him, I'll give you the keys to the spaceship and sign over all of Dacat World.
Ready to quit?
No, I'm going to...
Not today!
Dacat World.

Are you Lou?
Maybe.
Can you teach my son about how cons and scams work?
You want your son to be a con artist?
No, he's gonna be surrounded by them. Educate him!
Fine. Step 1: Promise people they'll get rich.
Step 2: Take their money.

Do you know how many outlawed weapons were smuggled to the Cryptosphere during the war?
Frogs and Dogs have a peace treaty now.
Still a death trap. Don't go.
If I lose, I have to invest in Dacat World? Keep dreaming, kid!
Scared?
Give it up, Dacat. You don't have what it takes. Never will.
I got this.
MARKETING
Push harder!

Keep grinding.
Job's not done.
Forget all this Cryptosphere nonsense. You could have your own crew one day. And the right crew can build anything.
Thanks, but I have my plan.
Two years and you still can't beat me.
But I can beat everyone else!

Your dad wanted to go when they first discovered it.
What stopped him?
You did. In your mom's belly. He would have been so rich, but a newborn never would have survived the trip to the Cryptosphere.
What happened to the robot that saved my dad?
Same thing that happened to us. Company replaced them with newer models. Probably in a junkyard now.

Why do you want a broken-down old robot?
I wanna use parts of it to make a survival suit.
333
Found you.
You up for one more mission 333?
Just need a few more mods.

THWACK
Get up!
There's nothing holding you back anymore.
There's one thing.
I can take care of myself, Dacat. Go live your dream.
Today's the day, Dacat. You won.

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There were a lot more people saying goodbye to me when I was a kid.
GOOD LUCK!
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Because you spent your life trying to make customers instead of friends.
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Promise me you'll change that now.
I will.
He's proud of you, Dacat. So proud.

Let's go!
Dacat, you there?
Not for long. Hey, don't forget, you lost a bet.
I'm not investing in the Cryptosphere.
But I will invest in you, Dacat. Good luck, friend.

I'm coming back, Dad. The dream lives on.
The dream of Dacat World.

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