## MANJU'S MAGIC WISHES

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## **Chapter One**

It was Mum's birthday. Manju wanted to give Mum a present. Cumin, Manju's cat, agreed.

Manju checked the toy box. "How about this crocodile?" she asked.

"Maybe the elephant? Perhaps the robot?"



Cumin wasn't sure about any of those. He sprinted into Grandma's room. Manju followed.



"We shouldn't be in here," she whispered, "while Grandma is away on holiday." *Cats are allowed everywhere*, thought Cumin.



Manju looked on the bed and under the bed. She checked on the table and under the table. But she couldn't find Cumin. Then suddenly Cumin sprang on top of Grandma's cupboard.

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"Don't do that," said Manju. But it was too late.