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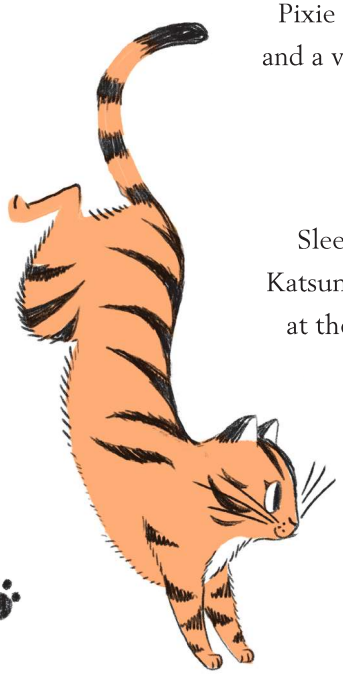


Figaro

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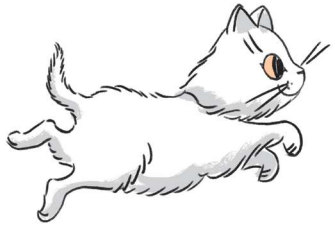
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For Marvin, spreader of joy and lover of cucumber - J.L.

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Chapter 1

‘Have you brought your new hamster home yet?’ Kitty asked her friend, Emily.

They were sitting in the dining hall at school, having lunch together. Emily took a spoonful of strawberry yoghurt,

her eyes bright with excitement. 'We fetched him from the animal shelter yesterday. He has the softest white fur you can imagine and when he curls up to go to sleep he looks like a little ball of fluff! He sleeps a lot actually.'



Kitty smiled. She knew how wonderful it was to have a special animal to look after. Pumpkin, her stripy ginger kitten, was more like her best friend than her pet. She had rescued him from a clock tower when he was little and he had lived with her family ever since.

'I'm calling him Marvin,' Emily added.

Kitty finished her apple juice and closed her lunchbox. 'I'd love to meet him. He sounds adorable!'

'I'll ask my mum if you can come

round,' Emily said eagerly. Then her face fell. 'But it can't be this weekend because we're going to visit my gran and we won't be back till Sunday night. I'm a bit worried about leaving Marvin actually. My parents have said I can leave him with plenty of food so he won't go hungry, but what if he gets lonely? And what if he runs out of cucumber? It's his favourite food.'



'Why don't I visit him while you're away?' said Kitty. 'Then I can give him extra cucumber.'

'That would be great!' said Emily, cheering up.

'I'll have to ask my mum and dad, but I'm sure they won't mind. They love animals.' Kitty smiled as they headed for the playground. There was a special reason that her family liked animals so much.

Kitty, her mum, and her little brother all had cat-like superpowers. Kitty could run and jump and balance



just like a cat. She also had super powered hearing and brilliant night vision. Best of all, she could talk to animals and understand what they said. She was still training to be a superhero, but she was always looking for a chance to help others even if it was just offering extra cucumber!

'Emily's house is the one with the pink rose bush,' said Kitty, leading her dad and her little brother, Max, down the street the next day.

Her mum and dad had agreed that she could help out with the hamster and Emily's parents had dropped off the house keys that morning. Kitty opened the gate and ran up the path to Emily's front door.

'We'll stay downstairs,' Dad told Kitty, as he unlocked the door. 'Take your time and check that the hamster has everything he needs.'

'Thanks, Dad!' Kitty ran to the fridge and took out a box of cucumber sticks. Then she ran lightly up the stairs.

Kitty had been to Emily's house lots of times but she'd never met Marvin before. The little hamster was running inside his wheel, his tiny feet pattering up and down.

Kitty crouched beside his cage and smiled. 'Hello, Marvin. My name's Kitty and I've come to look after you while Emily's away.'





Marvin didn't stop to look at Kitty. The wheel squeaked as he ran.

'I'm going to change your food and water,' Kitty added. 'Then maybe you'd like some cucumber?' She opened the little hatch to the cage and changed the food. Then she took out the water bottle and refilled that too. Finally, she opened the box of cucumber and placed a few sticks inside the cage.

'Will that be enough?' she asked Marvin. 'Emily didn't say how much you eat.'

Marvin didn't turn round or prick up his ears. He just went on running. Kitty frowned. It seemed odd that Marvin was exercising so much when Emily had talked about how sleepy he was. Maybe he was worried about being left by himself?

She crouched down by the cage again. 'Listen, everything will be all right!' she said



gently. 'Emily will be back really soon.'

Marvin's feet pattered on the little wheel.

'She's only away till tomorrow evening,' Kitty tried again. 'I know she loves looking after you.'



Marvin made no reply. His whiskers quivered as he ran. He had a glazed look as he stared through the window straight ahead.

Kitty watched him, uncertainly. She felt sure something was wrong. 'Are you OK? If there's something else you need I can fetch it for you.'

She was wondering what else to say when Dad called up the stairs. 'Is everything all right, Kitty?'

'I'm coming.' Kitty rubbed her cheek worriedly. Then she picked up

the cucumber box. She couldn't force Marvin to talk if he didn't want to. 'Bye Marvin, I hope you enjoy your cucumber.' She took one last look at the hamster before heading downstairs.

'I'm hungry! Can we have pizza for lunch?' Max asked Dad as they left.

'Maybe,' said Dad. 'Would you like that too, Kitty?'

Kitty nodded but she wasn't really listening properly. She was thinking about Marvin. With her super hearing, she could still hear the hamster's wheel spinning as they walked away down the street.

