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Chapter One

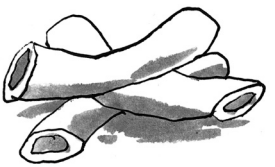
Rigatoni loved pasta.

Rigatoni was a cat.

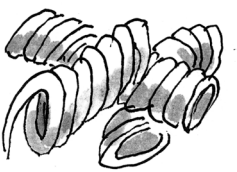
Rigatoni was a cat who loved pasta.

He loved spaghetti.

He loved penne.

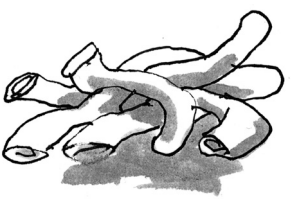


He loved fusilli.



He loved linguini.

He loved ziti.



He loved vermicelli.

Rigatoni loved pasta.

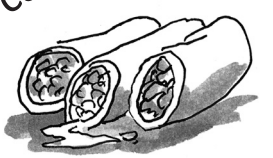
He loved any kind of pasta no matter how it was served up:

with pesto

in soup

in lasagne

in cannelloni



with tomato sauce

any whichever way he got it.

Rigatoni was very lucky.

He was looked after by Ruth and Tina. They made sure that Rigatoni got some spaghetti, penne, fusilli, linguini, ziti or vermicelli every day. At least once every day.

If by some tiny chance, come five o'clock Ruth or Tina hadn't remembered Rigatoni's pasta, Rigatoni had a special pasta miaow to remind them. It was longer and deeper, as if he was saying,

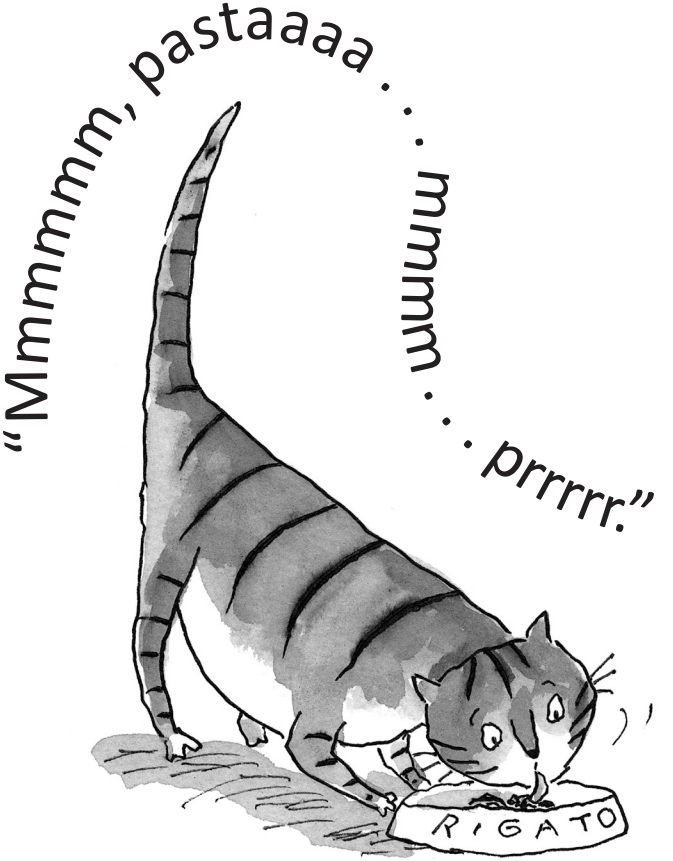
"Pastaaaaaaaa!"

And when Rigatoni said,

“Pastaaaaaa!”

either Ruth or Tina jumped to it and quickly put some pasta on the stove.

Then, when they dished it up in Rigatoni's special pasta dish, they would listen to Rigatoni making noises that meant he was loving it:



This is how it was.

Day after day in Rigatoni's home.

And his favourite place on the cushion on the sofa.

Until . . . until . . .

Until, what?

Until, one day Ruth and Tina had to go away.

Oh no!