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An unlikely
furry friendship!

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To my mum, my first and best flatmate

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Meet Cat and Dumpling. Cat is a cat. Dumpling is a dog. Cat likes knitting; Dumpling likes gardening. Cat likes cunning plans; Dumpling likes a quiet life. They are very different, like radishes and raincoats.

And this is the story of how they ended up having a very Unquiet Day . . .





Cat and Dumpling were having a Quiet Day in the garden. The sun was bright and warm, and Dumpling was busy with some of his favourite gardening jobs. For Dumpling, Quiet Days were perfect days.

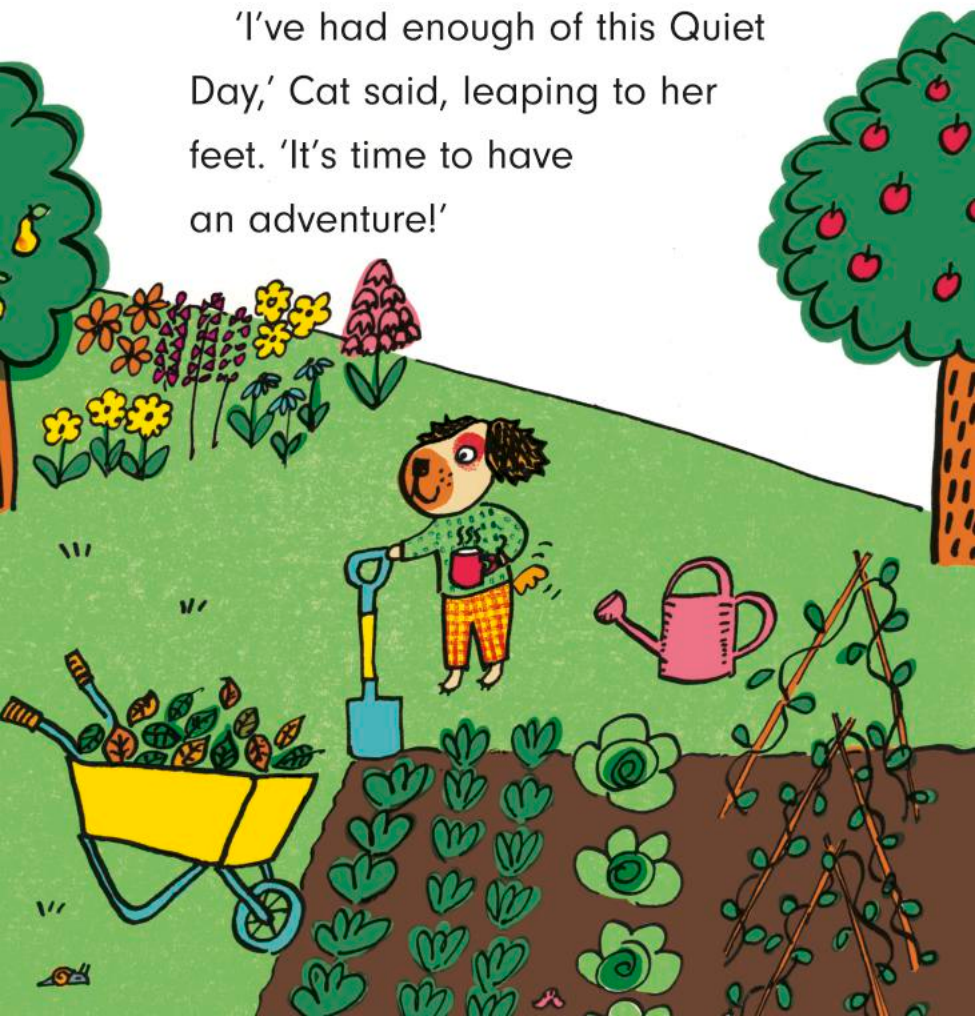
Cat was sitting in a pool of sunlight, knitting some bunting. Dumpling knew that Cat usually preferred busy, exciting, out-and-about days. So he was pleased that she was enjoying the Quiet Day as much as he was.

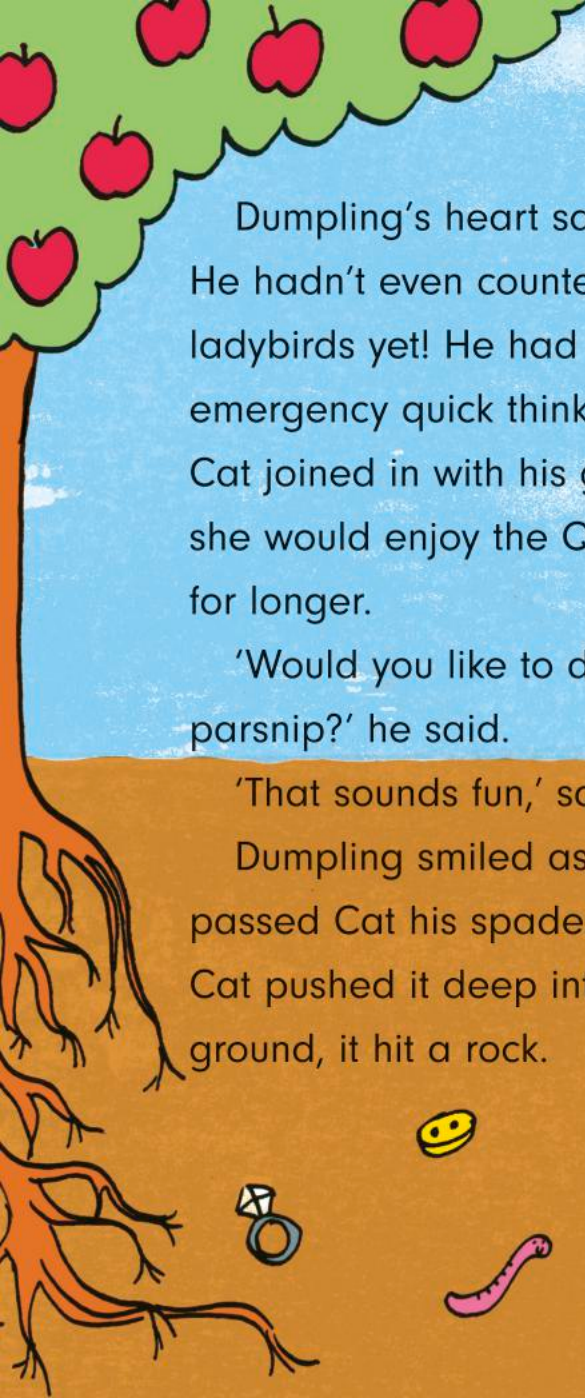




But Dumpling should have known that Cat being quiet couldn't last for long . . .

'I've had enough of this Quiet Day,' Cat said, leaping to her feet. 'It's time to have an adventure!'





Dumpling's heart sank.
He hadn't even counted the
ladybirds yet! He had an
emergency quick think. Maybe if
Cat joined in with his gardening,
she would enjoy the Quiet Day
for longer.

'Would you like to dig up a
parsnip?' he said.

'That sounds fun,' said Cat.
Dumpling smiled as he
passed Cat his spade. But as
Cat pushed it deep into the
ground, it hit a rock.





The handle broke clean off.
Dumpling sighed. So much for
the Quiet Day!

