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Figaro

Excitable and ready for adventure, Figaro knows the neighbourhood like the back of his paw.

Diggory

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Katsumi

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To little botanists everywhere - J.L.

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Chapter 1

'Is it bedtime yet, Kitty?'

Pumpkin asked sleepily.

The stripy ginger kitten was curled up on Kitty's pillow, already half-asleep.

'It will be soon, but I'm not tired at all!' Kitty gazed out of the window at the

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moon rising above the rooftops.

Sometimes, when the moon shone very brightly, Kitty fizzed with energy even though it was bedtime! Jumping up, she turned a perfect cartwheel across her bedroom. Then she flipped three somersaults and landed on the bed.

Kitty had a special secret that only a few people knew. She had cat-like superpowers just like her mum and she could run, leap, and climb as easily as a cat! She also had amazing senses, and her super hearing and night vision were very handy for adventures in the dark. Best of all, she could talk to animals, and her cat crew often helped her on important missions. It wasn't always easy being a superhero-in-training, but Kitty loved it!

Mum came in and sat down beside Kitty.

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'Are you ready for a bedtime story?' she asked, giving Kitty a hug.

'I thought Dad was reading to me this time?' said Kitty in surprise.

Just then Kitty's little brother, Max, rushed past the door.

'No, I DON'T want my teeth brushed!' he yelled.

'Max, slow down! We have to brush them at bedtime,' said Dad, hurrying after him.

'I think your dad has his hands full!' said Mum. 'So what shall we read tonight?'

Kitty went to her bookcase and pulled out a book called *Fantastic Flowers*. 'Let's have this one. I love the pictures!'

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'It's a great book,' agreed Mum. 'It has so much information in it.'

The book cover was filled with bright flowers and the pages inside showed lots of rare plants and where to find them. Pumpkin sat up so he could see the pictures too. Kitty and Mum read all about speckled slipper orchids, black bat flowers, and bright-red fire lilies. Kitty gazed in amazement at the strange and beautiful flowers with their odd names. Finally, she started to feel sleepy.

'I hope I can see them in real life one day,' she said, yawning.

'Maybe you will!' Mum closed the book and tucked in Kitty's blanket. 'Goodnight, honey! Sleep well!'

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'Night, Mum! Night, Pumpkin!' Kitty stroked Pumpkin's ears before snuggling down in bed.

Pumpkin yawned and curled up on Kitty's pillow again.

Mum kissed Kitty one more time before heading out to begin her evening of superhero work. Kitty closed her eyes. It was amazing having a mum with superpowers, but Kitty loved doing ordinary things best of all, like reading books together.

Kitty woke up a little later and heard a muffled meowing outside the window. For a moment she wondered if she was dreaming. Then she spotted two cats perched on the windowsill outside. Figaro had a black-and-white tail and long whiskers, while Katsumi had a smooth honey-coloured coat. The meowing grew louder and Figaro tapped on the glass with his paw.

'Who's there?' said Pumpkin sleepily.

Kitty jumped out of bed and ran to

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'Hi, Figaro! Hi, Katsumi! Did you come to say hello?' she asked.

'We're sorry to wake you up, Kitty,' sighed Katsumi. 'Figaro thinks there's an emergency.'

'There IS an emergency!' cried Figaro. 'SOMEONE stole my silver comb and I want to know who took it!'

'Maybe there's a new thief in Hallam City!' said Pumpkin, round-eyed.

'Where did you last see it?' asked Kitty.

'I took it with me on a prowl to the

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park today. I always like to look my best and I knew I might need it to keep my fur neat!' Figaro smoothed his whiskers.

'What happened then? Did someone grab it and run away?' Kitty asked.

'Oh no! I didn't actually SEE the thief,' Figaro explained. 'I walked past the library and the botanical gardens where they're having that rare flowers exhibition, and by the time I'd got to the park it had vanished completely!'

'Are you sure someone took it?' said Kitty.

Figaro nodded. 'SOMEONE must have stolen it! And they must be super sneaky!'

'I still think you just dropped it,' said Katsumi sensibly. 'We could go back and check along the path.'

'That sounds like a good idea,' agreed Kitty. 'Wait a second! What did you say about a rare flowers exhibition?'

'They're showing off rare plants from around the world at the botanical

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gardens,' Katsumi explained. 'And the star of the show is a super shiny plant called a moonflower!'

'Ooh, I think that one's in my book!' said Kitty.

Dashing to her bookcase, she pulled out her *Fantastic Flowers* book again. Leafing through the pages, she found a picture of the moonflower. It looked really magical with three large white petals that glowed brightly in the moonlight.

'It says it only blooms at night-time and its glow reflects the moon,' said Kitty.

'It looks beautiful!' meowed Pumpkin, who'd padded over to look.

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