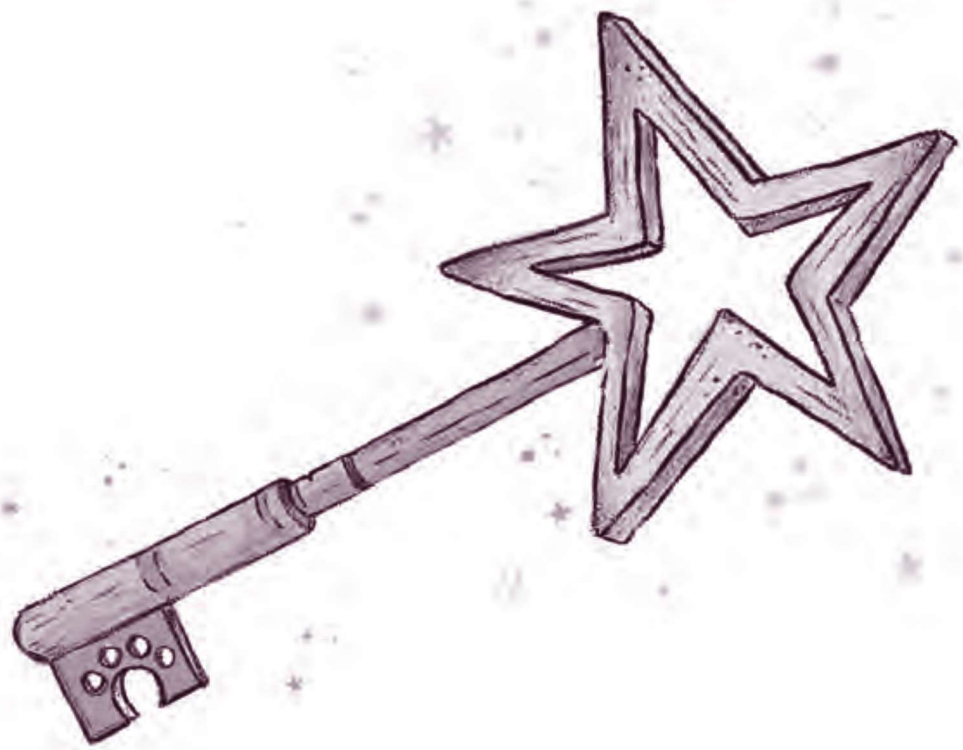
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Way up high ~ times three, times four ~
You might spot the planet of Whiskery Paw,
There's ONE way to get there,
of that I am sure,
With a magical key through a secret door!

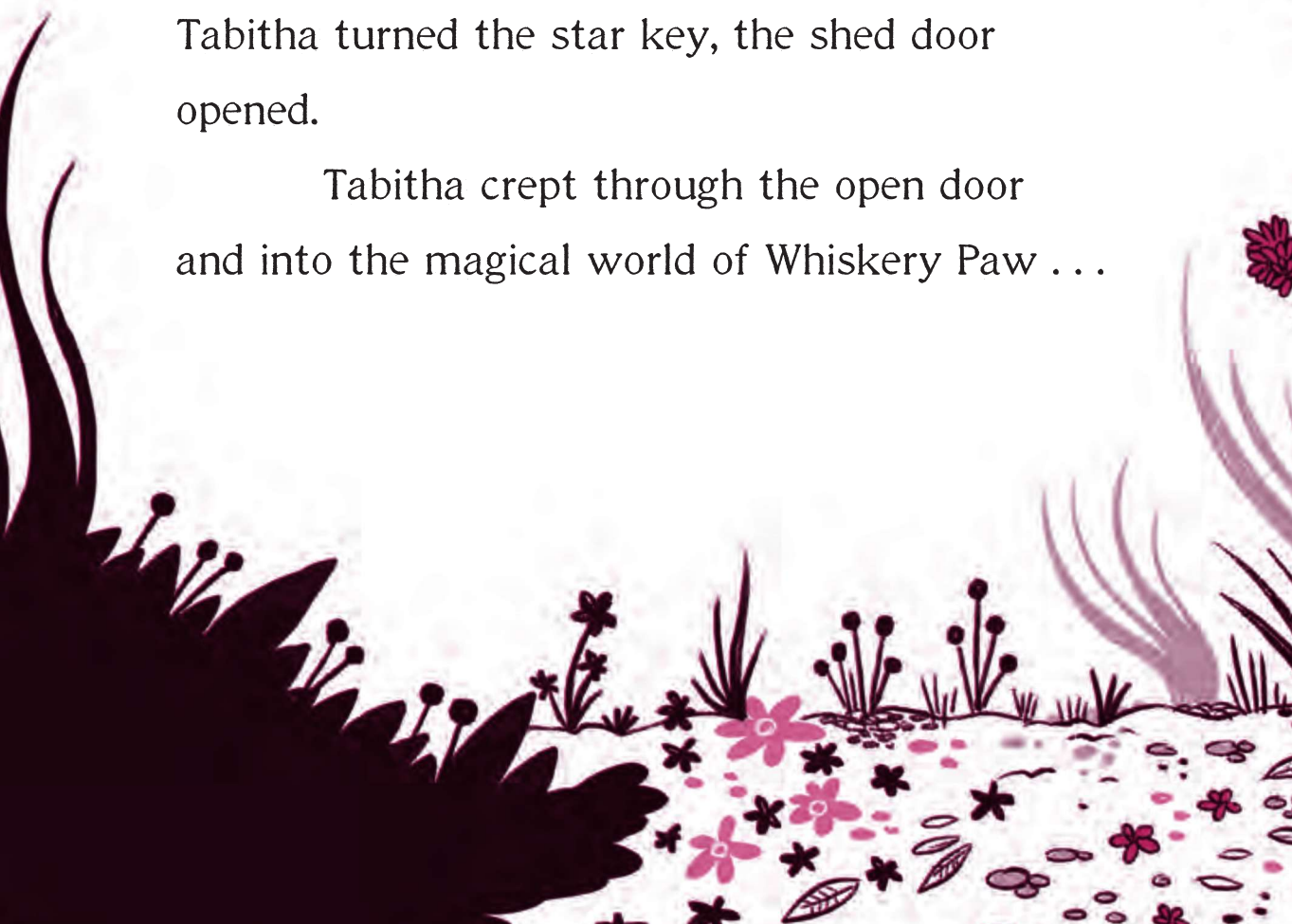




The garden of number twenty-five Whiskery Way held a very big secret. And this very big secret was tucked inside a tiny shed with the shape of a star carved into its door.

One day, Tabitha Flair found a star-shaped key hidden among the flowers. And when Tabitha turned the star key, the shed door opened.

Tabitha crept through the open door and into the magical world of Whiskery Paw . . .





home to the . . .



Star kitties!







CHAPTER 1: A SWOOSH AND A SWISH AND A GLITTERY SPARKLE

Most people love Friday because it's the beginning of the weekend. But for Tabitha Flair, Friday was extra special. It was the day of the week that she visited the magical world of Whiskery Paw!

This particular Friday, Tabitha was sitting at the kitchen table, doodling pictures of cats in her school notebook. She was

MEANT to be doing her homework, but she couldn't think of anything to write.

Her teacher, Miss Digweed, had asked the class to write a short story. Tabitha loved to make up stories, but today she was a bit stuck for inspiration. It was a very hot day and Tabitha was quite sure all her ideas had simply MELTED out of her brain!

'Sorry, Miss Digweed, I couldn't finish my homework because all my ideas melted,' Tabitha practised saying out loud, before giggling at the thought of explaining that to her teacher.

Tabitha tapped her pencil on her chin, twiddled her hair and took a sip of cold orange juice. She walked around the table at least five times, hoping that would get some ideas flowing. Then she skipped and hopped and danced around the kitchen. But still,

the ideas did not come. She was well and truly STUCK!

Tabitha slumped back down on to her chair, picked up her pencil and doodled some more. Cats ALWAYS made her feel better.

'That's it!' cried Tabitha out loud, jumping to her feet. 'I need to go to Whiskery Paw!'

There was no better place to find bundles of inspiration. The Star Kitties loved any opportunity to help Tabitha. Surely they'd be able to help her with her story?

A few months ago, the Star Kitties had been very helpful with a school collage project. Tabitha had put together the most magnificent masterpiece, using colourful paper from Artist Kitty Von Splatt's studio, scraps of patterned fabric from Fashion Kitty Claudelius La Frock's latest creations, and leftover strands of colourful wool from the

Fields of Thread, where the Star Kitties loved to play. Miss Digweed had been so impressed that she gave Tabitha THREE gold stars – and a lollipop!



But sometimes the Star Kitties weren't quite so helpful . . .

Once Tabitha had asked Professor Dib-Dab the Inventor Kitty for some top tips for her school science fair. But he had been more interested in stealing her left sock than giving her advice.

When Tabitha asked him why he wanted her sock so much, he'd simply said, 'That information is classified.' He was a strange little kitty sometimes.

After a last swig of juice, Tabitha closed her notebook. She'd made her decision! She would finish her homework after an inspirational visit to Whiskery Paw. She'd come back with lots of story ideas - and still have PLENTY of time to write the BEST story ever.

No matter how long Tabitha spent in Whiskery Paw, no time passed in the real world! It was truly magical.

Feeling hopeful and excited, Tabitha skipped into the garden. It was SO hot outside in the summer sunshine! Was the weather this warm in Whiskery Paw, too?

Beside the little shed at the bottom of the garden, Tabitha lifted the plant pot to find the star-shaped key she kept hidden there. She turned the key in the lock. Every time she visited Whiskery Paw, she arrived in a completely different place!

With a CLICK, the shed door opened.





Then with a SWOOSH and a SWISH and a GLITTERY SPARKLE . . . Tabitha was back in the wonderful world of the Star Kitties!