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To my dear friend, Magdalen Russell – J.D.

For D.P.D., my wonderful sister – J.B.

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This is Puss Jekyll

Pet of the house.

Hear her purr

As she grooms

Her fur,

Or curls

On my lap

For a nap.

Furry, purry puss.

So tame, I think

She is almost

One of

Us.

Now comes Cat Hyde

Scourge of the mouse.

Hear her howl

On her midnight

Prowl.

See her crouch

Then pounce

All fang and claw,

See the poor little

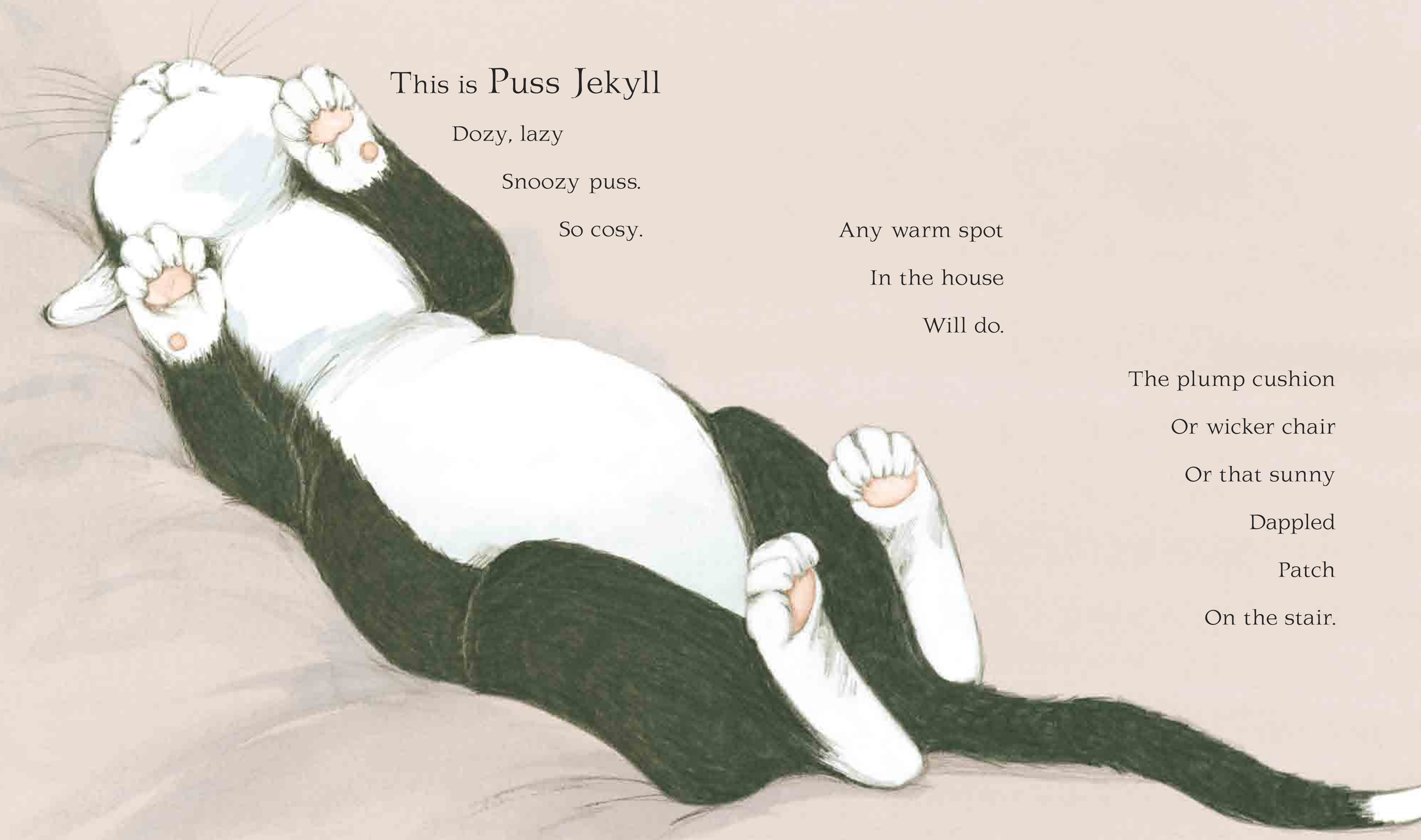
House mouse

Dangling

From her

Jaw.





This is Puss Jekyll

Dozy, lazy

Snoozy puss.

So cosy.

Any warm spot

In the house

Will do.

The plump cushion

Or wicker chair

Or that sunny

Dappled

Patch

On the stair.

Now comes Cat Hyde

Ears pricked

Eyes wide.

Piercing

The dark

So stark

Scaring

Daring.

Oh she can outglare

The barefaced moon

The owl

Or the fox

In his lair.



Puss Jekyll, Cat Hyde

One cat, two names

One wild, one tame.

Come the night

She changes faces

Casting off

Her daytime graces.

Who is to blame

That my dear little

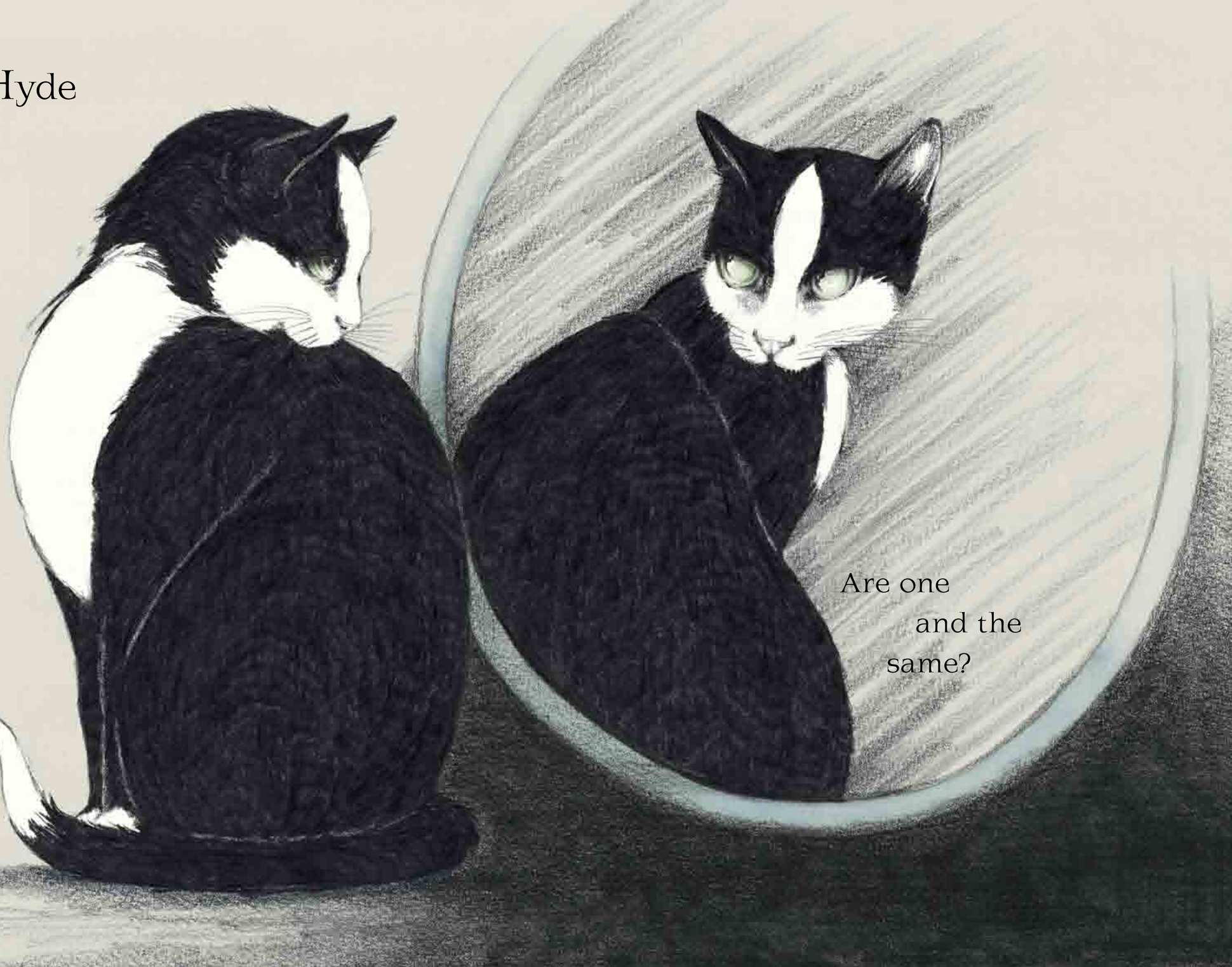
Kittikins

And this lynx-like

Minx-like

Sphynx-like

Deceiver . . .



Are one
and the
same?