

KIDS VS CATS

HOW TO & NOT TO PLAY WITH CATS



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FOREWORD

This story started during a meeting, when we were all talking fondly about our childhood memories.

As the conversation digressed the topic of pets came up. We realised a strange pattern... None of us really had any clue on how to properly treat our pets growing up.

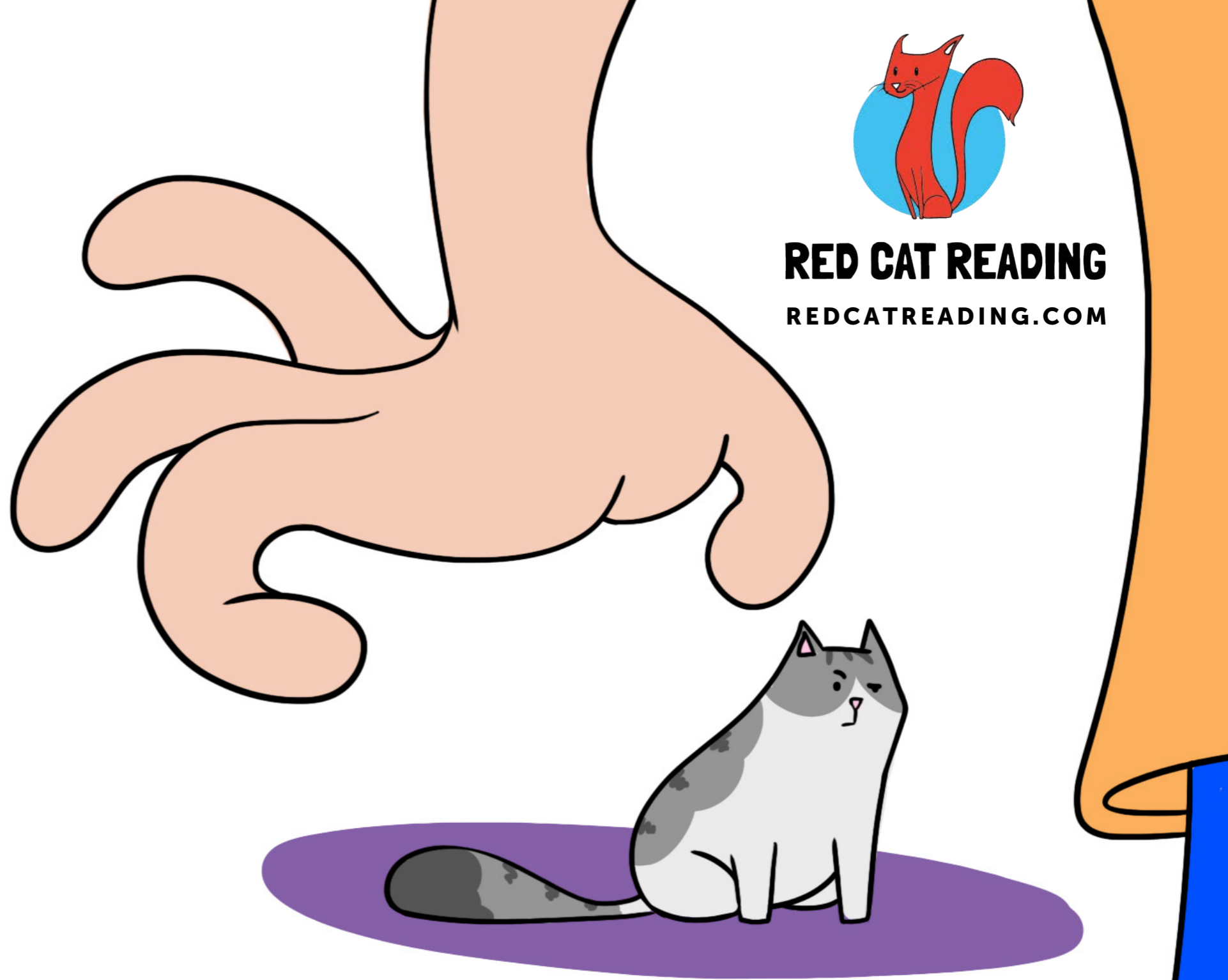
All of our stories ended with a lot of bandages and time outs.

After a few particularly peculiar stories, the idea dawned on us...

We decided to create a story to teach children the importance of respecting cats.

This story is aimed at very young children whose conscience and understanding of right and wrong isn't fully developed yet. Of course, it can be enjoyed by all. This story has really helped my children understand the importance of not only not harming but protecting their little friends and playing nice.

I hope that this story will be useful to you and your family.



Rules to Prevent a Cat-astrophe...

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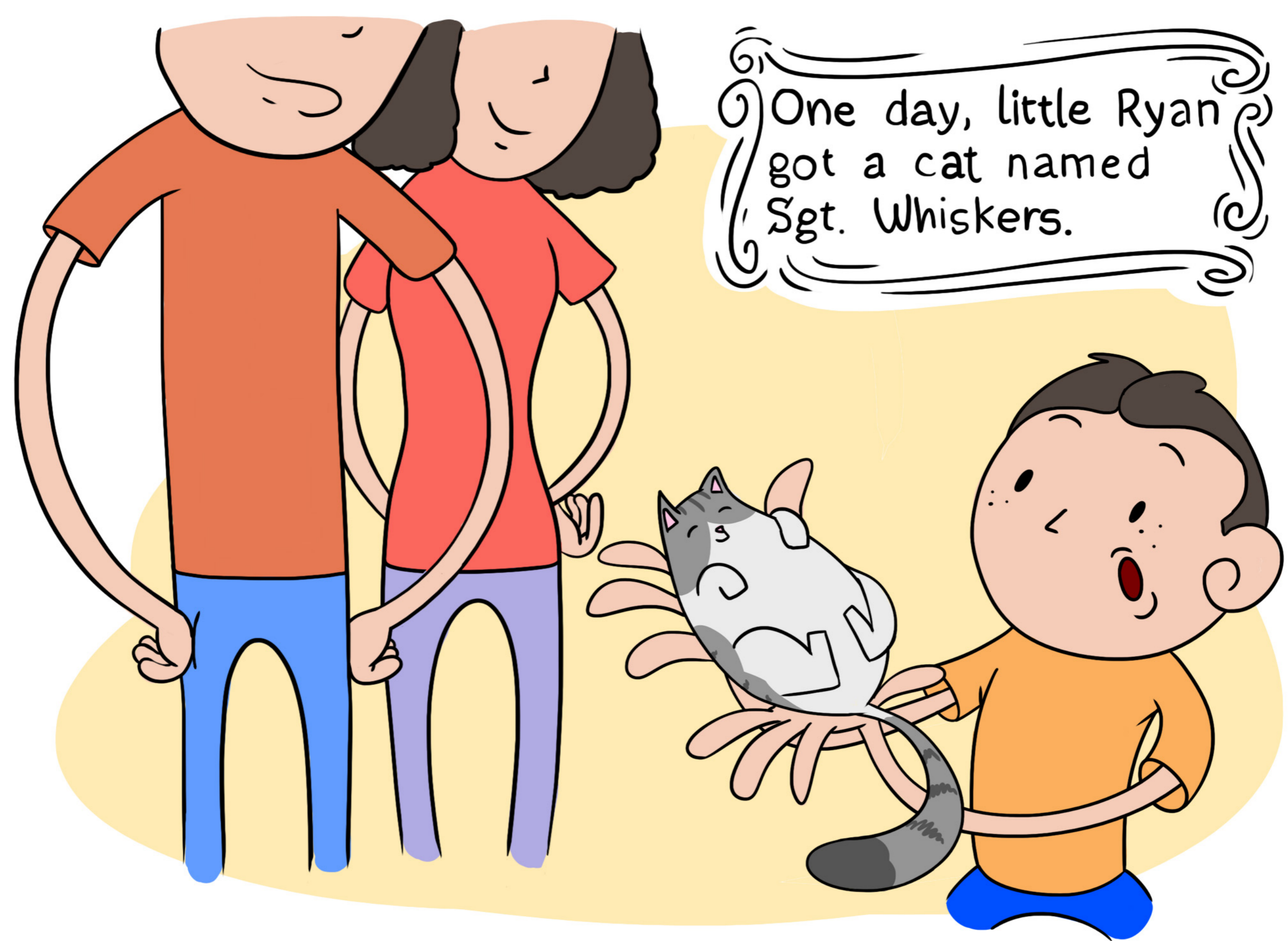
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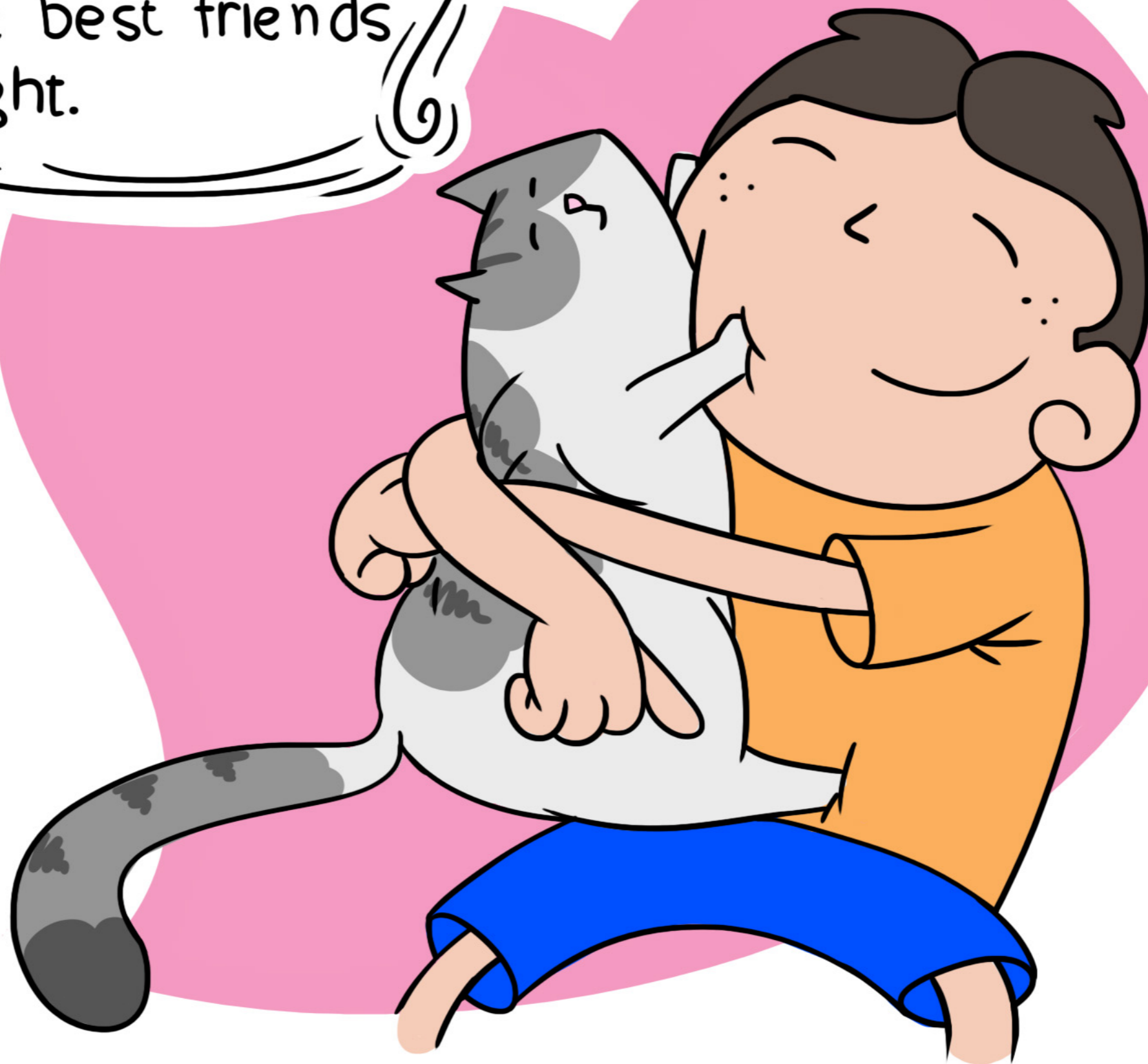


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One day, little Ryan got a cat named Sgt. Whiskers.



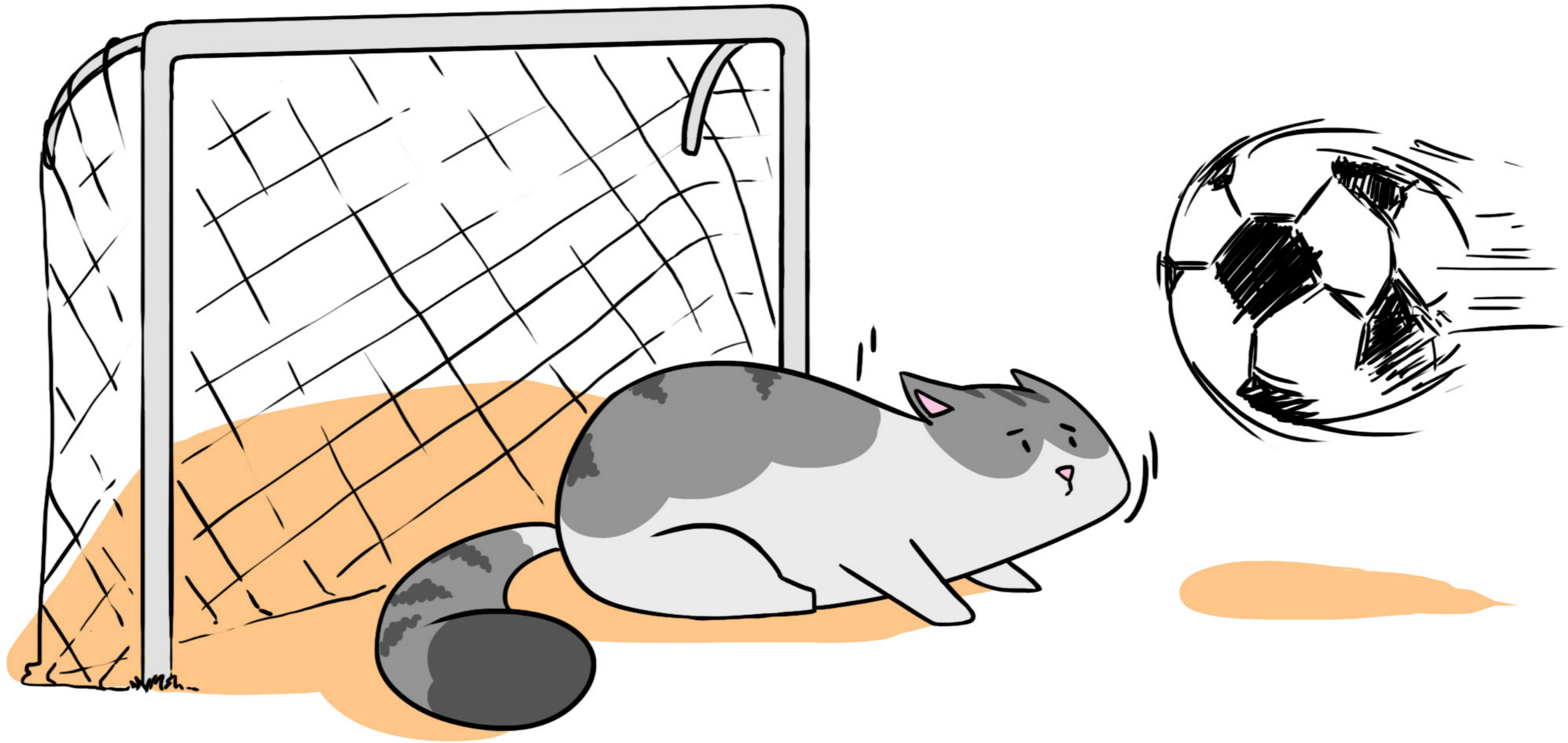
Sgt. Whiskers and little Ryan were best friends at first sight.

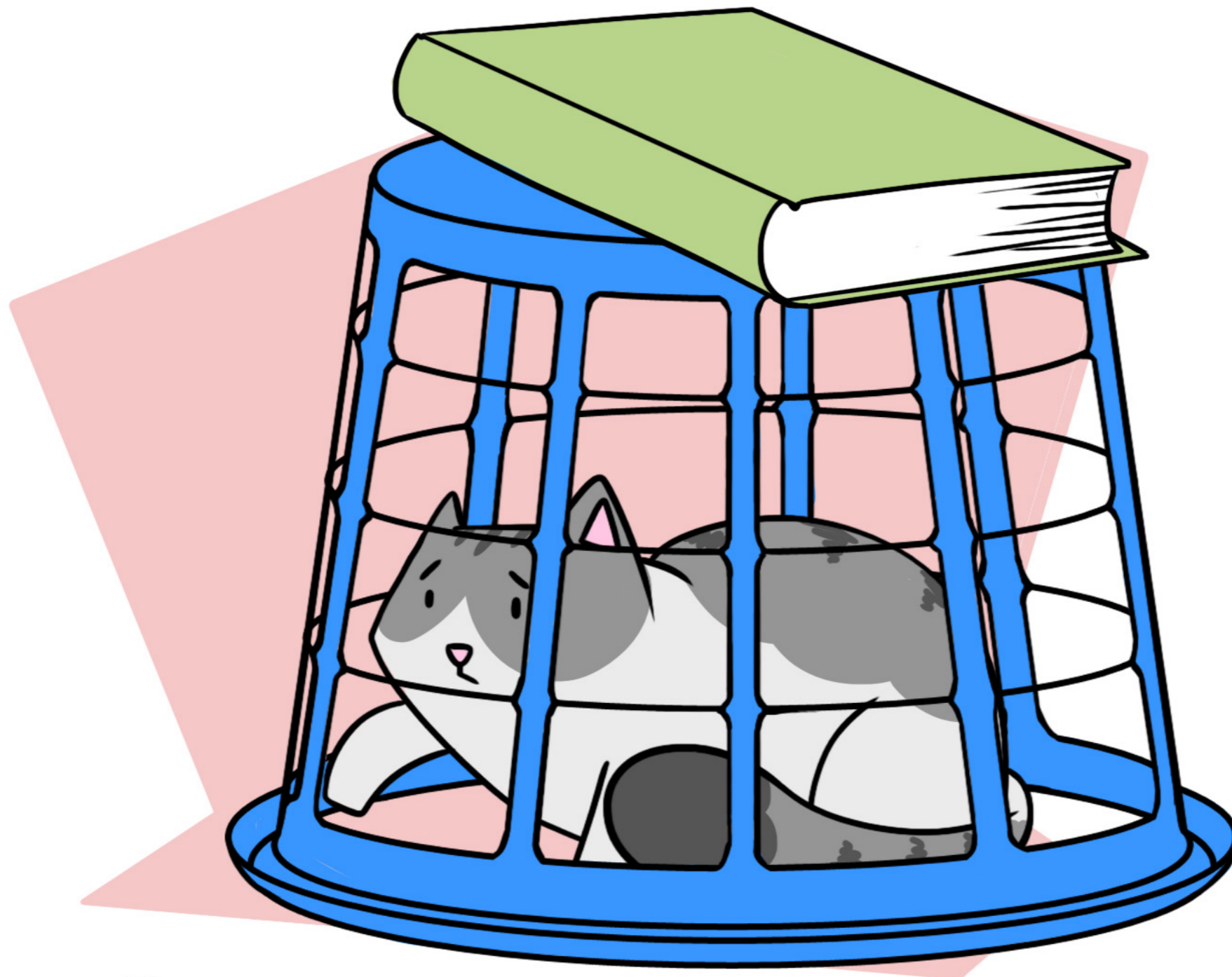


Little Ryan was excited to play with his new best friend!



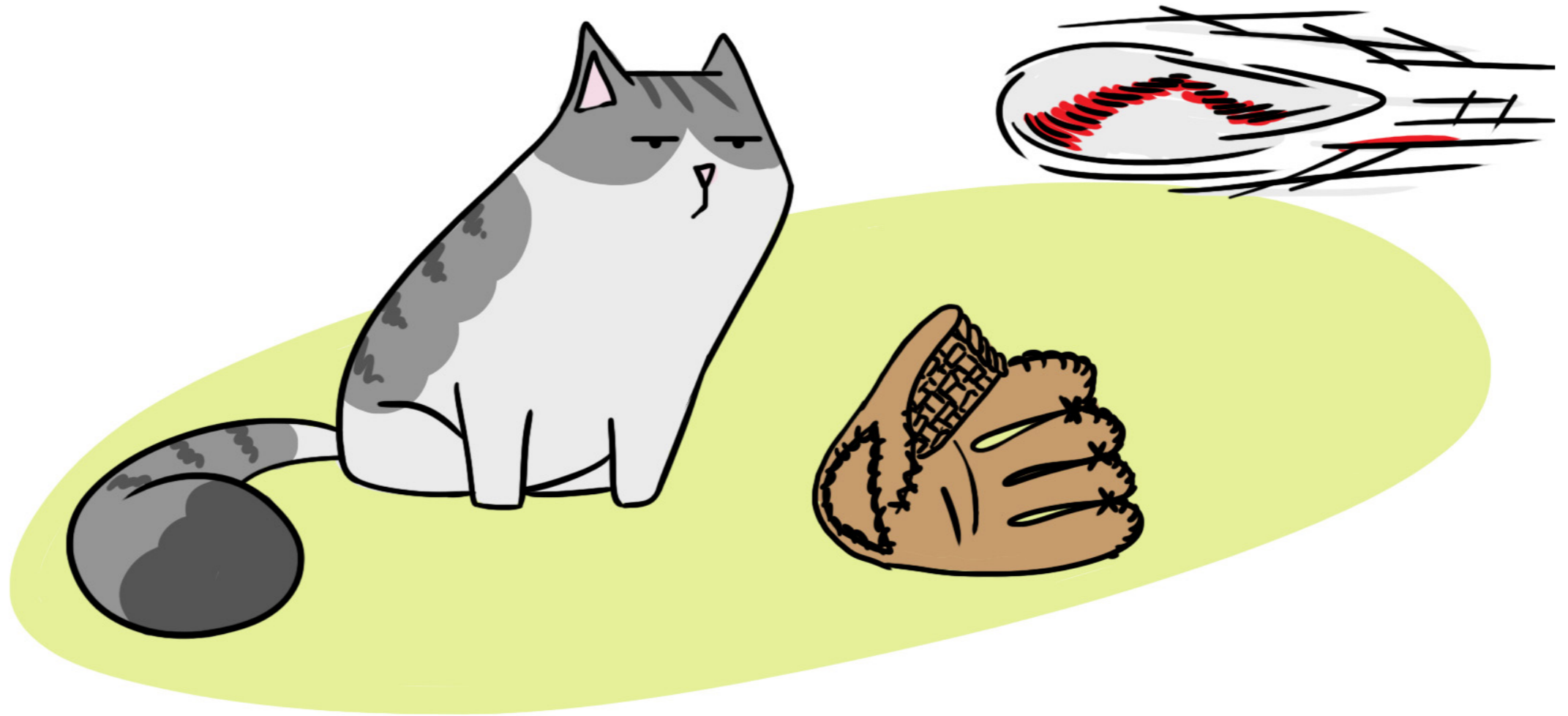
Little Ryan loved to play soccer,
but Sgt. Whiskers didn't.





Little Ryan liked to play cops and robbers, but Sgt. Whiskers didn't.

Little Ryan loved to play catch, but Sgt. Whiskers couldn't.

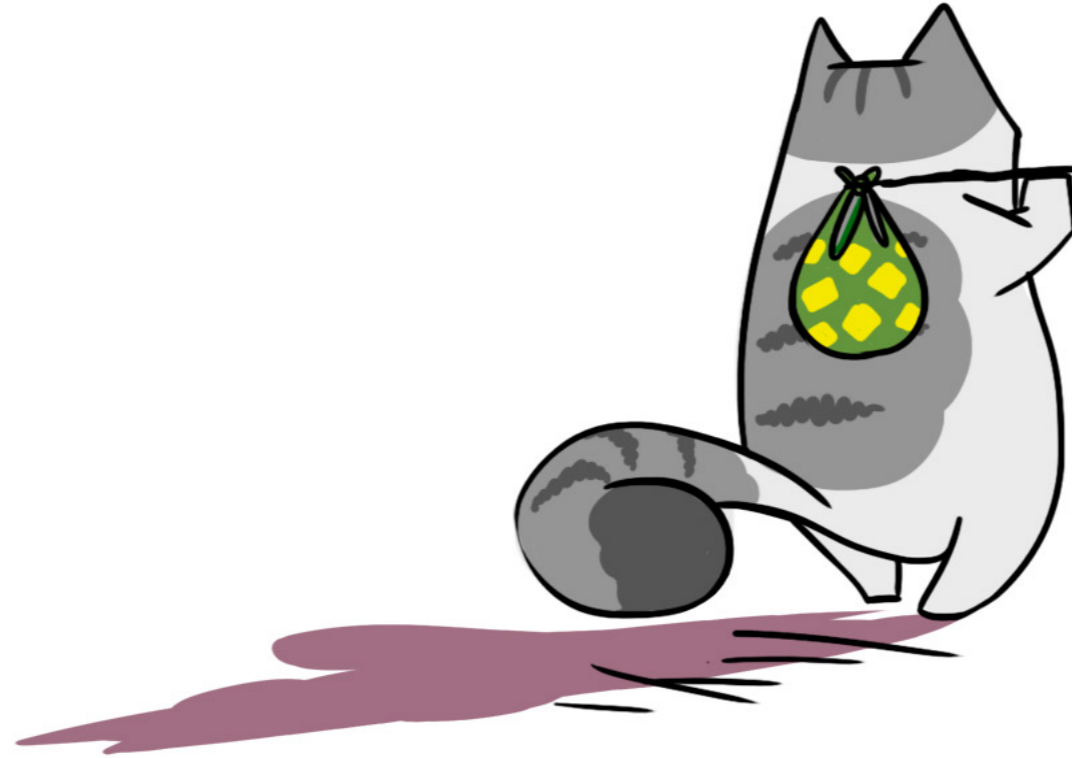




Little Ryan liked to play
safari hunt, but
Sgt. Whiskers didn't.

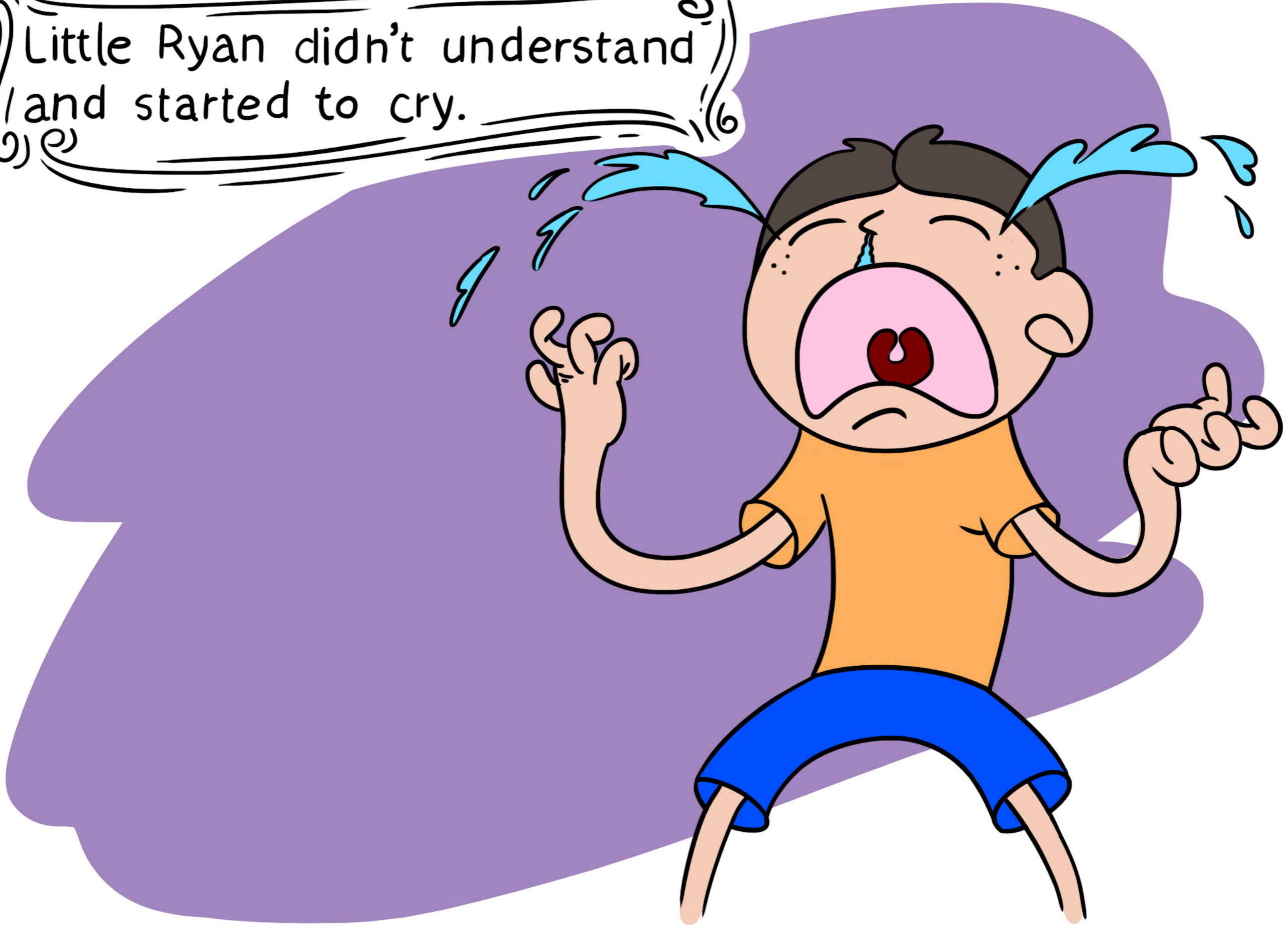


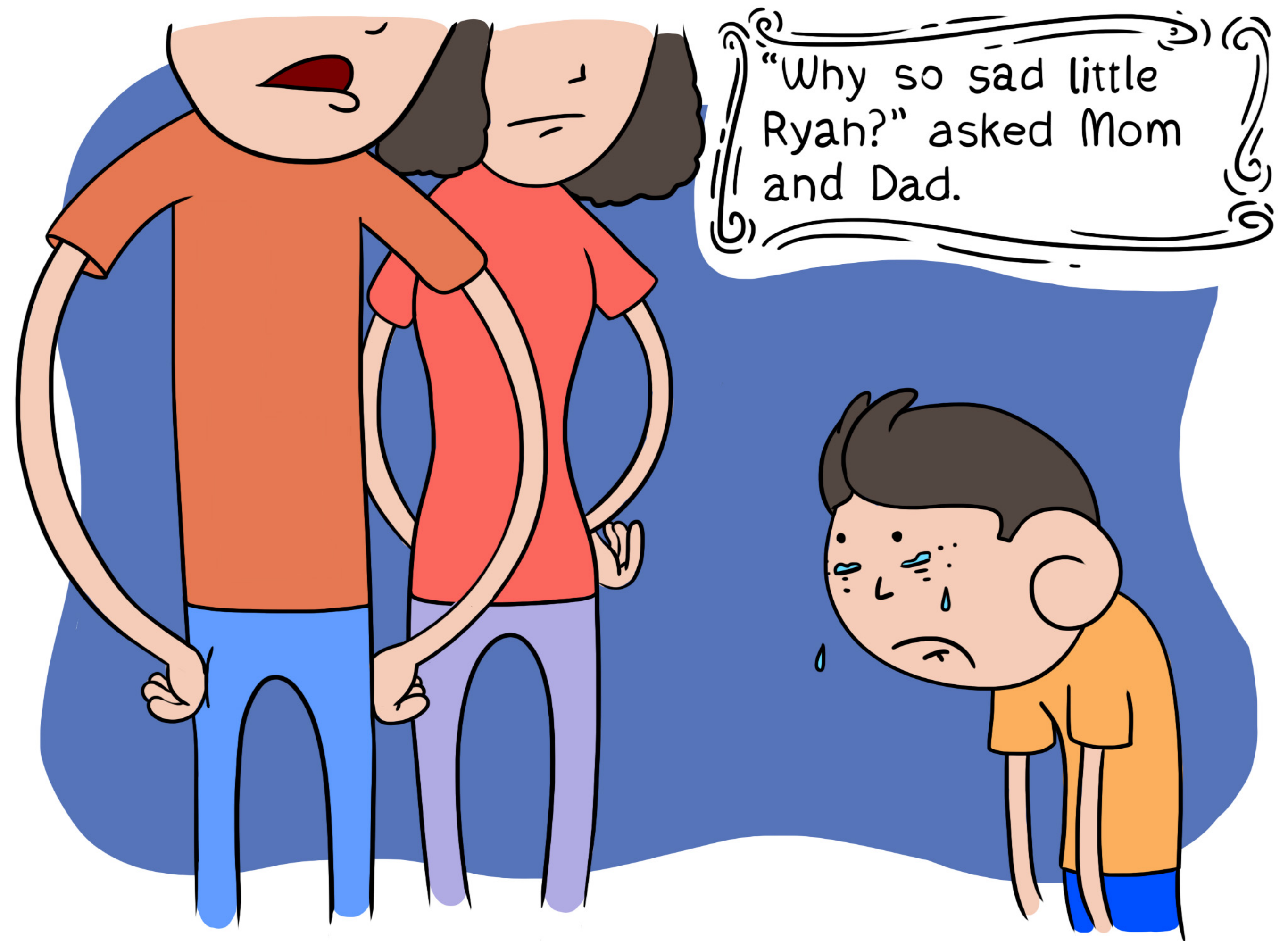
Sgt. Whiskers didn't want to play with little Ryan anymore!



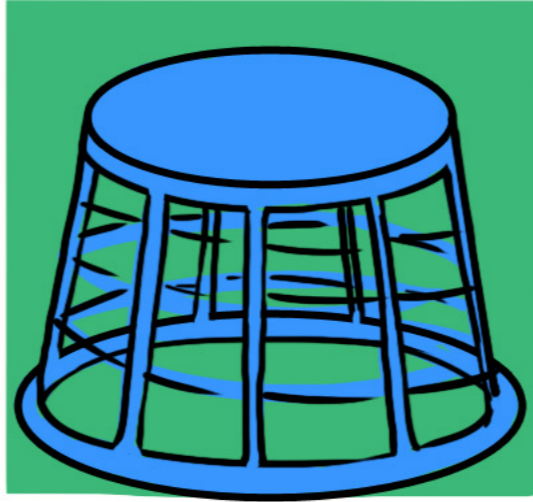
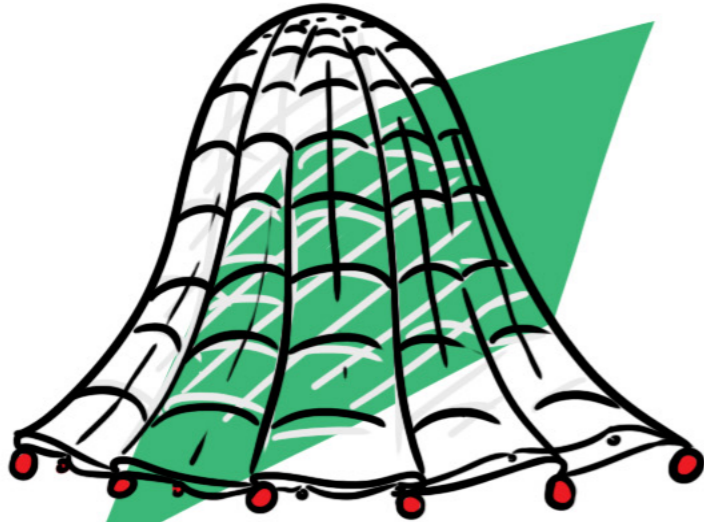
So one day, Sgt. Whiskers went away.

Little Ryan didn't understand
and started to cry.





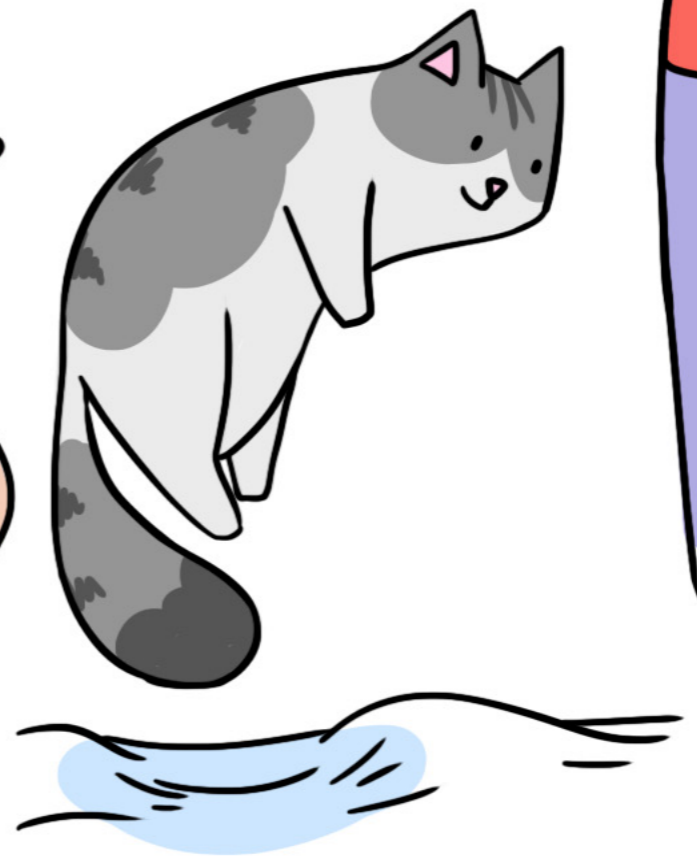
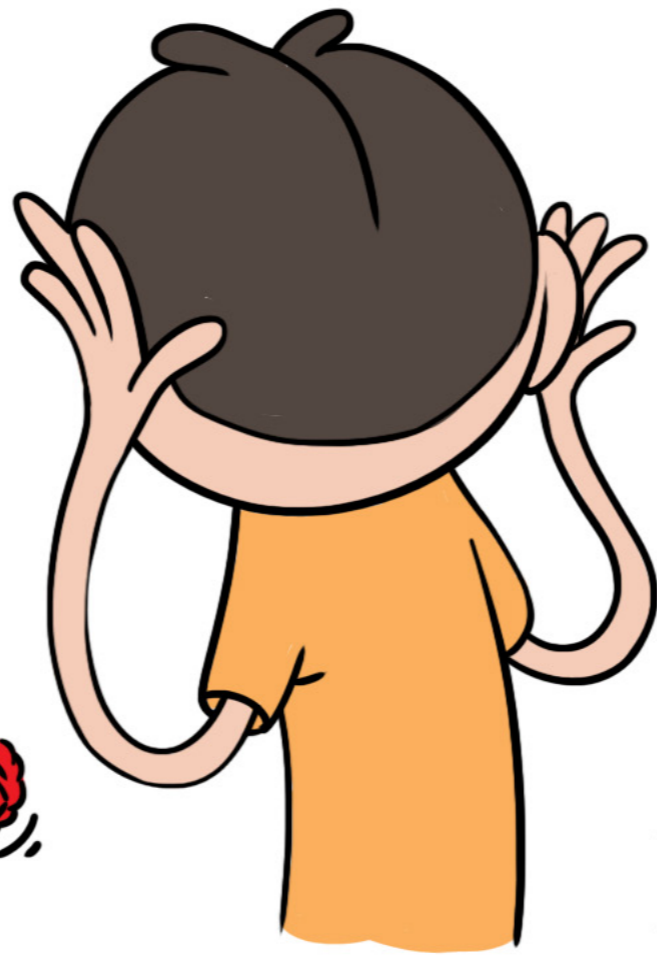
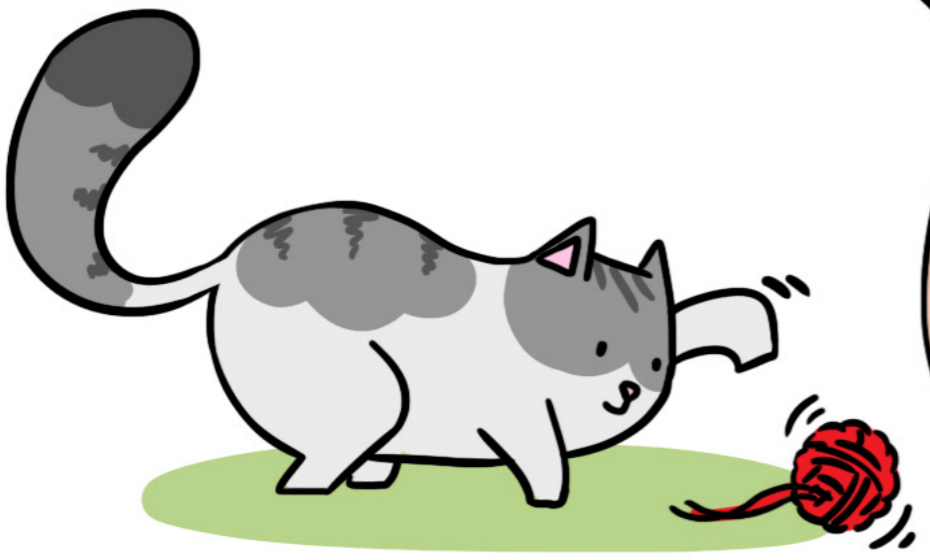
"Why so sad little Ryan?" asked Mom and Dad.



Little Ryan told them
about the games he
tried to play with
Sgt. Whiskers.



"Cats don't play that way, little Ryan. Sgt. Whiskers likes games like these!"

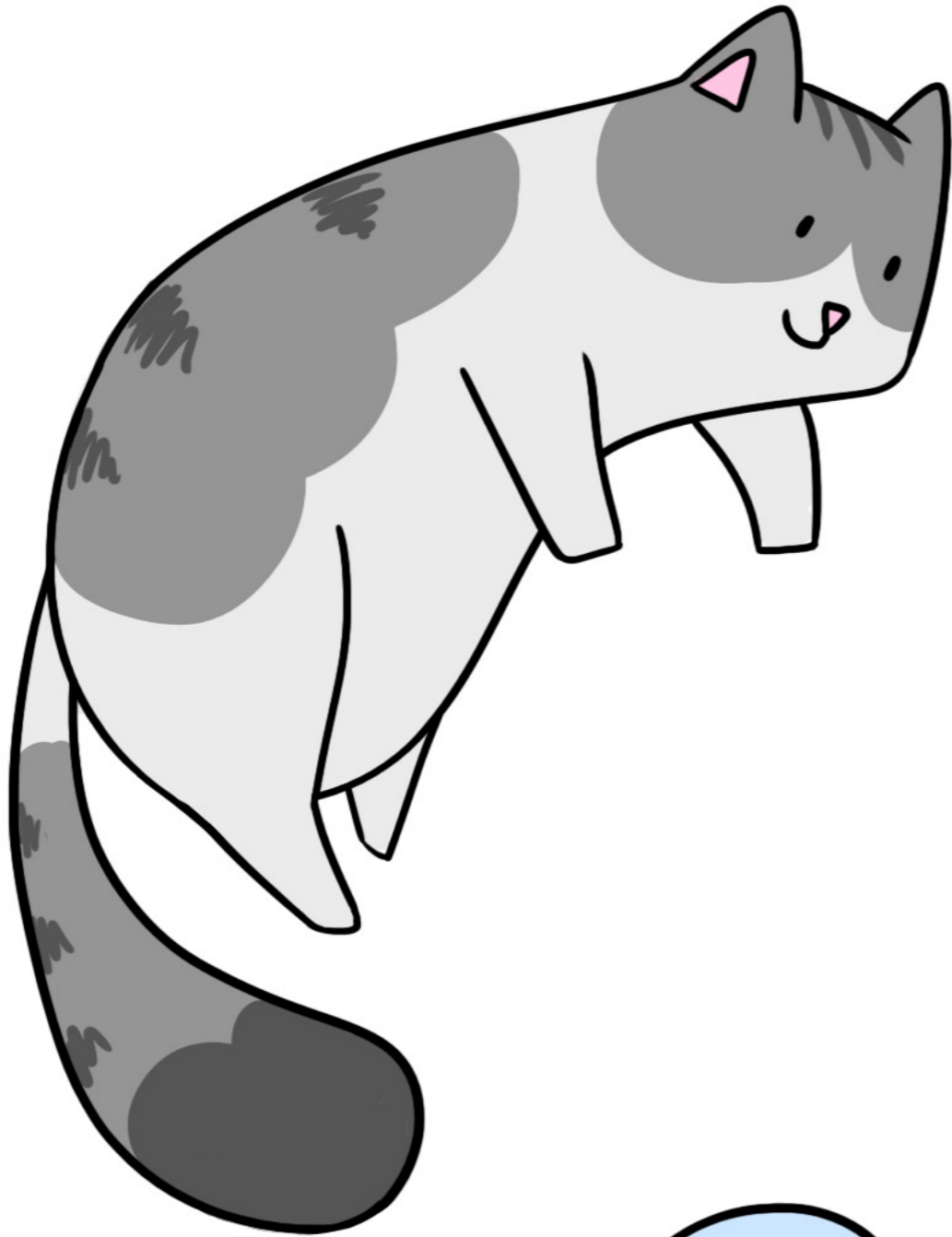




"Leaping games, where cats jump in the air chasing feathers you shake."

"Hide-and-seeek games, where cats wait and spy for something to go by."



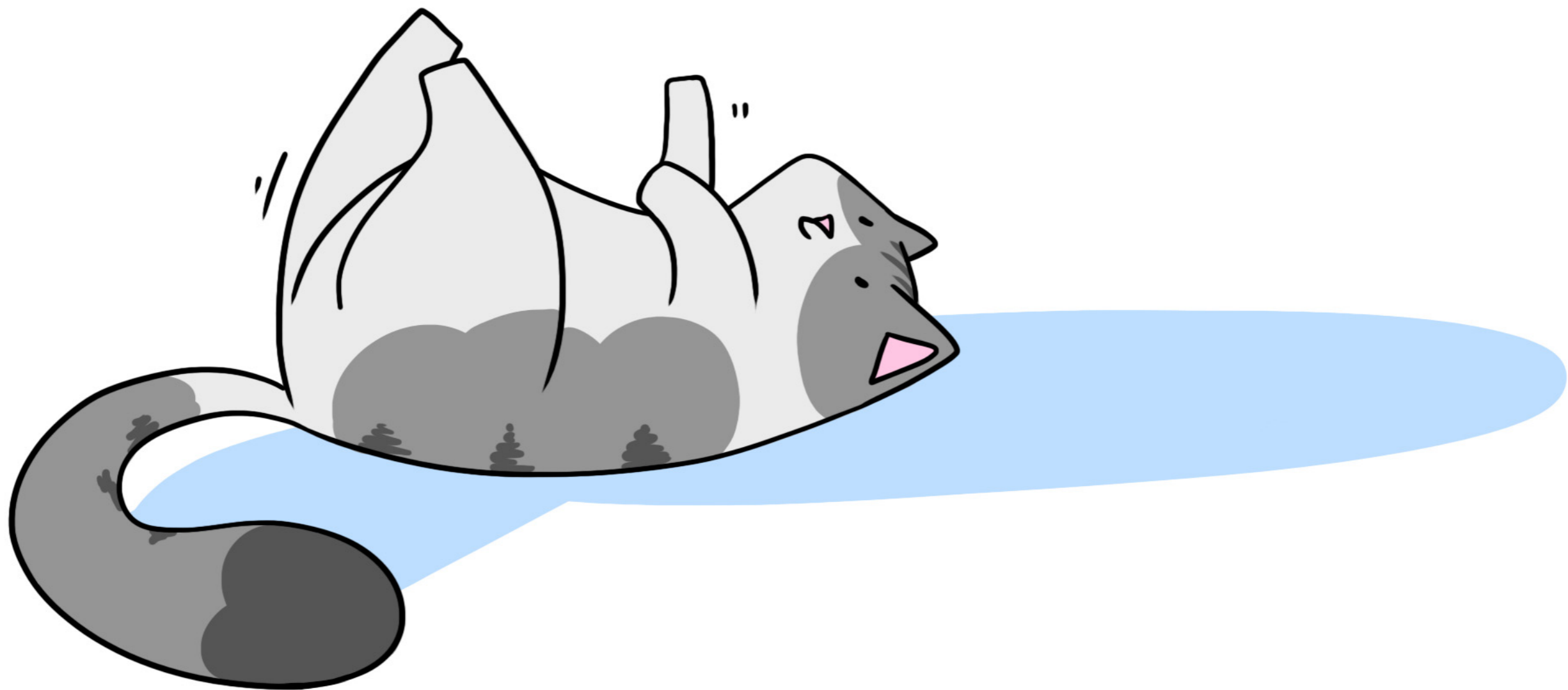


"Bouncy-pouncy games, where cats jump and paw at things moving under the covers."





"Tangle-and-tug
games, where cats
pull and paw at
balls of yarn."



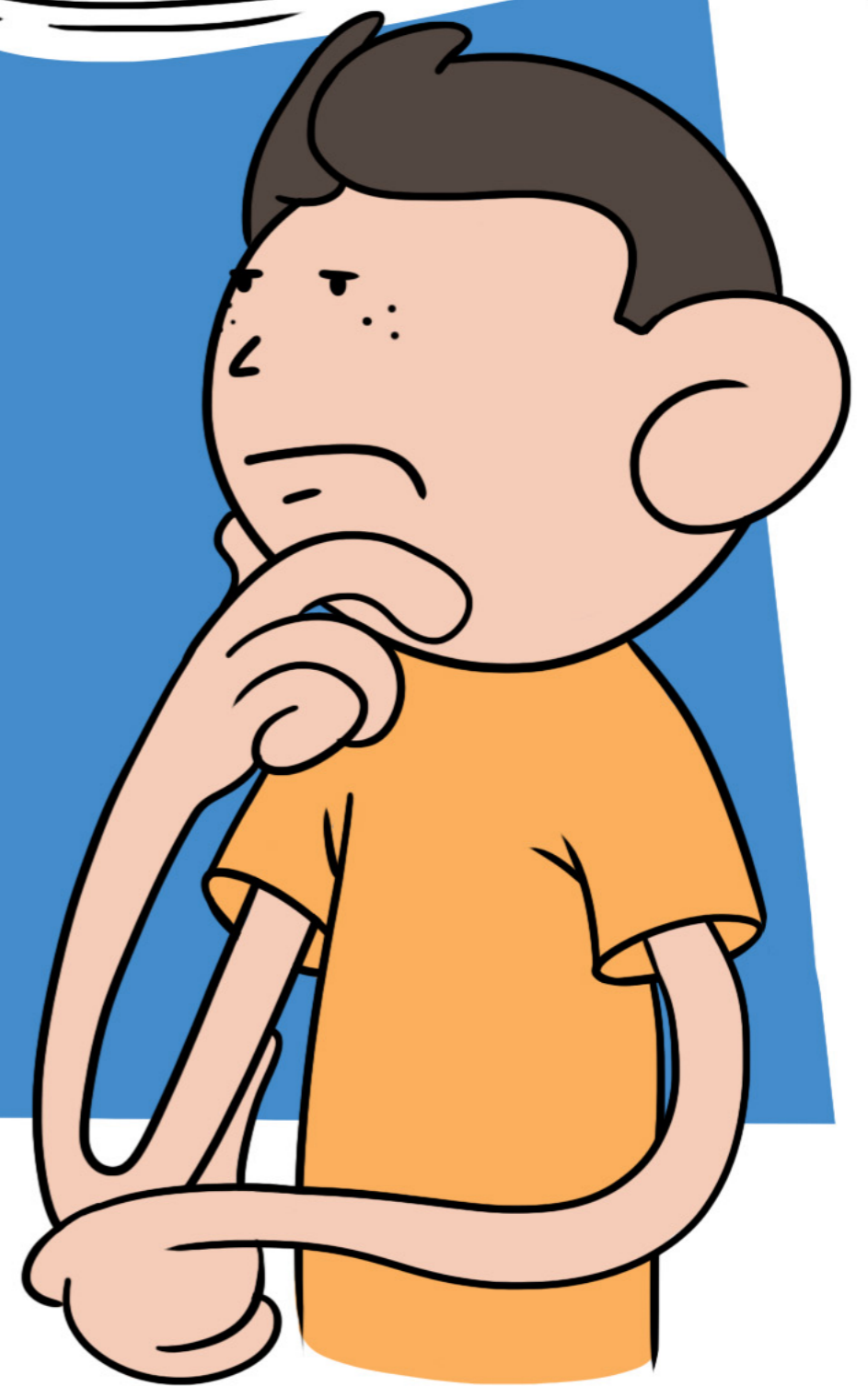
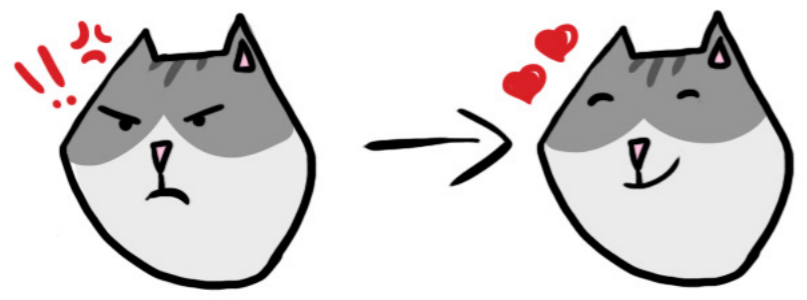
"And pet cats under the chin
to hear them purr."



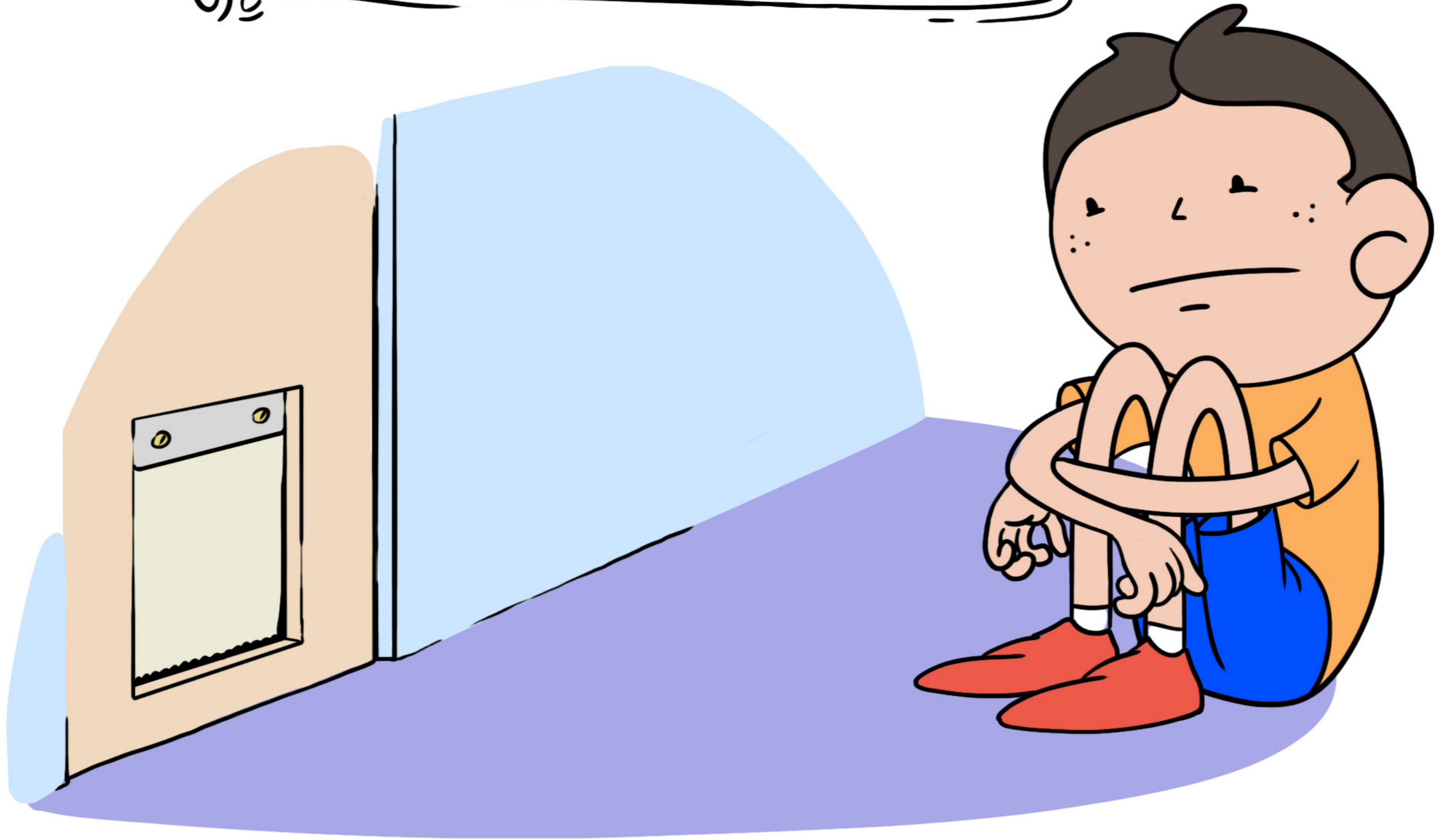
Little Ryan studied the rules again and again.

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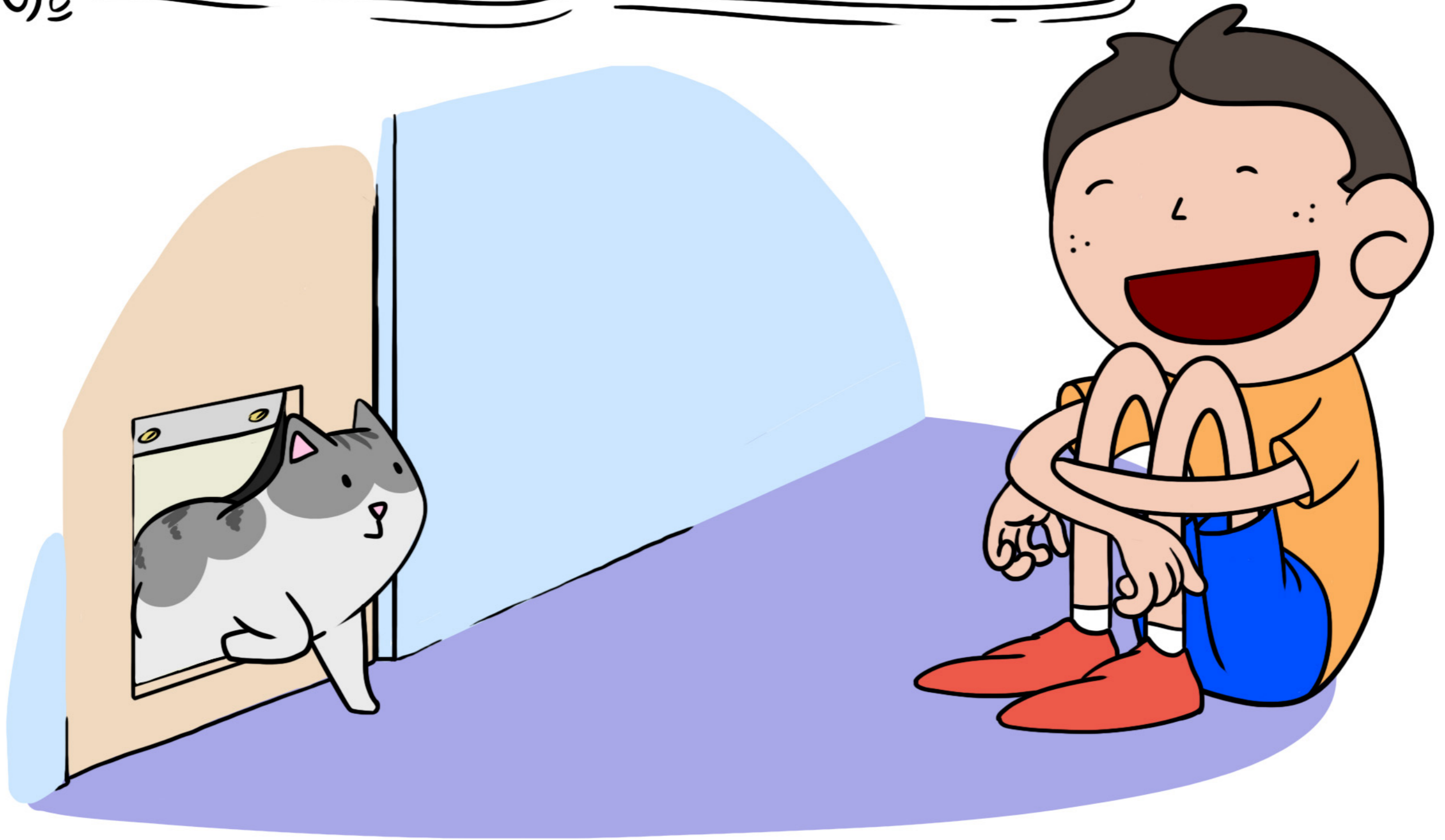
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- *Pet to make cats purr



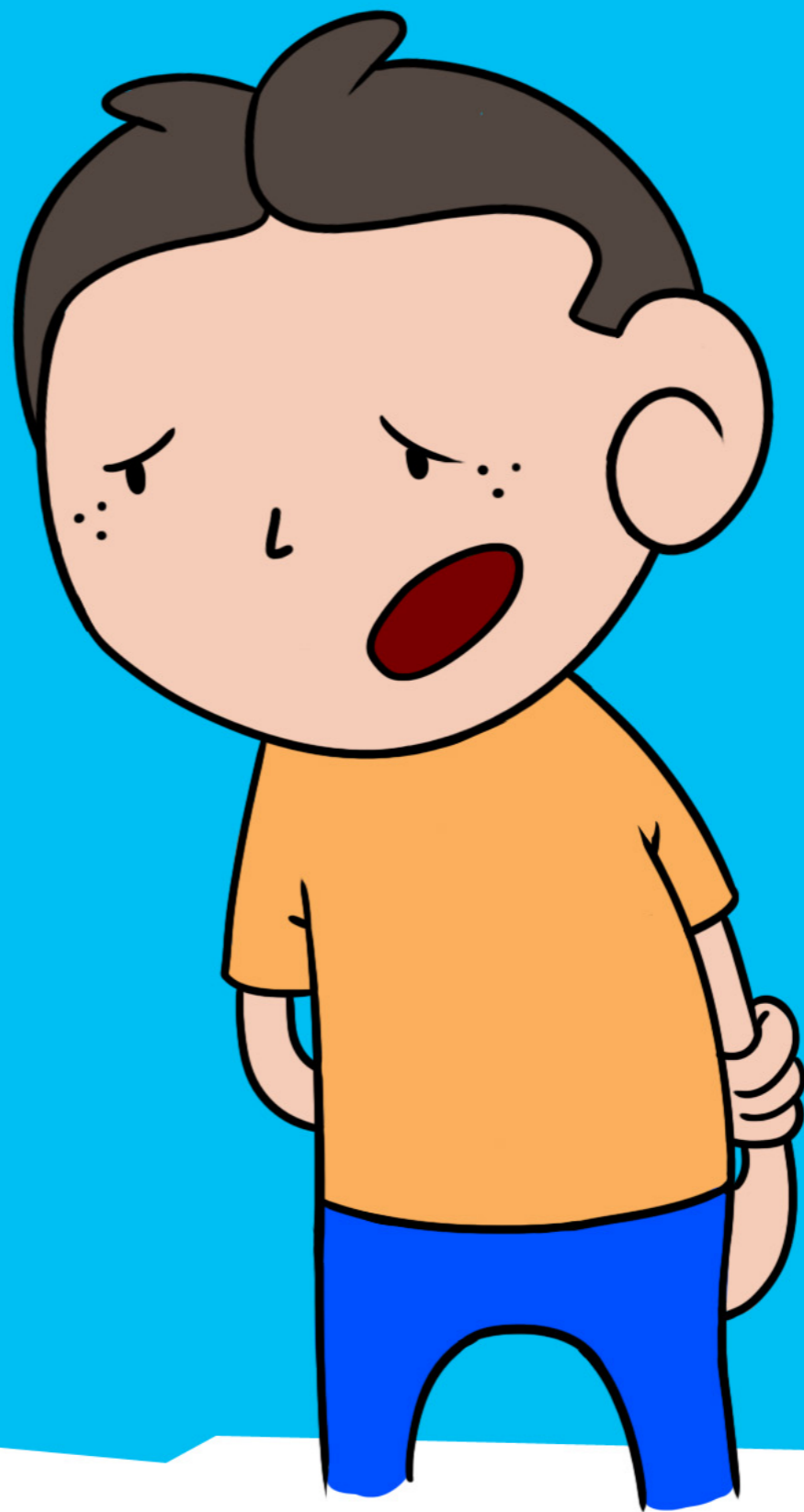
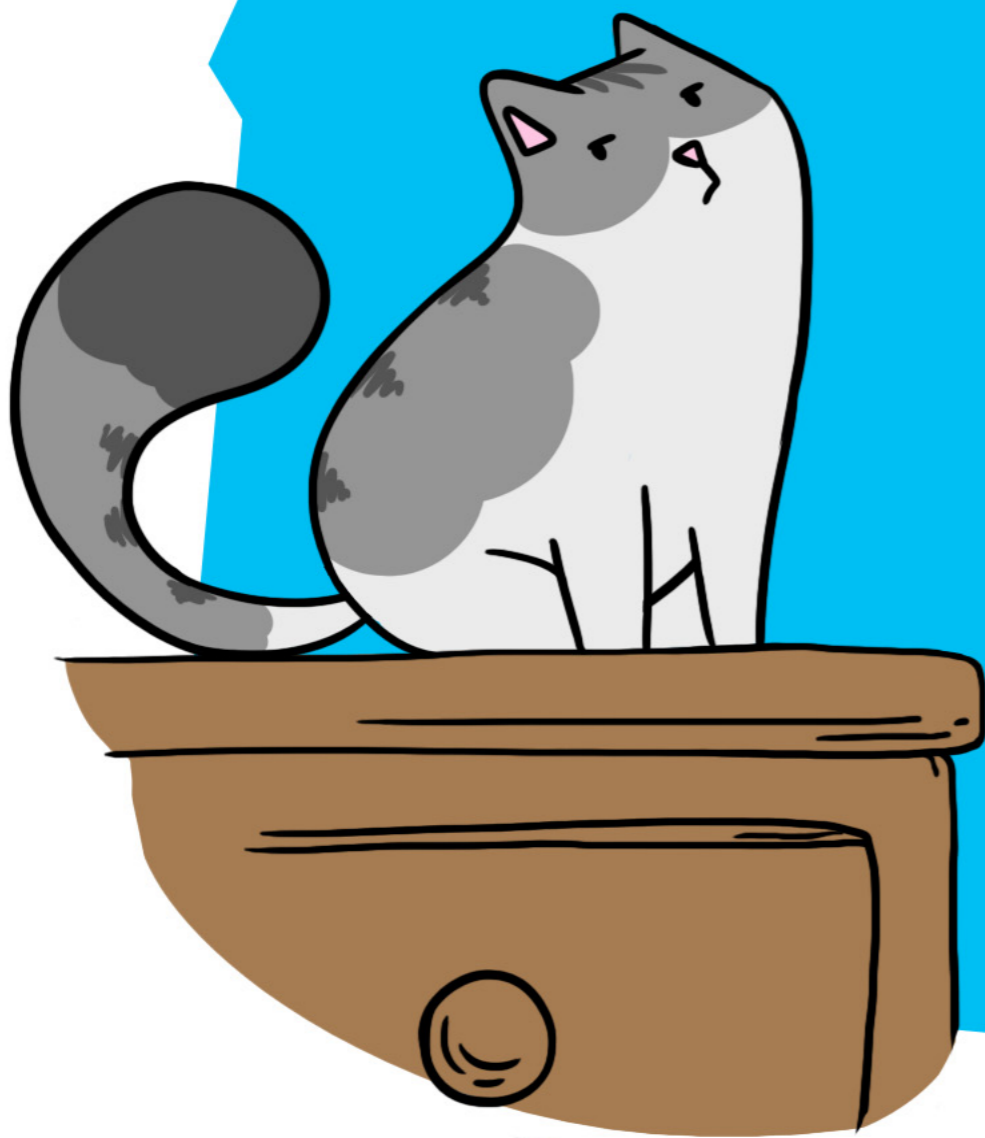
He waited by the door for
Sgt. Whiskers to come back.



And Sgt. Whiskers came back the very next day. Little Ryan was so happy!



Little Ryan said
sorry to Sgt. Whiskers.



Sgt. Whiskers leaped into little Ryan's arms and hugged him. Little Ryan cried tears of joy.





Sgt. Whisker has fun playing his favorite games with little Ryan!

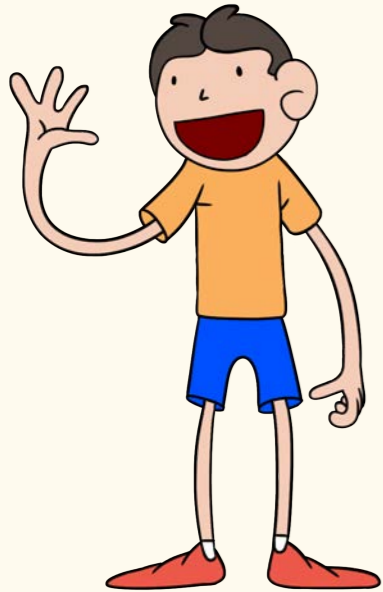


Sgt. Whiskers and little Ryan
are best friends forever.



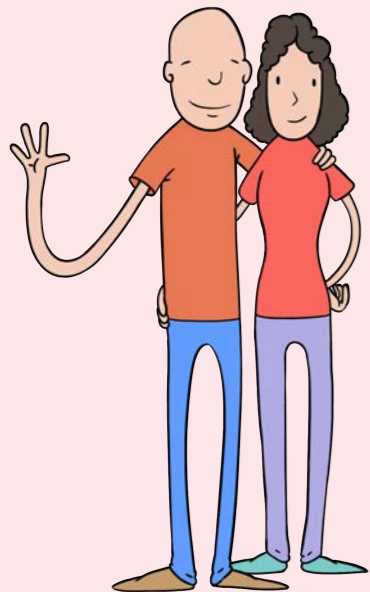
Sgt. Whiskers

Sgt. Whiskers loves to play! But he is a cat, and likes to play cat games. When you play with a cat, be sure to play a cat game!



Little Ryan

Little Ryan and Sgt. Whiskers are best friends. But when little Ryan plays little boy games with Sgt. Whiskers, he scares the cat away. He learns how to play and not to play with cats, and Sgt. Whiskers now loves to play with little Ryan.



The Good Parents

Little Ryan's Mom and Dad help little Ryan learn how to treat his new best friend with love and care. They teach him how to play with cats. They want you to do the same.



On average, cats sleep 13 to 14 hours a day.

Cats spend a large amount of time licking their coats to keep them clean.



Cats make about 100 different sounds.



Cats were first domesticated
in Ancient Egypt.

They were spread throughout
Europe by the Roman Empire.



And were brought to the World
during the Age of Discovery.

CONCEPT EXPLANATION FOR PARENTS

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Leaping Games

Why cats love it?

Cats are hunters at heart, and this simulates hunting birds.

What you need?

A wand (or long thin wand-like substitute), string and an object, such as a feather.

Attach the object to the end to the string, and attach the string to the wand to create the perfect cat toy. (Or you can buy one.)

How to play?

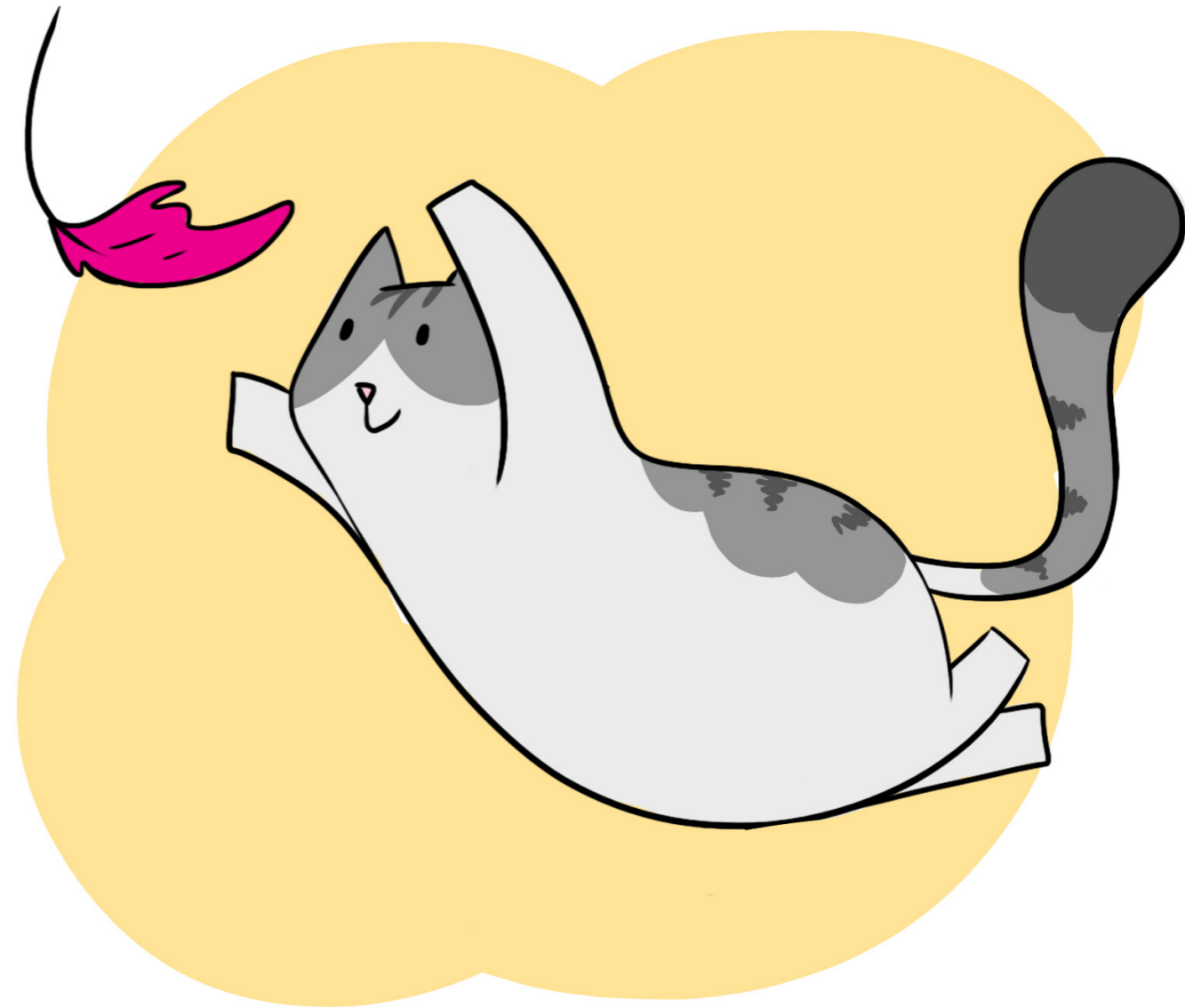
Use the wand to move the object attached to the string in a circular motion above the cat.

What will happen?

The cat will watch the moving object and then leap in the air and try to grab the moving object with its two front paws.

Watch Out For: tight spaces.

Play this game in a spacious area, because cats are powerful jumpers. They might leap into furniture and get hurt.



Hide-and-Seek Games

Why cats love it?

Cats are hunters at heart, and this simulates hunting small rodents, like mice.

What you need?

String and an object, such as a small stuffed animal the size of a mouse. Tie the object to the string to form the perfect toy for this game.

How to play?

Pull the object tied to the string in front of the hiding the cat.

What will happen?

The cat will leap out from its hiding place and pounce on the object.

Watch Out For: hiding cats!

They might play this game with your feet! Ouchie!



Bouncy-Pouncy Games

Why cats love it?

Cats are hunters at heart, and this simulates hunting in close quarters.

What you need?

A blanket and a wand (or long thin wand-like substitute).

How to play?

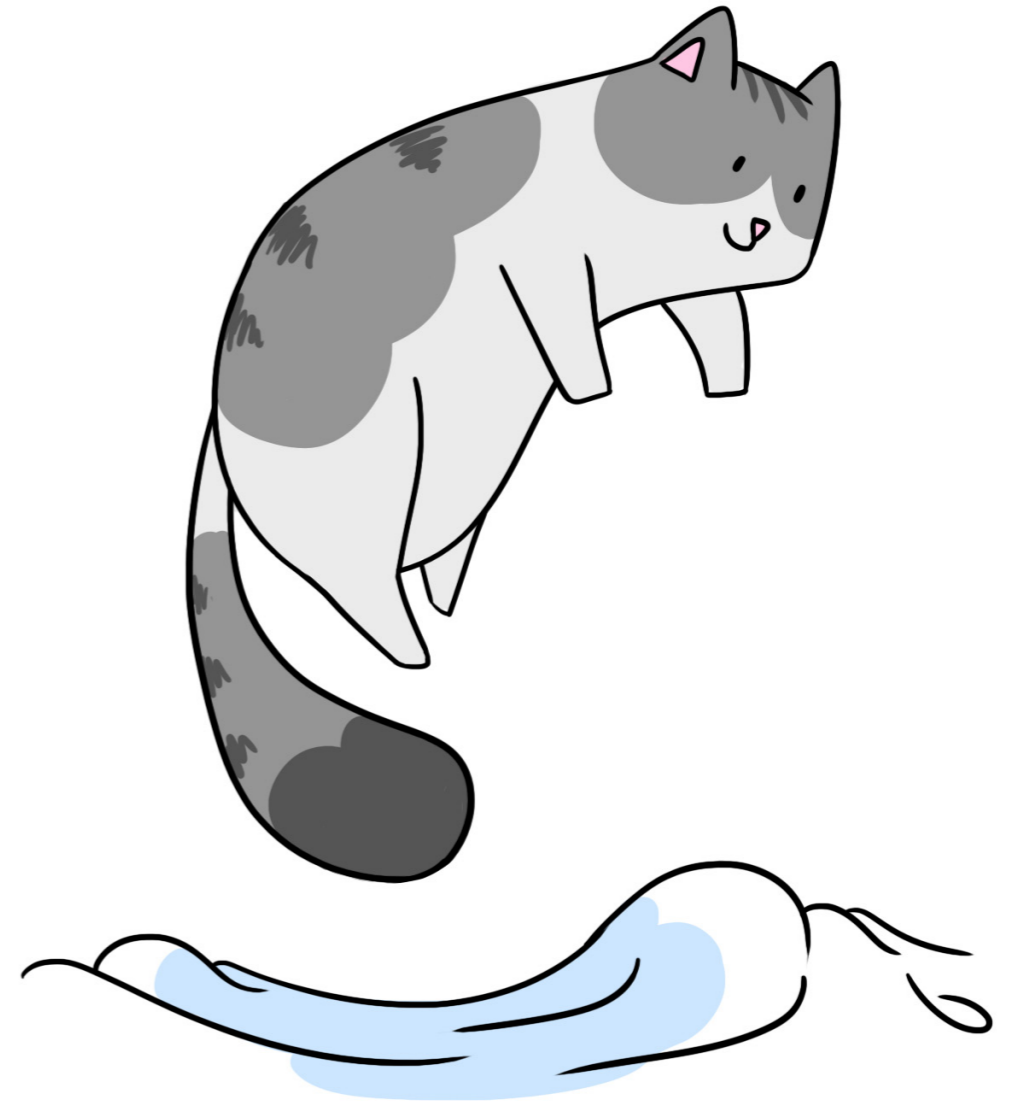
Put the cat on the blanket. Put the wand under the blanket, and move it towards the cat.

What will happen?

The cat will jump up and paw at the object and pounce on it.

Watch Out For: the edge of the bed!

If you play this on a bed, watch out for the edges.



Tangle-and-Tug Games

Why cats love it?

It exercises their natural instinct to play with their prey.

What you need?

String or yarn.

How to play?

Provide the yarn.

You can add some catnip inside the yarn or move and shake the yarn to get the play session started.

What will happen?

Chaos ensues. The cat will pull the object towards their belly while on their back. Watch as it uses its hind legs to kick and shake the object while it nibbles at it. The cat may bounce, pounce, or hop too!

Watch Out For: hiding cats!

The hiding cat might play this game with your feet! Ouchie!



Pet to Make Purr

Why cats love it?

Cats love attention too.

What you need?

Nothing, but catnip could help.

How to play?

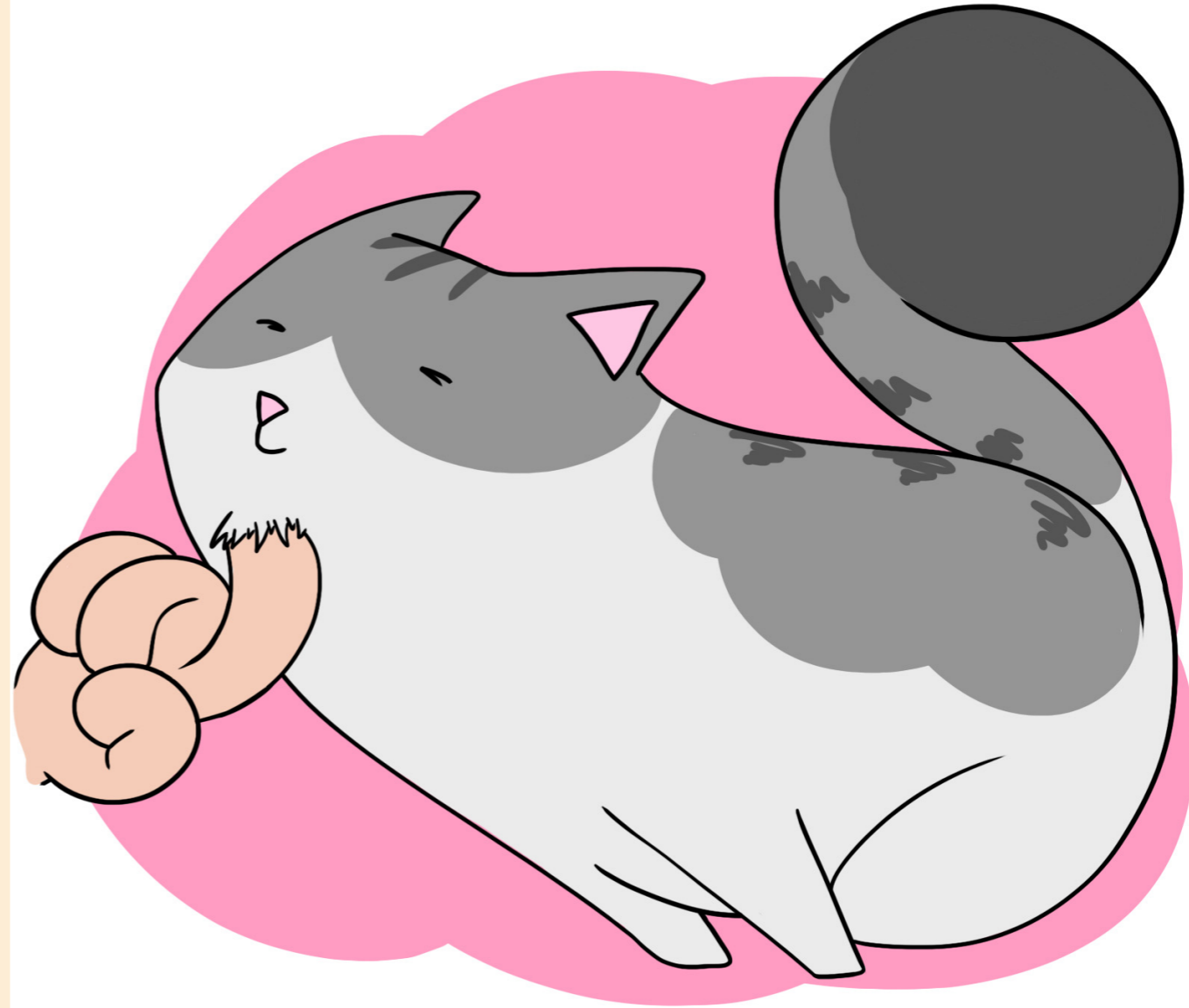
Pet the cat under the chin, on their ears, or on their backs. If the cat lays down and rolls over, pet their stomach too. Wait for the cat to roll over before petting its stomach.

What will happen?

The cat should start to purr. If the cat does not start to purr, try using the catnip.

Watch Out For: moody cats

The cat might not be in the mood for a petting session. If they are not in the mood, try again later.



BEHIND THE SCENES

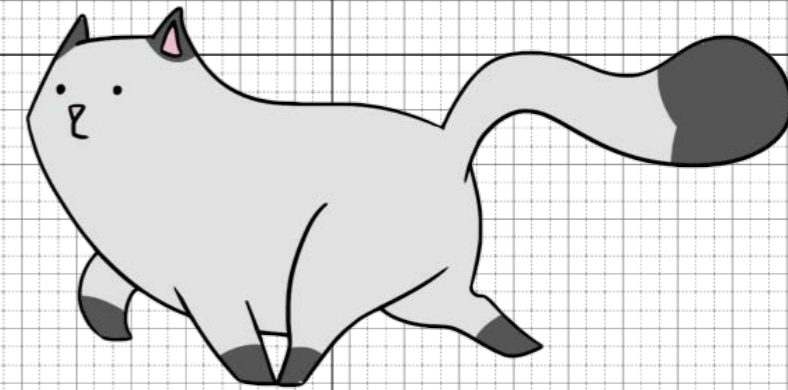
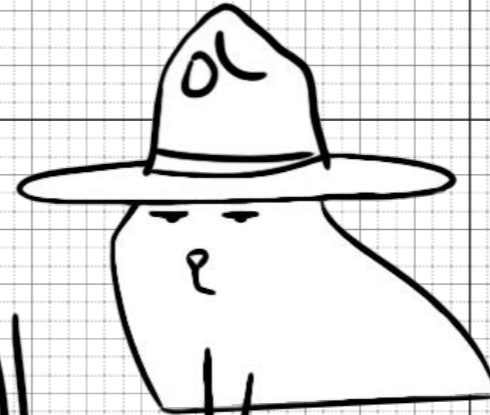
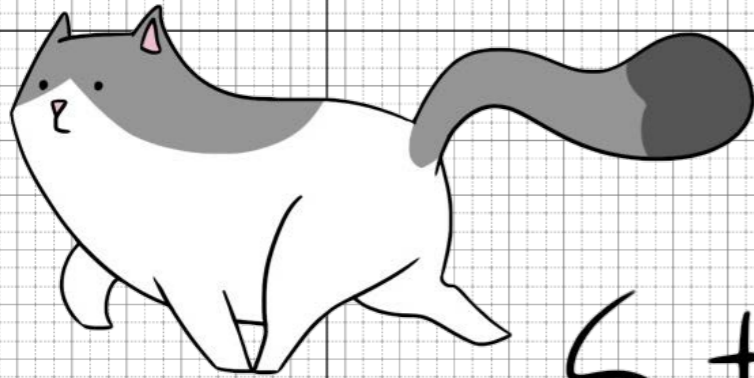
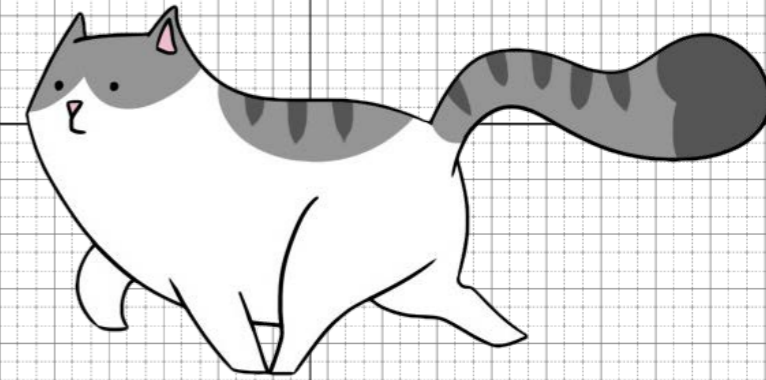
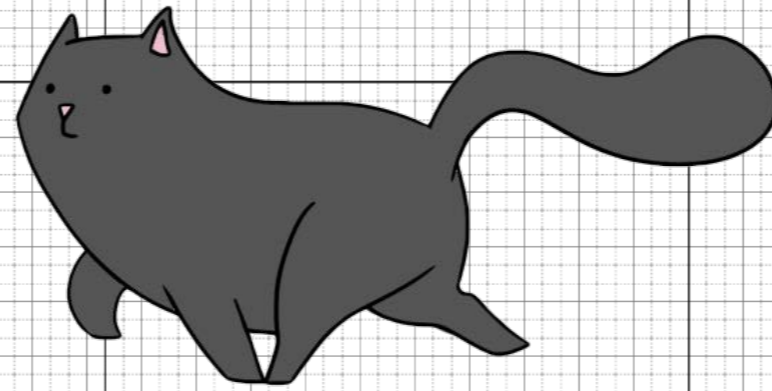
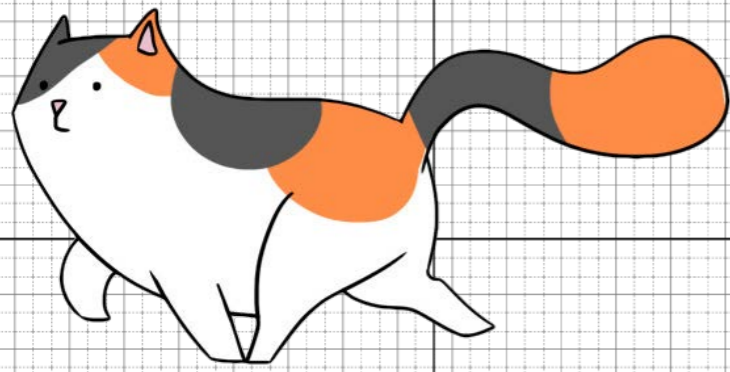
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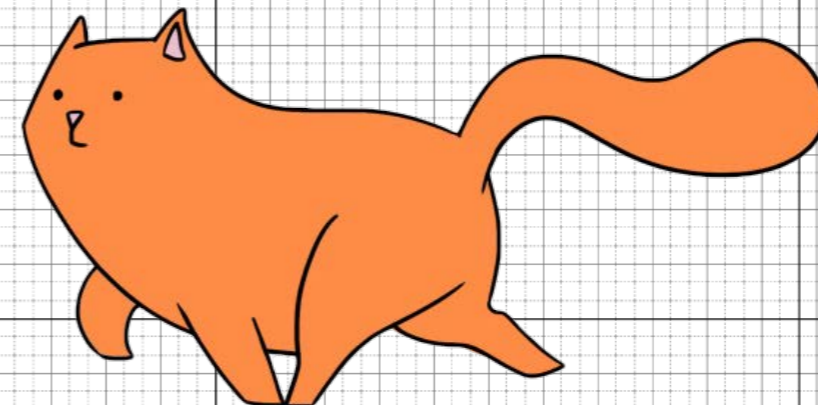
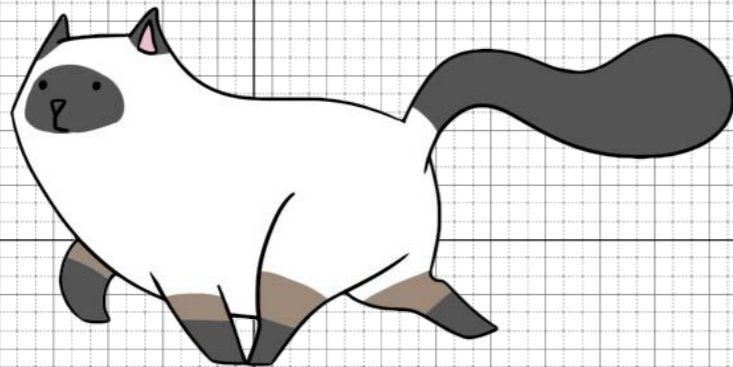


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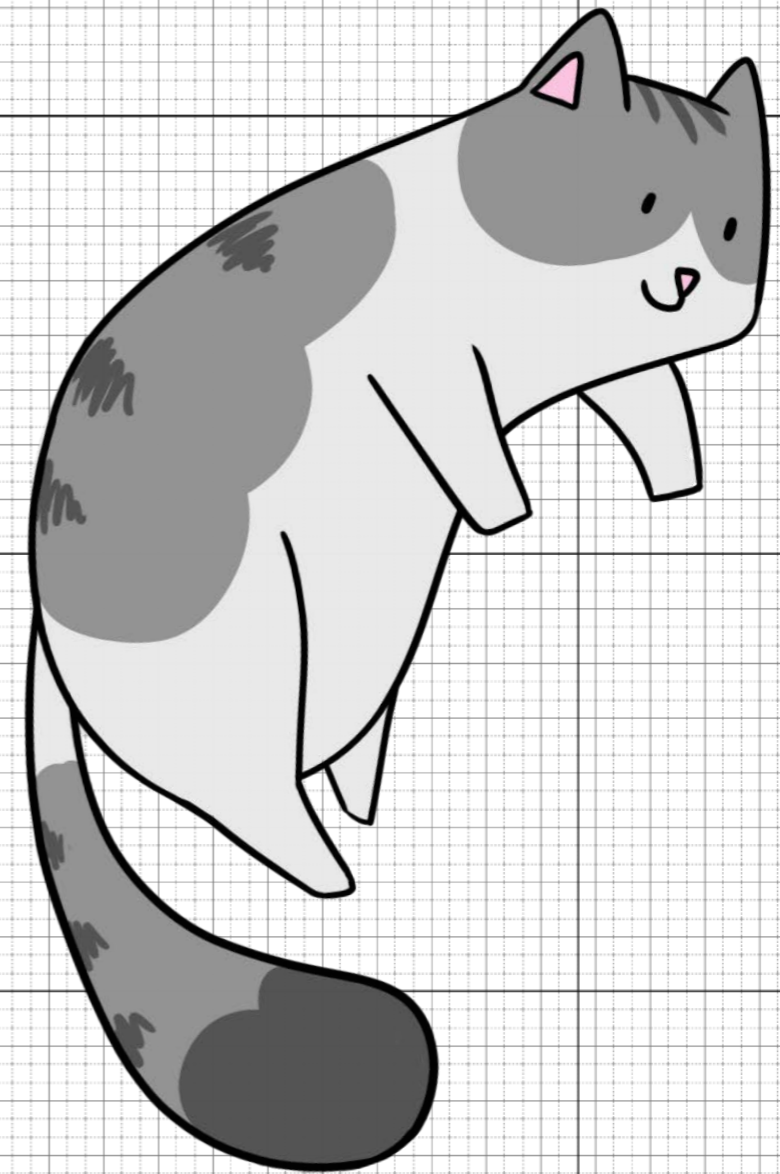


Sgt. Whiskers



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We created a few simple character designs.



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We had our family and friends vote on their favorite. This cute little guy won.

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The book was created.
Thanks for reading!

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