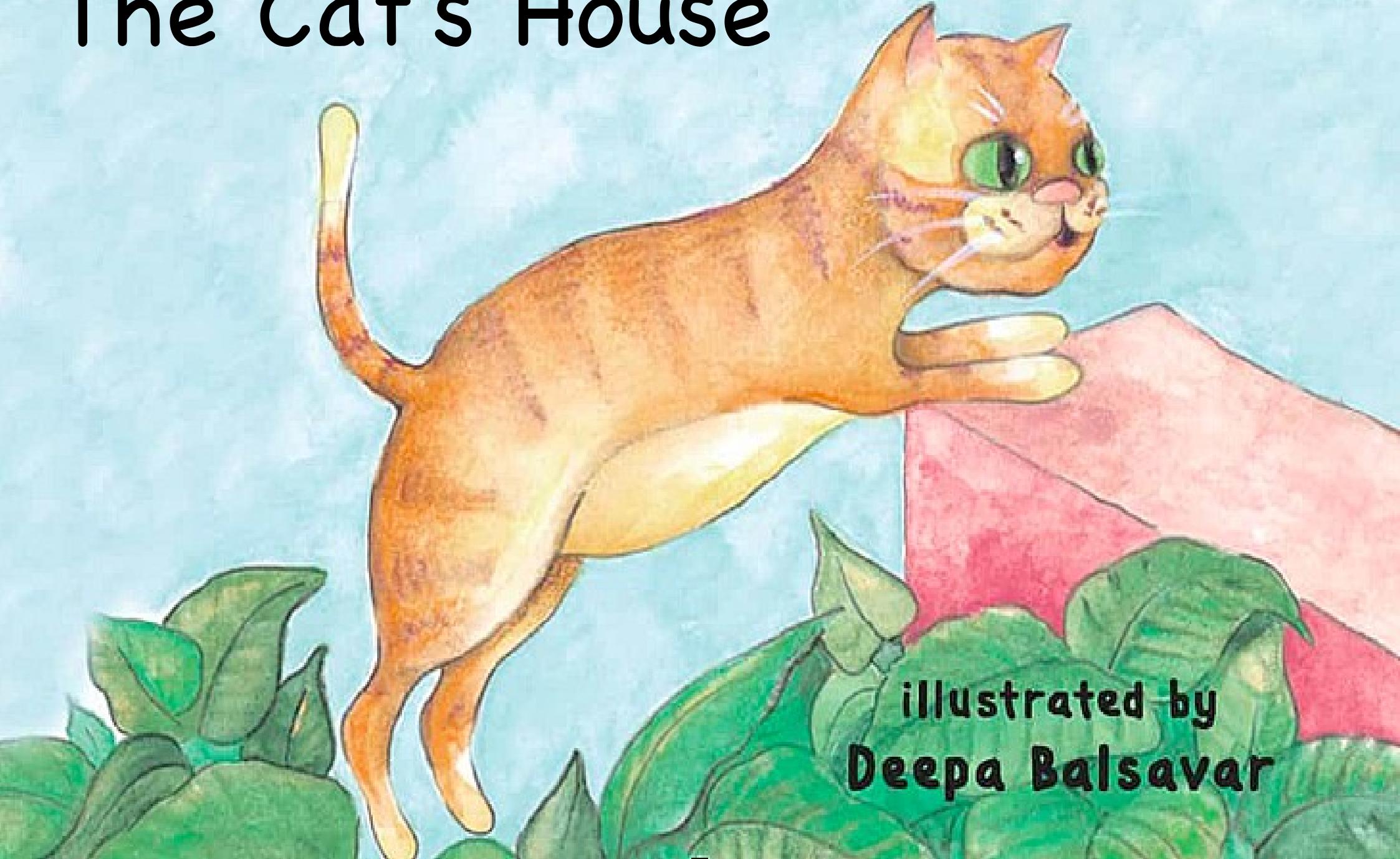


The Cat's House



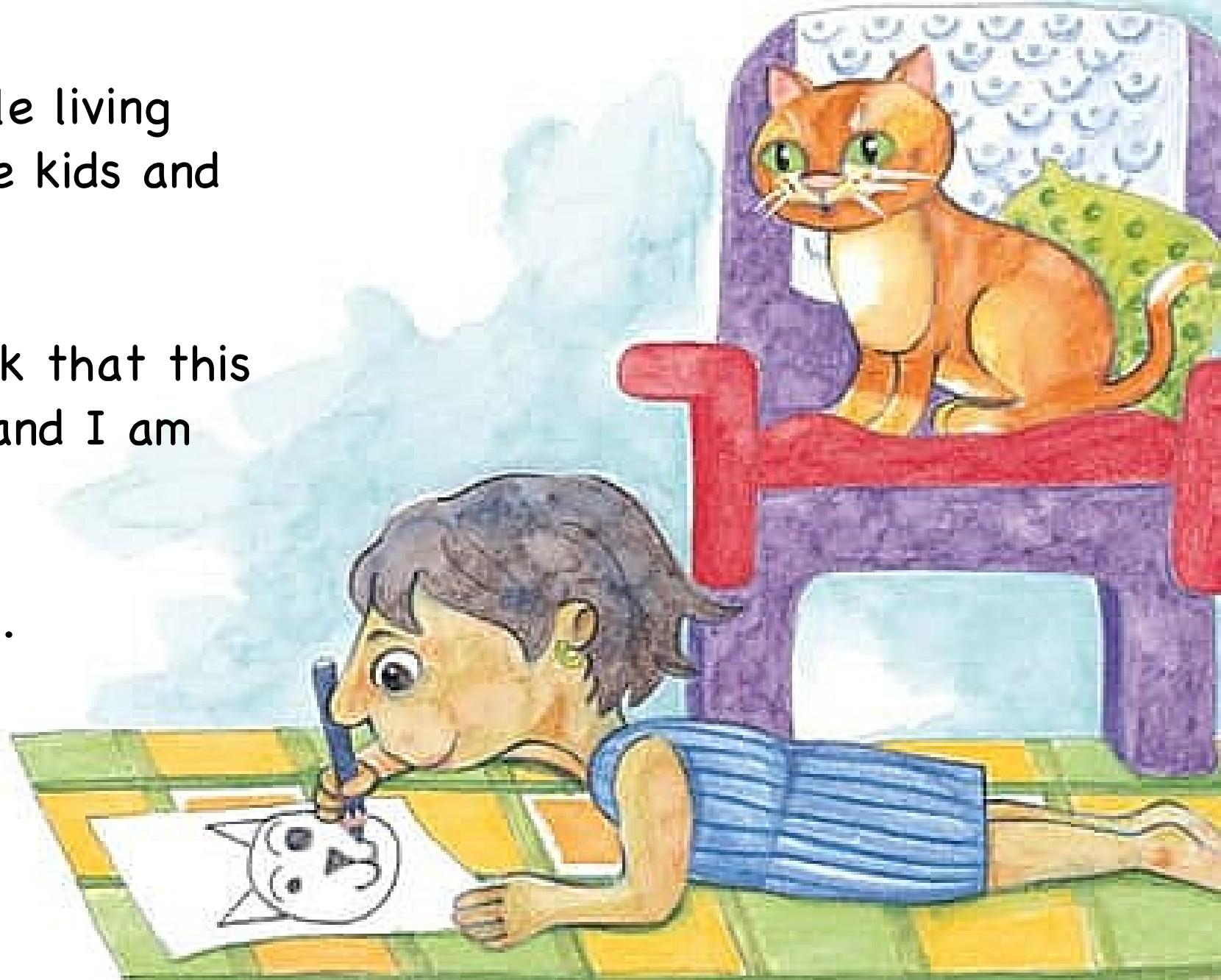
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I am a cat. This is my house.

There are people living here, too. Three kids and a mum.

The people think that this is their house, and I am their pet.

They are wrong.



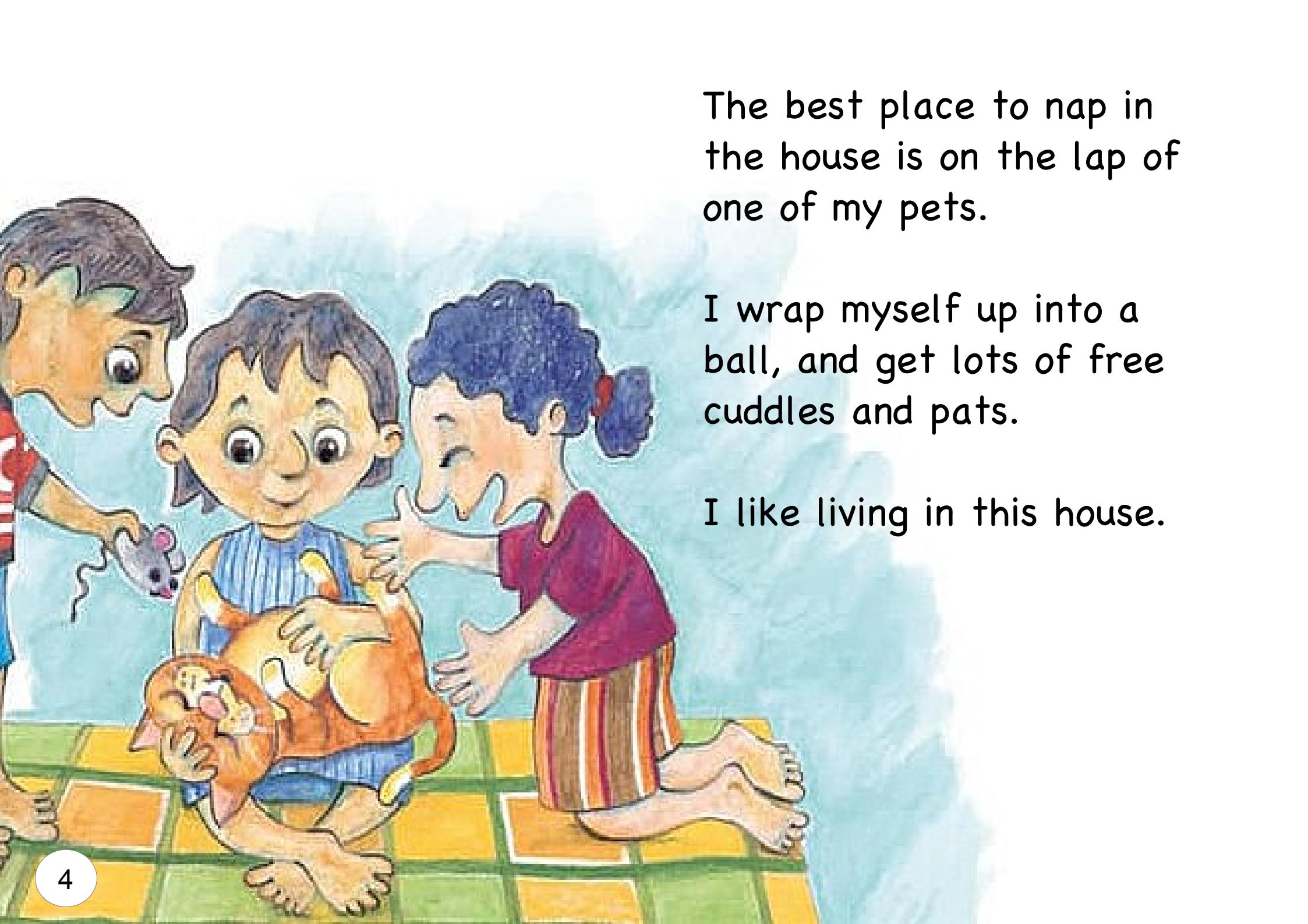
Many people believe that
the best way to keep
clean is to get in a big
tub of water.

They are wrong.

I keep myself clean.

I am not a dirty dog.





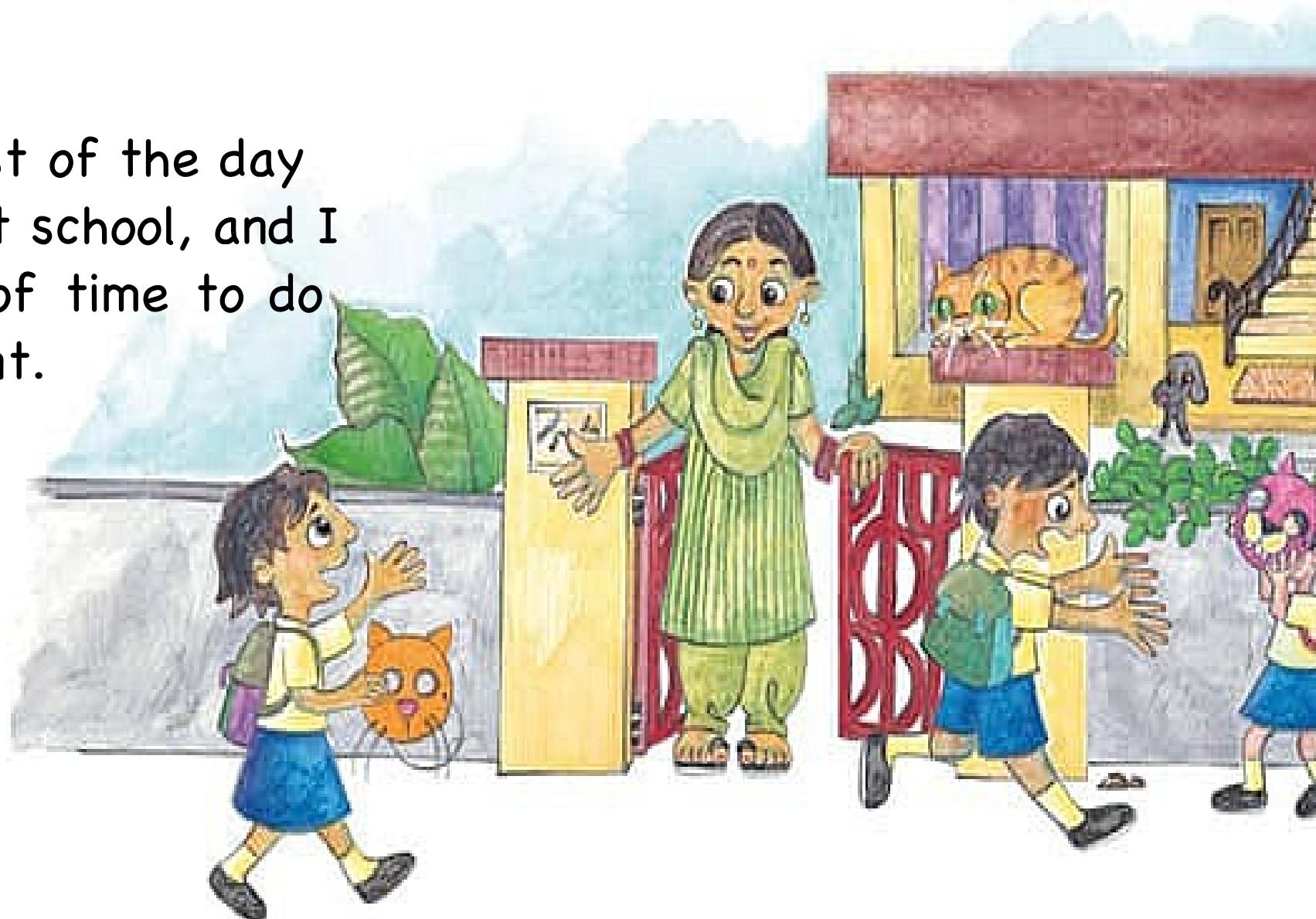
The best place to nap in
the house is on the lap of
one of my pets.

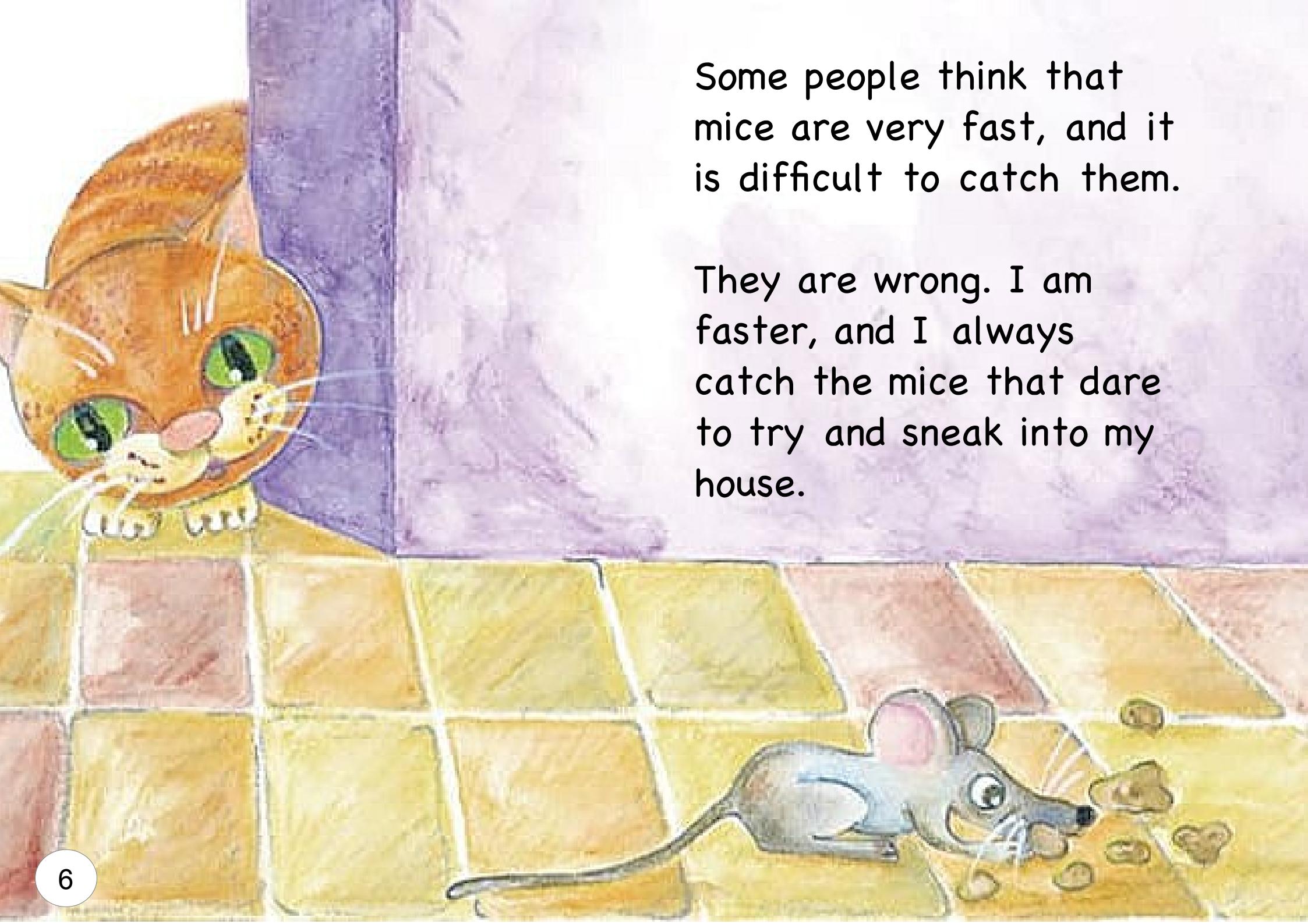
I wrap myself up into a
ball, and get lots of free
cuddles and pats.

I like living in this house.

Sometimes the kids can
be noisy, and they
sometimes wreck things in
the house.

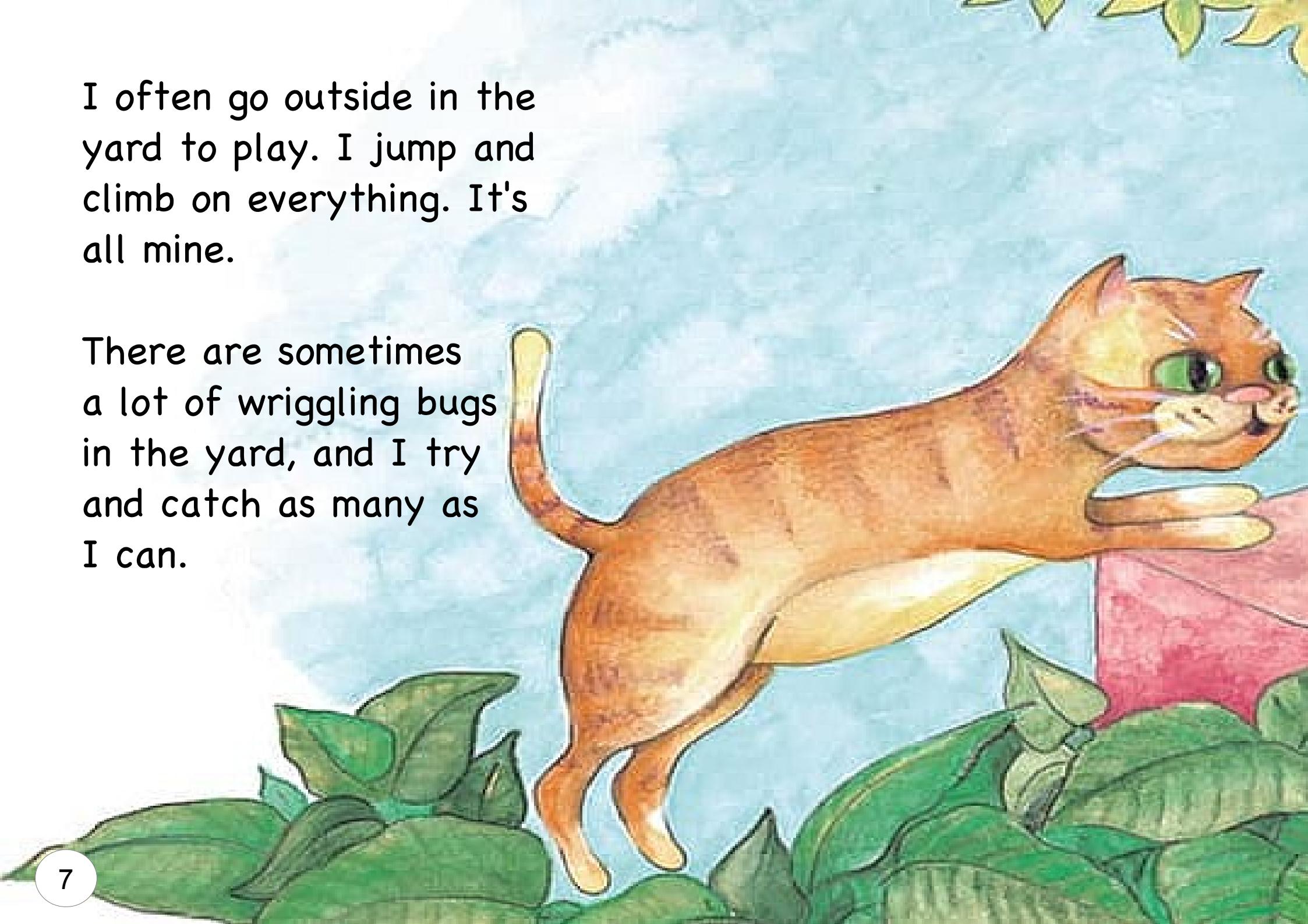
But for most of the day
they are at school, and I
have a lot of time to do
what I want.



A large, orange tabby cat with large green eyes is looking down at a small mouse on a brick path. The cat is positioned on the left, and the mouse is on the right, both looking towards the center. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple.

Some people think that
mice are very fast, and it
is difficult to catch them.

They are wrong. I am
faster, and I always
catch the mice that dare
to try and sneak into my
house.



I often go outside in the yard to play. I jump and climb on everything. It's all mine.

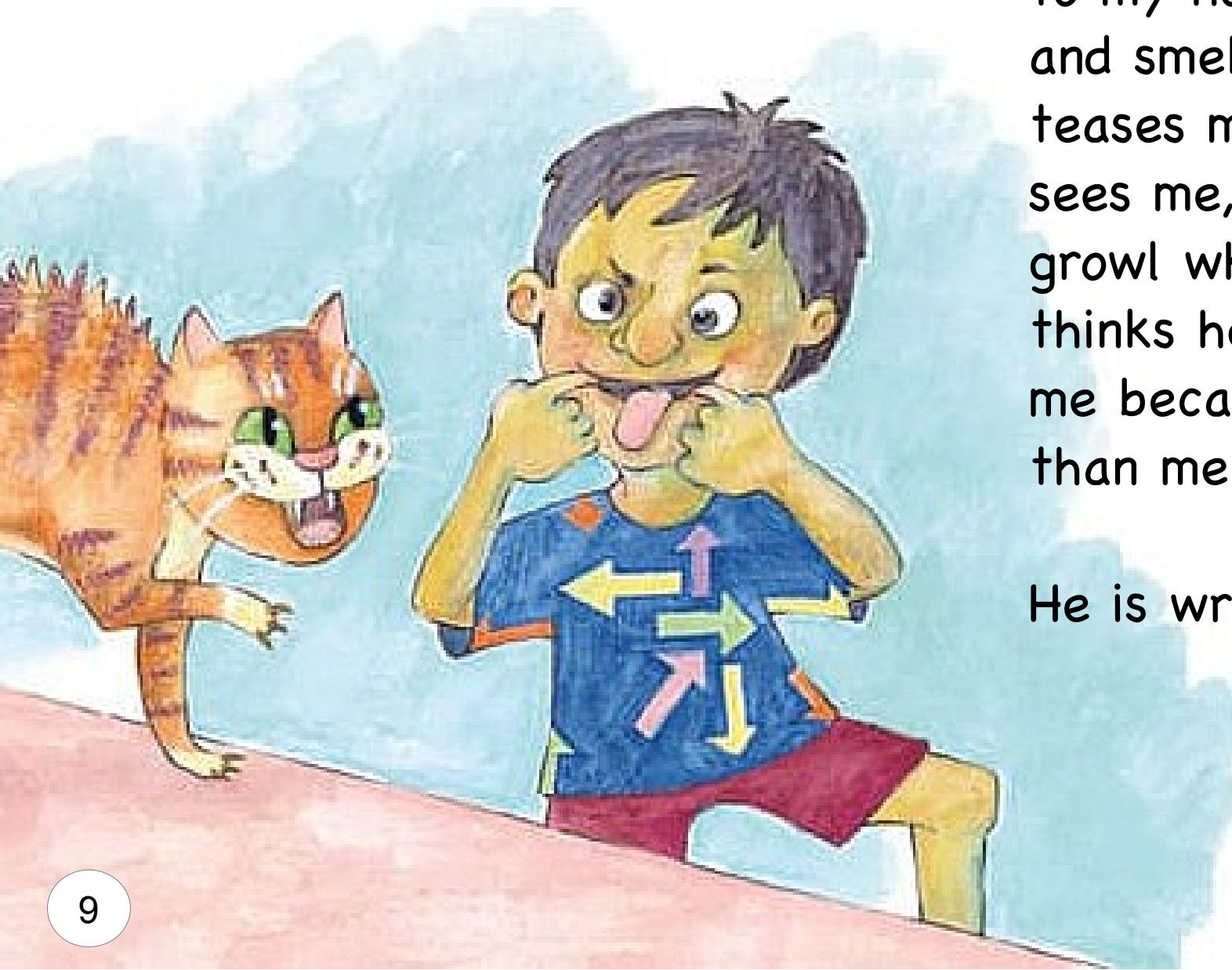
There are sometimes a lot of wriggling bugs in the yard, and I try and catch as many as I can.

The mother of the kids
does not like it when I
bring bugs into the house.
She thinks they are dirty
and ugly, and that I
should leave them outside.

She is wrong.

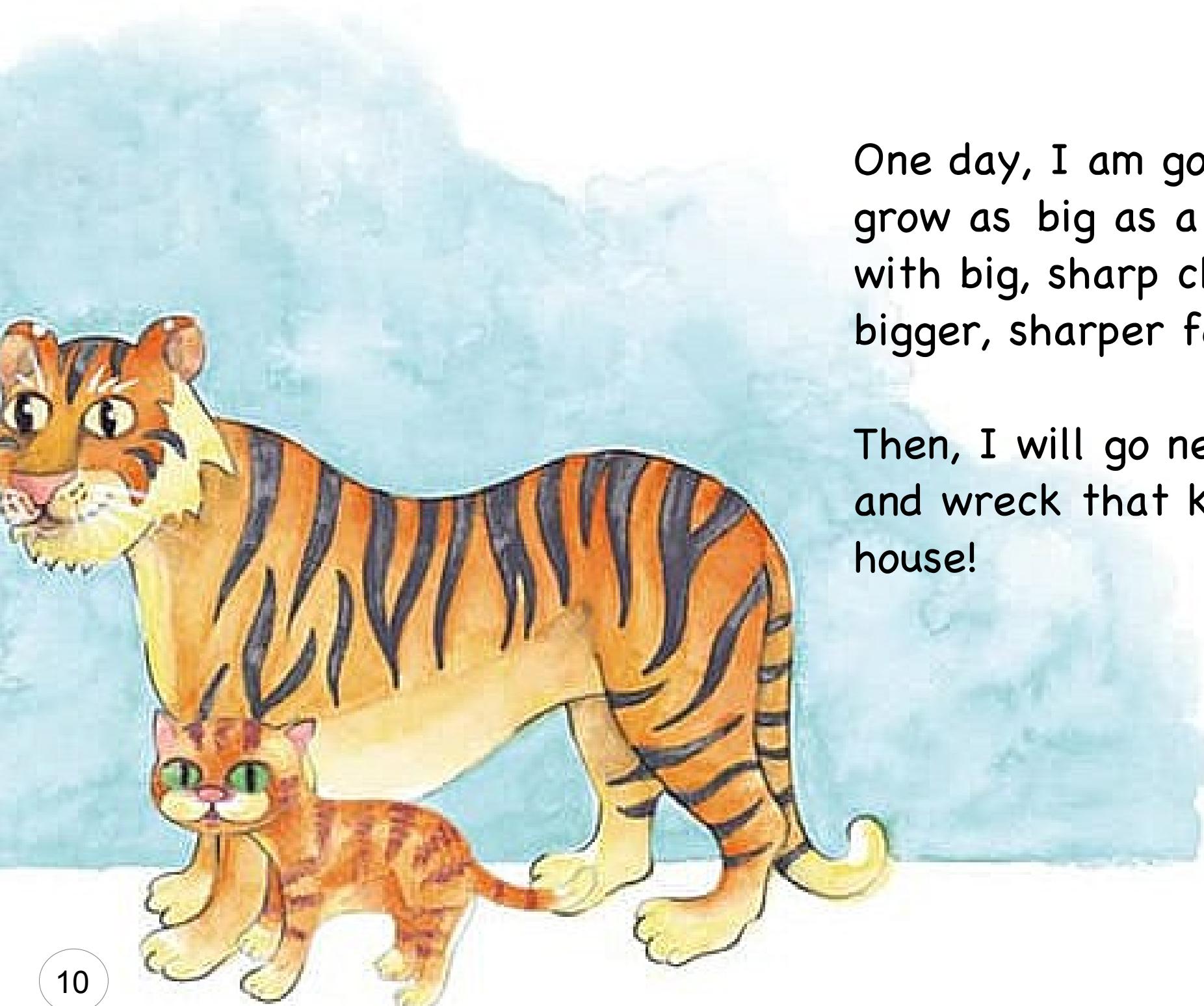
This is my house,
and I can bring in
whatever I want.





There is a very naughty boy that lives next door to my house. He is mean, and smelly. He always teases me whenever he sees me, and I always growl when I see him. He thinks he can do this to me because he is bigger than me.

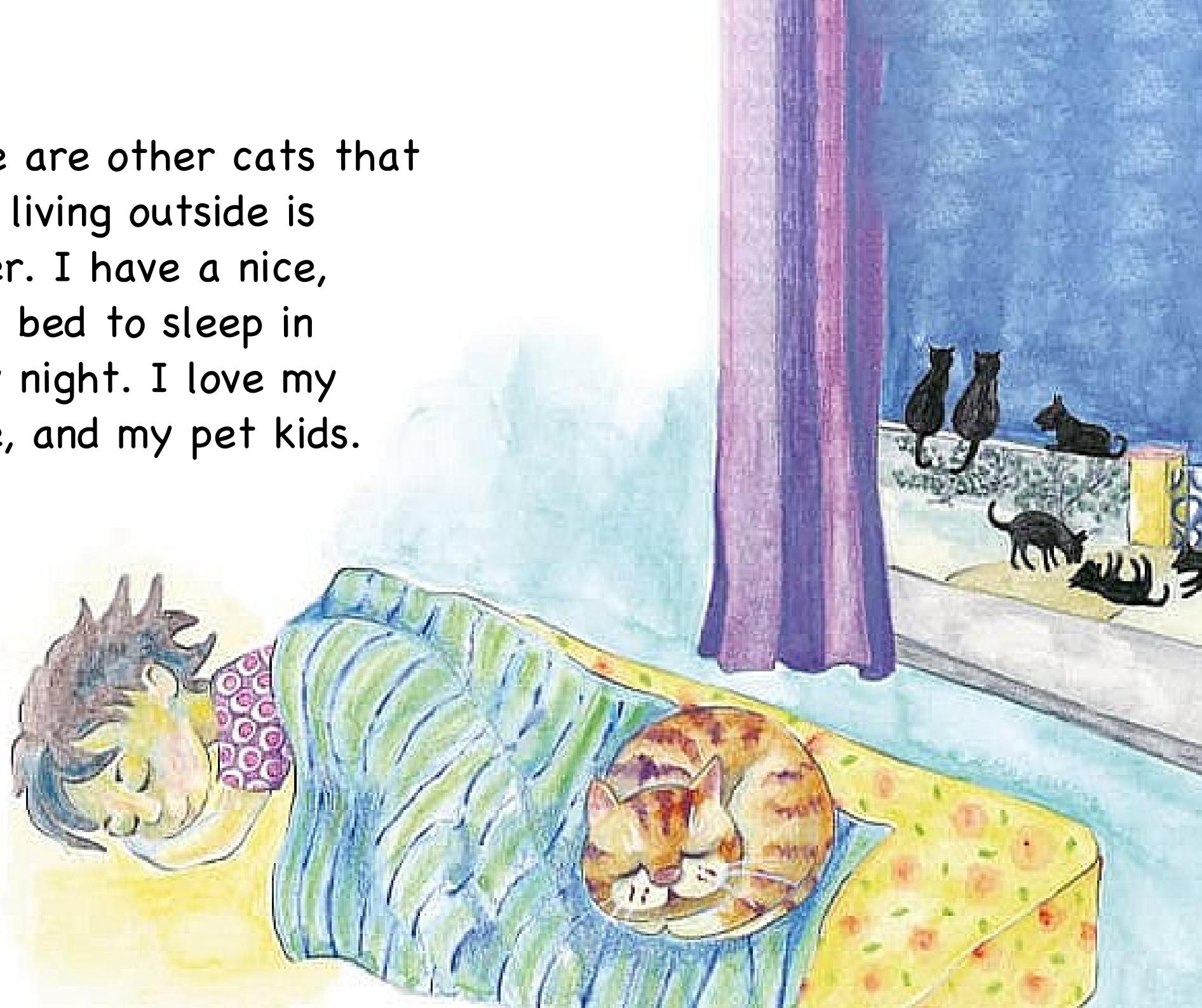
He is wrong.



One day, I am going to
grow as big as a tiger,
with big, sharp claws, and
bigger, sharper fangs.

Then, I will go next door
and wreck that kid's
house!

There are other cats that think living outside is better. I have a nice, warm bed to sleep in every night. I love my house, and my pet kids.





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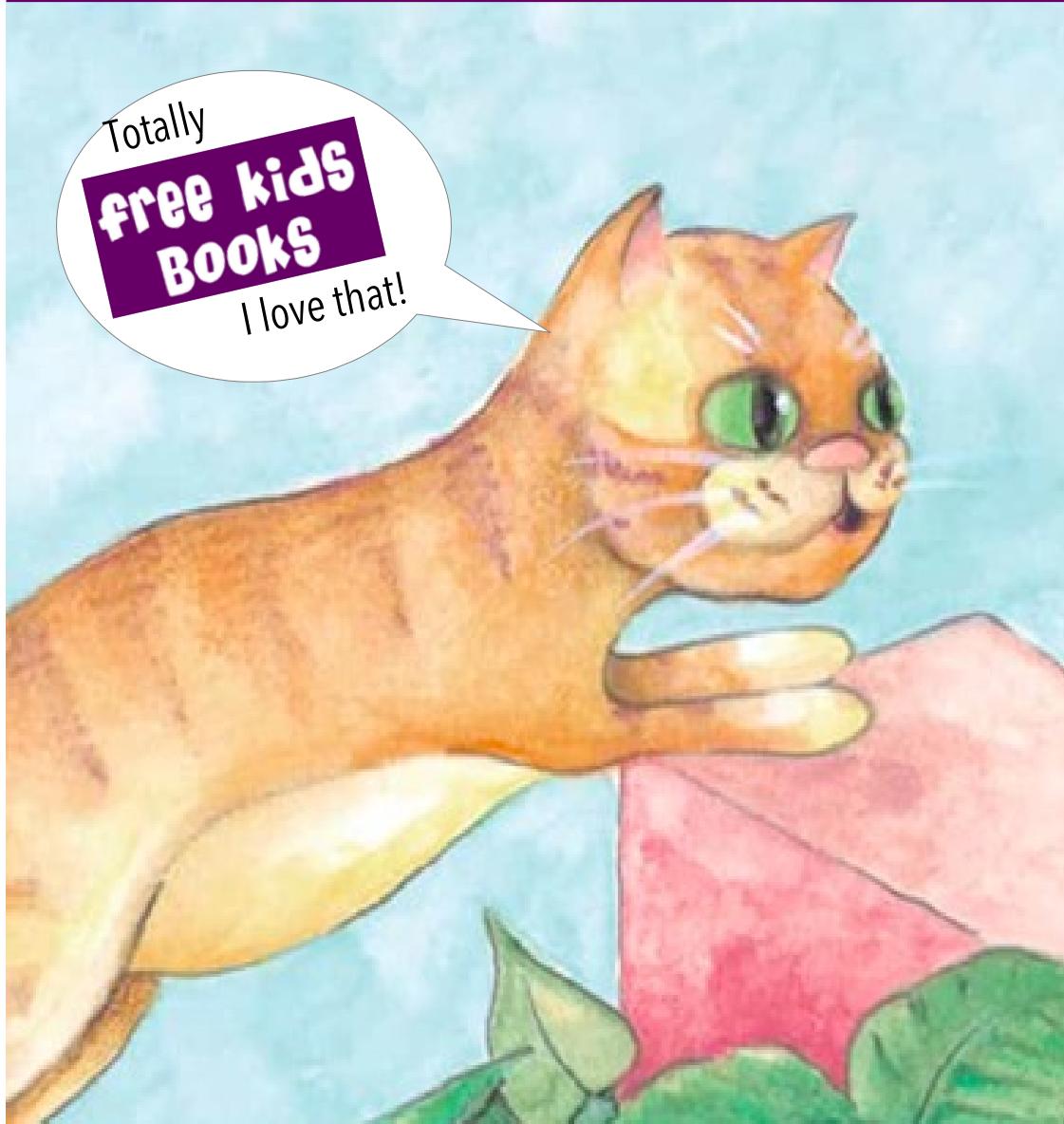
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