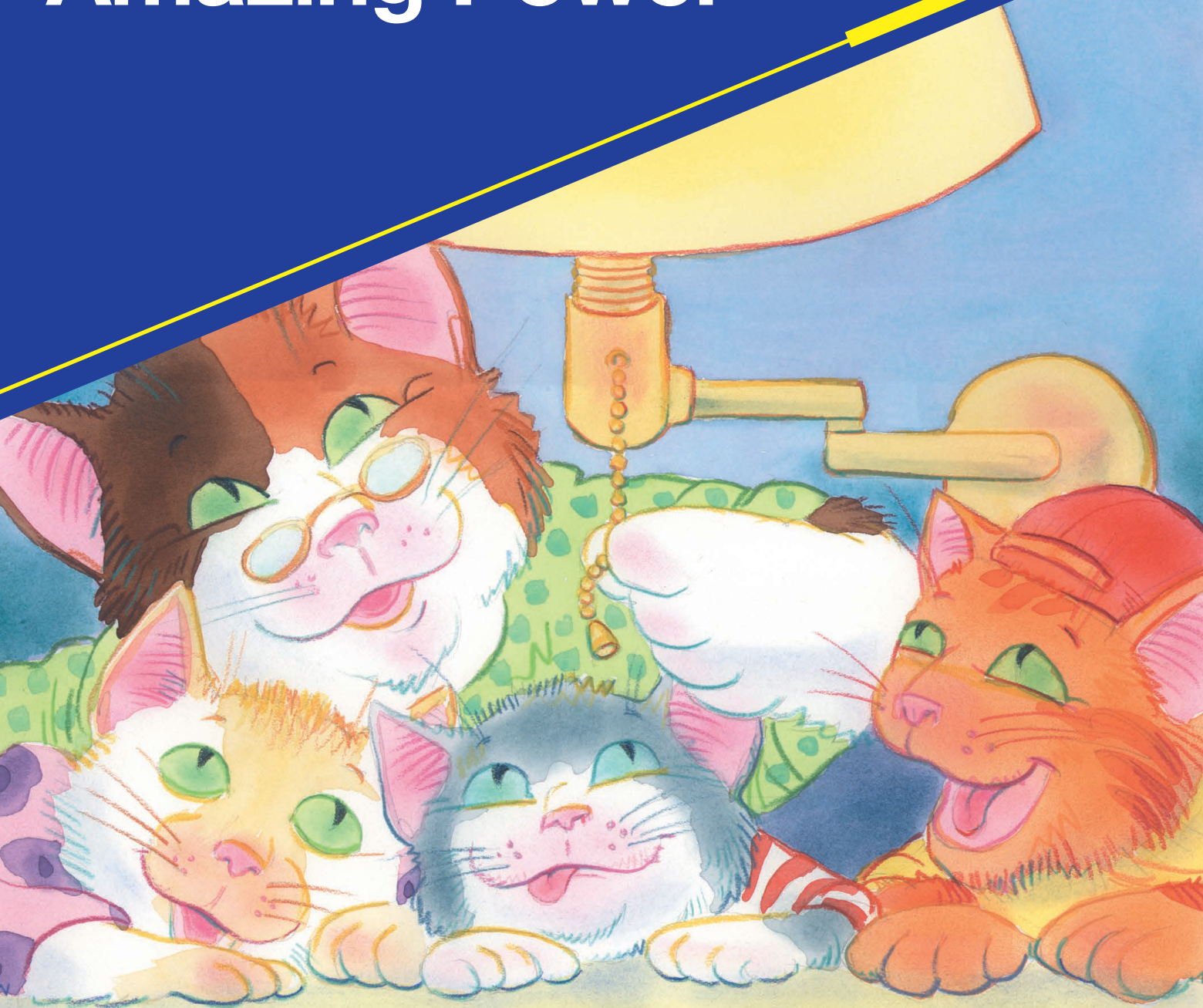


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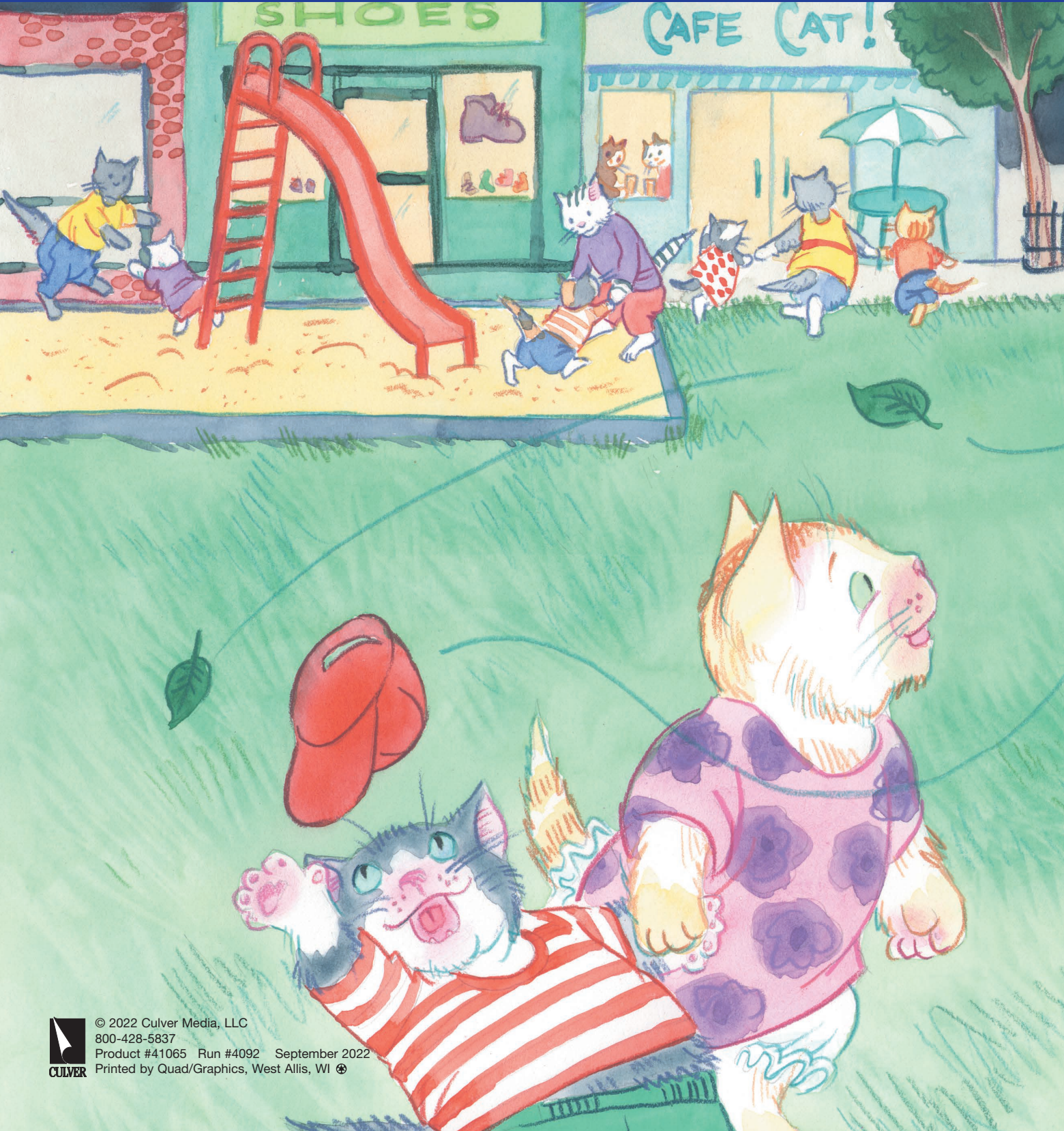



Smell Gas. Act Fast.



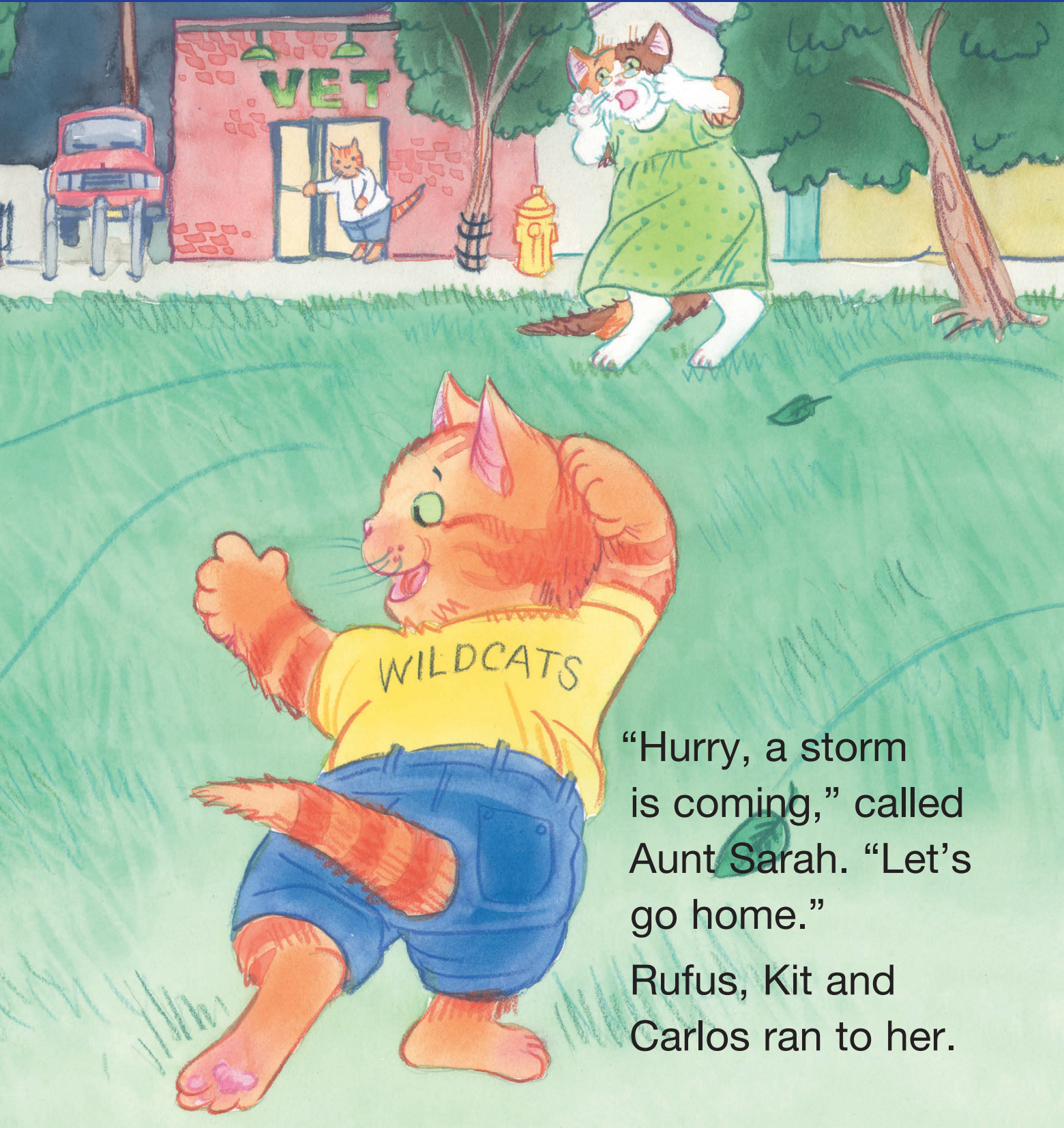


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“Hurry, a storm is coming,” called Aunt Sarah. “Let’s go home.”

Rufus, Kit and Carlos ran to her.





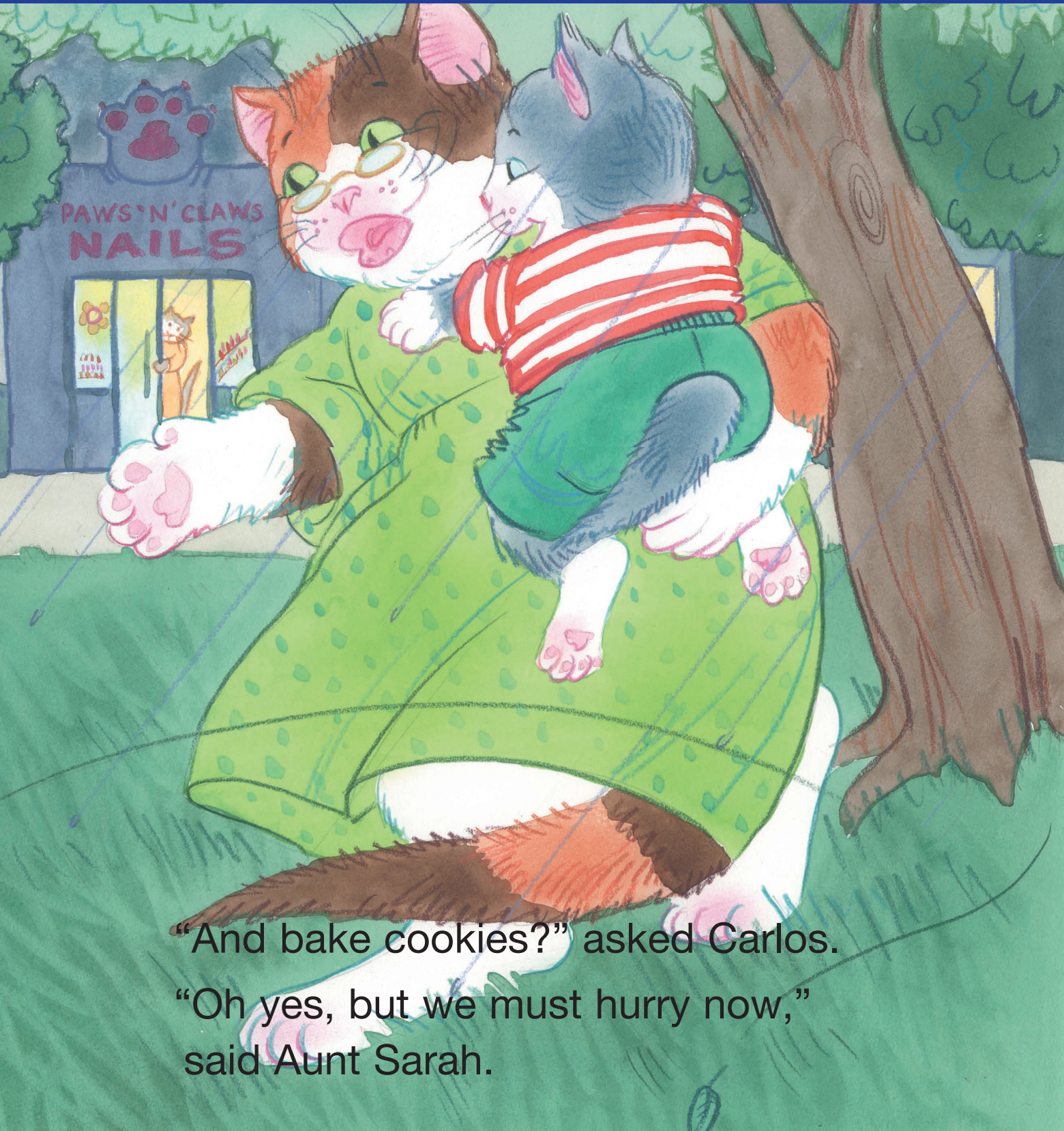
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“Can we watch videos at your house?”  
asked Rufus.

“And play computer games?” asked Kit.





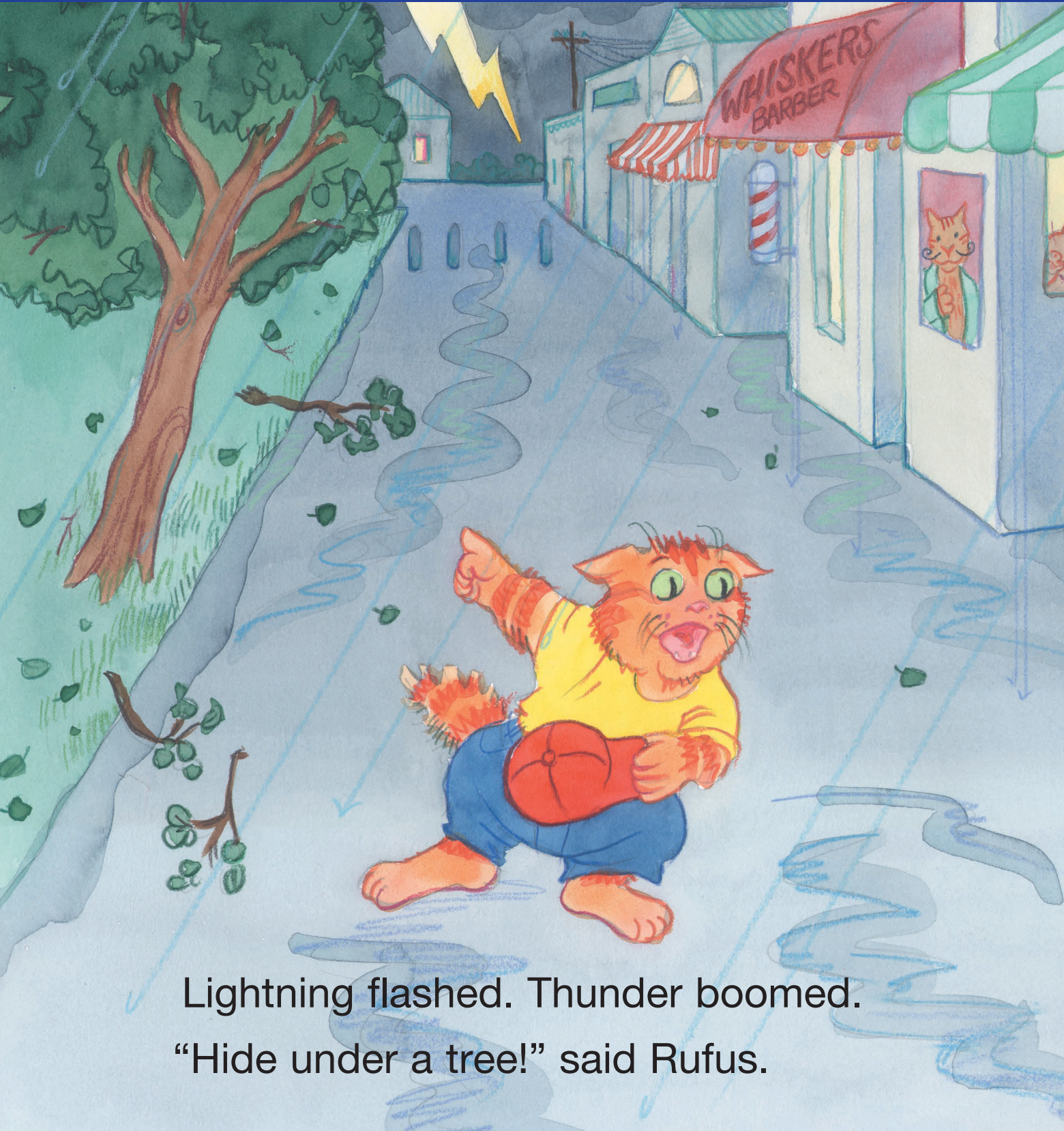
“And bake cookies?” asked Carlos.

“Oh yes, but we must hurry now,”  
said Aunt Sarah.



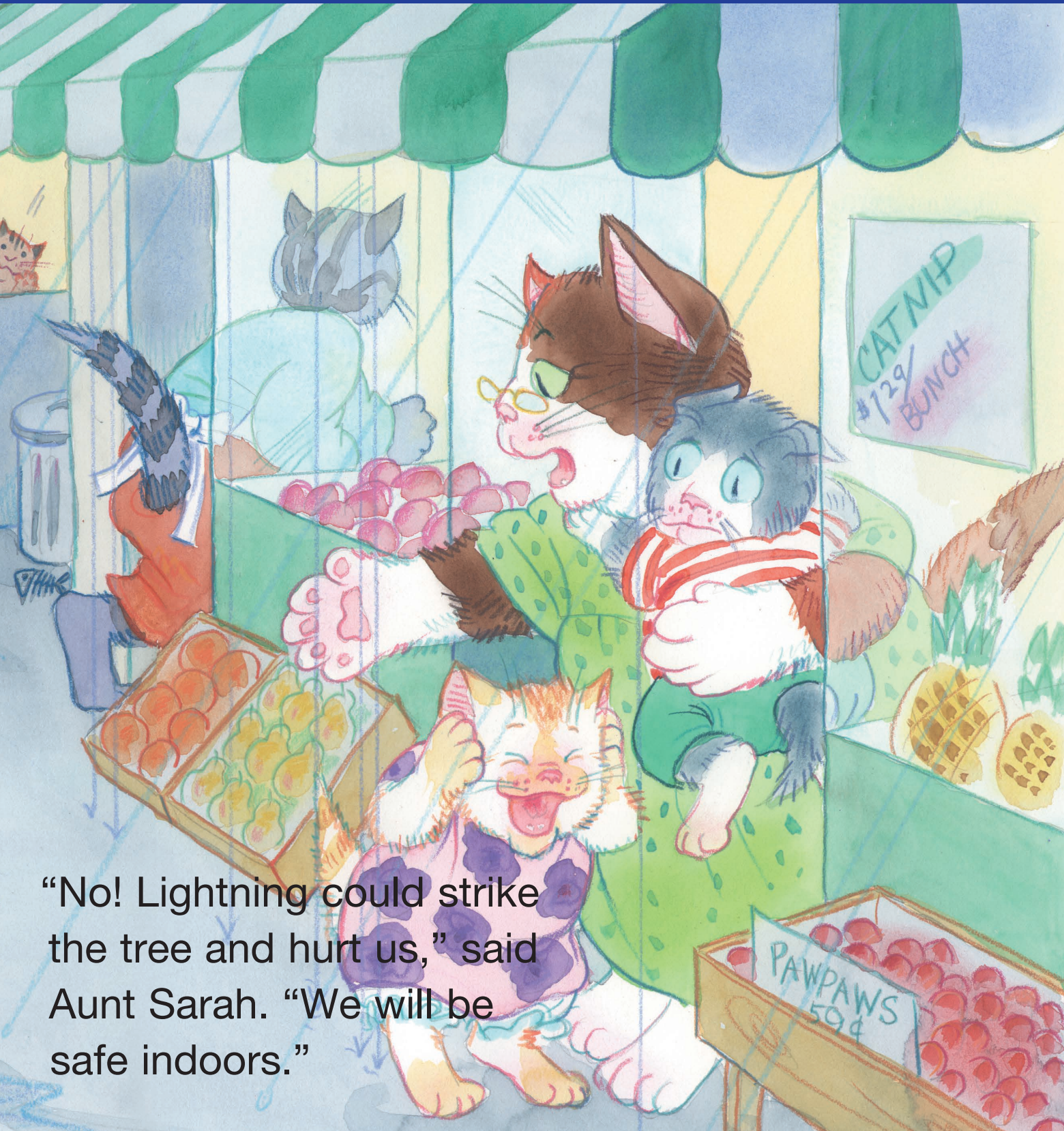


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Lightning flashed. Thunder boomed.  
“Hide under a tree!” said Rufus.





“No! Lightning could strike the tree and hurt us,” said Aunt Sarah. “We will be safe indoors.”

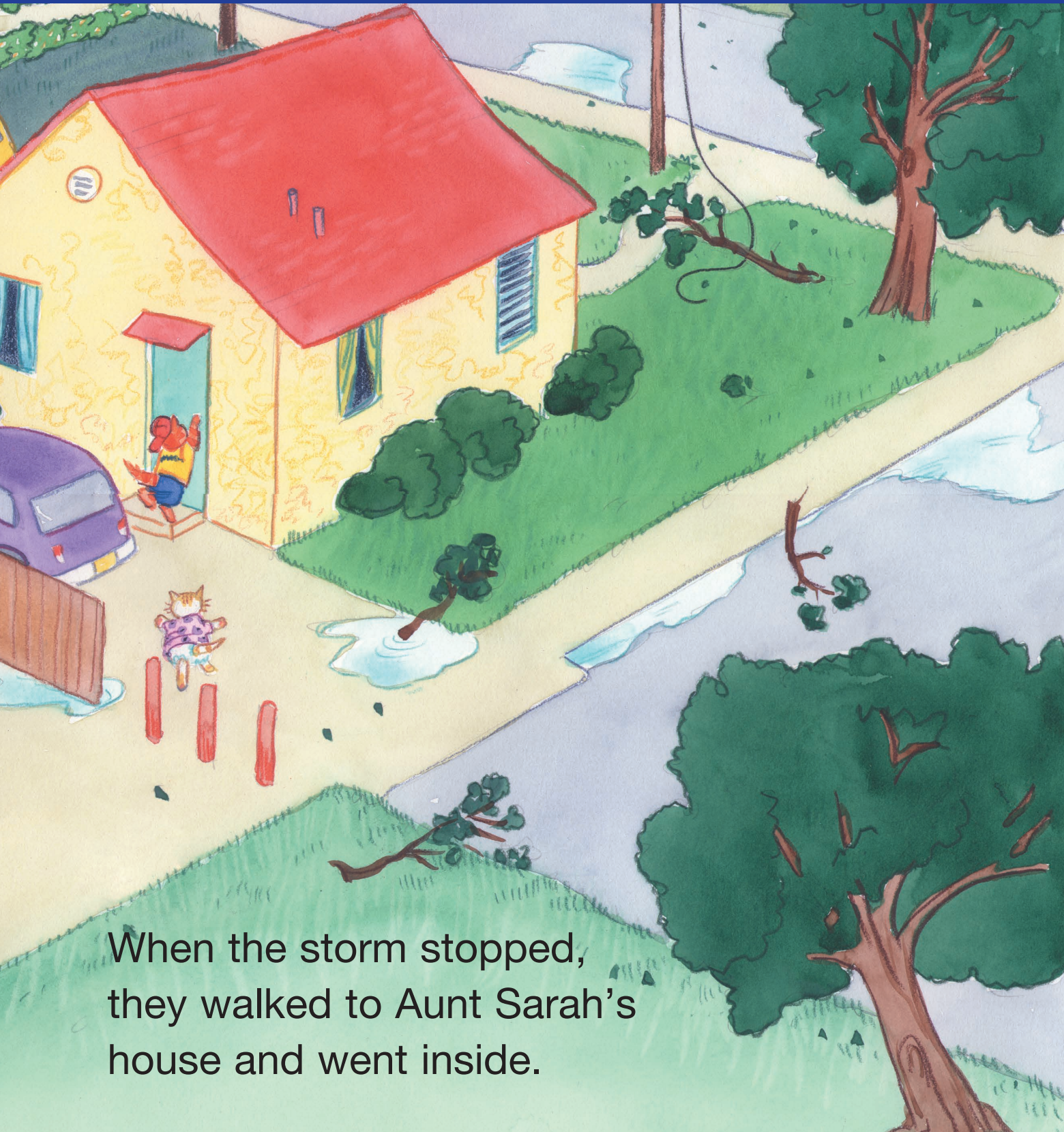




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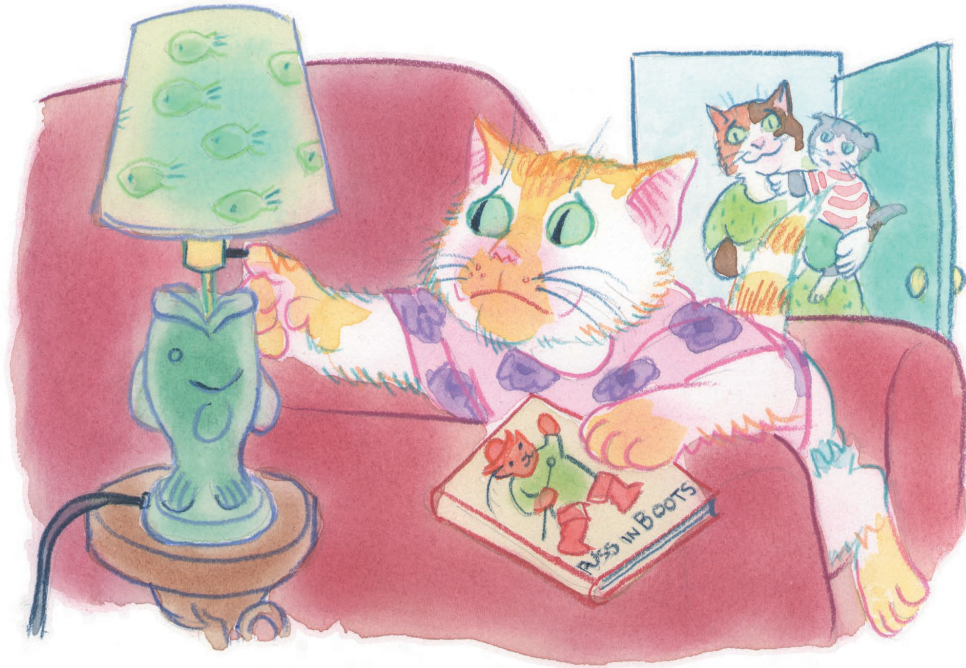


When the storm stopped,  
they walked to Aunt Sarah's  
house and went inside.





# Aunt Sarah and the Amazing Power



Kit tried to turn a lamp on.  
*No light!*



Rufus tried to turn the radio on.  
*No music!*





“The storm must have caused a power outage,” said Aunt Sarah.  
“My electricity is off.”





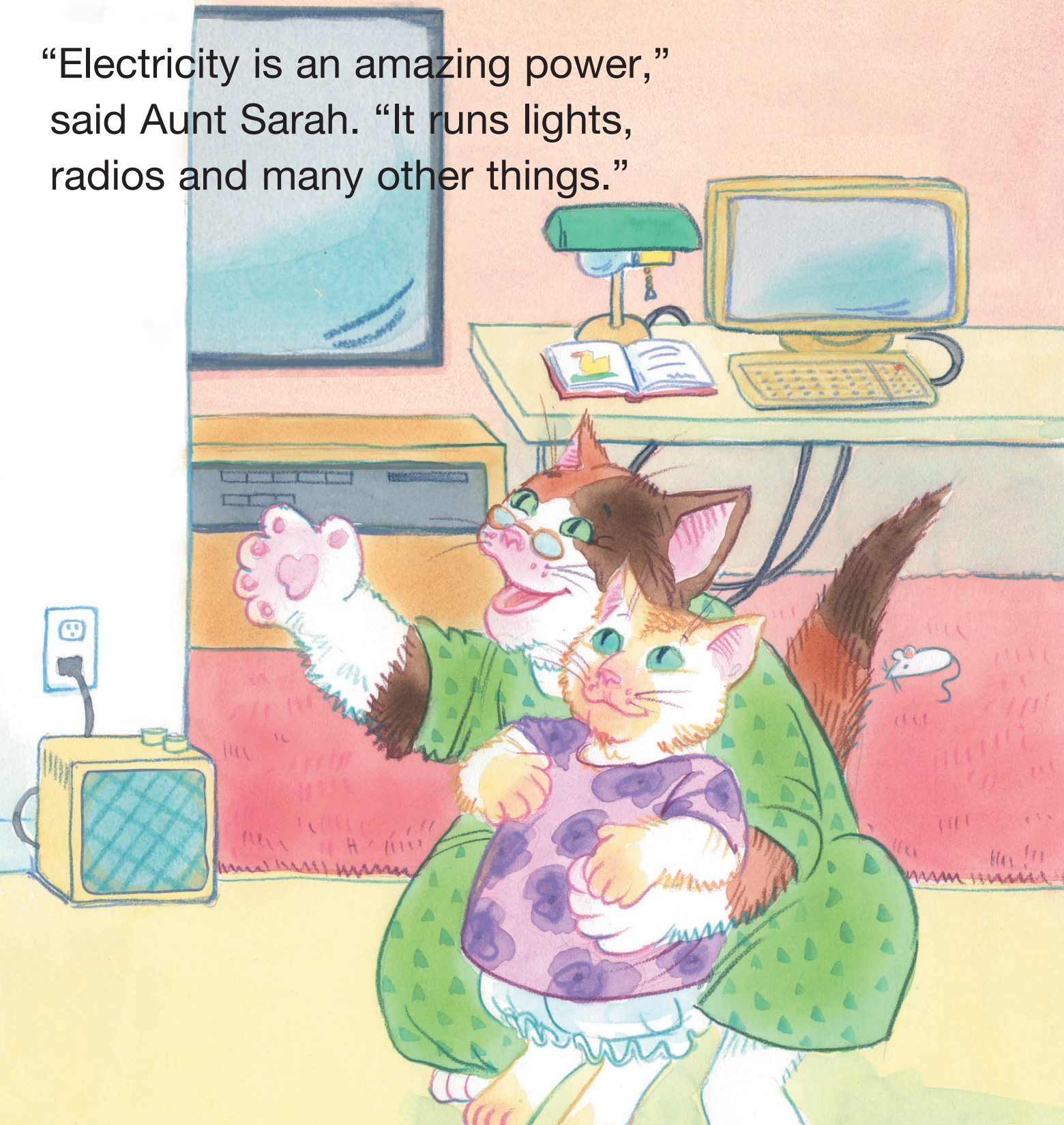
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“Electricity?  
What is that?”  
asked Carlos.



“Electricity is an amazing power,”  
said Aunt Sarah. “It runs lights,  
radios and many other things.”







# Aunt Sarah and the Amazing Power



“What about our videos?”

“And our computer games?”

“And our cookies?”





“We need electricity for all those things. We must wait for it to come back on.”

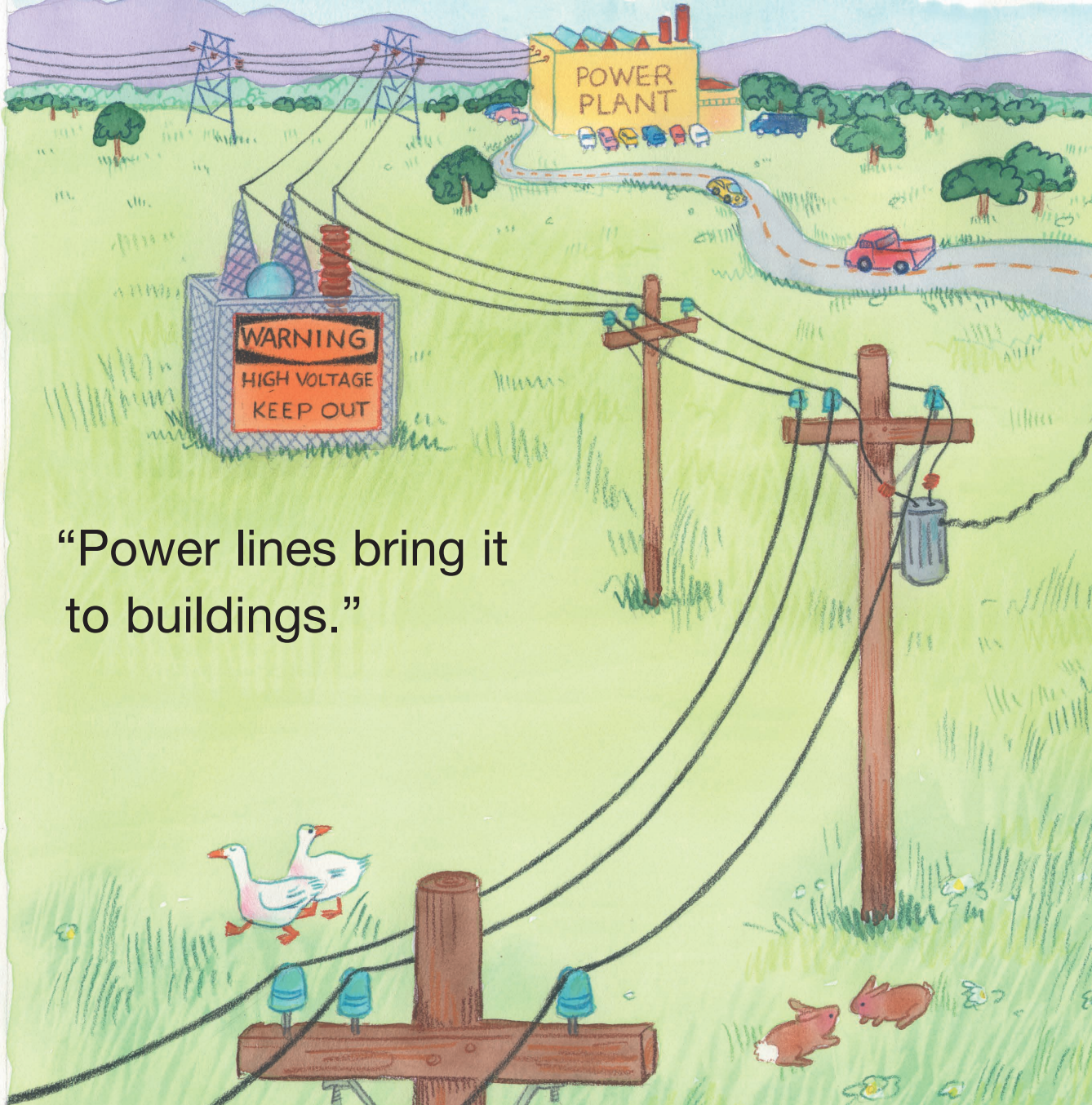




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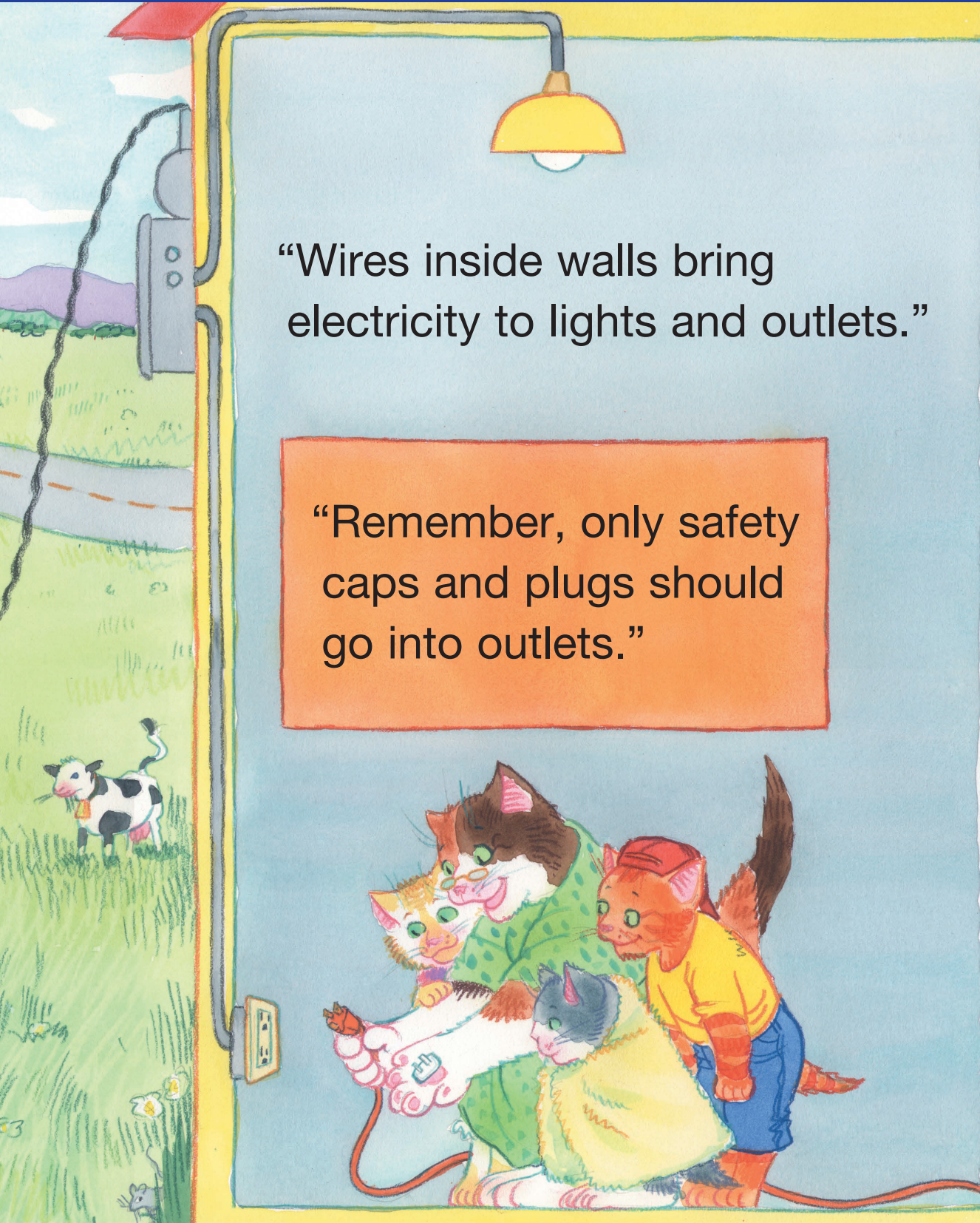
“Where will it come from?” asked Rufus.

“Power plants make electricity,”  
said Aunt Sarah.



“Power lines bring it  
to buildings.”





“Wires inside walls bring electricity to lights and outlets.”

“Remember, only safety caps and plugs should go into outlets.”





# Aunt Sarah and the Amazing Power

“Why is your electricity off?” said Kit.

“A branch fell on the power line.  
Electricity can’t get to my house.”







“Can we fix the line?” said Carlos.  
“Oh, no!” said Aunt Sarah. “Power lines are very dangerous. *Always* keep away from them.”





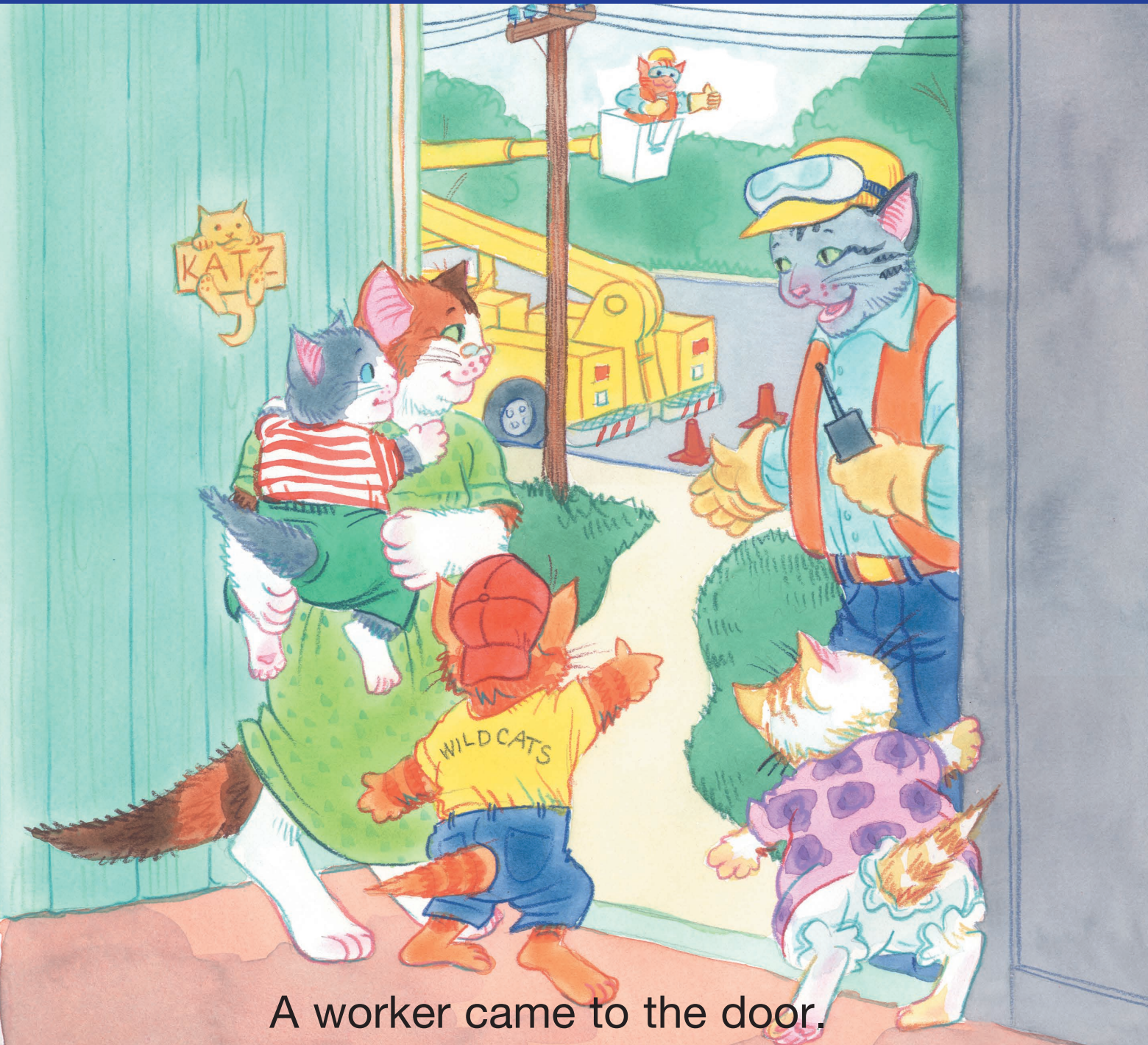


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“Look, the electric company workers are fixing the lines.”





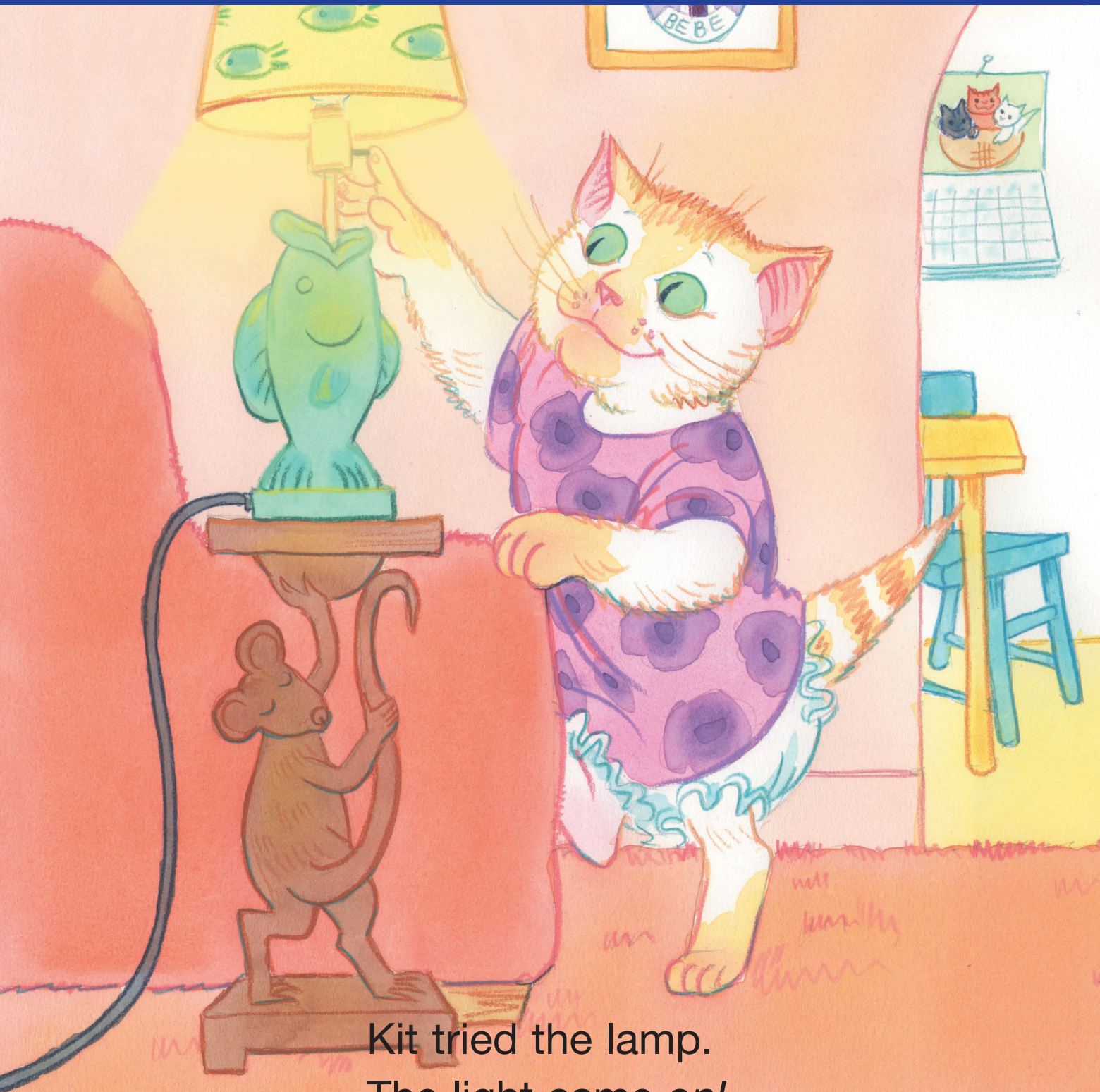


A worker came to the door.  
“Our job is done,” he said.  
“You have electricity again!”



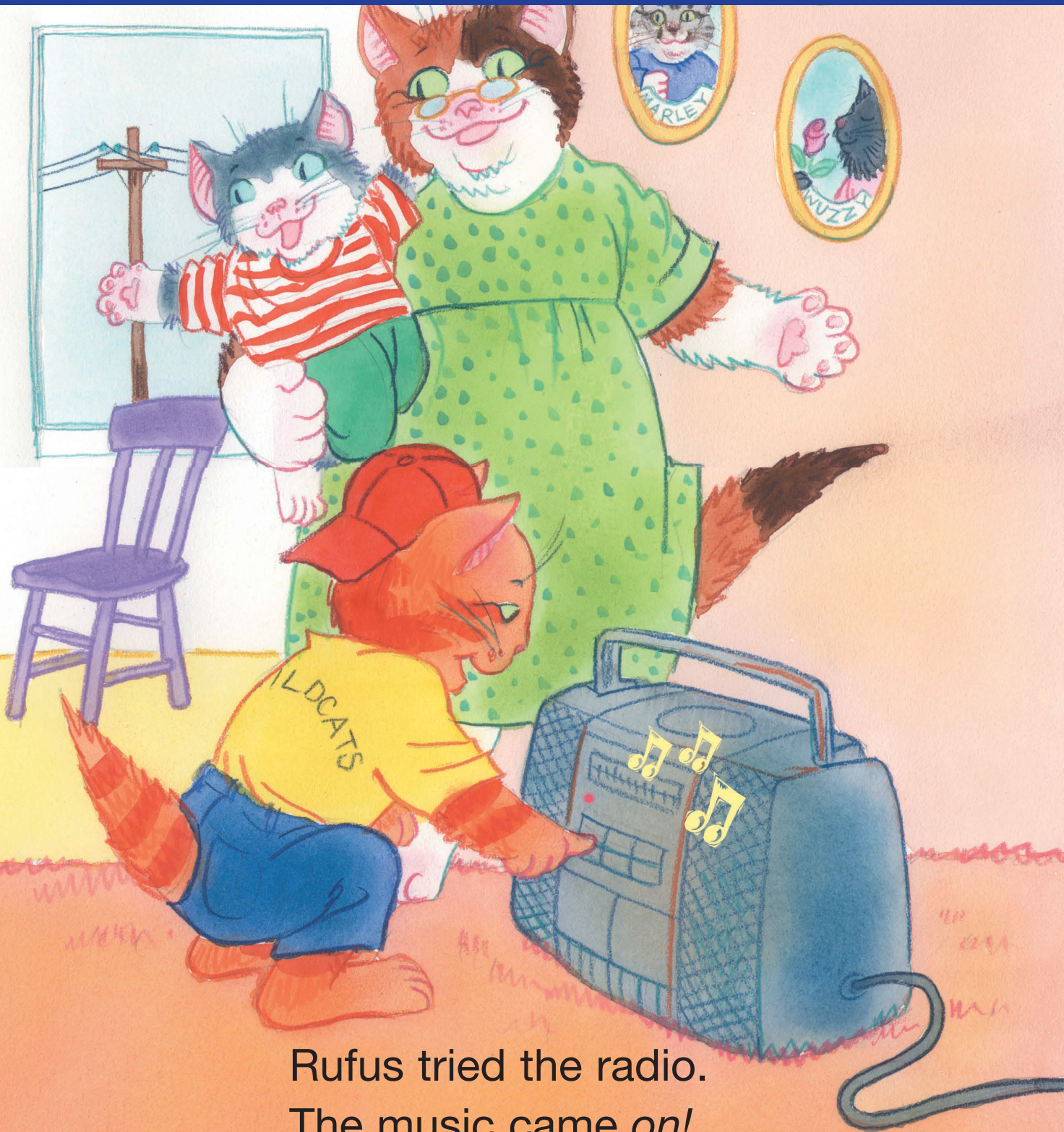


# Aunt Sarah and the Amazing Power



Kit tried the lamp.  
The light came *on!*





Rufus tried the radio.  
The music came on!





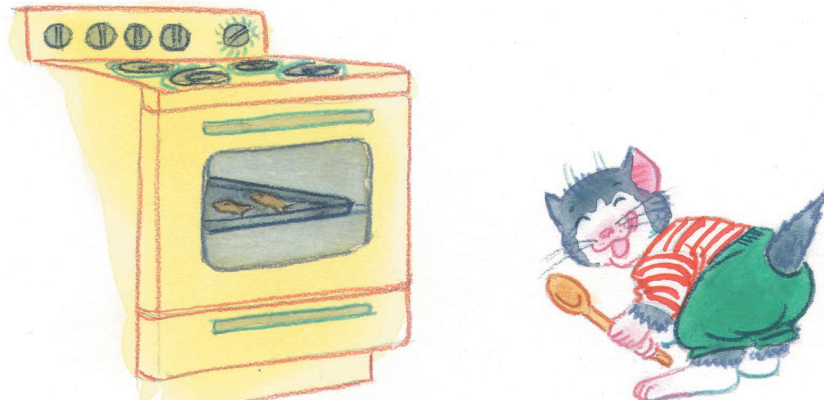
# Aunt Sarah and the Amazing Power



“Now we can watch videos!”



“And play computer games!”



“And bake cookies!”





Soon the cookies were ready.

“Yummm! Electricity really *is* an amazing power.”





# Aunt Sarah and the Amazing Power

## Go Indoors When There Is Lightning

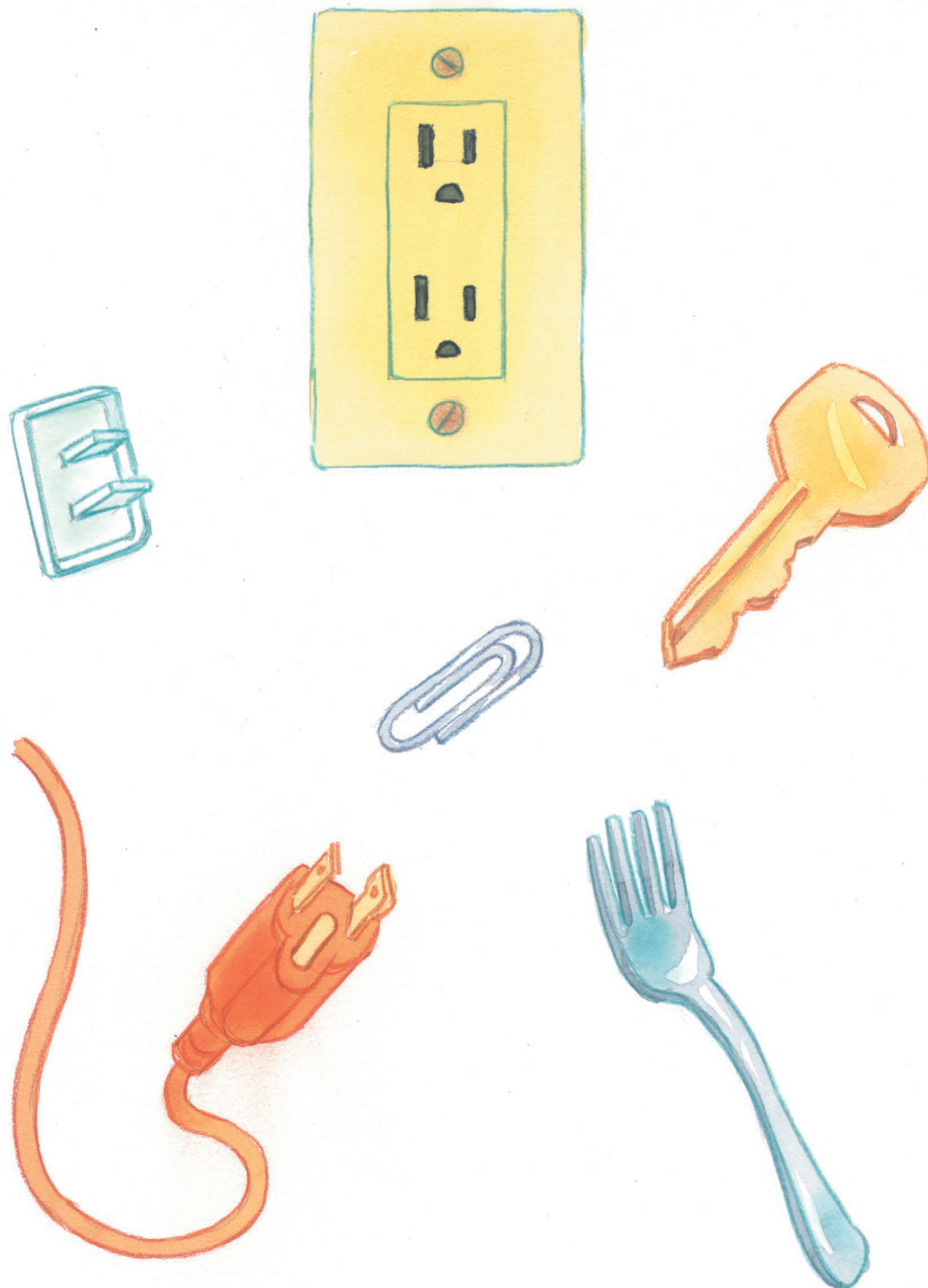
Number the pictures 1, 2, 3 to tell the story.  
Then cut them out and make a book.





## Outlet Safety

Put an X on the things that are *not* safe to put into an outlet.

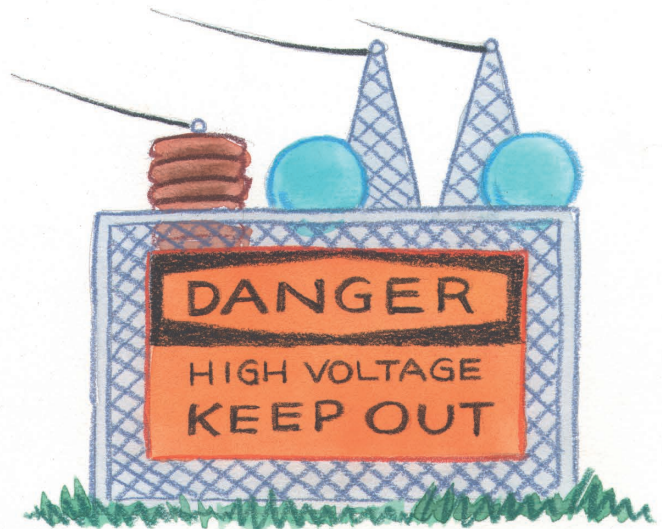
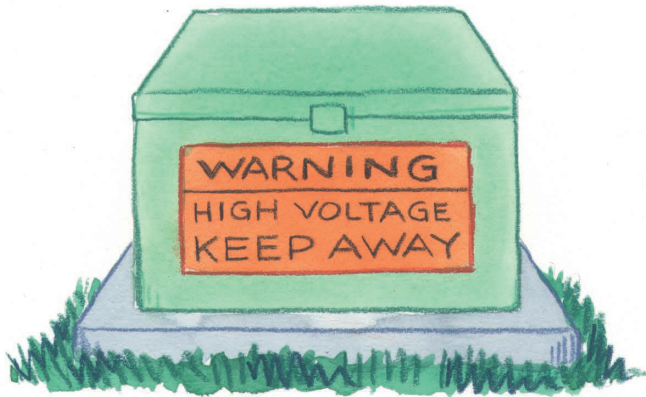






## Stay Away from Electrical Equipment

Put an X on the things that are  
*not* safe to climb.



Only power company workers  
should go near electrical equipment.



## Find This Message

STAY AWAY FROM POWER LINES

S E M A J

T A W A Y

A F R O E

Y R E S P

P O W E R

Y M T E B

L I N E S







# Aunt Sarah and the Amazing Power



## Natural Gas Is Another Amazing Power

Like electricity, natural gas helps us in our homes in many ways.

Draw a line from each sentence to the picture it describes.

Natural gas keeps us warm.

Natural gas cooks our food.





Natural gas heats our water.



Natural gas smells like sulfur or rotten eggs. If you smell natural gas in your house, tell an adult. If no adult is home, get everyone out of the house. Do not use a light switch, candle, flashlight, TV, radio, garage door opener or even a phone – a spark could ignite the gas. Go to a safe location and ask an adult that you trust to call 911 and your gas utility.



## Aunt Sarah's Natural Gas Safety Tips

-  Do not play near natural gas appliances or equipment like ovens, water heaters and furnaces. Keep toys and papers away from them, too.
-  When people dig they must be careful not to damage underground gas pipes. Remind adults who are planning a digging project to call 811 several days before digging to find out where these pipes are located.
-  Leaks from natural gas pipelines can be a fire hazard. Here are some gas pipeline leak warning signs: a smell of sulfur or rotten eggs; a hissing, whistling or roaring sound; dirt spraying or blowing into the air from a hole in the ground; water that is bubbling; and grass or plants that are dead or dying in an otherwise moist area.
-  If you notice any gas pipeline leak warning signs, do not use a candle or anything electrical. Go far away from the area right away, and do NOT go back until safety officials say it is safe. Ask a trusted adult to report the leak to 911 and the local natural gas utility.







## Take Aunt Sarah's Safety Pledge

**When I see a flash  
of lightning,  
I will always go  
indoors.**

**Only plugs  
and safety caps  
go into outlets,  
that's for sure.**



**If I smell a  
natural gas leak,  
I'll tell an adult  
right away.**

**Near gas appliances  
and equipment,  
I promise  
not to play.**

**I will keep away  
from power lines  
and electrical  
equipment, too.**

**Stay safe around  
gas and electricity,  
that is what  
I want to do!**



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