

Sparklers

Miss Feline's Unusual Pets



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The Characters

Miss Feline

Miss Feline loves to sing in the shower. She has brown hair.

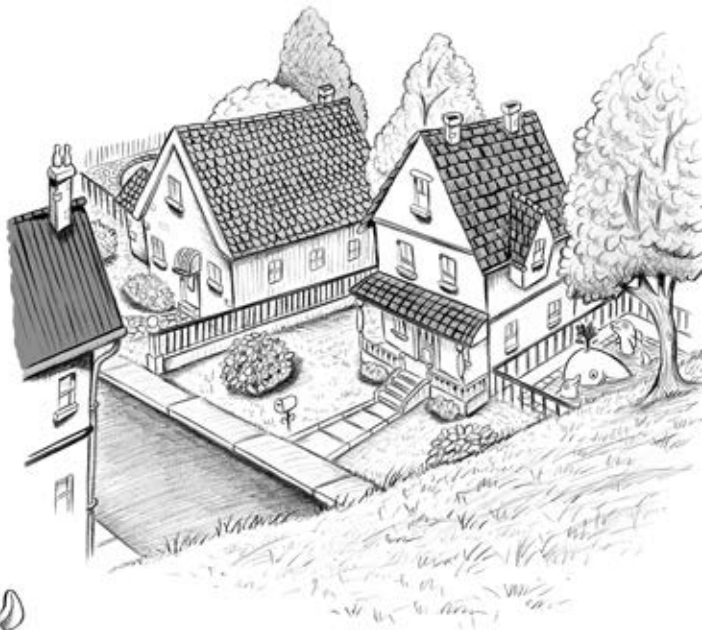


Stella

Stella plays soccer. She wants to be a vet when she grows up.



The Setting



Chapter 1

A Small Favour

Miss Feline was on the phone.

"I need a small favour," she said to Stella.



Miss Feline lived next door. "Could you look after my pets for an hour or two today? The painter is coming. He says they cannot stay."

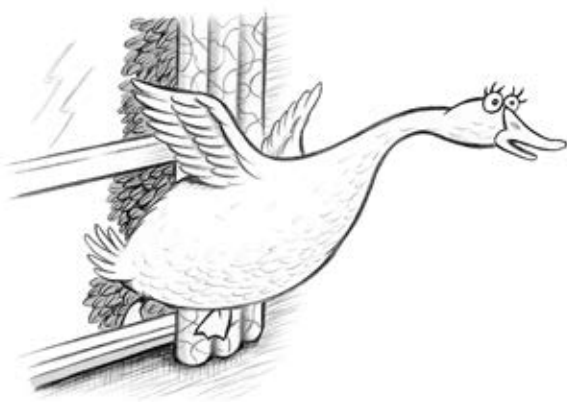


Chapter 2

More Unusual Pets

A goose flew in through the window. She landed with a thump.

She grumbled as she got up off the floor.



Then a hyena came to the door. He had the hiccups.

He saw the goose and laughed.

They began to argue. It went on and on until Stella yelled, "Stop!"



The room was silent. The crocodile stood very still. His toothy grin was bigger than ever.

He made them all very nervous.

From the garden, they heard a whistle.

"Who is that?" asked Stella.

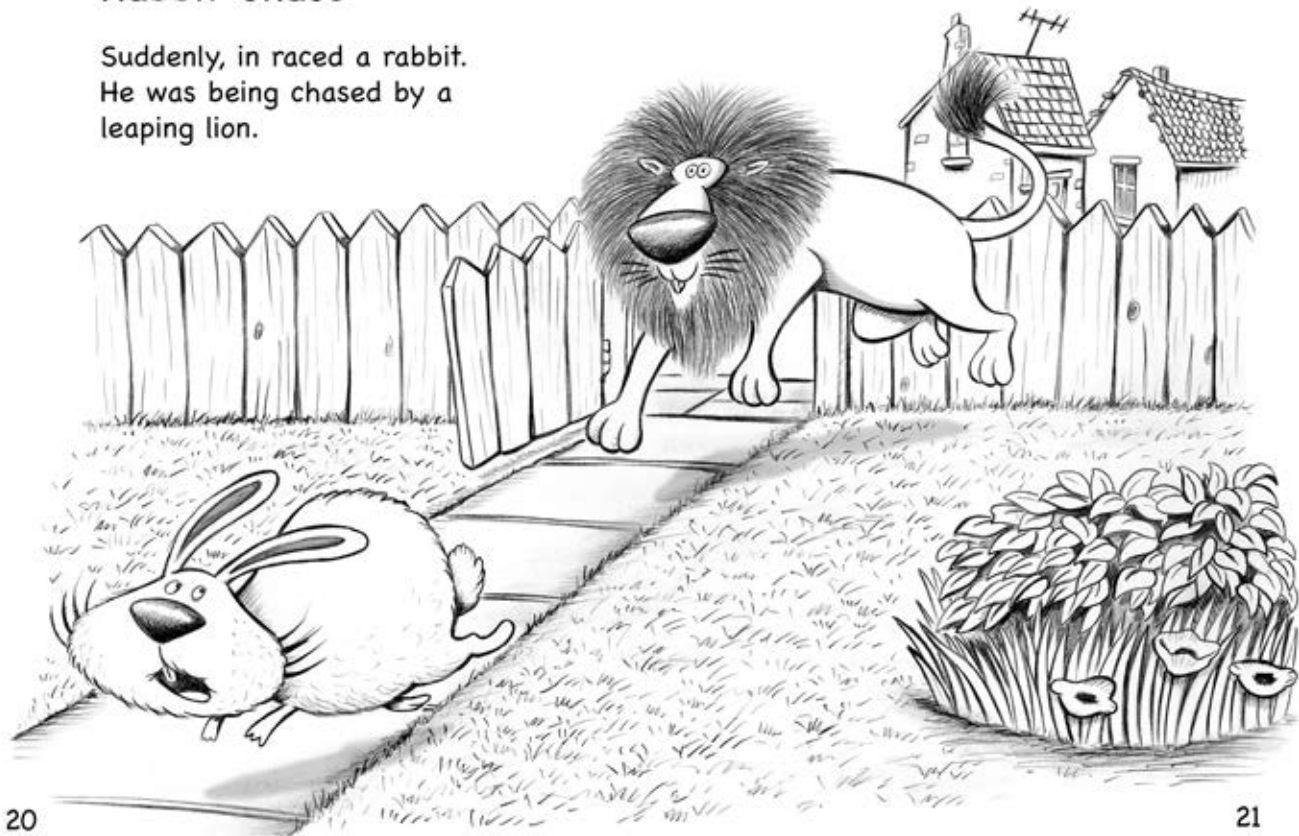


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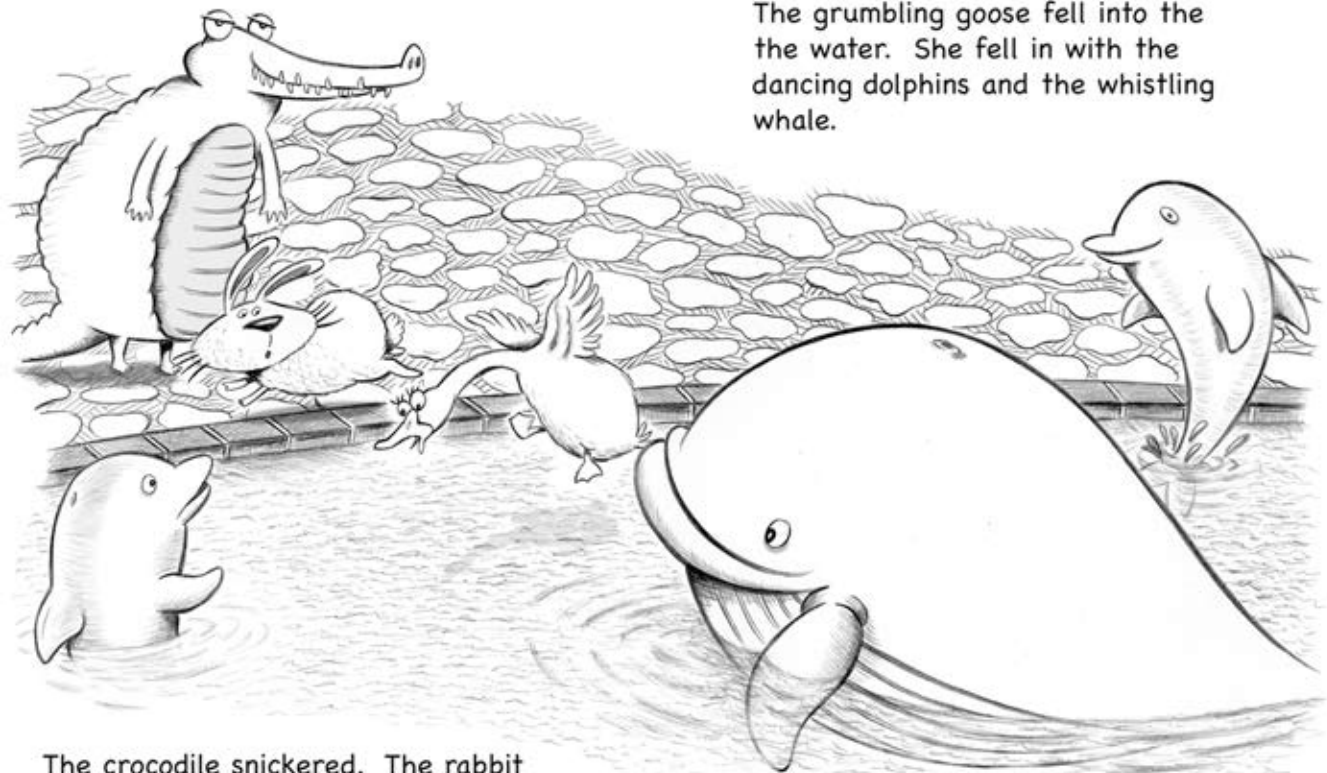
Rabbit Chase

Suddenly, in raced a rabbit.
He was being chased by a
leaping lion.

"Help! Help!" yelled the rabbit.
"The lion is trying to eat me!"

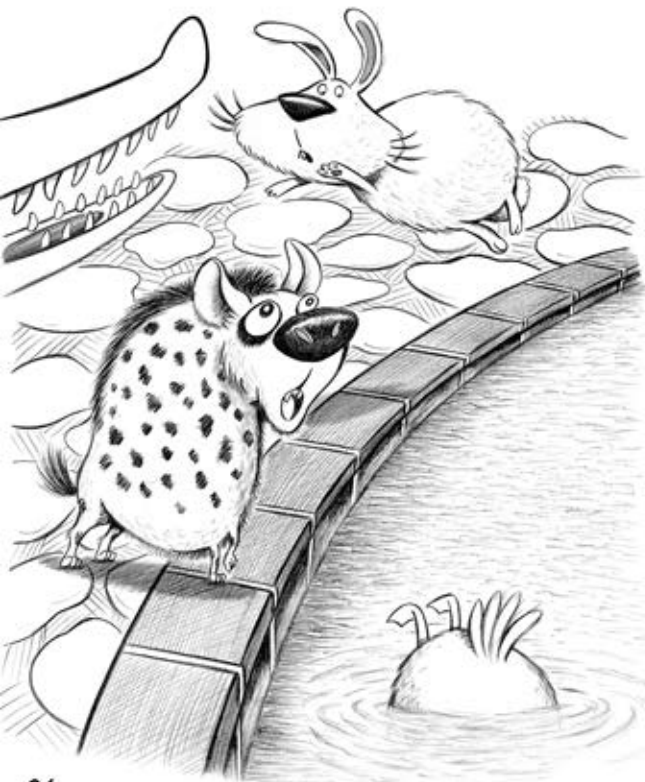


The grumbling goose fell into the water. She fell in with the dancing dolphins and the whistling whale.

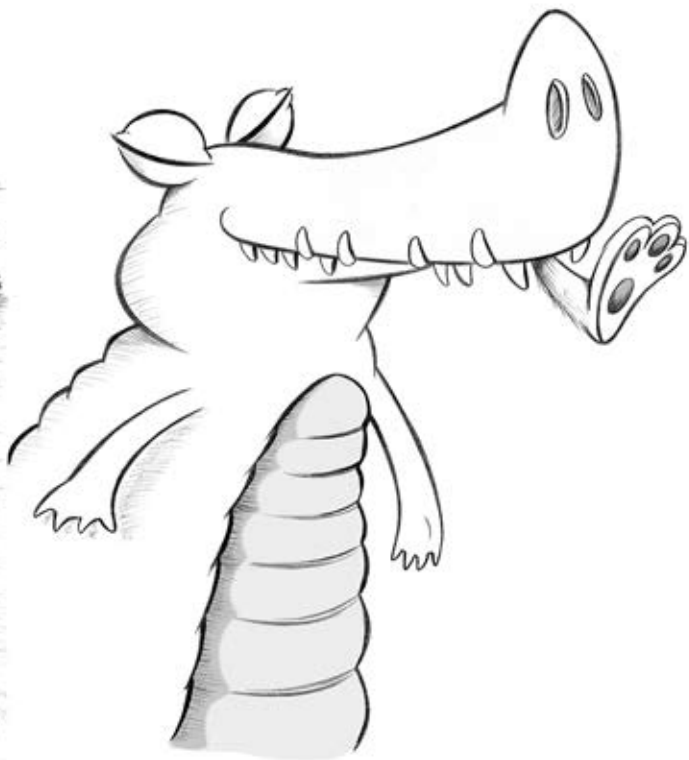


The crocodile snickered. The rabbit ran past the grumbling goose.

The rabbit jumped over the hyena. He ran straight into the open mouth of the crocodile.



"SNAP!" The crocodile's mouth locked shut.



But best of all, the crocodile got the giggles. He wore a happy grin and joined in.

Now it was Stella's turn to call Miss Feline. "I'm no longer nervous. They are much more like friends. So when can I mind your unusual pets again?"

