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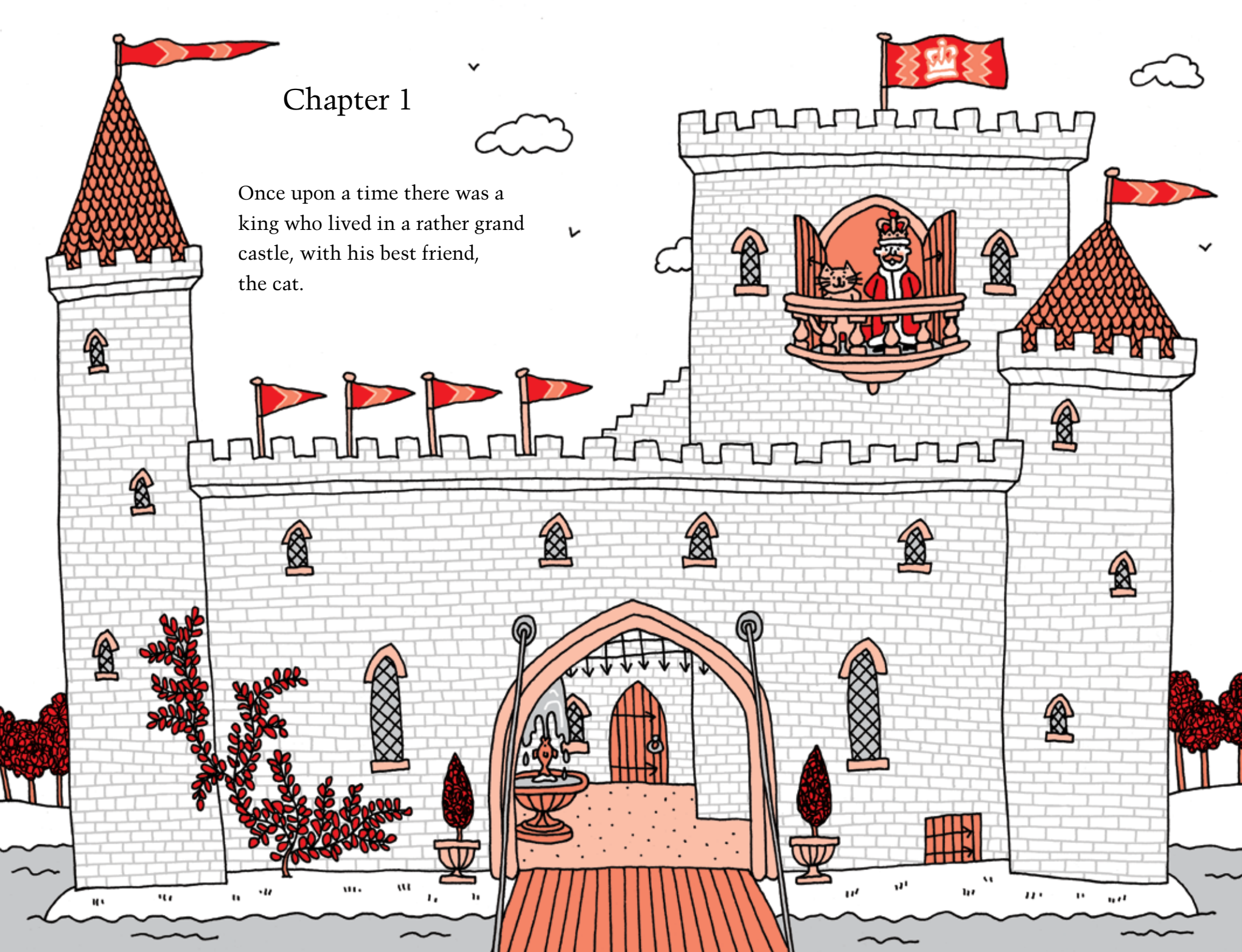
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Chapter 1

Once upon a time there was a king who lived in a rather grand castle, with his best friend, the cat.

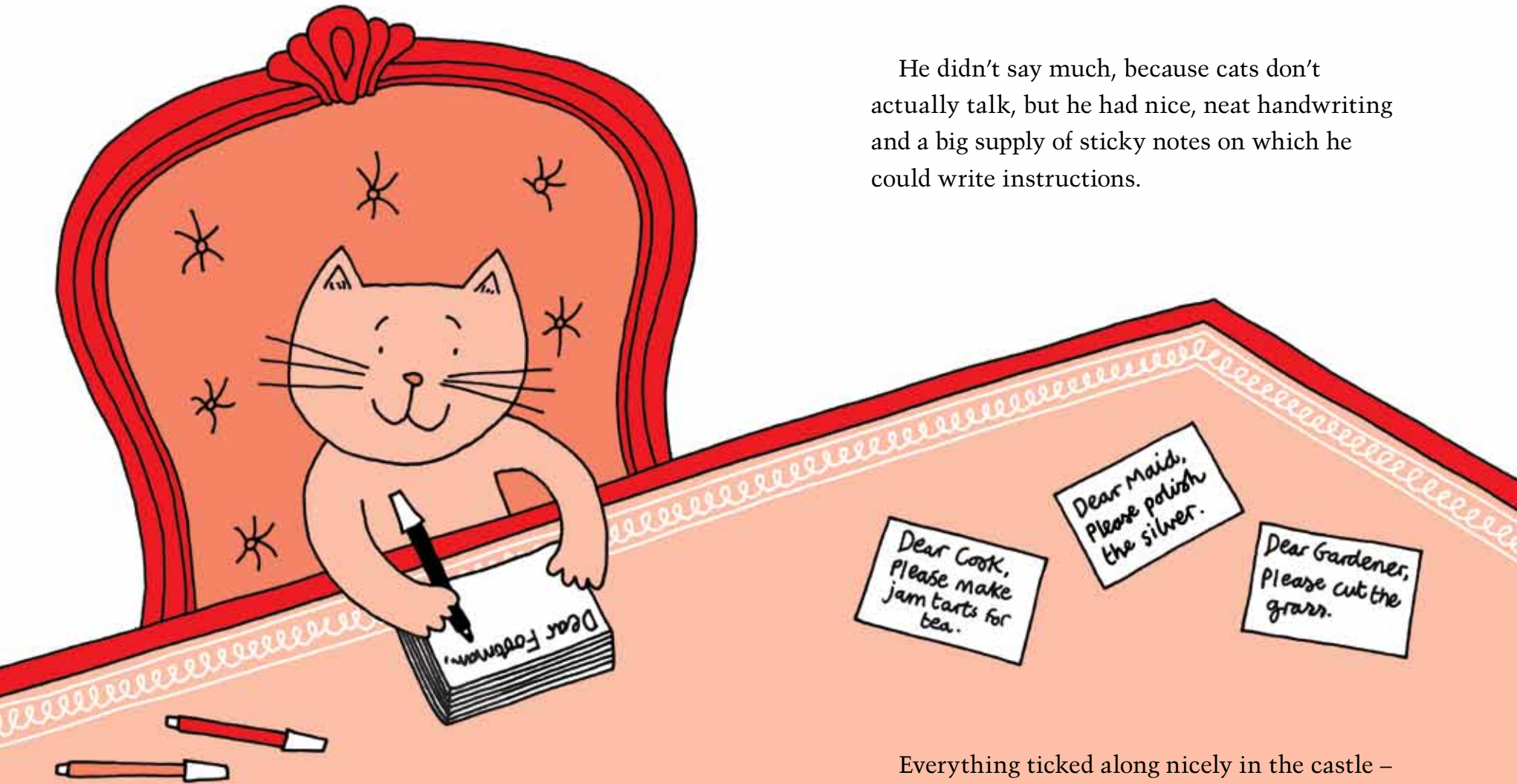


The king was very good at doing all the things that kings do, like walking on red carpets, making speeches, cutting ribbons, and balancing a heavy crown on his head.



He had a dozen servants to do everything else.





He didn't say much, because cats don't actually talk, but he had nice, neat handwriting and a big supply of sticky notes on which he could write instructions.

The cat was very good at making sure everything ran smoothly in the castle.

Everything ticked along nicely in the castle – until an Unfortunate Incident that the cat could not prevent.

Let's just say it involved a fire-breathing dragon.



Fortunately no one was hurt, but the king and the cat had to move out of the castle and find somewhere else to live.

They looked at lots of places . . .

