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To Cosmo, Pickle and Princess Cupcake,  
my favourite hounds. - *BD*

For Manon, thanks for letting me sleep  
so well to illustrate this book! - *CA*

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Once upon a time, there were three little pugs called Bubbles, Bandit and Beauty. They lived with their mother in a tiny kennel in the woods.

“You three aren’t puppies any more,” said Mother Pug.

“It’s time you went to build houses of your own.”

What kind of houses shall we build?

Will there be sticks?

Will there be treats?

Take these snacks and watch out for the Big Bad Cat. She’s the meanest moggy around, and will do anything for food. Build strong houses to keep that clever kitty out.

So off the three little pugs went, their backpacks bulging with biscuits.



Bandit and Beauty bounded ahead, while Bubbles dragged his paws at the back.



“Fine,” said Bubbles, looking around. “Then I’ll build my house right here out of . . . this straw.” And that’s exactly what he did.

“I’m starving!”

he wailed, plonking himself down on the ground.

“Can’t I just eat a *couple* of treats?”

“You have to build a house first. Remember the **Big Bad Cat!**” warned Beauty.

Come back here, tail!

