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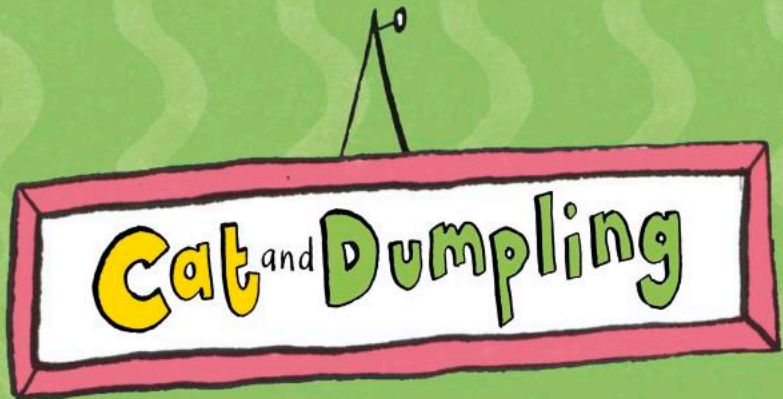
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Home Sweet Home



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Meet Cat and Dumpling. Cat is a cat. Dumpling is a dog. Cat likes knitting; Dumpling likes gardening. Cat likes cunning plans; Dumpling likes a quiet life. They are very different, like chalk and cheese!

And this is the story of how they first met . . .



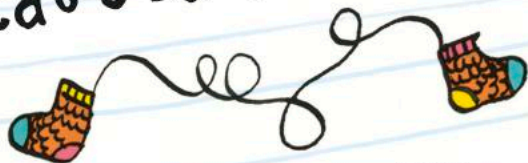


Chapter One

Meet Cat

Cat was brilliant at making things, especially with wool. She could knit just about anything and always gave knitted presents to her friends. In fact, she liked knitting so much, she found it hard to stop.

Cat's Latest Knits:



Socks connected by string
(so they'll never be odd).




Woolly pirate costume.



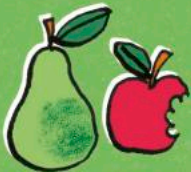
Knitted tennis equipment
(for smash-proof indoor matches).

The trouble was, Cat lived in a teeny-weeny flat, and a teeny-weeny flat was not a good place to keep lots and lots of knitting.



There was hardly room for anything else, let alone space for Cat to dance around playing her guitar.

'If only I could *knit* myself more space,' she sighed. But she couldn't. 'I need a bigger home,' said Cat.





Dumpling was an amazing gardener. He loved to plant seeds and watch them grow. He looked after flowers, fruit, and trees. And he grew all kinds of vegetables, which he cooked into delicious feasts.

Dumpling's Latest Plants:



Extra crunchy lettuce
(for deliciously
crunchy sandwiches).

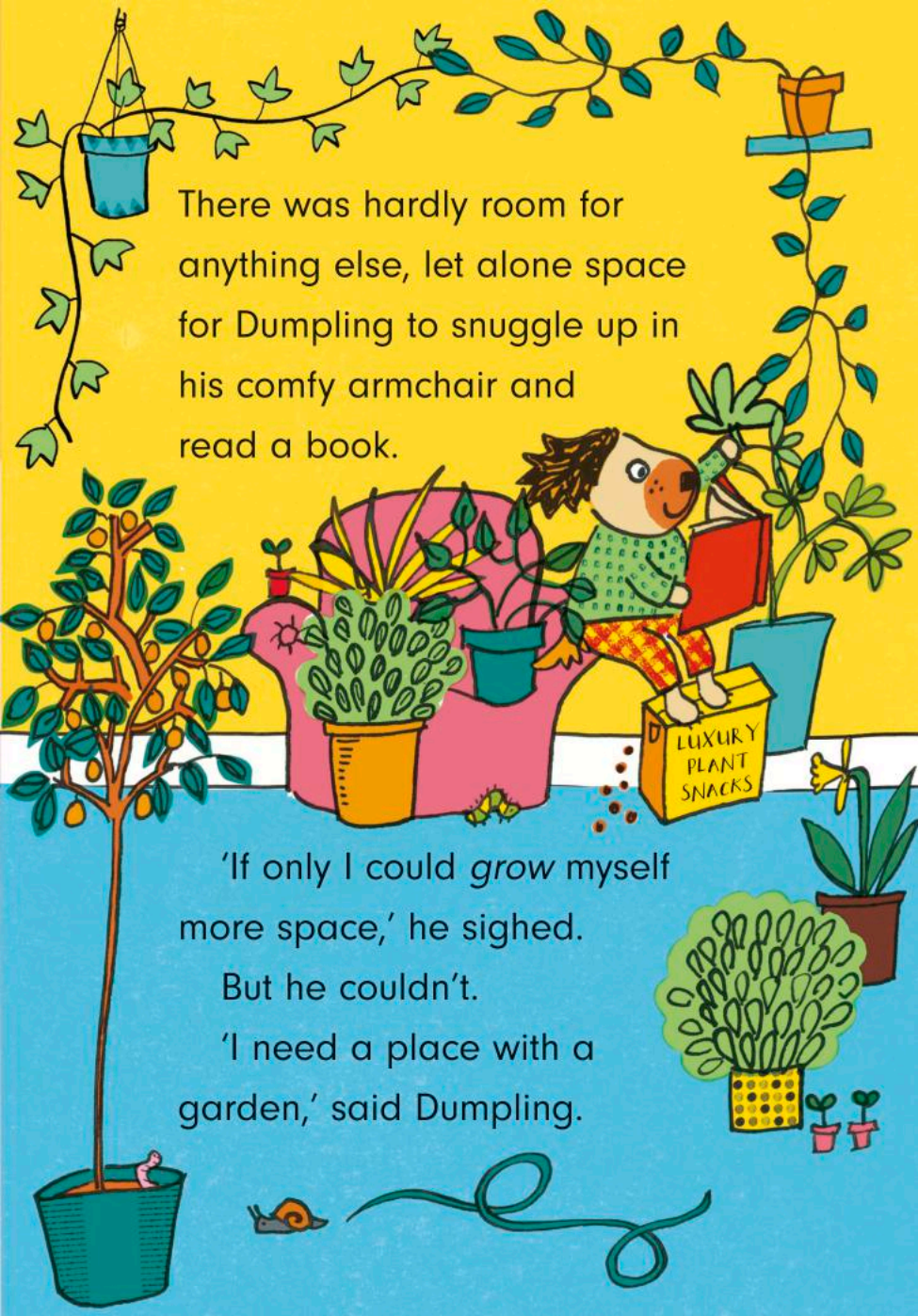
A baby beanstalk
(with no giants at the top).



Daisies for record-
breaking daisy chains.



The trouble was, Dumpling only had a titchy-tiny flat. Much too titchy and tiny for all his plants.



There was hardly room for anything else, let alone space for Dumpling to snuggle up in his comfy armchair and read a book.

'If only I could *grow* myself more space,' he sighed. But he couldn't.

'I need a place with a garden,' said Dumpling.