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# CHAPTER

## ONE

Tim was given lots of presents for his birthday. The best one of all came from Aunt Ethel.

‘Here,’ she said, and she handed Tim a **very large** kitten.

He loved it. So did Mum

and Dad. They loved its  
orange and black stripes,  
and its big floppy paws.

‘A word of advice,’ said  
Aunt Ethel, who was bossy.



‘Never feed it any meat.

Dry cat food is best.’

‘Nonsense,’ said Dad. ‘A  
growing kitten needs meat.’

Aunt Ethel didn’t like



being contradicted. 'Don't say you weren't warned!' she said, and she walked off in a huff.

Nobody noticed. They were too interested in the kitten.

'I'll call him Tig,'  
Tim said.

**'G-G-G-R-O-W-L,'** Tig said, biting a hole in the tablecloth.

'The poor dear,' Mum



said. 'He must be hungry.'

Tig bit a hole in the  
armchair.





‘Famished, by the looks of him,’ Dad said.

‘Got anything for his tea?’  
Tim asked.

‘I have just the thing,’  
Mum said.

She went to the fridge  
and took out a dish of  
**raw meat.**