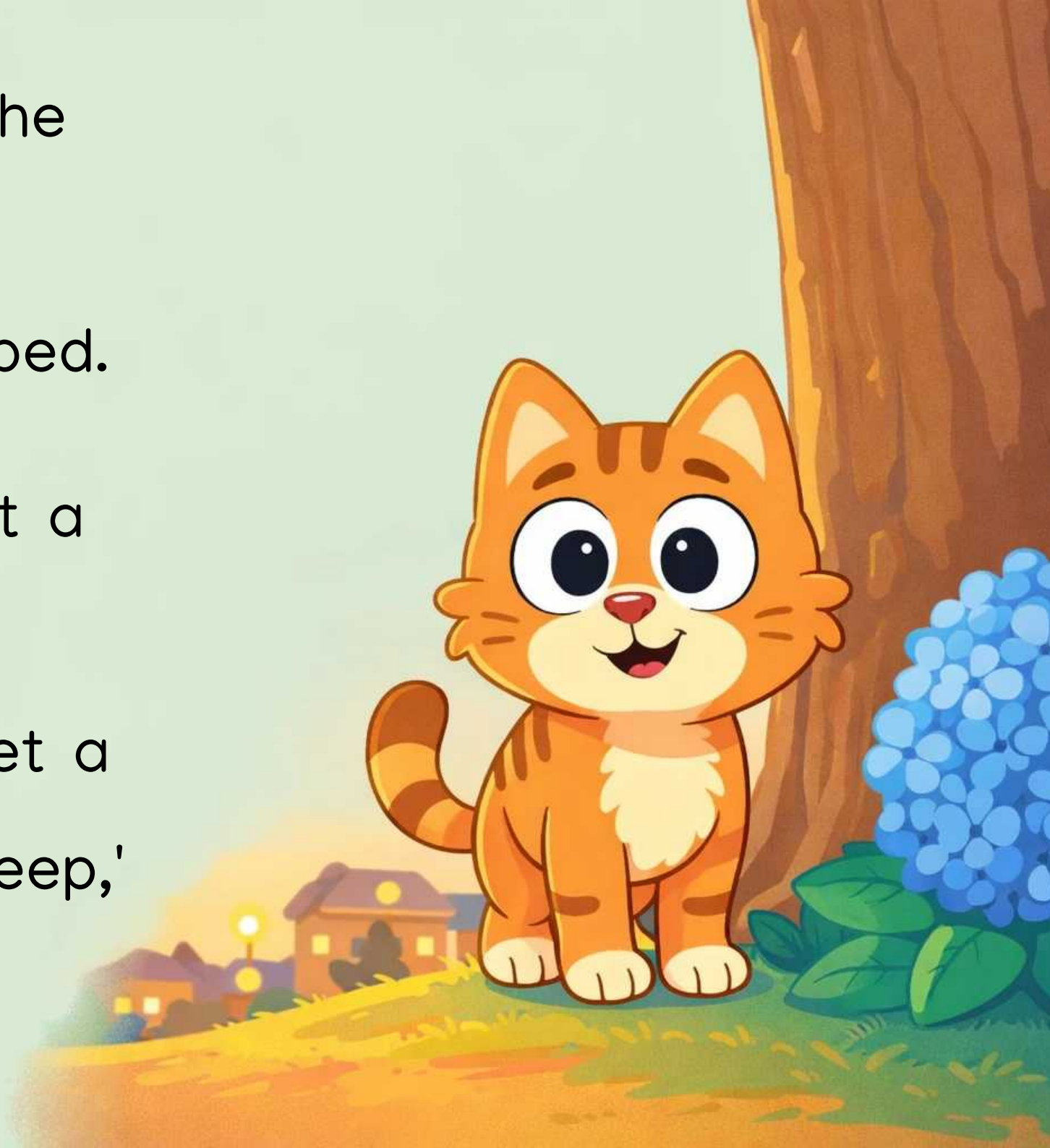


Cats on Cats!



This is Rusty. The
sun is low, and
Rusty needs a bed.

Rusty trots past a
tree and blue
flowers. 'I will get a
snug spot to sleep,'
says Rusty.





Rusty sees a big
box. Wow, it is
crowded! It is full
up with animals.
'No room!' says the
cat. 'No room!'
says the puppy.
'No room for Rusty!'

Rusty trots on
down the street.
The trash cans
stand in a row.
Rusty lifts a lid and
peeks in. Two big
yellow eyes look up
at Rusty! It is Inky!





'This is my own
can!' Inky growls.

'No room for Rusty!'

Bang! Down goes
the lid. Rusty
frowns. No box, no
can, no bed.

Now the rain comes
down. Drip, drop,
splash!

Rusty sits in the
wet plants and
looks up. 'Ow! I am
so wet,' says
Rusty.





Rusty sees a gap
up by the roof.

'There is room up
there!' says Rusty.

Up Rusty goes. The
wall is wet, but
Rusty does not
slow down.

Rusty is up at the top **now**. It is dry here. **Down below**, the rain comes **down** fast. But are the cat, the puppy and Inky safe?





Flash! Bang! The
storm is loud.

Down below, the
animals howl in the
rain. 'Get out!'

Rusty yells down.
'Get to a safe
spot!'

A flash hits the trash, and now there is a fire! The cat, the puppy and Inky run up the path. 'Up here, quick!' Rusty calls from the gate. 'Come up now!'



'Rusty, can we come up?' asks the puppy.

Rusty looks down at them, so wet and sad. 'Yes! Come up now, quick!' Rusty helps them up the rail.





Now four animals
squish under one little
rooftop. An **elbow** is in
Rusty's ear!

'We said no room for
Rusty. We are sad,'
says the cat. 'Do not
be sad,' says Rusty.
'We are safe.'

It is a crowded
little spot. But
now the animals
are snug and
dry.

There is room
for all!





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Rusty just wants one small, warm spot to sleep, but every box and bin on the street is already taken. Then the rain comes down hard, and Rusty has to climb higher than ever to find a dry place to hide. Will there be room up there for a small, wet cat? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 10: ow as in snow & cow), this book practices words like 'crowded', 'growls', 'howl', 'elbow', 'yellow'.

Phonics Focus: <ow>

below, crowded, down, elbow, flowers, frowns, growls, howl, low, now, ow, own, row, slow, wow, yellow

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