Not The Pet You Think

I am a cat, and this is my home.

I sit up on my **seat.** One kid is on the rug. She makes art of me.

Some think I am a pet. They are wrong.

Some think a tub is the best way to get **clean.** They are wrong. I lick and lick, and I am **clean.** My kid has to **clean** the muddy dog in a tub. Splash, splash!

The best spot for a nap is on a lap.

All three kids pat me and pat me. I am snug.

I sleep, and I **dream** sweet **dreams.**

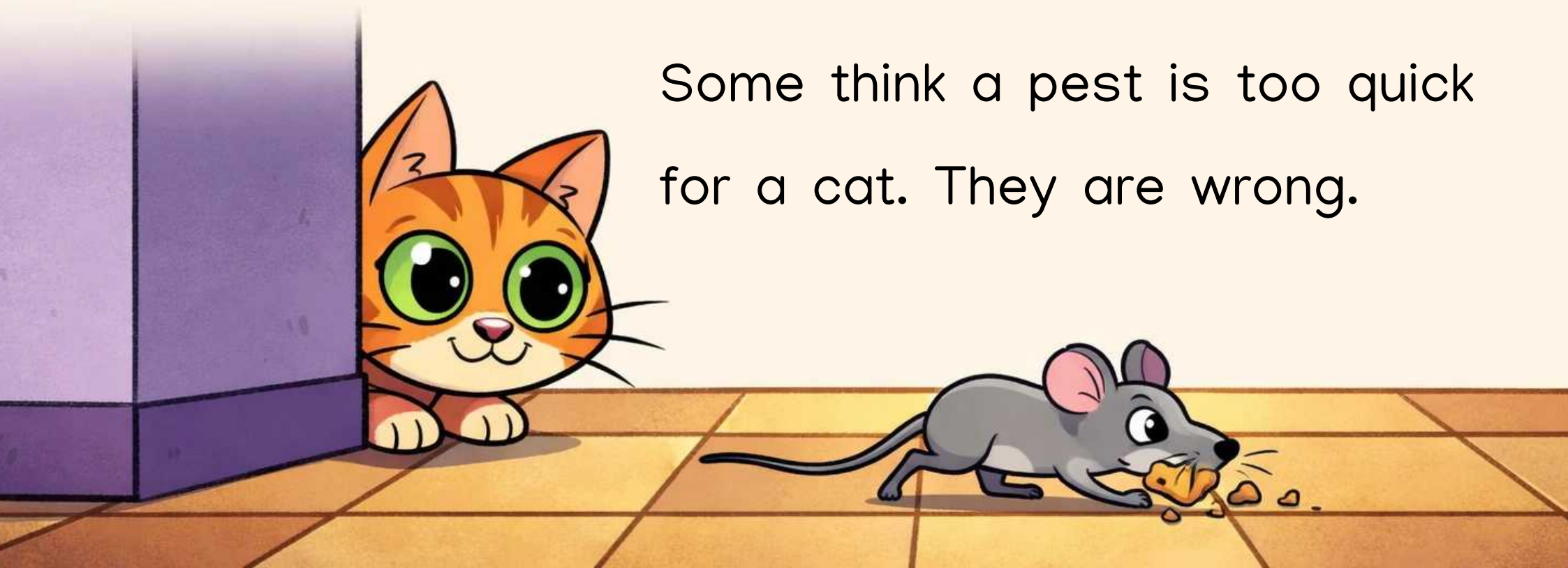
At **daybreak,** Mum packs up **each** lunch. She waves to the kids at the gate, and off they go.

Then the home is mine. I rest up on the porch, and I plan and **dream.**

A wee pest **sneaks** in to **eat.**

Squeak, squeak! I creep up and hide by the wall. I keep still.

Some think a pest is too quick for a cat. They are wrong.



I like to play in my yard, as it is all mine.

Today I **leap** up on the short wall. I grip it with my nails.

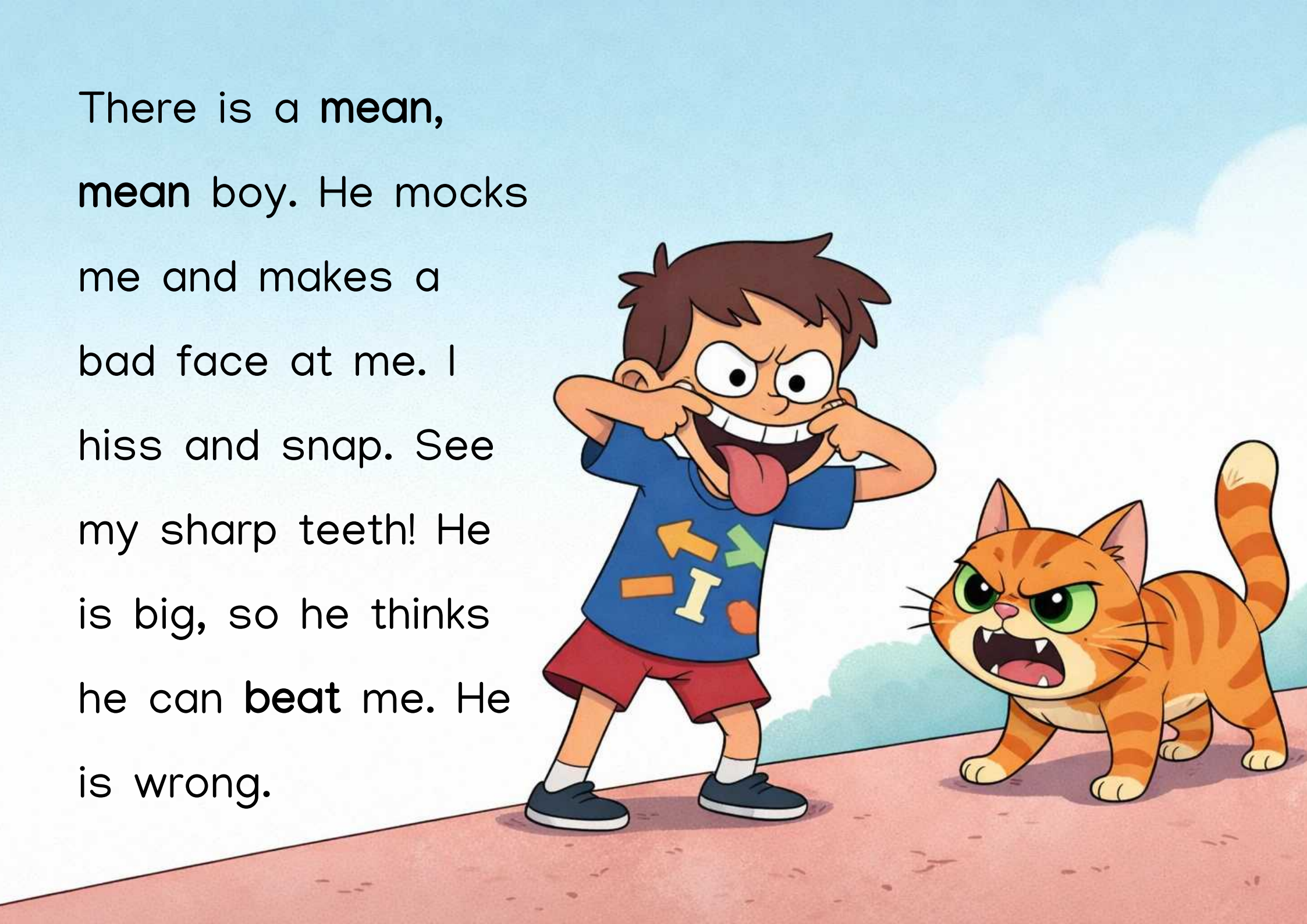
Bugs hide and twist **beneath each leaf.**

Today I **sneak** in with a snail. I set it by the pane.

Mum **squeals** and **screams.** 'No, Cat, no!' she yells. A kid peeks out and grins.

Mum thinks a snail is bad. She is wrong.

There is a **mean, mean** boy. He mocks me and makes a bad face at me. I hiss and snap. See my sharp teeth! He is big, so he thinks he can **beat** me. He is wrong.



I **daydream** that I am a big **beast.** I have long nails and sharp fangs.

Then that **mean** boy will run. Yes, one day I will **beat** him!

Some cats think outside is best. Three cats peek in at the pane. They are wrong. I am snug at the foot of my kid's bed. My kid sleeps, and so will I. Sweet **dreams** to us all. This is my home.

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A cat is convinced this whole house belongs to it, not the other way around. When a mean boy next door keeps making faces and sticking out his tongue, the cat starts to dream up a plan to finally get back at him. Will a daydream about becoming a fierce beast be enough to settle the score? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 8: ea as in sea), this book practises words like 'clean', 'mean', 'dream', 'squeak', 'sneak'.

Phonics Focus: <ea>

beast, beat, beneath, clean, daybreak, daydream, dream, dreams, each, eat, leaf, leap, mean, screams, seat, sneak, sneaks, squeak, squeals

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