

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, Mom
packs up each lunch.
She waves to the
kids at the gate, and
off they go.

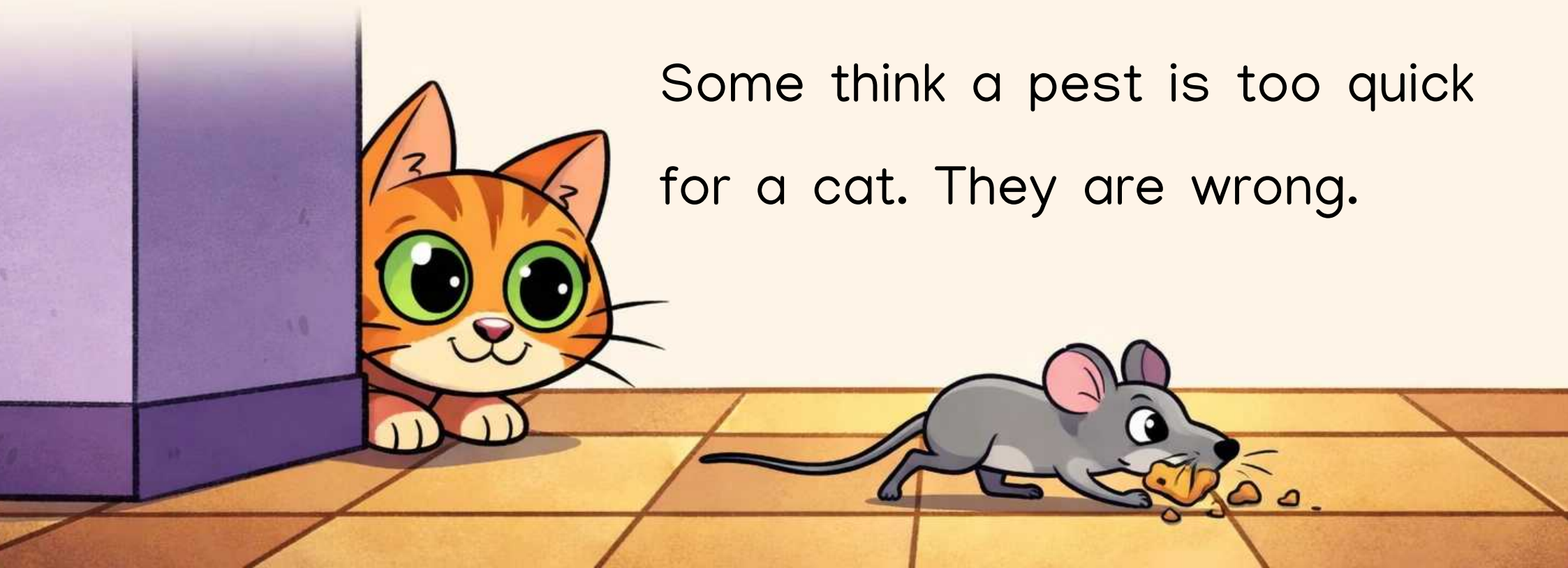
Then the home is
mine. I rest up on the
porch, and I plan and
dream.



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.

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

Mom 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 practices 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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