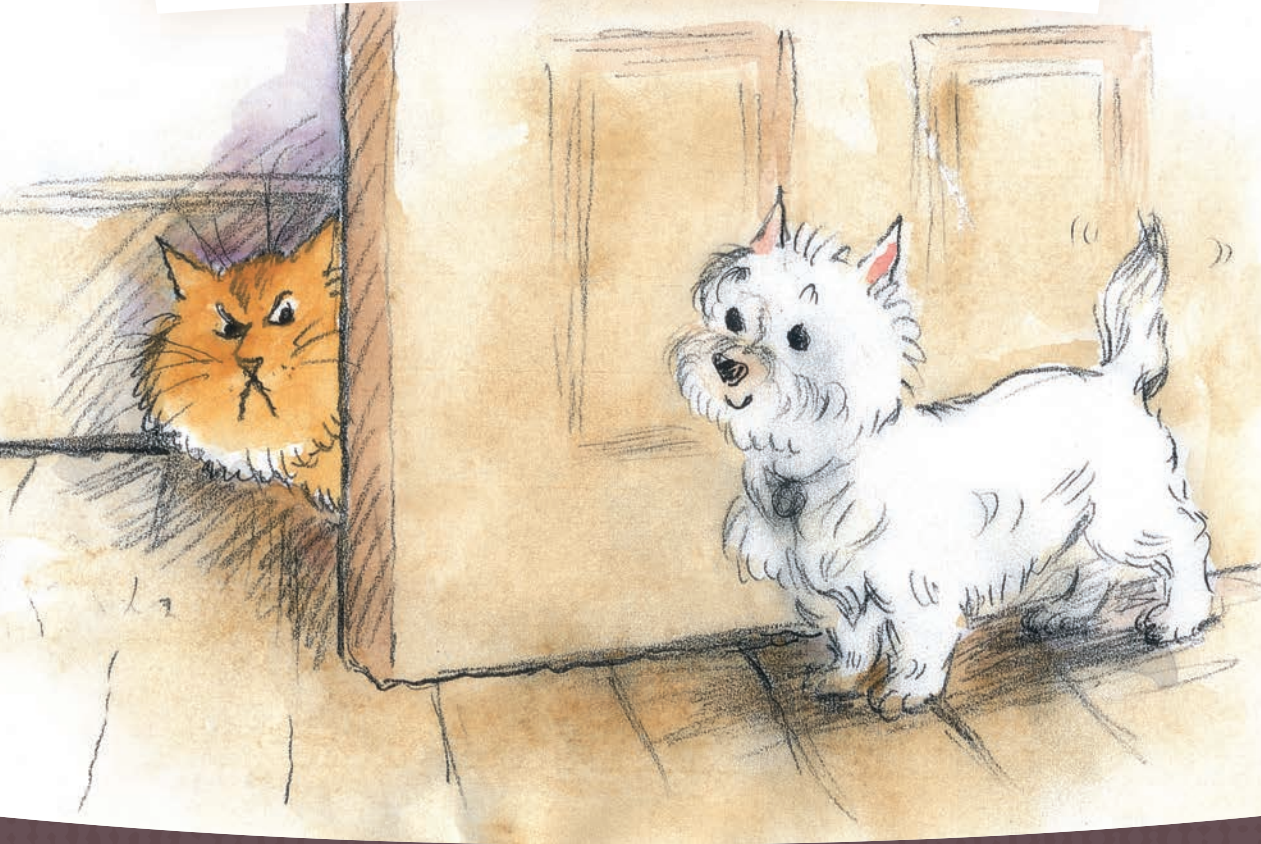


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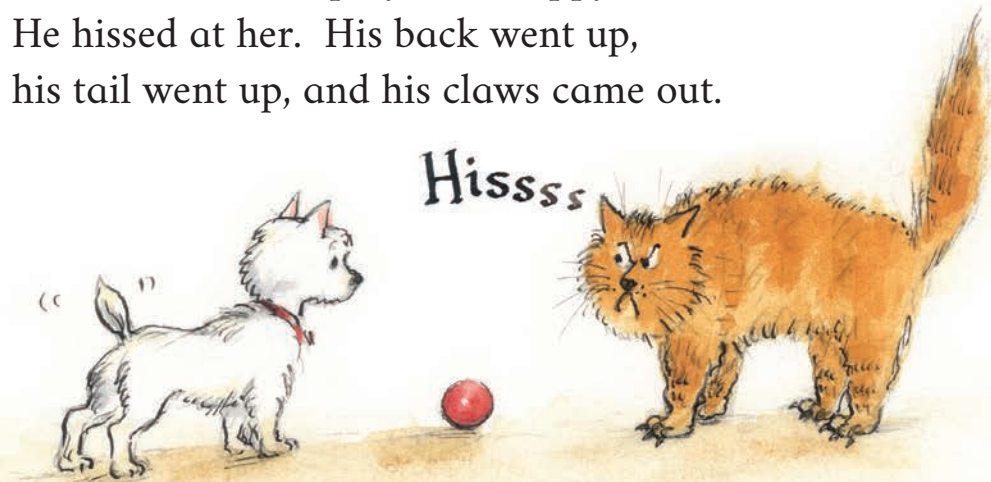




When Nan came to stay, her dog Poppy came, too.  
Poppy was little and yappy and bouncy.  
She loved to run around and play games.



Poppy dropped her ball in front of Greedy Cat.  
She yapped and bounced, but Greedy Cat  
didn't want to play with the ball.  
He didn't want to play with Poppy.  
He hissed at her. His back went up,  
his tail went up, and his claws came out.



“Silly cat!” said Dad.

“Horrible cat!” said Nan.

“Poor little Poppy,” said Mum.

Katie hugged Greedy Cat.

“He’s not horrible,” she said.

“He’s just not used to little bouncy, yappy dogs.”

Everyone made a fuss of Poppy.  
Mum and Dad patted her.  
Nan gave her a bone.  
Poppy yapped and bounced.



Greedy Cat sat on the deck  
and growled.

The next morning, before breakfast,  
Greedy Cat came into the kitchen.  
He jumped on the table. Oops!  
Splash went the milk!  
Smash went the bowls and plates!  
Crash went the spoons!



Down jumped Greedy Cat.  
He padded over to his chair in the corner.

In came Poppy.





In rushed Mum and Nan. Katie ran in, too.  
Greedy Cat purred.

“What have you done, Poppy!” cried Mum.

“Poppy didn’t do it!” said Nan.

“She can’t jump that high.”



Katie went pink. Everyone looked at Greedy Cat.  
Greedy Cat looked back at them  
and swished his tail.

“You wicked cat,” said Mum. “Out you go!”



After breakfast, Poppy went out, too.  
She dropped her ball in front of Greedy Cat.

Greedy Cat looked at Poppy.  
He put his paw on the ball.  
He did not hiss or growl,  
and his claws did not come out.

Poppy sat down beside Greedy Cat.  
She licked his ear, and Greedy Cat began to purr.





Nan looked out the window.

“My goodness,” she said. “Come and look at this.”

Katie went over to the window.

“I knew it would be all right,” she said.

“Poppy and Greedy Cat are going to be friends.”

“Hmmm,” said Nan. “As long as that cat doesn’t teach Poppy any of his greedy tricks.”

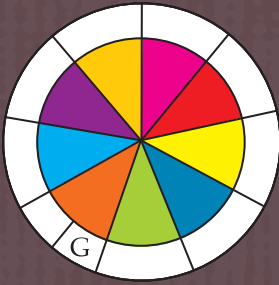
“Hmmm ... ” said Katie.



This is Poppy, who belongs to my daughter. Over the years, Poppy has come to stay at my house many times. She loves to watch me work. Sometimes she sits on top of my drawings! Once, I sent one of my sketches of Poppy to Joy. She liked the little dog so much she wrote this story about her.

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