

The Mystery of The Ghost Cat

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Chapter 1

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Once upon a time, there was a nice class having lunch at Living Arts School. The students in the class were Ruth, Vanessa, and Milo. As Milo felt a slight brush on his back, Ruth saw a mysterious black cat flash by. Vanessa was curious about what cat that was. The class investigated the curtain together. While examining the curtain, they all saw a cat-sized crack between the curtains. Then, Vanessa was suspicious.

Everyone said there was a crack in the wall, and the class thought it could be stormy (a black-is cat who lives on the farm). Erin, the class's teacher, asked if it had orange spots, like Stormy, and Ruth said "No, it was all black." Vanessa thought it was becoming a complicated mystery! Everyone was asking questions the rest of the day, but there wasn't long, because the day was almost over.

While waiting for moms, two random bald eagles whooped down just 12 feet above our heads. On the way home, Ruth saw a golden eagle as well. The next week, Gabby, a fellow student, returned from California. "We have to tell her everything!" said Milo.

The teacher decided this story was so good, it was book-worthy. And here, the class sits, Milo organizing pens, Ruth sewing, Vanessa jumping around, Gabby with her head in the clouds, and the teacher writing this book.

Now we were just talking about the mysterious things that happen at the Living Arts School. Ruth and Vanessa are trying to figure out whose turn it is to write the story line with patience and weirdness and craziness and everything in between. Milo said "This book is getting deep."

#Choose your own ending---or---

And with that, the whole class jumped on the back of Siesel the dog, and dove into the lake. Woof, woof. But when we hopped in, Everyone got smooshed and their clothes got wet.

Chapter 2

February 15, 2018

The mystery of the Black Cat continues. Gabrielle returned from the Dominican Republic and India. She was at the beach in the DR and saw the Taj Mahal in India. Ruth returned from going to Paris. Milo and Vanessa spent the week in California. He sold his newest abstract painting in a show with Picasso.

The Living Arts Troop returned to plain air painting on the farm, capturing the last scenes of winter. Ruth, looking at her painting, saw that on the day the mystery of the black cat appeared, she had made a cat-shaped drop of paint on her painting of herself and Vanessa. The following day, Gabrielle found an old, thick, dirty book called “The mystery of The Black Cat.” The story had already been written! Milo said “What do you think this is?” Ruth was like “maybe we should make another book like that— PART II!” Gabrielle said “I think that we should read the First book to see what this is all about.” Milo agreed, saying “This book could give us some clues, too!” Ruth said “that’s a good idea!” Gabrielle opens the book and begins to read “Chapter One, The mystery of the black cat, Long, Long ago Araya, Sapphire, Krishma and Taco mysteriously..... one day..... saw something that resembled... a CAT.” The students’ jaws dropped open and let out an audible gasp. They searched each other’s eyes to see if maybe... perhaps... they shared the same tingling feeling in their stomachs. That tingling feeling that meant an adventure was about to begin!