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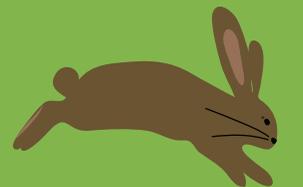


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It was a hot summer day. A clear sky.
Flopsy, the horse, nibbled delicately at
the green grass.

"Mimi can beat Flopsy" said Dottie
eagerly, "eh, mum?"

"Please...I'm busy."

"But mum...Mimi can."

"Flopsy is a horse. Mimi a hare.
A hare race a horse?"

"She can! She's fast. Remember
the hare and the tortoise?"

"Dottie" said mum patiently,
"play on your own, will you?"



Dottie skipped off to hug the long-eared hare.

"Mimi, you can" she whispered,
"okay?"

Paddy came over to play.

"Paddy, will you help me?" asked
Dottie.

"Why?" he replied.

Mimi is going to race Flopsy.

"Yeah? Where?"

"There" she pointed.



Dottie carried the hare to the line she had drawn on the ground.

“This is the starting line” she announced, “and that is the finish.”

She told Paddy to hold Mimi there, and be ready.

She then pulled and pushed Flopsy to the starting line.

“Go!” she yelled.

Mimi bounded away in the opposite direction, with Paddy in full pursuit.

Flopsy snorted in protest, and did not move.





Dottie collapsed on the ground, crying loudly, tears streaming down her full cheeks.

“Who won?” asked Paddy innocently, as he came up panting with Mimi in his hands.

“Go away” wailed Dottie, “leave me alone.”

She closed her eyes.

When she suddenly heard a soft meowing sound, she sprang up and was shocked to see a tiny helpless kitten cowering before a fat frog.

“Oh you poor thing!” exclaimed Dottie.

The kitten was trembling.

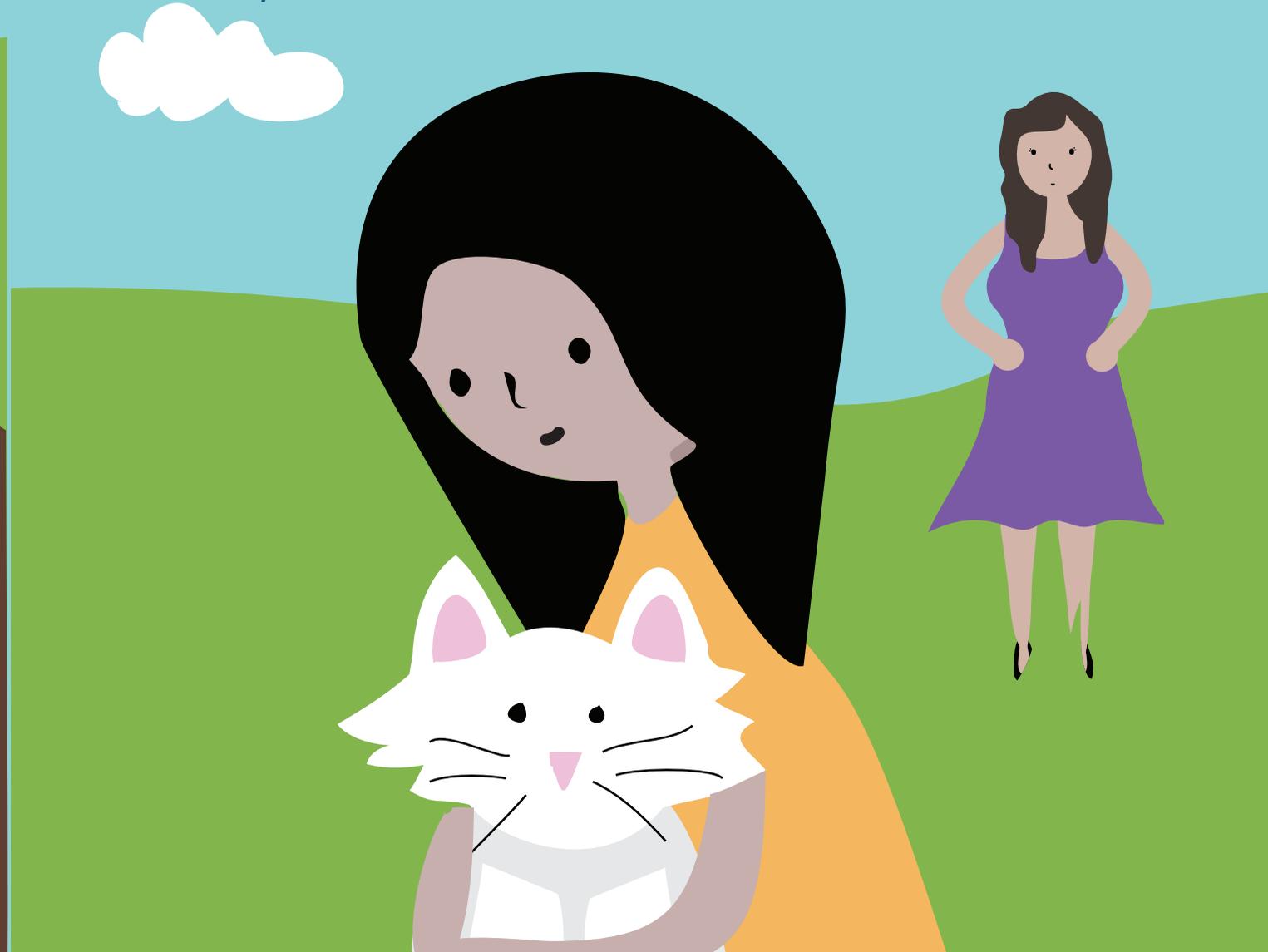


They carried it gently to the house.

“Mum look what I found,” said Dottie excitedly.

“A kitten! You have a horse, a hare, and now... a kitten.”

“The frog would have gobbled it, mum” sighed Dottie, “We saved it.”



"Frogs don't eat kittens. What now? Keep it?"

"Yup. We'll race it with Flopsy and Mimi after it becomes an adult."

"Oh! So...a race between a horse, a hare and a cat, eh?" laughed mum loudly, "That should be interesting."



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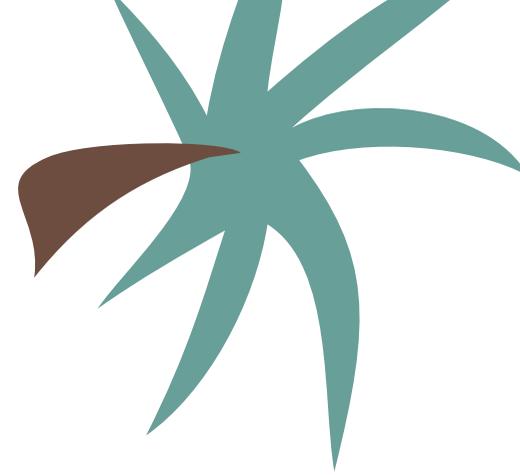
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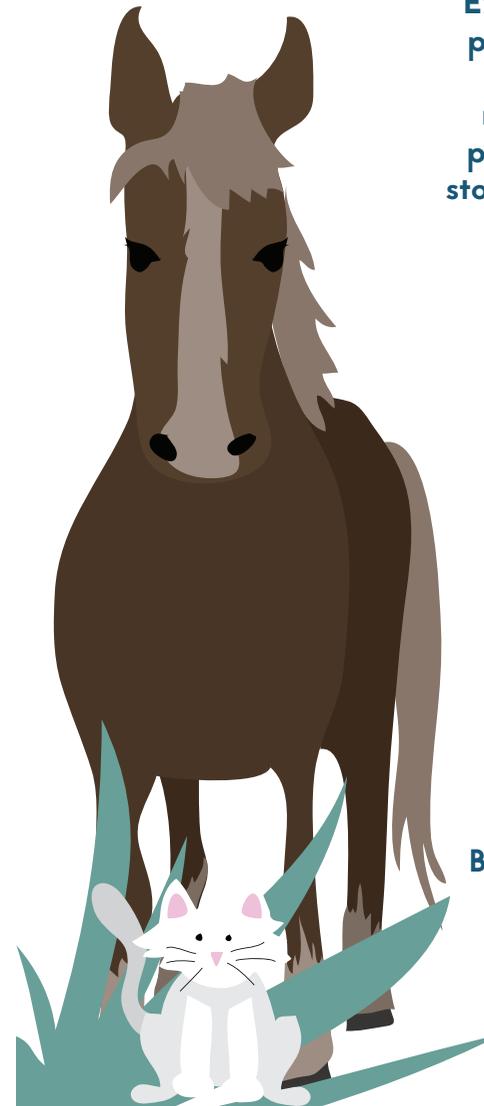


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