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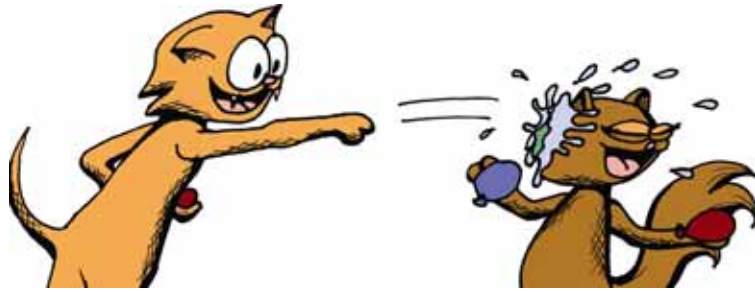
# Best Friends

## NO MATTER WHAT

*A Loki Book  
about marriage*

by Pet Serrano





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Loki has appeared in his own video blog and won the chance to appear on a major television network in a spot about racism. He is also the anchorcat of Critter News, a free weekly news program about animals. To listen to Loki read his books aloud and to watch Loki's videos visit Singing Moon Press LLC at <http://www.singingmoonpress.com> or Loki's website, <http://www.orangecatblues.com>.

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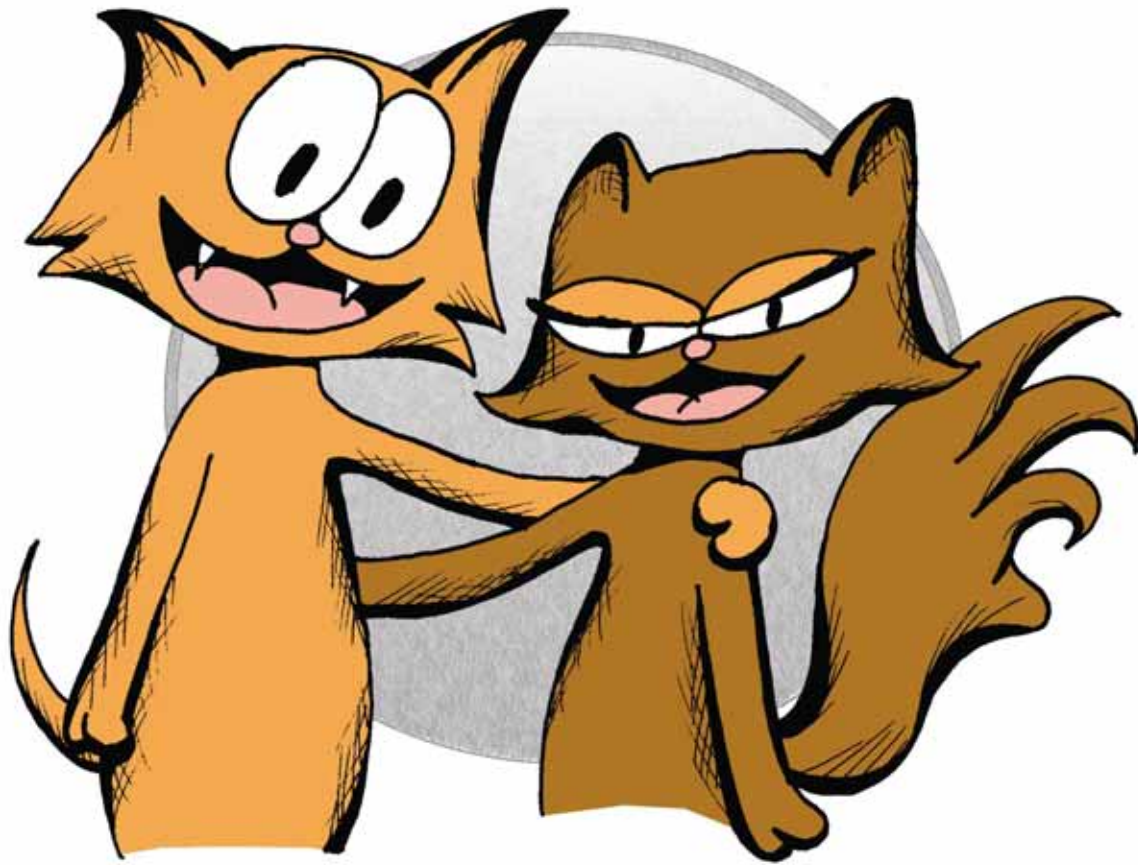
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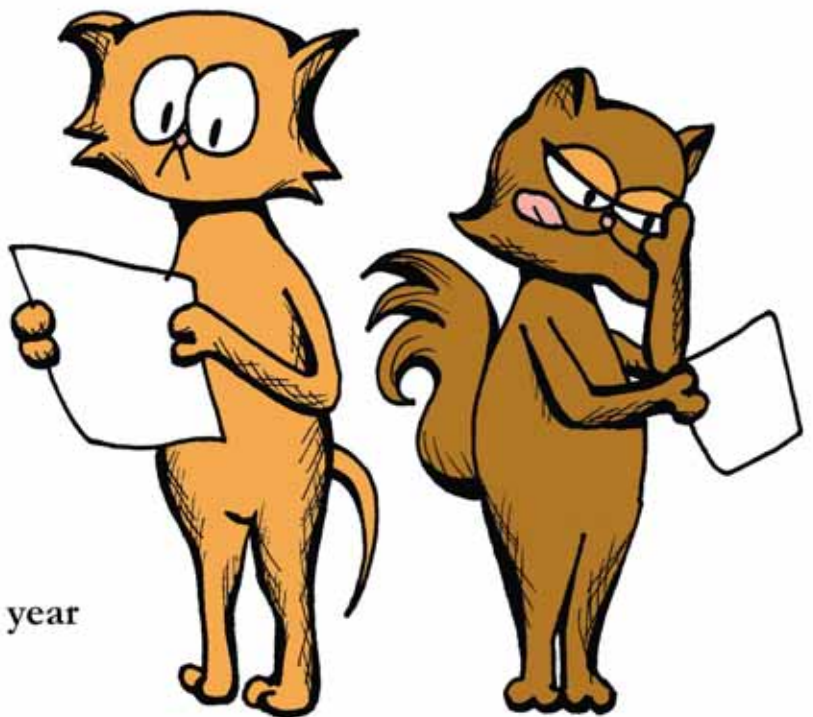
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Loki and Mayday are Best Friends.



They do lots of things together and lots of things apart.



At the beginning of the year they make resolutions.

Mayday always tells Loki  
she is going to send more letters.



Loki always  
tells Mayday  
he's going to  
work out

every day.

They forget completely by the end of the month,  
except for the most important thing...

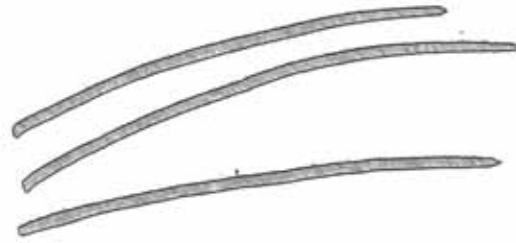


...they are going to stay best friends no matter what.

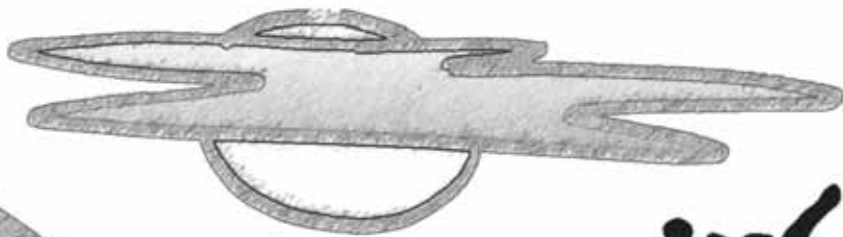
In the winter



they have snowball fights



and play board games

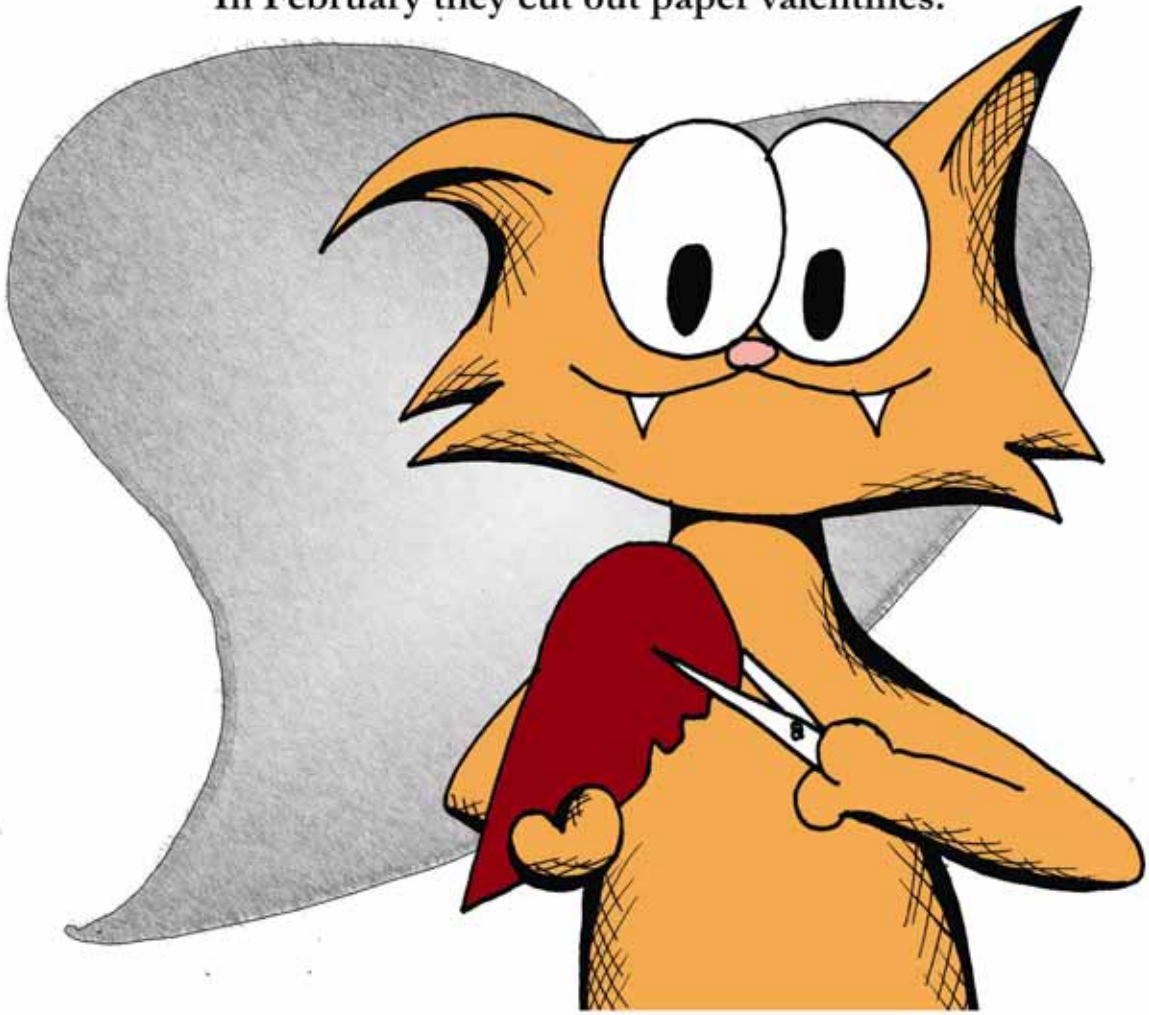


and go sledding

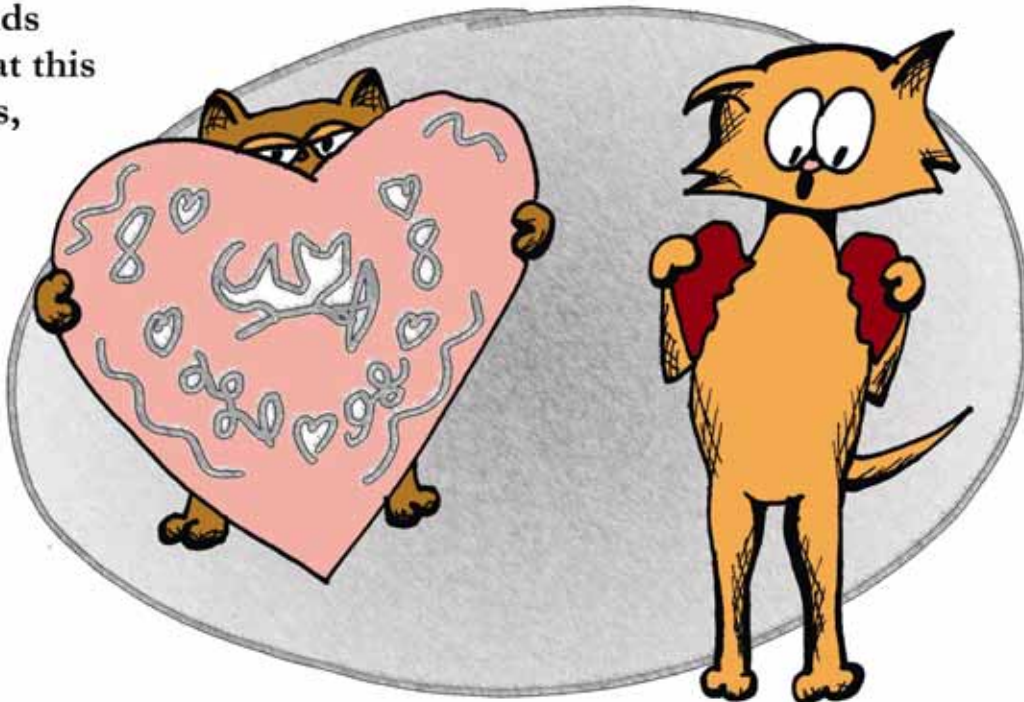


and bake bread.

In February they cut out paper valentines.

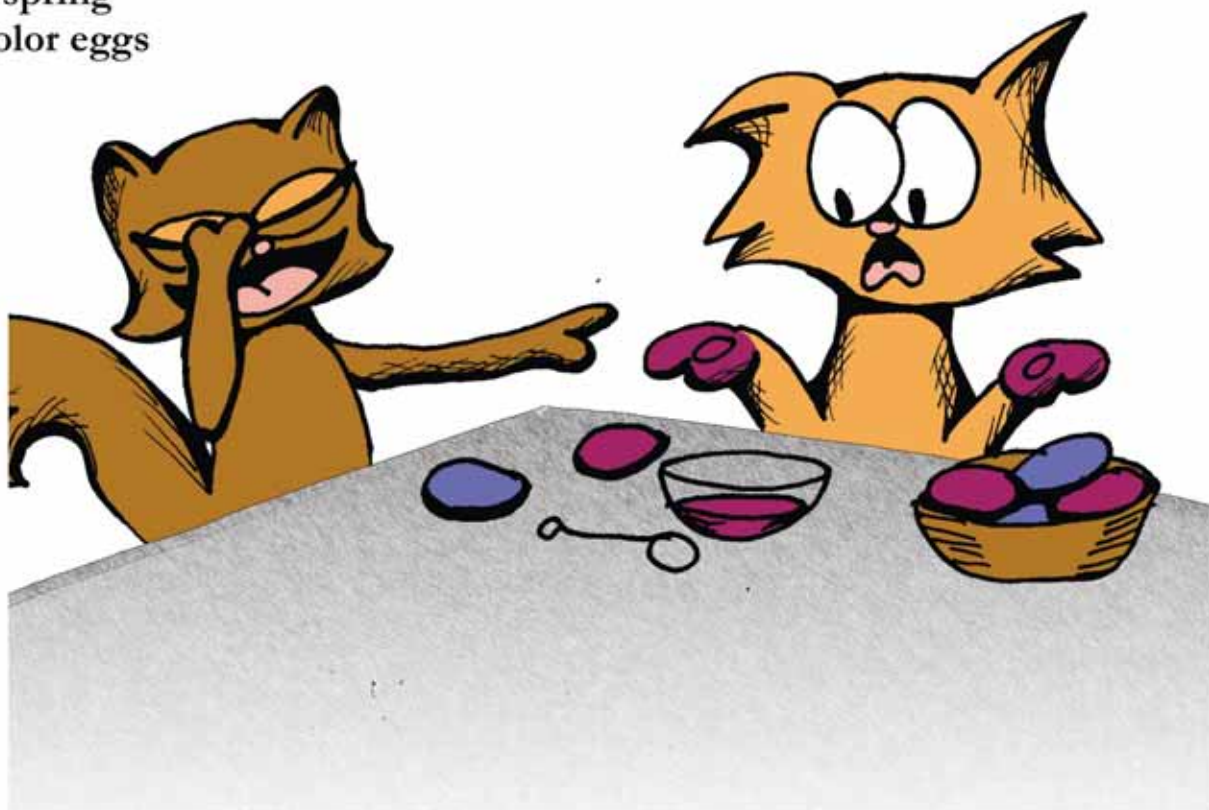


Some friends  
are better at this  
than others,

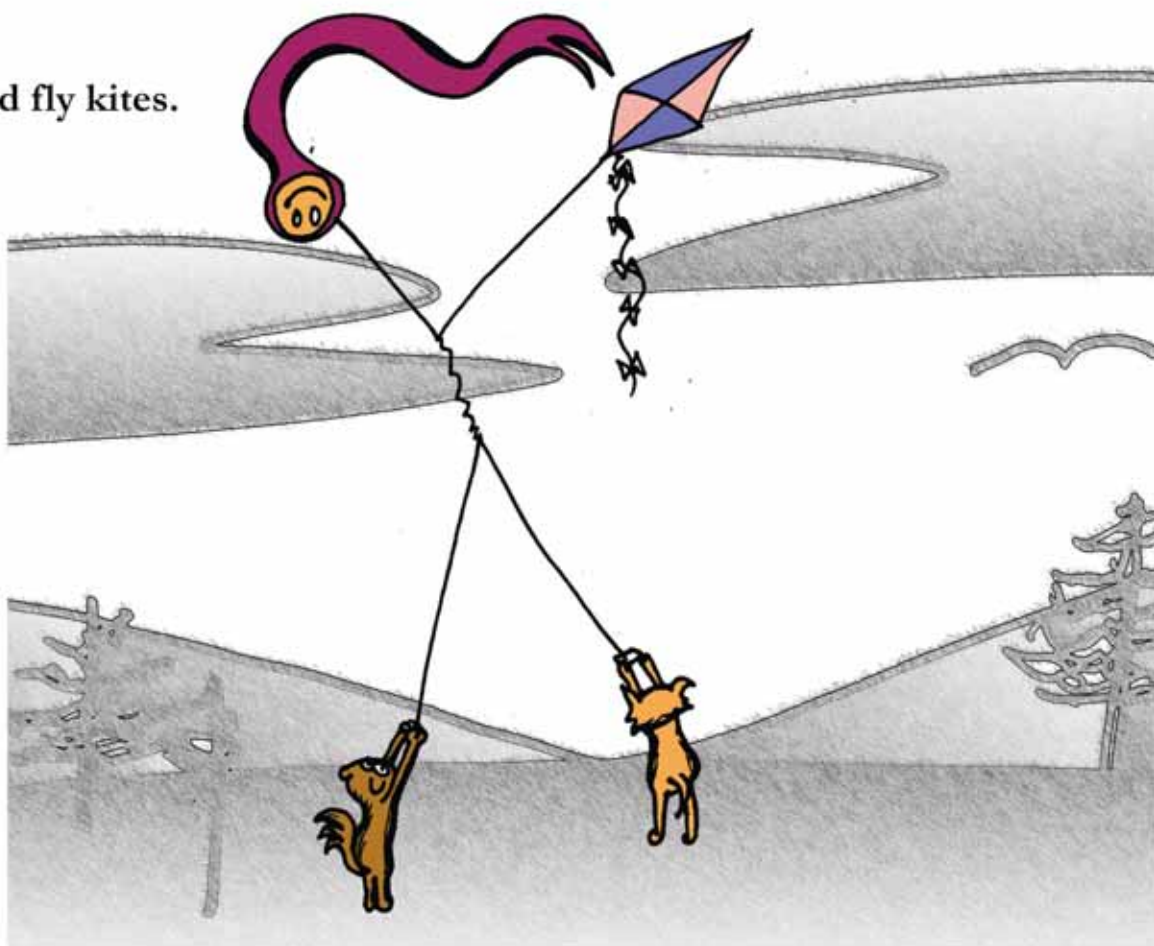


but it's the thought that counts, no matter what.

In the spring  
they color eggs



and fly kites.



Sort of.

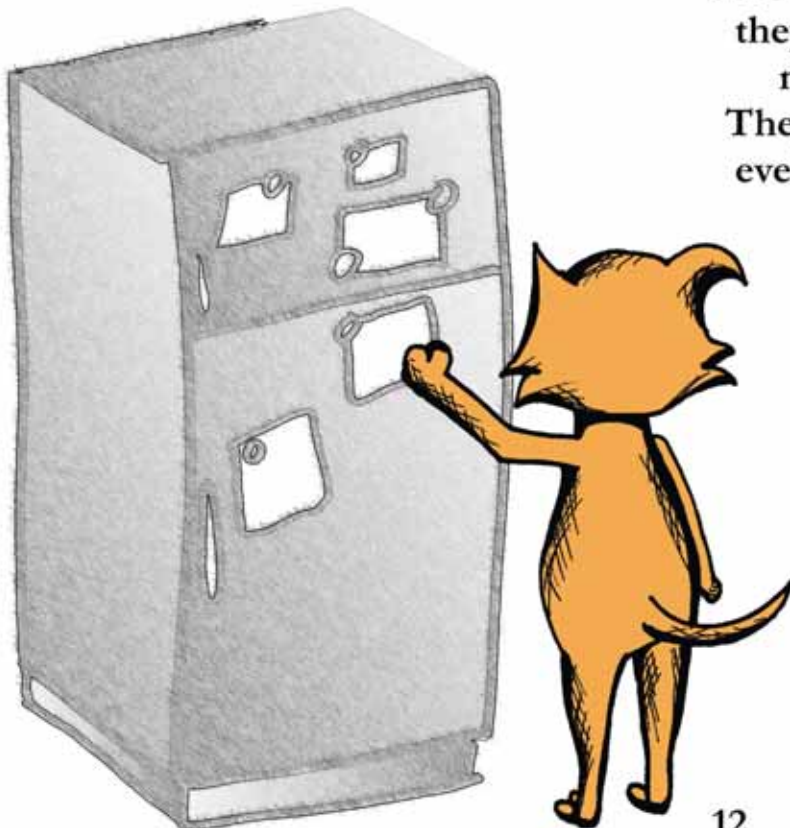


When they go to the movies,  
Mayday keeps the tickets  
in a scrapbook.

She also puts  
all her pictures in there and  
labels them.



Loki thinks it's silly.  
He just puts them on the fridge.

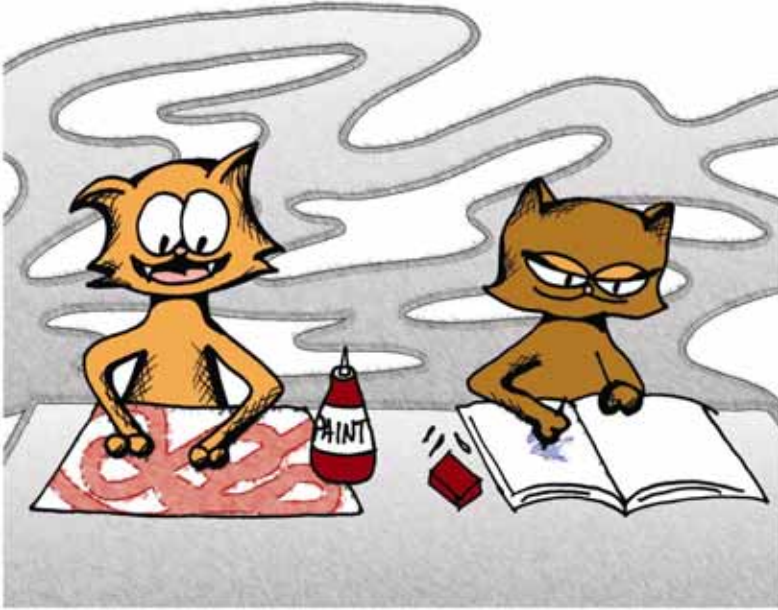


But that's okay because  
they are best friends,  
no matter what.  
They don't have to do  
everything the same.



When she is scrapbooking,  
he makes origami fishies  
and hides them in the cupboards.

Even though they don't like all the same things the same way, they are still best friends, no matter what.



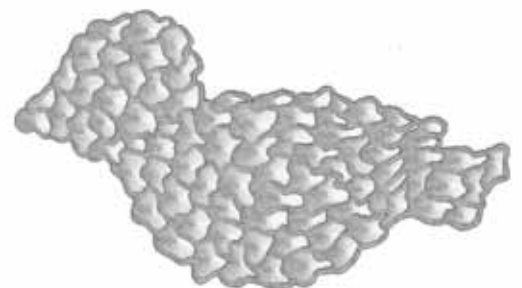
Finger paint is too messy for Mayday, so she uses a coloring book.

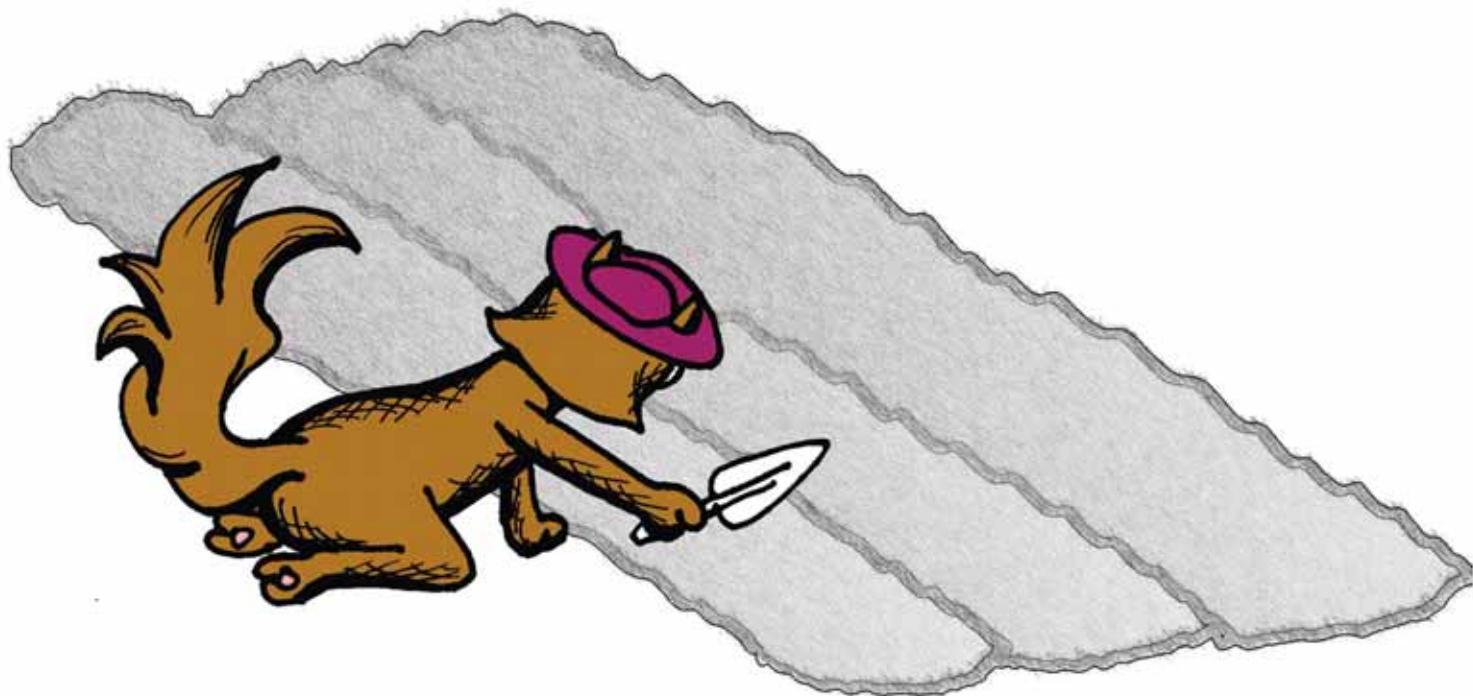


And when she carved a bird out of soap,

Loki made one out of caramel corn!

Then they ate it.  
(The caramel corn, not the soap!)





In April, Mayday plants a garden by herself  
because Loki doesn't like weeding and watering.

But he does like riding the lawnmower.  
So when she's done weeding, he cuts the grass,

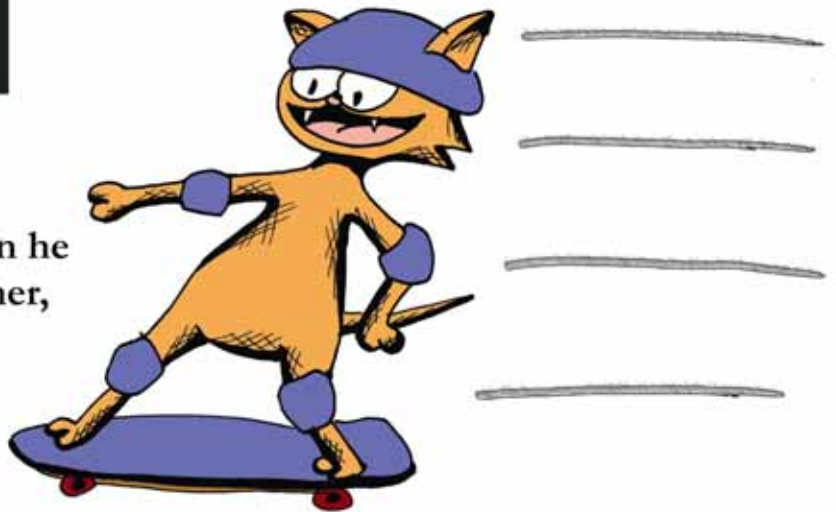


which is good because she hates mowing the lawn.

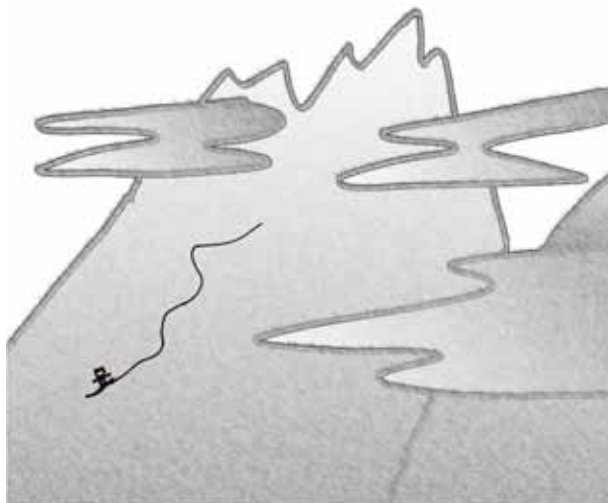
Sometimes best friends make deals like this.



Sometimes when Mayday goes to the Karaoke club, Loki goes skateboarding.



Sometimes he sings to himself when he skates because it reminds him of her, but he'd never tell her that.

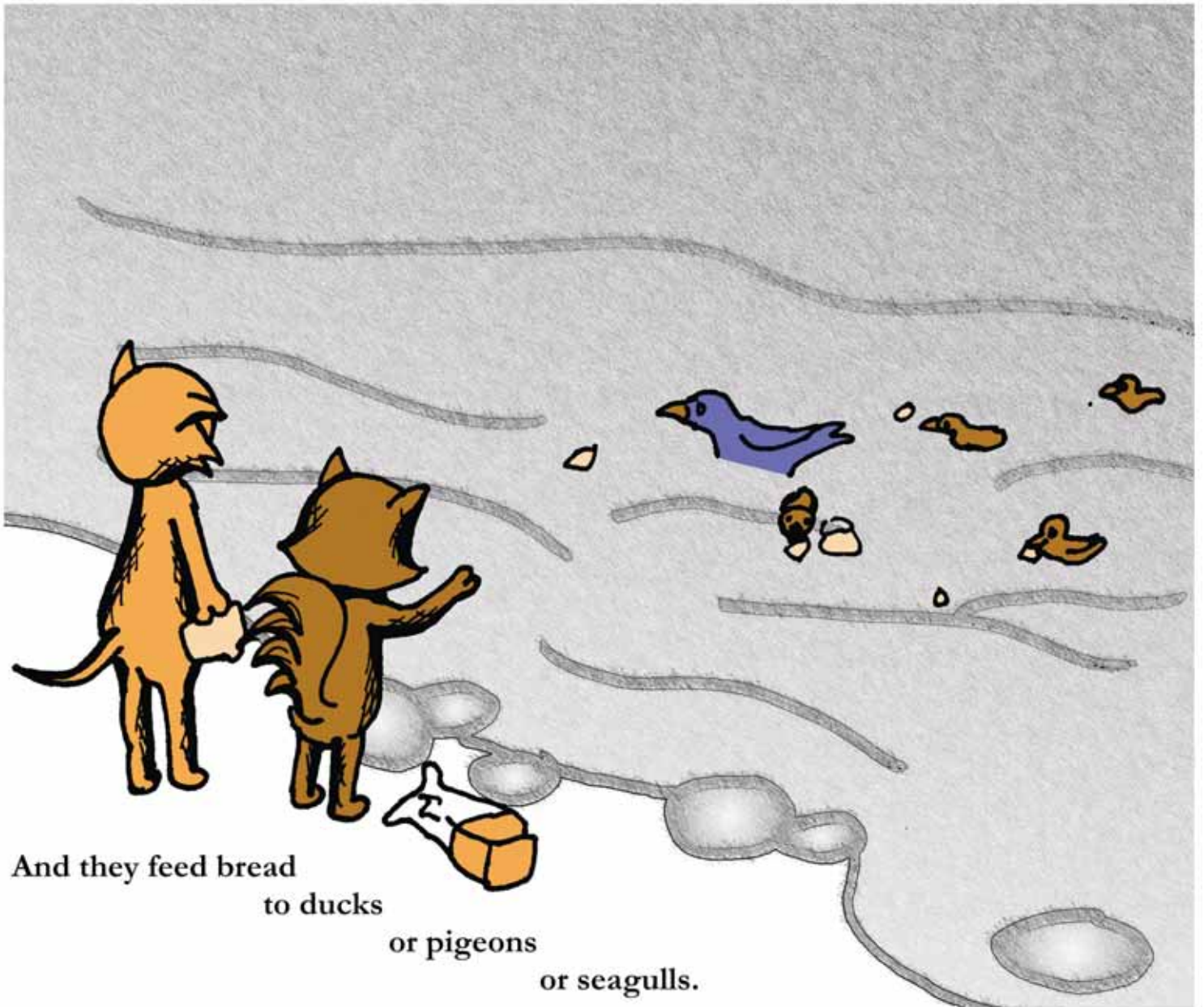
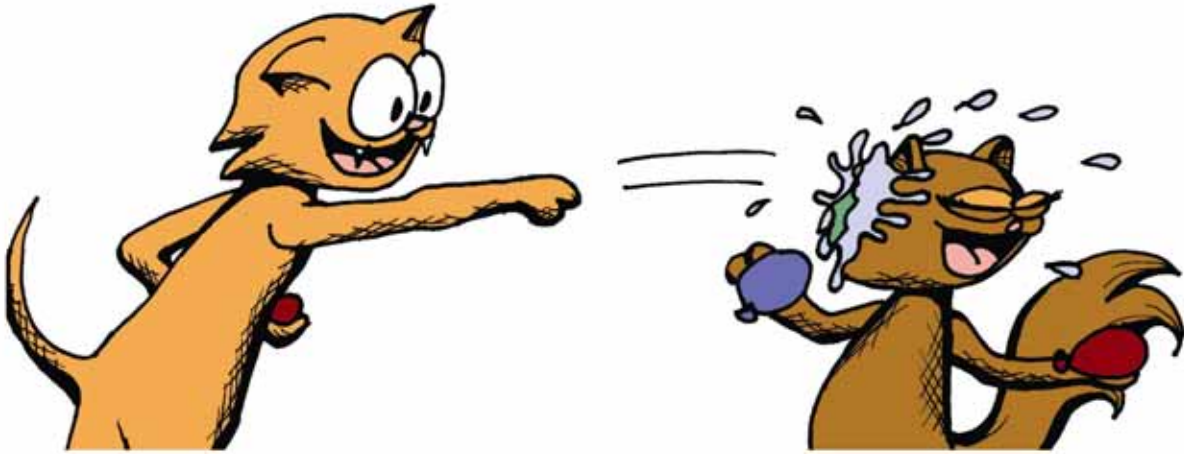


Sometimes when Loki goes snowboarding, Mayday goes to the library.



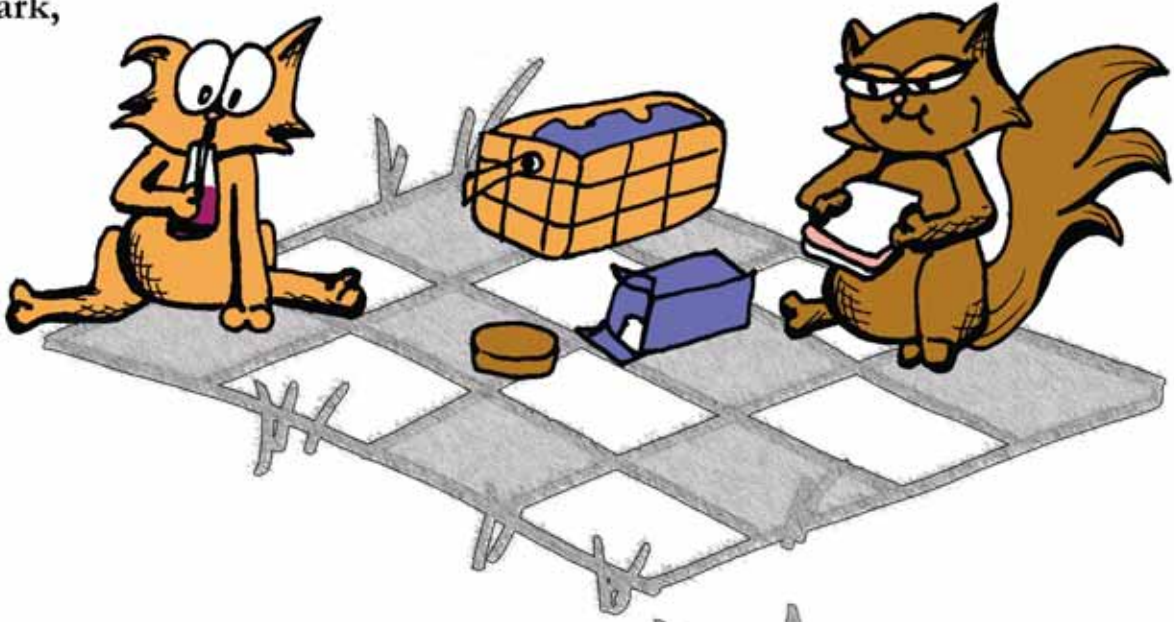
Sometimes she reads about snowboarding because it reminds her of him, but she'd never tell him that.

When it gets warmer they make water balloons and throw them.

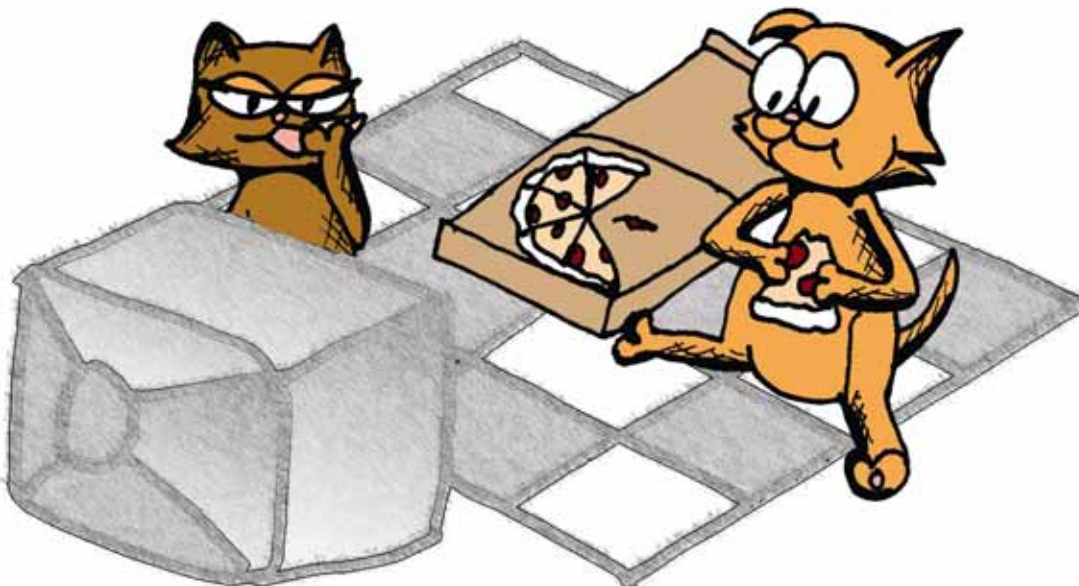
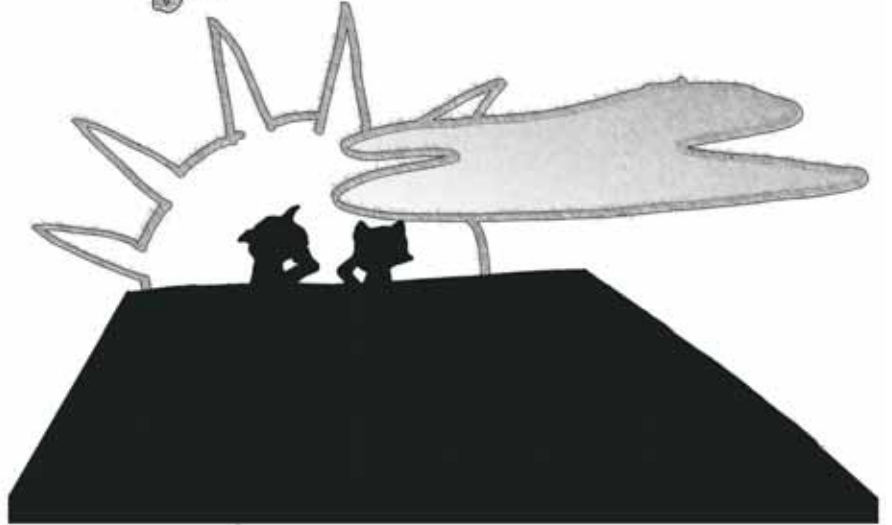


And they feed bread  
to ducks  
or pigeons  
or seagulls.

They will go on a picnic  
at the park,

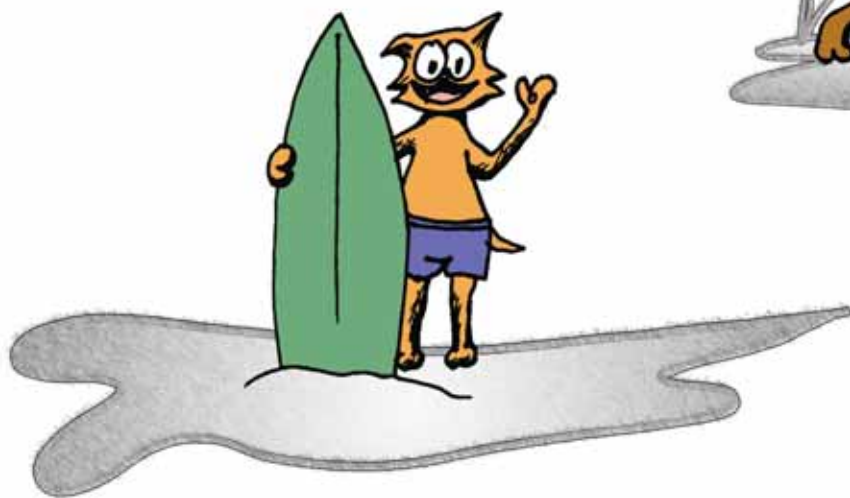


or on the roof,

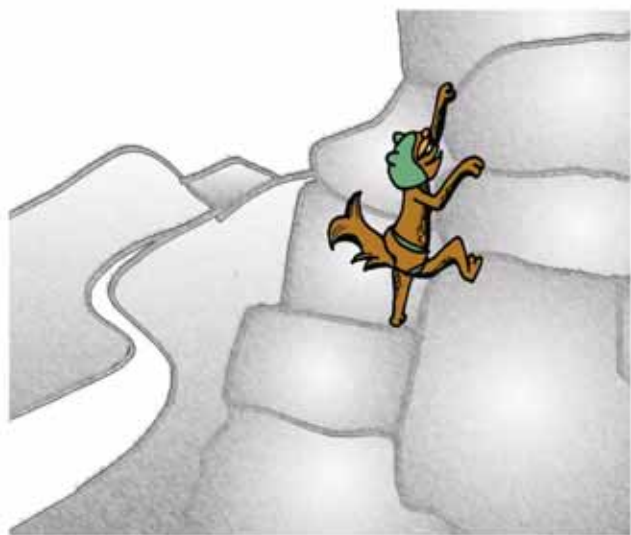


or in the livingroom.

In June they go camping.



Sometimes while camping they go surfing



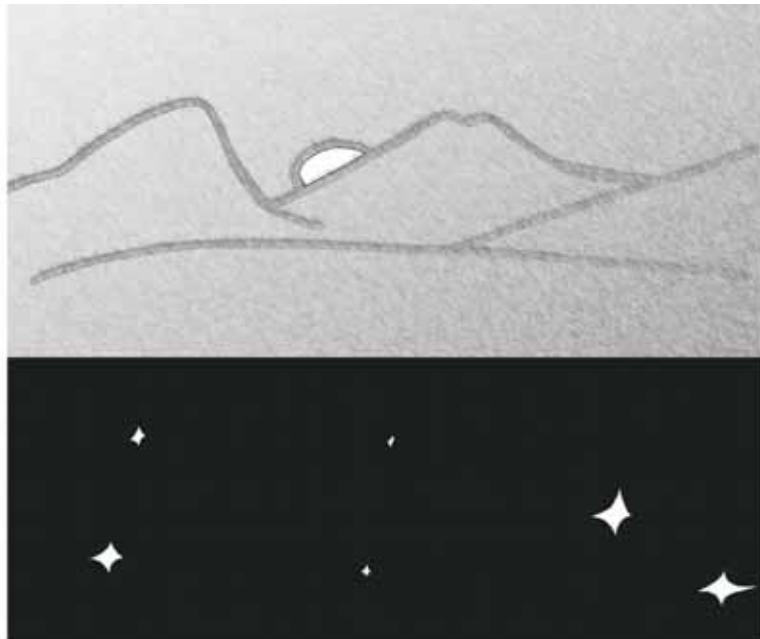
or rock climbing.

One time they even went up in a balloon!



It all depends on where they go.

But whenever they go camping  
they watch the sunset



and pick out constellations

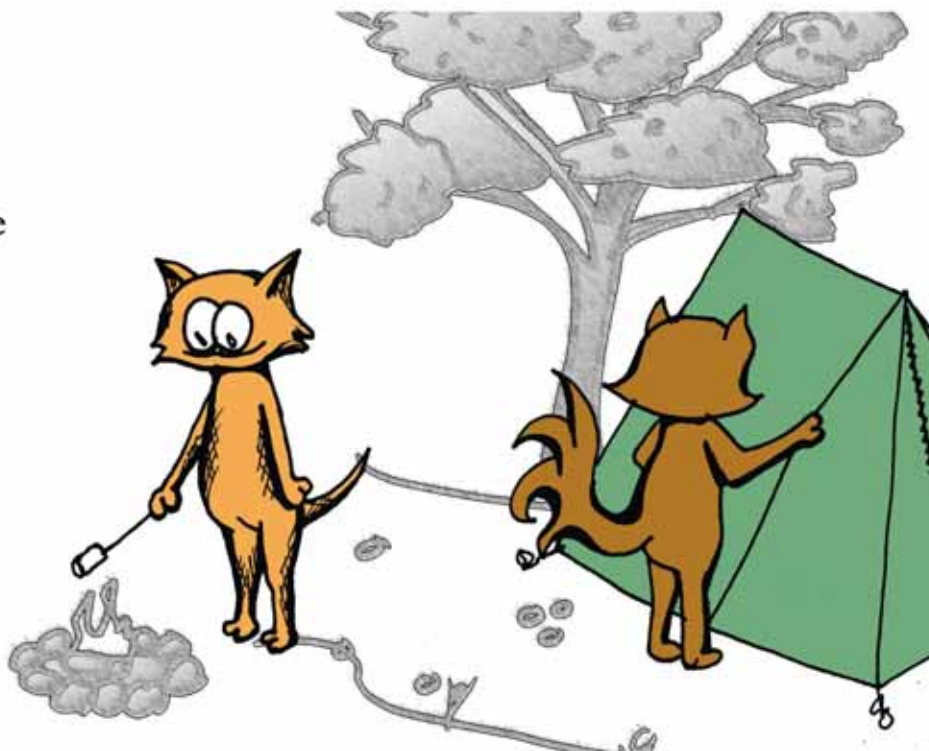


and have a fire, no matter what.

Loki doesn't like s'mores but  
he always makes them because  
otherwise Mayday burns the  
marshmallows.

And Mayday always puts the  
tent up because otherwise  
it falls down.

It's a good thing they have  
different talents!



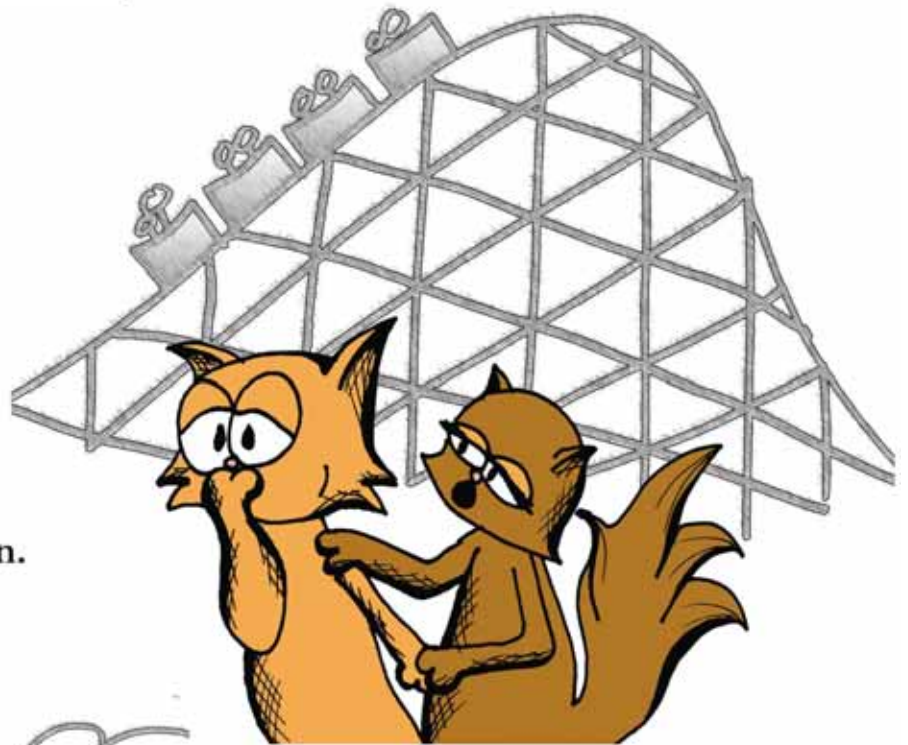


Both of them like fireworks

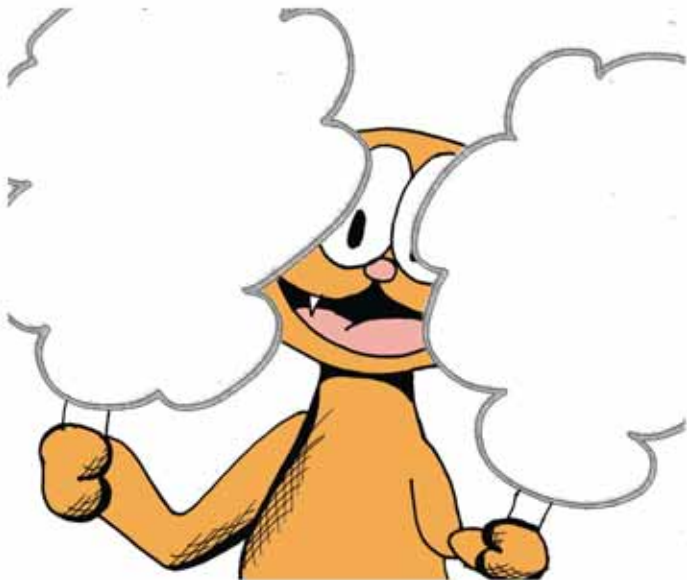


and carnivals.

Mayday has to go on roller-coasters by herself.



Loki tried it once and will never do it again.



But when the ride is over he is always waiting with cotton candy.



If it's really hot they walk  
to a diner to get milkshakes,



or to a stand for cones.



When they  
go to the  
Renaissance  
Faire,

Mayday wastes  
her allowance on  
crafts Loki thinks  
are ugly,

and Loki wastes  
his allowance on  
wooden puzzles  
he's never going  
to finish.



Then Mayday drives  
Loki crazy by talking  
with an accent



and Loki drives  
Mayday crazy by  
not talking with  
an accent.

So sometimes they argue.

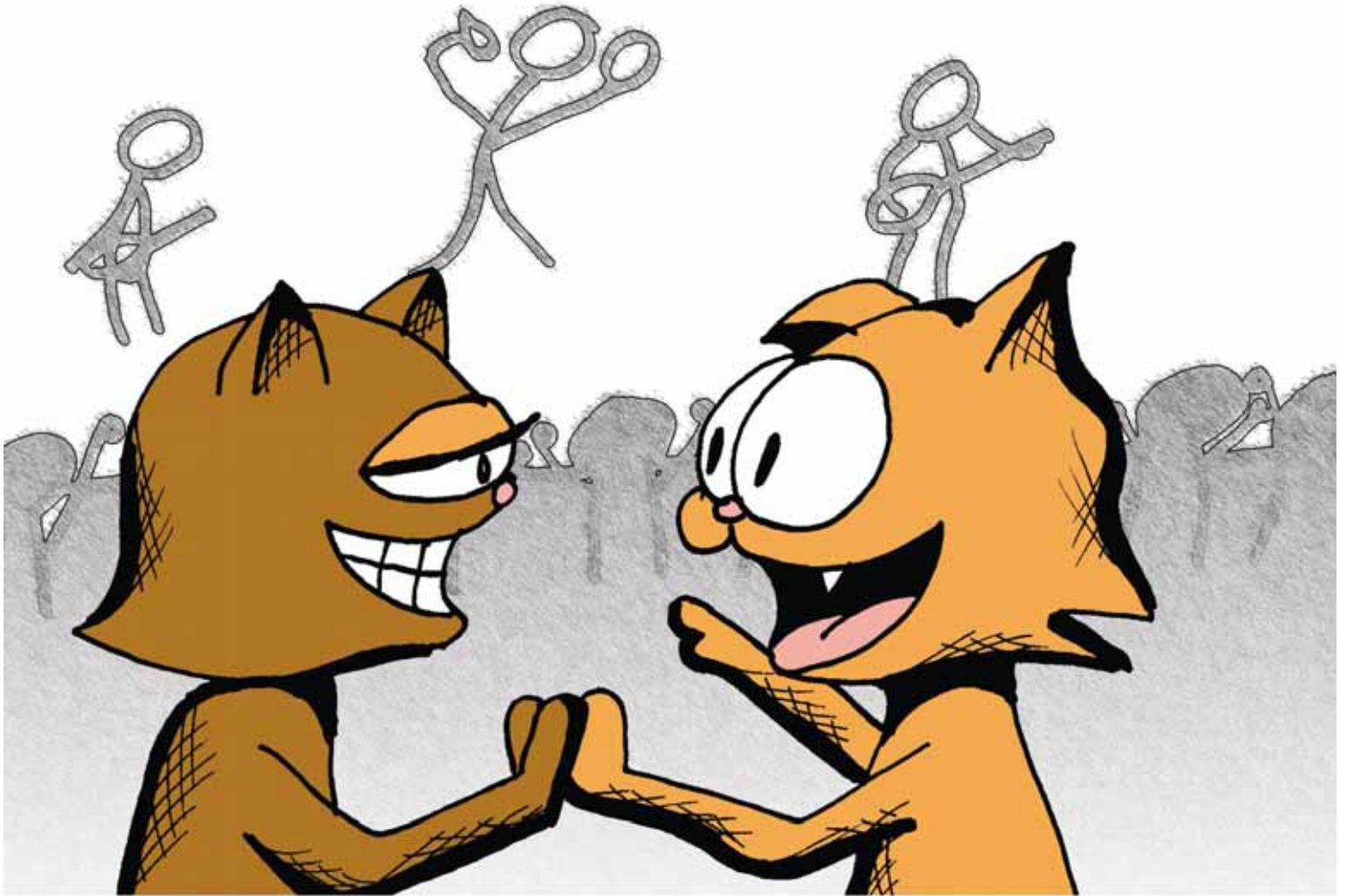


But it doesn't last long  
because they know best friends only argue over silly things



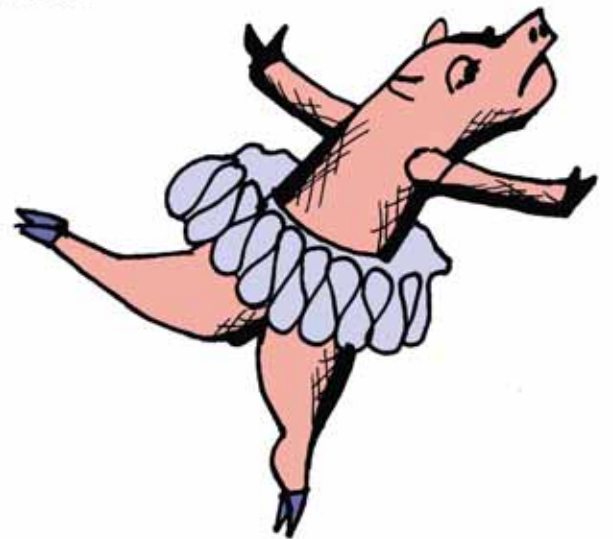
and one of them always does something funny to end it pretty soon,  
no matter what.

They both like to see things they've never seen before.



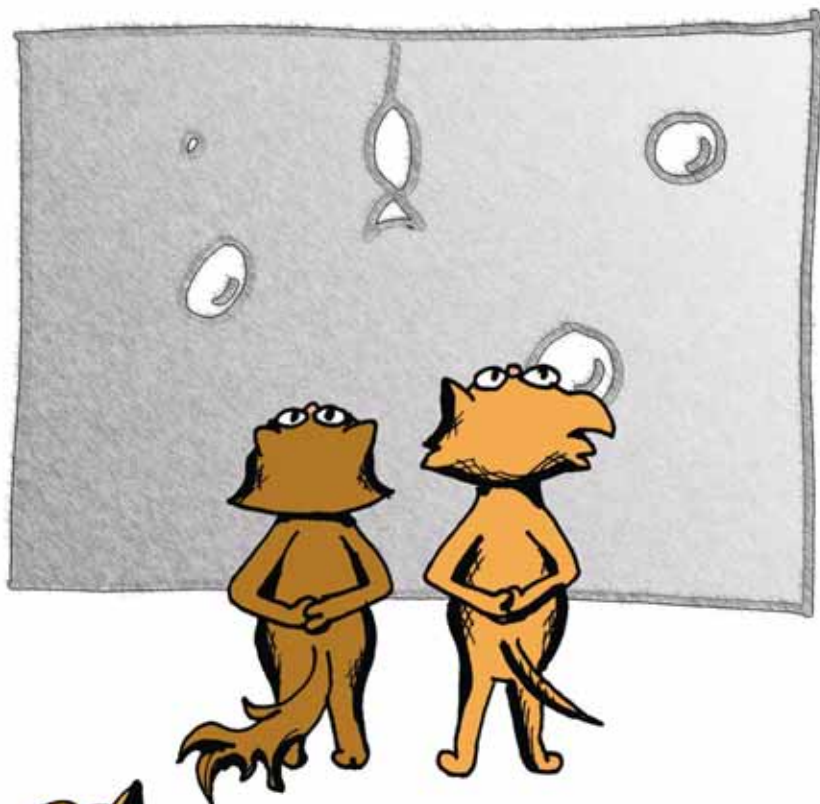
They go to rock concerts.

Or sometimes a play or an opera

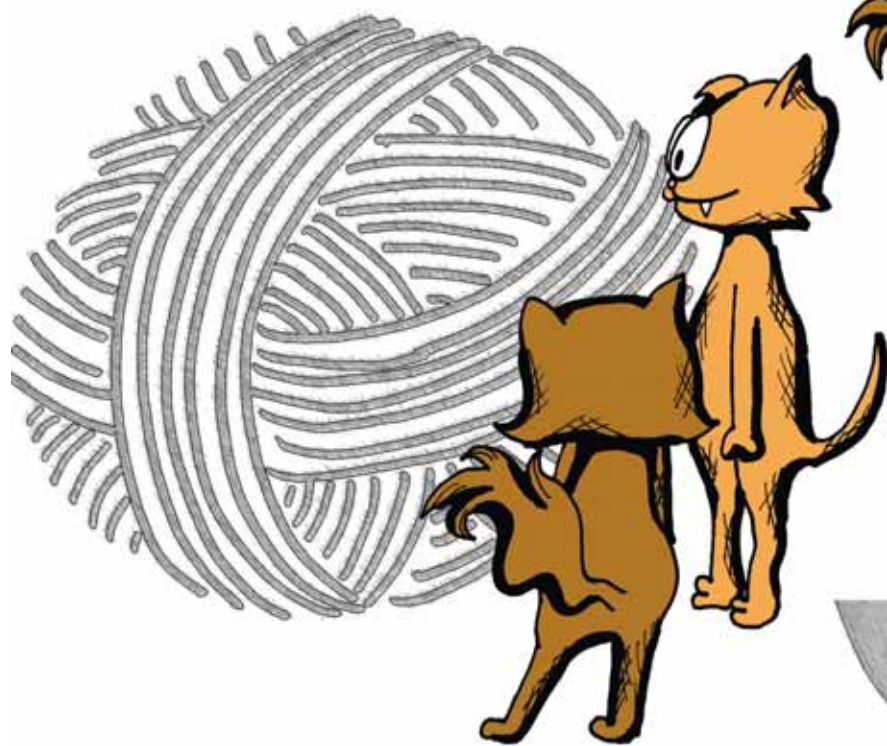


or a ballet.

They might go to an art show,  
just to see what it's like.



Even if it turns out they don't like  
them a lot of times.

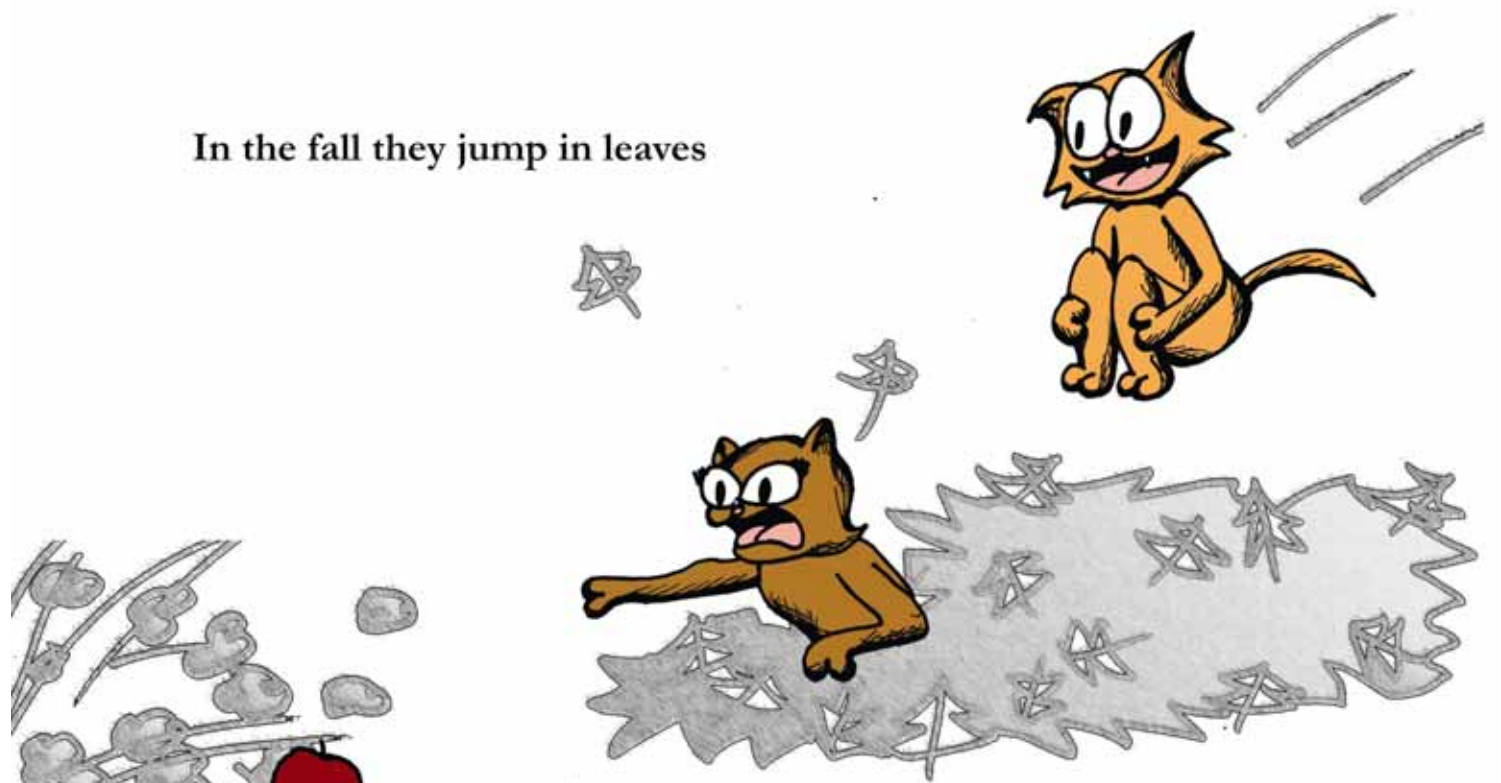


Sometimes they are  
surprised that they do.

And sometimes they are  
so bad it's funny.



In the fall they jump in leaves

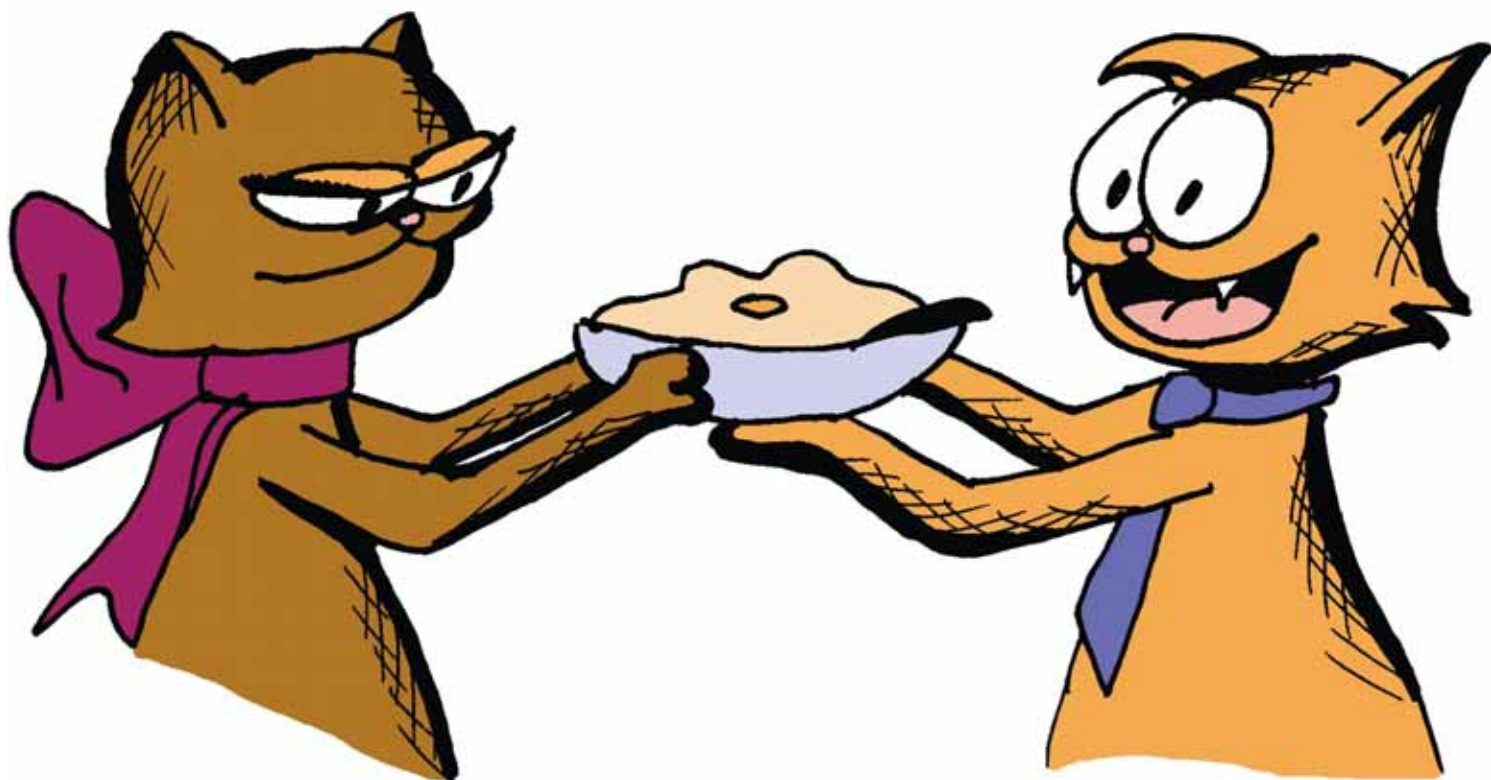


and pick apples.

Then they make pie!

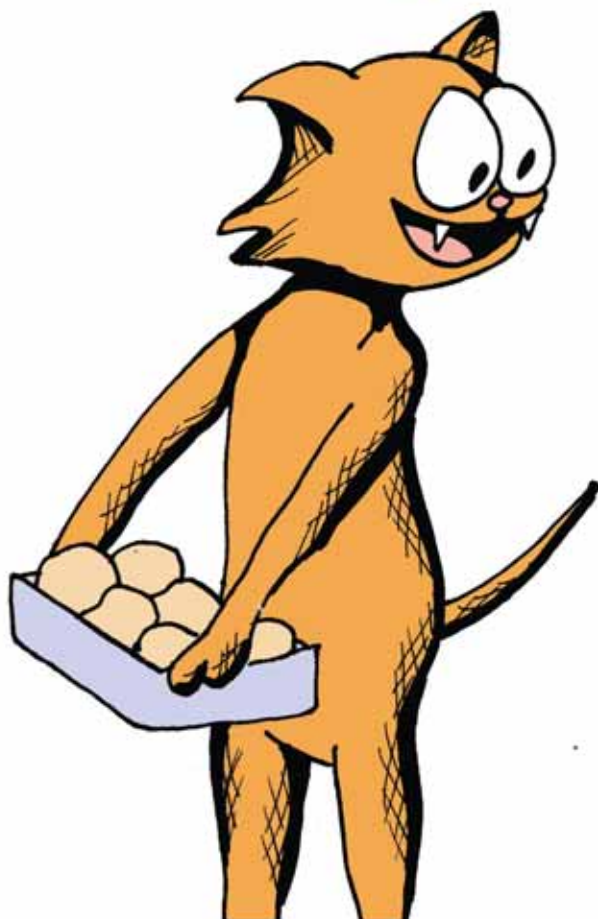


On Thanksgiving they don't always eat the same, but that's ok.  
It means Mayday gets more potatoes and Loki gets more stuffing.



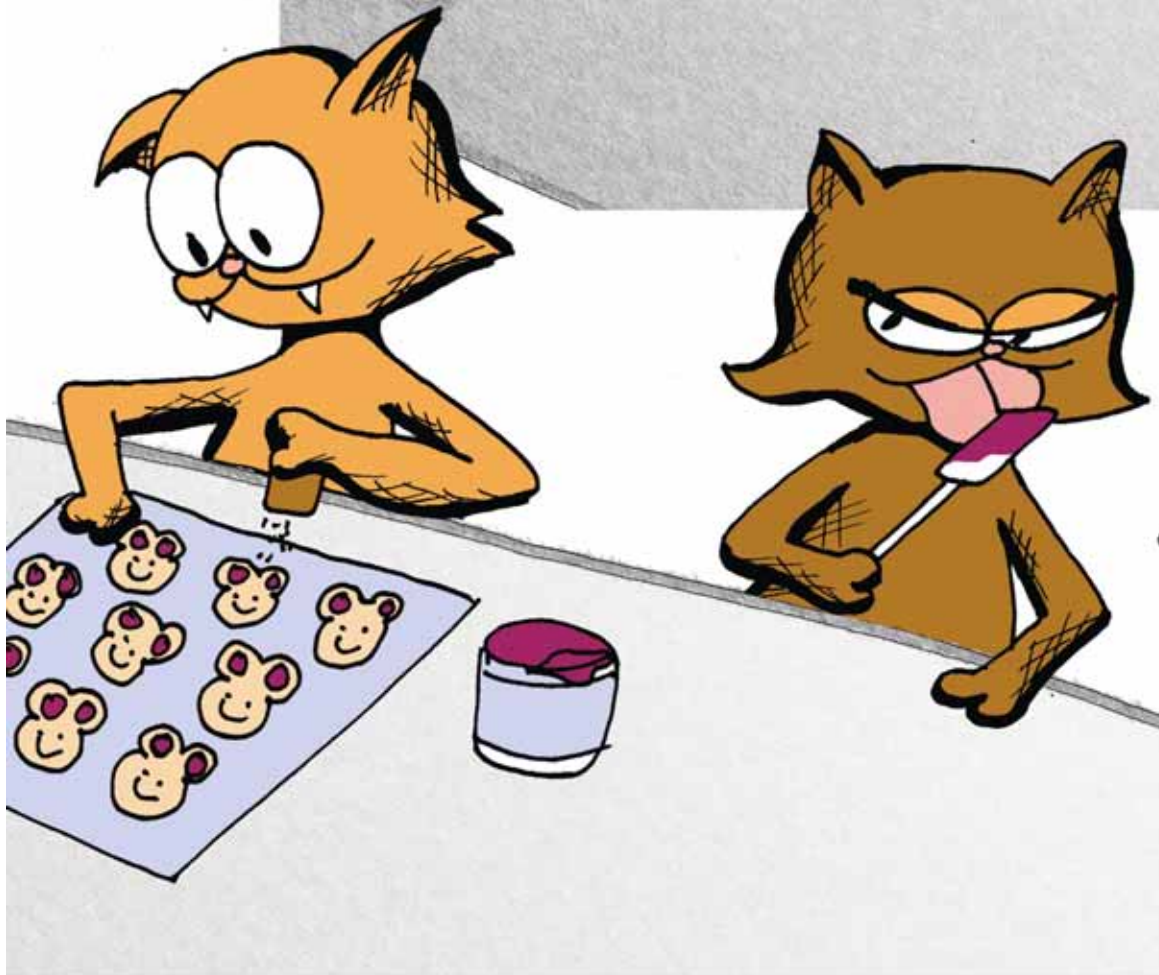
But Loki has learned to hide some  
of his special vanilla corn muffins  
for later or Mayday will eat them all  
while they watch football,

no matter what.



In December, Mayday  
always makes a piñata.

Loki helps.



Loki always  
decorates cookies.

Mayday helps.



Then they get all dressed up and have a party because pretty soon it will be time to start their New Year's resolutions.

And they will be best friends next year, too!

No matter what!

