



CATS NEED TO SLEEP

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Hi there folks, I'm Pokey the cat!

It's hard for a cat like me who lives on the streets.

All cats need to sleep.

But finding the right spot to sleep is not easy.





Oh, here's a good sized box.

But it's full to the brim with cats!

'What are you looking at, Pokey?'
says Calico.

'This box is taken,' says Grey
Spot.



I wonder if these trash cans are empty?

'This is my trash can!' snarled Inky the black cat.

'Find your own spot, Pokey!'

Sometimes these other cats are just too rude.

Just then, the sky gets dark and I feel drops of rain on my head.

I look up, and see the worst thing a cat on the street can see.

It's raining, and I'm going to get all wet!

I still have not found a spot to sleep!



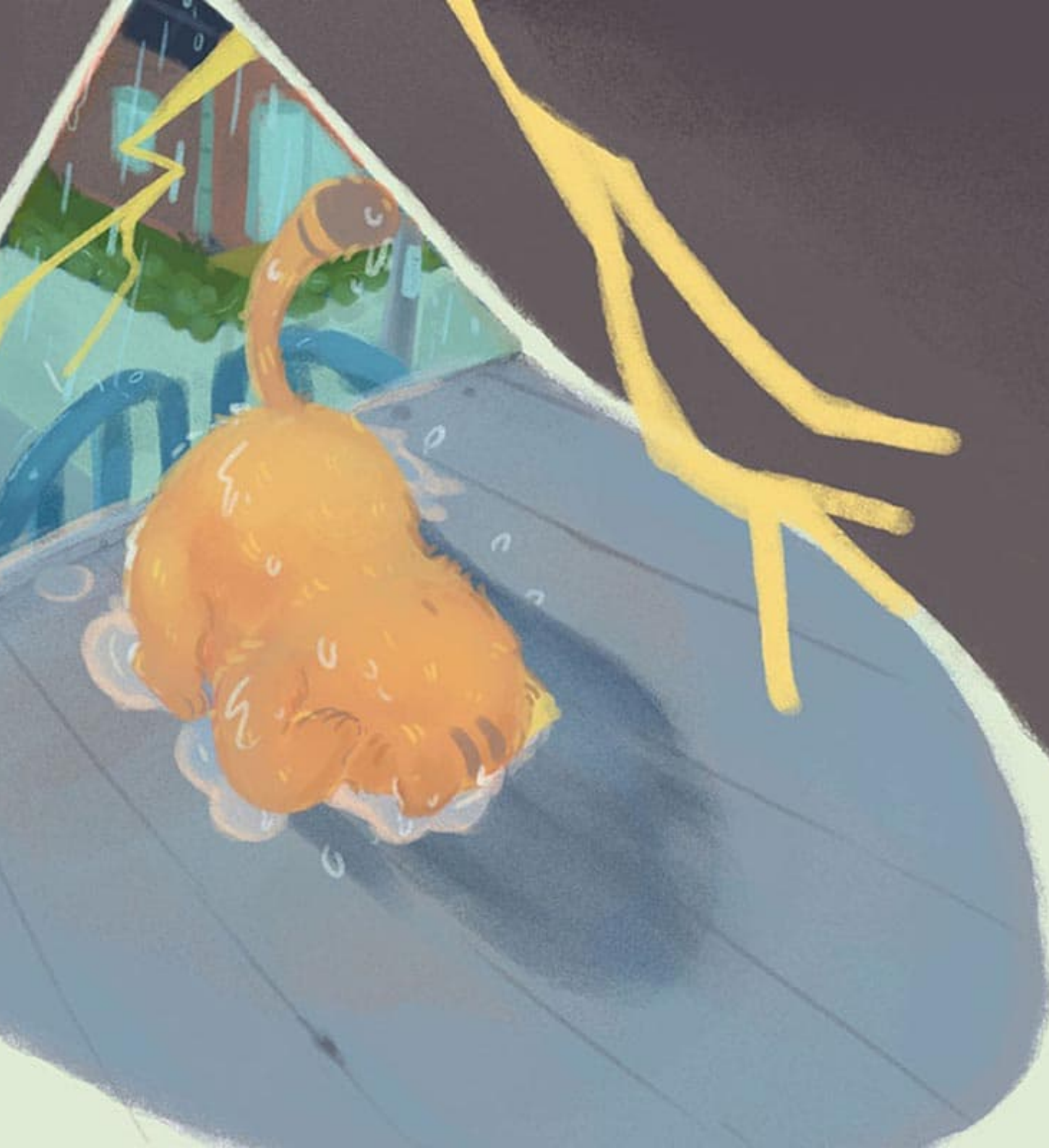
I think I have found something.

A hole in the roof of one of these houses might be good.

All this rain makes climbing hard.

But at the top I will be dry and get to rest.





I am so lucky to have found this spot.

There's room for me and a lot more!

It is a bit cold up here.

But at least I am out of the wind and the rain.

FLASH! BANG! CRACK!

Lightning and thunder!

Oh no, those poor cats!

'Get out of there!' I yell.



'Can we come up here with you?' shout the cats.

I think about it a little.

They were mean to me, but it's hard to be a cat on the streets.

'Come on up, quick!' I say.



Now we are all up here.

Calico, Grey Spot, Inky and I, squashed in this roof.

'I'm sorry we were mean to you before,' said Calico.

'Don't worry about it,' I say.

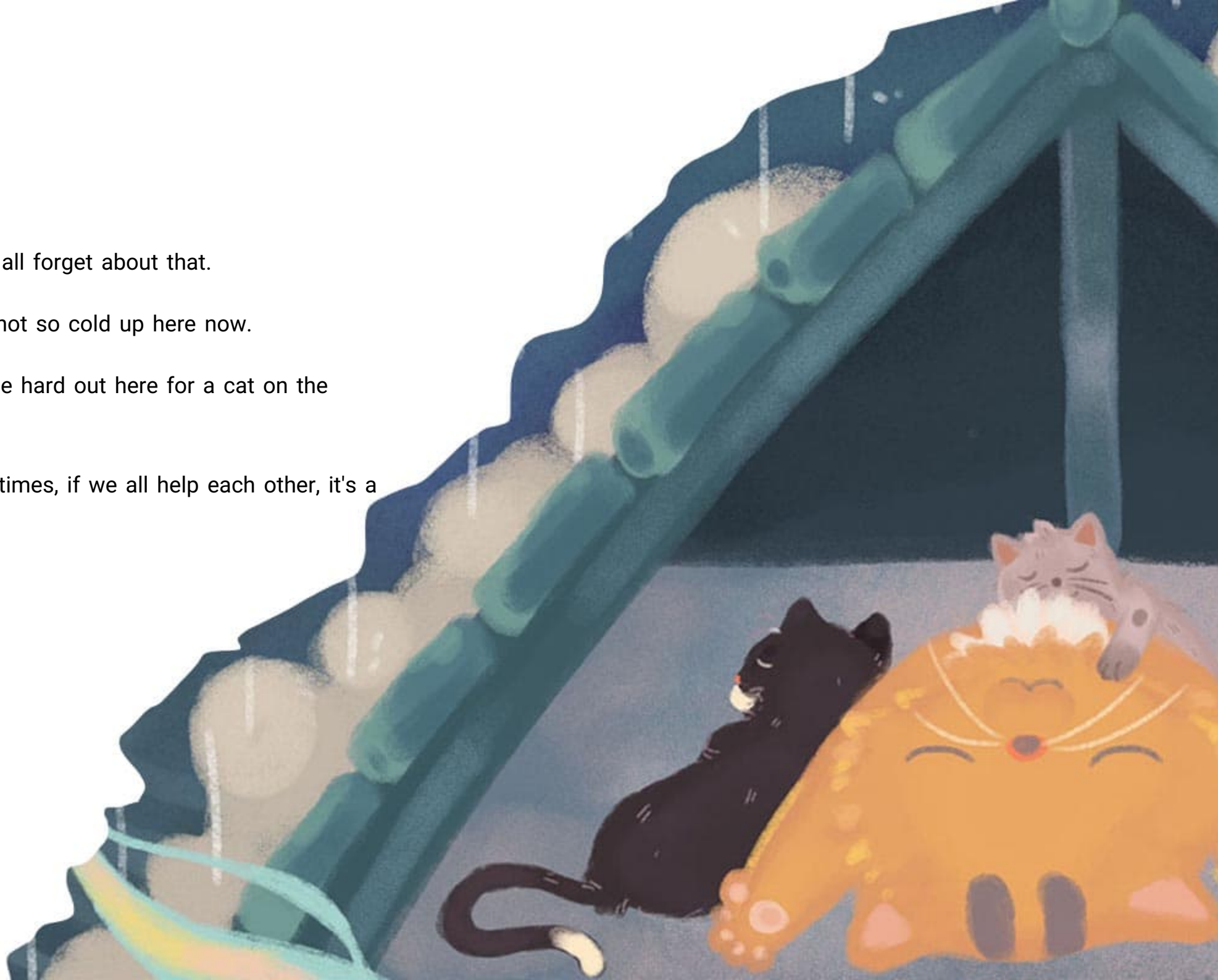


Soon, we all forget about that.

And it is not so cold up here now.

It might be hard out here for a cat on the streets.

But sometimes, if we all help each other, it's a bit better.





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