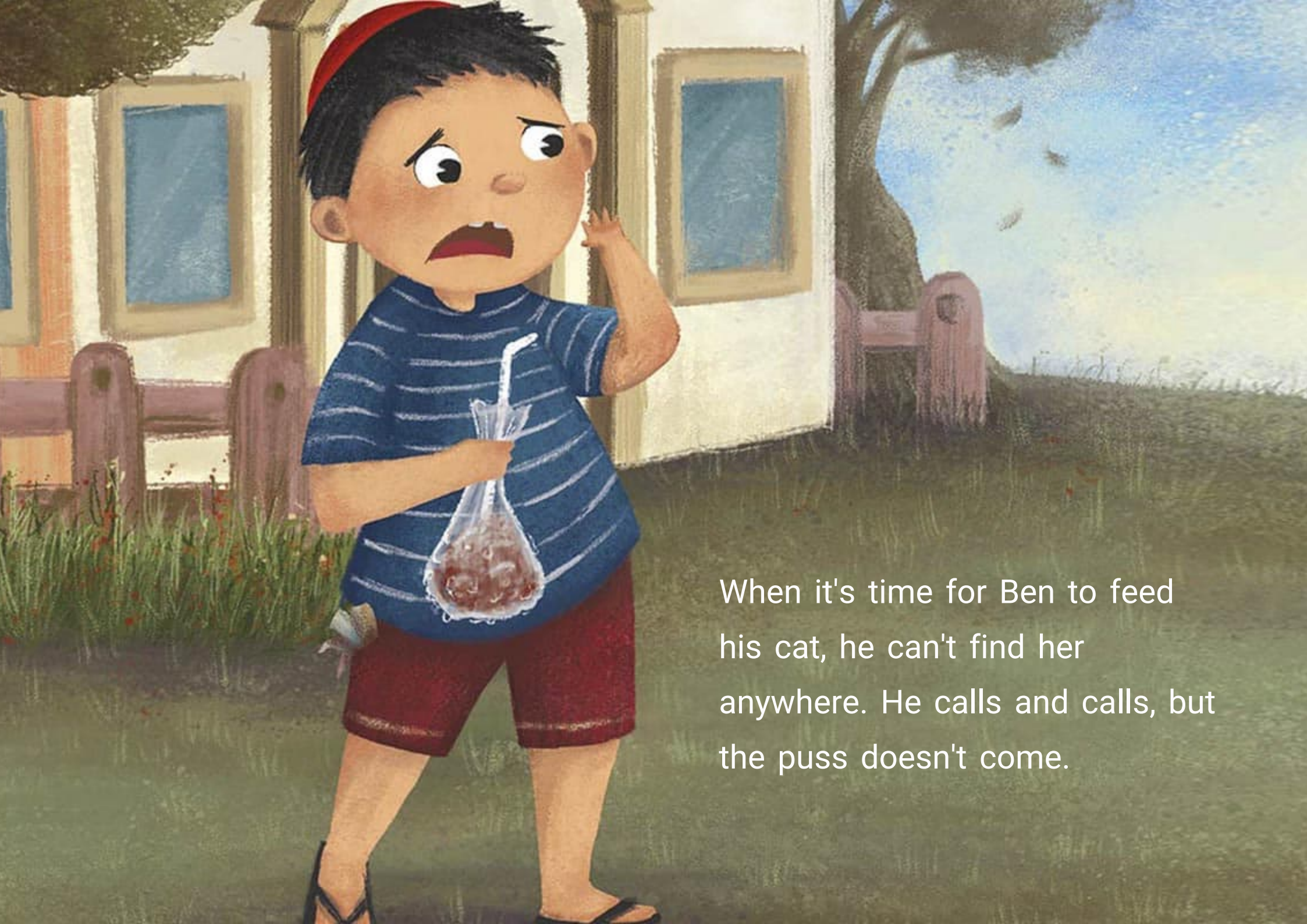


Monster Pile

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When it's time for Ben to feed his cat, he can't find her anywhere. He calls and calls, but the puss doesn't come.

In the soft ground, Ben finds a clue. A fresh set of cat paw prints leads off into the vacant block next door.

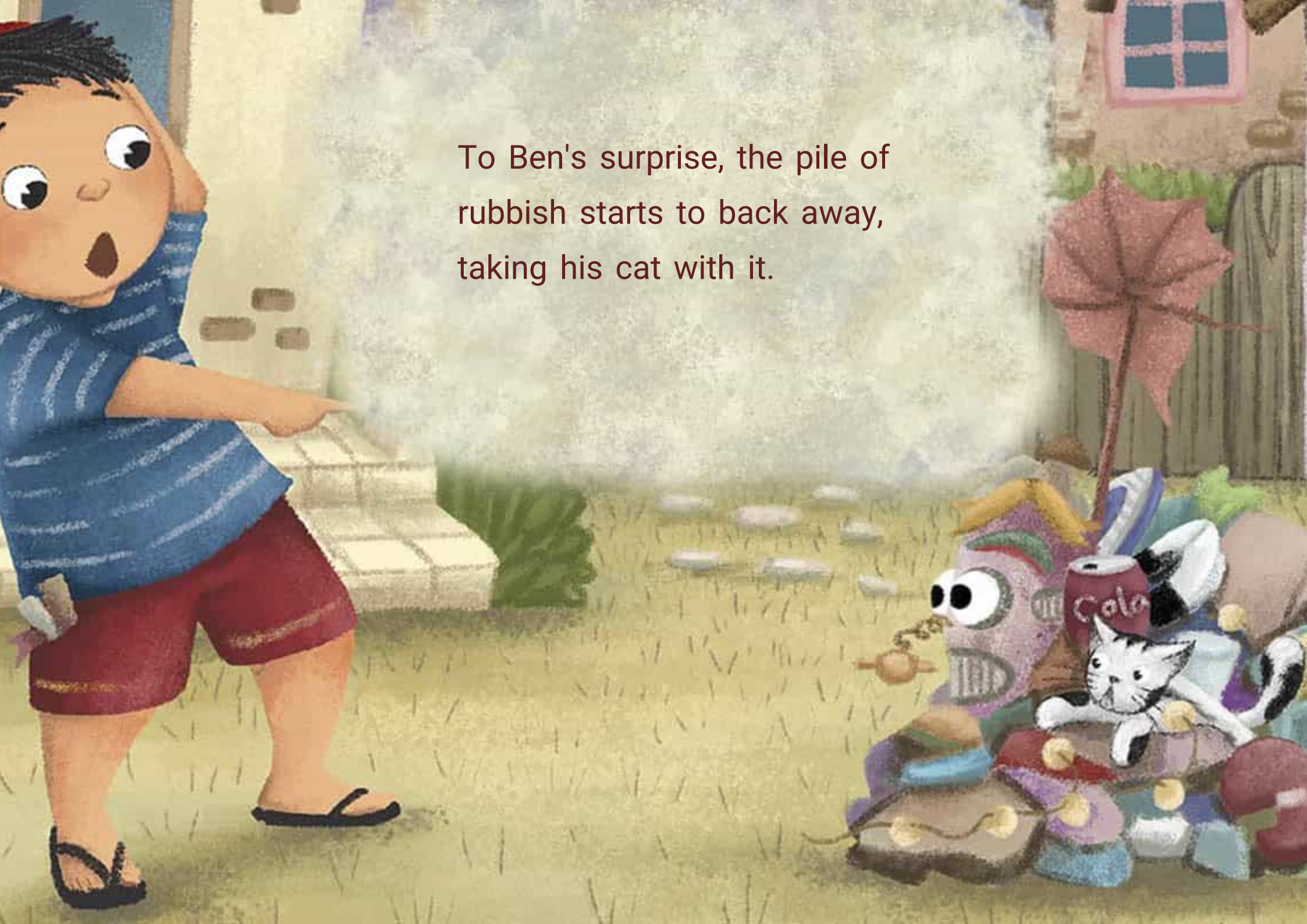




His puss is on top of a
pile of rubbish left on the
vacant land.

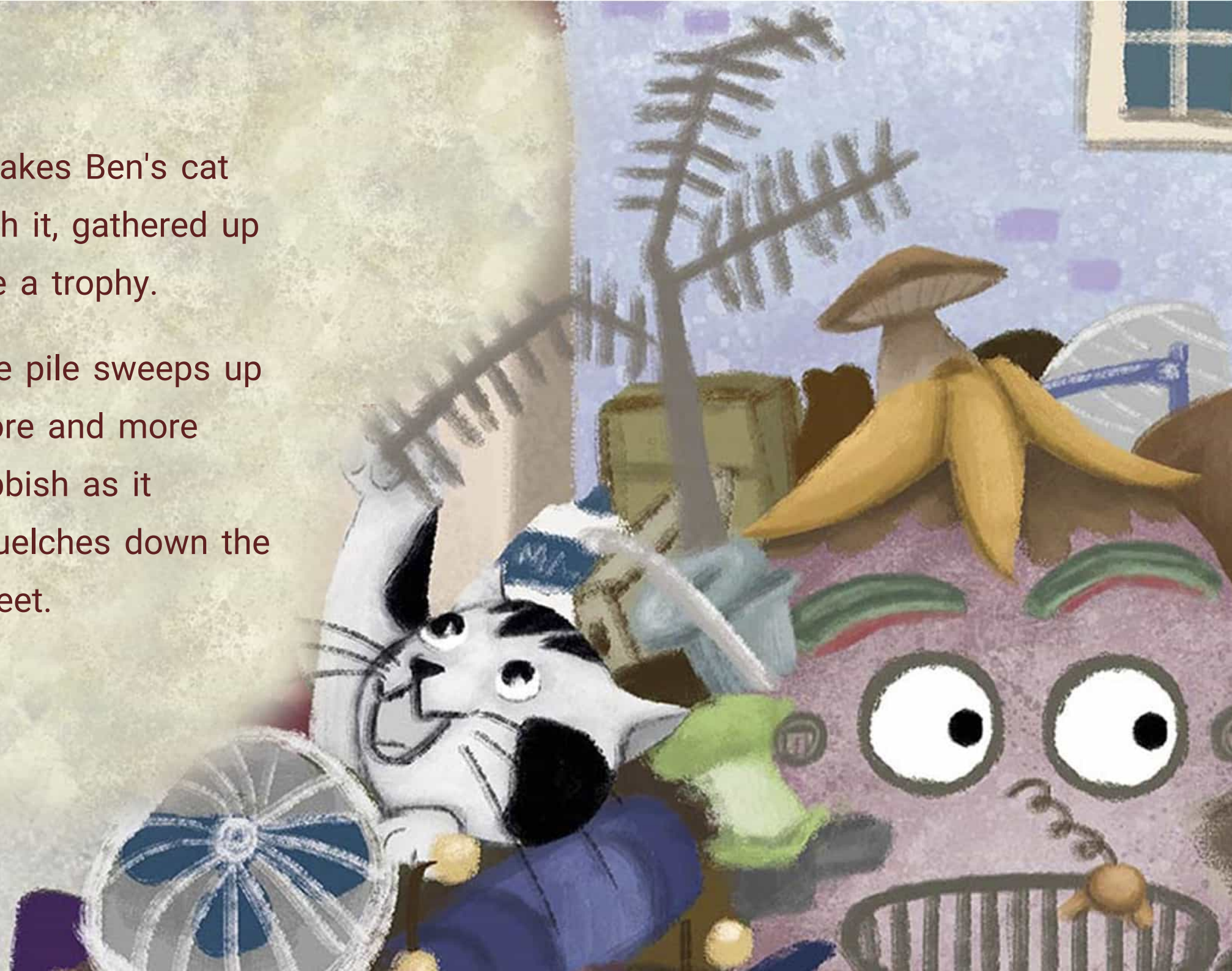
'Come down from there!
It's time for your dinner,'
said Ben.

To Ben's surprise, the pile of rubbish starts to back away, taking his cat with it.



It takes Ben's cat
with it, gathered up
like a trophy.

The pile sweeps up
more and more
rubbish as it
squelches down the
street.



Ben follows as fast as he can.

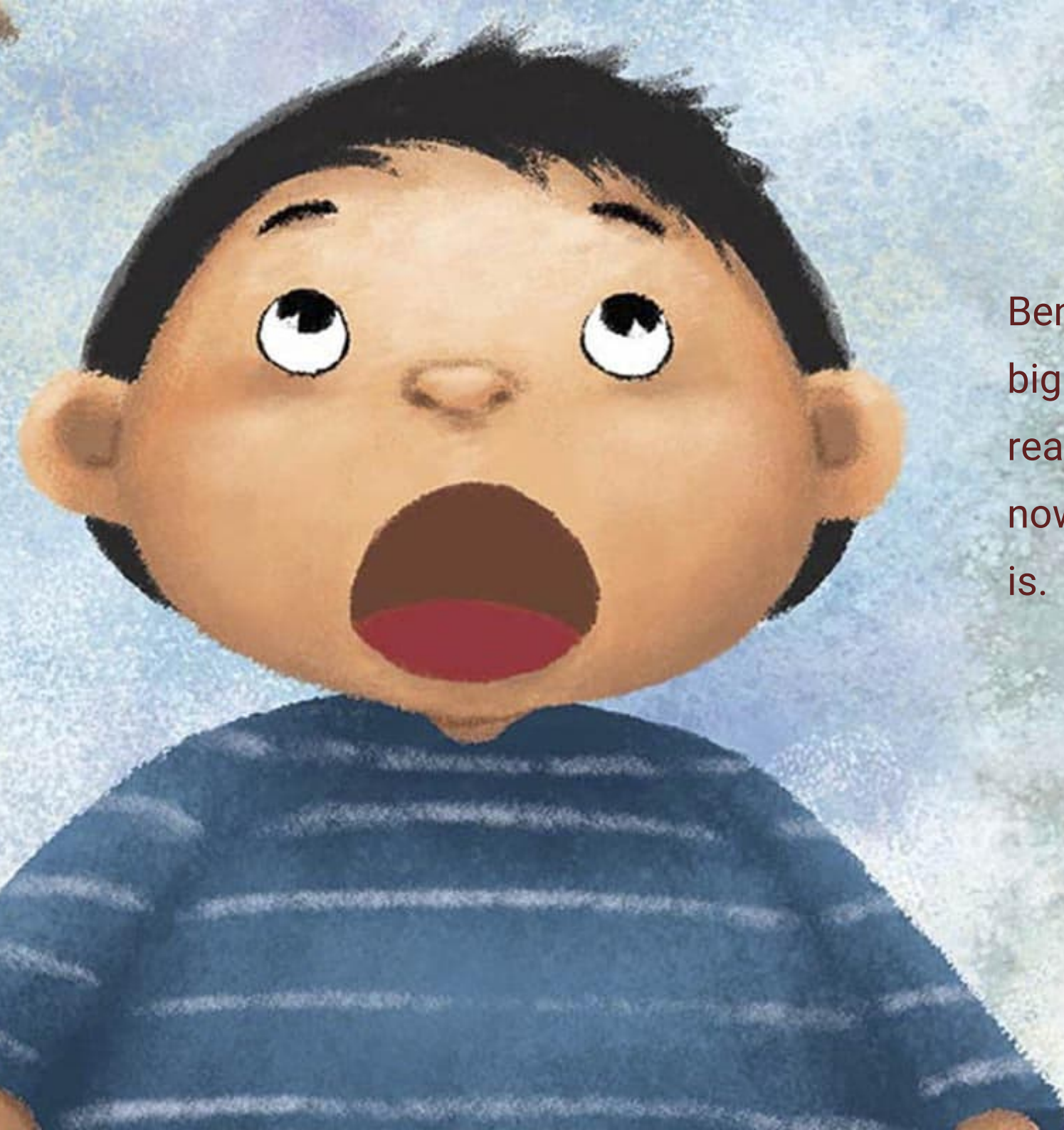
He isn't scared of the rubbish monster.

And he is determined to get his cat back.





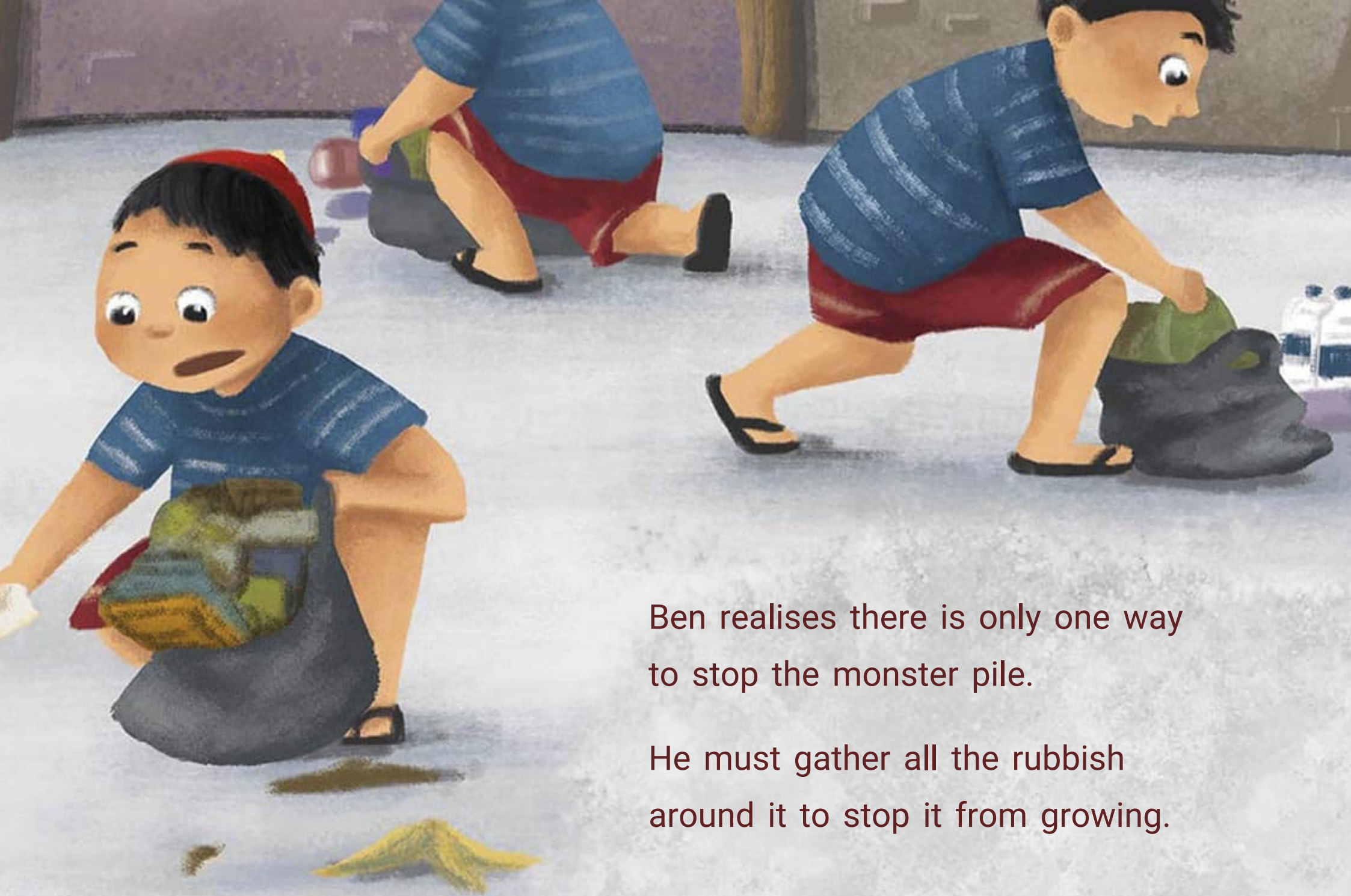
Ben follows the thieving pile down an alley way. There is a lot of trash down here, thrown out by the careless shopkeepers.



Ben is astounded at how big the pile is growing. It really is a monster pile now, much taller than Ben is.

The naughty puss plays
in the rubbish, unaware
that Ben is trying to
free her.





Ben realises there is only one way
to stop the monster pile.

He must gather all the rubbish
around it to stop it from growing.



Then he tackles the pile itself,
starting at the bottom.

He works hard, shoving the rubbish
into bins as fast as he can.

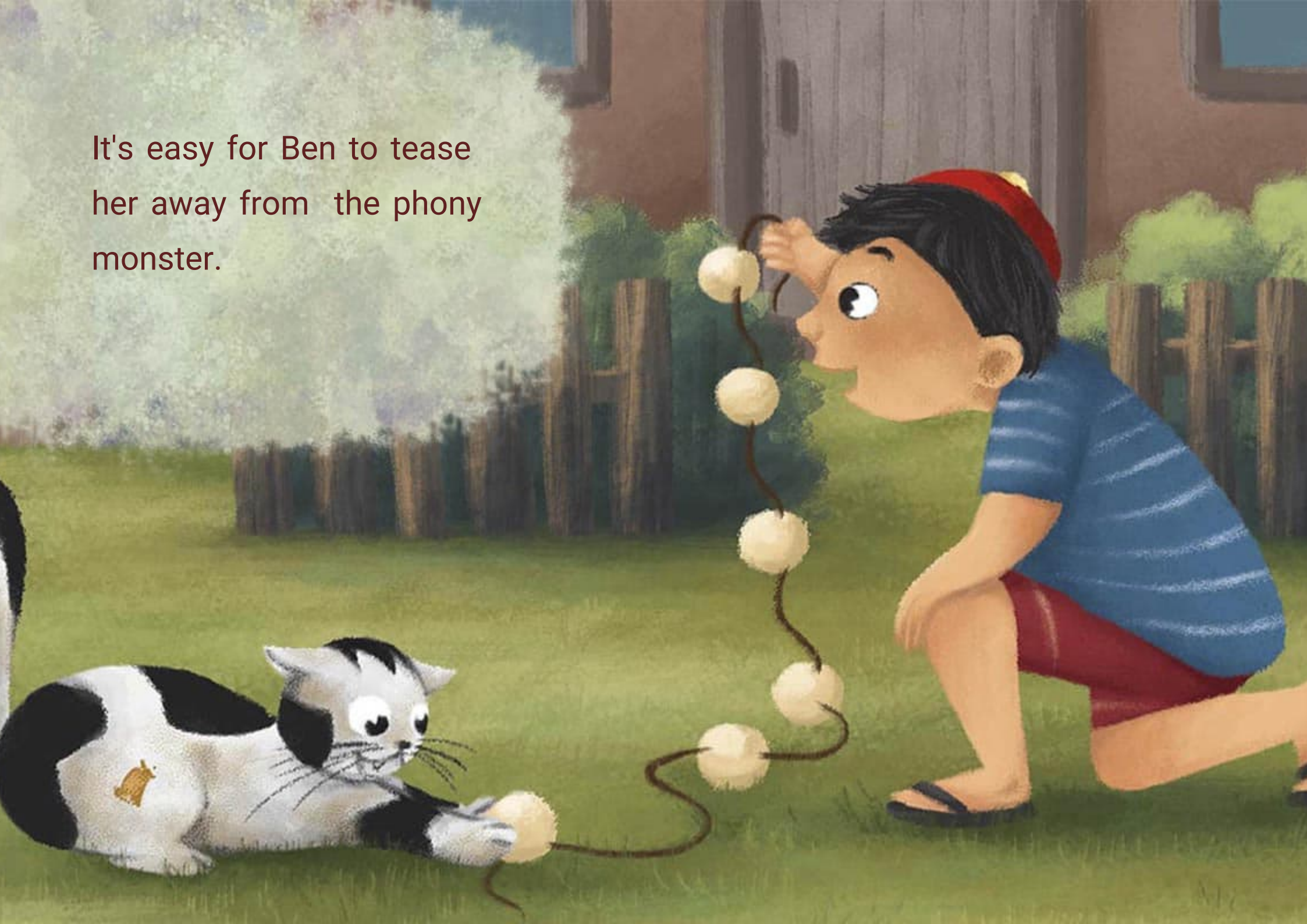
Triumph!

Ben has reduced the monster pile to just a small mound of bits and pieces.

Even his cat is bigger than it now.



It's easy for Ben to tease
her away from the phony
monster.

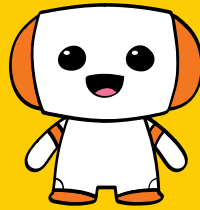


But, Phew!

Now his cat stinks.

Bath first. Dinner later.





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