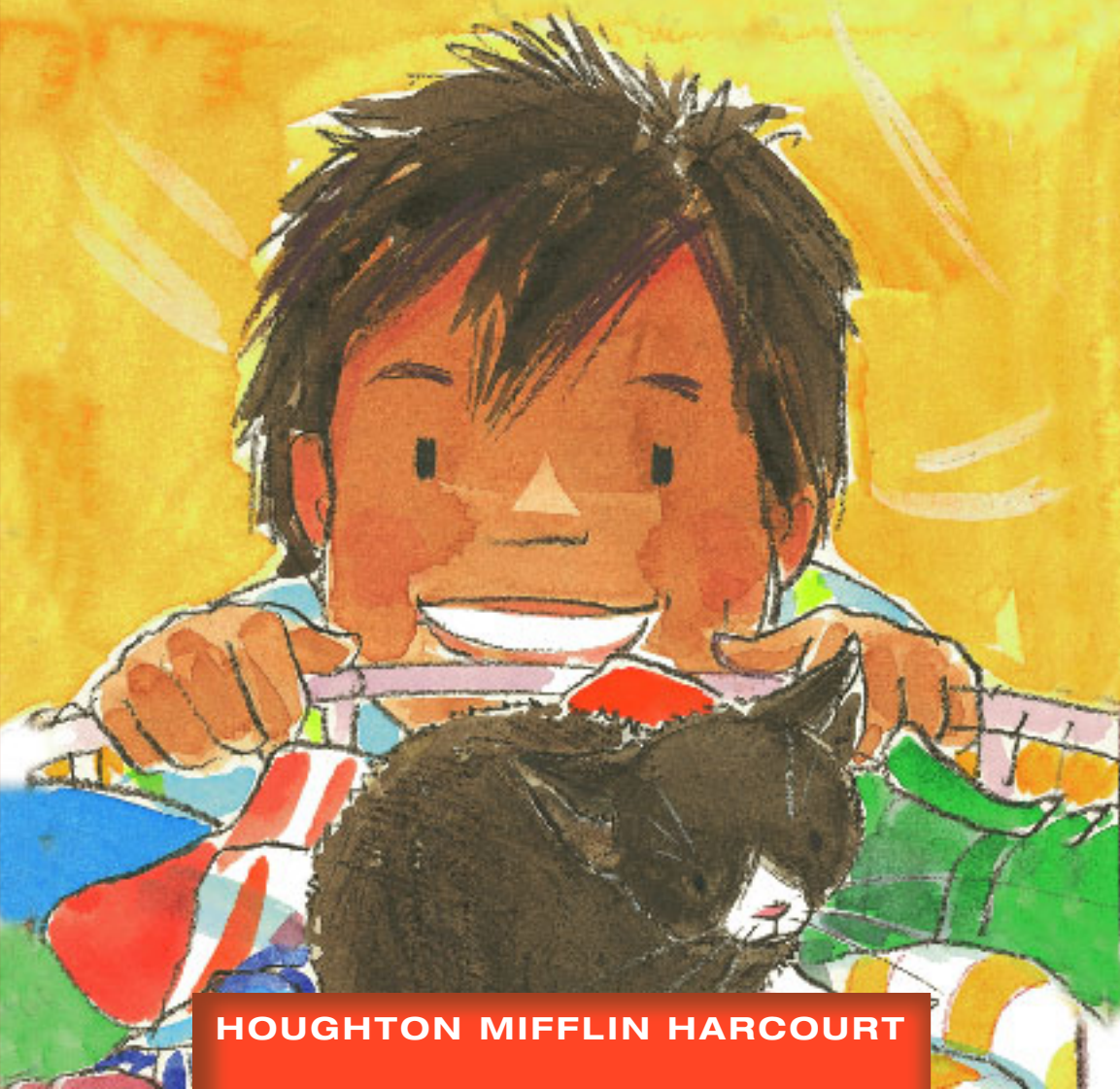


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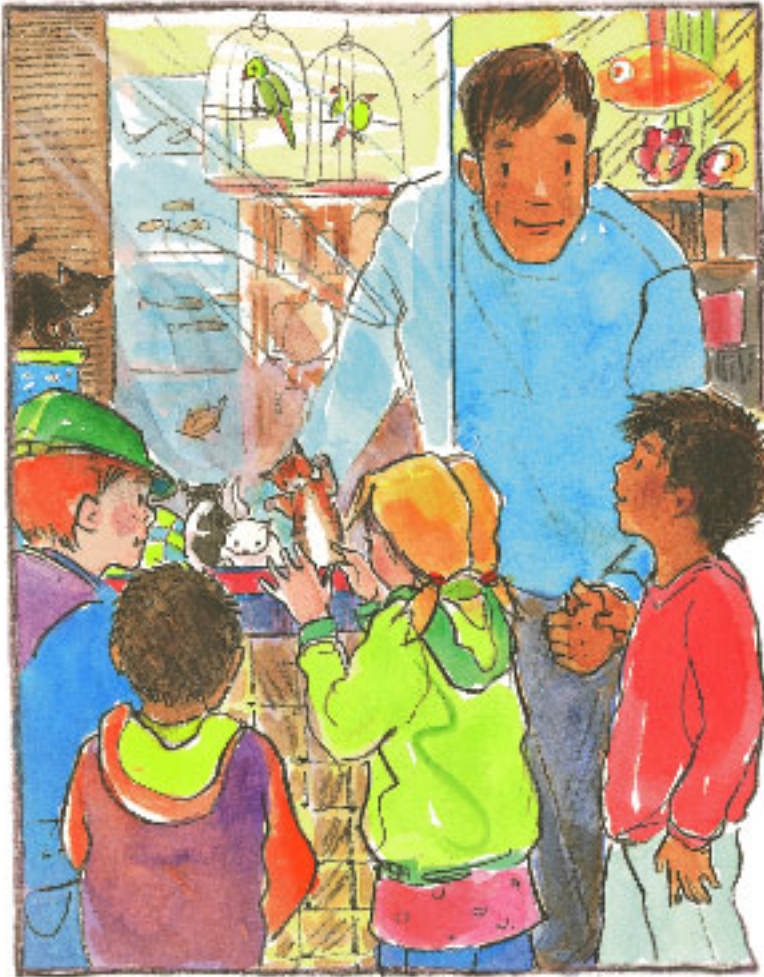
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- ▶ The children stood in a row at the pet store.
- ▶ They looked at the kittens.
- ▶ Ben looked, too.



- ▶ Ben wanted a kitten.
- ▶ Which kitten would Ben like most?



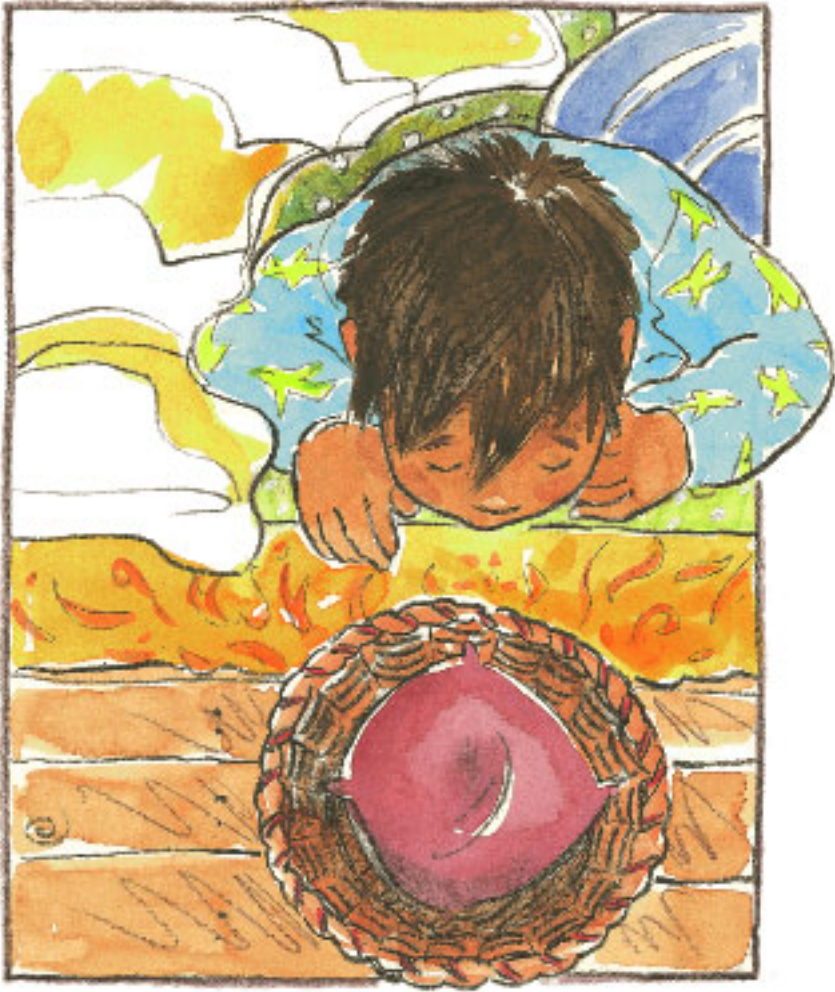
- ▶ Ben picked a kitten with **straight**, black fur.
- ▶ He called his kitten Sooty.



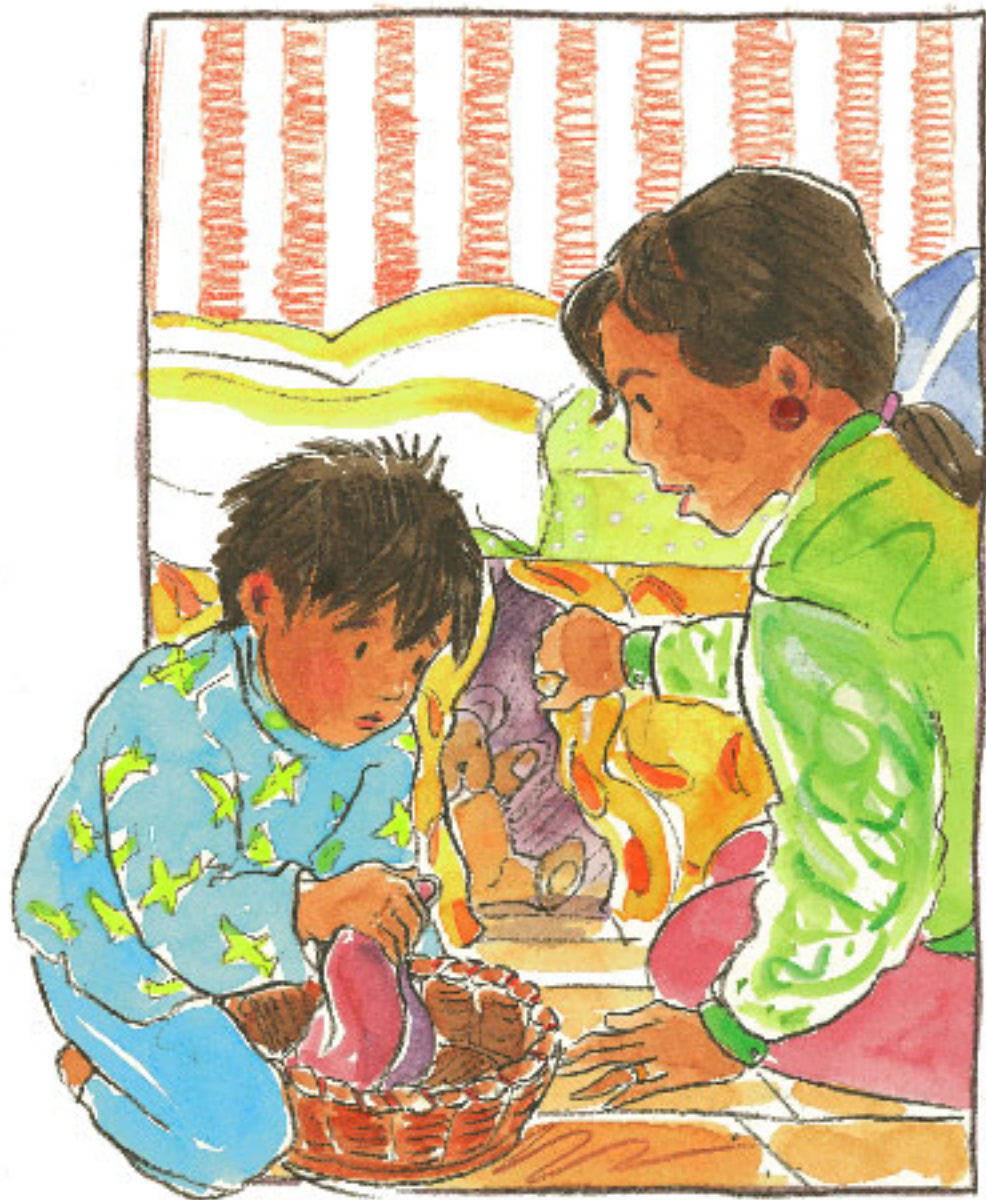
- ▶ Ben gave Sooty food.
- ▶ He played games with her.



- ▶ Sooty slept in her basket at night.
- ▶ She slept near Ben.



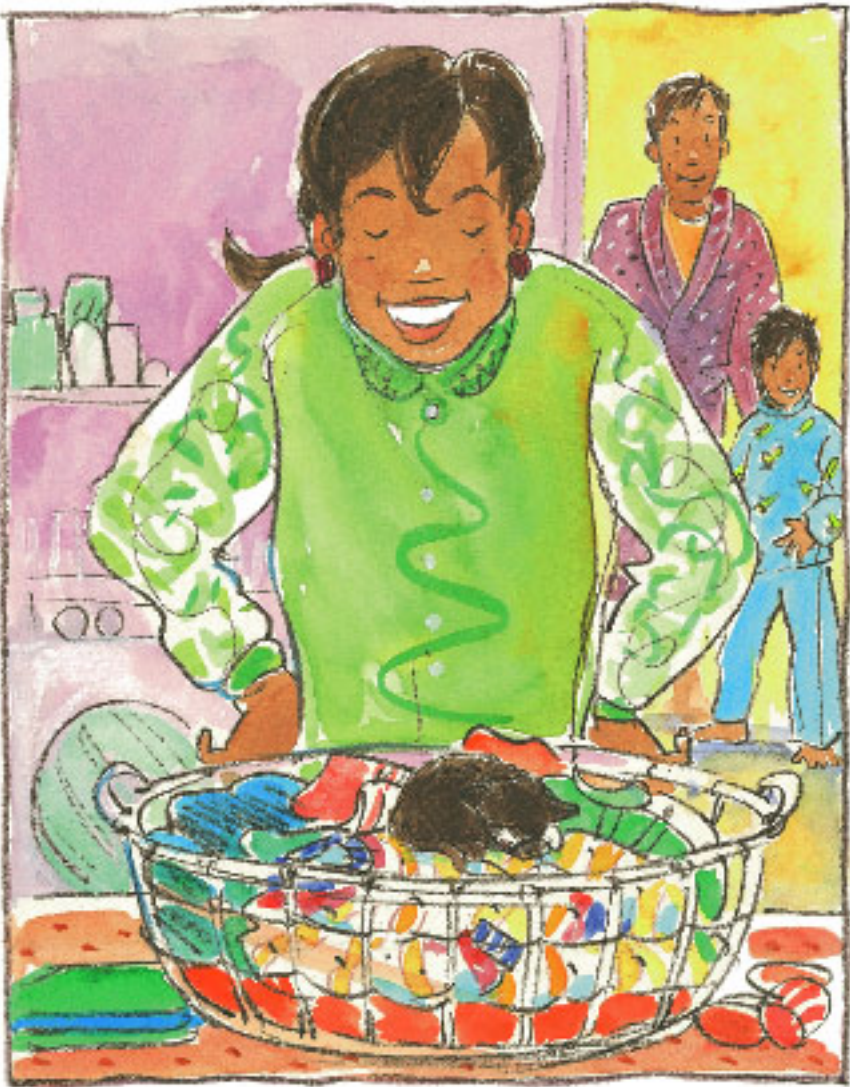
- ▶ Ben woke up one morning.
Sooty wasn't there!
- ▶ Ben called Sooty, but she didn't
come.



▶ Mom helped Ben look for Sooty.



- 🔊 Dad helped Ben look, too.
- 🔊 “Sooty is always in her basket!”
said Ben.



🔊 “She is in the basket,” Mom said.
“She’s in this basket.”



🔊 Sooty was sleeping on top of some sweaters.

🔊 “Sooty!” cried Ben.
“There you are!”



- ▶ Ben rubbed Sooty's floppy ears.
- ▶ "Why didn't you come?"
Ben asked.
"I called and called."



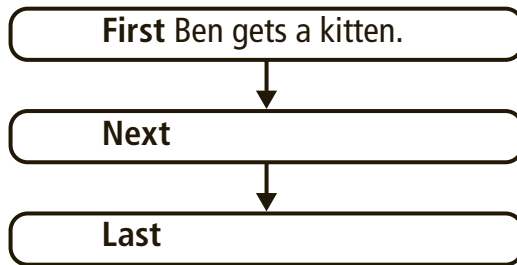
- ▶ Ben put an old sweater in Sooty's basket that night.
- ▶ Sooty was still there the next morning.
- ▶ She was still sleeping.



Responding

**TARGET SKILL** **Sequence of Events**

Copy the chart below. Think about what happened first, next, and last in the story. Use the chart to write some of the events in order.



Write About It

Text to Self Think about a time you found something that was lost. Write some sentences that tell a story about what happened. Include details about the steps you took to find what was missing.



TARGET VOCABULARY

collars

curly

drooled

floppy

row

stood

straight

weighed



TARGET SKILL

Sequence of Events Tell

the order in which things happen.



TARGET STRATEGY

Infer/Predict Use

clues to figure out more about story parts.



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