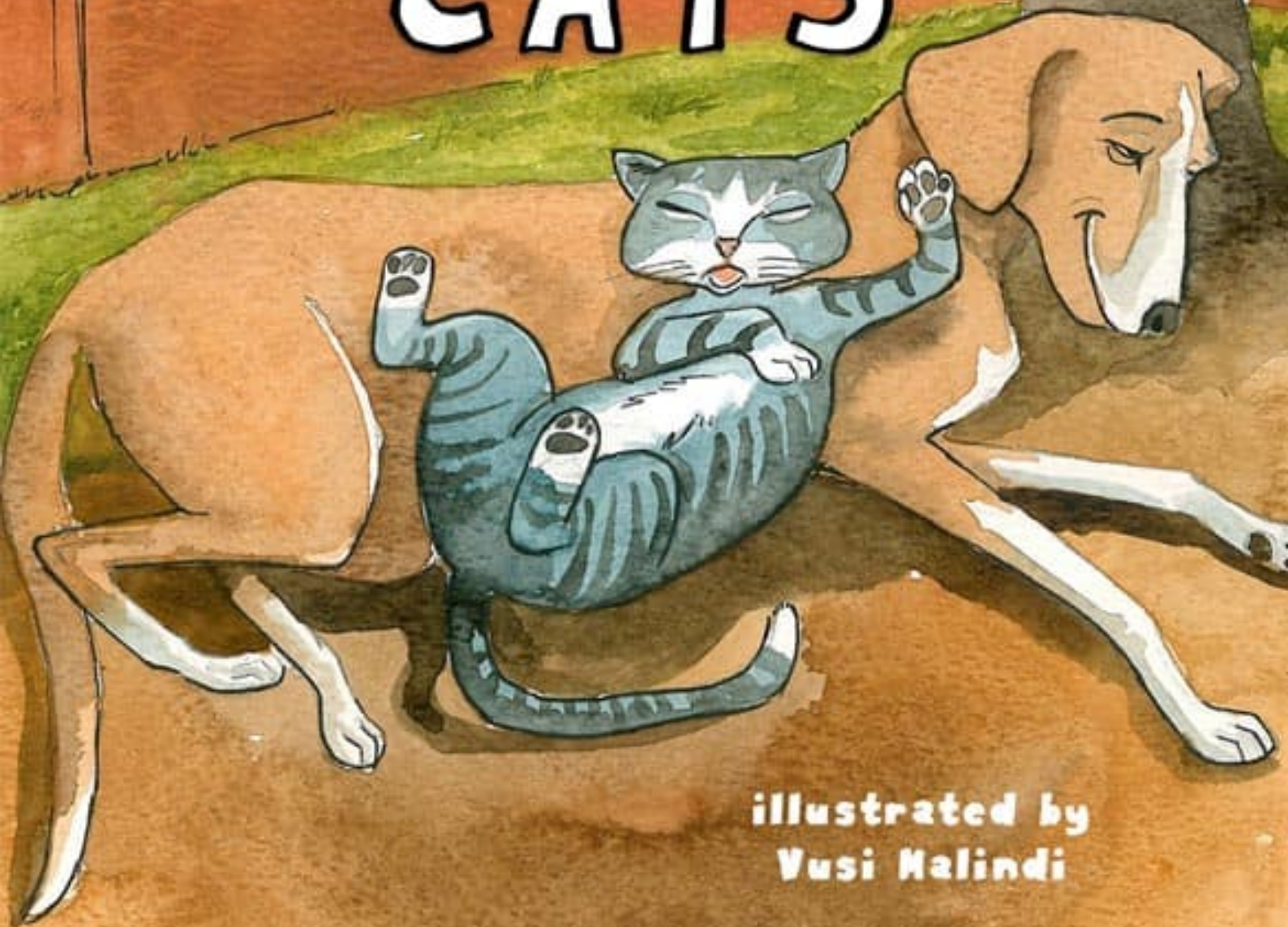


DOGS AND CATS



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Dog and Cat used
to be best friends.

They both slept out
in the shed and
spent all of their
time playing.





They would sleep side by side as well. Dog made Cat feel safe. They lazed about under the biggest tree in the yard. They had mishaps, but they always made up.



They would eat as friends as well.

Dog would wait to eat his food if Cat was not there.

They shared all parts of their lives.

One day, the people in the house saw Cat kill a rat. They were so proud of her. They wanted her to be closer to them.





Dog missed his pal. Cat was in the house all of the time now. She liked being around the people and sleeping in the house. He felt like a misfit outside.

When Cat next went out into the yard, Dog showed her how angry he was.

He was upset that she did not care about him.



He was so mad at her for her misdeeds that he did not want to hear what she had to say. He chased her out of the yard so that he could be alone again.



Cat did not see that Dog
had misgivings about her
being in the house.

She ran off so that she
could give him some room.

She was also scared.

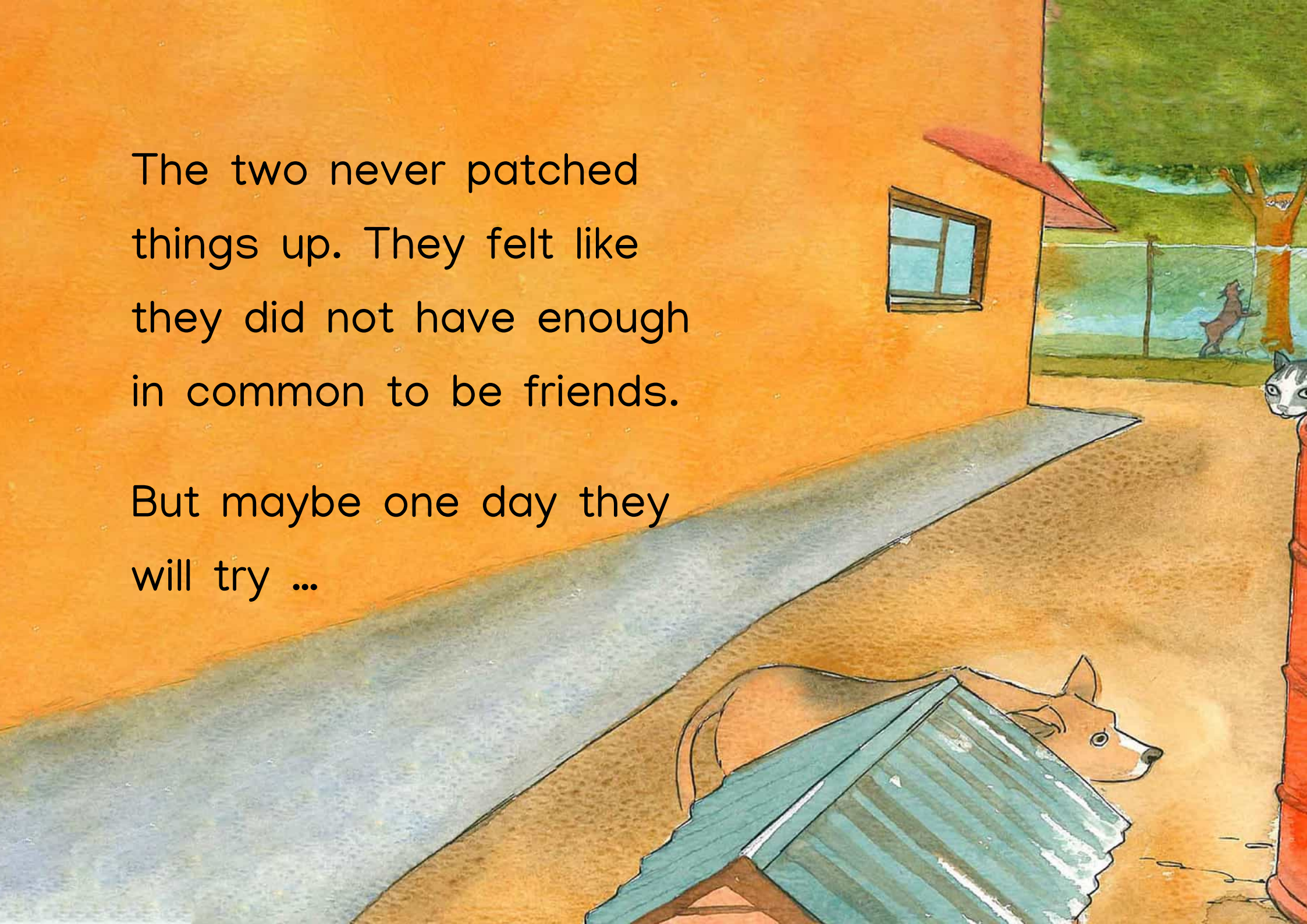


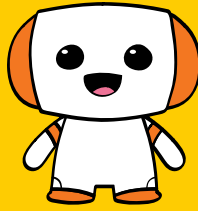
Cat made it back into the house. She was so tired after having to run away from Dog. She sat in her spot with her bowl of fresh water.



The two never patched things up. They felt like they did not have enough in common to be friends.

But maybe one day they will try ...





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