

## THE LOST CAT

\*Chirp! Chirp!\* The early birds were chirping. It was a cold morning. Louis was cozy in his bed and tired after celebrating his friend's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. But he got up anyway. After breakfast, Louis went for a walk at Britoc Park. Suddenly, he saw a lost cat poster. It said, *'Arnie lost! If found, please contact...'* with contact details and a picture on it. Arnie is black with white stripes. *'\$500 cash reward given out to person who finds him. Missing since, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.'* Seeing this, Louis called his friend, Alexander, on his smartwatch.

"Alex! Did you know that Mr. Mon's cat has been missing since yesterday?"

"Really? I'll meet you at Britoc Park." And so, the two met at Britoc Park to discuss.

Louis and Alexander started investigating near Mr. Mon's house and found a house with lots of cats two blocks away that looked suspicious. The boys knocked on the door.

"Uh Louis!" said Alexander. "I feel my nose tingling. I'm allergic to cat fur."

"Well, don't sneeze or you'll scare Meowry". said a lady wearing a blue skirt with cats on it. "Okay, I'll try" said Alexander holding up his sneeze.

They introduced themselves to the cat lady, "So, have you seen a black cat with white stripes?" asked Louis "No, but I did see a white cat with black stripes in a window...Or was it black with white stripes?!" said the cat lady confused. The boys thanked her and ran toward the direction she pointed.

It was Mr. Oscar's house. He is a librarian at Britoc library. "I always liked Mr. Oscar, he is quite funny," said Alexander. When the boys asked him about the cat, he was bad-mannered and asked them to scram. Alexander's nose was tingling again. "That's weird!" said Louis. So, they came back. The door was slightly open. Louis pushed open the door slowly.

As they walked in, all they could see was cat fur and cat food on the floor. Alexander was about to sneeze but Louis pinched his nose. They heard a flush. Mr. Oscar was doing his business in the toilet. The boys followed the trail of fur and cat food. It led to Mr. Oscar's bedroom.

Inside was Arnie. Alexander tried to grab Arnie but Mr. Oscar saw him and came back with a rope. He tied Alexander up! Louis leaped on Mr. Oscar's bed and did karate-like moves. **WHACKOW!** Louis grabbed hold of Mr. Oscar's shirt and kicked him into a cardboard box. Using a pocket knife, Louis cut the rope on Alexander, grabbed Arnie and sped off.

Soon, the boys reached Mr. Mon's house and gave him the cat.

"Wow, thank you boys!" Mr. Mon said excitedly.

"Mr. Oscar stole Arnie for the \$500 reward money." said Louis. Mr. Mon felt unhappy. "Well Louis, here is \$250 for you and \$250 for you Alex." Arnie's tail fur tickled Alexander's nose,

"**ACHOO!**" Alexander let out a big sneeze!

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