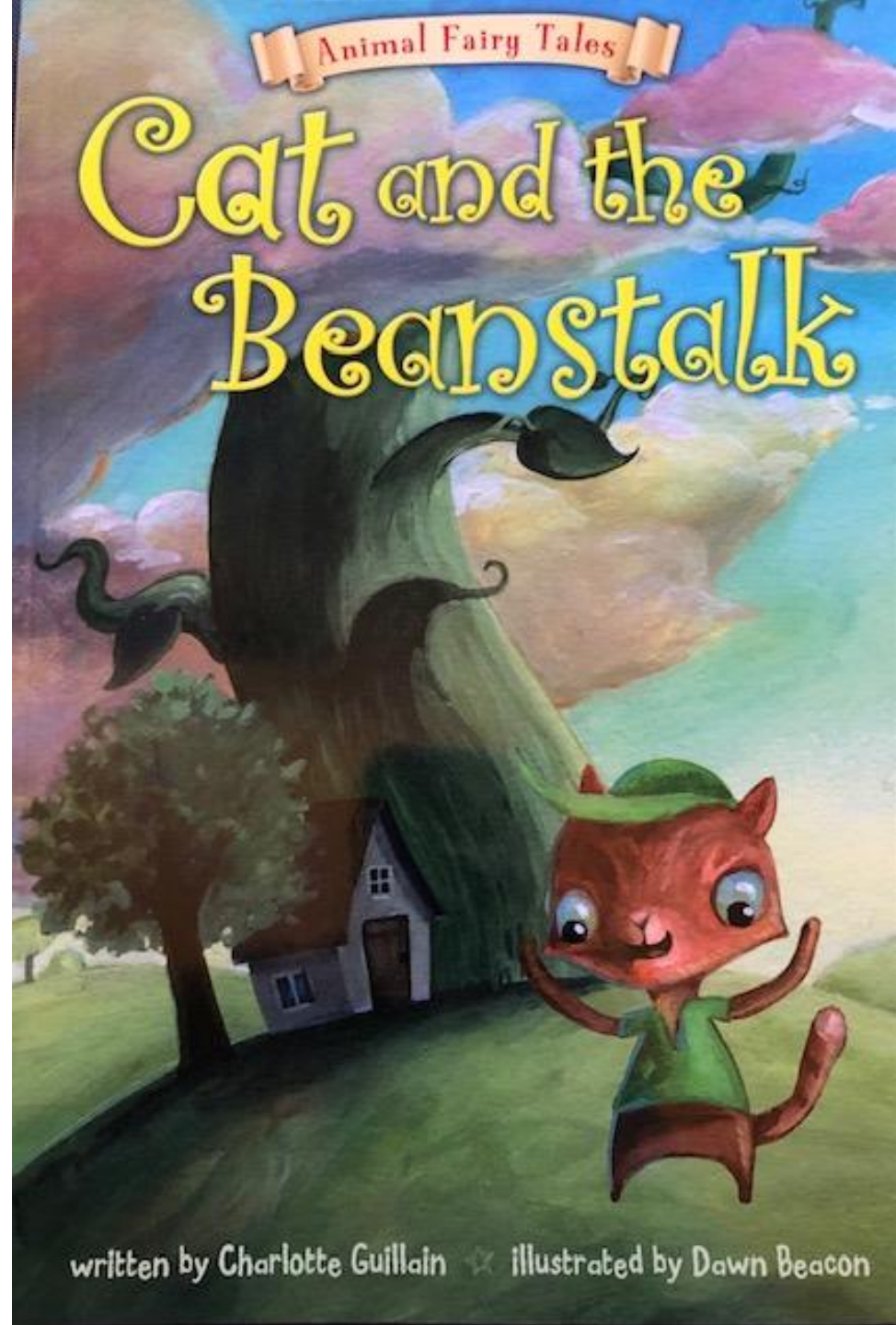


Animal Fairy Tales

Cat and the Beanstalk



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Characters

Cat



giant dog



Cat's mother



old weasel





There was once a young kitten called Cat who lived with his mother. They were very poor.

One day, things had got so bad that Cat's mother sent him to the market to sell their cat basket.





On the way to the market, Cat met an old weasel.

"Where are you going?" asked the weasel.

"I'm going to the market to sell our cat basket," replied Cat.



"I'll give you three magic beans for your cat basket," said the weasel. Cat agreed and hurried home to show the beans to his mother.



But Cat's mother was very angry when she saw the magic beans. She threw them out of the window. Cat and his mother went to sleep feeling hungry and uncomfortable without any food or their basket.



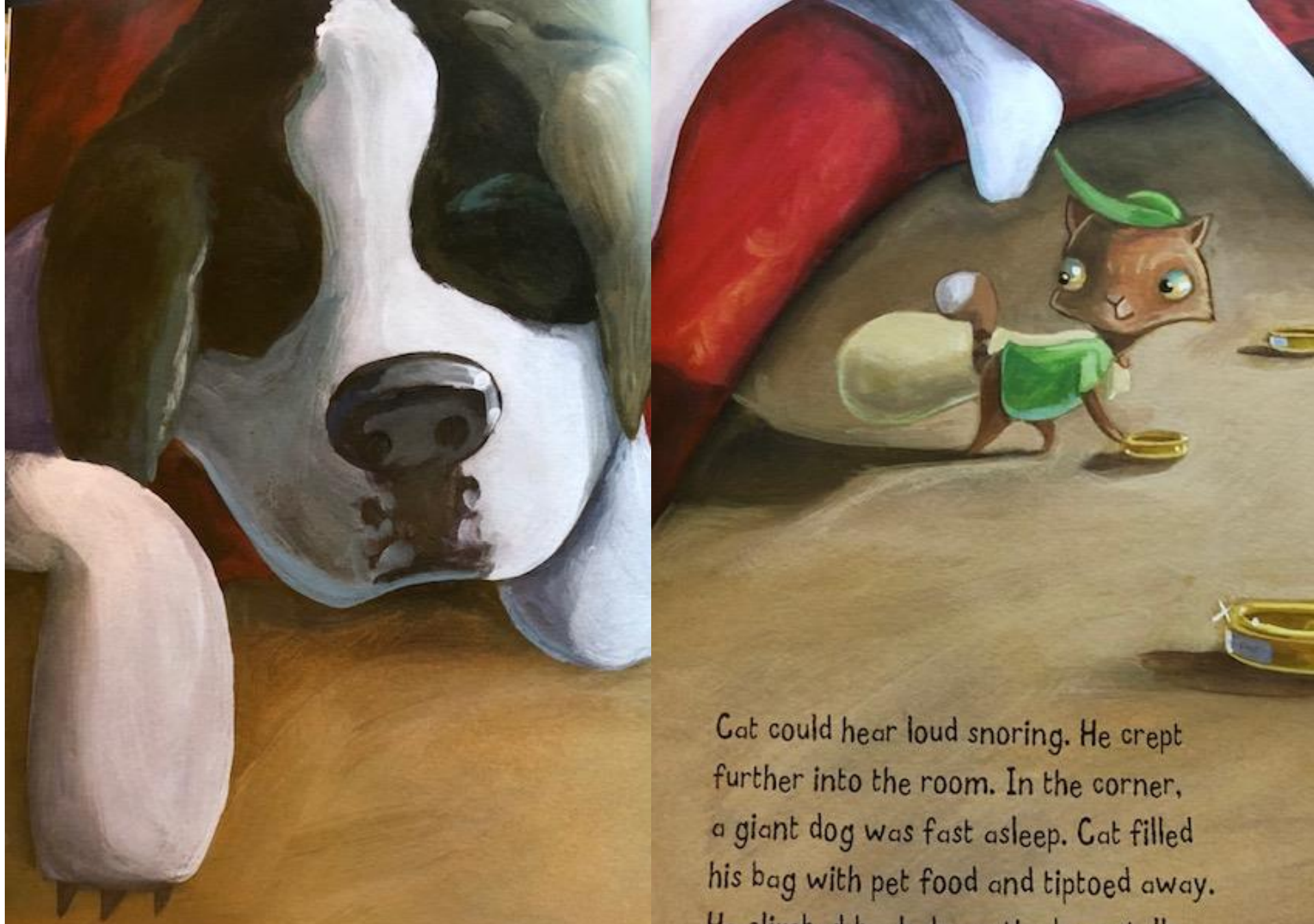
The next morning an enormous beanstalk had grown in the garden. Cat grabbed his bag and began to climb it.

At the top of the beanstalk, Cat found himself in a strange land where everything was enormous.



He sneaked inside a huge castle to look around. He came across a room full of golden tins of pet food!





Cat could hear loud snoring. He crept further into the room. In the corner, a giant dog was fast asleep. Cat filled his bag with pet food and tiptoed away. He climbed back down the beanstalk.



Cat's mother was very happy when she saw the golden tins.
"Go back up tomorrow and see what else you can find," she told him.



So the next morning Cat climbed up the beanstalk again. He sneaked back into the giant dog's room in the castle.



This time Cat found a pile of glittering golden pet collars! Cat could hear the giant dog snoring again, but he picked up the collars and tiptoed away without waking him.

Cat climbed back down the beanstalk, and his mother was delighted with the golden collars.



The next morning Cat's mother was pointing at the beanstalk again. "Go back up and see what else you can find!" she said.



So Cat climbed back up the beanstalk and sneaked back into the castle. In the giant dog's room was a pile of magic pet toys. As the dog snored, Cat filled his bag and started to tiptoe away.





Cat crept to the top of the beanstalk and was about to climb down when the golden toys in his bag started to rattle! Cat froze as he heard the sound of the giant dog barking from the castle.



"Fee-fi-fo-fat,
I smell the blood of a furry cat!
Be he ginger or stripey or black,
I'll eat him for my morning snack!"

Cat heard the giant dog running after him. He hurried down the beanstalk, with the toys rattling loudly in his bag. When Cat got to the bottom he grabbed an axe and chopped the beanstalk down. He was safe!



Cat and his mother were rich. They lived happily ever after and Cat never had to go on an adventure ever again.



The End