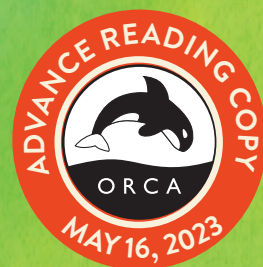




# Jungle Cat



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# It's a jungle out there, Bob.

**BOB IS AN ORANGE TABBY CAT** with big dreams. He lives in a safe and friendly apartment building with his human, Pippa, but Bob knows he is more than an indoor cat—he's a Jungle Cat! When he sneaks outside to chase after his dream, Bob's adventure suddenly gets too wild. It's a good thing jungle cats know when to ask for help!

Vibrantly illustrated with playful depictions of city and apartment life, this is the delightful story of an over-confident cat who learns about the comforts of community and home.

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## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Bob is a special cat who brings his neighborhood together when he learns how to ask for help.
- This story reinforces the importance of friendship and community, as well as how much joy and connection a cat can bring to people who otherwise live alone.
- The story was inspired by a real-life apartment cat named Georgia, who has spent her long, rich life connecting people to each other through her very being. One of her neighbors even wrote an operetta about her!
- Beautiful and playful illustrations by Udayana Lugo depict a vibrant city neighborhood.
- Author Andrew Larsen is the award-winning author of over 15 books. His books have been nominated for the Blue Spruce Award, the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award, the Sheila Barry Best Canadian Picturebook of the Year Award and more.



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"Bob!" says Pearl.  
"Come in!"







Pearl lives in 201.  
She's a firefighter.



I follow her from room to room while she waters her plants.



Her apartment is a jungle.  
I'm a jungle cat.





I scratch at Mario's door until he opens it.  
He lives in 202.  
He's a chef and always has something good to eat.



"Hey, Bob!" he says. "Hungry? Do you want a sardine?"  
Jungle cats love sardines.





Kevin lives in 301.  
His door is always open.  
He's always working on his computer.



"Bob!" he says. "Thirsty?"  
I pretend the bowl is a watering hole deep in the jungle.  
I'm a jungle cat.





I purr outside my door until Pippa opens up.  
“Bob!” she says. “You’re home.”  
I nuzzle up against her leg.  
Pippa is my person. I am her cat.  
We live in 302.







Me and Pippa like to read.  
Sometimes we fall asleep  
when we are reading.



Sometimes the sound of the  
street wakes us up.  
“It’s a jungle out there, Bob,” says Pippa.  
A jungle?  
I like the sound of that!





Jungle cats like adventure.  
I sneak downstairs and out the front door.  
I run as fast as I can.  
A truck honks its horn. A car squeals its tires.  
A driver yells, "Keep off the road, kitty cat!"  
I'm not a kitty cat.  
I'm a jungle cat.







I start running back toward the building.  
It's too wild out here with the cars and the trucks  
and the drivers who yell.  
I want to go home.

Or maybe I should climb the tree.  
Isn't that what a jungle cat would do?





Up, up, up I go...  
Uh-oh. I'm stuck.  
This might be a problem for most cats.  
Luckily, I'm good at solving problems.  
I know when to ask for help.  
I know how to ask for help.









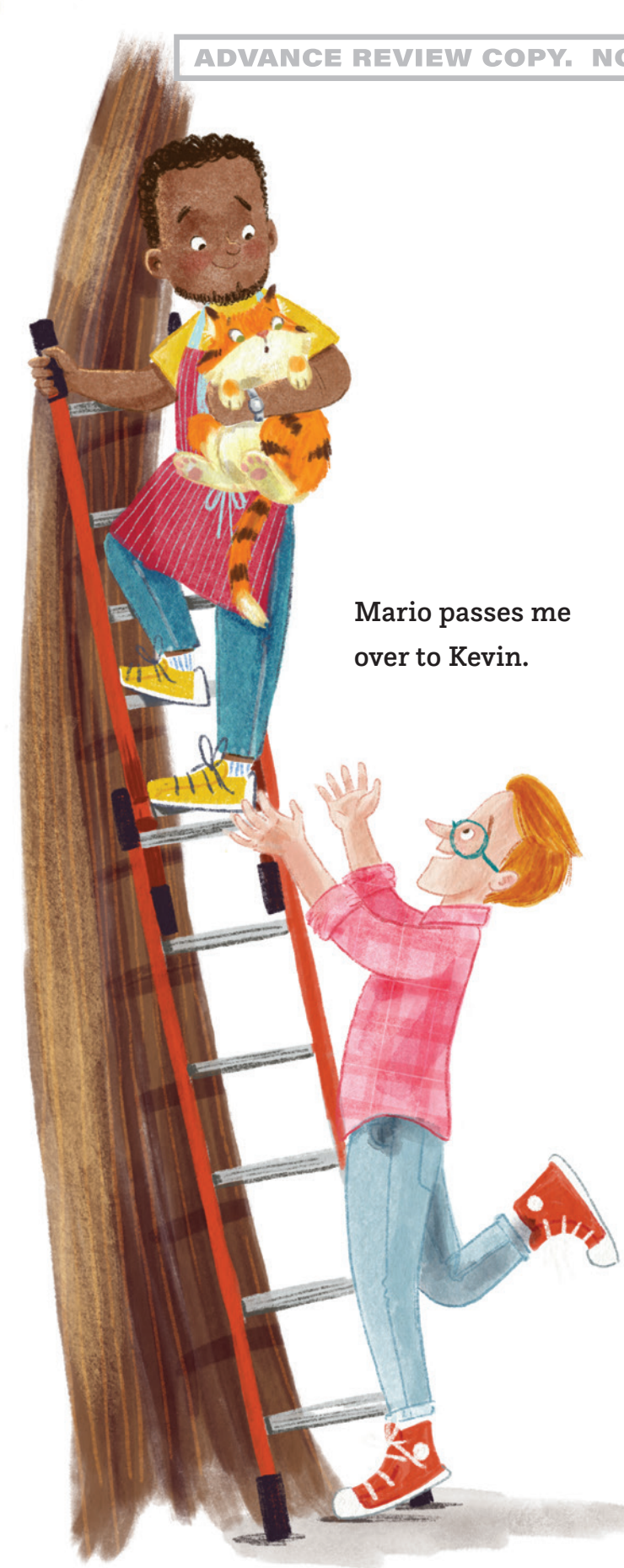
Pearl is first out the front door.  
She is carrying a ladder.  
Kevin and Mario follow her.  
Pippa follows them.  
Pearl climbs the ladder.  
Mario and Kevin keep it steady.  
“Don’t worry, Bob,” says Pippa. “We’ll save you.”



Pearl reaches for me.  
And I reach for Pearl.



Kevin passes me to Pippa.



Mario passes me  
over to Kevin.



She passes me down to Mario.





"You're a lucky cat," says Pippa, cuddling me in her arms.

"Your friends saved you."

"That's what friends are for," says Pearl.

"Let's have a party to celebrate Bob's rescue," says Kevin.

"A rescue party!" says Pearl.

"I'll bring cake," says Mario.





Jungle cats know how to  
make good friends.



For Georgia, the original jungle cat. —A.L.

For Mauro and Daniel, who think Bob is the greatest name ever. —U.L.

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