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An illustration of two large, striped cat paws. The paws are orange with thick black stripes. The paw on the left is positioned higher and further to the left, while the paw on the right is lower and further to the right, with its toes slightly curled. The background is plain white.

Simon  
thinks  
he's  
a cat.

But Lion,  
Cheetah,  
Puma,  
Panther,  
and  
Tiger  
disagree.

Can Simon  
convince  
the big  
cats that  
they are  
all more  
alike than  
they seem?

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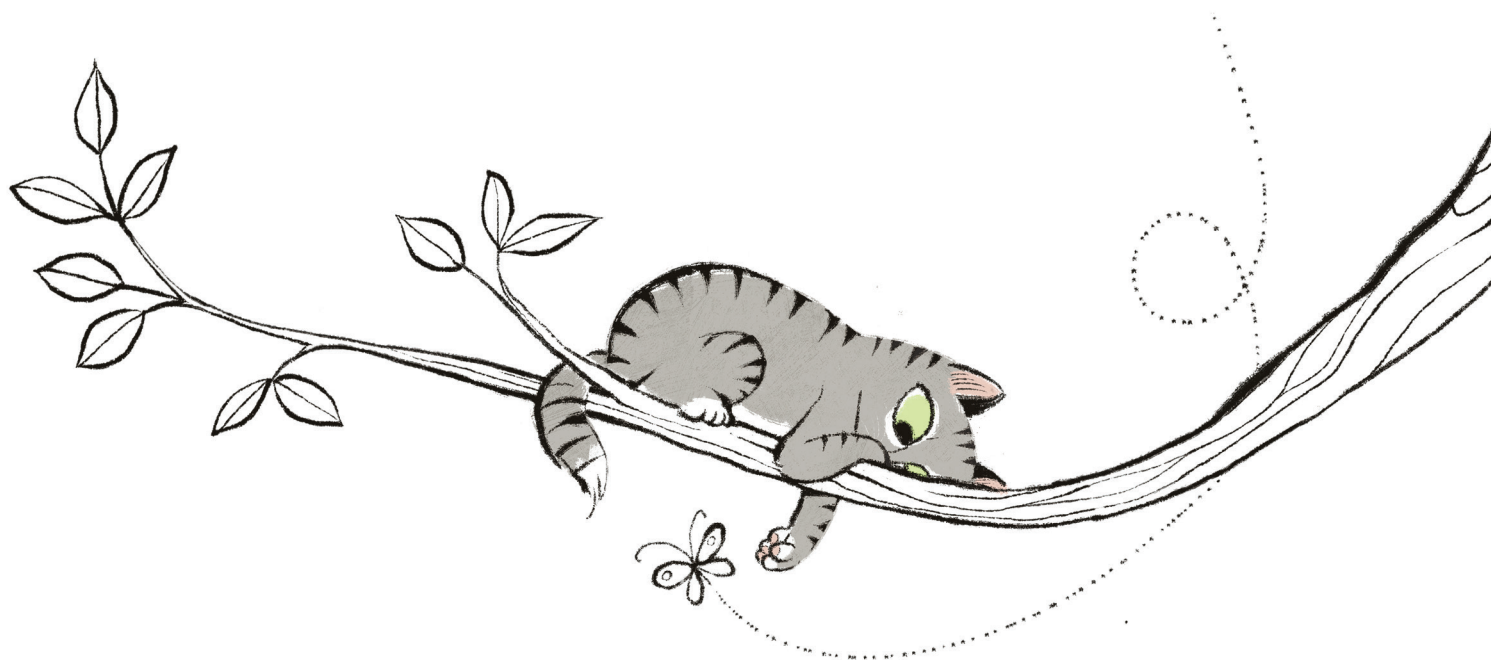






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“Hello, my name is Simon.  
I am a cat. Just like you!”













HA HA!

HEH



HO HO!

HEE  
HEE!



HEH! HAA HAA!







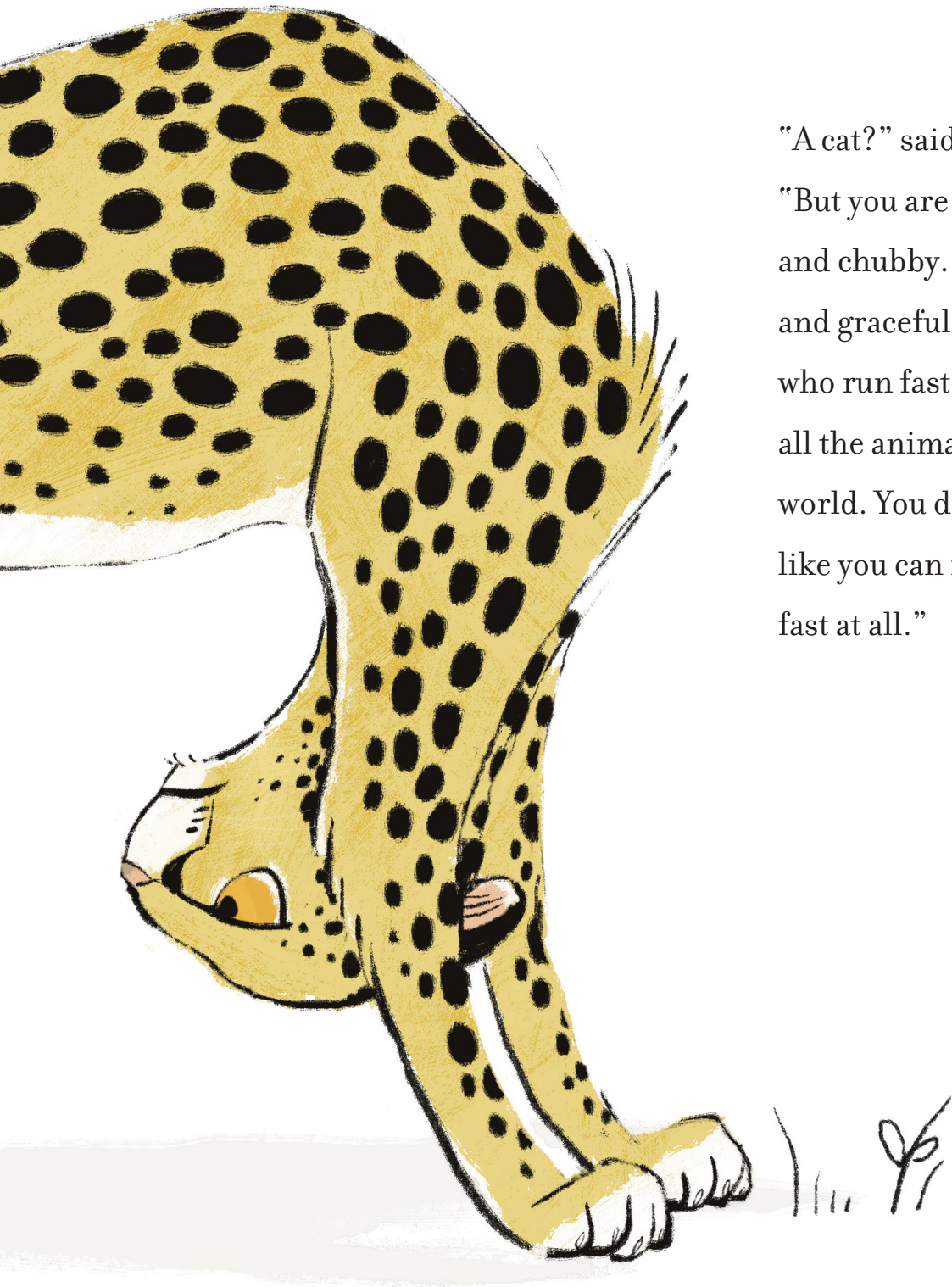


"A cat?" said Lion. "Don't be silly, dear boy. You can't be a cat because I am a cat, and you are nothing like me at all. Cats have a mane and a tuft at the end of their tails, and when they roar everybody trembles for they are the kings of all beasts!"







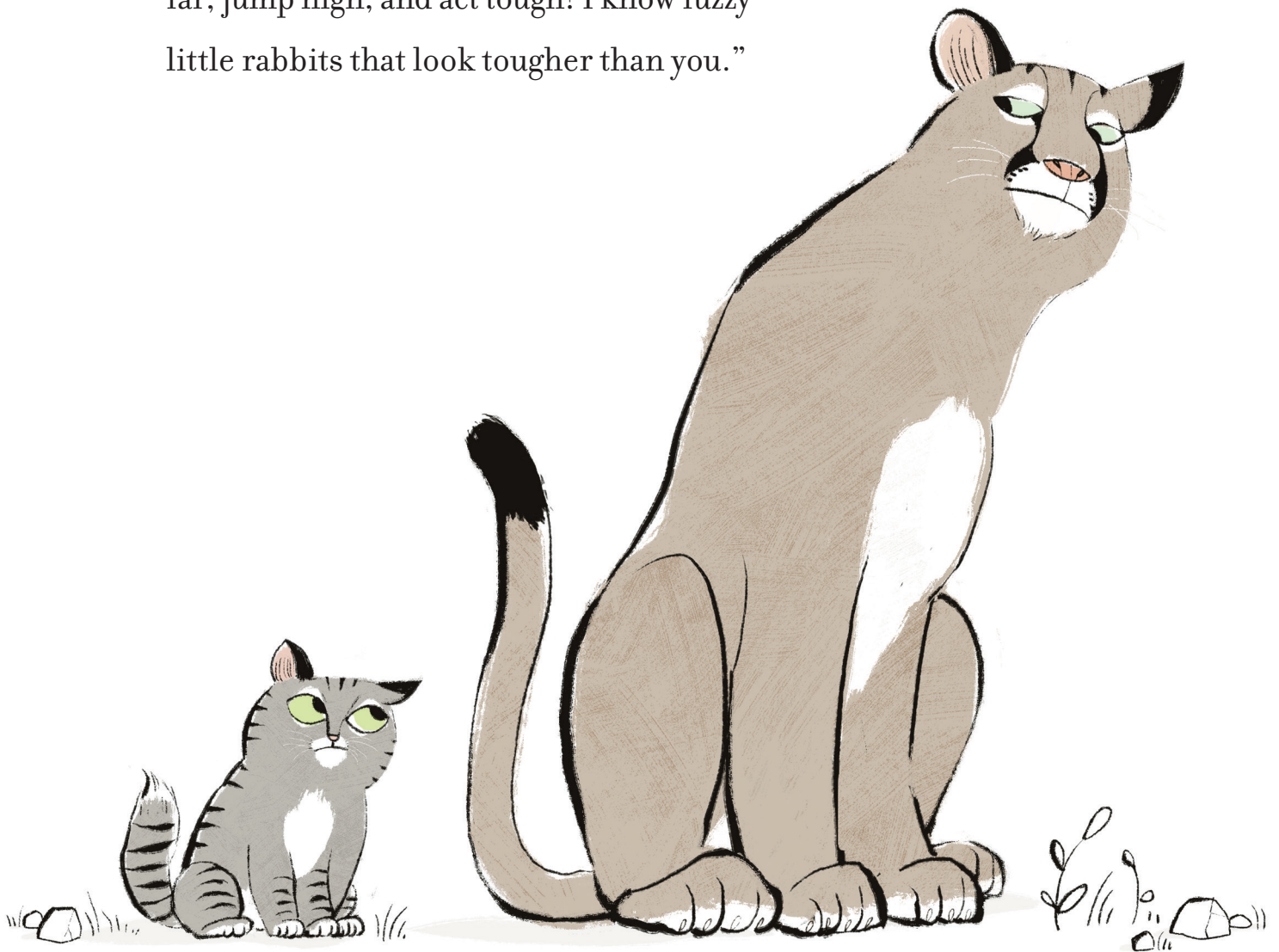


"A cat?" said Cheetah.

"But you are so short  
and chubby. Cats are tall  
and graceful creatures  
who run faster than  
all the animals in the  
world. You don't look  
like you can run very  
fast at all."



“A cat?” said Puma. “That’s ridiculous!  
Cats live in the mountains—that’s why  
people call us Mountain Lions. They leap  
far, jump high, and act tough! I know fuzzy  
little rabbits that look tougher than you.”





"A cat? Cats are black," said Panther. "They live in jungles and rain forests and sleep in trees. Have you ever even seen a jungle?"







"A cat?" said Tiger. "That's very funny. You see, cats are very big and very strong and very, very orange. You are small and gray. You might be some kind of rat, but a cat? I don't think so."





Simon was confused. "Lion is the only one with a mane," he said. "No one else is black like Panther or orange like Tiger. No one else can jump as high as Puma or can run as fast as Cheetah. So how can you all be cats?"



“Because we also have many things  
in common,” said Lion. “We all have  
small, perky ears and flat noses . . . ”











“ . . . long whiskers and long tails.”











“We have sharp teeth and claws . . . ”











“ . . . and big eyes that can see in the dark.”





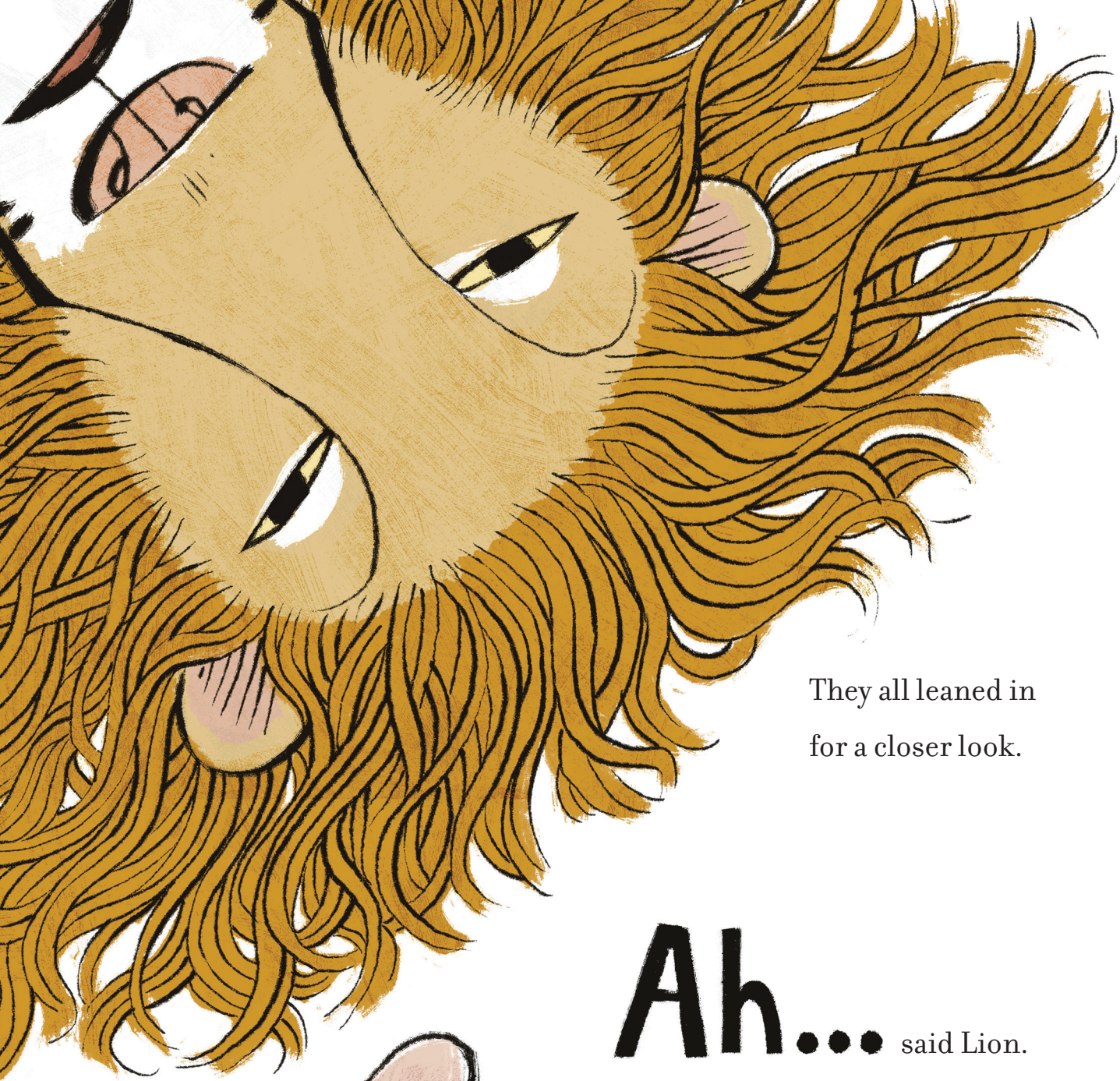
“So do I,” said Simon.

“I have all of those things.”

“Only smaller.”







They all leaned in  
for a closer look.

**Ah...** said Lion.



**Oh...**  
said Puma.





**Um...**

"In that case . . ." said Panther.



**Er...**

"It's very possible that . . ."  
said Tiger.

**You're  
a cat!**

said Cheetah.





“So, I’m part of the family?”

asked Simon.

The big cats looked at one another.

“YES!” they all said together.









And they spent the rest of the day pouncing  
and prowling, prancing and playing, like  
cats of all sizes do.





To Sheera and Haddar,  
my small but fearless first critics.

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