

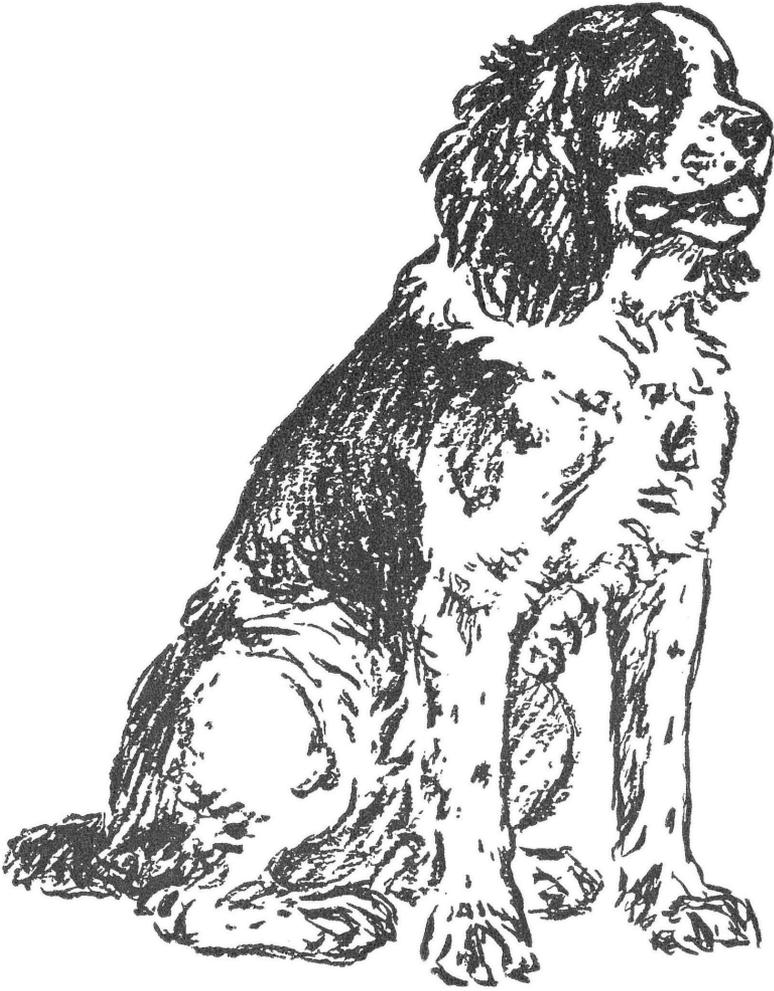
JOEY AND PATCHES:

🐾 The story of Two Kittens 🐾

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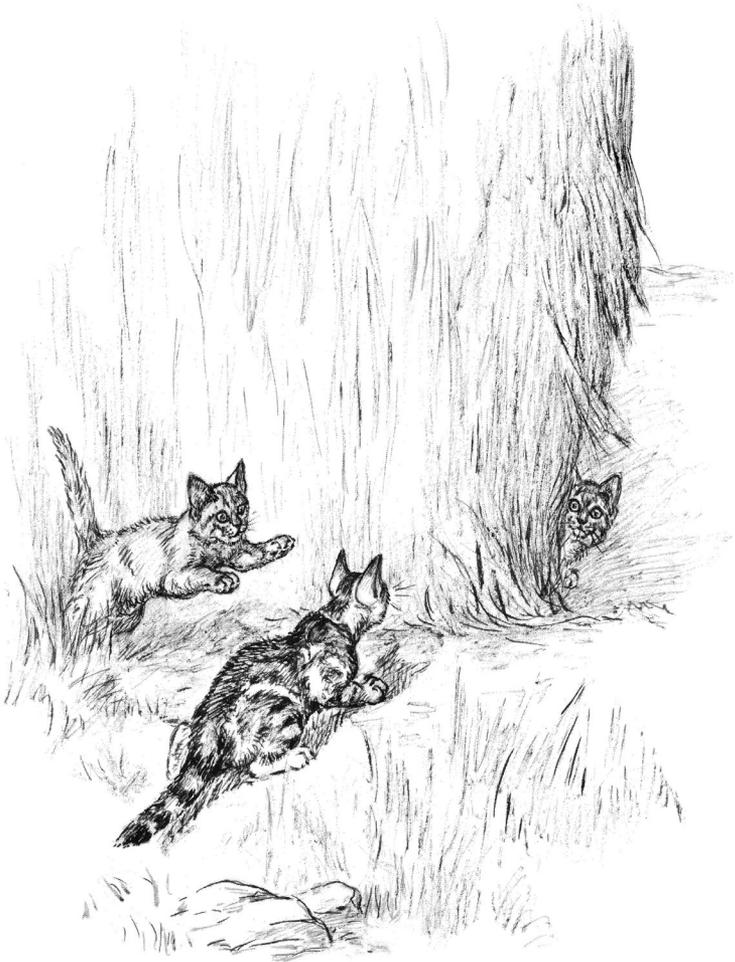


One stormy September night, two small kittens were huddled together under an old farm wagon. The rain was falling in torrents, and the wind was blowing hard. The kittens mewed and mewed, but no answer came, and after a while, they kept quiet.

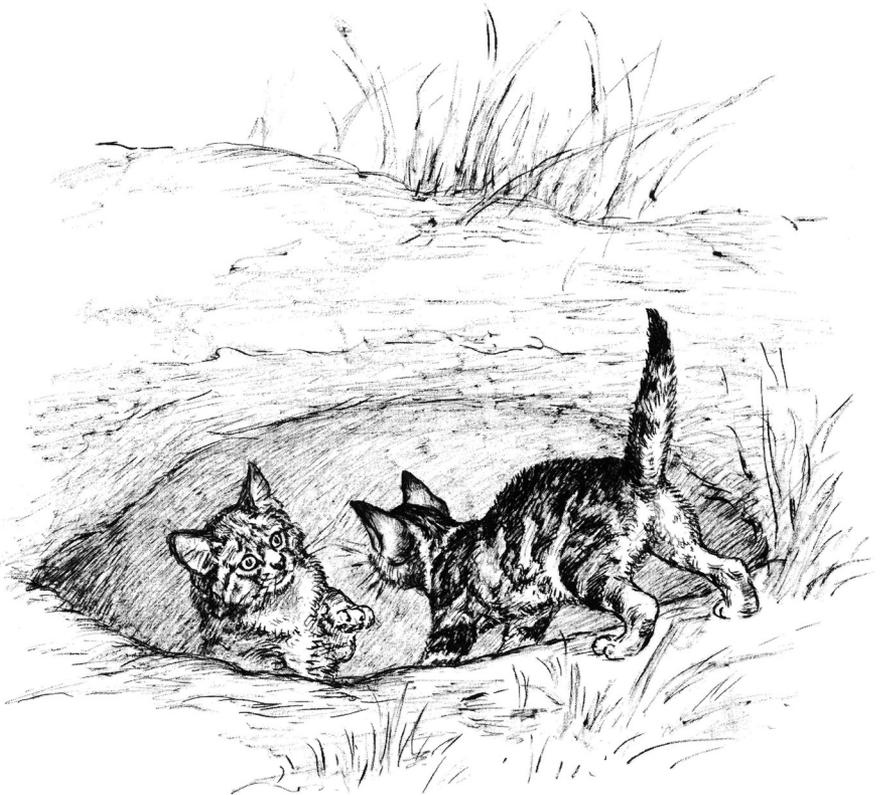
Early that morning, the kittens, who were about six weeks old, had followed their mother when she went to hunt mice in the field. Their little gray sister was with them, and they all played happily around the big haystack.

When the mother cat started for home, the little gray sister went with her. But the two kittens, whose names were Joey and Patches,

were having such fun running in and out of an old woodchuck hole that they did not notice that their mother and sister had left them. After a while they grew tired, so they curled up in the hole and went to sleep.



When Joey and Patches woke up, they were very hungry. They began to mew for their mother, but she was nowhere to be seen. The sky was getting dark and cloudy, and the wind was blowing. The kittens mewed louder and began to run through the grass as fast as their short legs could go.



Joey and Patches



They had never been away from their mother before, and they did not know how to get home. They ran in the wrong direction, and when the rain began to fall, they were farther away from home. Their soft fur was getting soaked, but they put back their little ears and struggled along until they came to another haystack. Close to the haystack was an old farm wagon, and Joey and Patches ran under it and snuggled down on some hay

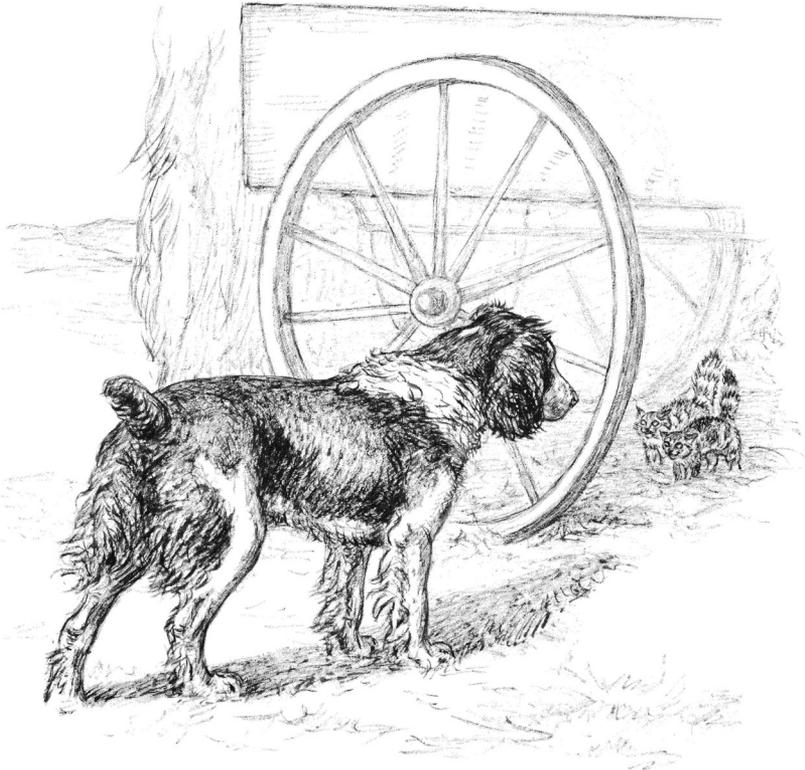
where the rain could not touch them.

Toward morning the storm cleared away, but the kittens did not come out from under the wagon. They were lost and frightened and hungry, and when the daylight came, they began to cry again.



Suddenly they heard something coming through the grass, and they jumped up with

happy little mews, for they thought it was their mother. But when they saw a brown and white dog coming toward them, they were frightened. They fluffed up their tails, and arched their little backs, and tried to look very fierce. When the big spaniel saw them, he wagged his tail and looked at them with a friendly expression in his eyes.



Soon a man appeared, and he stopped when he saw the dog looking under the wagon.

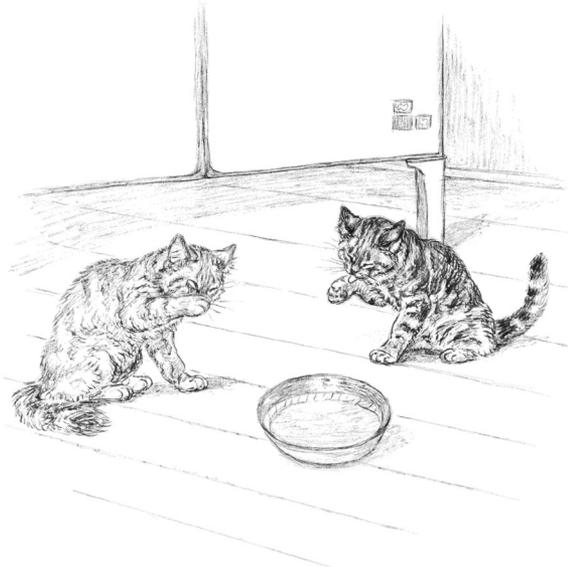
“What have you got there, Flash?” he said.

And Patches and Joey mewed and ran toward the man.



“What beautiful kittens!” he exclaimed in surprise. “I wonder where they came from.” Then he stooped down and picked them up. Both kittens began to purr, and the man, whose name was Mr. Kent, started back to his house with Joey and Patches in his arms.

Mr. Kent’s wife was in the kitchen, and he put the kittens down on the floor beside her. “Here are two hungry babies,” he said, and Mrs. Kent quickly warmed some milk and gave Joey and Patches a saucer full of it.



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Joey and Patches are having a wonderful time exploring the great outdoors with their mom and sister when they find themselves separated from their family. Lost, alone, and hungry, the kittens are frightened by a storm and take shelter under an old farm wagon. Unable to find their home again, Joey and Patches begin a new life of adventure.




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