

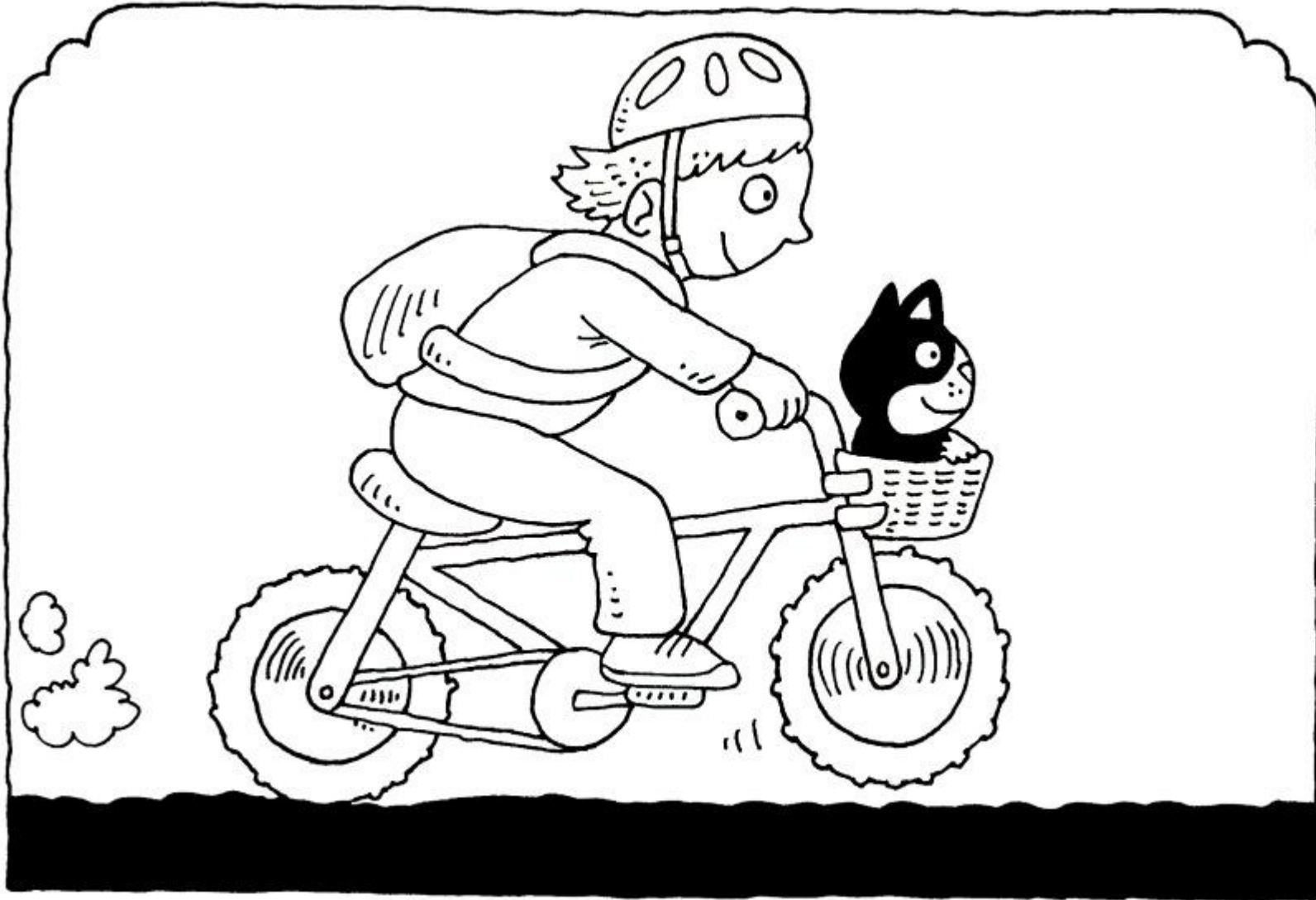
# Luca Is A Hero

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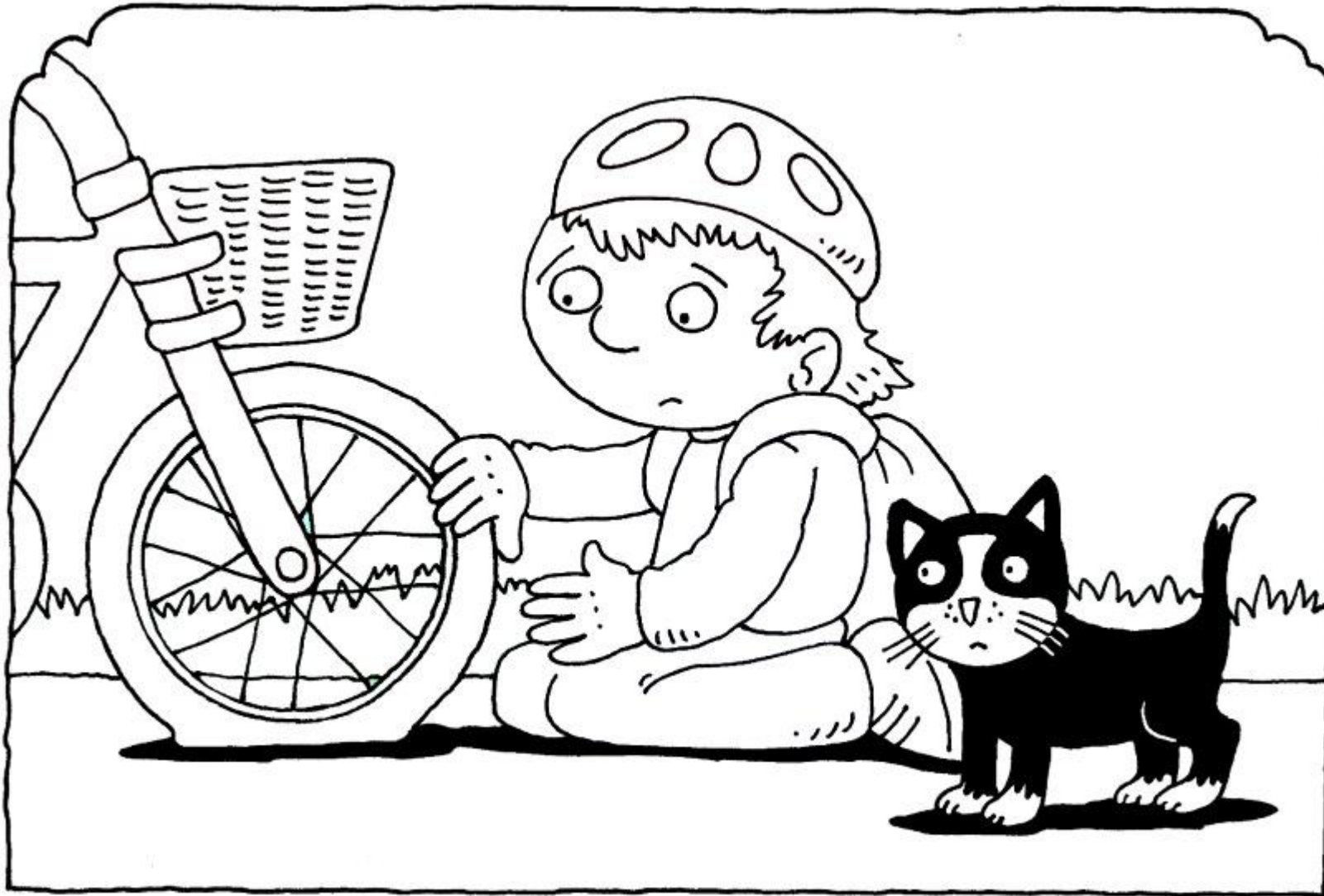
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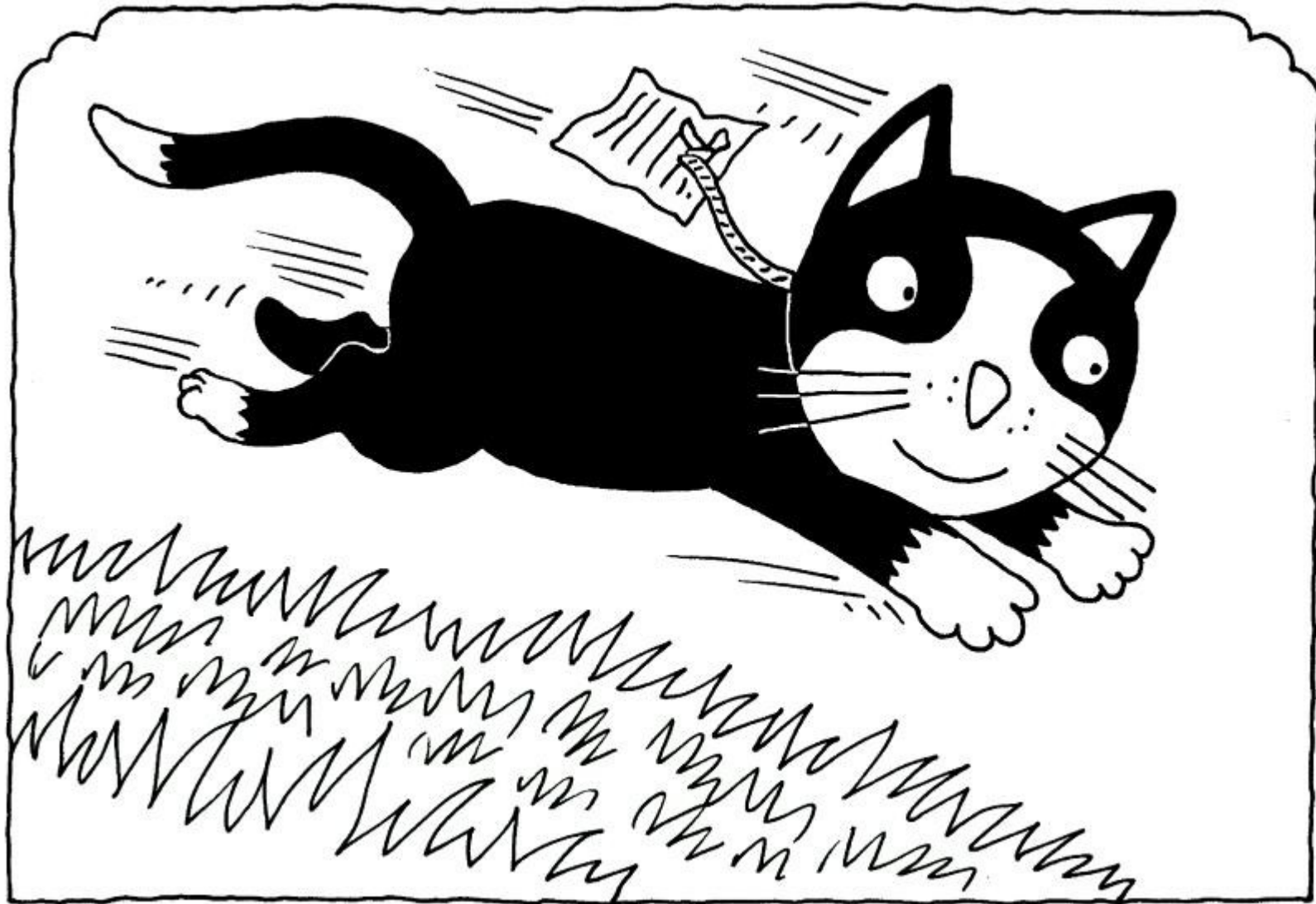




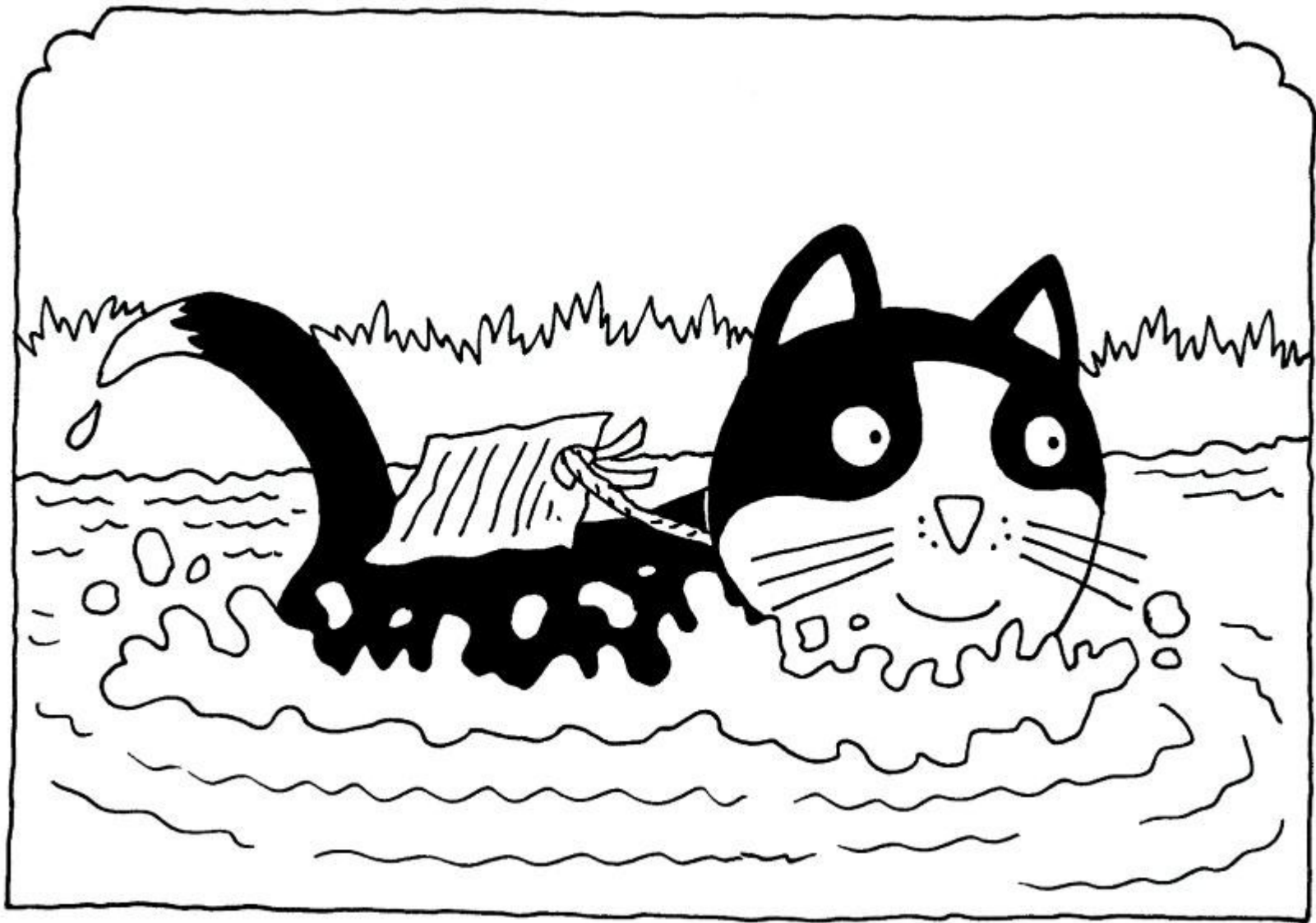
Mia and Luca the cat were taking  
a long bike ride, one sunny day.  
They cycled happily along for hours.  
“I’ve never been so far from home,” thought Luca.



Suddenly they hit a rock and got a puncture.  
Mia hurt her foot badly too. She didn't know  
what to do, because she couldn't walk.  
"God, we need help," she prayed.

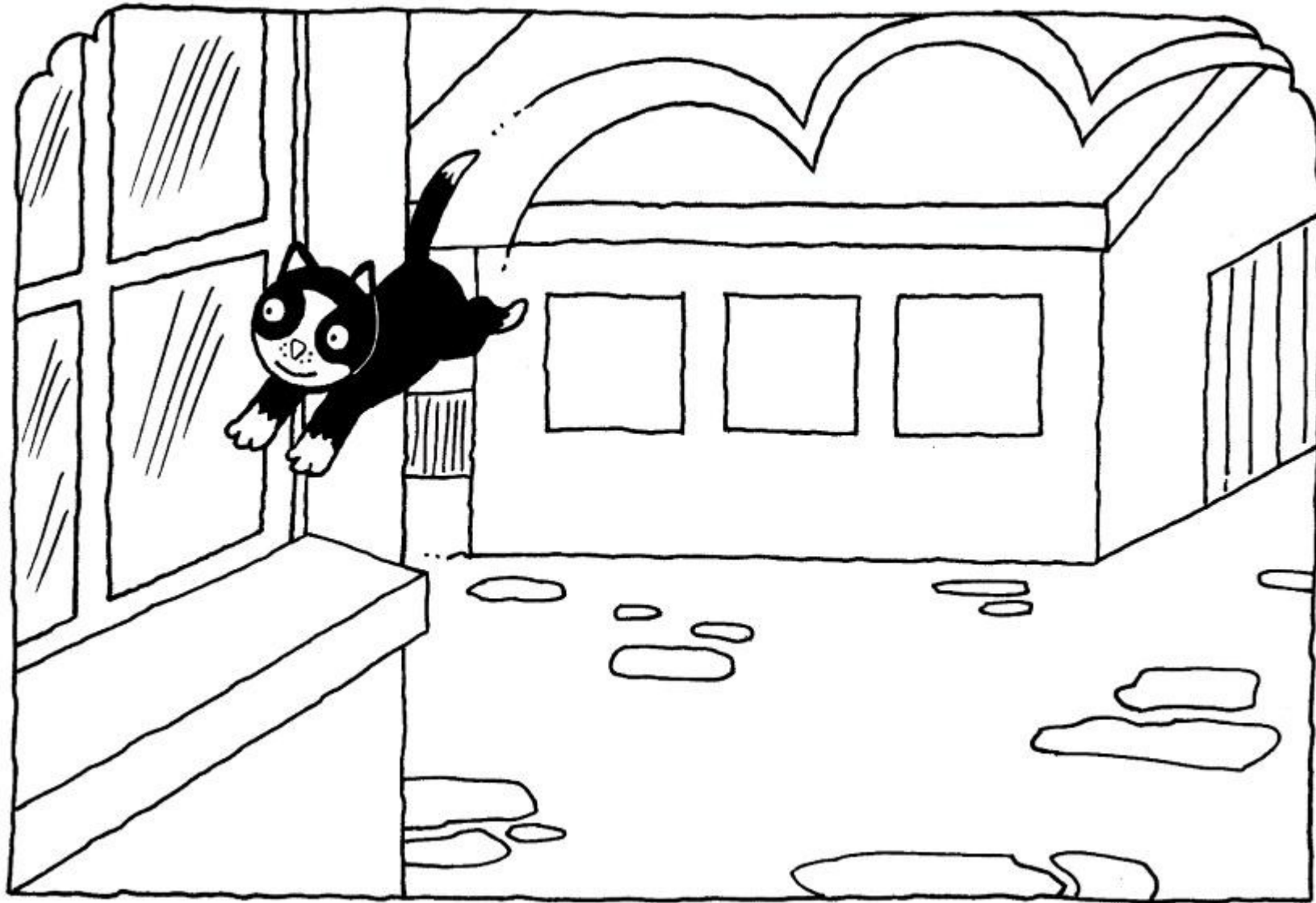


Then an idea popped into her head.  
Mia wrote a note and tied it around  
Luca's neck. "Run home fast," she said.  
"It's a long way, but God will help you."



Luca swam a river and prayed that  
Mia's note would not get wet.  
His little legs were very tired and  
he was hungry, but Luca kept on going.

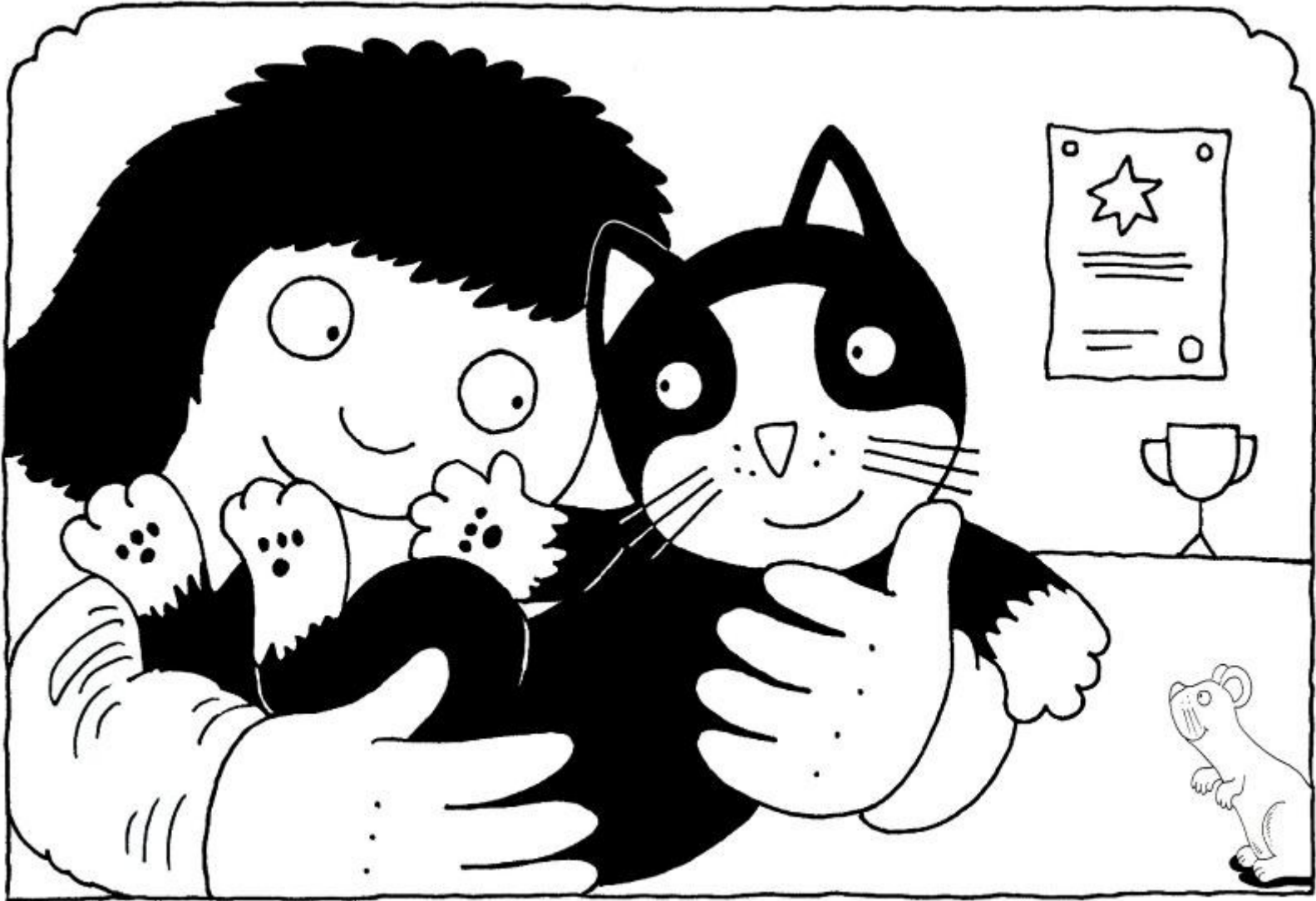




He jumped over roof tops like a  
super hero and it was very scary,  
but God helped him to be brave.  
Luca the cat kept on going.



Her mother found and read Mia's letter.  
"I have been praying for Mia," she said.  
"I will send someone to rescue her.  
How did a little cat, like you, run so far?"



“Thank you for rescuing me, Luca,”  
said Mia. “You are my hero!  
God is with us and makes us  
strong, when we need his help.”