



Every cloud has a silver lining

It was my tenth birthday that Saturday and I wanted everything to be ready for my party. So, I put up my own balloons and streamers in the house to give it a party mood. The only problem was my little brother Dan. He was rather careless than clumsy and till that moment he had broken two glasses and had overturned a table in the garden...

I received tons of presents on that day but I still remember one gift that surprised me the most. My aunt arrived with a brown cardboard box. She was carrying it with utmost care and there was a yellow ribbon placed on top of the box. However, what caught my attention were the tiny holes around the box.

-Happy birthday Amarrylis! This is for you.

Before I peered inside the box, a tiny little nose popped out from under the cover and a meow was heard. It was the cutest furry brown and orange striped kitten I had ever seen

in my life! It looked so adorable! I took it out of the box, and asked my aunt:

-Has it got a name?

-No, Amrrylis. You can give HER a name.

I paused for a moment and then I announced:

- So, this is Nala! Isn't it a nice name?

Without expecting any answer I ran upstairs and locked my bedroom door. I was afraid of my brother's mischief. I was so happy, that I didn't even thank my aunt. And from that moment my little cat was under my protection.

-“Amarrylis, I think you can let Dan at least touch your kitten. He isn't bad.” My mother used to tell me.

- No mum, I won't let him play with Nala until he becomes neater. I'm afraid that he may harm her...

I remember all these things on this windy autumn afternoon, that I'm standing under this tree and I'm almost ready to burst into tears. My cat is helpless up there and she can't do anything but wait... I'm begging her to come down.

-Come on Nala! I know you can do it. Every cat can climb up or down... Please, try!

-Oh Amarrylis, my mother said. She's just a little kitten!

Then, all of a sudden, we see my little brother climbing up the tree with a great skill and without any hesitation. We all look at him anxiously and see him catch Nala and bring her down to me.

-You can take it now Amarrylis. As you see, she is safe and sound.

I hugged tightly my brother and thanked him for rescuing my Nala. I told him that I had been wrong all that time that he was not allowed to touch my cat.

-Oh Dan, I think that you have the right now to play with Nala. Look at her! She lies so comfortably in your arms! She really likes you.

I took her in my arms and gave a lasting and loving cuddle to her!

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