

Educational Tales for Children
From 8 to 10 years

Arrogant Bisbis



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Preface

These entertaining and educational tales are meant to meet the reading needs of 8 to 10 years old children. They also provide easy and enjoyable reading for children slightly order.

This series seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Suitability of the story subject to the addressed age group.
2. Choice of words that are within the range of this age-group's vocabulary.
3. Necessity of having a lively story language: a simulation of the child's world, thinking, and psychological life.
4. Language expressed easily and simply, with no complicated expressions or difficult structures.

To achieve these objectives, we made it a point to:

1. Enrich the story with bright and expressive visuals that fuel the child's imagination and speak to his senses and sentiments.
2. Match the visual with the reading text to help child understand the situation and relate to similar situations.
3. Use large, readable characters.

We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that combines interest with fun.

The child may need some help at the beginning but later he/she should be left on his/her own for independent reading, starting from the second half of the eighth year.



Bisbis was a beautiful cat with a big body. His fur was soft and as black as night. His eyes were honey colored, and they shone in the dark.



He always went for a walk in front of his home with his head high and his chest puffed up. He was proud of his appearance. No cat in the world matched him!

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Mrs. Cat, his old neighbor cat, looked at him in wonder and addressed him,
“Don’t be silly, Bisbis. There are hundreds



of cats like you in the nearby city.
Maybe, they are more beautiful and
bigger than you are.”



Bisbis heard what his neighbor said, but he raised his nose in the air and replied, "Of course, this is not true."



“Remember my words well. You will be surprised one day.” Mrs. Cat said. Arrogant Bisbis did not believe Mrs. Cat’s words.



One day, while they were standing in the doorway, a man on a bike wearing a big hat passed by on the street. He called out through a loudspeaker,



“Come to the amusement park.”
Big cars followed him with slogans
written in shiny letters, “Amusement Park.”



Mrs. Cat shouted, "What a wonderful thing it is! I must go to see this place."

Bisbis said, "Every one of us must."



“Then, you will go with me, Bisbis.”
Bisbis said arrogantly, “Ok, if this is what
you want!”



The workers put up a big tent. Above it were flags of every color. Around it were smaller tents. The music began to play louder and filled the plain.



In the evening, the place filled up with people, rows of cars and candy and toy vendors.



Mrs. Cat and Bisbis went to the amusement park. Every villager was there watching. No one paid attention to the two cats when they sneaked inside the main gate.



They ran toward the big tent. The sound of dance, music and enthusiastic screams came from inside.



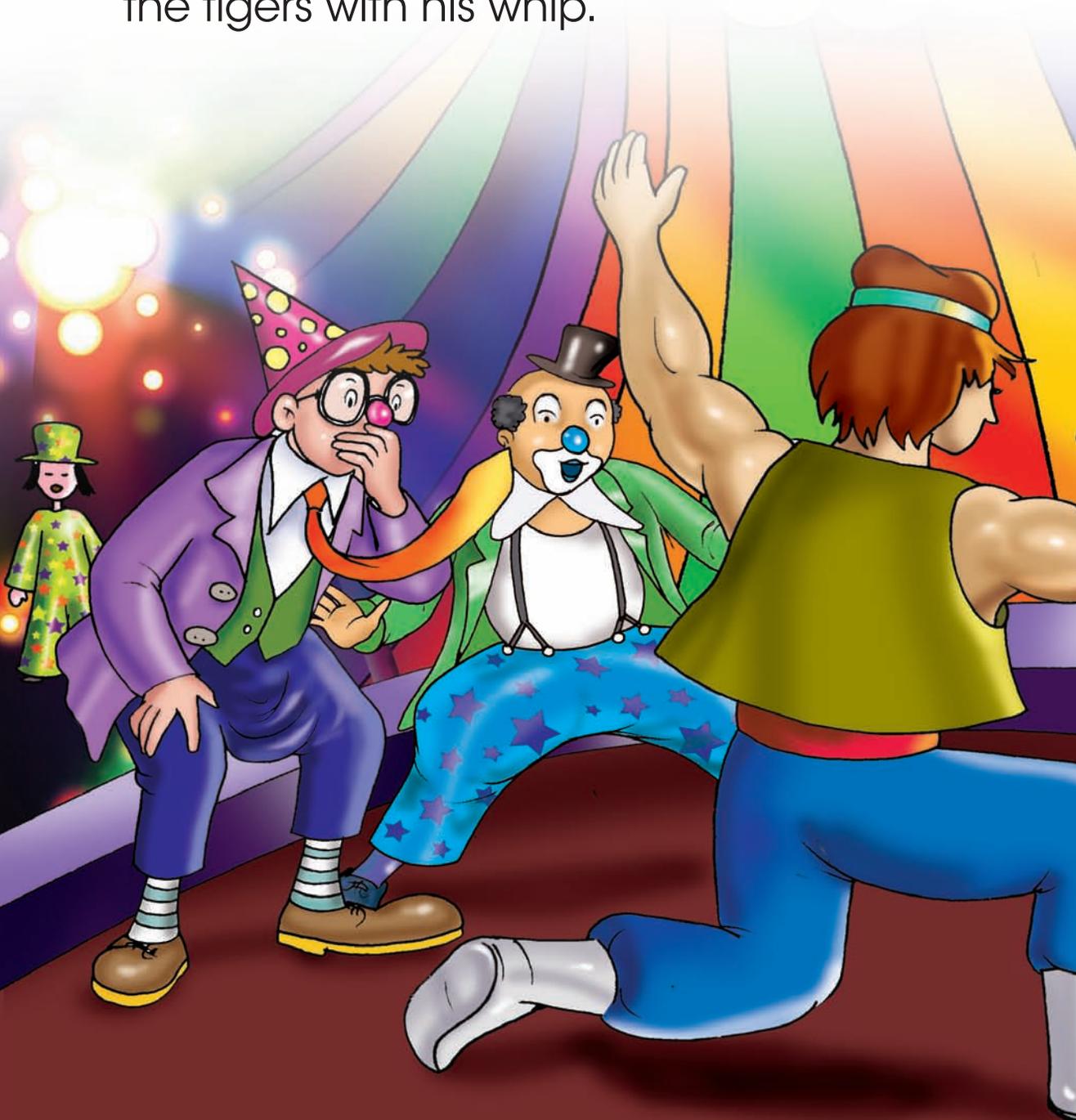
In the big tent, the people were watching the acrobatic stunts. The acrobats in leotards gracefully climbed the high stairs, balanced on the ropes



and jumped to the sound of the music.
The people screamed with astonishment
and clapped their hands.



What a loud noise it was!
In the second tent, there was a team of tiger tamers. One of them commanded the tigers with his whip.



Then, the tigers jumped through a ring of fire. It was really frightening!

After that, a magician came and conjured rabbits out of his hat.



He put cats in a box and made them disappear.

Bisbis said, "We have to escape."

Outside, the children were riding fast



roller coasters on curved tracks. The children screamed. Suddenly, the car stopped. Its brakes made a very loud sound.



Bisbis said, "I don't want to stay here. I will go to that quiet black tent."

"No, Bisbis. We don't know what is

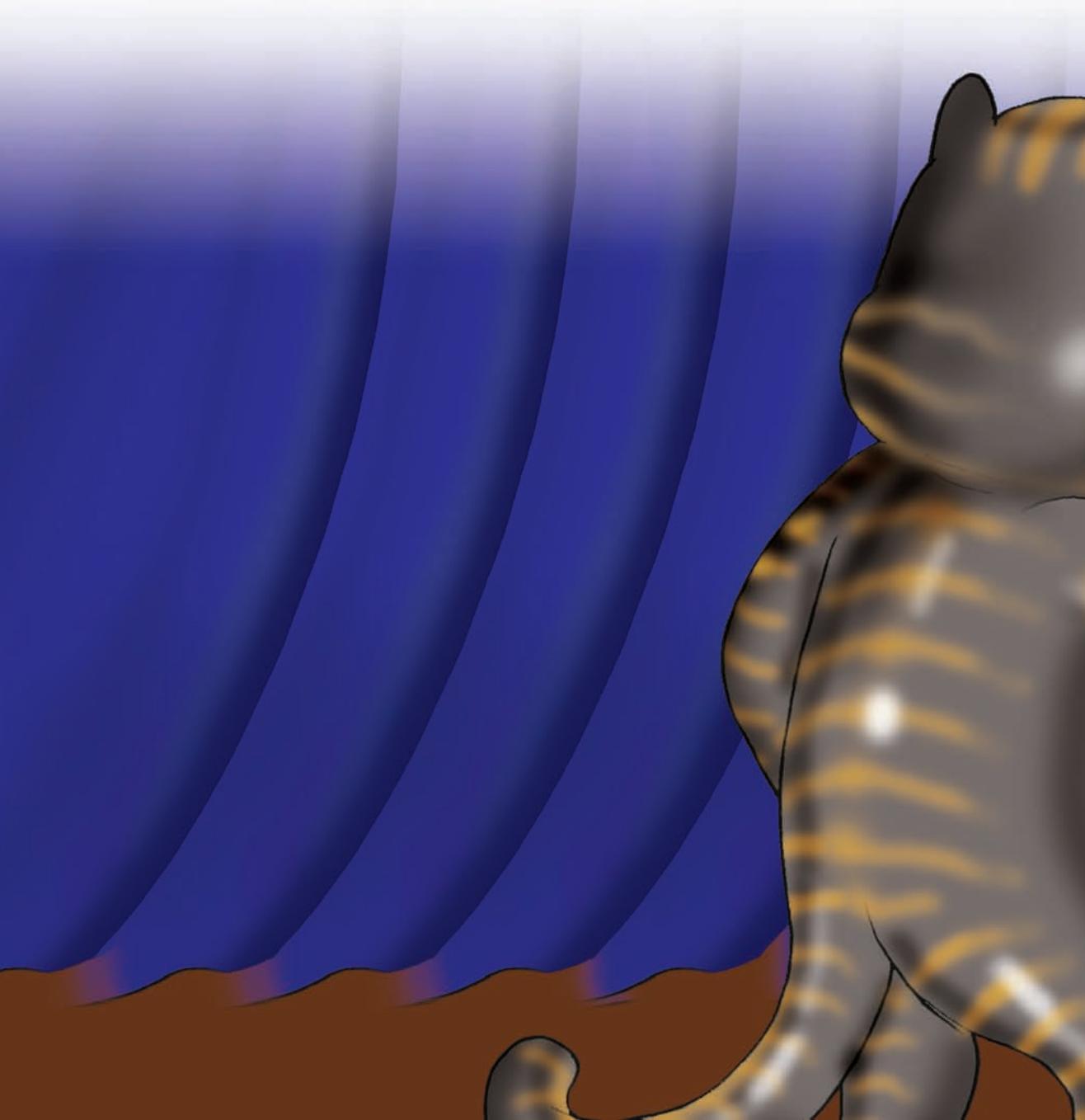


inside,” said Mrs. Cat.

Bisbis disappeared inside the tent, but Mrs. Cat hurried after him. She found him



looking astonished at a big black cat in front of him. What a surprise it was! "I do not believe what I see!"



Bisbis gazed at the strange cat, and the strange cat gazed at his face. Then, he walked to the middle of the tent while his nose was raised in the air. He didn't look at Mrs. Cat.



Bisbis cried, "Impossible!"

The whole tent was full of big black cats. All of them gazed at him with their shiny yellow eyes.



Bisbis walked arrogantly. He arched his back and meowed loudly.

All the cats arched their backs and opened their mouths. Poor Bisbis! Being shocked, he didn't know what to do.



He went out of the tent quickly. He ran back home. He looked left and right and asked himself, "Where did these black



cats come from? Are they following me home? Will they occupy the village square?"



Bisbis felt cold. He sat sadly in front of the fire and slept. After some time, Mrs. Cat arrived home. She was smiling lightly. She did not tell Bisbis that he was in the hall of mirrors. The cats he saw were reflections of his image. This is a

secret that can not be revealed.



I. Answer the following questions.

1. Describe Bisbis's outer appearance.

2. Describe Bisbis's inner traits. Write at least two traits.
Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

3. What did Mrs. Cat tell him whenever he boasted?

4. Where did Bisbis and Mrs. Cat go to?

5. According to you, what was the most amazing thing done in the amusement park?

6. Do you think it is fun to go to an amusement park? Explain.

7. Why do you think Mrs. Cat did not tell Bisbis that the cats in the tent were reflections of his image?

II. Circle the correct answer.

1. Bisbis was proud because:

- a. he was the strongest cat in the neighborhood.
- b. he was the oldest cat in the neighborhood.
- c. he was the most beautiful cat in the neighborhood.
- d. he was the strongest cat in the neighborhood.

2. The two cats were able to enter the amusement park because:

- a. cats were allowed in.
- b. Mrs. Bisbis bought two tickets.

- c. no one paid attention to them.
- d. the clown invited them.

3. Which of these actions the acrobats did not do?

- a. They climbed the high stairs.
- b. They juggled items.
- c. They balanced on the ropes.
- d. They jumped.

4. Bisbis was astonished when

- a. he saw the roller coasters.
- b. he saw the tigers.
- c. he saw a black cat in front of him.
- d. the magician conjured rabbits out of his hat.

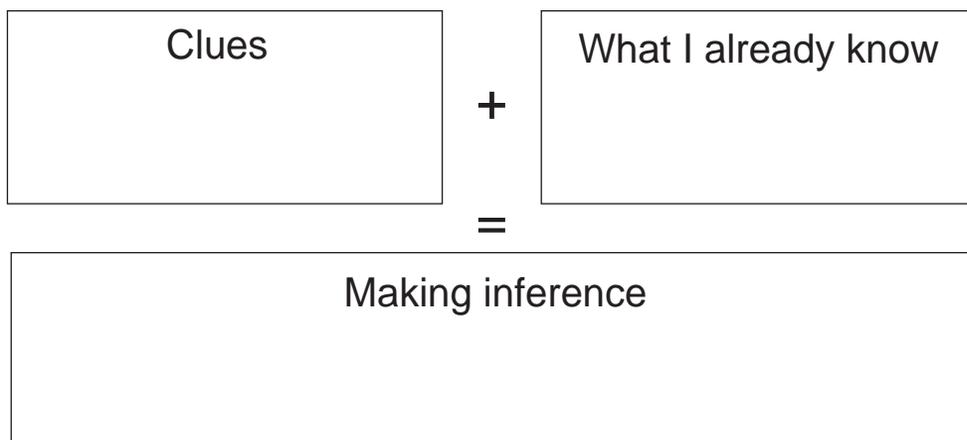
III. If the sentence is correct, write correct. If the sentence is incorrect, rewrite it correctly.

1. There was another black cat in the tent.
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2. Bisbis was pleased when he saw another cat in the tent.
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3. The author believes that being arrogant is a negative trait.

IV. Use the clues written in the text with what you already know to make an inference about how the people in the amusement park felt.



V. Use the description given to draw Bisbis. Make sure that you use the correct colors.