

SUGAR

THE TORTOISESHELL CAT

and the MOON-HARE

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Sugar was a tortoiseshell cat with bright green eyes and a heart as warm as the morning sun. Every creature in the garden knew her as a friend.





That night, a deep thump shook the cottage. A gigantic shadow crossed the window. The others hid - but Sugar listened.



At the open door stood a moonlit garden... and the biggest shadow Sugar had ever seen.

Across the path glowed a trail of enormous pawprints. "Someone out there may need a friend," thought Sugar. And out she went.





Beneath the rose arch, Sugar found a giant Moon-Hare tangled in the blackberry vines. He was not fierce. He was frightened and lost.

Sugar touched his nose with one small paw. "We will help you," she promised. At once, everyone felt a little braver.



Together they set him free. Then the Moon-Hare carried Sugar over silver rivers and sleeping rooftops, all the way to the moon gate.





At the gate he gave Sugar a glowing moonflower. Their friendship would shine across any distance.

By sunrise, the garden was brighter than ever. Sugar had discovered that even the largest shadow can be a friend waiting to be found.

