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"Let's play Mouse, Mouse, Cat," said Splat.

"I'll go first," Spike said.

"Mouse . . . mouse . . . cat!" he said.





Spike tagged Splat.



"Let's play hide-and-seek!
I'll be it," said Plank.
Splat said, "Don't peek!"
Plank began to count.
Spike went to hide.







Plank found Splat right away.
"That spot was tame.
So sad, too bad.
You lost the game!"
said Little Sis.





"I want to play," said Little Sis.

"Fine. You're it," said Splat.

Splat, Spike, and Plank went to hide.

This time Splat found a great spot: a sooty fireplace with no flame.









Little Sis found
Spike and Plank, too.
"Yippee! I win," she said.

"I get all the fame."

"Why don't I ever win?" Splat said.

"You almost did," said Spike.

"Maybe the next game," said Plank.

"So sad, too bad.





Splat shook his head.

"No more games," he said.

"But that's why we came,"
said Spike.



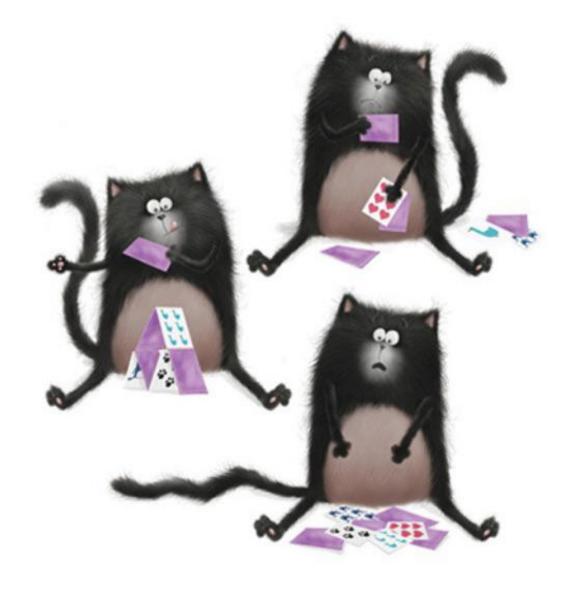
"How about Go Fish?" Plank said.

"Or Freeze Cat?" Spike said.

"Or jump rope?" said Little Sis.

"You can play without me," said Splat.





Splat started to play by himself.







"This isn't the same," said Spike.

"What are you playing?
And can I play, too?" asked Splat.
"Any game you like," said Plank.
"Play with us again!" said Spike.
"Please, Splat?" asked Little Sis.



[&]quot;Not without Splat," said Plank.

[&]quot;No, it isn't," said Little Sis.

"Okay," Splat said with a smile.

"Let's play hide-and-seek
just one more time."





"I'll be it," said Spike.

He began to count.

This time, Splat thought of the best place of all to hide.







Plank said, "Splat, come out!"

Spike said, "Splat, where are you?"

Little Sis said, "Come out,

come out, wherever you are."



"Here I am!
I'm in the frame!" said Splat.

"You win!" said Spike.

"You win!" said Plank.

"You won the game!" said Little Sis.



For Brielle.

Have fun along the way.

—R.S.

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