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# Pete<sup>the</sup> Cat

PLAY BALL!



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Here comes Pete the Cat.  
Pete has a mitt.  
He has a bat and a ball.  
What will Pete do today?

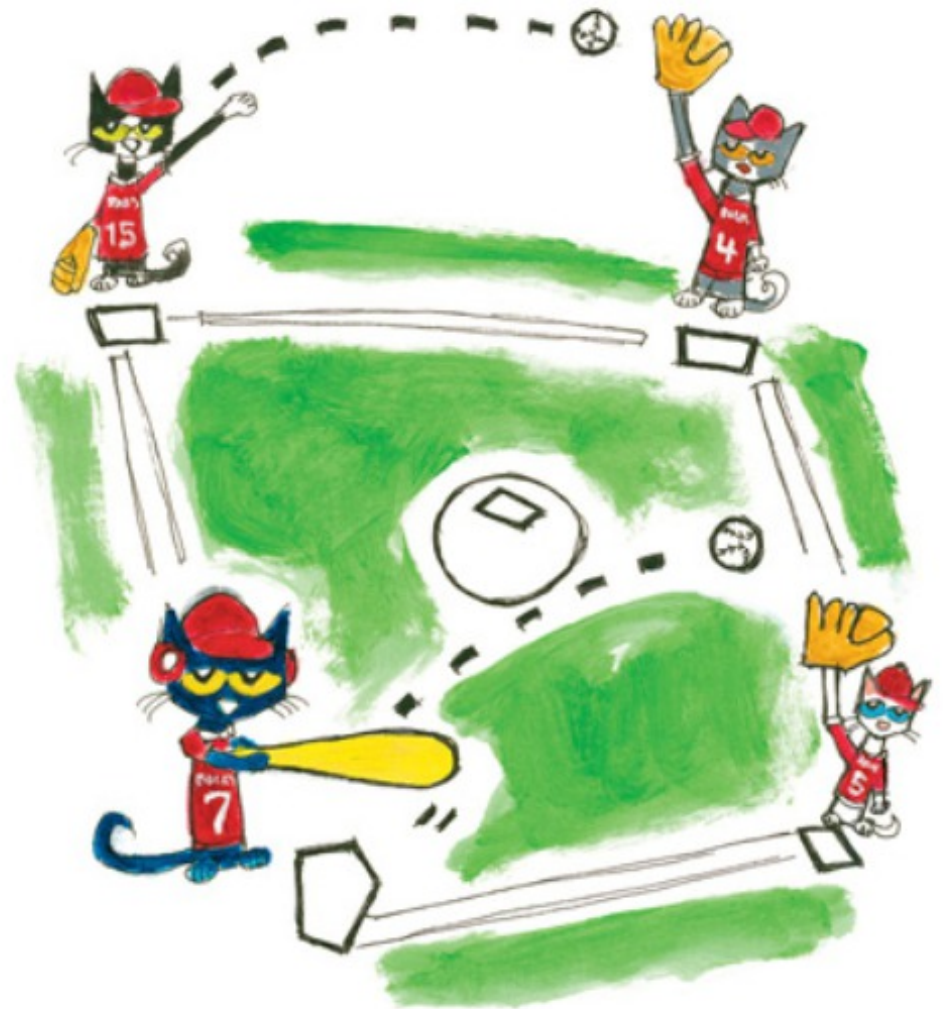






Pete will play baseball!  
Today is the big game.  
The Rocks are playing the Rolls.

Pete and his team get set.  
They play catch.  
They take turns hitting.







It is time to play ball!

The Rocks bat first.  
Pete waits for his turn.







*Crack!* The batter hits the ball.  
He runs to first base.  
“Way to go!” Pete cheers.

“Batter up!” says the umpire.  
Pete goes up to bat.







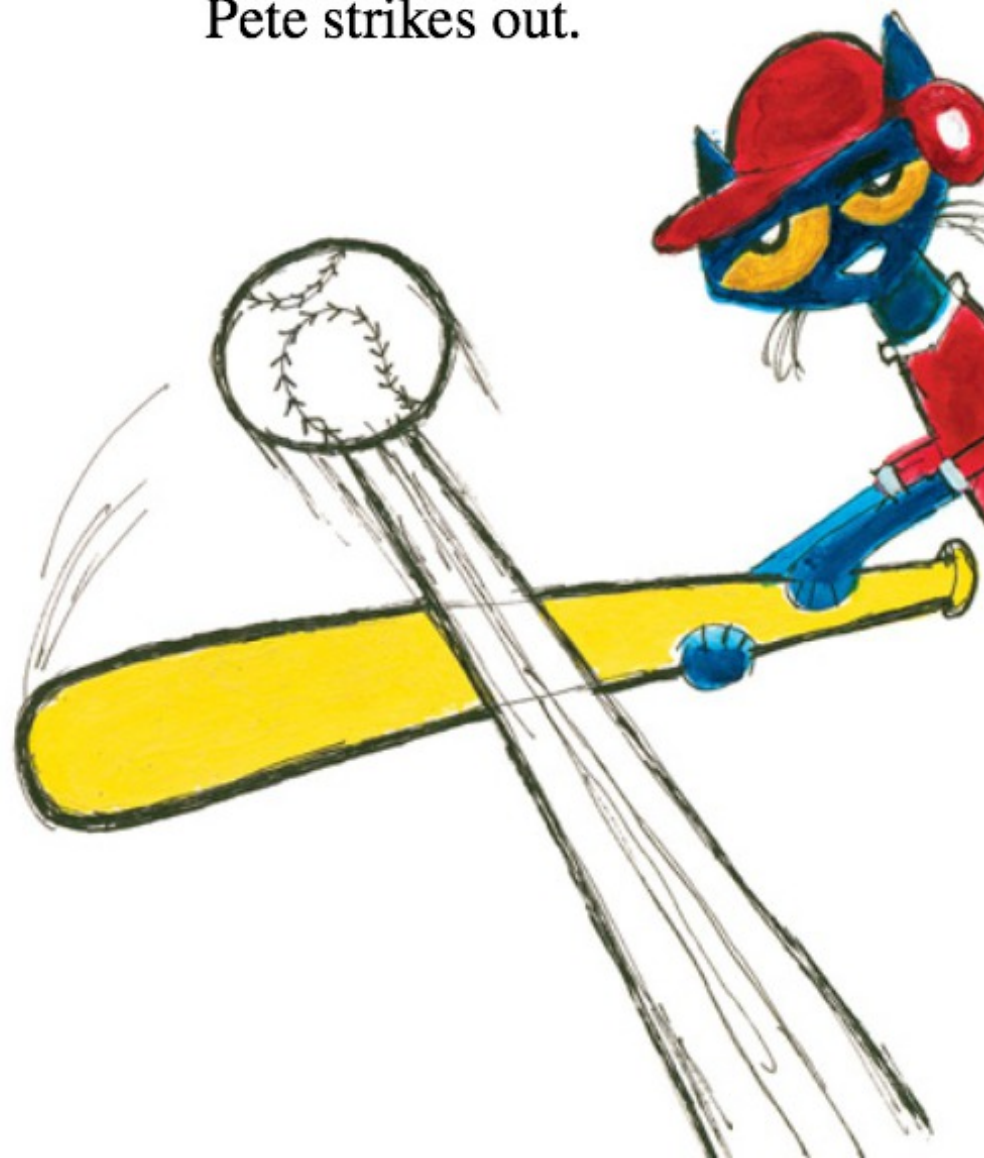
The pitcher throws the ball.  
Pete swings the bat.

He misses the ball.  
Strike one!

The pitcher pitches again.  
Pete swings too high.  
Strike two!



The pitcher winds up.  
He throws.  
Pete strikes out.

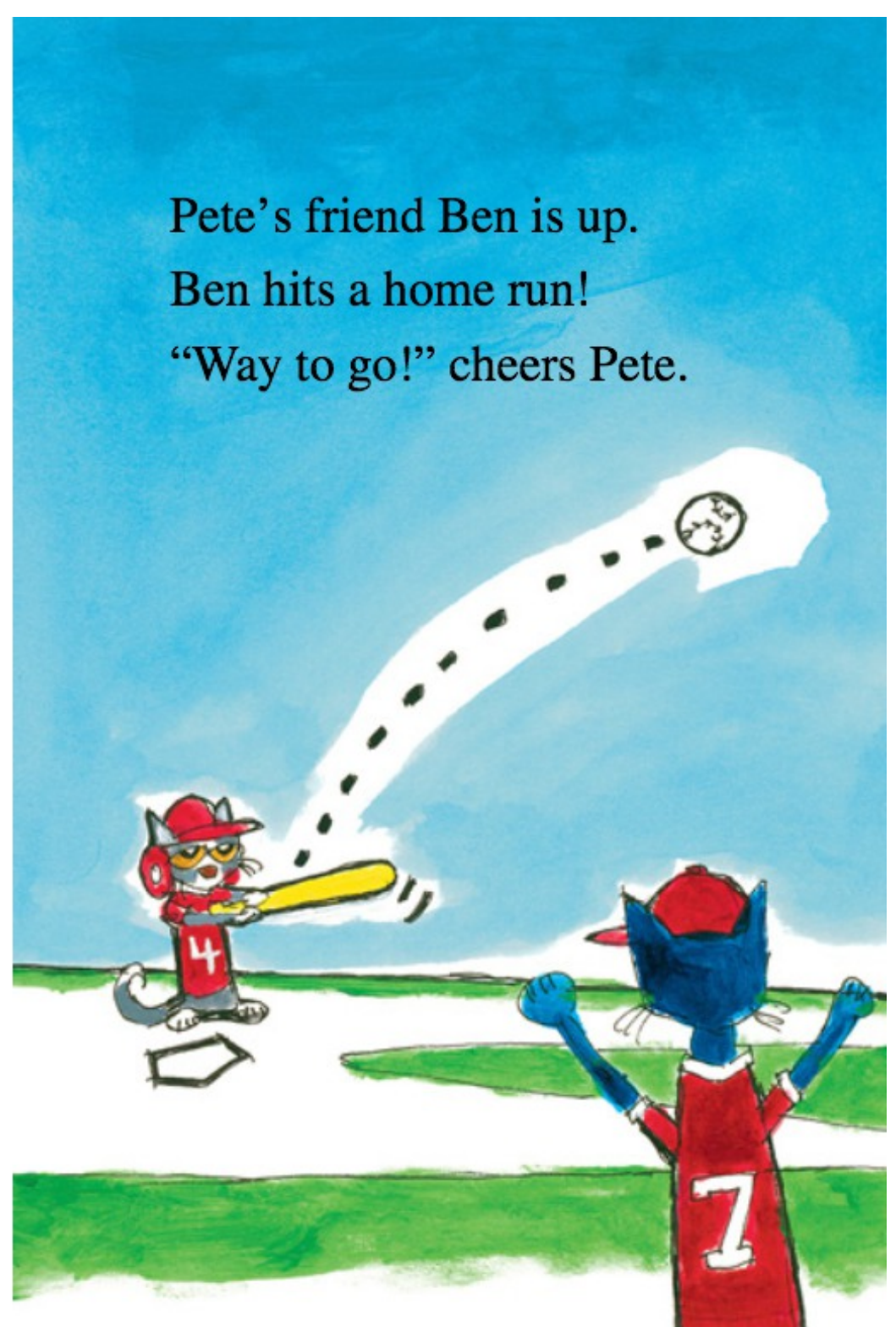




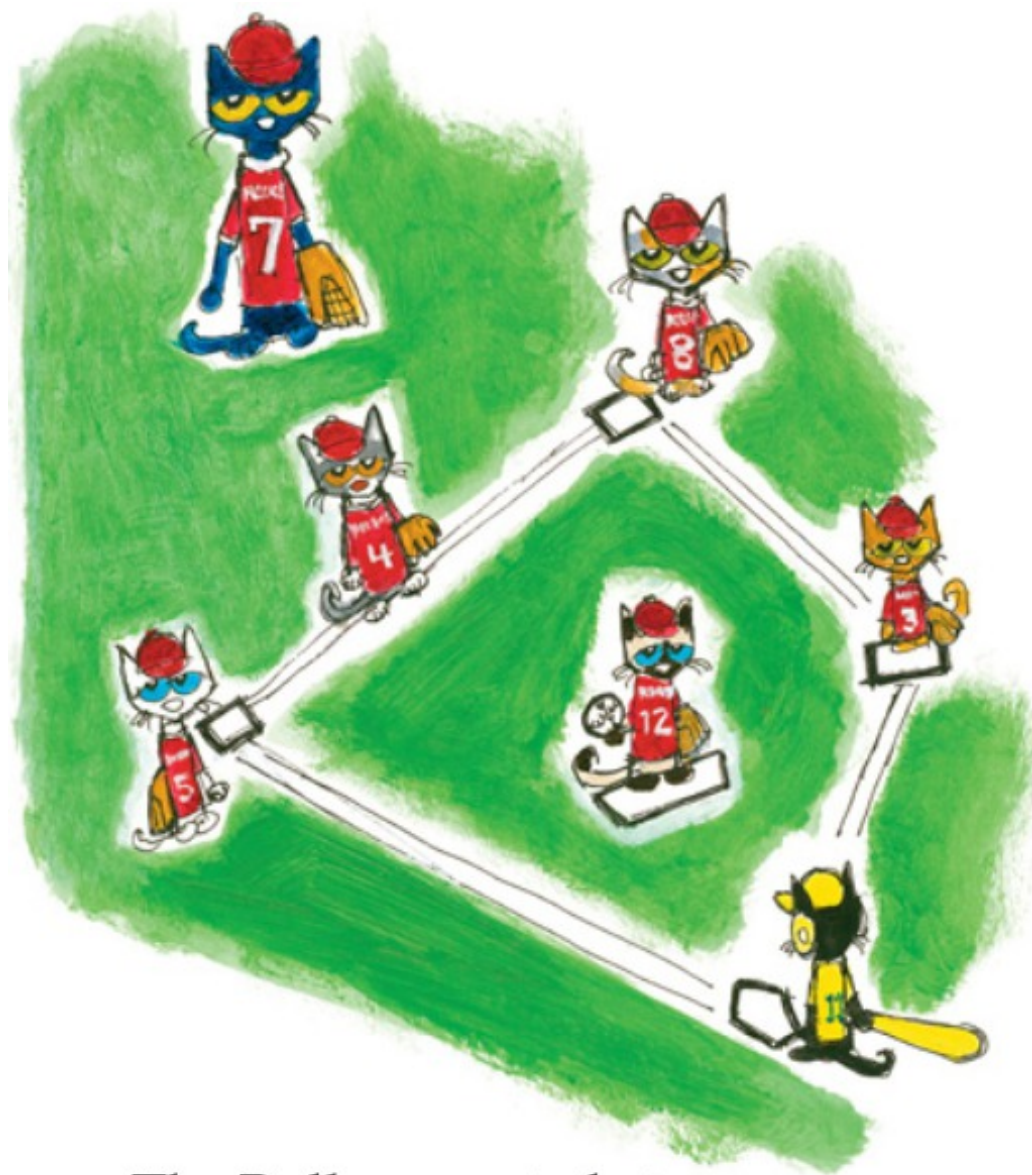
But Pete is not sad.  
He did his best.



Pete's friend Ben is up.  
Ben hits a home run!  
"Way to go!" cheers Pete.

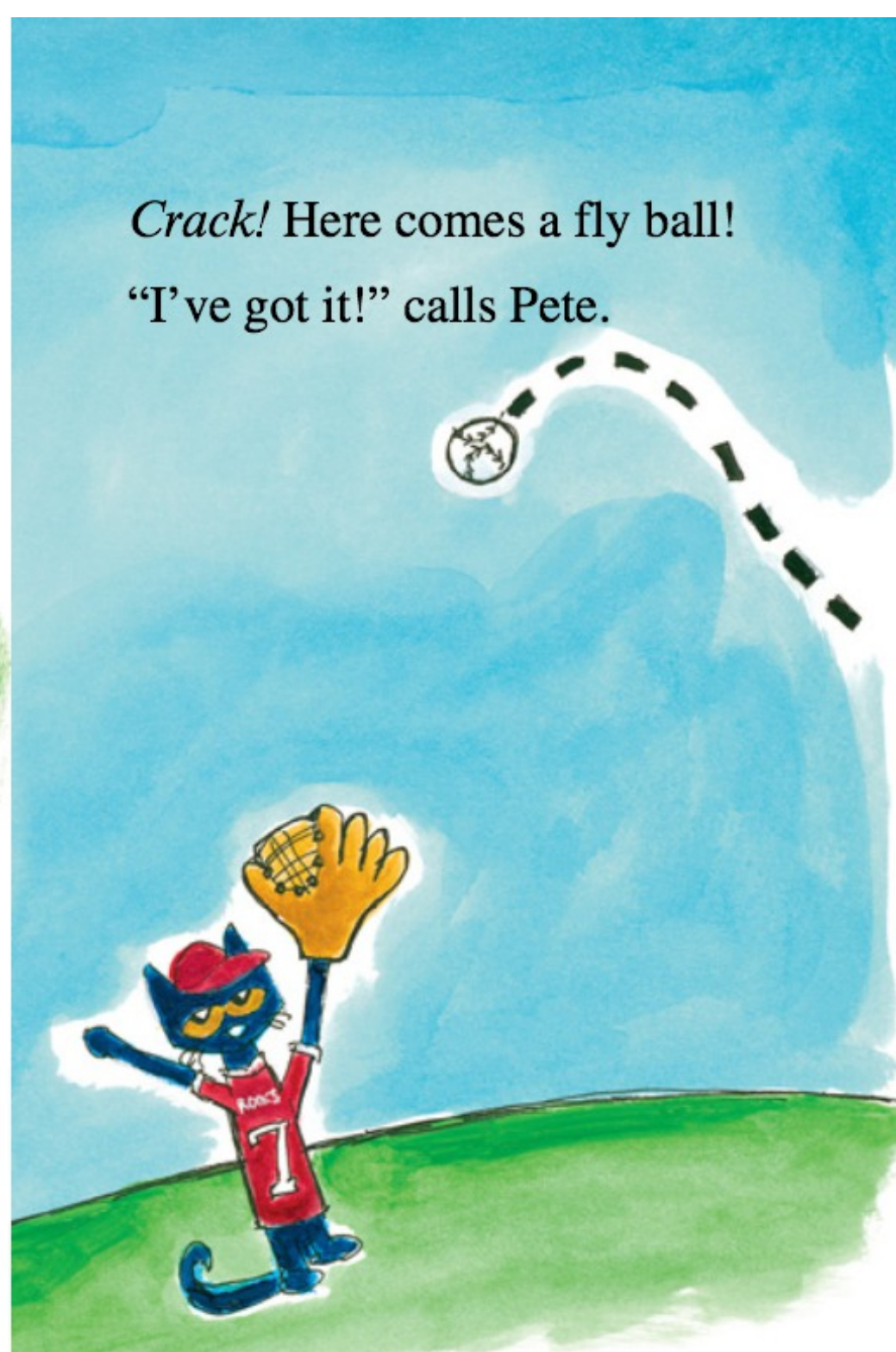






The Rolls go up to bat.  
The Rocks go to the field.

*Crack!* Here comes a fly ball!  
“I’ve got it!” calls Pete.







The ball hits his mitt.

But Pete drops it.  
He is not sad.  
He did his best.





Another hit!

This time Pete catches it,  
but he throws it too far.



Pete is up at bat again.  
He wants to hit the ball.







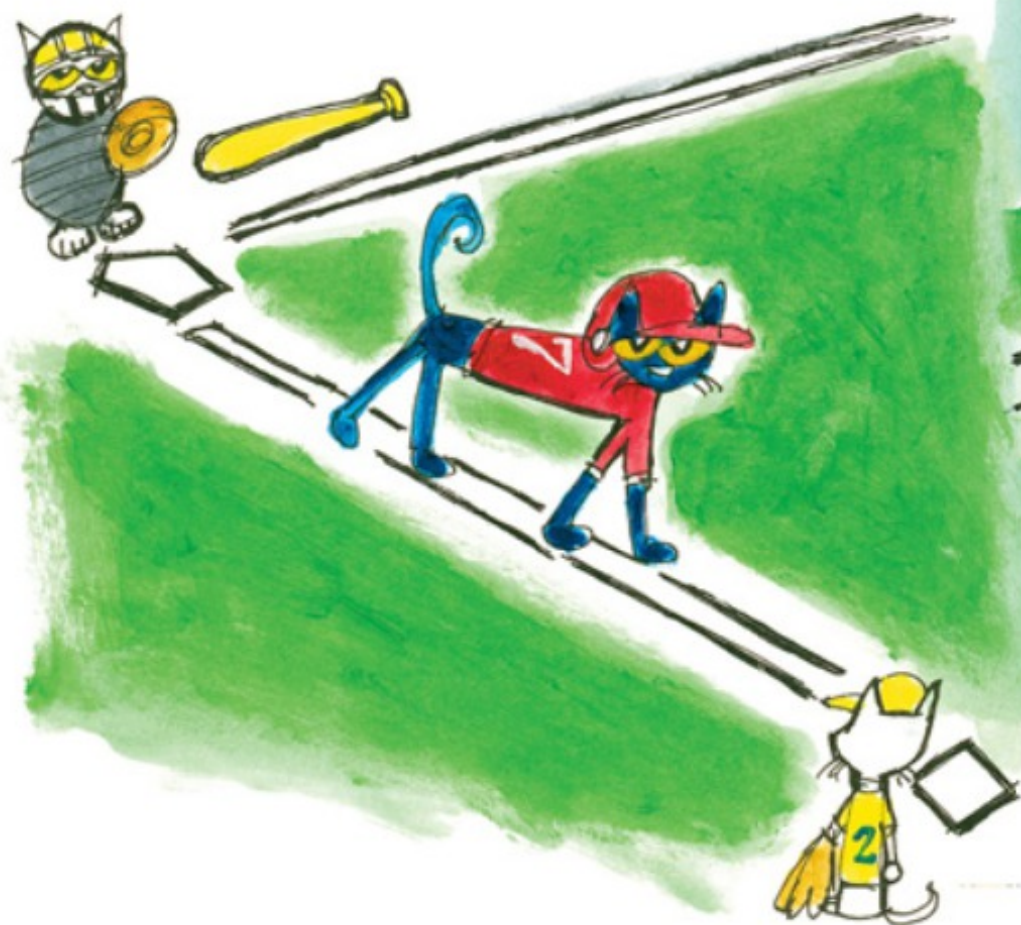
The first pitch is too low.  
Pete does not swing.  
Ball one!

The next pitch is too high.  
Pete does not swing.  
Ball two!





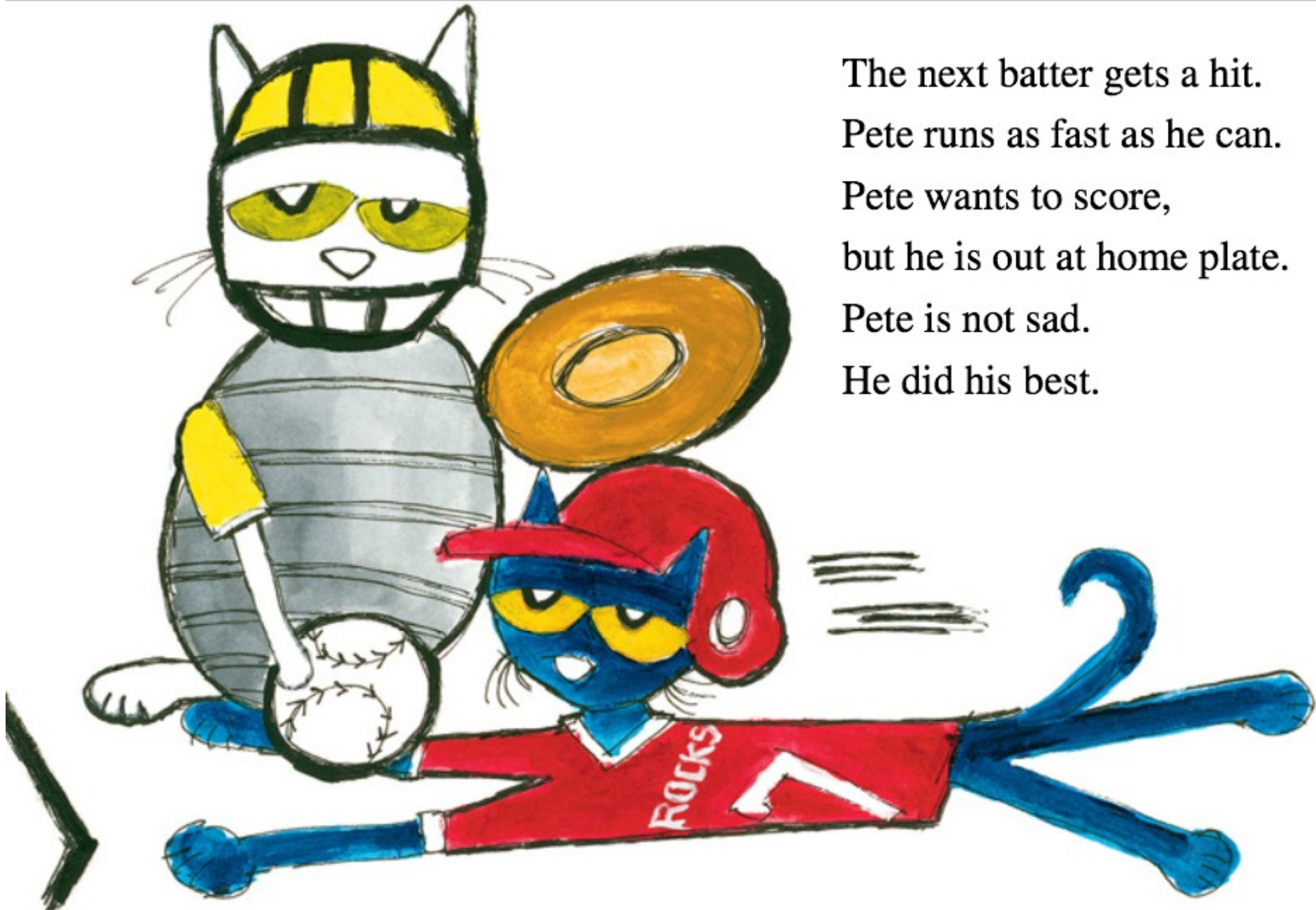
The third pitch is inside.  
The fourth pitch is outside.  
Pete gets four balls.



Pete wanted to get a hit.  
But a walk is cool, too.







The next batter gets a hit.  
Pete runs as fast as he can.  
Pete wants to score,  
but he is out at home plate.  
Pete is not sad.  
He did his best.





The game is over.  
The Rocks win six to three!  
“Way to go!” calls Pete.

“Good game,” the Rocks say.  
“Good game,” the Rolls say.







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Pete did his best.  
He had fun.  
What a great game!



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