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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age-appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open-source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

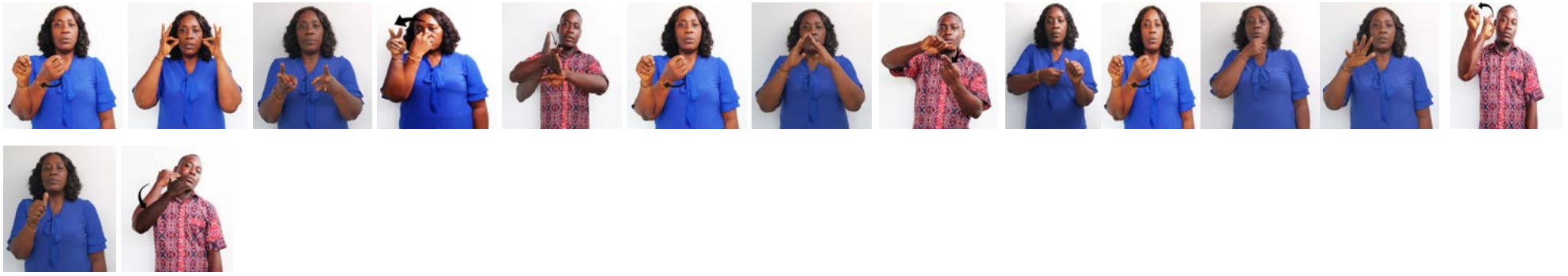
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To access these early childhood books online, please go to the Ministry of Education website: www.moe.gov.lr

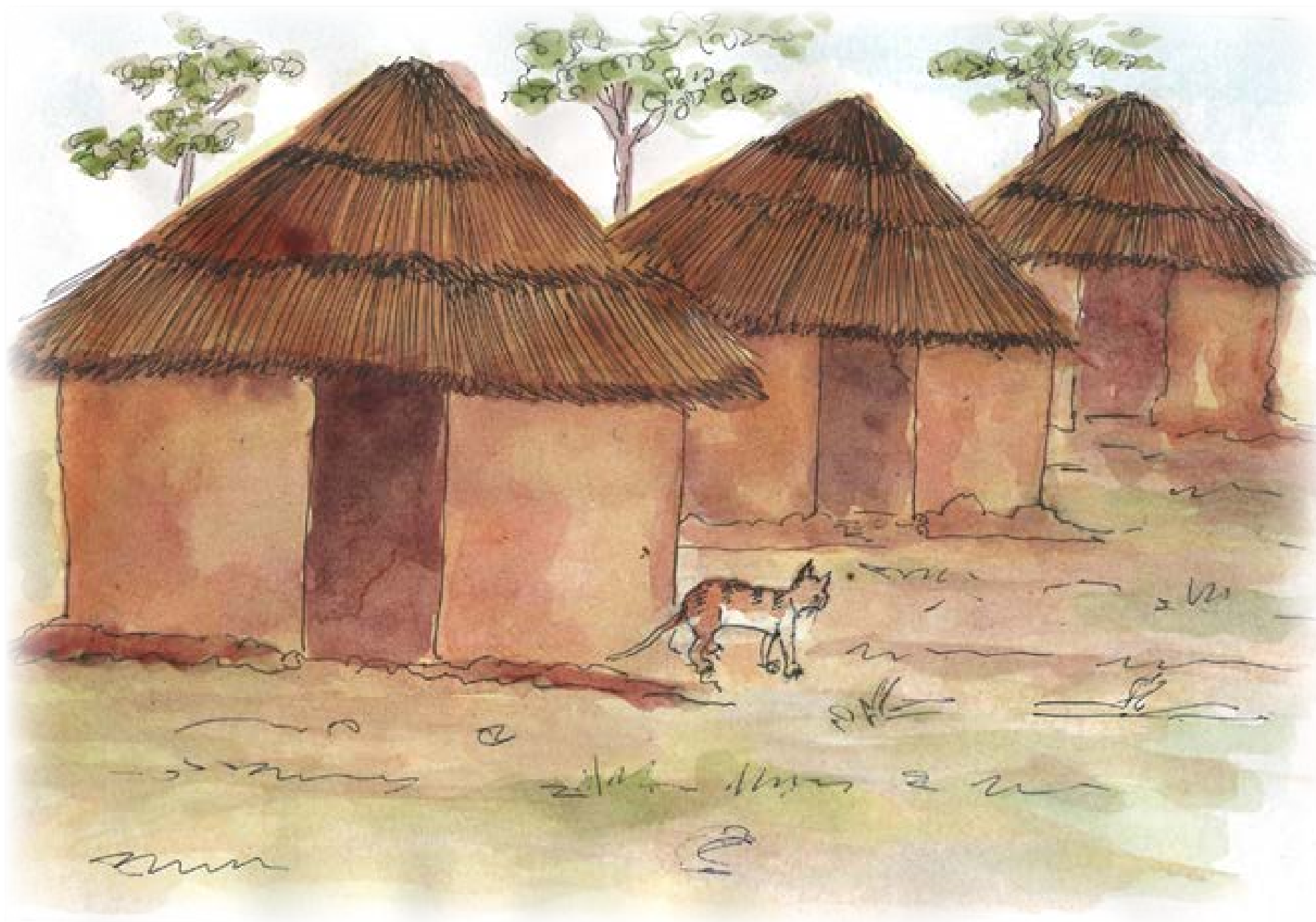
Once upon a time. There lived a woman and her cat.



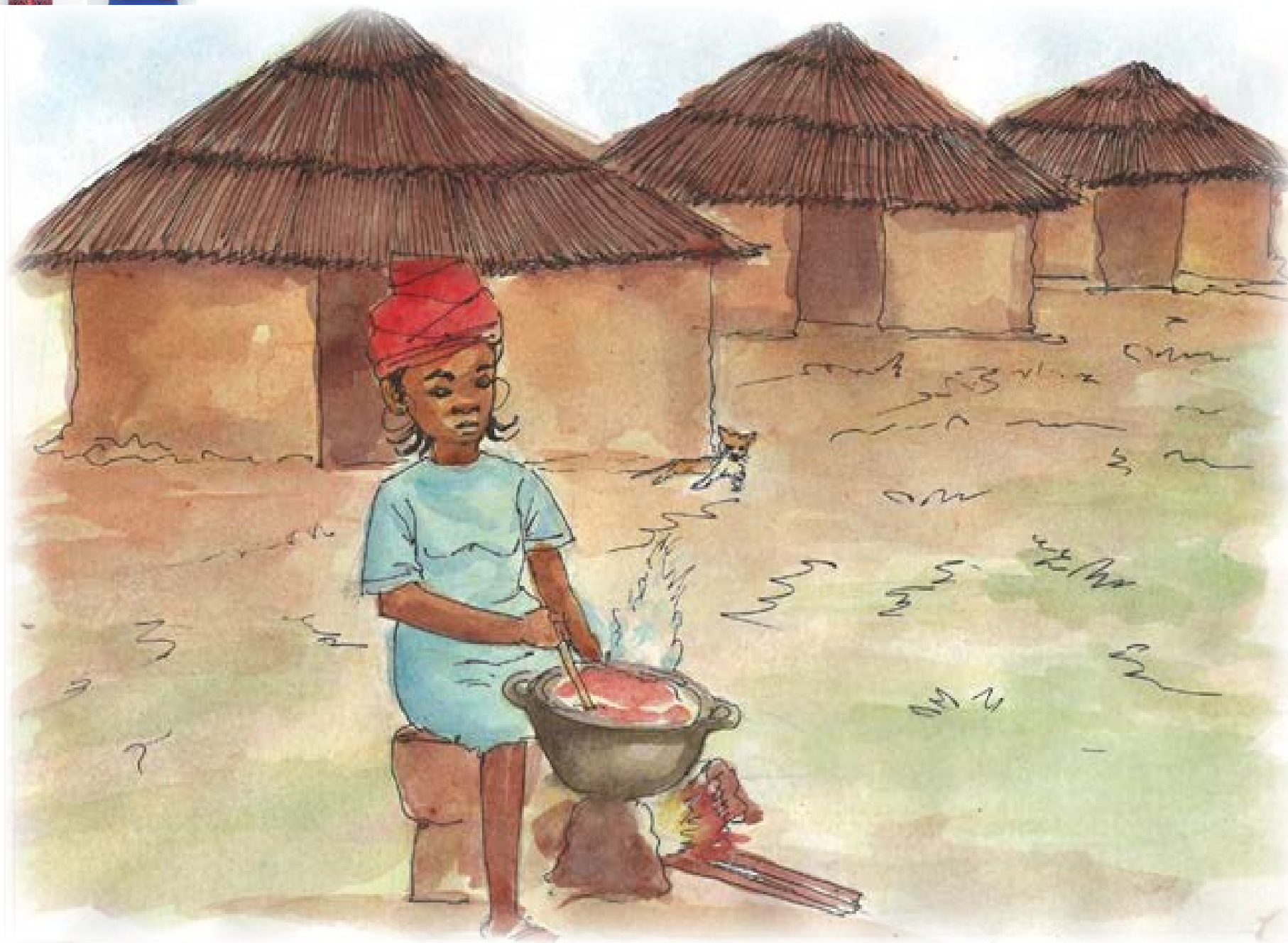
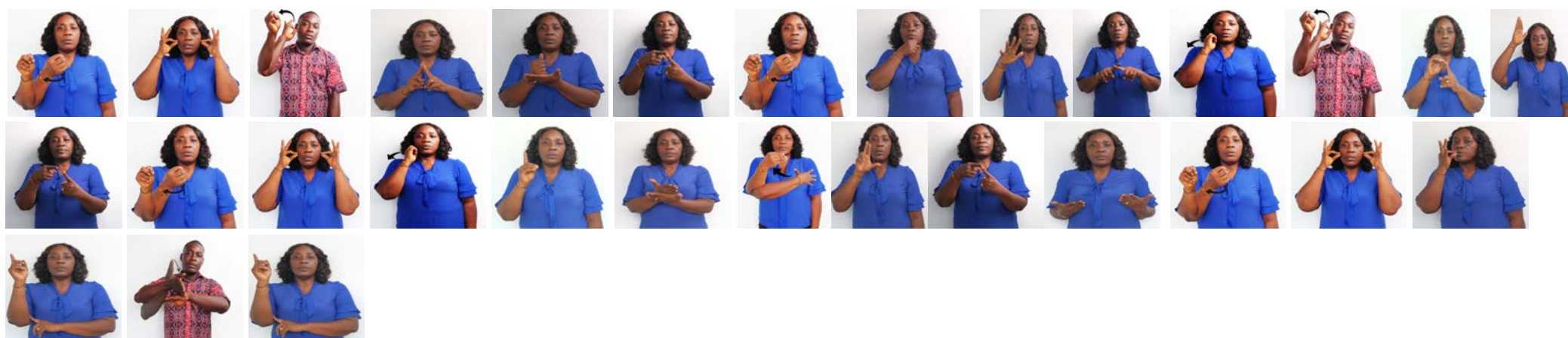
The cat always looked after the house, whenever the old woman was not home.



It would chase the rats out of the house and, look to see who was entering or moving around the house.



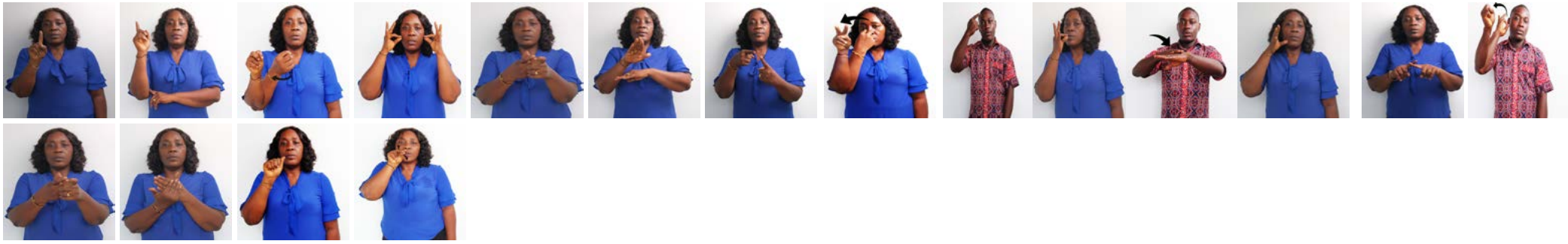
The cat was very helpful to the old woman, but she was too mean to the cat. She would cook and refuse to give the cat food day after day.



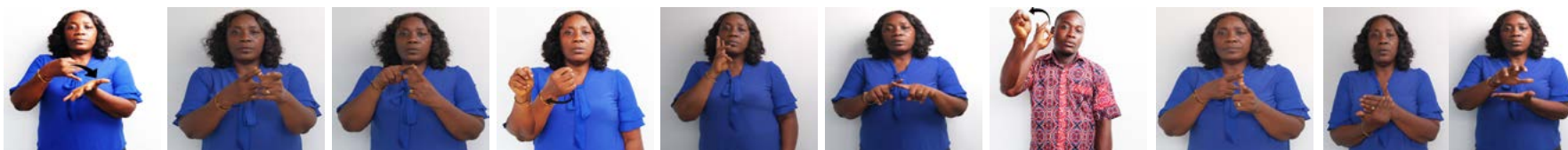
Sometimes the cat would go out to look for food and, sometimes it would stay home without eating.



One day, the cat ran away to look for food on a farm but was chased by a dog.



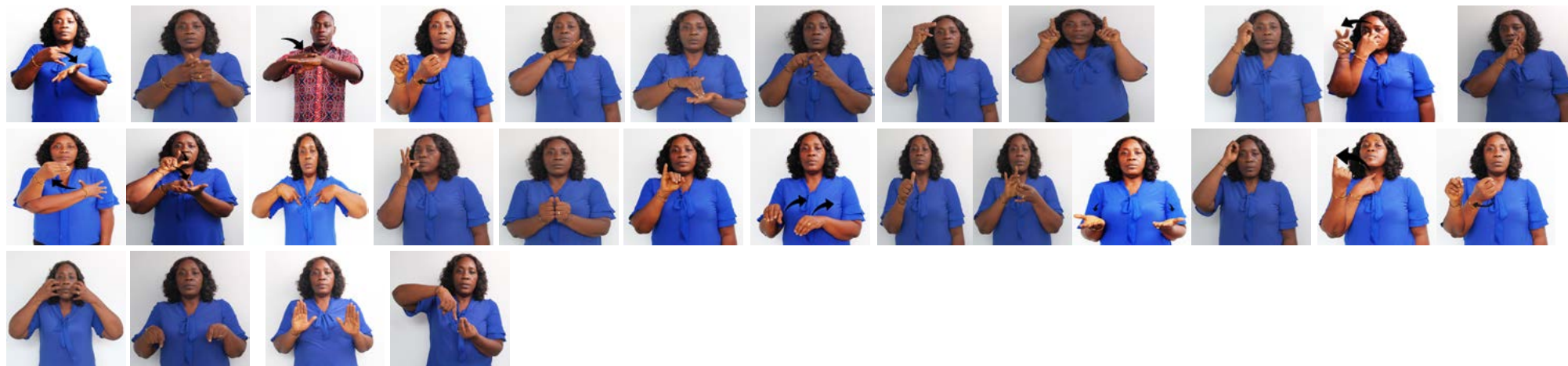
It ran to the pond but was chased by frogs.



It ran up the tree but was chased by birds and snakes.



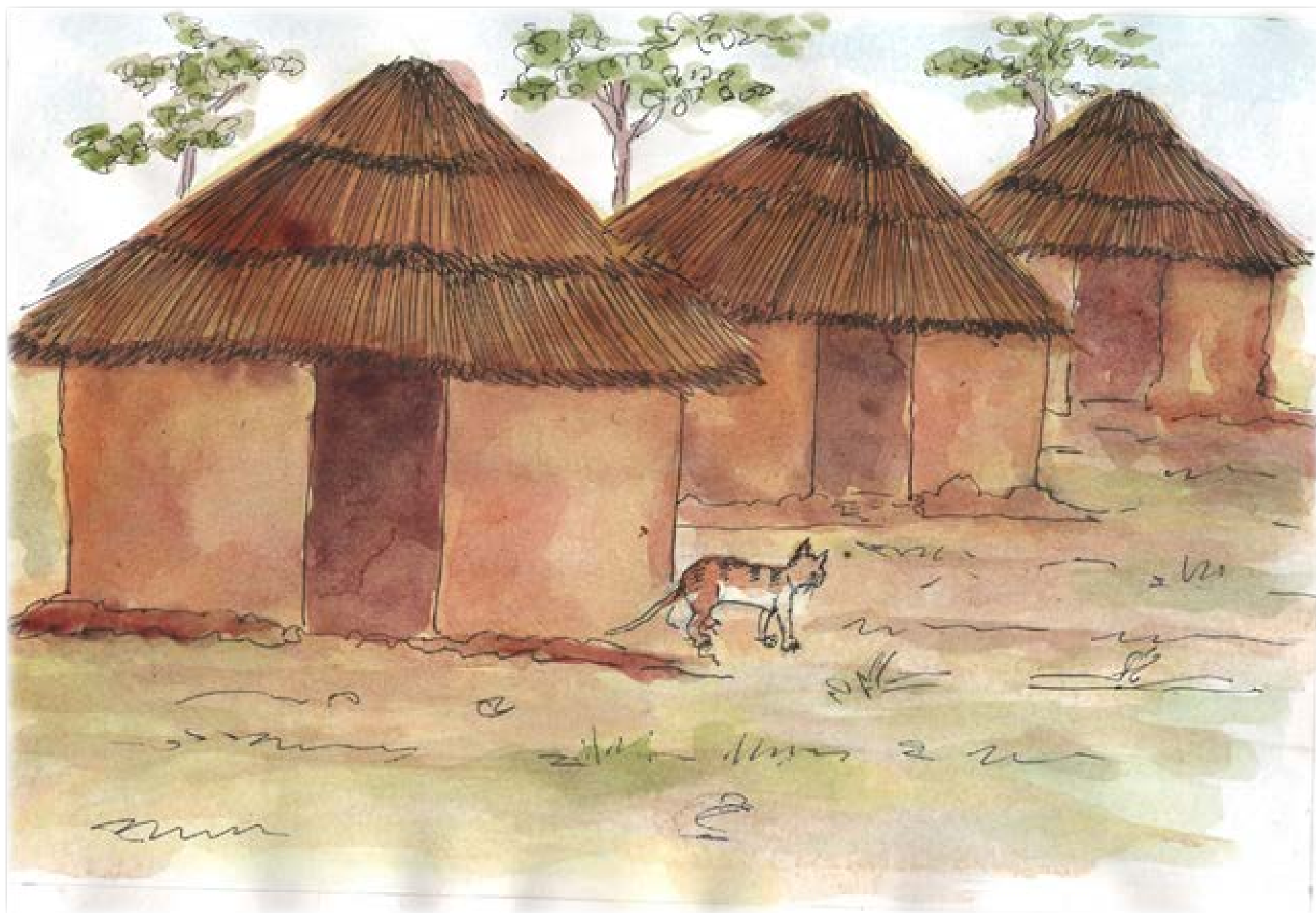
It ran on the dumpsite, again to his surprise, he saw rats and chicken having lunch together. "I do not belong here," he Said. The cat went wandering around.



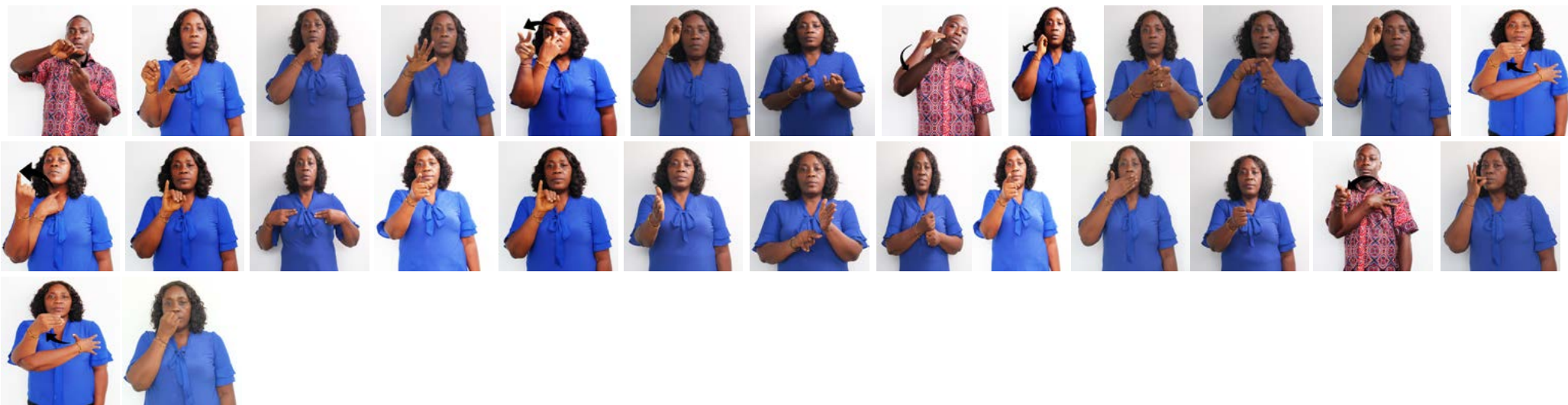
Late that evening, he sat thinking about his home. At least there is no food at home, but I have a place to sleep.



He said, "Let me go back home, maybe my master will give me food this time."
And so, he went back home.



When the old woman saw him coming home, she ran to him and said, "I miss you. I will never treat you bad. Take this food and eat."



The cat ate and ate and was never hungry any more. He kept watch and continued to chase rats.



Reading Level: All Levels (Age 3 -6)

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Synopsis

Take a trip with the runaway cat and go with him as he finds a home.

