

Junior Secondary Group 1st Runner Up

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Once upon a time, in a small village nestled deep in the woods, there lived a girl named Lavinia. From a young age, Lavinia had experienced a tearful life. She had never seen or been to a city after her mother's death. People believed that her mother's success as the world's best-selling author had somehow led to her death, but there was more, and Lavinia's life changed drastically. Let us continue and see what happened...

One stormy night, with rain pouring heavily and thunder roared in the distance, Lavinia heard a soft meowing outside her door. Curious to know what it was, she opened the door to find a drenched and shivering black cat seeking shelter from the downpour. As their eyes met, something in Lavinia's eye changed, she saw her mother's reflection in the cat's eyes. Without hesitation, she scooped up the cat, whom she named Midnight, and brought it inside, providing warmth and comfort.

The black cat, whom Lavinia named Midnight, quickly became a beloved member of her household. Midnight had the most vibrant pair of green eyes that seemed to glow in the dark and fur that was as black as night. All this was such a coincidence because it was exactly like her mother's pair of eyes and hair. Lavinia felt an instant connection with Midnight, sensing an unspoken understanding between them.

Ever since that day, days turned into weeks, and weeks into months. Lavinia thought that the cat was sent by God to help heal her inner child. She felt that being with Midnight was like being with her mother. Their bond grew stronger with each passing day, to which Lavinia finally found joy and happiness. However, as time went on, strange occurrences and misfortunes began to surround Midnight. Objects would fall inexplicably, and unexplained noises echoed through the house at night. Lavinia refused to believe that his beloved Midnight could be responsible.

One night, as Lavinia sat in her study reading, Midnight curled up on her lap. Suddenly, a bookshelf on the other side of the room toppled over at the same time Midnight purred, sending a load of books crashing to the floor. Lavinia was startled but remained composed. She looked down at Midnight, who was gazing up at her with her beaming eyes.

'Midnight, my dear friend,' Lavinia said softly, 'I do not believe that you are the cause of these strange occurrences. There must be another explanation.'

Midnight blinked slowly and let out a soft purr as if to reassure Lavinia that she understood. Determined to uncover the truth, Lavinia decided to investigate the mysterious happenings surrounding Midnight.

Lavinia delved into books and myths, discovering tales of mythical black cats possessing supernatural powers. Legends spoke of these cats as protectors, warding off evil spirits and bringing good fortune to those who treated them with kindness. Lavinia became convinced that Midnight was one of these extraordinary cats.

After nearly a year of living with Midnight, she decided to overcome her biggest fear, going to the city, which was the place where her mother was killed in a so-called accident. She packed her bag, including Midnight's essentials, and left.

Armed with this newfound knowledge, Lavinia embraced Midnight's presence and went for the city. The citizens were stunned to learn that Lavinia was alive, having never visited since her mother's accident, but were even more shocked to know the cat in Lavinia's hand was none other than one of the rarest cats in the world, and only one out of the million people had the black cat.

Lavinia, who had been cut off from the world without access to devices or networks, was taken aback by this news.

The story of Lavinia's and her black cat quickly spread throughout the city. People became captivated by their story and wanted to support Lavinia in her hunt for justice. It was discovered that the murderer was none other than her own father, a selfish man who had been absent from her life. With the city's assistance, Lavinia was able to bring her father to justice and find closure.

Both Midnight and Lavinia had their own unique backgrounds. Lavinia was known for her bravery, while Midnight gained fame for possessing powers and the ability to bring good fortune. Inspired by their experiences, Lavinia followed in her mother's footsteps and wrote a story about their remarkable journey. The tale spread far and wide, reaching neighbouring villages and towns. People from distant neighbourhoods travelled to catch a glimpse of the mystical black cat and seek its blessings.

As the years passed, Midnight's and Lavinia's influence continued to grow, and tales of Midnight's kindness and Lavinia's strength spread throughout the neighbourhood. Their bond remained unbreakable, a testament to the power of love and understanding.