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Long, long ago, on a far, far island,
there was a kingdom of cats.



Muffin the king wanted to live forever. He always said, "A cat has nine lives, but I'm a king and I should have thousands of lives."





Many cats were sent to find a way to live forever.



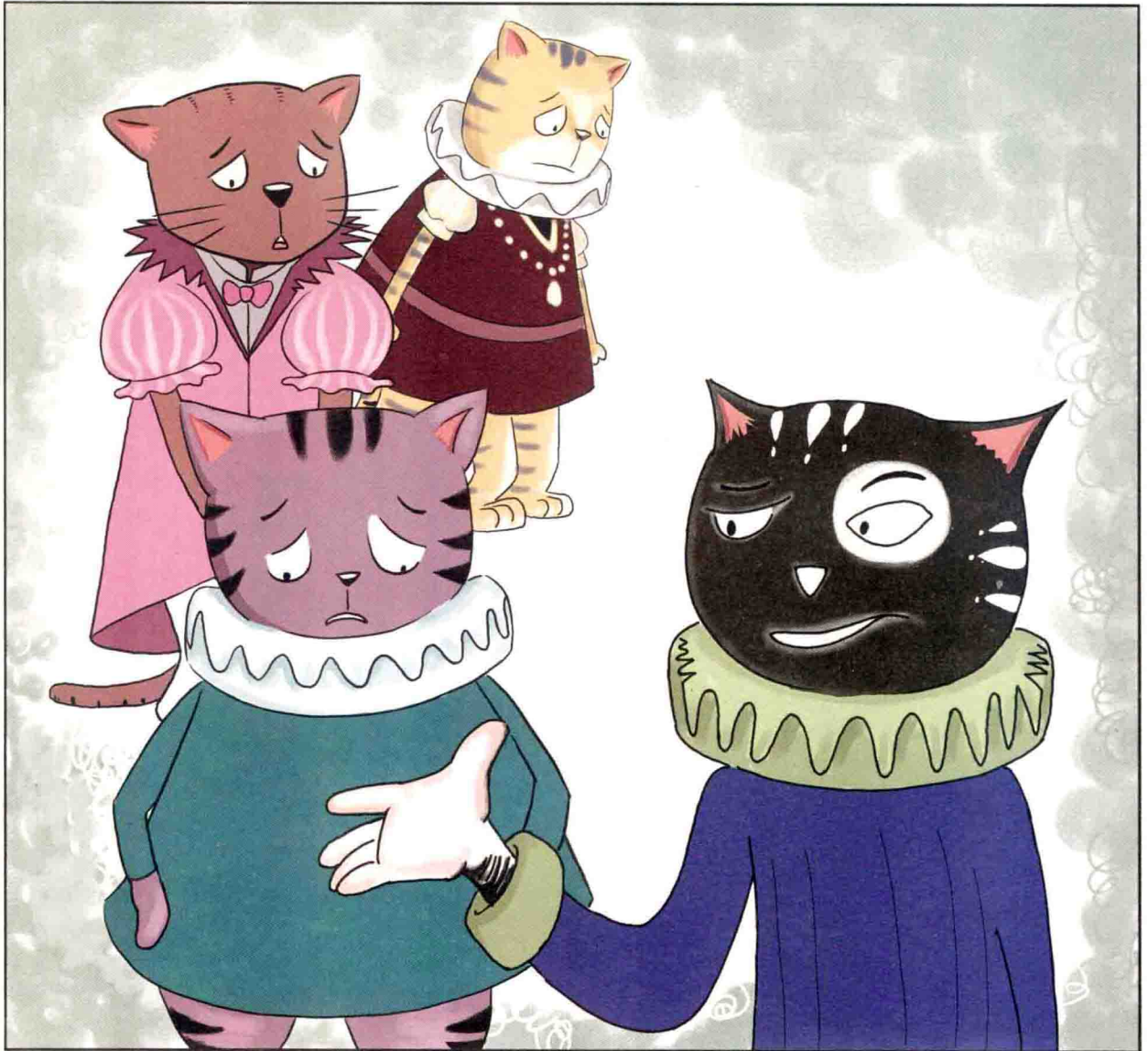


Soon a black cat came back with good news.

“In Egypt, if a king dies, he is turned into a mummy!
It’s said that the king will be well-kept and come back
to life in the future!”

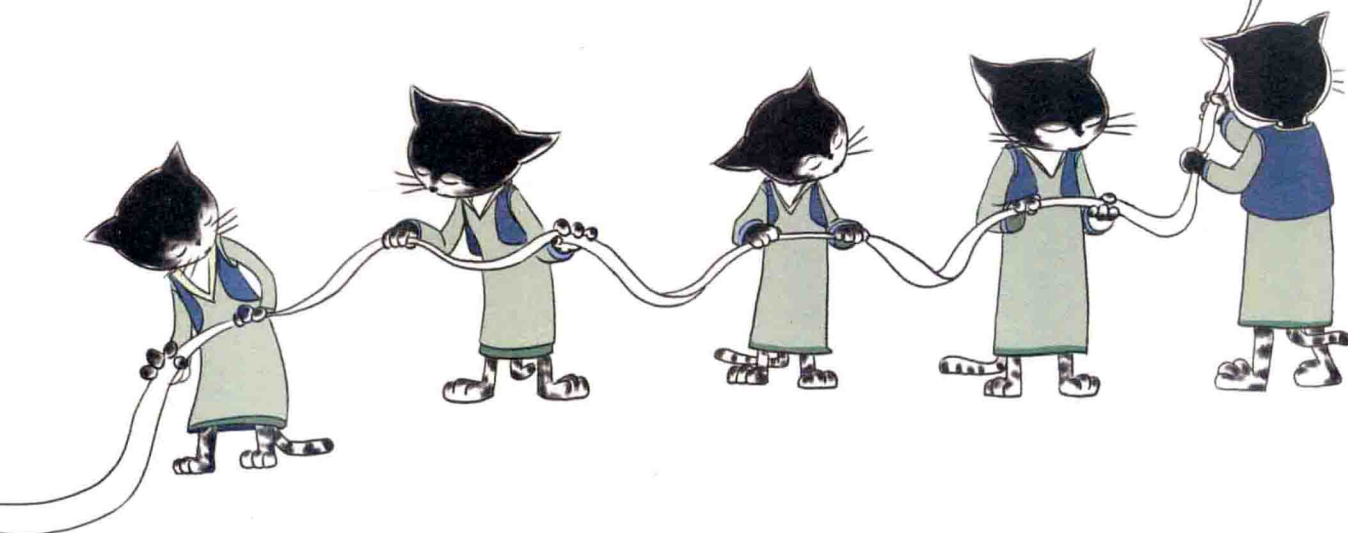
“That is great!” the king said. “But must I die first?”

No one dared to kill a king.
What if he couldn't come back to life?
“Maybe cats needn't do so,”
the black cat guessed.

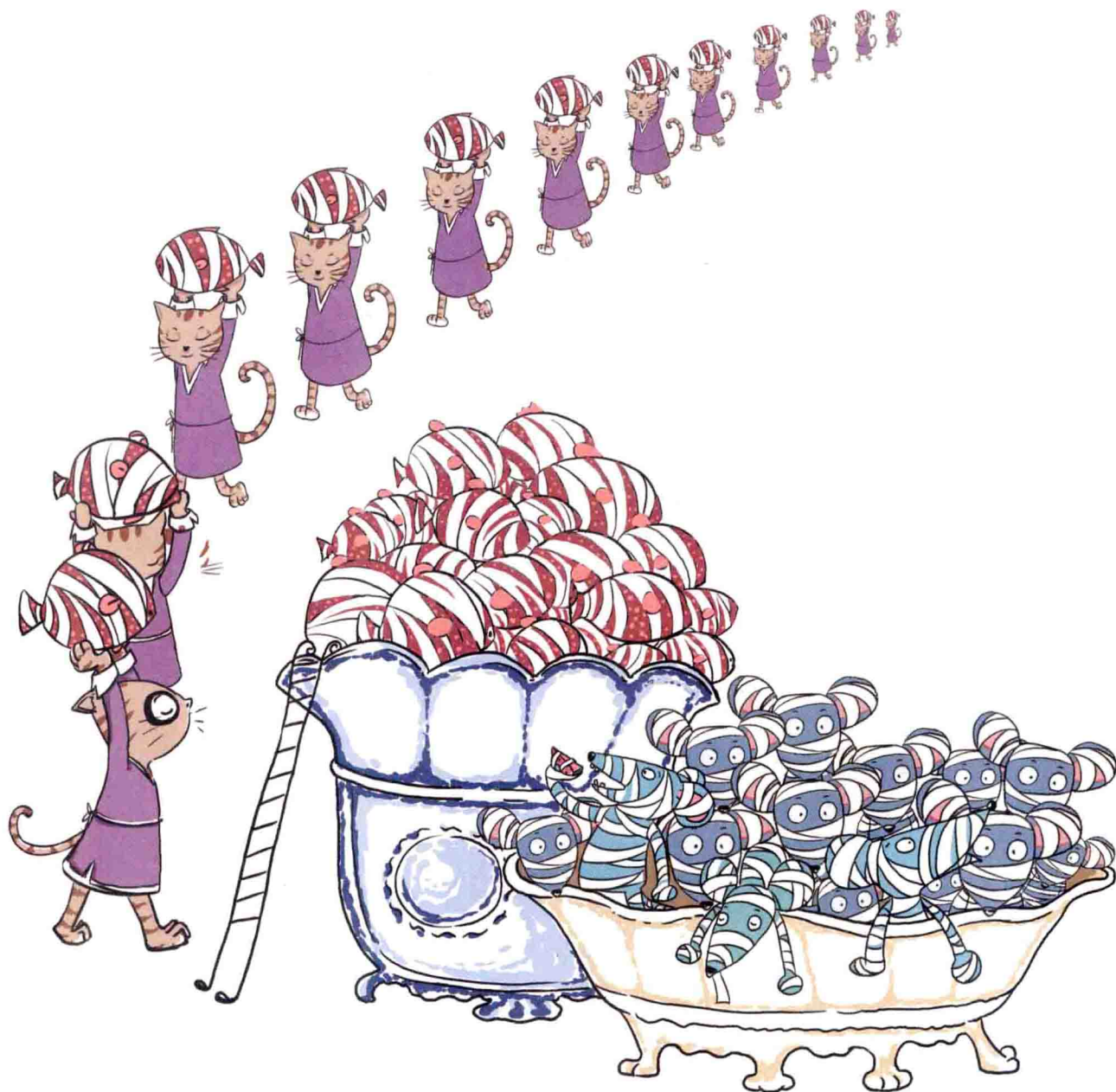




Time is life! The king couldn't wait.
First, he and his queen were a king mummy
and a queen mummy, then a princess mummy
and two prince mummies.



“What are we going to eat?” he asked.
The cats of the kingdom prepared lots of mouse
mummies and fish mummies.



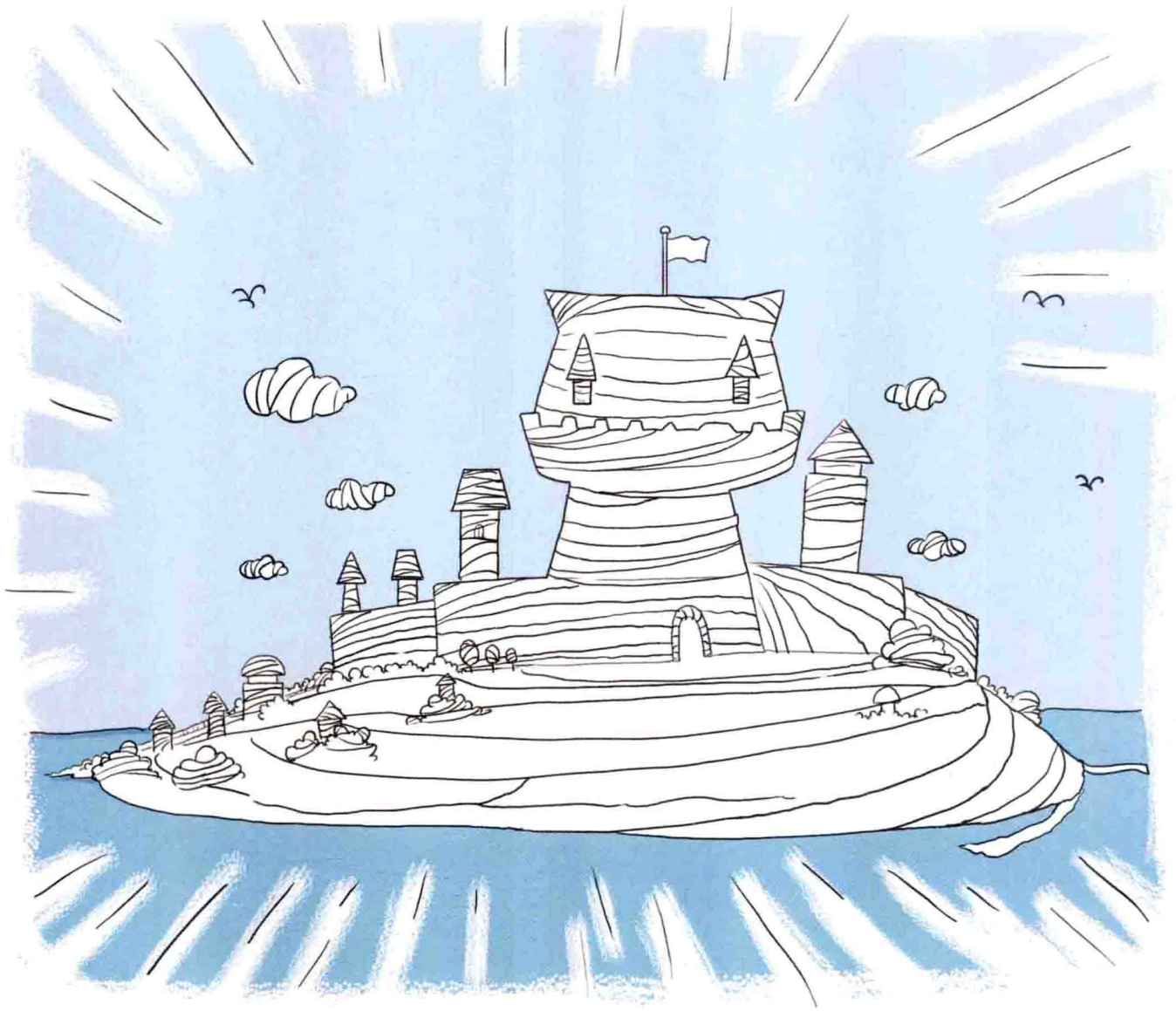


Then, since the princess wanted her teddy bear, the kingdom prepared a number of doll mummies.





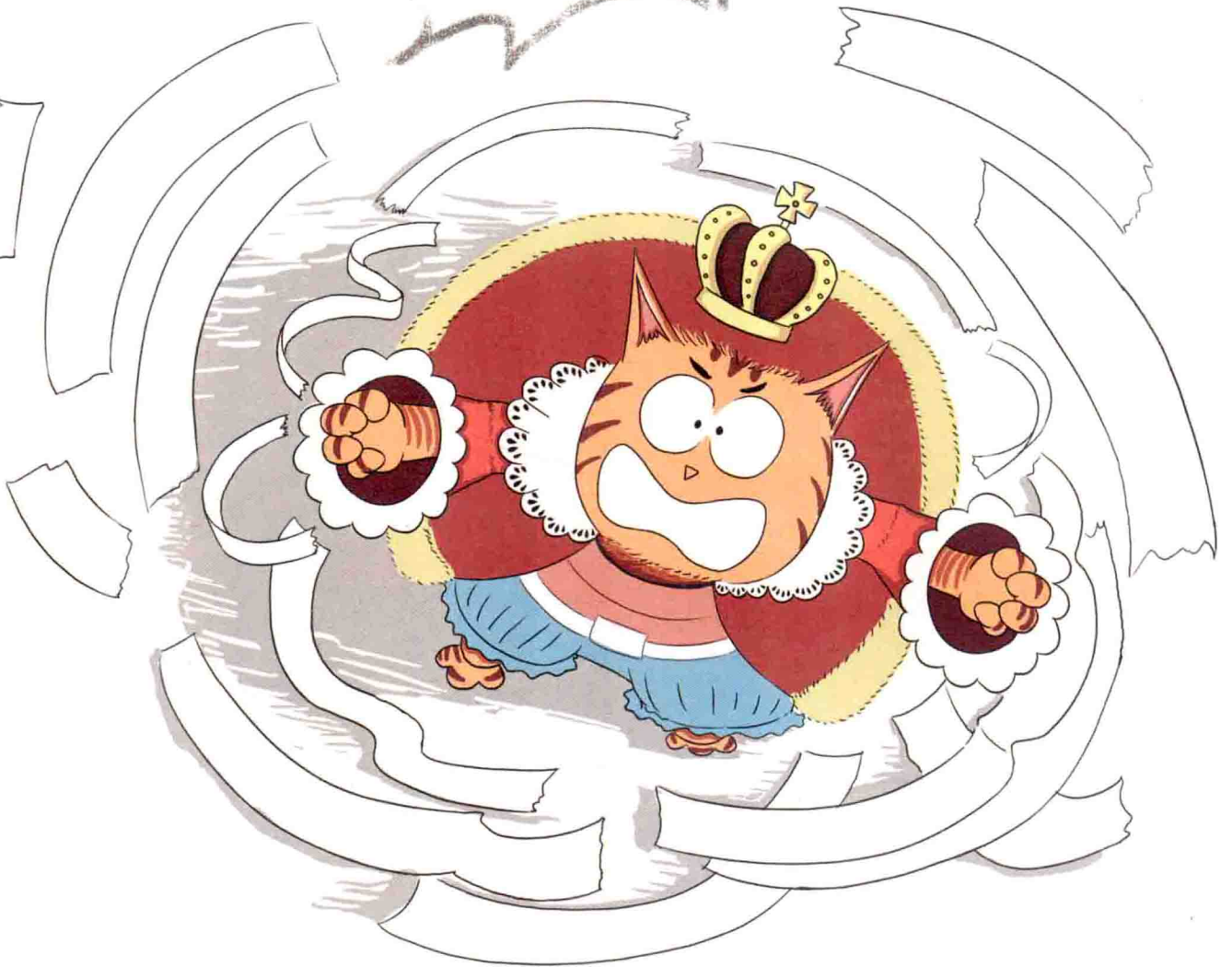
Flower mummies, crown mummies,
bird mummies and cloud mummies
were also created.



Finally, the whole island was

a great island mummy.

**No more
mummies!!**



“This is not the life I want!”
Muffin the king suddenly understood.

