



The Adventures of
Chomp the Chimp

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And sway he would.
Starting from the top then down below—




laughing and giggling
in front of the old crow.

In the afternoon,
Chomp climbs down
from his perch on the tree.

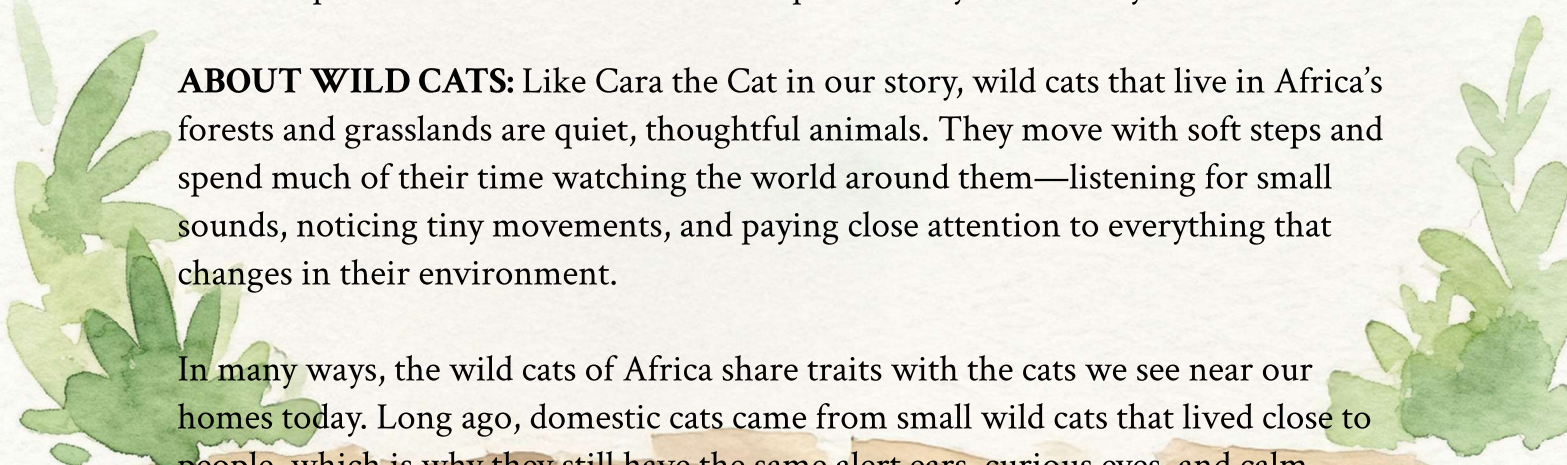


Down to the ground—
to visit the dragonfly,
the lizard, and the honeybee.

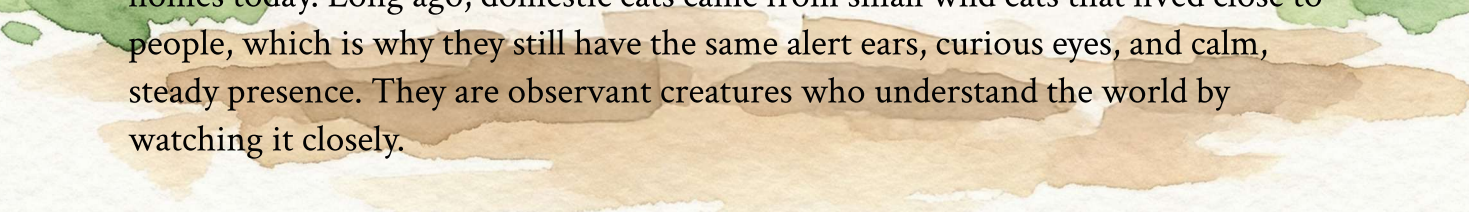


ABOUT YOUNG CHIMPANZEES: Young chimpanzees are small, energetic, and highly expressive. They have long arms for climbing, grasping hands and feet, and faces that readily show interest, excitement, or concentration. From an early age, they spend much of their time exploring their surroundings—climbing, watching older chimpanzees, and investigating anything that catches their attention. Play is central to their development. Through chasing, swinging, and gentle rough-and-tumble games, young chimps build strength, coordination, and social understanding while learning how their world works.

In many ways, young chimpanzees behave much like human children in early childhood. Both are naturally curious, learn by observing before acting, and use play as a way to practice skills they will need later. Like children, young chimps are attentive to relationships, quick to imitate, and deeply engaged with their environment. This shared pattern of curiosity and play is one of the ways humans and chimpanzees reflect a common developmental rhythm in early life.



ABOUT WILD CATS: Like Cara the Cat in our story, wild cats that live in Africa's forests and grasslands are quiet, thoughtful animals. They move with soft steps and spend much of their time watching the world around them—listening for small sounds, noticing tiny movements, and paying close attention to everything that changes in their environment.



In many ways, the wild cats of Africa share traits with the cats we see near our homes today. Long ago, domestic cats came from small wild cats that lived close to people, which is why they still have the same alert ears, curious eyes, and calm, steady presence. They are observant creatures who understand the world by watching it closely.