Adventures of Boemba the Housecat



Boemba in love?

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It's a beautiful day in July. The sun shines!



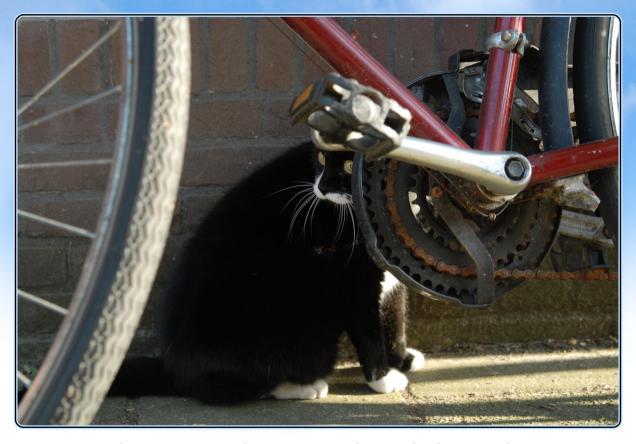
Boemba woke up early this morning. He is having a wash and a brush-up!



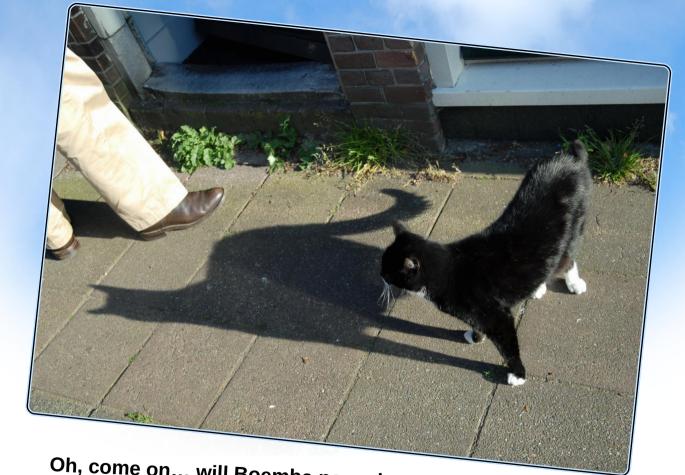
All of a sudden, Boemba hears a disturbing noise! "No, please no," Boemba thinks. "It is..." Run, Boemba. Run!



It is the *terror* of the neighborhood!



"I hope I *never* have to go through that again," Boemba thinks with trembling whiskers.



Oh, come on... will Boemba never have some time for himself?



A fan wants to stroke Boemba. "I'm fed up with this nasty human behaviour!" Boemba thinks.



Oh dear, what's next?
Suddenly Boemba hears a triumphant laughter.
It sounds like he is being laughed at!



"Hey, I saw you running away from that little monster," a neighborcat pesters Boemba.
"Boemba is a chicken!"



"Yeah well, I ain't no pussy, you know!" Boemba says, reluctantly.
"I'll ask Lucy to go to the movies with me!"

Lucy is the most attractive feline in the Wilhelmstreet. All cats in the street pretend *not* to be in love with her.



"Don't make me laugh," Rixy ridicules Boemba.
"Surely, you don't have the guts!"



The unceasing swanky Boemba freshes up a little more, so that he can present himself to the most charming lady in the street.



"I will show them Boemba is the bravest housecat in the street!" Boemba thinks (with a hint of insolence).



"Maybe she has left the building," Boemba fears.

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"Let's have a peek through the window," Boemba says.

> "Oh, what a pity, she's not in!" Boemba sighs.

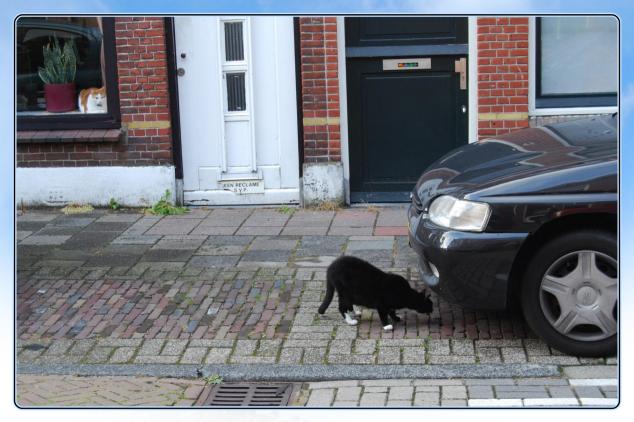




"Hello, Boemba."

Boemba gazes at Lucy's green eyes.

Her voice is like music! "What are you doing here, Boemba?" Lucy asks with a bland smile.



"I just happened to be in the neighborhood," Boemba mumbles, before he turns his heels.

"And I like to sniff the cool morning cars."



Boemba takes cover under a car parked nearby. "What'd you think, did she spot me?" Boemba asks Rixy.





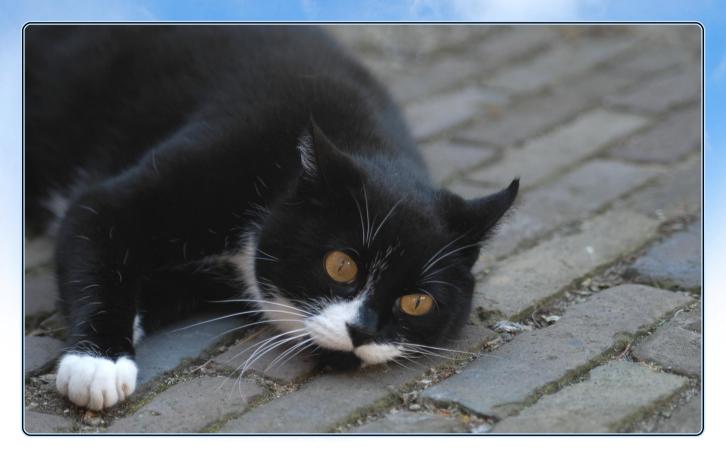




Lodewyck

"Of course she did, Boemba!" Rixy cries out.

"Everyone kept an eye on you. Even one-eyed Lodewyck did!"



"I feel stupid and look like a half-wit," Boemba grieves.



"Will he ever come back?" Lucy thinks.

"Next time I see Boemba I'll ask him to go to the movies with me!"

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