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Ricky



Larry

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Not everyone knows Marta has two cat cousins.  
Their names are Larry and Ricky.  
They are very cute. And very silly.  
They want to say *hello*,  
but it might sound like *meow*  
when they say it.





When Larry & Ricky came to live with Marta's aunt and uncle, they were kittens. They didn't know each other. They didn't know if they had found a good home. They were both a little scared. Ricky was more scared because he was so tiny. Larry was a bit older and sometimes, he played rough.

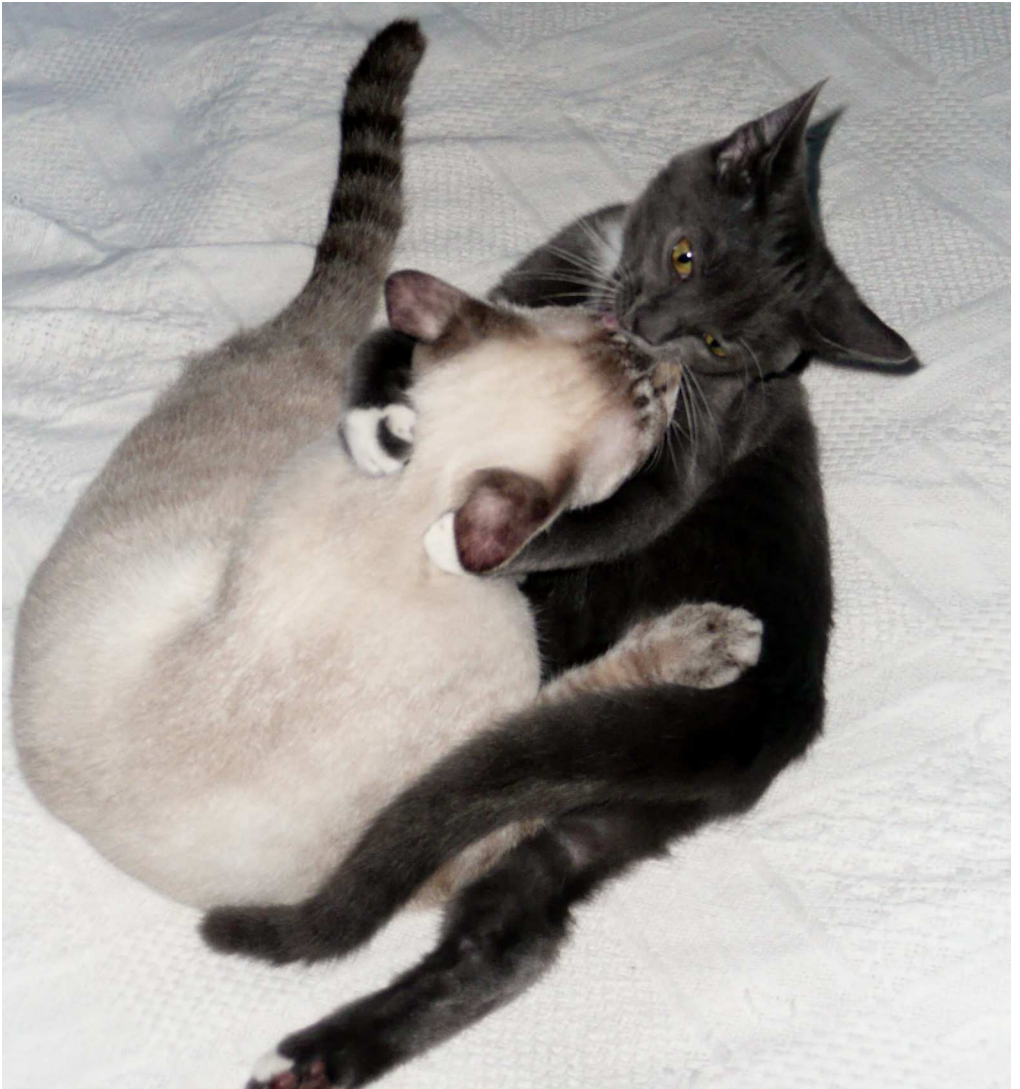






But soon enough they became friends. They lick, groom, bite, tumble around, and have a jolly good time. Is this how Marta takes a bath? Larry & Ricky want to know.



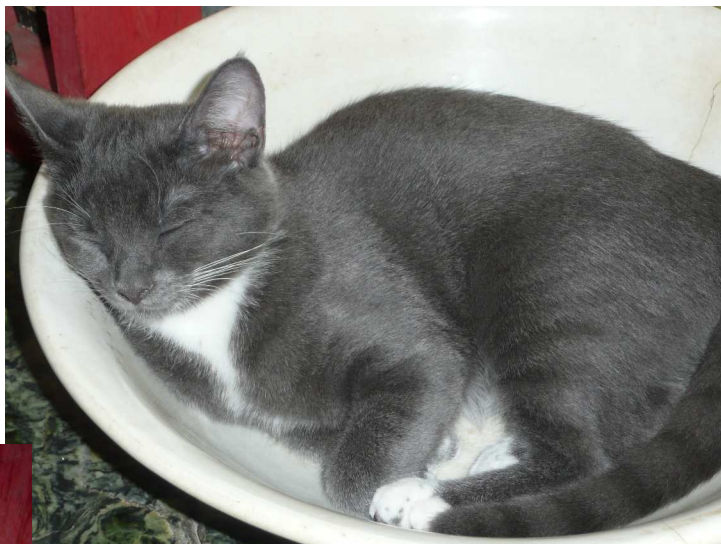


Larry & Ricky love to sleep in a big bowl that once belonged to Marta's great-great-great grandmother. Silly cats -- they like to sleep in a bowl! What do you think Marta's great-great-great grandmother would think about cats sleeping and bathing in her bowl?











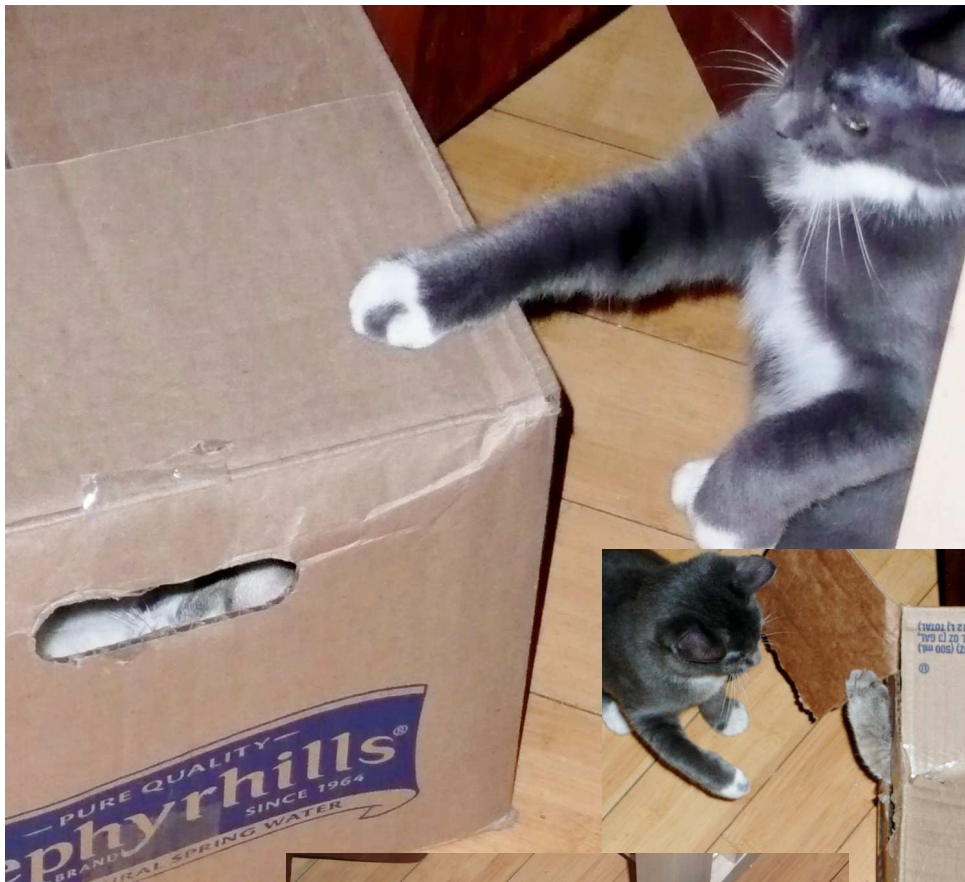




One day, Larry found an empty box with holes in each end. When Ricky came to investigate, Larry started batting. Ricky didn't know what to make of that but they both had a fun time.

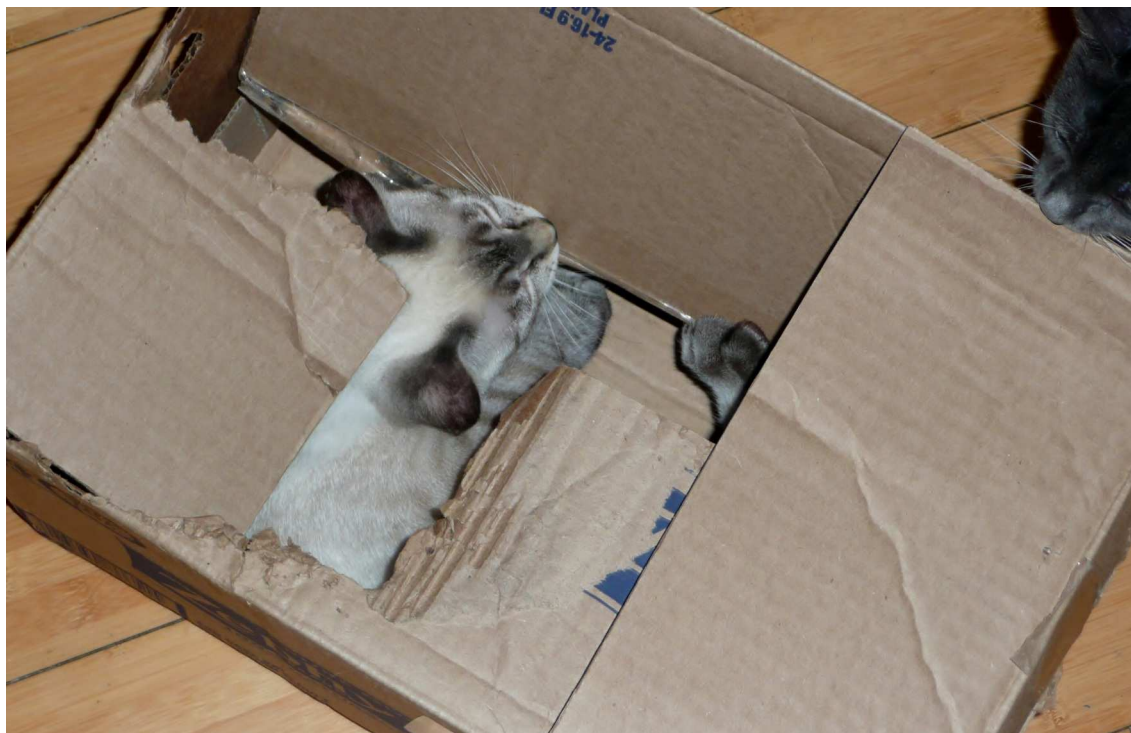


Sometimes, nothing beats an empty box to play in.



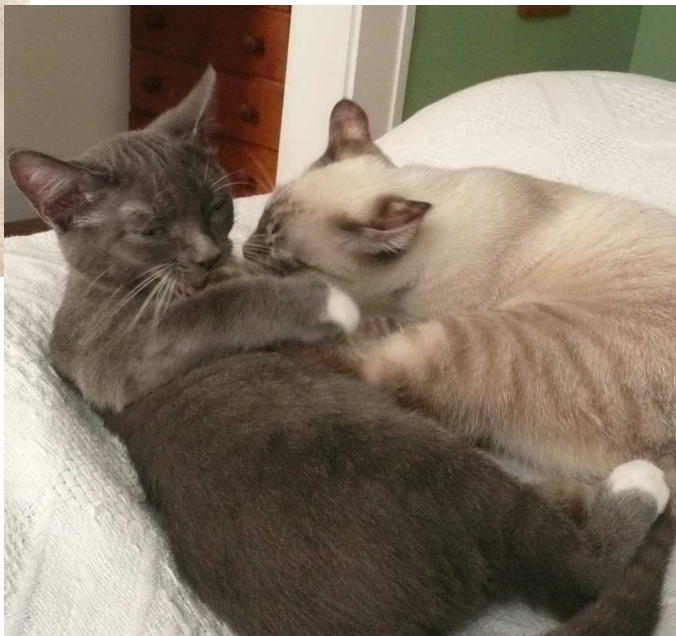
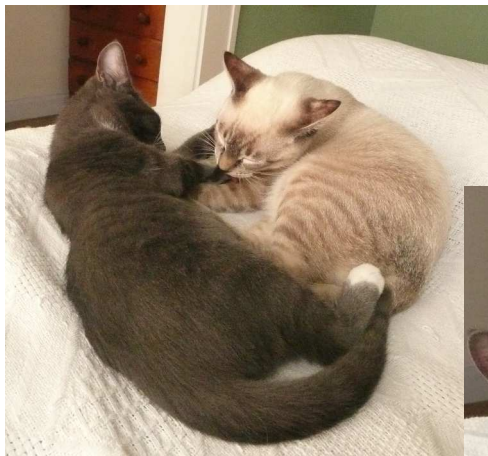


Larry & Ricky think Marta might be too big to play in a box, unless Marta can find a really big box. But they invent a new game everyday so when Marta comes to visit her cat cousins, there will be lots of fun.



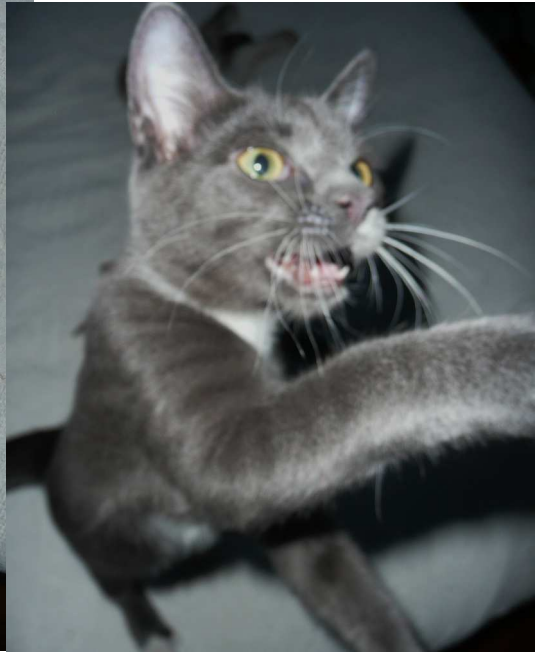


Larry's a big help taking care of little Ricky. Sometimes, he has to hold Ricky down to clean his ears. Ricky doesn't always like having his ears cleaned but he loves his big brother and knows it's for his own good. Sometimes, Ricky cleans Larry's ears, too.







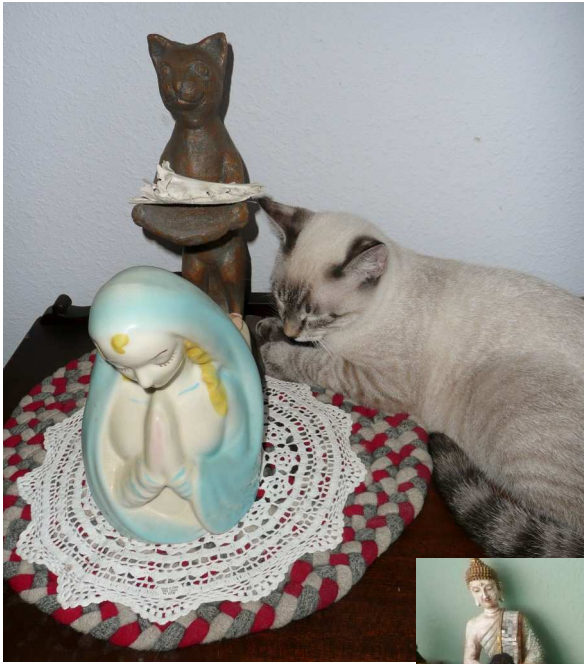


Ricky heard Marta has good snacks. He'd like some snacks. Then, he wants Marta to scratch his nose and his toes.









Every night, Larry &  
Ricky say a prayer for all  
their cat cousins and  
send kitty kiss wishes  
for sweet dreams  
of mice and fish.







