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Brooke bounced on her toes, excited to make her third wish. A real wish—which was really going to come true, from a real fairy!

The day before, Brooke's cat, Patches, had tried to catch a dragonfly. But it turned out to not be a bug at all—it was a fairy named Calla! And because Brooke saved the fairy's life, she was granted wishes seven of them!

She had to use them all in one fortnight,

though. It was the rule of Calla's land, Fairvana, which was hidden deep in the woods behind Brooke's house.

The first two had been a bit of a disaster, but this third wish was *perfect*.

"Only five wishes left," Calla said, zipping around in the air above Brooke and her best friend, Izzy. "Use them wisely."

They sat behind Izzy's house. Brooke petted Patches and thought.

Brooke's first wish had been for one hundred cats, her very favorite animal. All of those kitties had been so cute, but they were a lot of work. Even worse, it had turned out that almost all of them already belonged to other people! Missing cat flyers had popped up all over town. So Brooke had used her second wish to return all the cats to their homes. All but one, that is. Sweet little Pumpkin had been a stray, so Izzy asked her parents if she could keep her as a pet—and they said yes!

The biggest problem, though, had been Brooke's cat, Patches. The black kitty with white spots had run away, frightened by all the new felines. Brooke had thought she was gone forever until they found her hiding at Izzy's house.

So this time, Brooke was going to get things exactly right. She didn't want to hurt anyone with her next wish.

"So, what's it going to be?" Izzy asked.

"It's the perfect wish. I just know it," Brooke said. "What, what, what?" Izzy spun in circles until she tumbled onto the ground.

Brooke giggled. "Be patient, you'll see."

"Remember, be careful what you wish for!" Calla said, pirouetting through the air. The tiny fairy was just a few inches tall and could move as fast as a hummingbird.

