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Rat and Cat are best friends.

The season to plant crops arrives so the two friends decide to make their own garden.







They come up with plans and decide where to do their gardening. One will plant in the sand and the other in the land.





Rat chooses to plant in the sand, while Cat chooses to plant in the land.

They both plant all the crops they can, such as pawpaw, banana, taro, yam, kumala, corn, manioc, sugarcane and water taro.





Cat finds it difficult to plant the crops
as the soil is really hard.

But Rat is having fun planting, as the
sand is soft.



Rat completes his planting and relaxes, while Cat is still busy.

It takes a long time, but finally, Cat finishes, too.







Now, the plants have grown up and are bearing fruit. It's time to harvest!

They both go back to their garden to harvest. Rat is excited! He runs to harvest his crops.





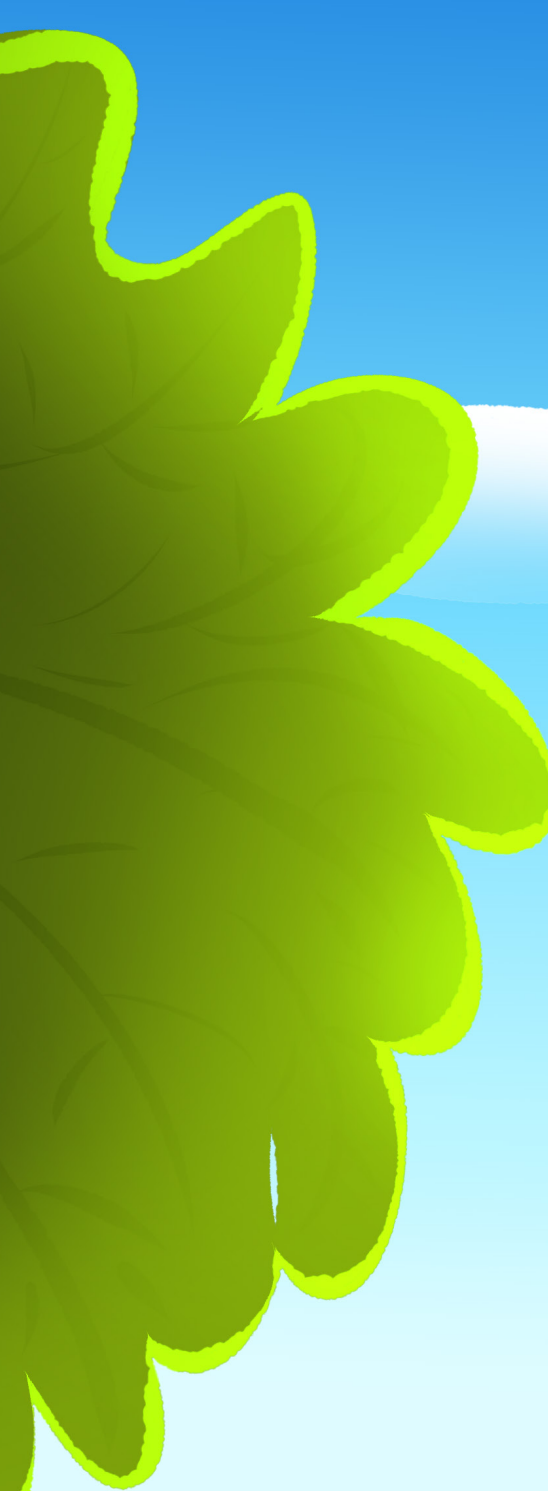


To Rat's surprise, none of the plants have grown! Upset and hungry, Rat sits down on the sand.

But Cat is excited! His plants have grown fruit and they are ready for harvesting.







Rat is so hungry. When he sees Cat's plants have all grown he comes over and says, "Can I have a pawpaw to eat, please?"

"Of course, pick one and we'll eat it together!" says Cat.





Rat climbs the pawpaw tree, but instead of picking the pawpaw to share, he quietly makes a hole in the fruit. Then, Rat eats up all the pawpaw's tasty flesh!





Cat waits and waits, but Rat doesn't come down.

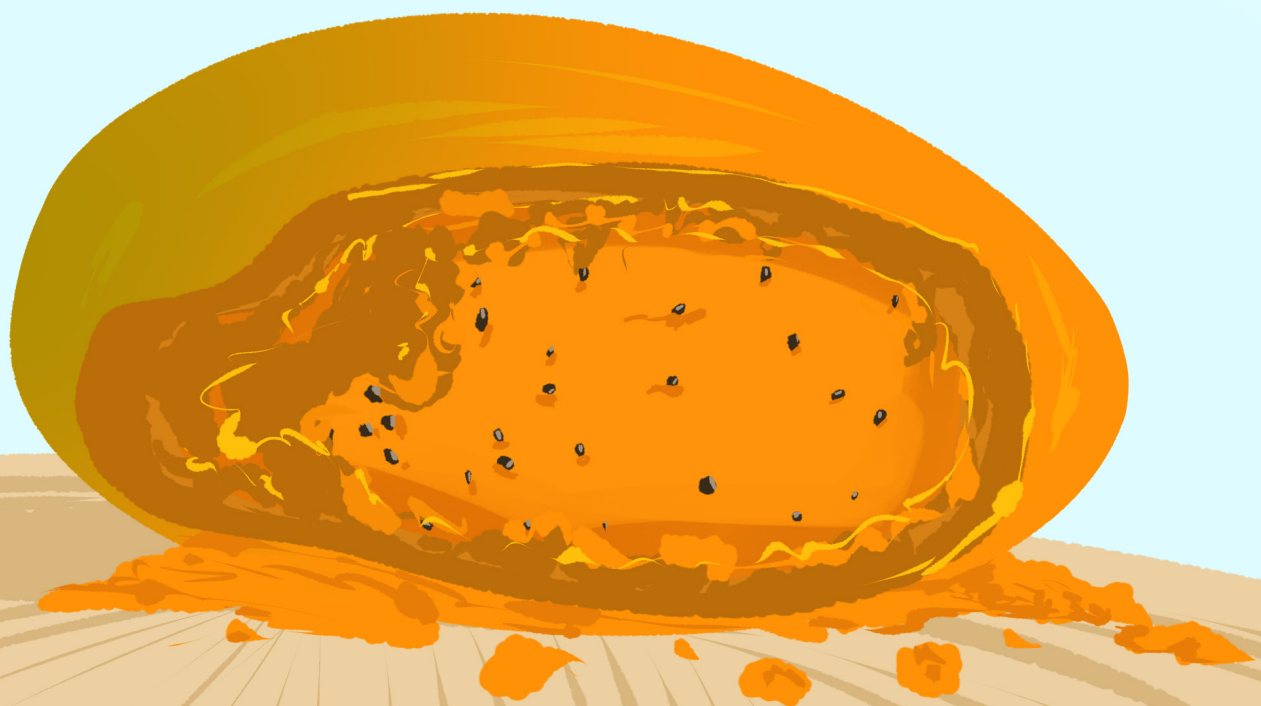
"Why are you taking so long?" Cat demands. Rat doesn't answer. Cat grabs a stick and throws it at the pawpaw.



The pawpaw falls and so does Rat!
When Cat sees that the pawpaw
has been eaten, he yowls!

Cat chases Rat up the tree and
eats him!

From then on, all cats and rats
have been enemies.





**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



Name one of the crops that Cat and Rat planted.



Why did Rat's plants not grow?



Why is soil better for plants than sand?

Have you ever planted something?



**Find a seed and try planting something
yourself!**

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Fekina Samana was born in Central Hospital and lives in Port Vila. She wants to help children develop their learning skills by writing this story. As a child, her favourite story was anything about animals.



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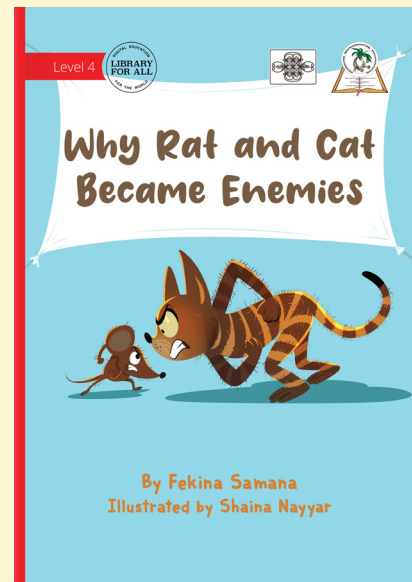
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