

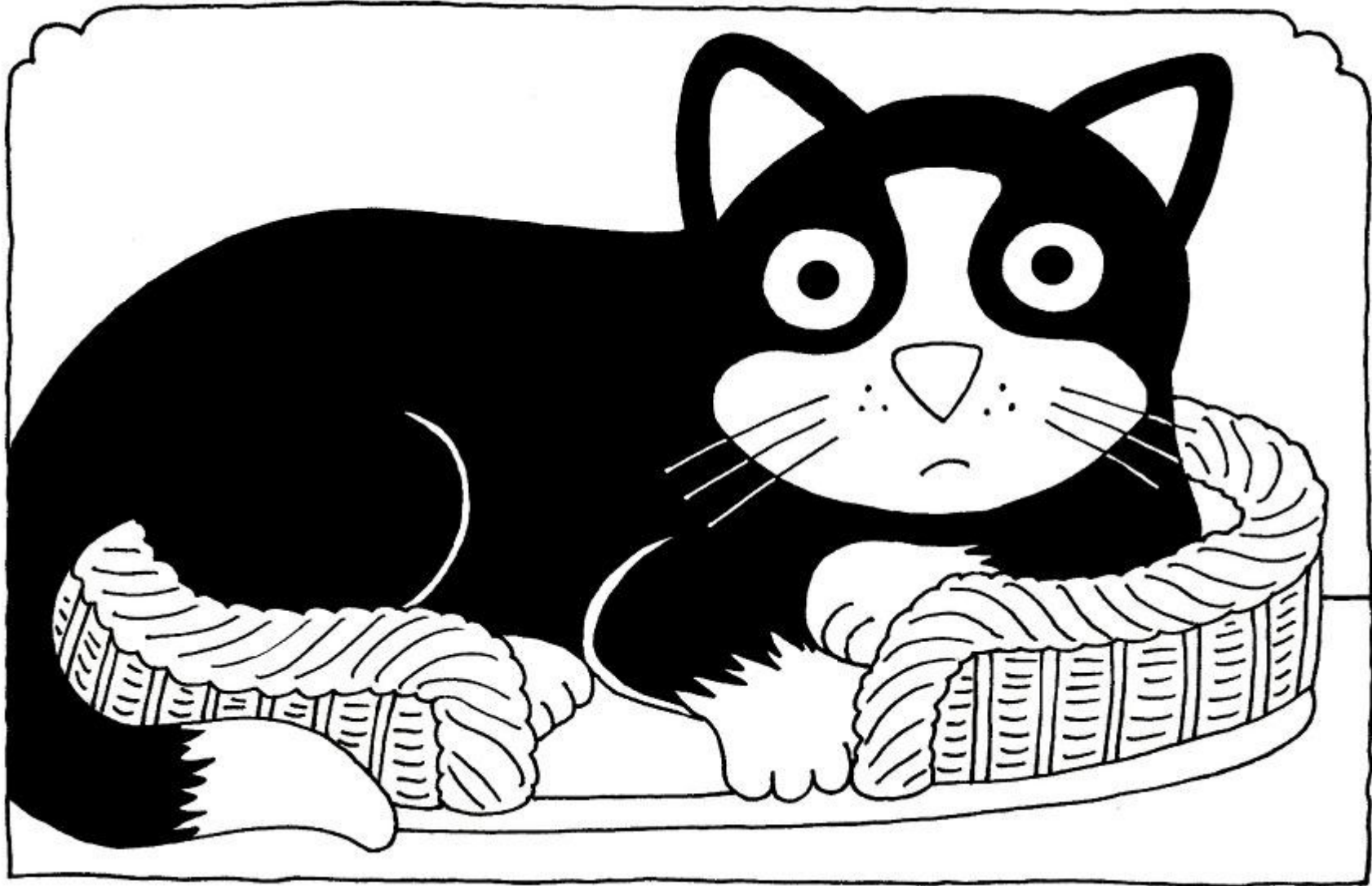
# Luca Was Scared Of The Dark

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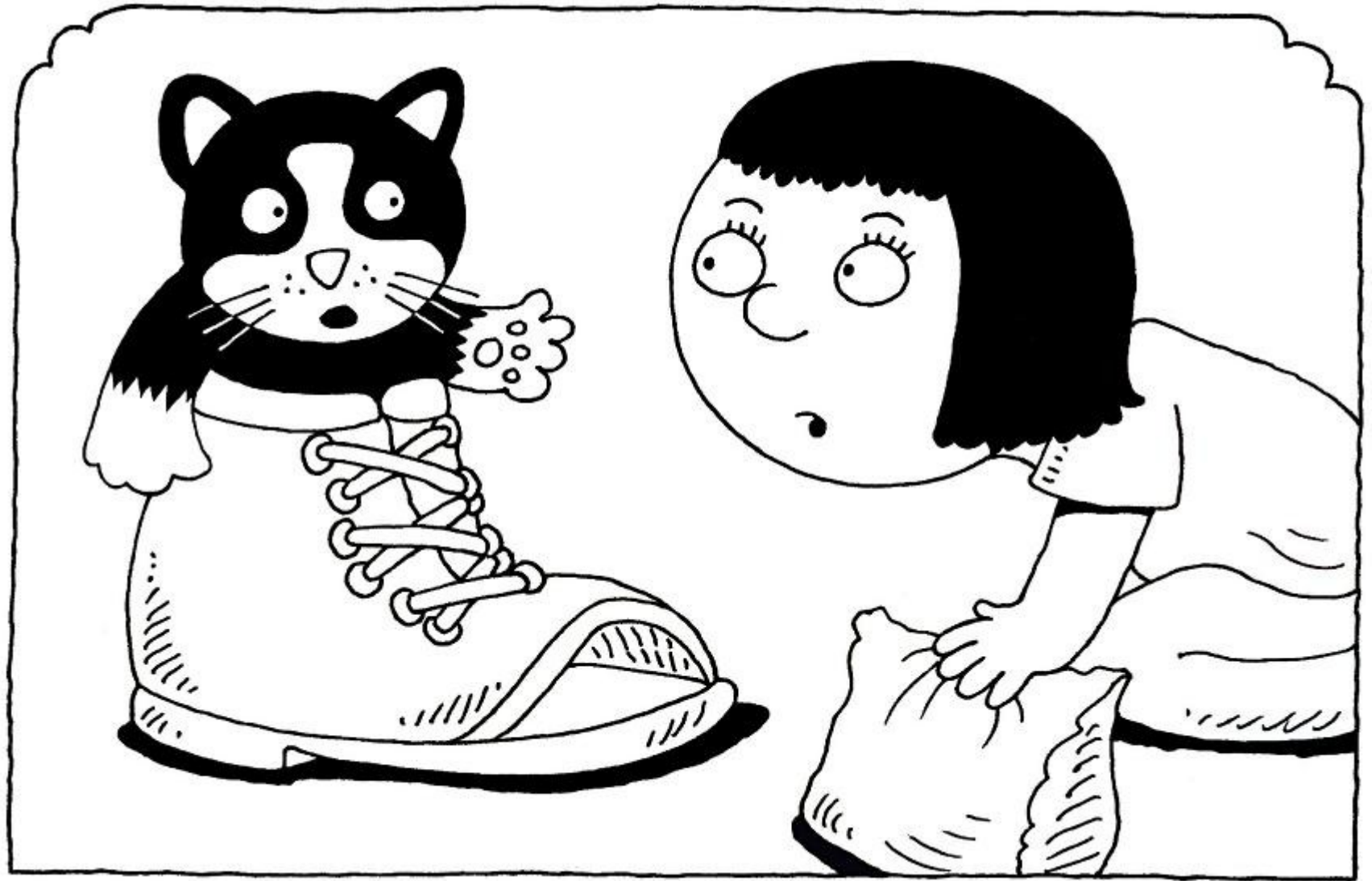
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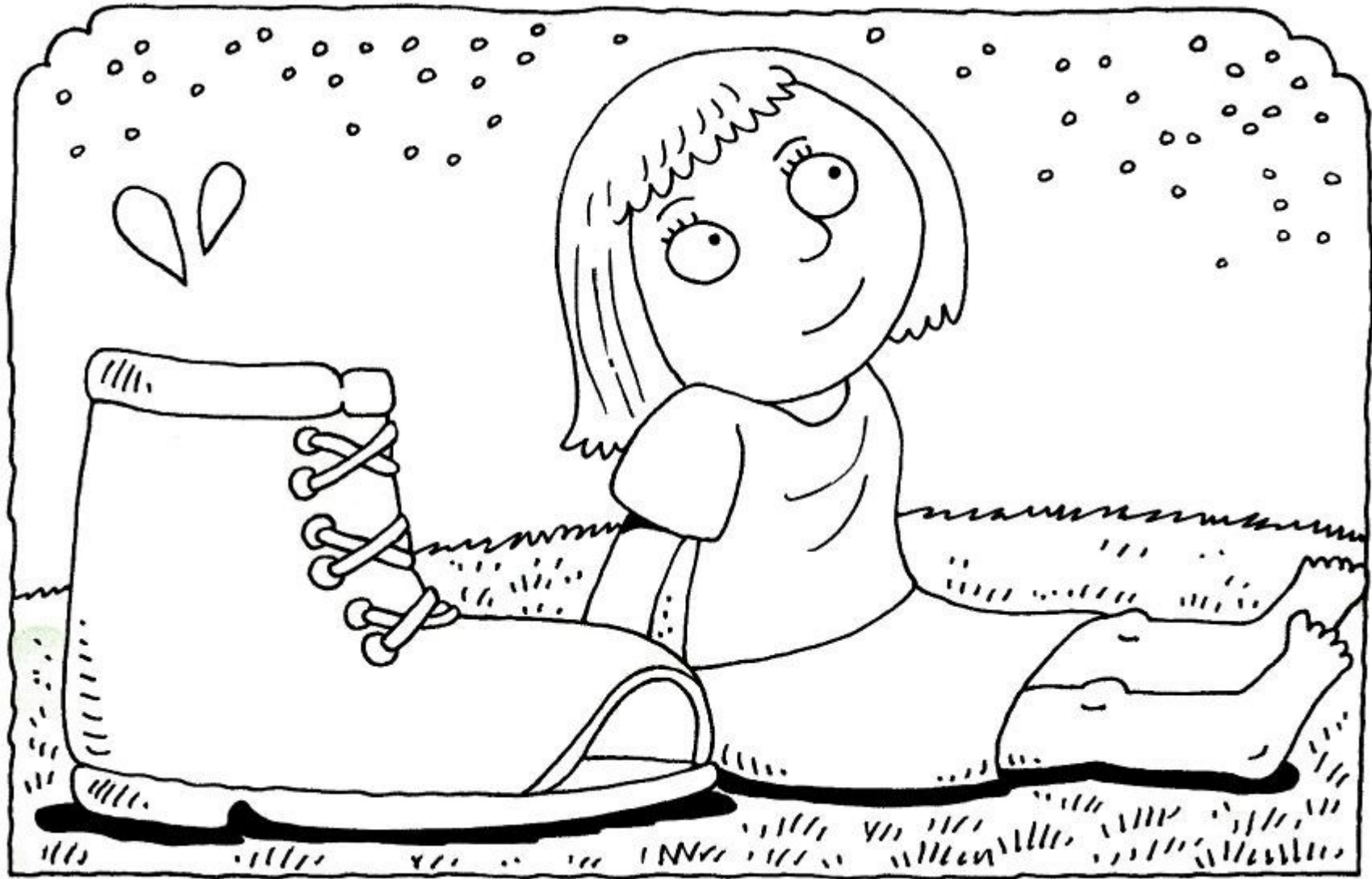




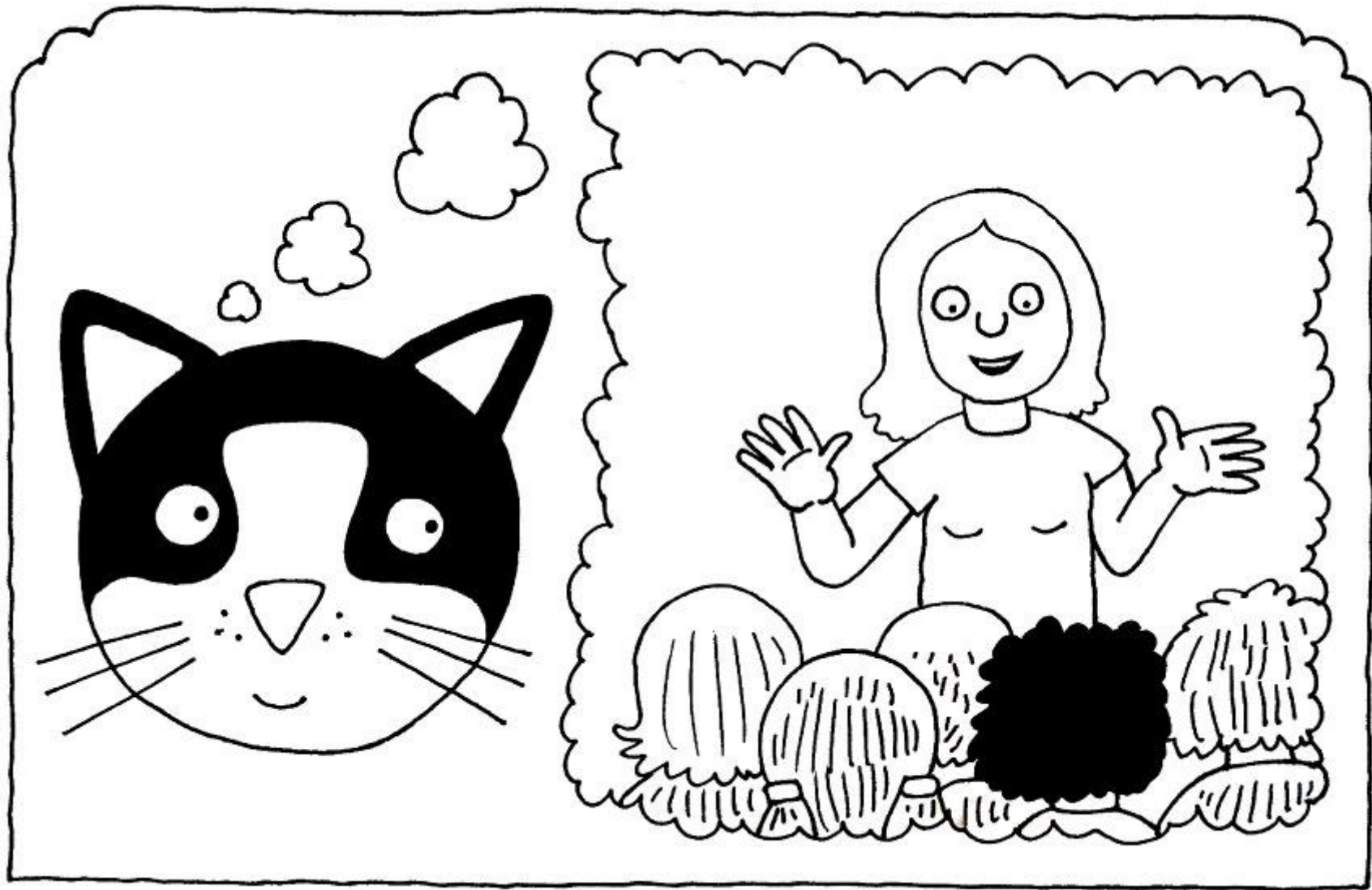
It was bedtime, but Luca couldn't sleep  
because he was scared of the dark.  
He worried so much about things he imagined  
might be nearby, that he frightened himself!



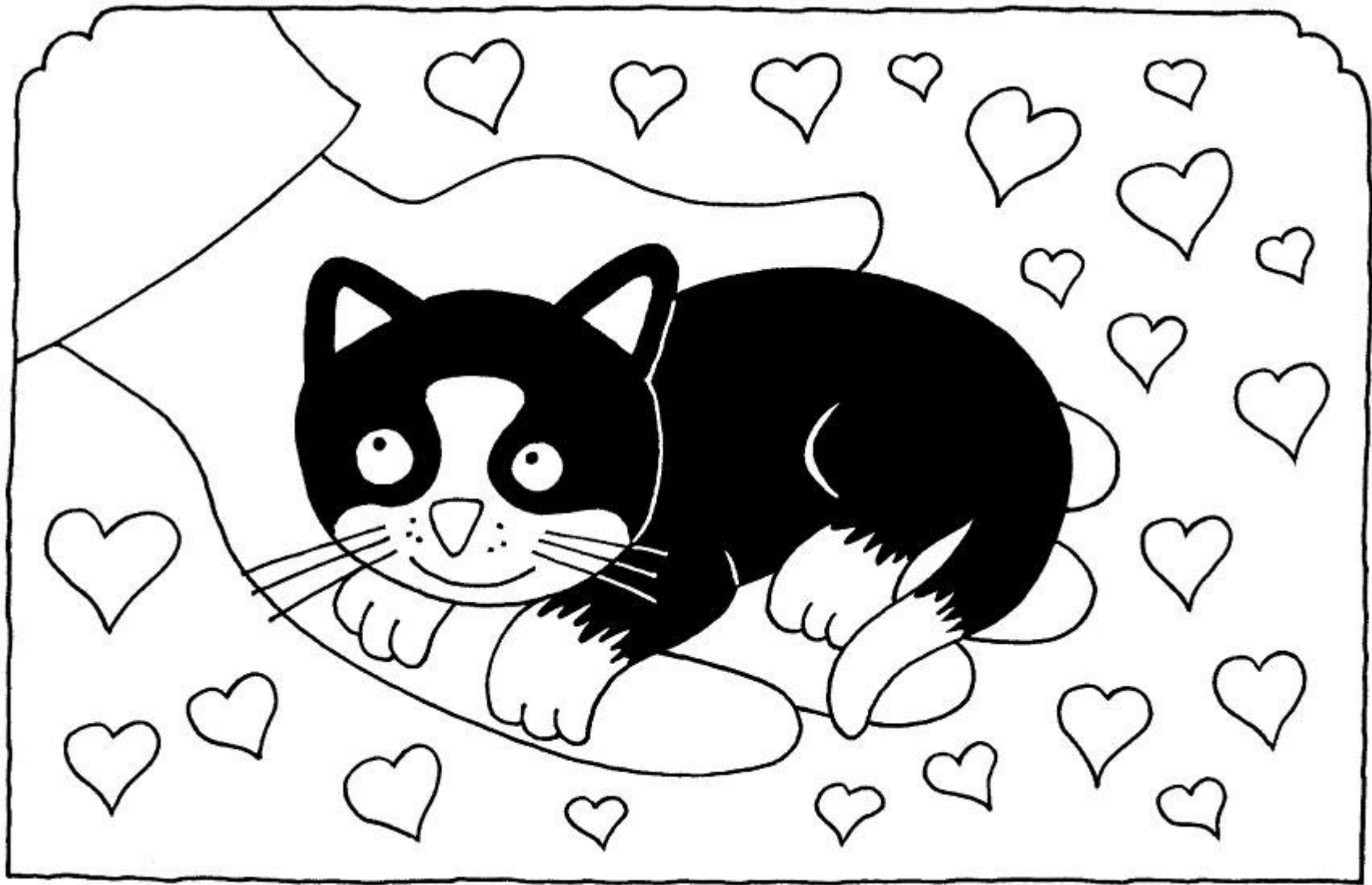
“It’s a nice, dark, starry night,” said Mia.  
“Come outside and see the beautiful sky.  
Our great God made the universe  
and it is amazing to see!”



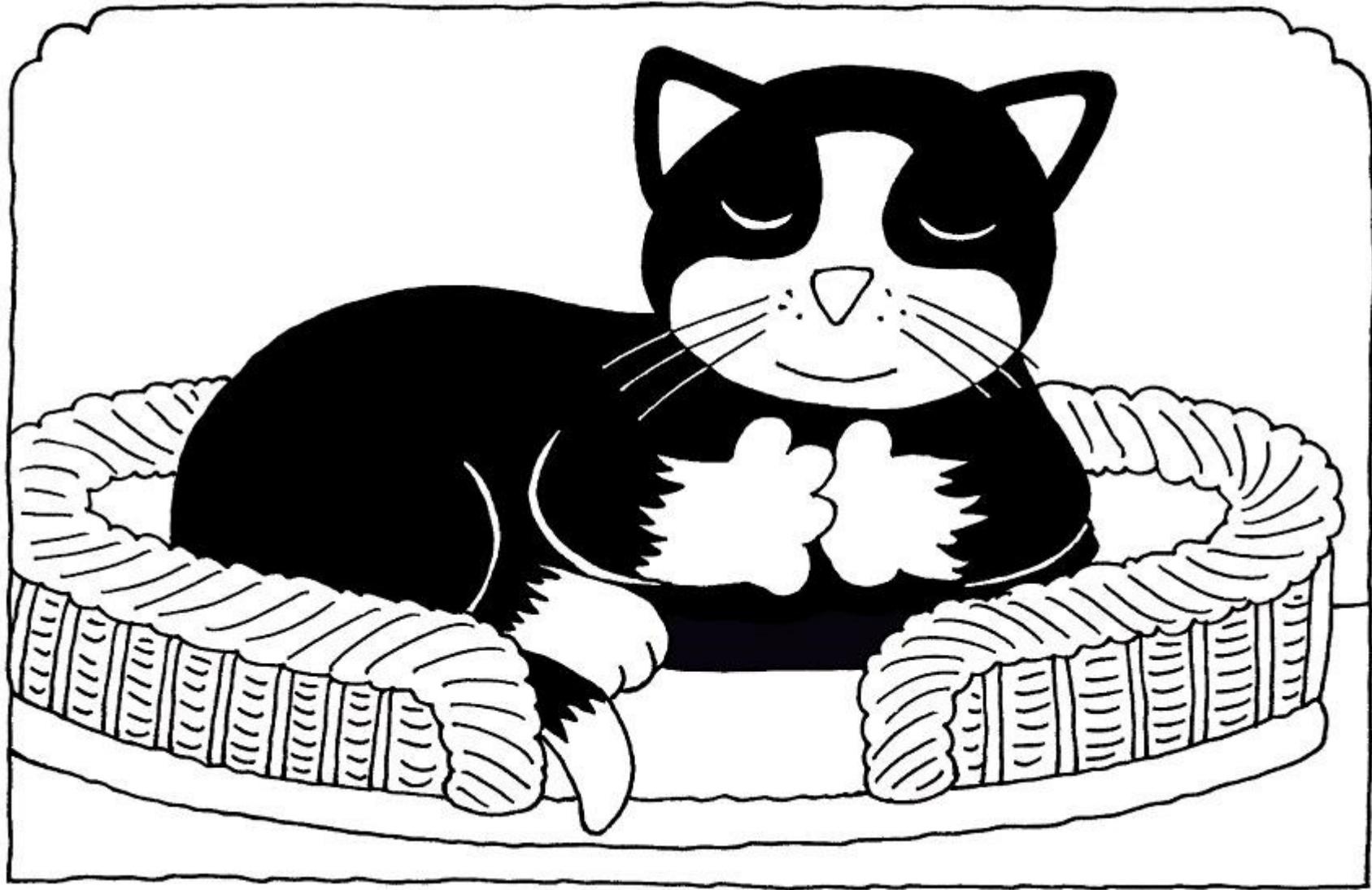
“I feel safe when I remember that God is watching over me, even when it is dark and I am asleep,” said Mia. “Day and night are the same to God.”



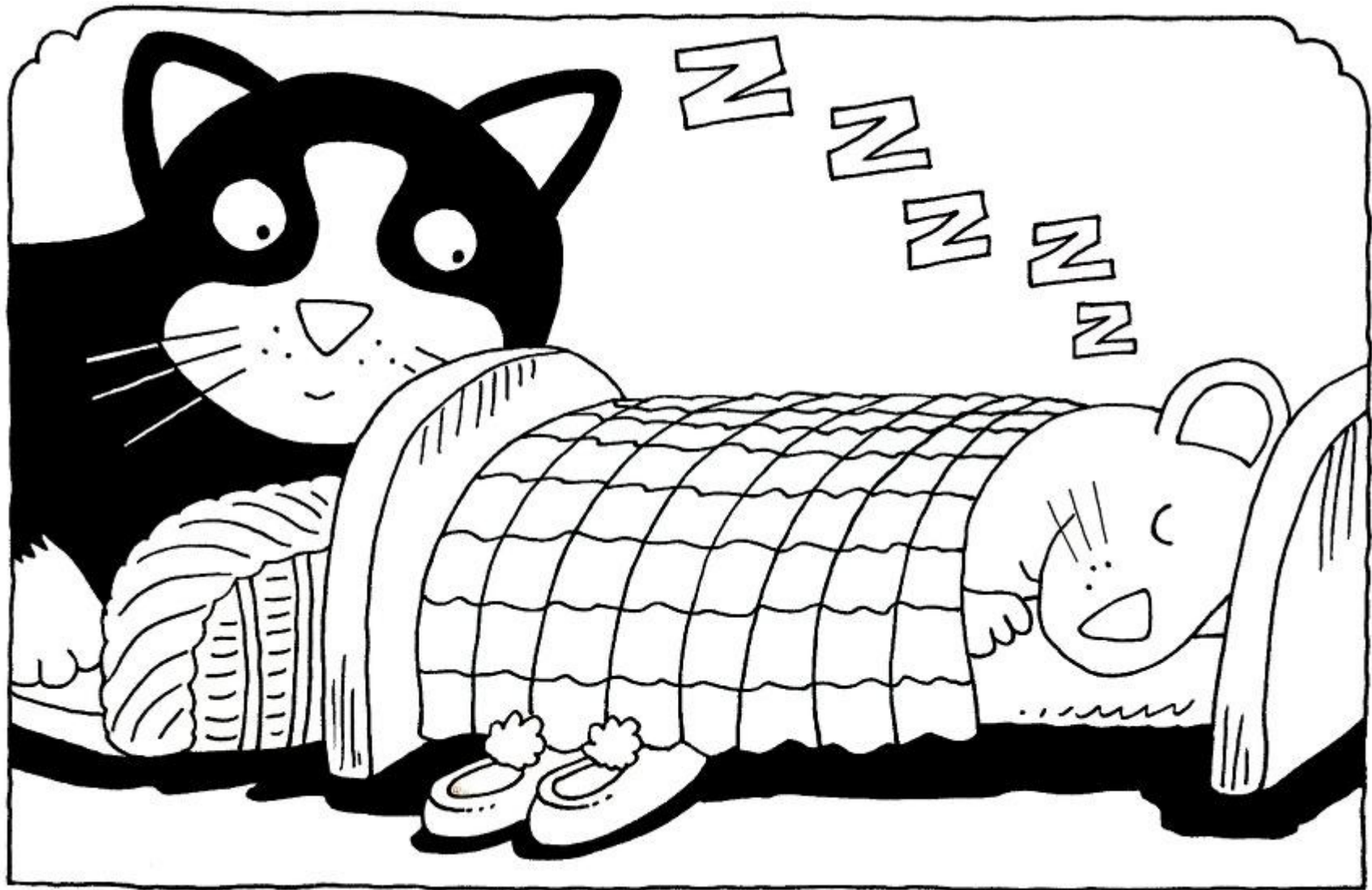
“I think about the Bible verse which says,  
‘When I am afraid, I will trust in you!’  
When I am scared I just pray and  
believe that God will keep me safe.”



“You are precious to God,” she said.  
“You are never alone and God never  
forgets about you. Talk to him just like  
you talk to your very best friend.”



Luca snuggled into his bed  
and talked to God, before he  
went to sleep. He felt safe knowing  
that God was watching over him.



He woke up the next morning ready  
for the adventures of a new day.  
He had slept all night and hadn't scared  
himself once, because he trusted God!