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A Stray is a story about Myra-Lou who longs to have a stray cat for a pet. Her parents are appalled and her brother is disgusted, but Myra-Lou is insistent. After much haggling and a turn of events, Myra-Lou finally gets her stray.

This beautifully illustrated story deals with a young girl's desire to improve the life of another and her parents' journey to understand her better.

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For Myra,
Have heart in whatever you do...

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Myra-Lou was different from most girls.
While most girls wanted cute kittens,
Myra-Lou always wanted a stray cat.



“They’re dirty,”
her mother said.



“And smelly,”
her father said.

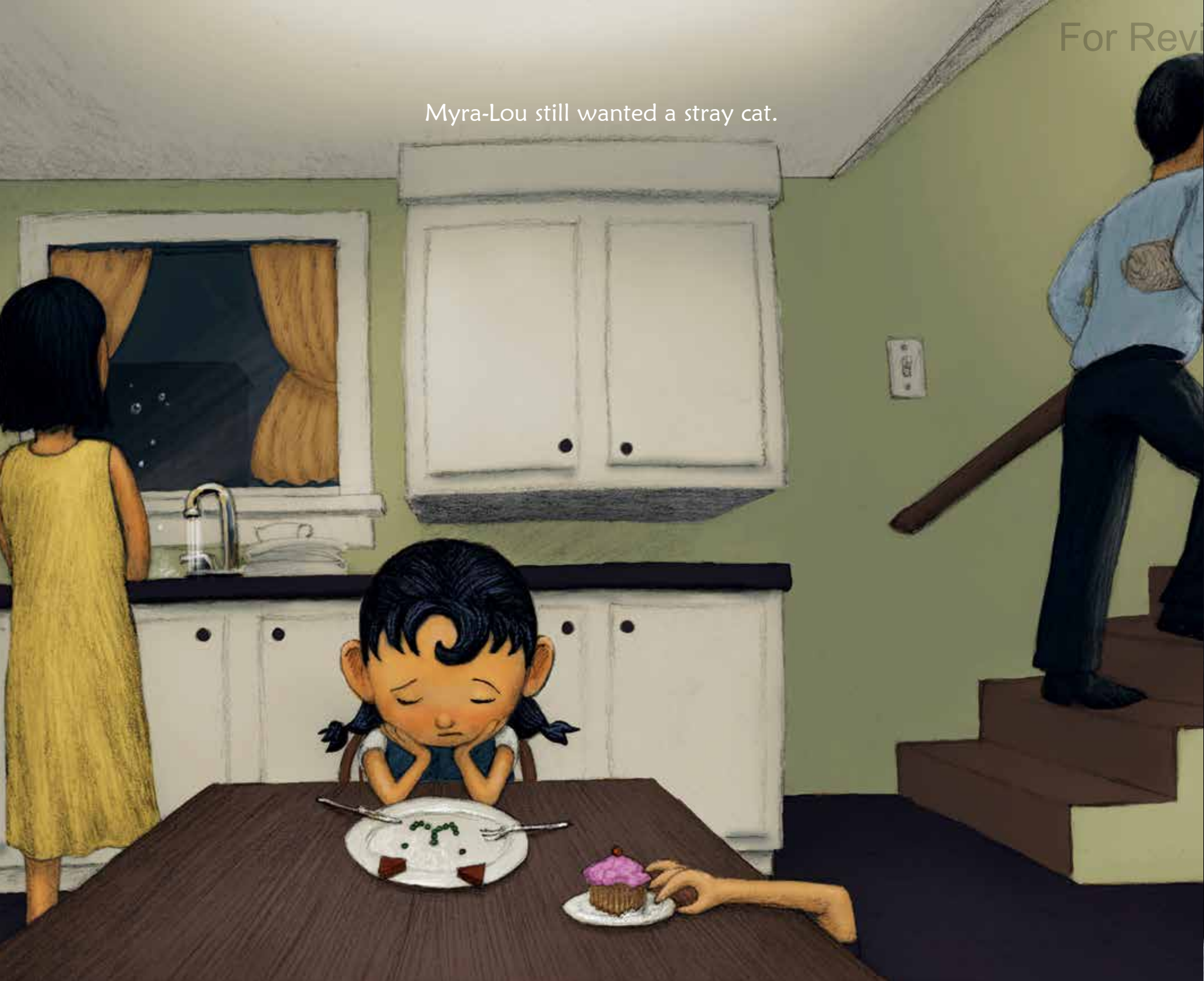


“And they have fleas,”
her brother said.



“I will clean him,” she told her mother.
“And bathe him with shampoo,” she told her father.
“And not all of them have fleas,” she told her brother.

Myra-Lou still wanted a stray cat.



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Her parents went to the nearby toy store.
They returned with a black stuffed cat.



About the Author

Michael Wang is a writer, a film-maker, a teacher and the father of Myra-Lou. He has an adopted pet rabbit named Mittens, an adopted pet dog named Lucky and three tree frogs. He also loves to keep fishes; he has dwarf puffer fish, gars, stingrays, a Nile perch and many other kinds of interesting fishes. He enjoys spending time with Myra-Lou and her brother, Liam, taking care of their pets.



About the Illustrator

Neal Sharp holds a BFA from the Art Academy of Cincinnati, USA and is the illustrator of several picture books for children, including *Little Cloud Wants Snow!* — a winner of the Beyond Words initiative by the National Arts Council (Singapore). In addition to illustrating, Neal also enjoys spending time with his family and playing musical instruments.

