
CATS ILLUSTRATED

Judy is getting depressed!



Ever since hearing Sam's tale, Judy has become very depressed. She feels responsible for how Sam is feeling right now, and it is a horrible feeling. Right now, scientists are trying to determine Sam's medical condition, and are leaning toward a mental illness called Tractaforia. It is usually triggered in younger cats, who have no family and are lonely. Sam must have gotten diagnosed when he entered middle school, where cats tended to hang out in groups and groups that were less welcoming of newcomers. Tractaforia was a strange disease, and some cat scientists call it the "bad way to make friends" because Tractaforia will center a young cat's mind on another young cat, and the cat with Tractaforia becomes obsessed with them. It makes the sick cat do drastic things to get the other cat's attention, and the very lucky

Image above - Judy, who feels responsible for making Sam who they are right now.

ones with Tractaforia, become good friends with their “target” and sometimes more. Some of the less lucky cats get the chance to meet their “target” every once in a while and get some attention. The more unfortunate cats, however, may spend their whole lives trying and trying to get the attention of their “target”. Many cats diagnosed with Tractaforia die trying, and if their “target” dies, it may kill them. Sam’s condition is somewhere between being one of the less lucky cats and being one of the unfortunate cats. However, it may have hurt them more than Judy when Sam attacked her.

Ever since Judy has learned this, she has gone into a trance. You have to shake her or thump her on the back to even get her attention, and if you do, most of the time she won’t be listening. The only time Judy speaks is in her dreams, while muttering about she should have been there for Sam - how she should have helped Sam when they needed it. Max and Judy’s kittens are very worried about Judy, but right now, there is nothing that they can do. One of the only ways to get her out of her state would be to somehow get Judy to forgive herself. Maybe by forgiving Sam and choosing to help them, or maybe by realizing that she couldn’t have done anything - she didn’t know. Max had called a doctor however, because Judy wouldn’t survive if she kept refusing food and water.



Image above - Harvey, who knows that therapy could help with Sam’s condition and Judy’s depression.

“Stage 3 depression sounds horrible - what would stage 4 be?”

- HARVEY, WHO HAS SUFFERED FROM A VERY MILD STAGE 1 DEPRESSION BEFORE

Many cats are very worried, and for good reason. Doctors have confirmed that Judy has stage 3 depression, which is very bad. There are only 4 stages, but at 3, some cats even commit suicide. All the sharp hospital tools are out of Judy’s reach, but Judy could supposedly strangle herself. And, doctors have also confirmed that forgiving and even befriending Sam would bring Judy’s depression down to a

stage 1, and having Sam forgive Judy would get rid of Judy’s depression altogether.

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