

CATS ILLUSTRATED

There was a small forest fire near Pawsville!



Even though it is winter and there is lots of snow, there was a small forest fire caused by a cat careless with a match. Luckily, the snow stunted the growth of the fire, and it was put out quickly by Lunch, who was driving by and happened to see the whole thing. However, the fire spread far enough and burned for long enough that it charred a few trees, getting its name as a forest fire.

Image above - Juliet, who's glad it was only a small fire.

The cat who started the forest fire and their companions drove off quickly, not letting Lunch talk to them. Lunch was going into a bigger town to buy supplies for her luncheon, as it is running low on food. Lunch was

able to get a good amount of food, but she was also a witness to the starting of the small forest fire. Lunch is wondering who those cats were, and why they had stopped in the road to play with some matches.

Parent cats don't want their kittens getting any ideas, and all of the matches and lighters in cats' houses have been hidden. However, kittens have taken this as a personal challenge to find those matches and lighters, and it won't be long until adult cats will have to throw away or bury the fire-starting tools. But right now, most cats are more worried about what those mystery cats were doing in the road, and why they had picked a spot that was particularly near a forest. If Lunch hadn't been there, who knew how far that fire might have spread? It was set in a pretty large forest, and snow might have been the only thing stopping the fire from spreading even faster.

Lunch has been getting slaps on the back and high fives from cats all day, as they are all happy that there was no large damage to the forest. However, cats will be keeping a close eye out for those fire-starting cats, as they could do some real damage here by starting a fire. Pawsville is bordered on one side by plains, it's bordered on another side by a river, and the rest is bordered by a thin forest. That thin forest is very weak to forest fires, especially in the summer, and there is a chance that the forest could spread a fire to Pawsville.

“There are some houses very close to the forest — if there was a forest fire, the cats who lived there would be in danger!”

- JUDY, WHO'S UNHAPPY THAT RUDY DOESN'T LIVE CLOSE TO THE FOREST

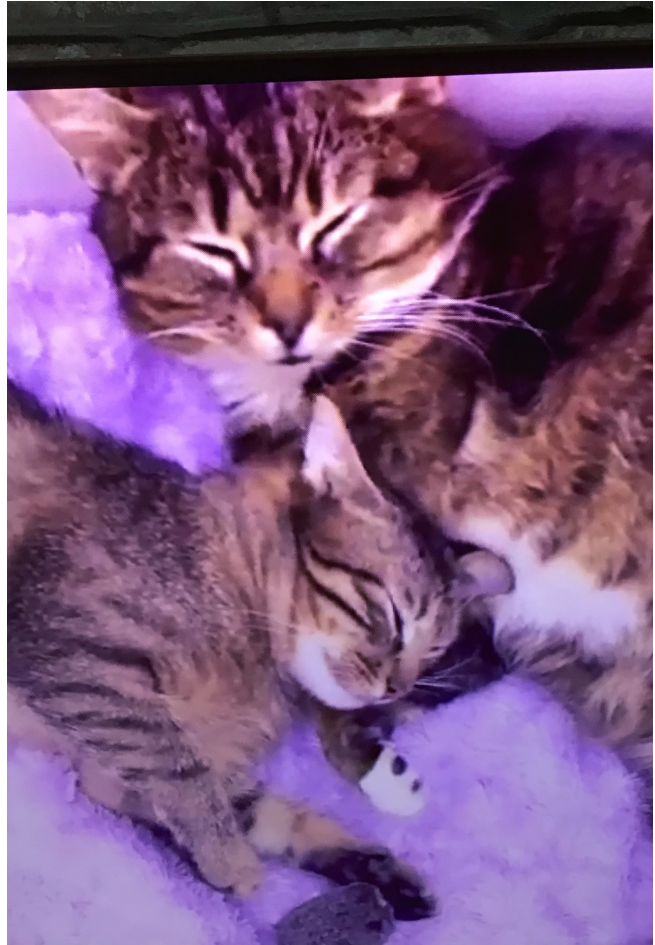


Image above - Harvey and North, who are content to let the more middle aged cats to solve this problem.

Cats are just hoping that the fire-starting cats do not strike again, as Pawsville has very beautiful forests near it, with lots of wildlife. You'd think that no cat would want to set that on fire, but a group of cats just did that very thing. Hopefully, they will be content with that one effort and they won't try to start any more forest fires again, because a bad forest fire could spread to Pawsville.

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