

Kopi Cat

and the
New Year's Resolution



By Rosvinder the Raconteur



For Reya and Sania,

May you always dream big,
learn gently,
and enjoy the journey.

Love always,
Mummy

In the cheerful town of Merlion Ville,
a brand-new year was waking up.

Lanterns swayed.

The air felt fresh and new.



Kopi Cat sat at his favourite kopi stall,
tail curled, eyes thoughtful.

“Next year,” he said softly,
“I will be better.”

He took a slow sip of kopi.
Some things already felt just right.

Ya Kun
Kaya Toast



Parrot fluttered around,
feathers bright, eyes shining.

“I want to join the Olympics
for breakdancing!” he proclaimed.

“I’ll train every day!

Jump higher!

Spin faster!”



He flapped, stumbled, and laughed.



Lion padded over, mane glowing in the sun.

“I’m learning the guitar,” Lion said proudly.

Strong fingers.

Steady practice.



From his den came loud music —
AC/DC thumping through the air.

Lion grinned as he played,
“Rock music helps me focus.”



Kopi Cat nodded.
That sounded... very loud,
but very clear.

By the river, Happy Hippo smiled gently,
cool water rippling around her feet.

“I want to move more,” she said.

Exercise every day.

And one day — Hyrox!”



She laughed,

“Not all at once, of course.”

That night, Kopi Cat tried to remember everything at once.

- Breakdance to the Olympics
- Play the guitar better
- Exercise for Hyrox
- Do more and more



The more he tried to be better,
the smaller he felt.

The next day didn't go perfectly.

Kopi Cat spilled his kopi.

He felt rushed.

It was the 31st of December,
and he still didn't have a resolution
for the New Year.

Ya Kun
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Since 1944



So Kopi Cat tried again.

He remembered how Parrot practised,



He listened as Lion played guitar, missing notes, laughing, trying again.



That afternoon, he walked slowly by the river with Happy Hippo, breathing in the fresh air.



He learned that trying mattered more than winning.
That listening mattered more than perfection.

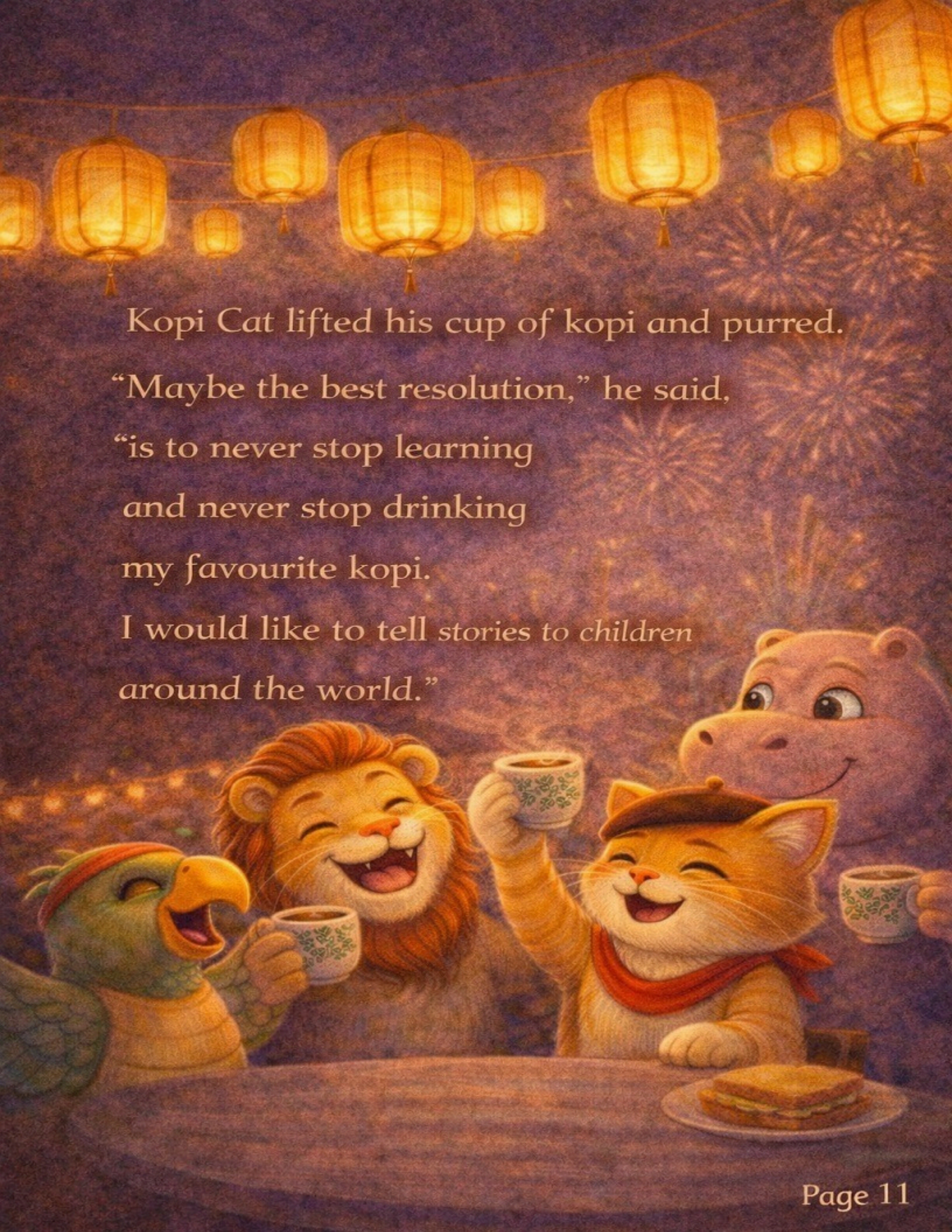
And that slowing down could feel good too.

To usher in the New Year,
the friends gathered under
glowing lanterns.

“Well?” Parrot asked Kopi Cat.

“What’s your resolution for next year?”





Kopi Cat lifted his cup of kopi and purred.
“Maybe the best resolution,” he said,
“is to never stop learning
and never stop drinking
my favourite kopi.
I would like to tell stories to children
around the world.”

Fun Facts!

✂ Breakdancing at the Olympics

- Breakdancing is also called breaking.
- It was first introduced as an Olympic sport in 2024, at the Paris Olympic Games.

Dancers compete using strength, creativity, rhythm, and lots of imagination!



🐻 What is Hyrox?

- Hyrox is a fitness race where people run and do exercises like rowing, lunges, and pushing heavy sleds. It's designed so anyone can take part, as long as they keep moving and don't give up.



And about kopi...

- Taking a slow break, enjoying your favourite drink, and being kind to yourself can be just as important as chasing big goals.



For Parents

Talking to Children About Resolutions

New Year's resolutions don't have to be big or perfect. For children, they work best as gentle conversations, not promises. Here are a few simple ways to talk about resolutions together:

Start with curiosity

Instead of asking, "What do you want to be better at?" try asking, "What do you enjoy doing?" or "What would you like to try next year?" This helps children connect goals with joy, not pressure.



Focus on effort, not outcomes

- Children don't need to win medals or finish first.
 - You can say things like:
"Trying again counts."
"Making mistakes means you're learning."
- Just like Kopi Cat, learning how to learn matters most.

Keep goals small and flexible

- A resolution can be as simple as:
 - practising a little,
 - being kinder to yourself,
 - or remembering to rest.
- It's okay to change goals along the way.



My New Year Page

 Next year, I would like to try...



 Something I enjoy doing is...

 Something kind I can remember to do for myself is...



About the Author

Rosvinder

Rosvinder loves stories, learning, and a good cup of kopi.

She has spent many years working with children and teachers, helping them learn how to read, write, think, and grow — not by being perfect, but by trying again and again.

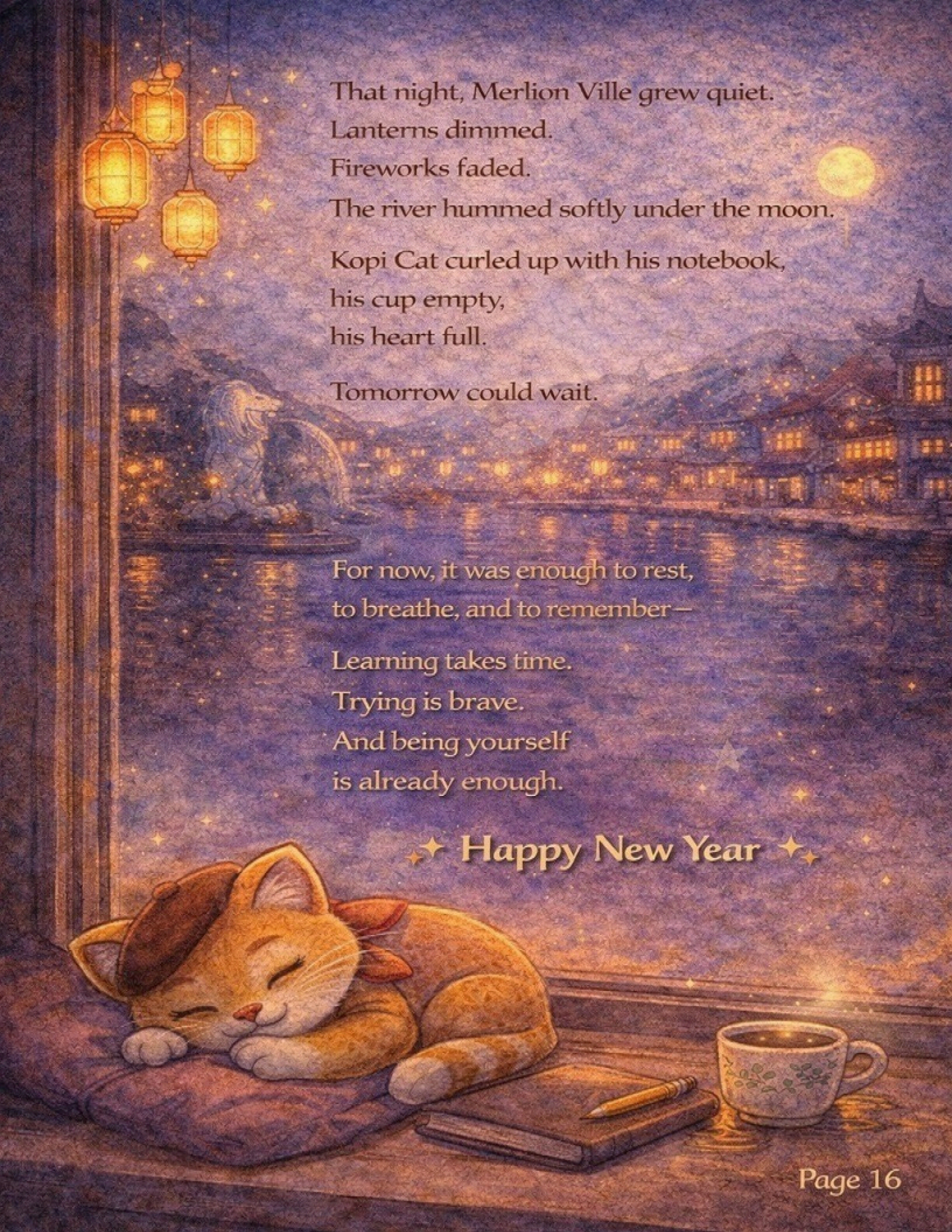
Just like Kopi Cat, **Rosvinder** believes that:

- learning happens one small step at a time,
- mistakes are part of the journey, and
- slowing down can be just as important as speeding up.

Rosvinder wrote **Kopi Cat**, for children who sometimes feel they need to do more, be more, or hurry faster — and for the grown-ups who care for them.



Her hope is that this story reminds families to talk, listen, laugh, and learn together...preferably with something warm to drink nearby.



That night, Merlion Ville grew quiet.
Lanterns dimmed.
Fireworks faded.

The river hummed softly under the moon.

Kopi Cat curled up with his notebook,
his cup empty,
his heart full.

Tomorrow could wait.

For now, it was enough to rest,
to breathe, and to remember—

Learning takes time.

Trying is brave.

And being yourself
is already enough.

✧ Happy New Year ✧

Colour Kopi Cat drinking Kopi.



Colour Hippo by the river



Colour Merlion Ville.



Colour Lion playing his guitar

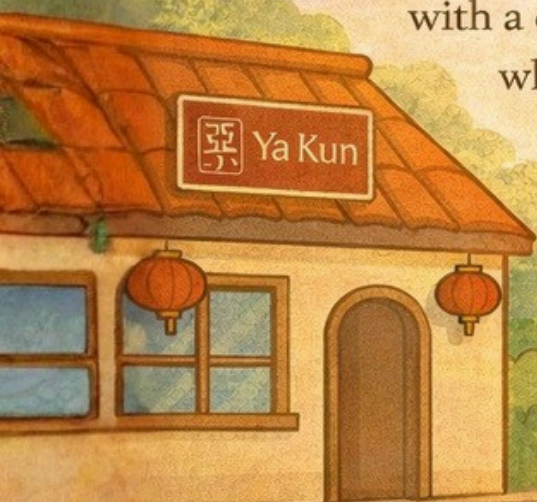


Colour parrot learning to dance



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In this gentle, heartfelt tale, Kopi Cat learns that resolutions aren't just about being perfect—they're about trying, again and again.

Set in a cozy Singaporean kopi stall, this story is a big-souled reminder that growth is a journey for cats and humans alike.