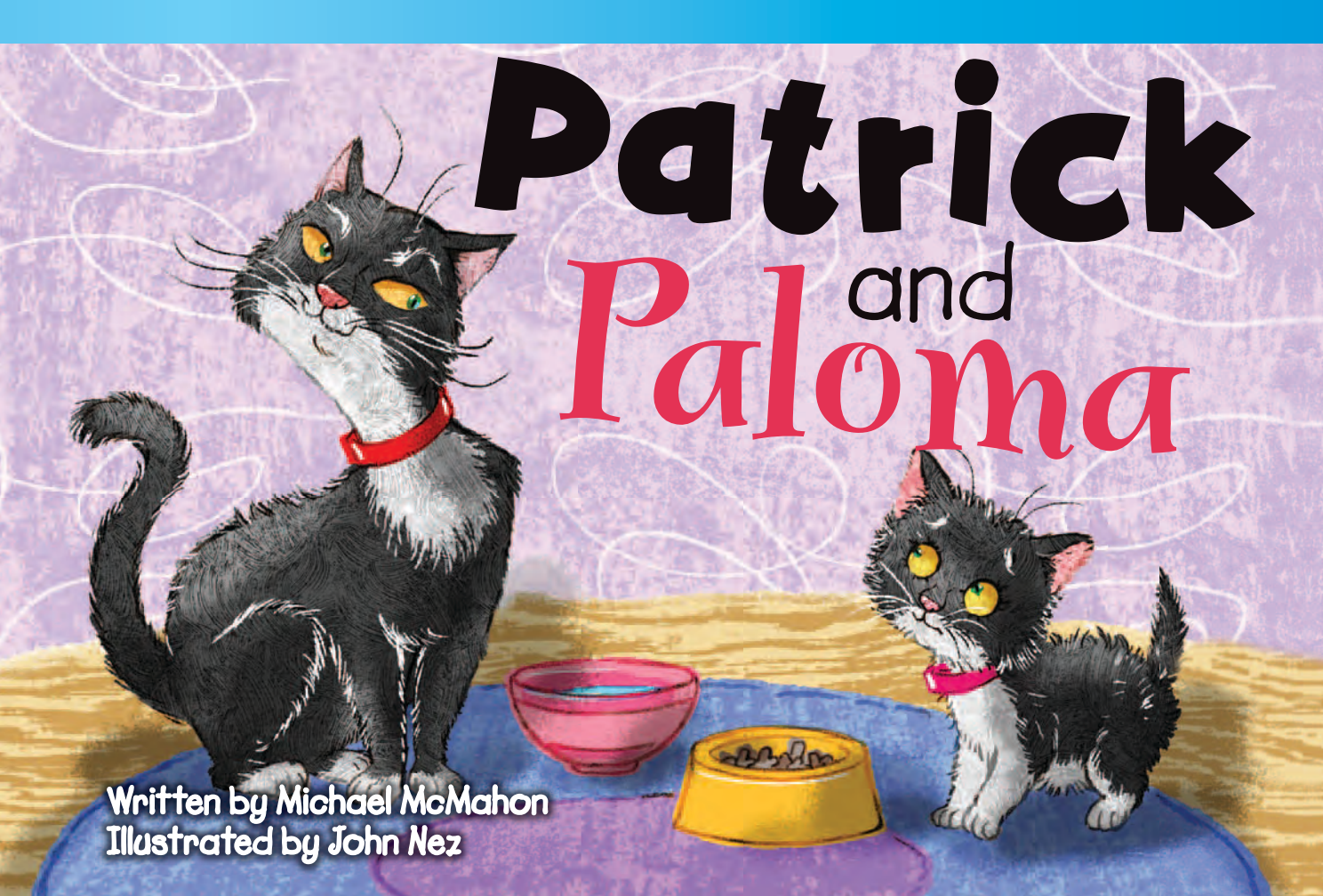

Patrick
and
Paloma
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Patrick curled up on his favorite chair on the porch. He closed his eyes. *Ah! This is the life*, he said to himself.



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Patrick liked his comfortable life. He liked his chair with its soft cushion. He liked his meals served at the same time every day. He liked his bowl of warm milk every morning.

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One day, his owner Paz gave him a new red collar. It looked snazzy against his shiny black coat. "How handsome I look," Patrick meowed.

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Patrick wondered why he was getting a new collar. It wasn't his birthday. It wasn't Paz's birthday. What was going on?

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