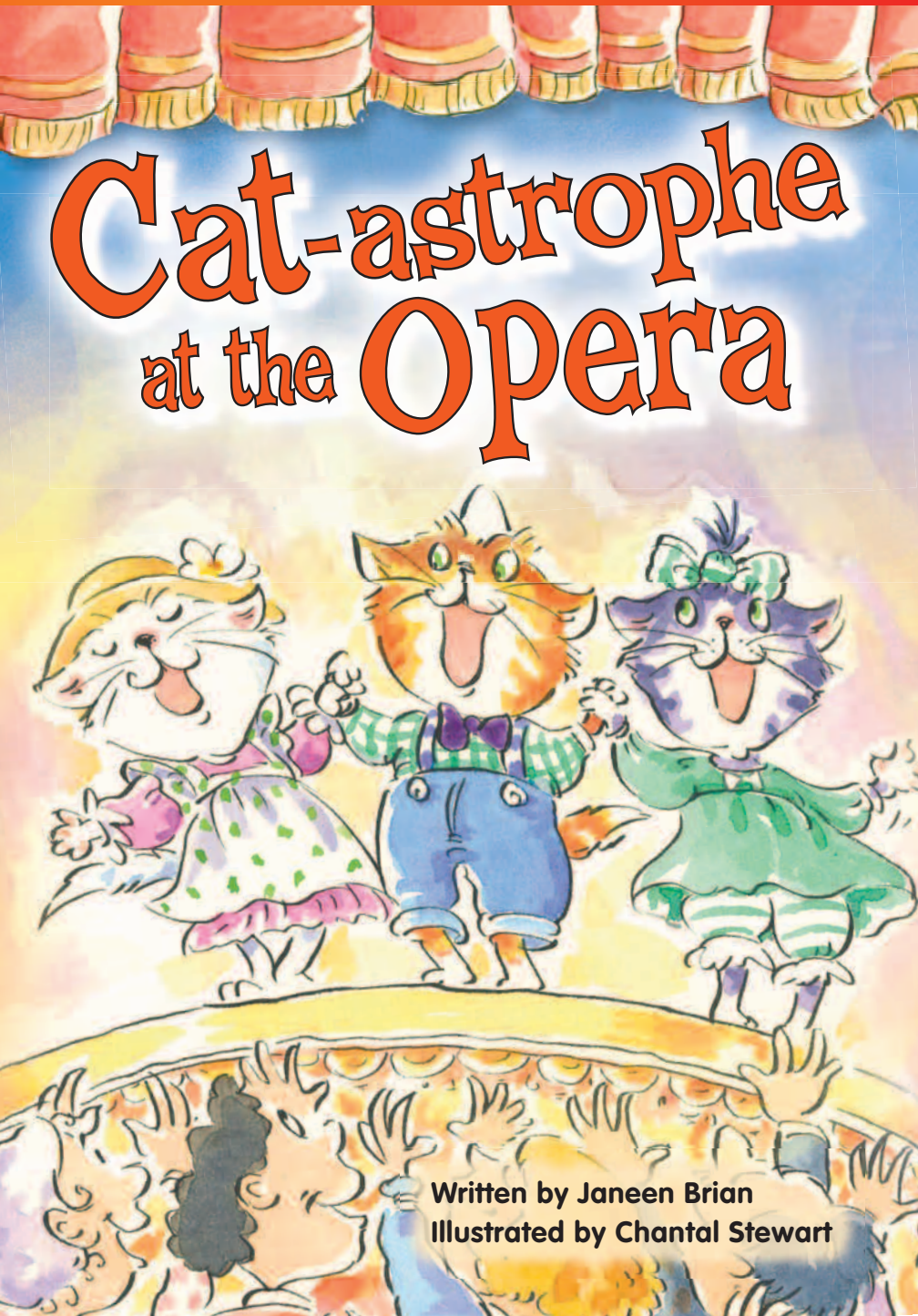
Cat-astrophe at the Opera



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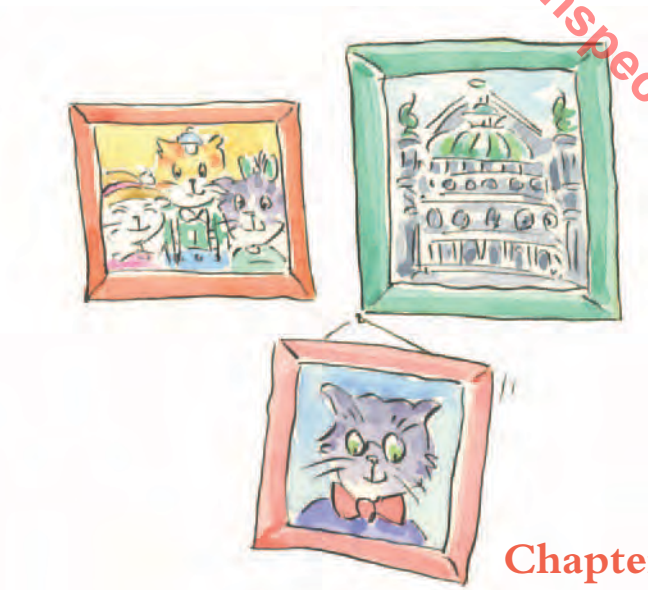
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Chapter One

Such Singing, Such Music

Silhouette, Minuette, and Eugene had always wanted to go to the Paris Opera.



Silhouette gave a deep purr. "Such singing," she said. "Such music."

Minuette's voice tinkled. "*Oui*, Silhouette! I agree."

"Me, too!" bellowed Eugene. The other cats promptly clapped their paws over their ears.

"Softer, Eugene, please," said Silhouette.

"You'll need to be much quieter when we go to the opera," scolded Minuette.

"Being quiet isn't fun," sighed Eugene.



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Silhouette stroked her whiskers. "We need money to buy tickets for the opera," she said.

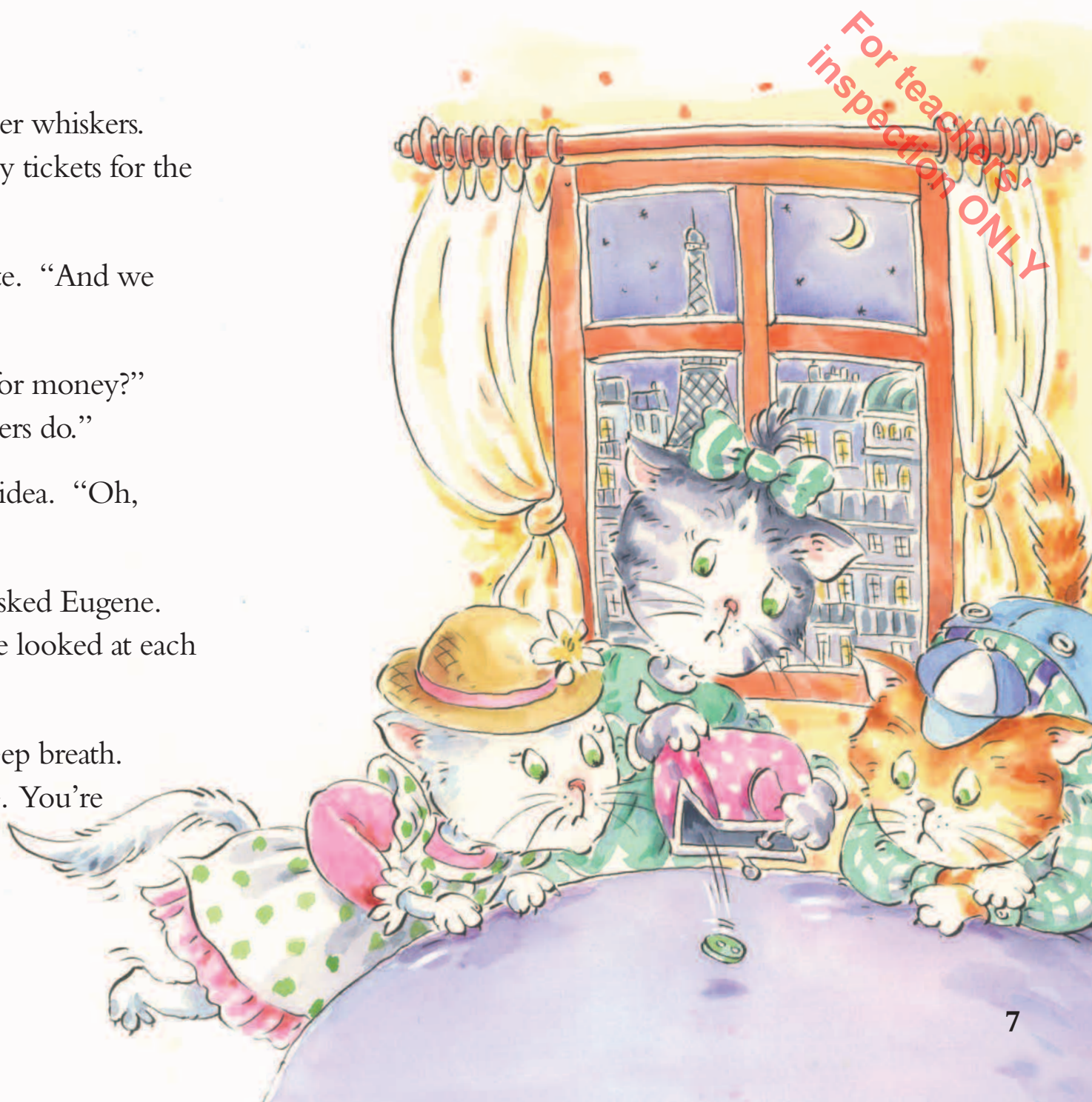
"*Oui*," said Minuette. "And we have none."

"Couldn't we sing for money?" asked Silhouette. "Others do."

Minuette loved the idea. "Oh, *oui*, *oui*!"

"Can I sing, too?" asked Eugene. Minuette and Silhouette looked at each other.

Silhouette took a deep breath. "Yes, of course, Eugene. You're our friend."



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Chapter Two

A Fine Day for the Opera

It was a fine, warm day. The three cats stood on the wide steps of the opera building.

