

SAFETY SECTION**He Did It For Fun**

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"Nonong, please don't be cruel. You are hurting your cat," cried sweet little Luz when she saw Severino throwing his cat out of the window and pulling her back by means of a long rope tied around her neck. Nonong enjoyed seeing his cat fall on the ground, feet first. He wondered why Pussy always fell on her feet every time she was thrown from the window to the ground. He held her by the neck and hurled her with all his might:—he held her by the legs and swung her round and round, then let her off;—and lo, as if nothing had happened, she dropped bravely on her paws and looked at Nonong with a look that pleaded for mercy. Cruel Nonong failed to notice this.

"See how wonderful Pussy is?" asked Nonong boastingly, unmindful of what Luz said.

"Yes, but you are hurting her," replied Luz.

"Pussy can do many tricks. Wait for me there and I'll show you how clever she is," said Nonong as he went down. Luz was in the front yard of Nonong's house. They were neighbors and good playmates.

"Pussy will run for whatever I throw. Lend me your toy-mouse. I'll throw it down the road. Pussy will get it for me," and without waiting for Luz's permission he grabbed it out of her hands and threw it down the road.

"Pussy, run and get that mouse," he shouted at Pussy. Pussy, then, had not yet recovered from the shock that she got from having been hurled to the ground several times and did not hear her master. Nonong got angry and kicked Pussy. Not satisfied with this he said, "Luz, I'll get your toy for you. Don't worry. I'll just teach Pussy how to run fast when sent on an errand."

"Please do not hurt her," replied Luz. "She is trembling with fear."

"No, no. I won't hurt her. We will have a nice time seeing her run at full speed."

"Stop! Don't do that," cried Luz as Nonong began tying a bundle of old newspapers at Pussy's tail. She readily guessed what prank Nonong meant to do.

"That's all right. We will do it just for fun."

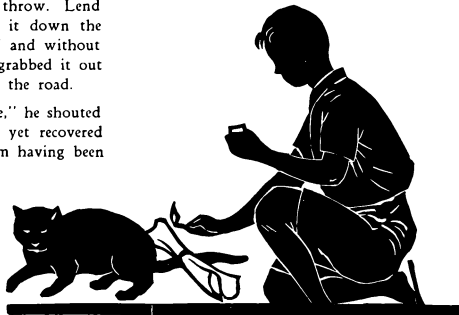
"No, no . . ." cried Luz. But, before she could finish what she was to say, Nonong had set fire to the newspapers. Pussy saw the fire. She was frightened and ran as fast as she could:

here there and finally she ran up the house and went right under Nonong's bed, dragging behind her the burning newspapers. The mosquito net caught fire. Nonong and Luz did not know what to do. They cried for help.

"Fire! Fire! Help! Fire!" they cried.

Their neighbors heard them and came to their aid. They came just in the nick of time and  
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## ENLARGE YOUR . . . .

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example: *pick* a mango, *pick* some camote leaves, *pick* the gumamela. We use *pick up* when we have to stoop down and get something from a low place as the ground, floor, or grass. For example. *pick up* the stick, *pick up* the nail, *pick up* the clip.

III. What would you use in each case, *pick* or *pick up*?

1. a centavo on the floor
2. a button on the ground
3. some red roses
4. a head of cabbage
5. shells in the beach
6. some ripe chicos
7. a pin in the yard
8. pieces of paper in the garden
9. two white lilies
10. a doll on the grass

## KEY TO ANSWERS

## I

1. died
2. dead
3. die

*be kind to him.*

*Thank you.*

*A Stranger*

After the note was read, the teacher called the boy and handed him the five-peso bill, saying, "I am proud of you, Victor. Give this to your mother. She knows what to do with it. Don't forget to tell her the story."

Victor received the money and thanked the teacher. The boys on the line hung their heads in shame. The teacher struck the gong and the children marched into their rooms.

## HOW IS DEW FORMED?

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So much dew may form on the leaves that it will drip off on the ground. This supplies the roots of the plants with moisture just as rain would.

Have you ever gone down on your knees to look closely at a dew drop? If you try it you will find the little drop a mirror reflecting the whole landscape in minute detail. A dew-drop is one of the most beautiful creations of nature.

4. dead
5. die
6. dead
7. die
8. died
9. dead
10. dead

## II

1. Put out
2. come
3. ask for
4. teach
5. get out of
6. has
7. seat
8. enter
9. laid
10. is

## III

1. pick up
2. pick up
3. pick
4. pick
5. pick up
6. pick
7. pick up
8. pick up
9. pick
10. pick up

## HE DID IT FOR FUN

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saved the whole house from burning. Nonong's bed was completely burned.

"My!" sighed Luz with relief. "And you did it just for fun!"

Nonong couldn't say a word. He couldn't look up. He was afraid,—afraid of what his parents would say and do when they arrived home from work.

## JOKES

One chilly evening in the early part of March the sheriff entered the county jail and addressing the colored person who occupied the strongest cell, said:

"Gabe, you know that under the law my duty requires me to take you out of here tomorrow and hang you. So I've come to tell you that I want to make your final hours on earth as easy as possible. For your last breakfast you can have anything to eat that you want and as much of it as you want. What do you think you'd like to have?"

The condemned man studied for a minute.

"Mr. Lukins," he said, "I b'lieves I'd lak to have a nice wortermelon."

"But watermelons won't ripe for four or five months yet," said the sheriff.

"Well suh," said Gabe, "I kin wait."