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**ERIN HUNTER** is inspired by a love of cats and a fascination with the ferocity of the natural world. She is the author of the Warriors, Seekers, Survivors, Bravelands, and Bamboo Kingdom series. Erin lives in the UK.



**SARA GOETTER & NATALIE RIESS** are a comic-making duo from Pennsylvania. They currently live in Texas with their cat, Tilly, who inspired many of the drawings in this book! Their other titles together include *Dungeon Critters*, *The Bawk-Ness Monster*, and *Bitsy & Boozle Tell a Story!* Sara takes inking very seriously and Natalie loves the colors green and pink.

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used Adobe Photoshop to add backgrounds and color the illustrations.

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First Edition







SCOURGE, THESE CATS ARE HERE TO SEE YOU.



STEP.



I WASN'T EXPECTING TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BOULDER.

CRAWLING BACK FROM THE FOREST, ARE YOU?



NO, SCOURGE.



IT'S A GOOD LIFE IN THE FOREST, PLENTY OF FRESH-KILL, AND--

SNARL!

SQUIRRELS LIVE IN TREES, NOT CATS.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?



THAT'S SCOURGE? HE'S NO BIGGER THAN AN APPRENTICE--

SHH!!



MY NAME IS TIGERSTAR.

LEADER OF SHADOWCLAN.



I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU.



# PART ONE: TRACKS OF FEAR

FIREHEART...

WILL IT EVER BE THE SAME?



ONE DAY, SANDSTORM.

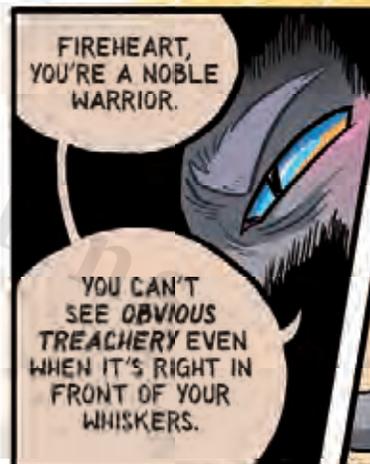
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH BAD TIMES BEFORE.



WE'LL SURVIVE.



RUSTLE!





PATROLS  
HUNT  
LEAFBARE  
WHESTAR  
SO MUCH TO DO AS DEPUTY...  
TRAINING  
TIGERCLAW



FIREHEART!

CINDERPELT?  
WHAT IS IT?  
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, BUT...  
STARCLAN SENT ME A DREAM LAST NIGHT.

I WAS IN THE FOREST, AND HEARD SOMETHING CRASHING THROUGH THE TREES...  
...AND VOICES HARSH AND CRUEL, YELLING...  
"PACK, PACK, KILL, KILL!"

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS?  
NO, BUT I THINK IT MEANS SOMETHING REALLY BAD.

WELL, YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT BETTER THAN I CAN.  
YOU'RE OUR MEDICINE CAT, AFTER ALL.

FIREHEART, THIS IS IMPORTANT!  
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT AND KEEP MY EARS PRICKED, OKAY?



HELLO, FIREHEART! SHADOWCLAN ISN'T HERE YET.

ONEWHISKER!

YOU'D BETTER NOT LET MUDCLAW SEE YOU SHARING TONGUES WITH ME.

...MUDCLAW TAKES PRIDE IN DEFENDING OUR BORDERS.

ANYWAY, HERE'S A CAT THAT YOU MIGHT REMEMBER...

GORSEPAW, MY APPRENTICE!

MORNINGFLOWER TOLD ME HOW YOU CARRIED ME ACROSS THE THUNDERPATH...

I'M GLAD I DON'T HAVE TO CARRY YOU NOW!

GET ANY BIGGER AND YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN LIONCLAN!

HERE COMES SHADOWCLAN...

RUNNINGNOSE.

IS SHADOWCLAN STILL PLAGUED WITH SICKNESS?

THE SICKNESS IS GONE. I'VE BEEN SENT AHEAD TO LET YOU KNOW MY LEADER IS COMING SOON.

WHAT MAKES NIGHTSTAR SO LATE?

NIGHTSTAR IS DEAD.

BUT STARCLAN SENT US A SIGN... STRONG WARRIORS AND A NEW LEADER TO HELP US REGAIN OUR STRENGTH.

Lions



TIGERCLAW?!

IS HE THE NEW LEADER OF SHADOWCLAN?!



AND YOU SAY STARCLAN SENT HIM TO BE YOUR LEADER?

NOD



OF COURSE THEY DID.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

HE CAN'T LEAD SHADOWCLAN, HE'S A TRAITOR!

FIREHEART, WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM--

I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH YOU AT THE GATHERING TONIGHT.

NIGHTSTAR AND HIS DEPUTY, CINDERFUR, DIED IN THE SICKNESS THAT TOOK SO MANY OF MY NEW CLAN.

STARCLAN HAS NAMED ME AS HIS SUCCESSOR.



IT'S AN HONOR TO STAND HERE WITH YOU, THOUGH I WISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAD BEEN DIFFERENT.







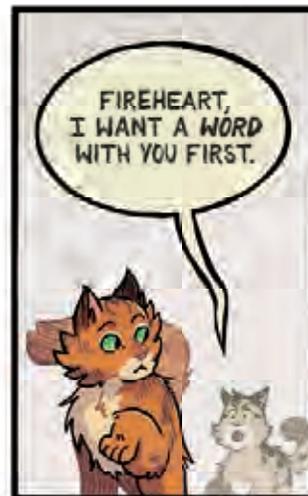
TIGERCLAW?!

IT'S TRUE...



TIGERSTAR, NOW.

PUT A MOUSE IN IT, DARKSTRIPE.



FIREHEART, I WANT A WORD WITH YOU FIRST.



I THINK IT'S TIME MY APPRENTICE SWIFTPAW WAS MADE A WARRIOR.

I AGREE!



YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB WITH HIS TRAINING.



POOR NIGHTSTAR...

MAYBE NOW THAT TIGERSTAR IS LEADER OF HIS OWN CLAN, HE'LL LEAVE US ALONE.



I HOPE SO.

WE NEED TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON ALL OF OUR BORDERS RIGHT NOW.



No!



A LOT OF THE APPRENTICES ARE READY FOR THEIR WARRIOR ASSESSMENTS, I THINK.



WHITESTORM, MOUSEFUR, TAKE A FEW WARRIORS UP TO SUNNINGROCKS TO REFRESH THE SCENT BORDER.

LONGTAIL AND FROSTFUR, DO THE SAME OUT BY THE SHADOWCLAN BORDER.



BLUESTAR'S BEEN... DISTRACTED LATELY. I'LL REMIND HER.



OKAY, FIREHEART.



SQUEEEE



WE WERE JUST PLAYING!

KINDA ROUGH...



BRAMBLEKIT, WHEN SOME CAT SQUEALS, YOU HAVE TO LET THEM UP.



SORRY, SORRELKIT.



COME PLAY WITH ME AND TAWNYKIT!

YOU CAN BE CLAN LEADER THIS TIME!

REALLY?

I WANNA PLAY TOO...



DO THEY KNOW?

THAT THEIR FATHER IS AN ENEMY CLAN LEADER?

NO, NOT YET.



I'VE SEEN THE WAY YOU AND THE OTHER CATS LOOK AT THEM.

ESPECIALLY BRAMBLEKIT.

IT'S NOT HIS FAULT HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE TIGERSTAR.

THEY'RE MY KITS TOO, AFTER ALL.



THEY BOTH RESPECT YOU, YOU KNOW.

YOU SAVED BRAMBLEKIT FROM THE FIRE.



I THINK, WHEN THE TIME COMES...



...YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO TELL THEM THE TRUTH.







WE ARE HERE,  
FIREHEART.



WE BROUGHT  
YOU HERE FOR  
A REASON.

LOOK AT  
THIS PLACE, AND  
REMEMBER IT.



A BATTLE WILL  
NOT BE FOUGHT  
HERE.

BLOOD WILL  
NOT BE SPILLED  
HERE.



WHAT  
SHOULD I  
DO, THEN?



SPOTTEDLEAF,  
YELLOWFANG,  
DON'T GO--



IT'S RISKY,  
BUT...



...I KNOW WHAT I  
HAVE TO DO TO STOP  
THIS BATTLE.



HEY THERE!



...YOU SMELL LIKE THUNDERCLAN, BUT I DON'T KNOW YOU.

THAT'S OKAY, SOME CAT IN CAMP WILL.



TELL THEM RAVENPAW IS HERE...

...AND HE HAS A MESSAGE FROM WINDCLAN FOR BLUESTAR.



WINDCLAN!  
WHAT DOES THAT CLAN OF THIEVES WANT TO SAY TO ME?

TALLSTAR WANTS TO MEET AT FORTREES TO DISCUSS THE LOSS OF PREY.



DOES HE, NOW?



...



FINE.

FIREHEART, GATHER THE PATROL.



I WILL TALK, BUT IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT...

...WE WILL FIGHT.



WELL, TALLSTAR?



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME?



THEY BROUGHT A FULL FIGHTING FORCE! I TOLD YOU, WE'VE GOT TO--

NO, MUDCLAW. WE'RE HERE TO MAKE PEACE.



WINDCLAN HAS SUFFERED FROM STOLEN PREY, TOO.

I SWEAR ON STARCLAN THAT WINDCLAN HAS NOT HUNTED ON YOUR TERRITORY.



WHAT'S AN OATH TO STARCLAN WORTH TO ME?

THEN I WILL SWEAR IT BY ANYTHING YOU HOLD SACRED.



BY OUR KITS, BY OUR HOPES FOR OUR CLANS, BY OUR HONOR AS LEADERS...



...WINDCLAN HAS NOT DONE WHAT YOU ACCUSE US OF.



BLUESTAR, A NOBLE LEADER DOESN'T TAKE HER WARRIORS INTO BATTLE WITHOUT NEED--







WE AVOIDED A BATTLE, BUT BLUESTAR'S TRUST HAS BEEN TOTALLY SHATTERED...

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GET THE OLD BLUESTAR BACK?

HOW DO I CONVINCHE HER THAT THUNDERCLAN IS WORTH SAVING?





FIREHEART.

I WILL LEAD THE DAWN PATROL THIS MORNING.

YAAAAAWN!



HISS!



WHAT IS IT?

UP AHEAD, AT SUNNINGROCKS--



BLUESTAR LEADING A PATROL?

WATCH OUT FOR FLYING HEDGEHOGS!

CLOUDPAW!

SHOW SOME RESPECT FOR YOUR LEADER--



...THAT'S IT!

CLOUDPAW, YOU WANT TO BE A WARRIOR, RIGHT?

GO GET SWIFTPAW.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO IMPRESS BLUESTAR!



RIVERCLAN!

