FOR A REAL HERO,
BILLY DIMICHELE

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Chapter 1

The Kitty Sitter

by George and Harold
Early one morning...

CLANK

CLANK

Dog Man

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK
KA-KLIK

RATCH RATCH

RATCH

RATCH

RATCH

RATCH

RATCH

RATCH RATCH
Good morning, Dog Man!

I’m fixing my Robot, 80-HD!

Ring Ring

Ring Ring

Ring

Ring

Ring

Ring

Dog Man!
It's Me, Chief!
You're Late Again!

Get to work now!

Yoo-Hoo!
Hello, there!!!
Please allow me to introduce myself.

I'm Mrs. SuspicionFlame, the world's greatest babysitter!!!

Here's my card...

...and my impressive list of references.

munch munch munch
I specialize in cat-sitting...

...and I can start today!
Bye, Dog Man! Have fun at work!

Well, uh—hello there, young man.

Hi, Papa.