

A VERY RICHMOND



CAT STORY

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Richmond, Virginia was a fine city, a fair city, a bustling city, a wonderful city. It had beautiful parks, it boasted several colleges and universities, it even had the magnificent

James River running right through downtown!

However, even the most loyal and ardent Richmond admirers had to admit that it was a city not without its problems. At the approach of the second millennium, in the capitol city of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it was becoming woefully apparent to the entire feline population, especially in certain parts of that town, that homelessness, hunger and violence posed a major threat to the cats of the city that could no longer be swept under the litterbox.

All the shelters were overflowing. Though the shelters meant well, they were a temporary refuge at best. For many unclaimed four-leggeds, it might mean the end of the line. Those lucky enough to escape the shelters faced brutal hardships. Richmond winters could be very cruel to street kitties.



Even amongst the fat and the smug and the snugly housed, the appalling fact of homelessness had to be addressed. No decent cat souls could be comfortable for

long knowing that their own kind were suffering.

Now, in Richmond at that time, as with cats the world over, feline telepathic communication linked the entire cat community, so that when critical mass was finally reached, the thought form spread quickly that now was the time to do something—fast.



It was decided that a major gathering was needed of the Cat population of Richmond and outlying areas. But the big question was, when and where to meet?

Cats in each major section of the city thought that their location was ideal. For example, the West End contingent wanted to meet around the University of Richmond Lake, as the lake afforded the dual attractions of fishing and feasting. But South of the River, the Woodlake area was proposed, as it was bigger and newer (some-what dubious virtues in Richmond),





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