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Chapter 1

One day Kitty woke up and got ready for the day. Today is my big day, she thought. She was going to do a race for charity.

Kitty scrambled into the car with her mum, Sarah, butterflies fluttering uneasily in her tummy. Kitty's mum reassured her that everything would be ok.

“You need to be brave. This is what you want to do to help the world become a better place.”

The time had finally come for her around-the-world triathlon: cycling, running and swimming. She knew her friends would be all around the world there to support her, Go Kitty! said the signs they would hold.

Chapter 2

Kitty had shoulder-length jet black hair, ivy-coloured eyes and a petite body. She was a sympathetic, blissful and an energetic girl. Kitty was born in England but had to flee to India during the invasion from China. Kitty lived on Mermaid Lane with her mum, Sarah, dad, Maximum (otherwise known as Max), her 18-year-old brother, Oscar, 24-year-old sister Chi-chi, Aunty Canta and Uncle Rad.

Mermaid Lane was bright and colourful with sapphire blue sky and bustling with



people buying clothes from the shops.

At age six, Kitty was awarded her last swimming badge which meant she was a professional swimmer. Kitty was the first eight-year-old to swim the channel. Now aged 14, Kitty wanted to raise money for hosts taking in families affected by the invasion, to help them get jobs.

Chapter 3

The race started at Acorn Race Place in India. Ten other people joined her. It was a gorgeous summer in India,

overflowing with greenery in the woodland.



Still feeling nervous, Kitty sped off as fast as a cheetah, she was at the front of the group of runners. Before she knew it

a Sloth Bear caught her eye, distracting her.



Suddenly, she smacked face first into a tree and fell to the ground. Five minutes later, her friend Mimi ran off track and found her laying there.

“Are you ok?” Mimi asked.

Kitty quivering replied, “I can’t see.”

“Don’t worry I’ll send a message to your mum to get help,” Mimi said.

10 minutes later, her mum arrived. “Oh my goodness, you can't see? We’d better call an ambulance.”

Sarah dialled 102. “What emergency do you need?” the lady asked. Sarah said, “Ambulance, quickly, my child can’t see.”

It was a rough journey. Kitty felt scared. She could overhear the paramedics

speaking about what had happened and why she could not see. There was a strong scent of roses that reminded her of her home.

Chapter 4

A little later, they finally arrived. Kitty felt terrified, she had only been to the hospital once before when her mum had broken her ankle. The doctor wheeled her into a room where there was a nurse who spoke softly and gently to her whilst the doctor tested her eyes. Then the doctor, a pleasant, kind and caring woman, told Kitty that she was blind and would need a guide dog. Sarah was petrified, her heart thumping faster and

faster. She felt like she was crying inside. Kitty didn't feel afraid any more though. "When will I get my guide dog?" she asked excitedly.

Five days later a lady came in with a guide dog. "Kitty would you like this guide dog? His name is Murphy."

Murphy was a small, calm Jack Russell. He smelt fresh like he'd just been given a bath.



Before Kitty left hospital, the doctor informed her that £9,785 had been raised from the race. Everybody was cheering! The person who was in charge of the race donated £700 towards Murphy and Kitty.

Kitty stayed at the hospital for two more days, then she went home, feeling excited.

Join us next time to hear about how Kitty gets on with Murphy.

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Kitty is a petite, fast, 14-year-old. She was the first eight-year-old to swim the English Channel. Now she wants to help people in need, but when she enters the race will she end up being the one who's in need?