

# PURRFECT!

*Based on the warrior cats series by Erin Hunter*

Hey, I'm Lizzie. I used to live with humans as a house cat before someone murdered my owner. When that happened, I had to go live in the forest. I was scared, for I had no idea what I would do to survive. I couldn't defend myself, I didn't know how to hunt, I didn't know where to sleep or how to heal myself if I was injured. But suddenly I was caught wondering by a wild cat; grey and white tom, who told me I was trespassing on SunClan territory, which apparently is a clan of many cats who live together and are rivals to other clans: MoonClan, CloudClan, and MistClan. And supposedly, if you follow the warrior code (a set of rules you need to follow in order to become a warrior), you move on to StarClan when you die, to live with your warrior ancestors. "What are **you** doing here!?" he yowled at me

I told him the whole story. He just sneered and said he didn't believe me. I pointed out that if I was lying, I wouldn't be there at ALL. He finally believed me, and he was worried that dangerous humans like the one who killed my owner would come to the forest. So he took me to his clan to tell the leader, called WhiteStar. Before we entered the leader's den, I asked for the gray and white tom's name. "DustWing, now go tell the leader everything you saw." he mewed to me. I walked inside after DustWing, and DustWing greeted the leader. "Greetings DustWing, to what do I owe this pleasure?" Spoke a voice from inside the den. The leader was an old tom, white from head to tail-tip, with only one dark brown paw. He looked at me and I could tell he knew I was a kittypet. "WhiteStar, I found this kittypet on our territory and told her to scram. She protested and said that her human was killed by another human, and I'm troubled by this news for I am worried one of those dangerous humans might come into the forest. I led her here so she can talk with you about what happened" Replied DustWing. WhiteStar had no expression, but he signaled for me to sit down

with a flick of his tail. I was nervous, not knowing what to say. Just as if WhiteStar was reading my mind, he mewed, "Oh don't worry, I won't bite! What's your name? I'm WhiteStar, leader of SunClan." "Um, hi I'm Lizzie..." I replied. "Nice to meet you Lizzie what a pretty name. Now, could you please tell me about this dangerous human you recently encountered? Oh, and please give me ALL the details." said WhiteStar. I told him everything and when i finished he nodded in agreement saying, " I see.." I could tell that he was deep in thought. Finally he said, " Well sounds to me you're in need of a new homw now huh? Tell ya what, how would ya like to join SunClan?" My jaw dropped, and i just stared at him. Join SunClan? Me? I could tell DustWing was thinking the same thing, for he shrieked, " WHAT!?! WhiteStar have you gone mad? We can't let this kittypet join our clan! Another mouth to feed, and another cat to look after!" I just stood there, thinking about the proposal WhiteStar gave me. "Okay, i'll join SunClan." I confirmed to WhiteStar.

"Great! We'll begin your welcoming and naming ceremony at sundown." Replied the old leader. He stood up, and left the den to leave me and DustWing standing there. His fur was bristling furiously, obviously not liking the news he just heard. He glared at me, and I just smiled. I was actually kind of exited and anxious at the same time. I needed more information on what I was about to get into. As if DustWing was reading my mind, he took a breath and sat down. "I guess since you're joining our clan you should know more about it..." he sighed. So he did. He told me all about gatherings, which was when all four clans meet at a place called 'staroaks', a place where the clans tell clan news and they are under a truce of peace by StarClan. He also told me about the warrior code. How you're supposed to hunt for the clan before you eat, don't betray your clan or cross the clan borders unless really nessesary. I was amazed by all this, which made me more anxious and exited about joining the clan. Finally, it was sundown. The sun started going down, and i suddenly felt nervous. What if the other cats didn't accept me? What if they disliked me because of my kittypet roots? Suddently WhiteStar yowled some words, summoning cats to gather

around. I Sat next to DustWing and hoped that my welcoming ceremony wouldn't go TOO bad. WhiteStar spoke from on top of the big rock. "As you all know, we are running short of apprentices and warriors. MapleStump and LeafBurrow have died recently, not long after our strongest apprentice, SkyPaw was deeply injured. Though she is not clan born, we are welcoming a young she-cat into our clan. Lizzie, please step forwards." I dragged myself onto the clearing, siting besides WhiteStar.

"Lizzie, from this day forwards, you will be known as ShadowTail, for your light grey tail-tip that looks like a shadow. From now on, you will be a warrior who will follow the warrior code. Do you promise to live the rest of your as a clan cat who will help others and follow the code?" "Yes, I do" I replied. "Then it is settled. Welcome ShadowTail, to SunClan!" Below me, where all the other cats stood, they chanted my name, but some of them curled their lip in disgust. When the ceremony was over, DustWing showed me where to sleep. I chose the one in the corner, who was next to DustWing's. I made myself comfortable and finally curled up, exhausted. As the weeks passed, I drew closer to DustWing. We became friend, and we hunted together a lot. When the other cats judged me because I was a kittypet, DustWing always found a way to make me feel better. More moons passed, and suddenly I felt a strong affection for him. Wherever I went, he followed me to make sure I was safe. Once, I fell of a cliff and he hang outside of the medicine den almost every minute of the day. When his mother GardenSparrow died, I pushed my muzzle onto his flank and told him that it was ok. After another moon or so, he got me out of my nest and I walked with him. he gazed into my eyes and then said, "ShadowTail, I've known you for a long time now and you know ill do anything for you. ShadowTail...will you be my mate?" My heart swelled with love and i told him yes. We padded to camp together, tails twisted together, and pressed against each other in affection.