Narrator: This is the story of a young man. His father, a miller, has got three sons. When the miller dies, the first son receives the mill, the second a donkey and the third son receives a cat.

Miller's son: A cat? What can I do with a cat? I can't eat it, I can't sell it...
Cat: Don't worry, my master. Give me a pair of boots and a bag and I can help you.
Miller's son: What? Cats can't talk!
Cat: No, but I can. Trust me!

Narrator: The miller’s son goes to the market.
Miller's son: Hello, I want to buy a pair of boots and a bag.
Market man: Here you are.

Narrator: The miller’s son gives the boots and the bag to the cat.
Miller's son: Your new name is Puss In Boots.
Cat: I like my new boots and I like my new name. Wait here, please. Trust me!
Narrator: The cat gets some salad from the garden and puts it in the bag in front of a rabbit's hole.
Rabbits: Hmm, what a wonderful smell...
Narrator: When two fat rabbits put their noses into the bag to eat the salad, the cat closes the bag.

Miller's son: What do you want to do with those rabbits?
Cat: Wait and see⁴. I have to see the King.
Narrator: And Puss In Boots takes the bag with the rabbits to the palace.

Narrator: Puss In Boots arrives at the palace and goes to see the King.
King: What can I do for you?
Cat: Your Majesty, I've got a present for you. It's from my master, the Marquis⁵ of Carabas.

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4 Wait and see: Aspetta e vedrai
5 Marquis: Marchese
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Narrator: Puss In Boots gives the rabbits to the King. The King is very pleased.

King: Oh, thank you. Your master is very kind... And where does he live?

Cat: He lives in a big castle and he has got a lot of land. Do you want to come and see them?

King: Yes, of course. Tomorrow I will come and see them.

Narrator: Early next morning, Puss In Boots sees the King preparing to leave the palace. Puss In Boots runs into the country to speak with the farmers.

Cat: When the King arrives, you must tell him that this is the land of the Marquis of Carabas.

Narrator: The King and his beautiful daughter take the royal carriage and go into the country.

King: What a beautiful place!

Farmers: This is the land of the Marquis of Carabas.
Narrator: Puss In Boots calls to the miller’s son.
Cat: The King is here. Quick³, take off your clothes and jump into the river!
Miller’s son: But it’s cloudy and windy, today!
Cat: Trust me! Jump into the river!

Narrator: The miller’s son takes off his clothes and jumps into the water.
Cat: Help! Help! Your Majesty, please help me!
King: What? What's happening?
Cat: My master! There were robbers⁴ and they have got the Marquis' clothes. Now he's in the river and he can’t swim!

Narrator: The King stops the royal carriage and helps the Marquis. He gives the young man some clothes.
King: Put on these clothes. It’s cold and it’s raining.
Miller’s son: Thank you, Your Majesty. Thank you very much!

Narrator: The miller's son gets dressed.
Cat: Now you really are the Marquis of Carabas, with those clothes!
King: Dear Marquis, I would like to invite you for dinner at the royal palace.
Narrator: It's dinnertime. The Marquis of Carabas is sitting at the table with the King and his beautiful daughter. The Princess likes the Marquis and the Marquis likes the Princess.

King: Do you want to marry my daughter, my dear Marquis? But first, can I visit your castle?

Narrator: The miller's son doesn't know what to say, but Puss In Boots hears everything.

Cat: I can help you, my dear master. Trust me!

Narrator: The cat runs out of the palace.

Narrator: Not far from the palace there is a big, beautiful castle. In the castle lives an ogre and all the land around the castle belongs to the ogre.

Cat: Let's see if the ogre is at home.

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Narrator: The ogre opens the door.

Ogre: What do you want?

Cat: Is it true that you are a wizard?

Ogre: Yes, I am. I'm a very good wizard, and so?
Cat: Is it true that you can turn into anything you like?
Ogre: Yes, sure. I can turn into anything!
Cat: Wow! Can you turn into a very big lion?
Narrator: And the ogre turns into an enormous, scary lion!

Cat: That was easy: you are big and lions are big. Can you also turn into very small things, like a mouse?
Ogre: Of course, watch!
Narrator: The ogre turns into a small mouse. Puss In Boots is very fast: he catches the mouse and eats it.

Narrator: Puss In Boots shows the castle to the Marquis.
Cat: Look, my master. There isn't an ogre now. This is your castle.

Narrator: The next morning the King goes to visit the Marquis of Carabas' castle. He is very happy to see the big, beautiful castle.
King: Now you can marry my daughter.
Narrator: The Marquis of Carabas, the Princess and, of course, Puss In Boots live happily ever after.
1 Leggi le frasi e segna True oppure False.
1 The miller’s son has got a donkey and a mill. True / False
2 The cat has got a lot of land. True / False
3 The Marquis of Carabas can’t swim. True / False
4 The King invites the Marquis for lunch. True / False
5 The ogre turns into a big, scary hippo. True / False
6 The Marquis and the Princess get married. True / False

2 Leggi i fumetti e rispondi per te.

1 Where were you born? ................................................................................................................................................................
2 When were you born? ...............................................................................................................................................................
3 Where was your best friend born? ........................................................................................................................................
4 Were you born in summer? ......................................................................................................................................................
3 Osserva il disegno e scrivi che cosa stanno facendo i personaggi.

1 The King and the Princess are drinking.
2 Puss In Boots
3 The miller's son
4 The farmers
5 The ogre
6 The rabbits

4 Leggi e rispondi alle domande.
1 Can cats talk?
2 Can Puss In Boots talk?
3 Can Puss In Boots turn into a mouse?
4 Can the ogre turn into a lion?
5. Completa i fumetti con le parole fornite.

1. Give ________________ a bag.

2. The boots are for ________________

3. I like ________________

4. This present is for ________________

5. Speak with ________________

6. Don’t lose ________________

6. Rileggi l’ultima parte della storia a pagina 33, inventa e scrivi un finale diverso. Poi illustralo.

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