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# **Publisher's Note**

This is fiction. For all ages.

If you find any similarities of yourself here, it is purely out of coincidence or a result of the author's daydreams.

Or you could just be one serious fellow middling.



# Definition

Middlings commonly have a comfortable standard of living, considerable economic security, moderate work + life autonomy and often rely on their own expertise to sustain themselves.

They place great emphasis on independence, value innovation, respect the non-conformist and have great concerns for the environment. They appear established and well-rounded but, often have insecurities locked within.

Middlings live among others but essentially feel apart from it all.

They often ask themselves this: "Are we just not as happy as those who are much better off in this world?"



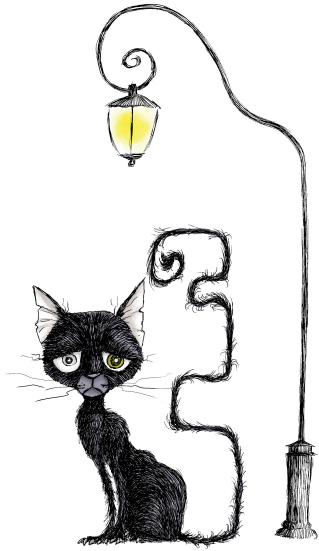
## PREFACE

Looking  
can make you want.

Wanting  
can get you thinking.

If you want them to  
stop thinking,  
just give them what  
they want.





Hae is a  
middling cat  
with an  
unusually long  
and crooked tail.

He has a great family who loves and dotes on him.

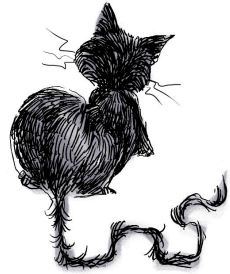
Hae never has much to worry about.



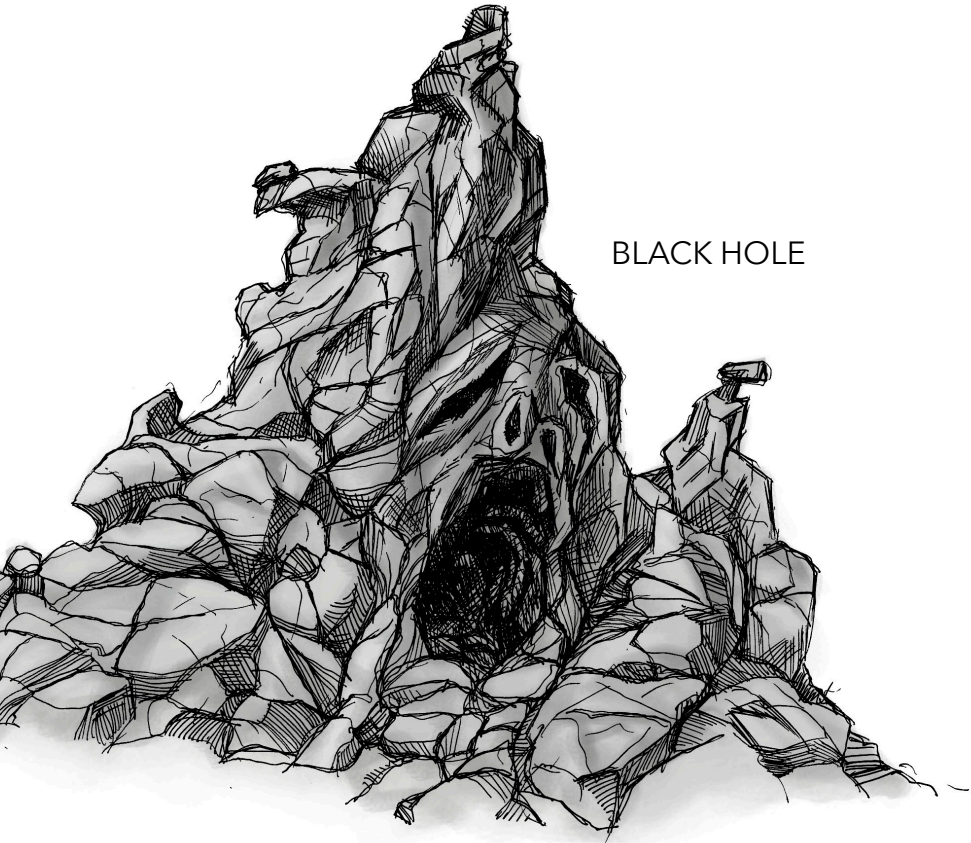


Like all cats,  
Hae is a curious cat.

One day, he decides  
to venture out.

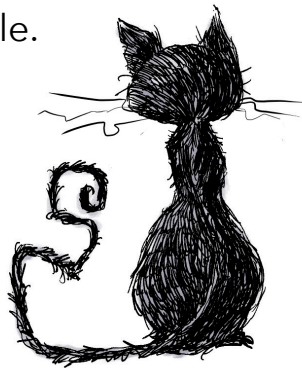






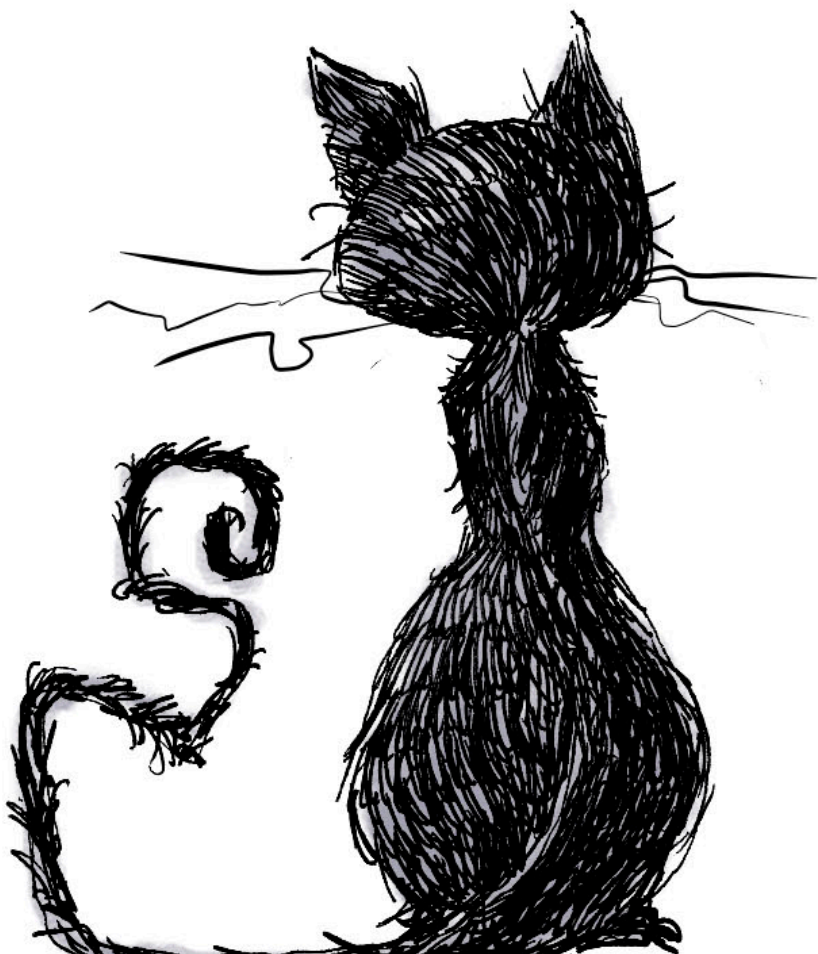
BLACK HOLE

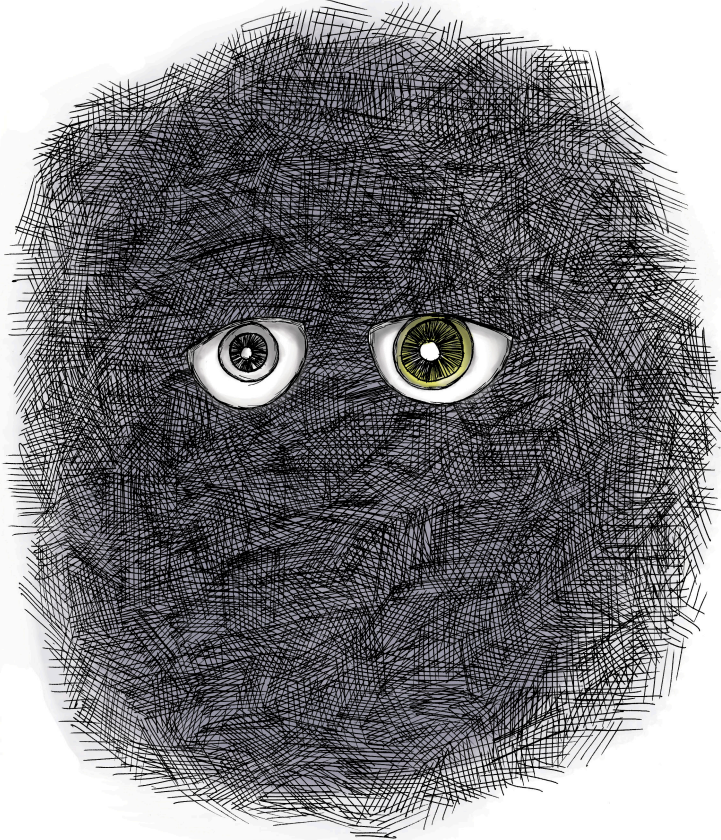
He comes across a black hole.  
It looks dangerous and  
menacing.



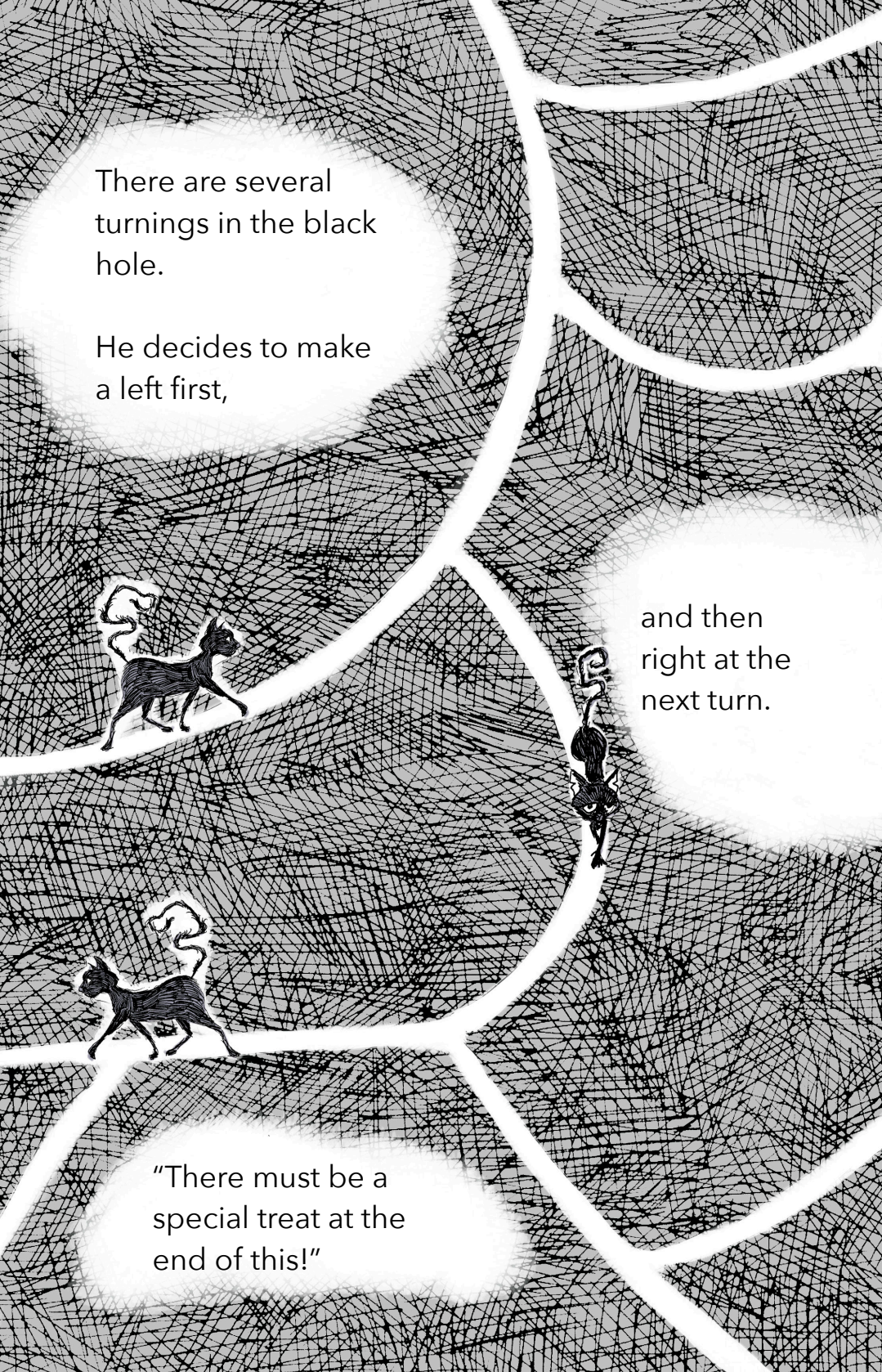


"Hmm...where could this lead to?"





Curious and fearless,  
Haeë decides to explore  
the black hole.

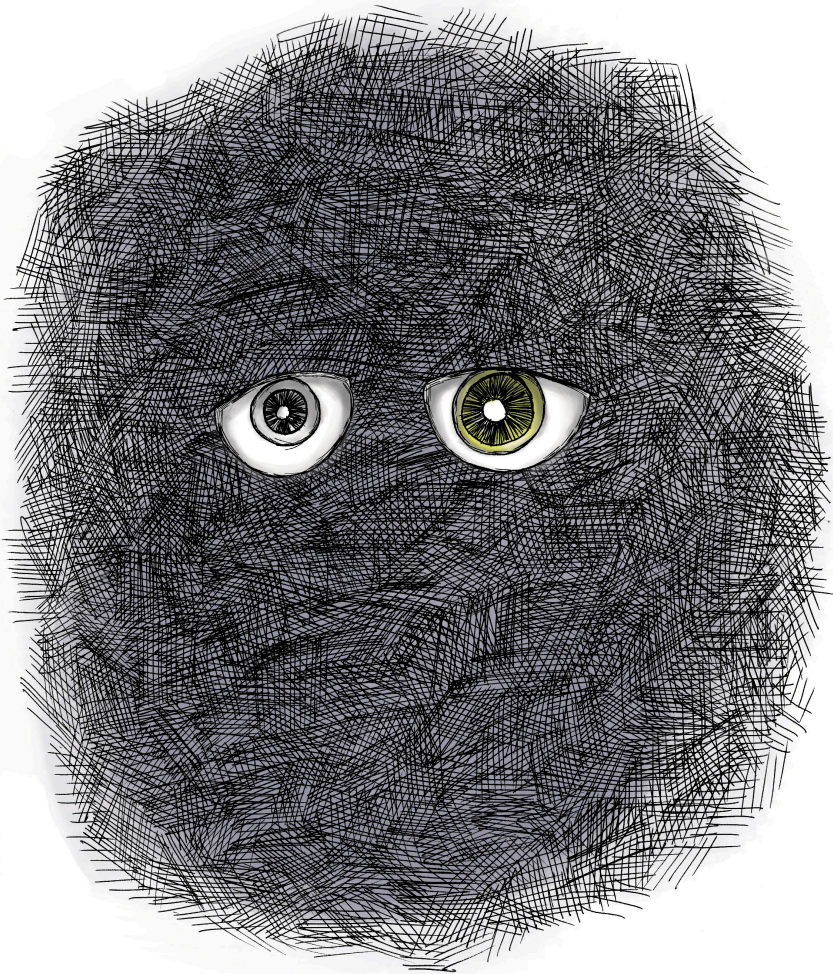


There are several  
turnings in the black  
hole.

He decides to make  
a left first,

and then  
right at the  
next turn.

"There must be a  
special treat at the  
end of this!"



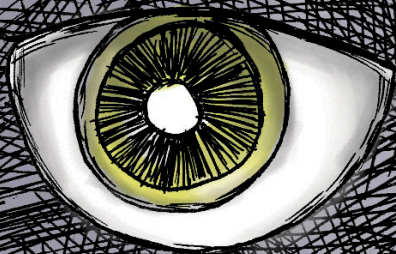
Hae walks for hours.

As he gets tired and hungry,  
he decides to turn back.

But he can no longer  
remember his way home.



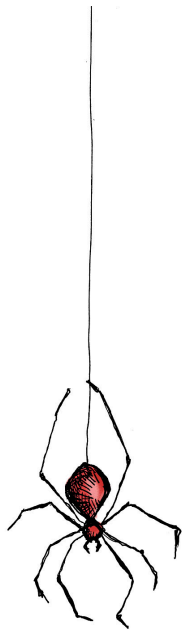
"meow.....meow.....meow....."



The black hole has not  
led him to any special treat.

In fact, it has become  
a threat to his life.

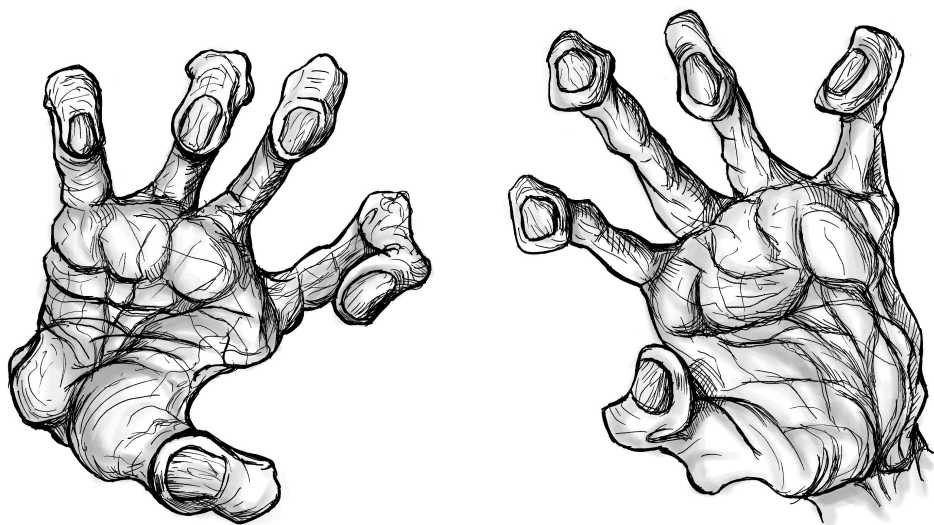
"meow...meow...meow..."



Alone and terribly  
afraid, he swears he will  
never act so foolishly  
and recklessly again.







## THE CLAWS

Suddenly, Hae sees a pair of huge claws coming at him!

Like the black hole, the claws look dangerous and menacing.

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"a beautifully illustrated and thought-provoking modern-day allegory suitable for older children and grown-ups alike." - Rated 5 stars by IndieReader

# About Illustrated Series

For all ages. Illustrated book series “Hae and the Other Middlings” provides an insightful and delightful read at what it means to be functioning, breathing, and living as we are today.

Relatable and endearing, readers of all ages can find resonance in R.S. Vern’s middling characters, both humans and cats. Far from perfect, the journey of its protagonist, cat Hae, serves as a reminder that the pursuit of meaning and purpose is an ongoing endeavour, and amidst our insecurities and imperfections, it is natural for our perspectives to shift and evolve.

Through the imaginative world of middlings, R.S. Vern creates a series of 3 beautifully illustrated novels that provokes thought and contemplation about what it means to live in this 21st century. At the end of it, Vern believes poignancy can also be hopeful as long as we continue our search, no matter.

Part I of this series wins the International IndieReader Discovery Award 2013.

# About Scribbles from the Middling Cat

"An engaging work of fiction that appeals to readers of all ages by offering a unique perspective on life and the human experience, as seen through the eyes of a curious and introspective middling cat."

Following the delightful, illustrated book collection "Hae and the Other Middlings", R.S. Vern continues with a collection of interrelated entries written through the eyes of its main cat protagonist, Hae.

These scribbles are an introspection of thoughts, musings, and observations that provide a quirky and playful insight into Hae's world and the middling human condition.

Peppered with charming illustrations among short prose, less is more continues to take precedence in the works of R.S. Vern as we continue to explore the poignancy of middling lives in the 21st century.

# About the Author

R.S. Vern is the creator of book trilogy series: Hae and the Other Middlings. Part I of this series wins the International IndieReader Discovery Award 2013.

An oddly conflicted soul, she finds herself constantly torn between the challenges of saving the world and the realities of making a living. She calls herself a middling - urbanised, uneasy, and most of the time, in a flux.

Hae is a real cat living in her home. Instead of writing as herself, she feels that it is less brutal seeing life through the eyes of a cat.

R.S. Vern holds a B.A. in English Literature, an M.A. in Communications, and a G.D. in Applied Positive Psychology.

