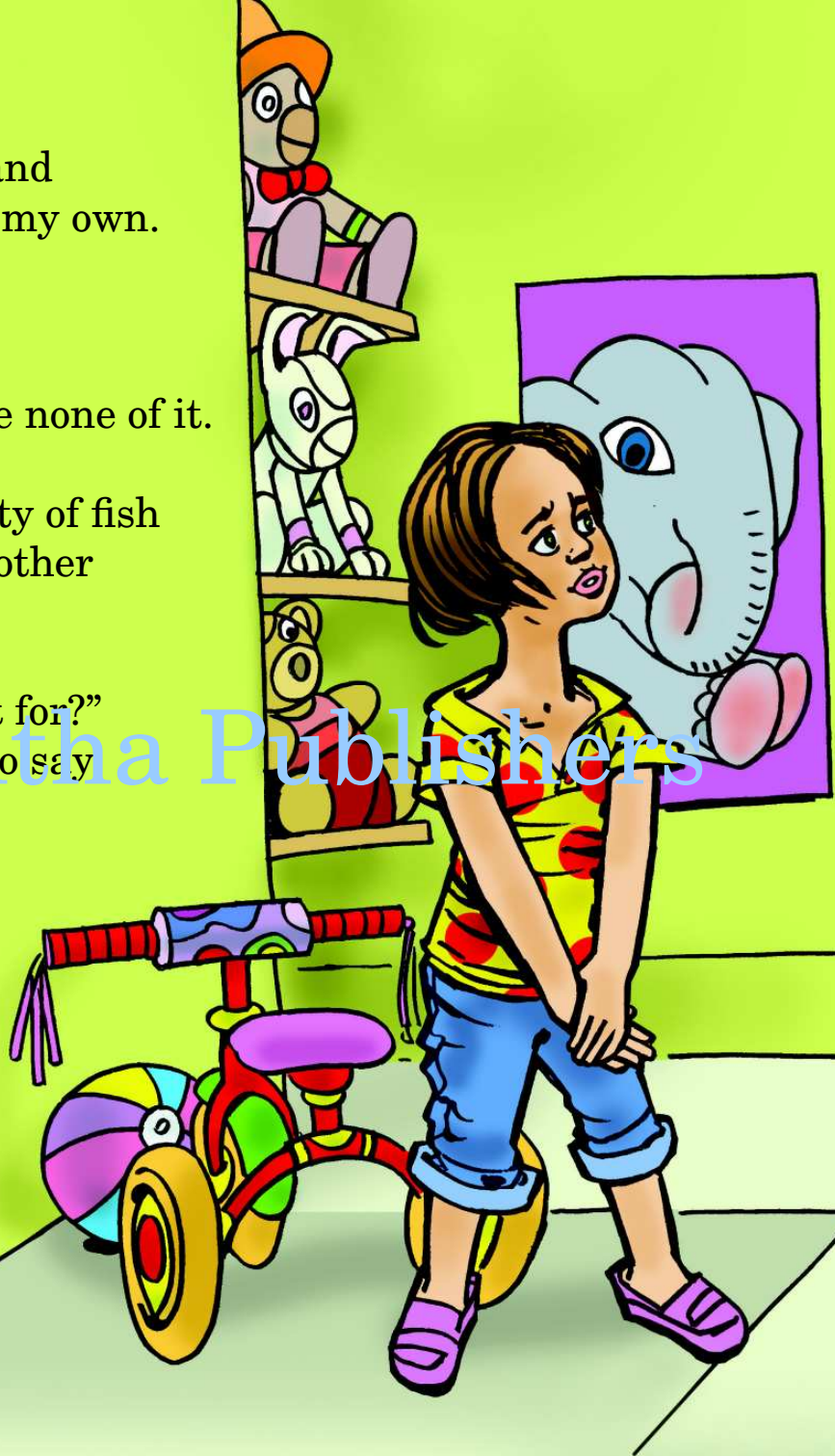


I always loved animals and I longed to have a pet of my own. Well ,... Almost all my friends had pets.

But my mum would have none of it.

“We have two dogs, plenty of fish in the pond and a kid brother and a sister.”

“What do you want a pet for?” was all my mother had to say every time I brought up the subject.





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That was until one day when everything changed.

We were at the pet shop selecting fish.

This I thought was the best opportunity to try my luck once more.

Mum Please! Please, can I have a rabbit?.

“No! the Boxers will get them!”



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Then I saw her.

Swimming gracefully, all alone in a small tank.

She looked at me longingly for company.

It was love at first sight.