Why is my cat so fat? A Chinese short story for HSK 1

Hán Tāo gives his cat only a little food, but she gets fatter every week. Why?

你有猫吗？我有一个猫的故事！
Nǐ yǒu māo ma? Wǒ yǒu yí ge māo de gùshi!
Do you have a cat? I have a cat story!

我有一只猫。它叫橙子。
Wǒ yǒu yì zhī māo. Tā jiào Chéngzi.
I have a cat. Her name is Chéngzi.

每天我给橙子一点儿吃的。只有一点儿。
Měi tiān wǒ gěi Chéngzi yìdiǎnr chī de. Zhǐ yǒu yìdiǎnr.
Every day I give Chéngzi a little food. Only a little.

可是橙子每个星期都胖一点儿。现在它很胖很胖。
Kěshì Chéngzi měi ge xīngqī dōu pàng yìdiǎnr. Xiànzài tā hěn pàng hěn pàng.
But every week Chéngzi got a little fatter. Now she is a very, very fat cat.

我只给它一点儿吃的。它为什么这么胖？
Wǒ zhǐ gěi tā yìdiǎnr chī de. Tā wèi shénme zhème pàng?
I give her only a little food. Why is she so fat?

我不知道。所以我带它去看医生。
Wǒ bù zhīdào. Suǒyǐ wǒ dài tā qù kàn yīshēng.
I did not know. So I took her to the vet.

医生说："你的猫吃得太多了。"我说："不！它吃得很少。"
Yīshēng shuō: "Nǐ de māo chī de tài duō le." Wǒ shuō: "Bù! Tā chī de hěn shǎo."
The vet said: "Your cat eats too much." I said: "No! She eats very little."

医生看了看橙子，又看了看我。他不相信我。
Yīshēng kànle kàn Chéngzi, yòu kànle kàn wǒ. Tā bù xiāngxìn wǒ.
The vet looked at Chéngzi. Then he looked at me. He did not believe me.

每天早上，橙子吃了饭就出去。每天晚上，它回家。
Měi tiān zǎoshang, Chéngzi chīle fàn jiù chūqu. Měi tiān wǎnshang, tā huí jiā.
Every morning Chéngzi eats, and then she goes out. Every evening she comes home.

它去哪儿？一天早上，我跟在它后面。
Tā qù nǎr? Yì tiān zǎoshang, wǒ gēn zài tā hòumiàn.
Where does she go? One morning I followed her.

它去了我邻居家。一个老爷爷开了门。
Tā qùle wǒ línjū jiā. Yí ge lǎo yéye kāile mén.
She went to the home next to mine. An old man opened the door.

老爷爷说："咪咪！早上好！来吃饭！"
Lǎo yéye shuō: "Mīmi! Zǎoshang hǎo! Lái chī fàn!"
The old man said: "Mīmi! Good morning! Come and eat!"

橙子进去了。它又吃了很多。
Chéngzi jìnqu le. Tā yòu chīle hěn duō.
Chéngzi went in. She ate again. A lot.

然后，橙子出来了。它又去了楼上的一家。
Ránhòu, Chéngzi chūlai le. Tā yòu qùle lóu shang de yì jiā.
Then Chéngzi came out and went to one more home, upstairs.

一个小女孩开了门。她说："胖胖！这是你的鱼！"橙子又吃了。
Yí ge xiǎo nǚhái kāile mén. Tā shuō: "Pàngpang! Zhè shì nǐ de yú!" Chéngzi yòu chī le.
A little girl opened the door. She said: "Pàngpang! Here is your fish!" Chéngzi ate again.

然后，它看见了我。它看着我，我看着它。
Ránhòu, tā kànjiànle wǒ. Tā kànzhe wǒ, wǒ kànzhe tā.
Then she saw me. She looked at me. I looked at her.

它没有说对不起。
Tā méiyǒu shuō duìbuqǐ.
She did not say sorry.

晚上，它回家了。它坐下，看着我。它要吃晚饭。
Wǎnshang, tā huí jiā le. Tā zuò xià, kànzhe wǒ. Tā yào chī wǎnfàn.
In the evening she came home. She sat down and looked at me. She wanted dinner.

我给了它一点儿吃的。我能怎么办？
Wǒ gěile tā yìdiǎnr chī de. Wǒ néng zěnme bàn?
I gave her a little food. What can I do?

我的猫有三个家，三个名字，每天吃三次早饭。
Wǒ de māo yǒu sān ge jiā, sān ge míngzi, měi tiān chī sān cì zǎofàn.
My cat has three homes, three names, and every day, three breakfasts.

Words in the story

猫
māo
cat

一点儿吃的
yìdiǎnr chī de
a little food

胖
pàng
fat

医生
yīshēng
doctor (here, the vet)

吃得太多了
chī de tài duō le
eats too much

相信
xiāngxìn
to believe

出去
chūqu
to go out

回家
huí jiā
to come home

跟在……后面
gēn zài…… hòumiàn
to follow, to go after

邻居
línjū
neighbor

老爷爷
lǎo yéye
an old man (said kindly)

楼上
lóu shang
upstairs

小女孩
xiǎo nǚhái
a little girl

对不起
duìbuqǐ
sorry

名字
míngzi
a name

早饭
zǎofàn
breakfast

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