Faux Paw and the Dangerous Download

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FAUX PAW AND THE DANGEROUS DOWNLOAD

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I just love to download!

I can buy new songs,

and watch my favorite cooking show.

. . . and buy new games without going to the store.
(Did I mention, I *love* games?)

My friend Simon just wrote a new song.
(He's one of us Techno Cats.)

"Hi, Faux Paw, did you get my e-vite to the party at MewTunes?" he says. "I'm going to play my new song live today."

"I'll download it right now—quick, before the party," I say.

"Great, I'll see you there."

I hop on my search engine and head for MewTunes.

Inside the Internet, my friend CommonSense is on duty, keeping things safe with his sensible steed, HorseSense.

"Hello, Common, it looks like HorseSense is being extra . . . sensible today."

BEWARE THE SPEED OF THE SUPERHIGHWAY: CROSS IN THE CROSSWALK

"Faux Paw, never, *never* put ice cream on your keyboard," he says.

I giggle. "Of course not."

HorseSense loves to say funny things like that—things you should just know without someone explaining them to you.

"And, don't forget . . . your computer's mouse does NOT like cheese!" he says.

I laugh. "Thanks for the tip, HorseSense—that's great advice! I'm on my way to the MewTunes store," I explain.

"Well, be careful, and use your common sense! Lots of peer-to-peer sites are up that way, and they can be dangerous!"

"Dangerous?" I say. "What's peer-to-peer?"

CommonSense explains it to me. "Peer-to-peer, or P2P, means cat-to-cat—like one cat to another, or one computer to another. It's where your computer peeks into someone else's computer to copy something from it, like a game or a song. You don't know whose computer you're into or what else you might also be downloading—maybe bad stuff like a virus that could hurt your computer.
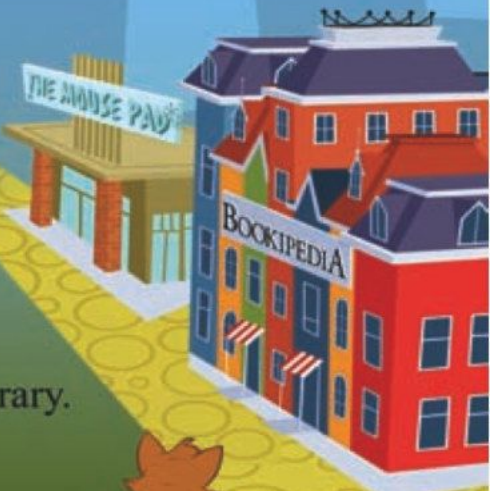
HorseSense agrees. "P2P will get you in trouble almost every time," he says.

pharmacy

Worlds of CatWars

TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND!

And, the pharmacy.

Hmm . . . Worlds of CatWars . . . tempting, but I *know* I don't have time for that!

I keep going, but a popup catches my eye. The HUGE cat with the giant, white teeth says, "Get Simon's new song here for FREE!"

Ooh-la-la, I love free stuff, and he has Simon's new song!

"Hmm . . . Is this safe?" I wonder. "Why don't I have to pay anything?"

"MEOW, ruff, MEOW! Absolutely safe!" barks the HUGE cat. "Don't forget, it's free—yours if you want it."

"This is just one friend to another," he says. "I like to share the best stuff I find. Simon's new song is my favorite—meow, meow, ruff!—I'm listening to it now. Go ahead and hook up!"

"Why not!"

In a snap, I download Simon's song.

Simon is amazing!

But, before I get through the song, my player quits working.

Oh, no!

"Help! Crisis! Calamity! CATASTROPHE! What do we do?"

"Big, scary creatures — NOT good for your computer."

"This must be a virus!" says CommonSense. "Someone call the Firewall department!" He pulls out his sword and goes to battle.

The viruses spread. They're eating up Internet City!

The Firewall truck arrives in a flash, and the Fire Chief is worried. "Where did these come from? We need to know now if we're going to stop them!"

"What did you download?" says Simon.
"Oh dear . . . well . . . I downloaded . . . " I start to explain, but the Chief interrupts.
"Hey! Those are connection wires! Don't chew on those! Someone will get disconnected!"

But, before I can tell him, my computer shuts down and spits me out.

"Ouch! My computer's infected and I'm locked out! How will I explain what happened?"

Before long, Simon bursts through my door. "Hurry, Faux Paw, we need you!
We have to know what happened if we're going to find an anti-virus!"

"I don't know what happened. I just downloaded your song from that HUGE cat with giant, white teeth. Then . . . "

"You STOLE my song!" he says. "I didn't steal it. That GIGANTIC cat with the low, growling voice gave it to me . . . you know . . . peer-to-peer."

"Faux Paw, that's stealing! If everyone downloaded like that, I'd never get paid, and I couldn't make music. I'd have to do something else for work."

"I'm sorry, Simon."

"Wait!" he says. "Did you say giant, white teeth . . . "

" . . . and a low, growling voice? . . . That sounds like Kittyface!"

"Of course! Kittyface! Let's get going. We need to tell the Firewall Chief. . . but, my computer is broken. I can't get back!"

Simon opens his laptop. "No worries! We'll take my ride! Now log in."

Back online, the battle is raging.

I run to the Chief. "It's Kittyface!" I tell him. "It's a Kittyface virus!"
"Aha! I knew it!" he says.

The chief knows just what to do.

"Take that!"

"I want to be a virus fighter, tooooooooooo . . . !"

The Fire Chief's anti-virus works.

Whew! That was a close one!

"I'm sorry I stole your song, Simon."

Simon is nice about it. He explains, "It's alright, Faux Paw. Just get your music and games from real stores that make sure the files are clean and that the artists get paid for their work."

Hi Kids, Here are the 3 KEEPs for Safe and Honest Downloading:

Keep Safe your Personal Files:
Don't share your music, videos, games, or pictures—especially pictures of yourself—with strangers online.

Keep Away from Doubtful Downloads:
Files from file sharing services, social networking sites, or blogs of people you don't know could have harmful files attached to them.

Keep Using Common Sense:
If it's not free in a store, it shouldn't be free online—that's stealing, and it's against the law.