

020 BEATRIX (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Tom was very naughty, and he scratched.

A CRY FROM MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT.

021 BEATRIX (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Mrs. Tabitha dressed Moppet and Mittens in clean pinafores and dresses.

022 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT

Oh now don't you look nice.

023 MOPPET

I like my dress.

024 MITTENS

I like the frills and the bows on mine!

025 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT

Now it's your turn, Tom Kitten.

SHE BEGINS UNLOADING CLOTHES FROM A CHEST OF DRAWERS - OPENING AND CLOSING THEM.

026 BEATRIX (V.O.)

And then she took all sorts of elegant uncomfortable clothes out of a chest of drawers, in order to dress up her son Thomas.

START >>>

027 **TOM KITTEN**

Do I have to, Mother? Those don't fit me anymore.

028 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT

You'll wear the clothes I've bought you and you'll be grateful.

SHE WRESTLES TOM KITTEN INTO HIS JACKET.

029 **TOM KITTEN**

(holding his breath)

It's. Too. Small.

030 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT

It's fine. It's only for tea -

A BUTTON POPS OFF -

031 TOM KITTEN

There goes a button!

032 MOPPET

Tom is too fat for that jacket.

ANOTHER BUTTON POPS OFF.

033 MITTENS

And there goes another button!

034 BEATRIX (V.O.)

Tom Kitten was very fat, and he had grown. Several buttons burst off his coat.

035 TOM KITTEN

I suppose I can't wear it for tea then -

036 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT

Nonsense. I'll sew them back on now.

DISGRUNTLED GROAN FROM TOM KITTEN.

037 BEATRIX (V.O.)

And she did just that.

(beat)

When the three kittens were ready, Mrs. Tabitha unwisely turned them out into the garden, to be out of the way while she made hot buttered toast.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC, FORESHADOWING THE MISCHIEF!

4 EXT. GARDEN

A GENTLE BREEZE.

038 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT (O.S.)

Now keep your clothes clean, children!

039 MOPPET, MITTENS & TOM KITTEN

Yes, Mother.

040 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT

You must walk on your hind legs.

041 MOPPET, MITTENS & TOM KITTEN

Yes, Mother.

042 MRS. TABITHA TWITCHIT
Keep away from Sally Henny-Penny,
and from the pig-stye and the
Puddle-Ducks.

043 MOPPET, MITTENS & TOM KITTEN
Yes, Mother.

DOOR SWINGS SHUT BEHIND HER.

044 BEATRIX (V.O.)
Moppet and Mittens walked down the
garden path unsteadily.

045 MOPPET
I'm not very good at walking on two
legs.

046 MITTENS
Neither am I -

047 MOPPET
Especially not when I'm wearing a
dress!

048 TOM KITTEN
I can't walk at all.

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049 MOPPET
Careful, Mittens -

050 MITTENS
Move out of my way, Moppet - I'm
going to trip -

THEY TRIP ON THEIR SKIRTS AND FALL ON THEIR
NOSES.

051 BEATRIX (V.O.)
Presently they trod upon their
pinafores and fell on their noses!

052 MOPPET
Oh dear, oh dear!

THE KITTENS SCRAMBLE BACK UP.

053 MITTENS
Moppet, you have green grass stains
on your white dress!

054 MOPPET
You have them all across your
pinafore!