



PAWSitively Yours... from the Sceptre King

As I sit on my perch atop the windowsill, I am amazed at the beauty that surrounds me. Perhaps you have noticed the colours seem brighter and the smells sweeter and even the light appears richer. A quiet peace prevails beyond my gaze. Suddenly in the middle of my morning meditation I feel a whapp at my tail. I look down, and as my eyes meet a pair of blue ones...I know the day has officially begun.

There he is, in all his youthful exurbance...batting at my tail...not because I agreed to play, rather simply because it is THERE. Oh I've told him in no uncertain terms I don't care to participate, go home. Still every morning he arrives and every afternoon and often times in the evening to give me another chance to change my mind. (we call him grasshopper for obvious reasons) At first I am a bit annoyed as I'm sure you understand. After all, I'm 15 years old and surely that deserves a little respect. But when I look down at that innocent face peering up at me, I sigh, I know it is a losing battle. Well not that it is a battle...or is it! I resolved this year to be captain of my own ship and not be at the mercy of the blowing winds. My wee brush with the 'other

side' last year before my operation, definitely gave me a profound appreciation for life. I had plenty of time to contemplate love and friendship and the value of letting others be a part of my life. So how is it I am so inclined to shut out this 'little twirp' who apparently views me as a mentor - no, he probably just views me as a litter mate. He is too occupied in his own world to notice he has crossed over into mine. Perhaps I should appreciate the compliment of someone so young wanting to be my friend.

I'm thinking of MamaG's mom who recently turned 90. Hey look at my photo up there and guess when MY birthday is! Right you are. I AM Canadian - a real Canadian Kitty! How good is that! Fireworks to celebrate my day...people all over the country having fun with each other. I love our country and I'm proud to share the celebrations. Now let's see, if I am 15 (times 7 for cat years) I'd be 85 myself if I were a person!

Anyway back to 'my grandmother'. Tee hee I don't think that she'd mind me calling her that...after all, I always jump on her knee when she visits, leave a little fur on her black pants and give her a big purrrrr. That good vibration likely irons out some of her potential wrinkles. No wonder she looks so good! Yikes, I better be careful before I cash in one of my 9 lives! So I've been listening to stories about how she has been kind to everyone all her life. About how she loves people, lots of them much

younger than herself. In her golden years, they have even been the source of many hours of entertainment for her. Sometimes they even inspired her to keep young herself, saying 'hey, get up; come swimming with us and get a little exercise!'

I sigh as the 'golden grasshopper' circles back to my tail. Well *perhaps* I have been a little lazy of late...*perhaps* I should be grateful of his attention. **Perhaps** I don't really mind soooo much when he sneaks in and curls up beside me as I pretend to be sleeping. I decided that when I am old I want to have happy wrinkles on my paws and face, like a good grandma. I bet I have you thinking. Have you ever noticed when people are old they either have tight hard wrinkles or soft happy ones. The people with happy wrinkles are generally kind gentle people who tend to share, be active in their own way and also enjoy a good joke. Apparently, saying I Love You lots helps too! They have often had plenty of challenges in their lifetime, seen many monumental events both good and bad...but they chose to walk on the sunny side of the street. Well sometimes they put cream on their face to look better, but I can't do that! But I can sleep in the sunny window...and YES, I can make an effort to be kinder too. I'm smiling now as I watch the kitten slide across the room in pursuit of a twist tie. Smiling some soft wrinkles onto my 'getting older' face! ...*LOVE you /SK*

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