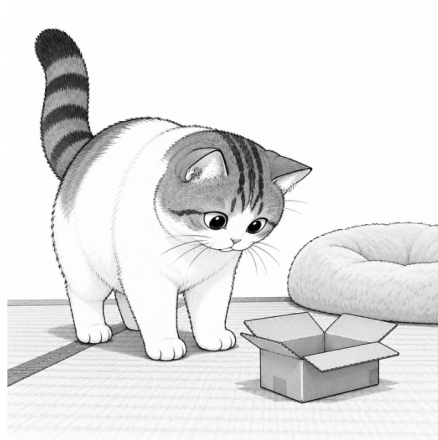


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Paws and Paths

Volume 1



100 mazes. Countless curious corners.

Anthony Martin

Follow your curiosity.

HOW TO PLAY

Begin at the START / 出発 doorway, marked by the open circle.

Trace a path to the FINISH / 到着 doorway and filled dot.

Move through doorways. Do not cross the maze walls.

Other illustrated rooms are optional, in any order.

You may pass around the drawings inside a room.

Read the three poem columns: Japanese, rōmaji and English.

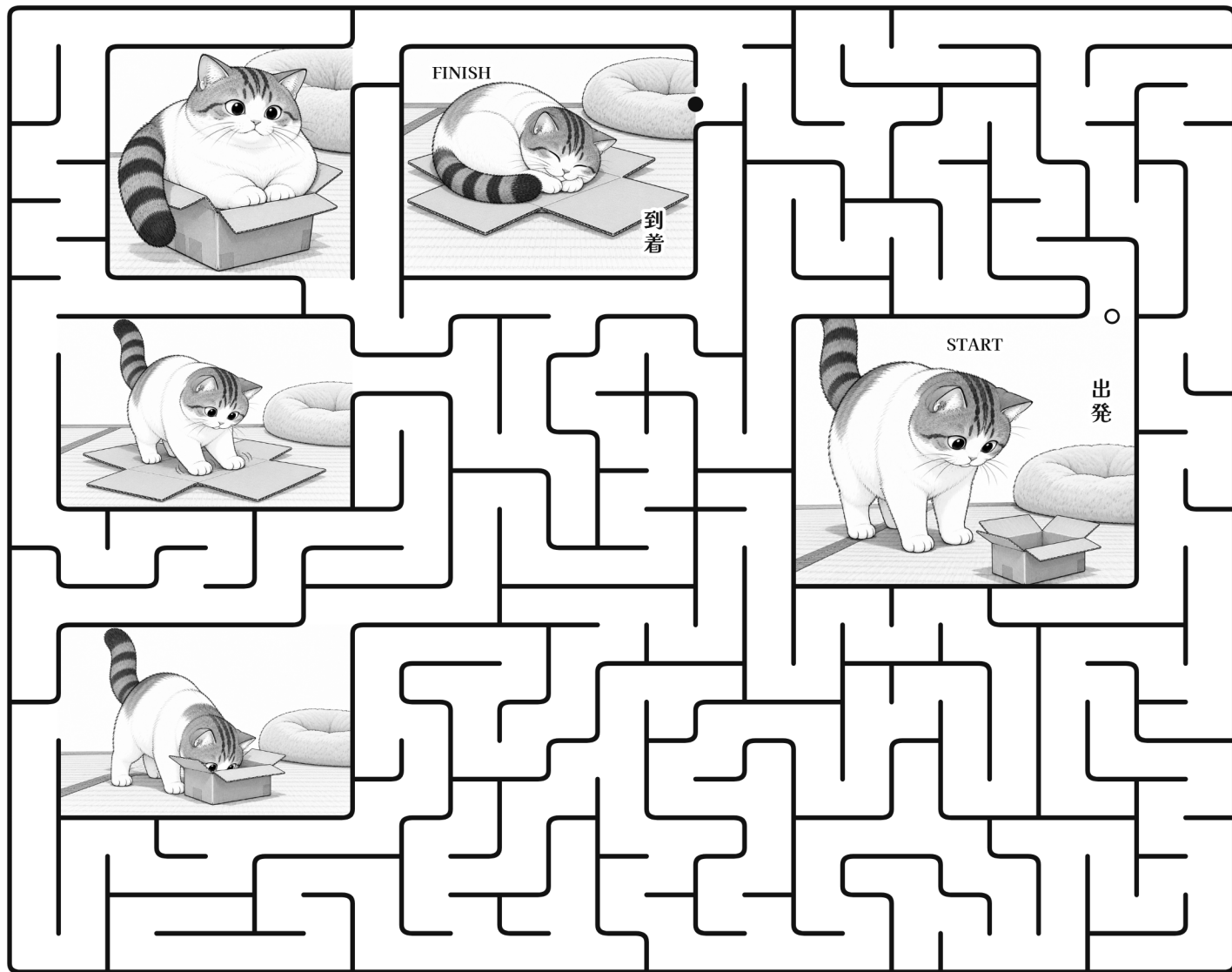
If you get stuck, turn to the answer key at the back.



Take your time. The cats do.

A Box Fit for a King

A new cushion has arrived at Mugi's house, but its tiny delivery box is far more interesting. Surely a cat of his importance can make the furniture cooperate.



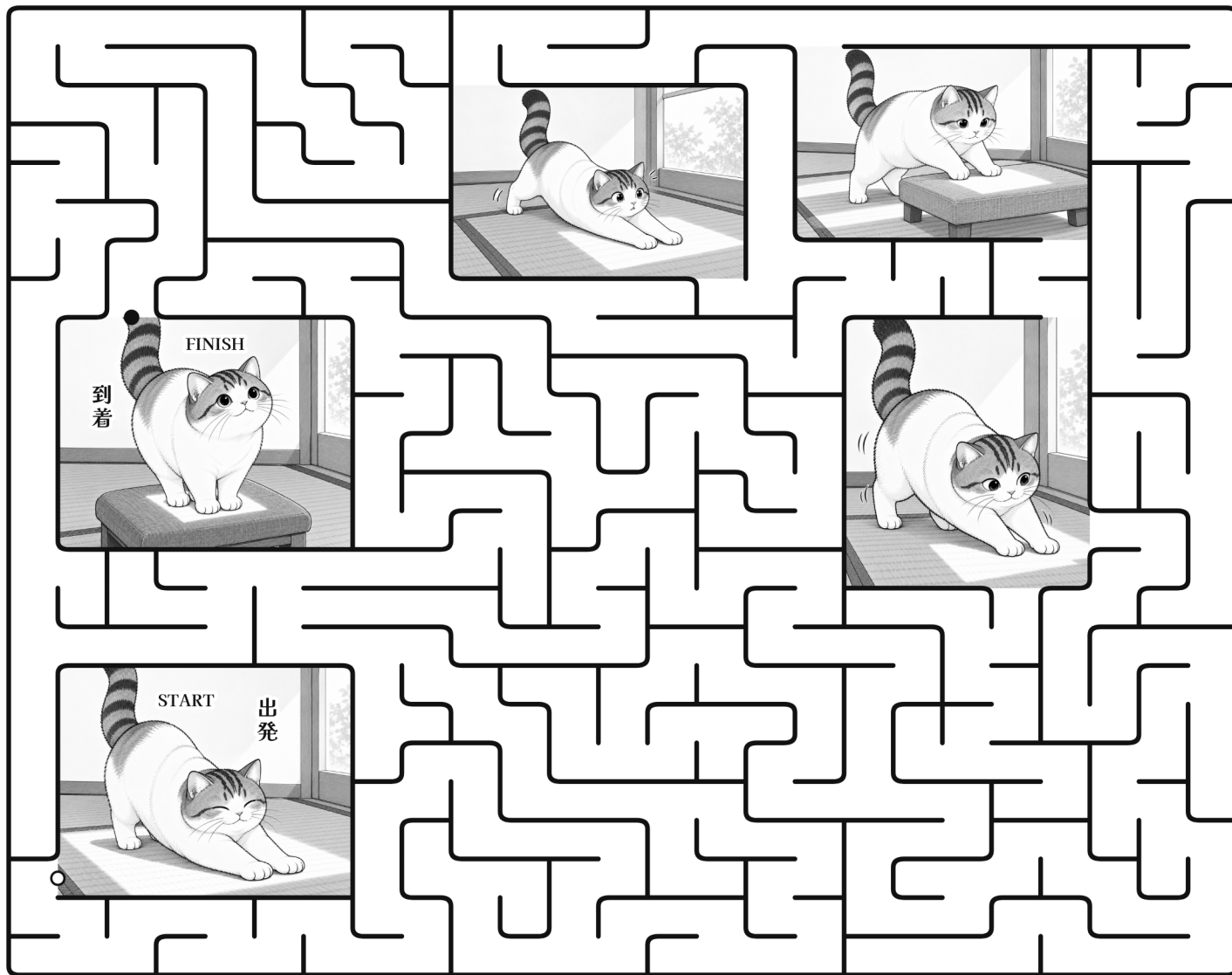
箱ひとつ
はみ出すしっぽ
王の席

Hako hitotsu
Hamidasu shippo
Ō no seki

One little box—
a tail refuses to fit.
His Majesty's throne.

The Moving Sunbed

Mugi has found the perfect patch of sunshine on the tatami. Unfortunately, his excellent new bed appears to have somewhere else to be.



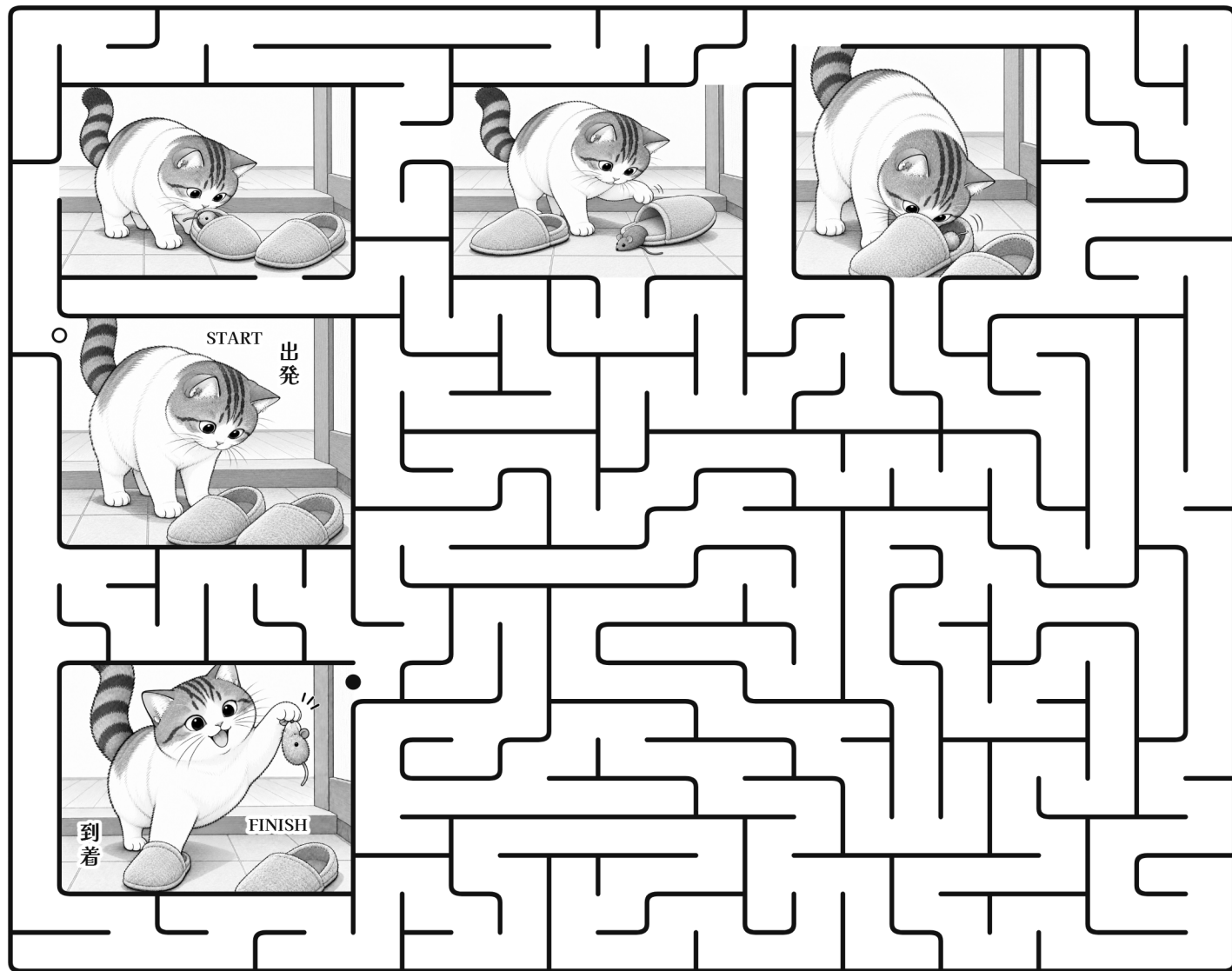
日向ぼこ
座布団よりも
足がいる

Hinataboko
Zabuton yori mo
Ashi ga iru

*A sunny nap—
unlike a cushion,
this bed needs legs.*

Slipper Inspection

Two slippers wait neatly at the entrance. Mugi suspects that one of them is hiding something, and he takes household inspections very seriously indeed.



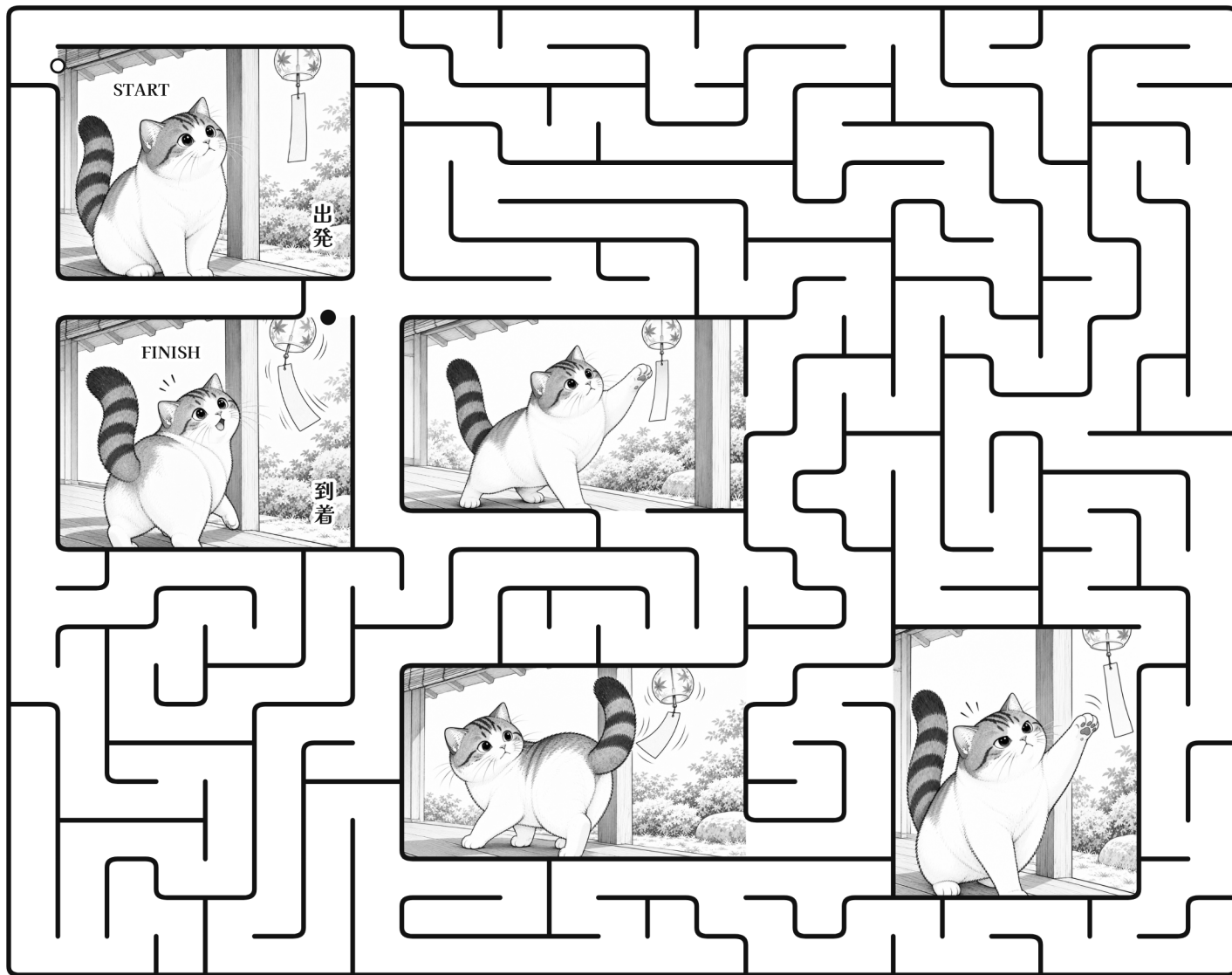
くつひとつ
鼻だけ入れて
検査済み

Kutsu hitotsu
Hana dake irete
Kensazumi

One slipper—
a nose goes in.
Inspection complete.

The Silent Bell

The wind chime has stopped singing. Mugi decides to investigate the suspicious silence, although his tail may know more about the matter than he does.



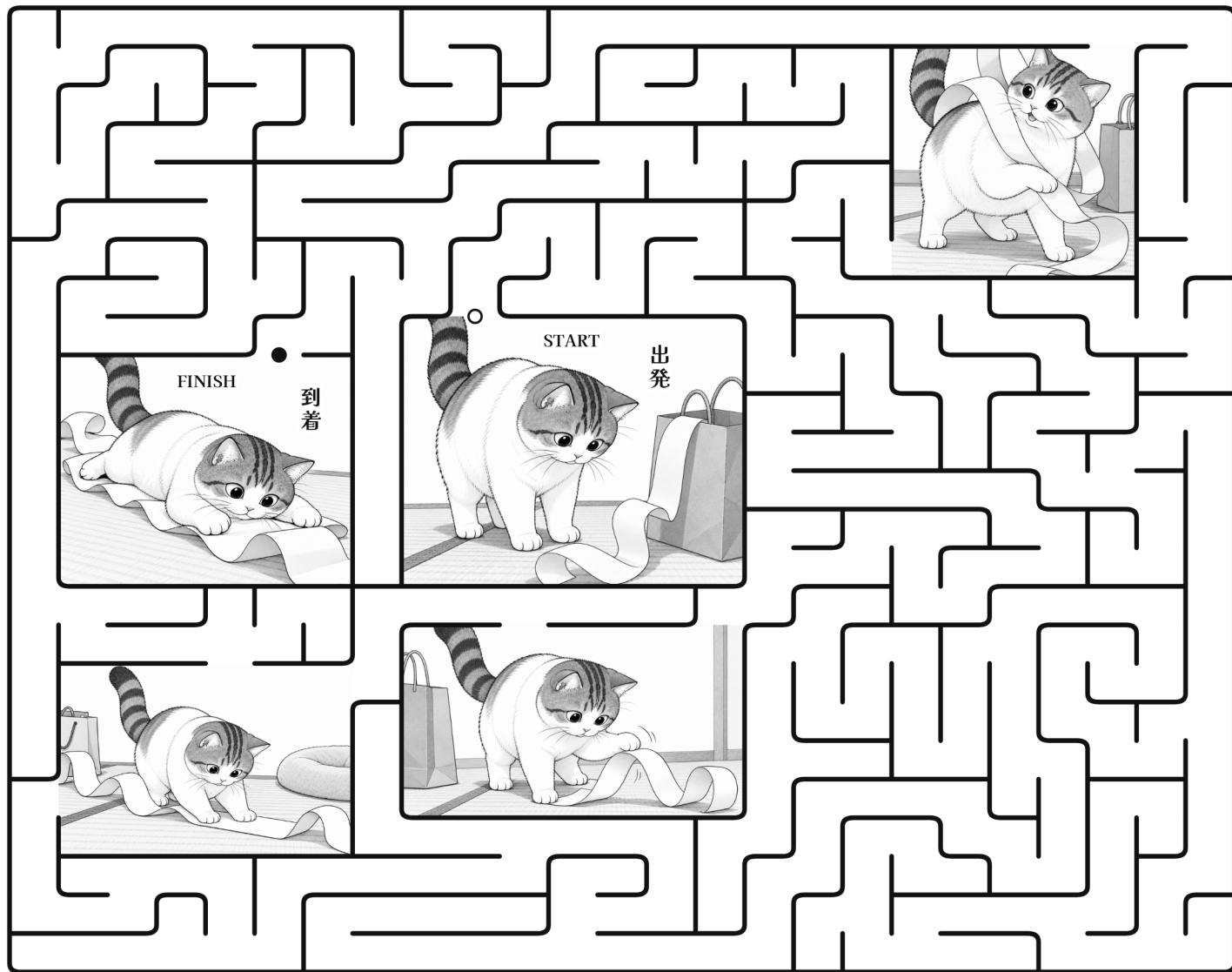
風鈴や
しっぽが触れて
猫の曲

Fūrin ya
Shippo ga furete
Neko no kyoku

A wind chime—
one brush of a tail,
a cat's composition.

A Very Important Receipt

A long strip of blank receipt paper curls from a shopping bag. To Mugi, this looks less like household accounting and more like an invitation.



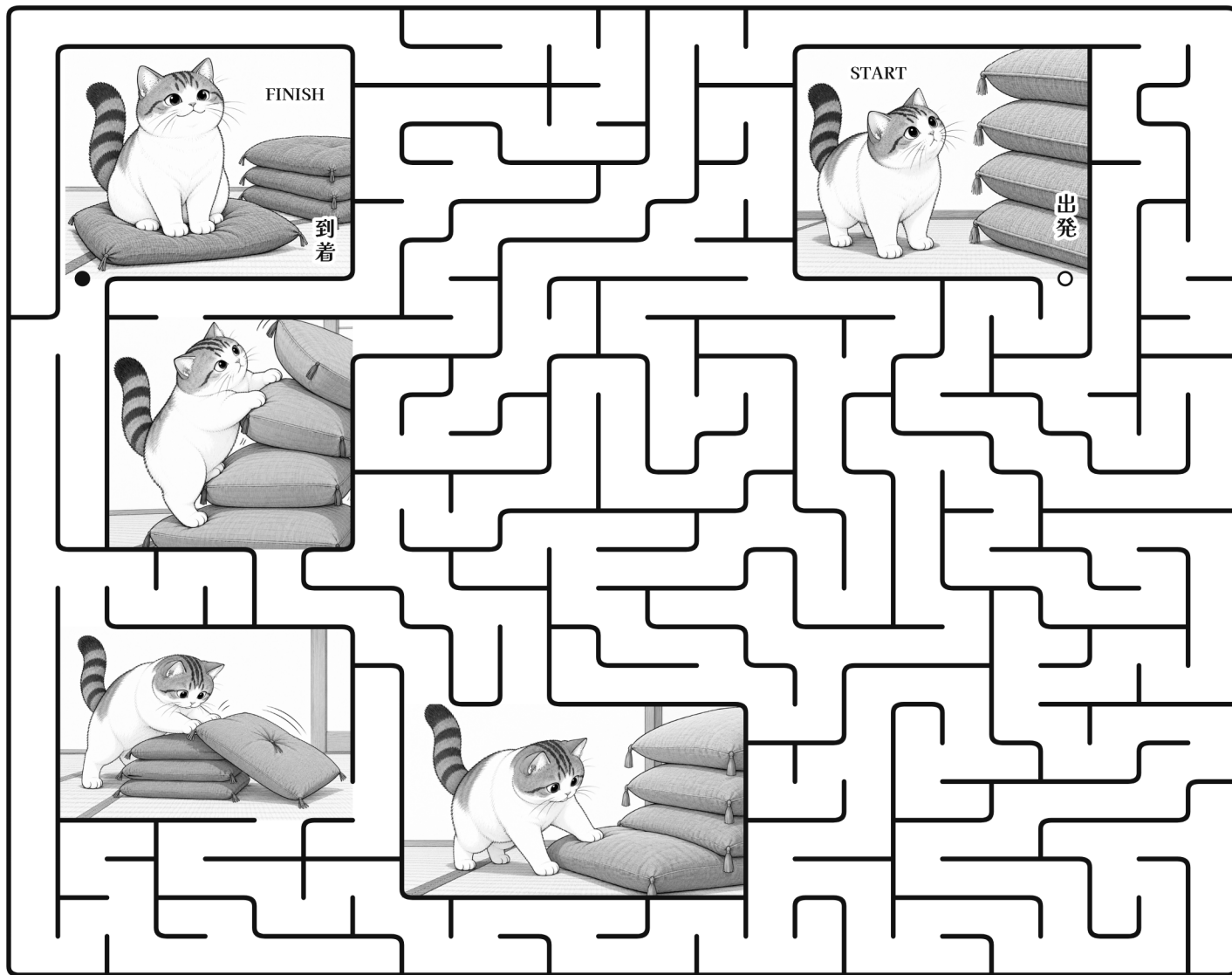
長い紙
買い物よりも
猫伸びる

Nagai kami
Kaimono yori mo
Neko nobiru

A long receipt—
more than the shopping,
the cat stretches out.

The Cushion Mountain

Freshly stacked floor cushions have changed the geography of the sitting room. Mugi intends to discover what the view looks like from the top.

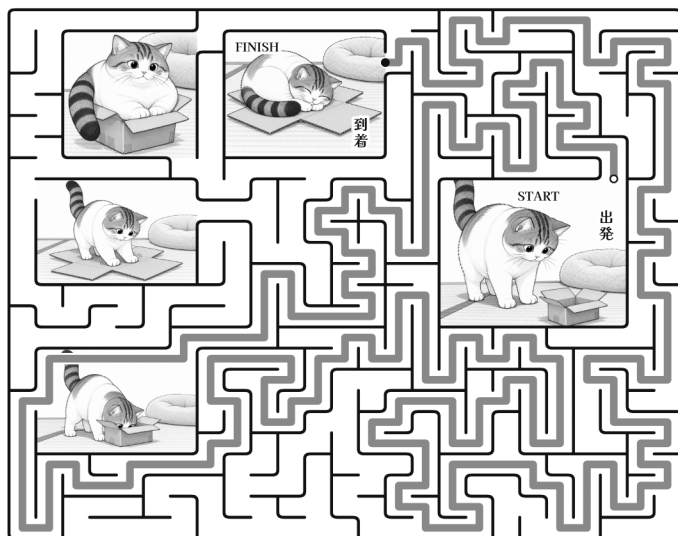


山ひとつ
登っただけで
もう休み

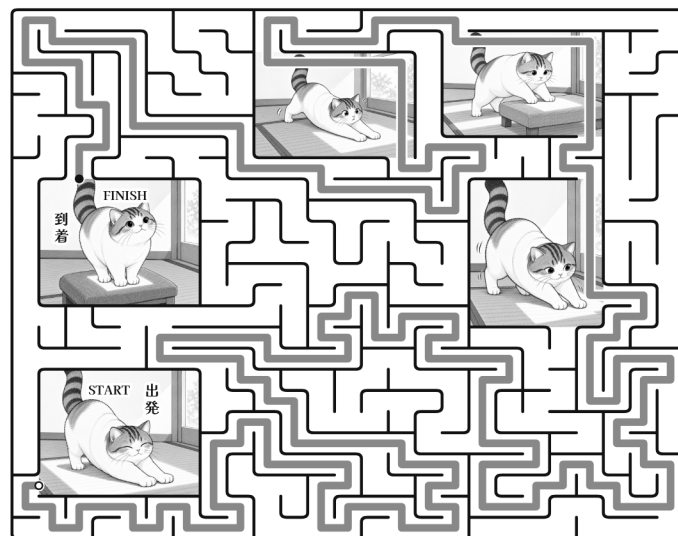
Yama hitotsu
Nobotta dake de
Mō yasumi

One mountain—
merely climbing it
earns a holiday.

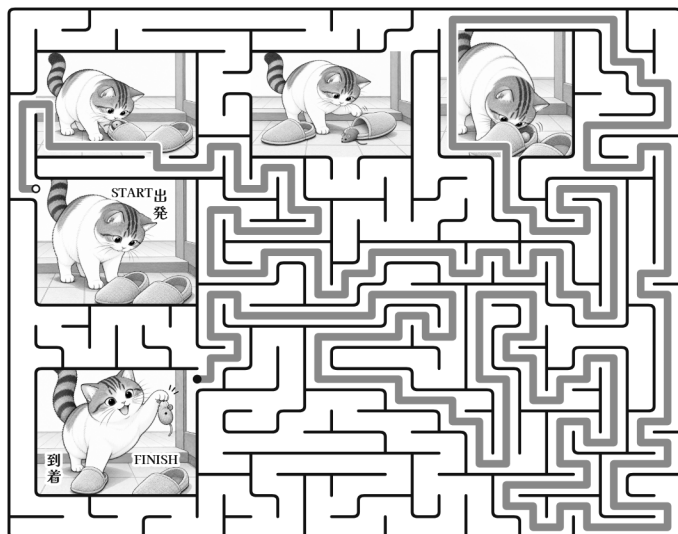
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A Box Fit for a King



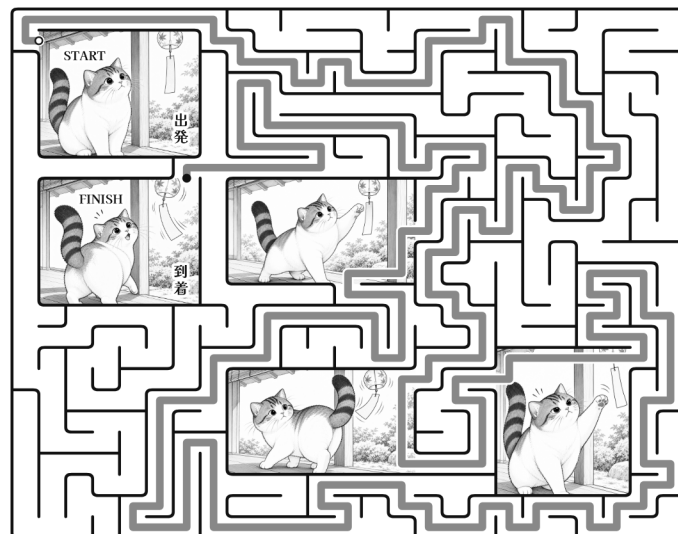
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The Moving Sunbed



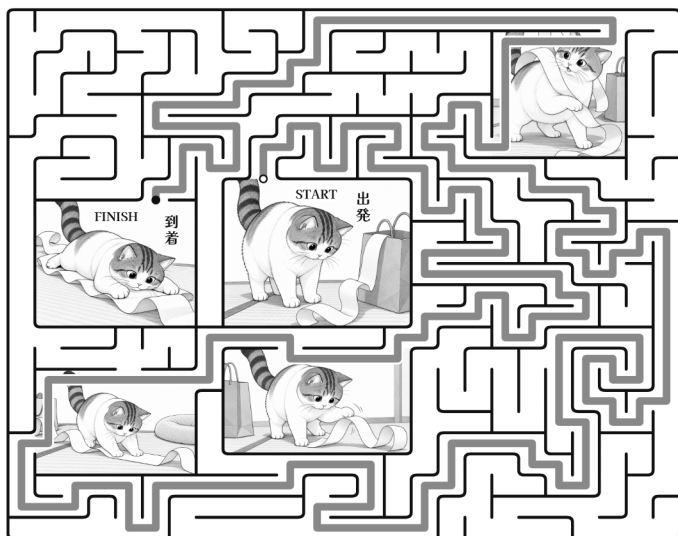
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Slipper Inspection



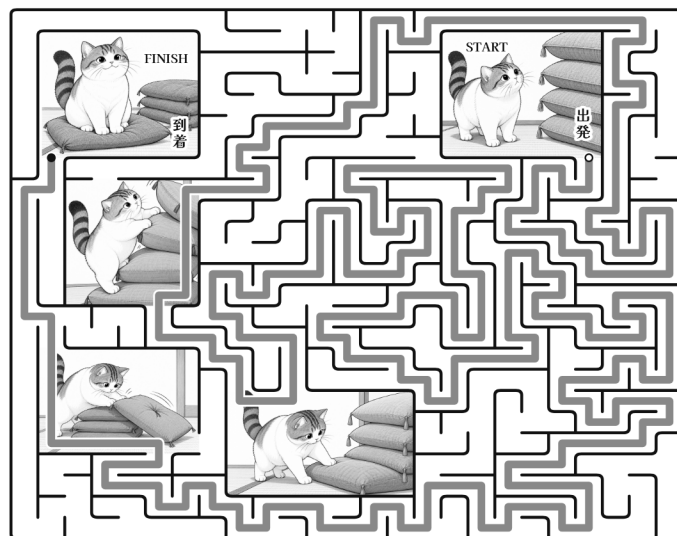
MAZE 4 · 第四問
The Silent Bell



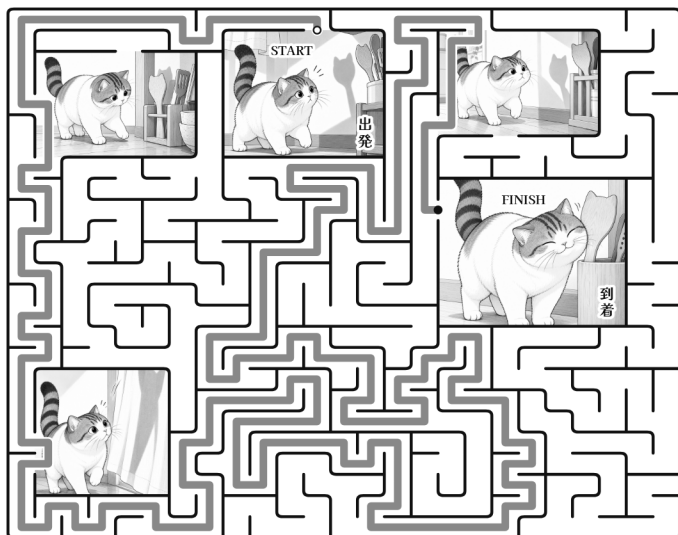
MAZE 5 · 第五問
A Very Important Receipt



MAZE 6 · 第六問
The Cushion Mountain



MAZE 7 · 第七問
The Rice-Paddle Rival



MAZE 8 · 第八問
Laundry Basket Captain

