



## Book 94: Who Ate the Cake?

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### Sound

/ai/ long vowel - a

### New Words

wait, ate, mice

### Plot Summary

Nell makes a "back to school" cake for the animal friends. While the cake is cooling, they go to the back yard to play. When they return, they find that some of the cake has been eaten. There are cake crumbs leading to the window. Mat hides and waits for the cake thieves to come back. He sees five mice approach the cake and tries to catch them with a net. They are too fast for him. Kit then follows the trail of crumbs and finds the mice. She takes the mice back to the farm house and share some cake with them.

### Story Questions (Comprehension)

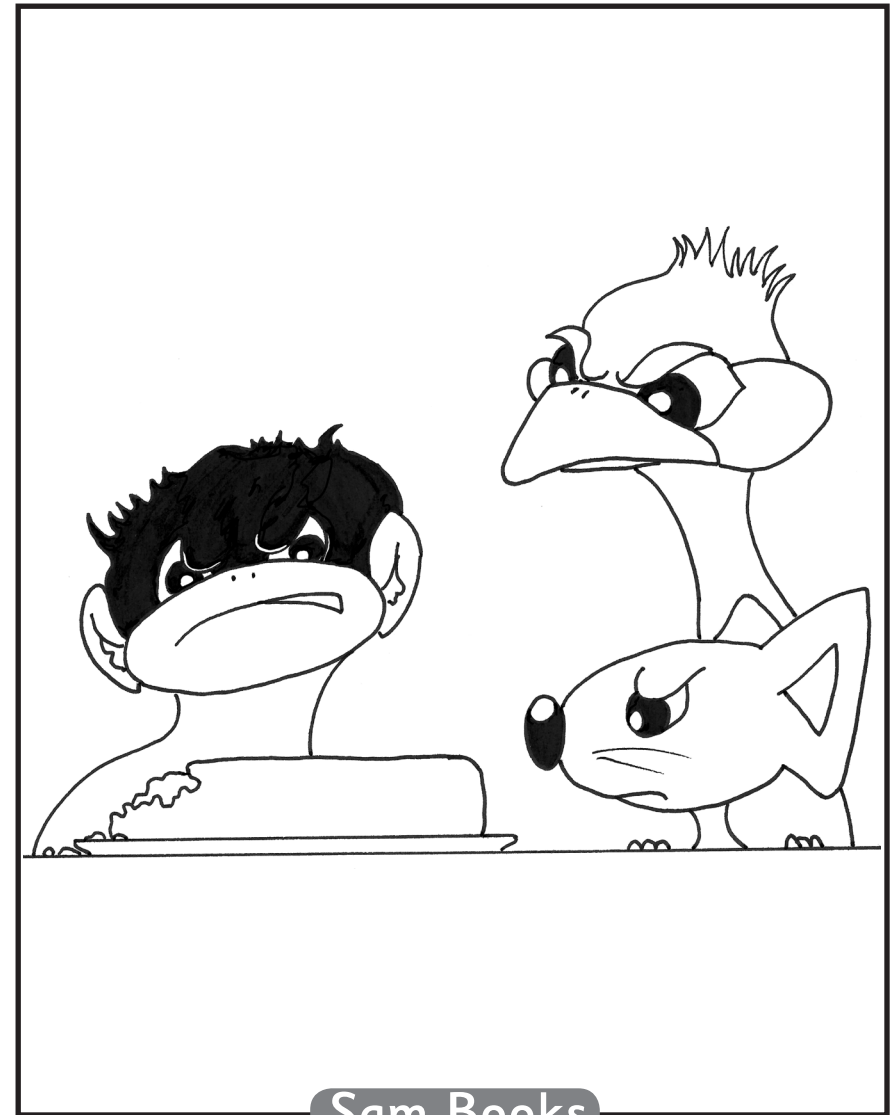
1. page 2: What did Nell write on the cake?
2. page 3: Why did they have to wait before eating some cake?
3. page 8: What did Mat use to try to catch the mice?
4. page 9: Why couldn't Mat catch the mice?
5. page 13: Where did Kit find the mice?

Each new word throughout the program is repeated at least five times in the book in which it first appears and five more times in the next ten books.

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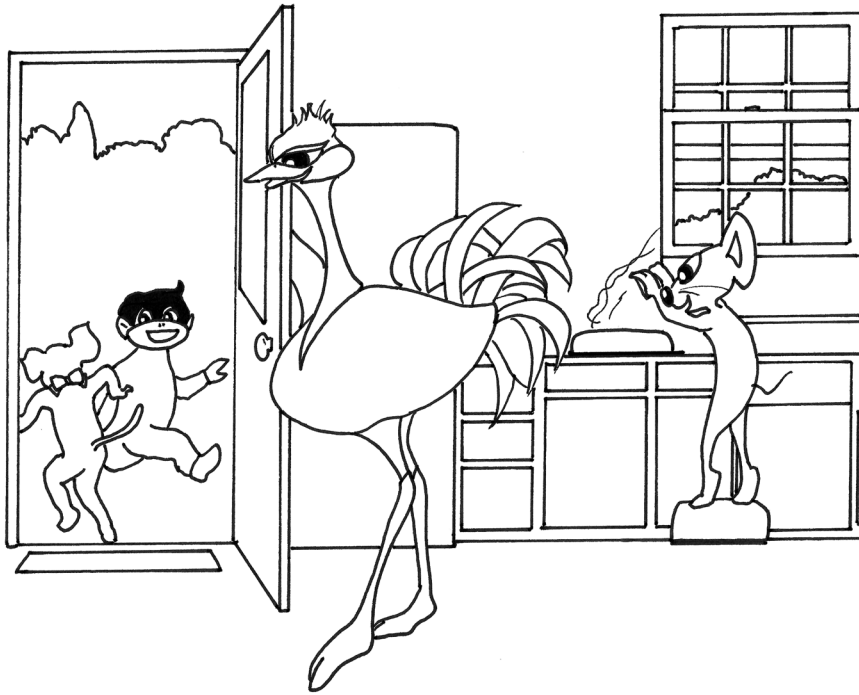


“You’ll go back to school in five days.  
I know you can’t wait!  
I will make you a ‘back to school day’  
cake,” says Nell.



“Did you write ‘happy back to school  
day’ on the cake?” says Mat.

“Yes, I did,” says Nell.  
“I can’t wait to try the cake,” says Mat.



“The cake is too hot now.

You need to wait,” says Nell.

“I’ll take a photo of the cake,” says Mat.

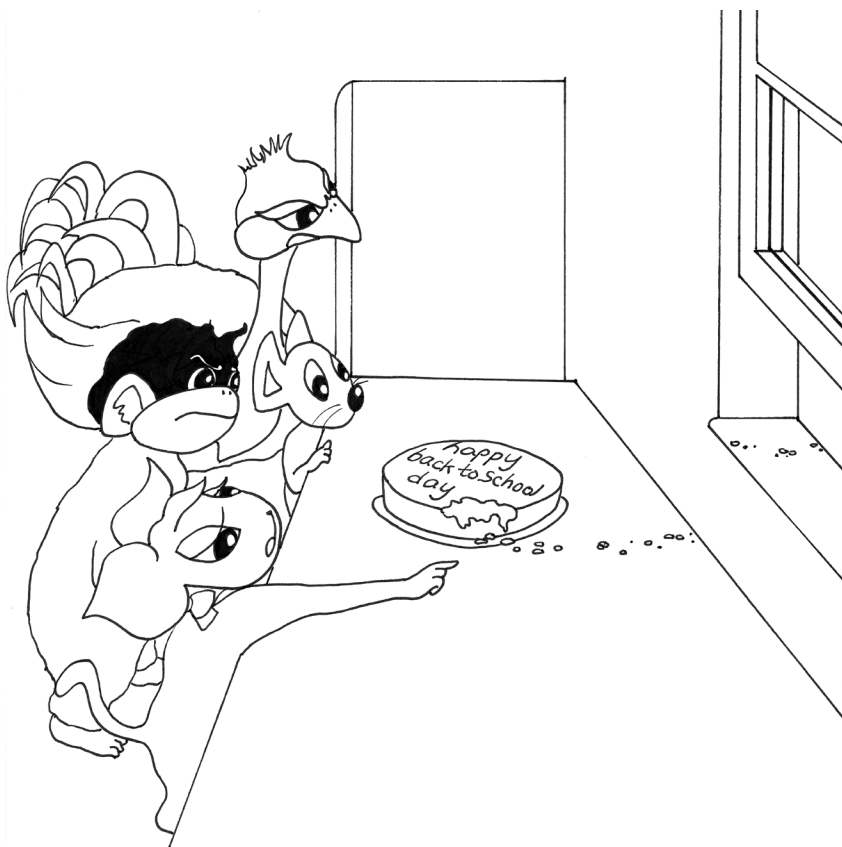
They play in the back yard.



Then they go back for the cake.

“Look at the cake!

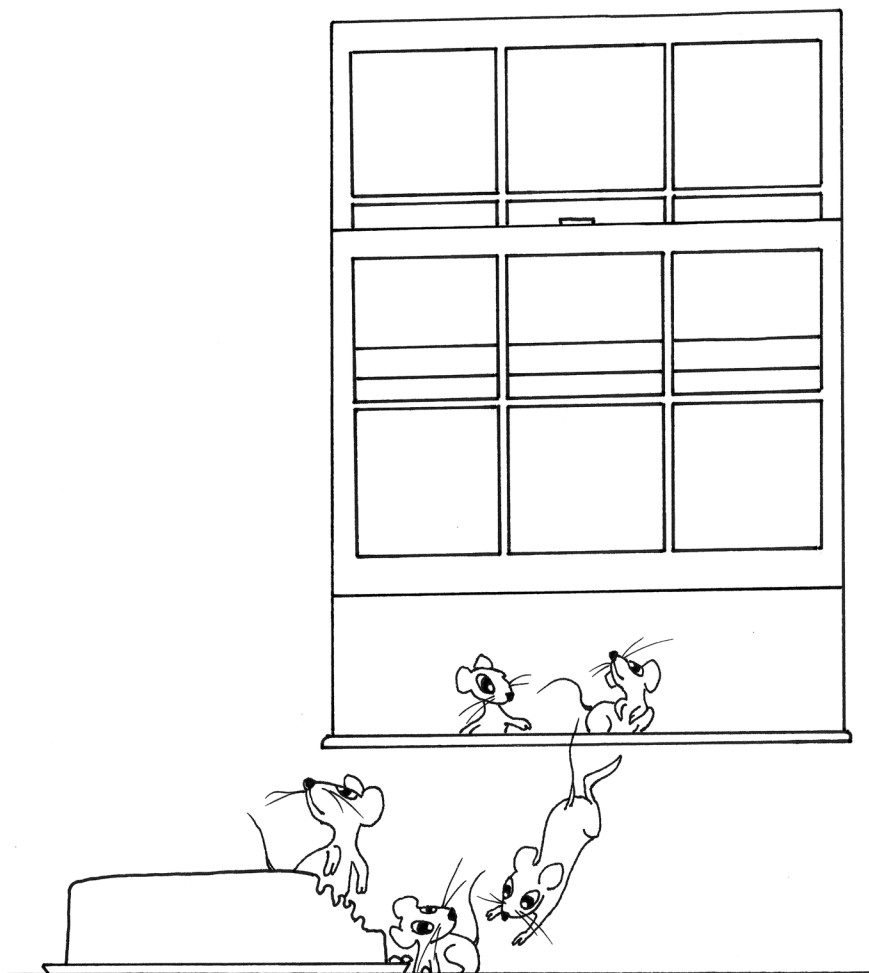
Who did it? Who ate the cake?”



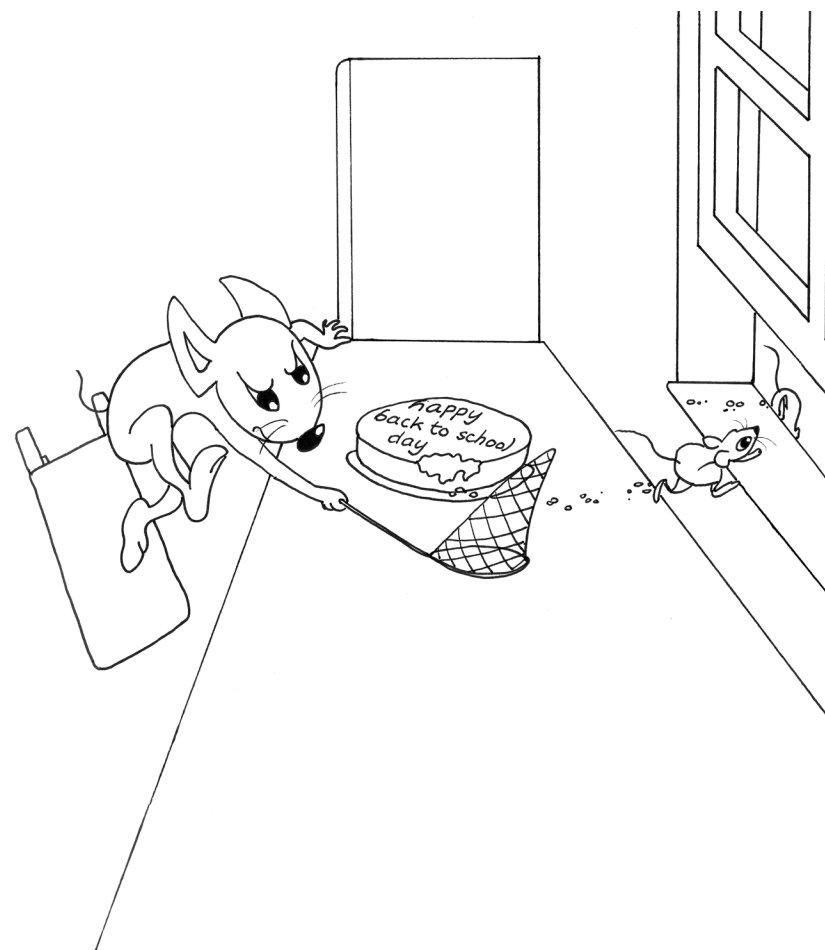
“Look at the crumbs.  
They go that way.  
That’s where they get in.”



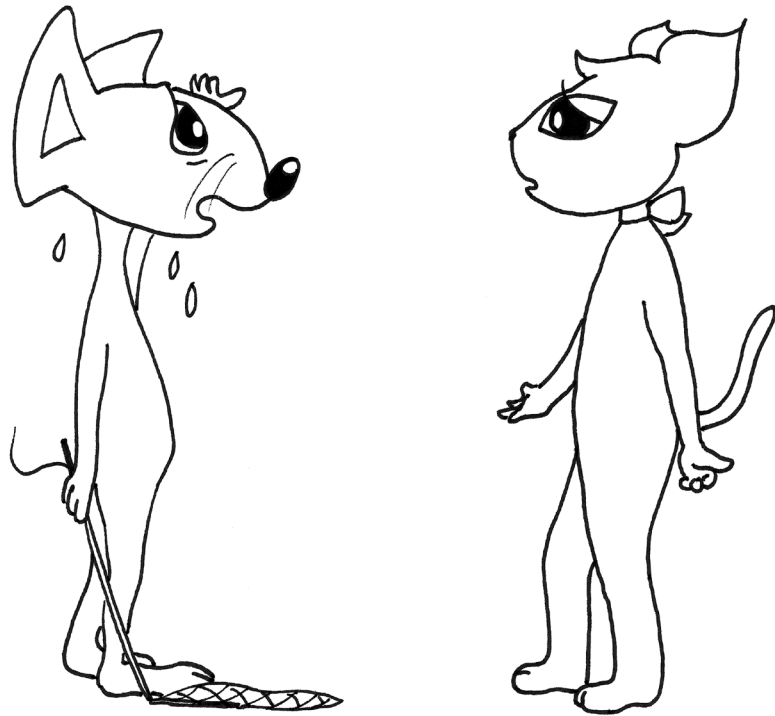
“You all go back to the yard.  
I’ll hide and wait under this chair.  
If they try to get back for the cake,  
I will catch them with this net.”



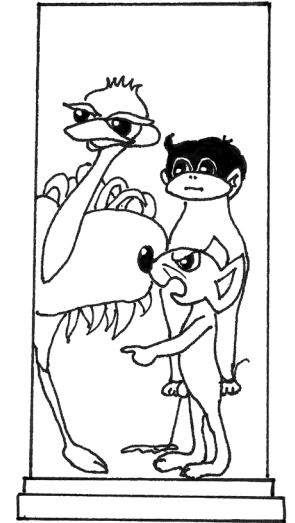
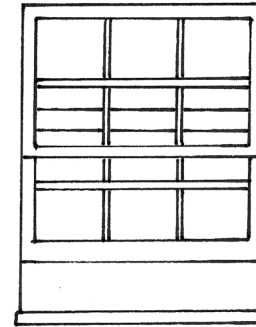
Five mice run in.  
There are big mice and little mice.  
They head for the cake. Mat waits.



Mat jumps up from under the chair.  
The net is in his hand.  
He runs fast to catch the mice.  
The mice are too fast for him.



“It is the mice who ate the cake!”  
 “Why didn’t you catch them, Mat?”  
 “They are too fast for me.”



“Where are the mice now?” Says Nell.  
 “They ran that way into the yard,”  
 says Mat.  
 “Well, Kit will find them,” says Nell.



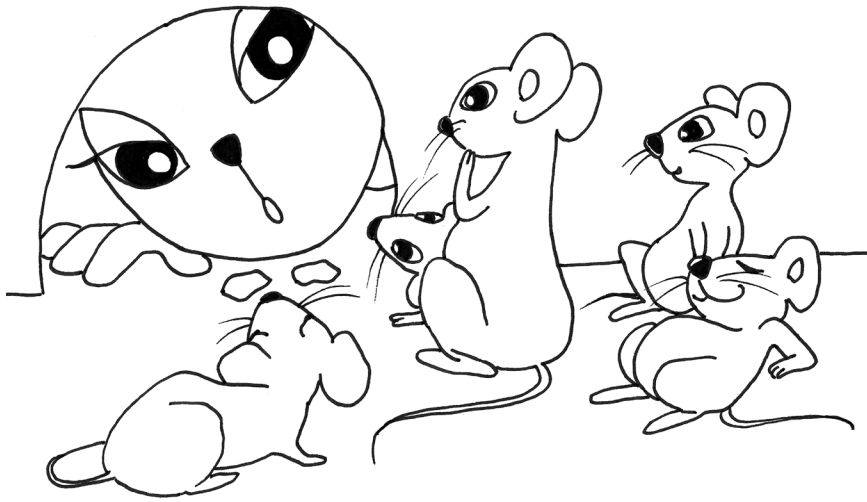
Kit looks for the mice in the yard.

“I can see cake crumbs on the ground.  
I will see where the crumbs take me.”



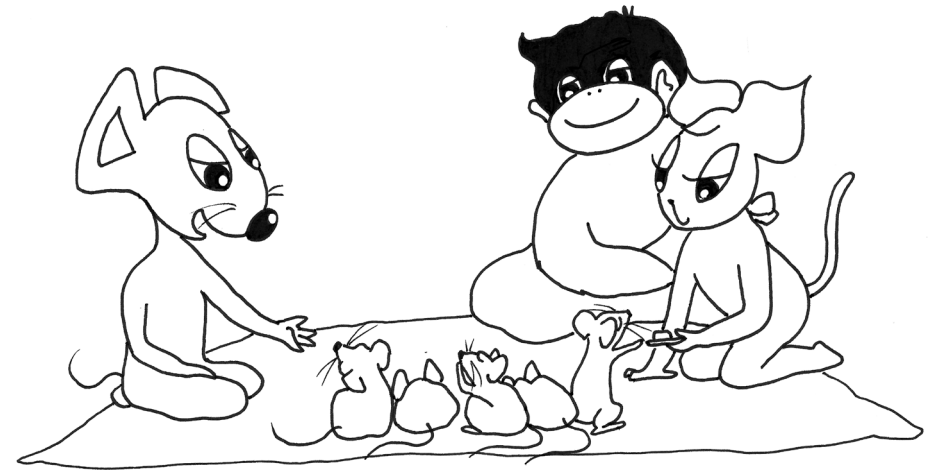
“The crumbs go into a hole in the wall.

If there are mice inside,  
I will know that they ate the cake.”



Kit looks inside and sees  
five mice, all with big stomachs.

“You are the mice who ate the cake.  
It is not right to take the cake.  
I need to take you back to the farm.”



“You ate the cake. That was wrong.  
You need to ask.  
We are happy to let you try the cake.”