



Book 86: Sam's Yard

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Sound

/z/ written as 's,' /n/ written as 'gn'

New Words

yard, roses, sign, gnome, plant

Review Words

wrong, write

Plot Summary

Mit and Mat look at Sam's yard and see that it is very messy. They decide to clean it up, and they get Max and Pip to help. Sam is surprised when he returns to see all the work that they have done. But he has a bigger surprise for them!

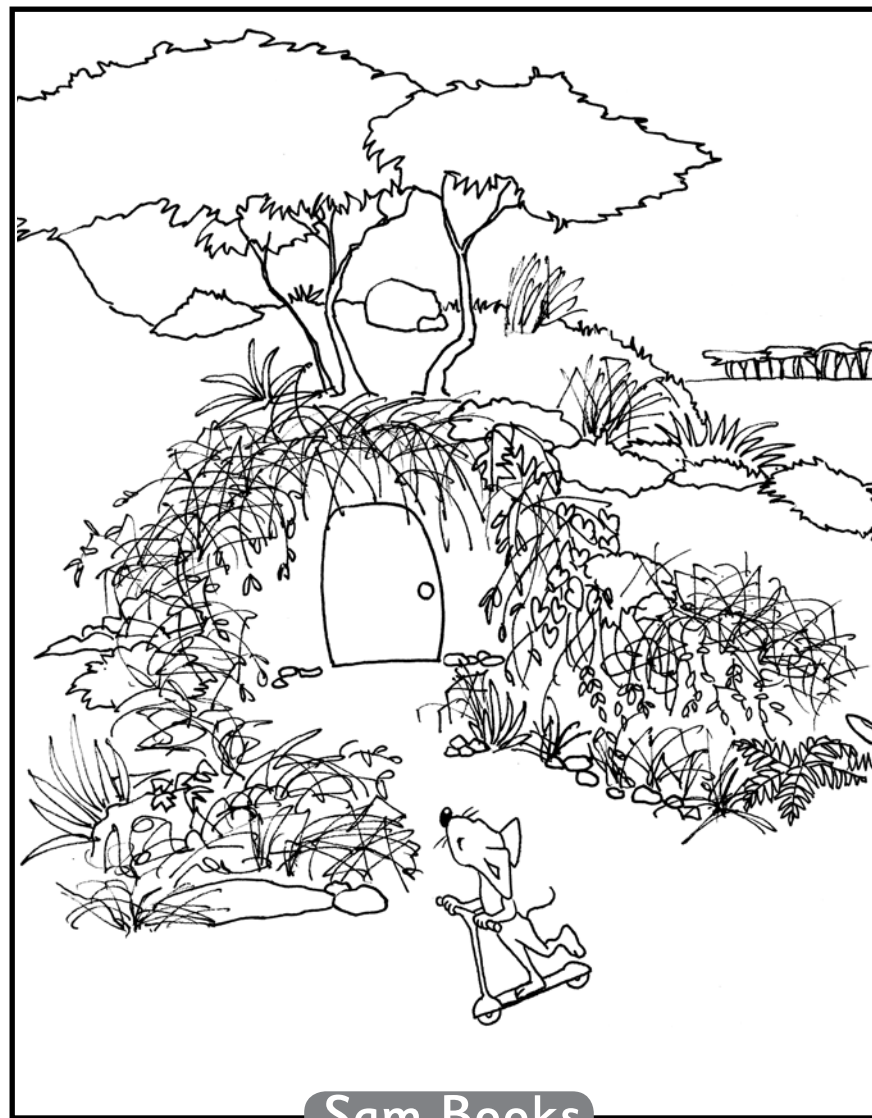
Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 2: Where is Sam when his friends are working on the yard?
2. page 4: Who makes the sign?
3. page 4: What does Mat make?
4. page 10: Who likes to swim in the pond?
5. page 14: Why are Sam's friends sad at the end of the story?

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.

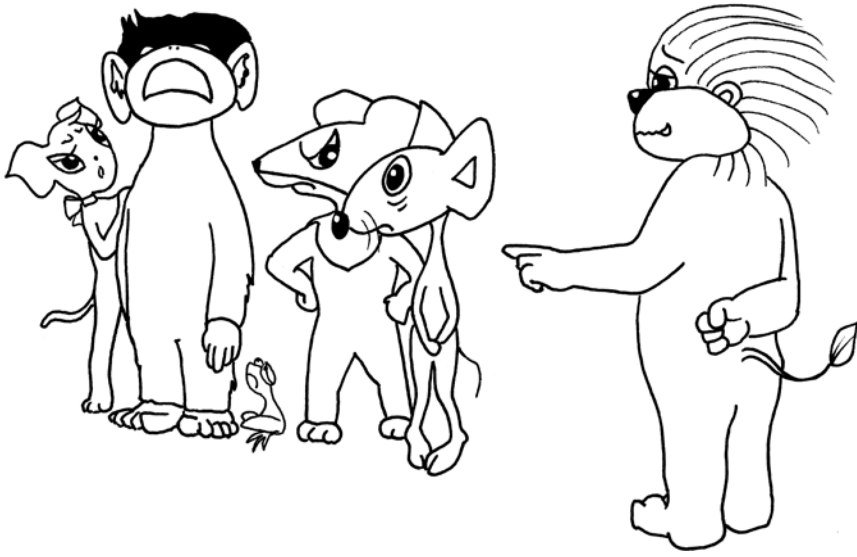
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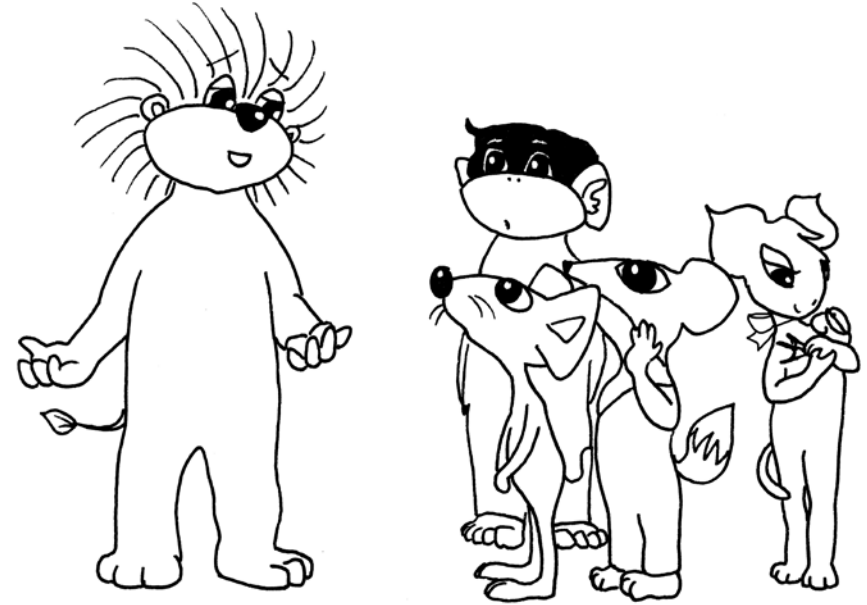
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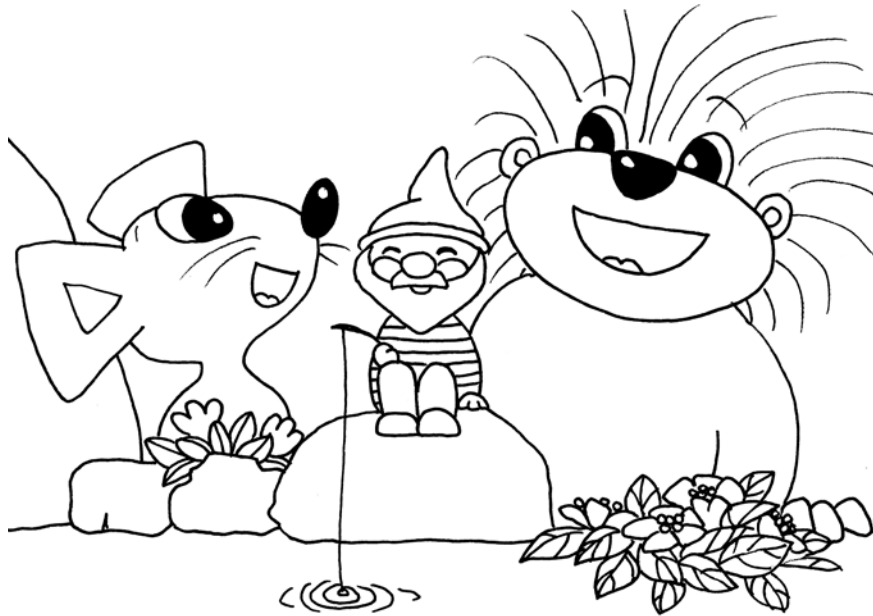
“It’s the wrong yard.
This is not my back yard.
My yard is there!”

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Level	Book	Title	Sounds	notes
21	81	The Giant Nuts	/j/	Soft "g"
	82	Cycle to the Farm	/s/	Soft "c"
	83	Eggs and Carrots	/p/ /d/ /t/ /r/	Same consonant together/same sound as single consonant
	84	The Drummer	/m/ /z/	Same consonant together/same sound as single consonant
22	85	Cake Crumbs	/n/ /r/ /m/	/n/ written as "kn", /r/ written as "wr", /m/ written as "mb"
	86	Sam's Yard	/z/ /n/	/z/ written as "s", /n/ written as "gn"
	87	A Photo of Phil	/f/	/f/ written as "ph"
	88	Go to School	/k/ /w/	/k/ written as "ch", /w/ written as "wh"
23	89	Scratch the Itch	/ch/	/ch/ written as "tch"
	90	Where is Phil?		Question words
	91	Fun at the Party		Different sounds for the letter "y"
	92	Will Can't Play		Contractions
24	93	They Like to Hike	/igh/	Alternate spellings for /igh/ long vowel - i
	94	Who Ate the Cake?	/ai/	Alternate spellings for /ai/ long vowel - a
	95	Three Lost Sheep	/ee/	Alternate spellings for ee/ long vowel - e
	96	The Road Home	/ou/	Alternate spellings for /ou/ long vowel - o
25	97	The Picnic		Compound words
	98	Apple Pies		Syllables
	99	The Race		Suffixes
	100	The Wolf		Prefixes



“I like the sign. I like the roses.
I like the gnome, but you need to take
them all from there.”



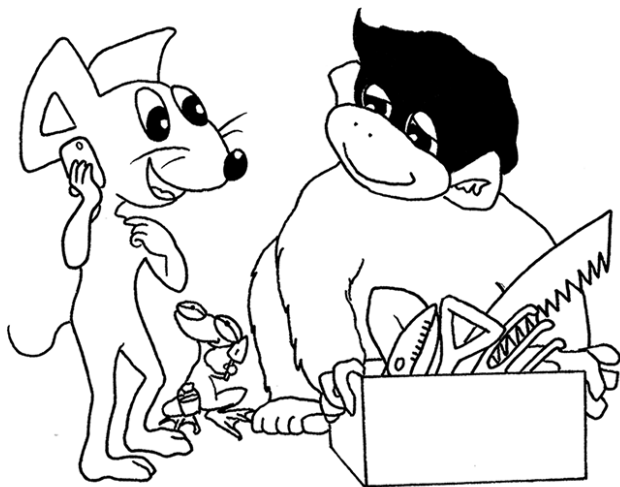
“It’s a gnome! A little gnome
with a big head,” says Sam.

“I made the gnome for you, Sam,”
says Mat.



“Look at Sam’s yard.
It is a mess,” says Mat.

“We can make it look like a little park,”
says Mit.



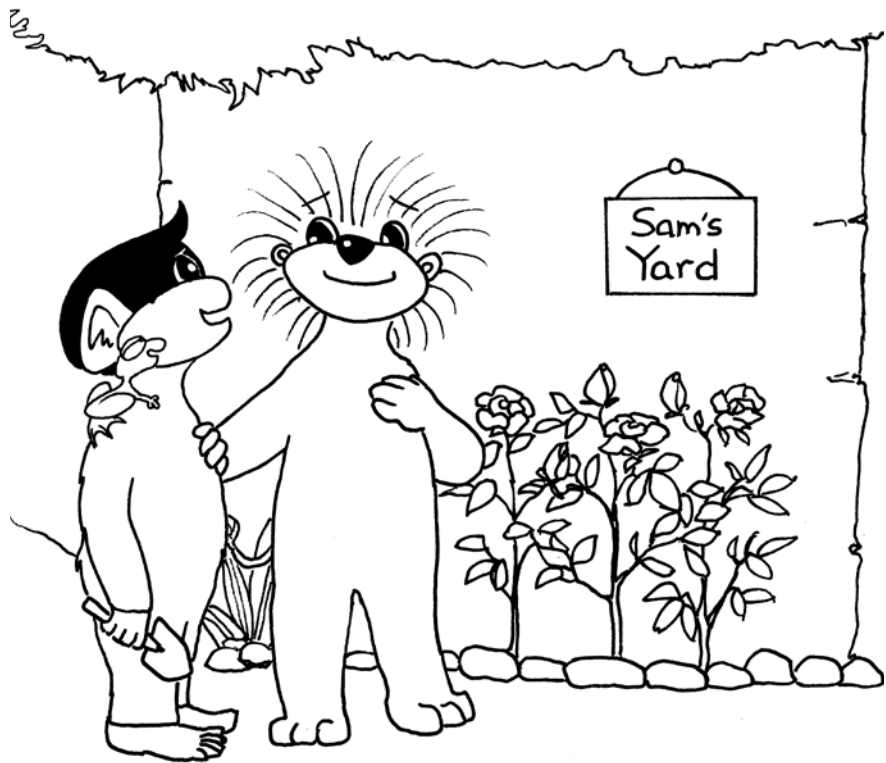
“Let’s do it! Max will help.”

“Sam is at the zoo today with Kit.”



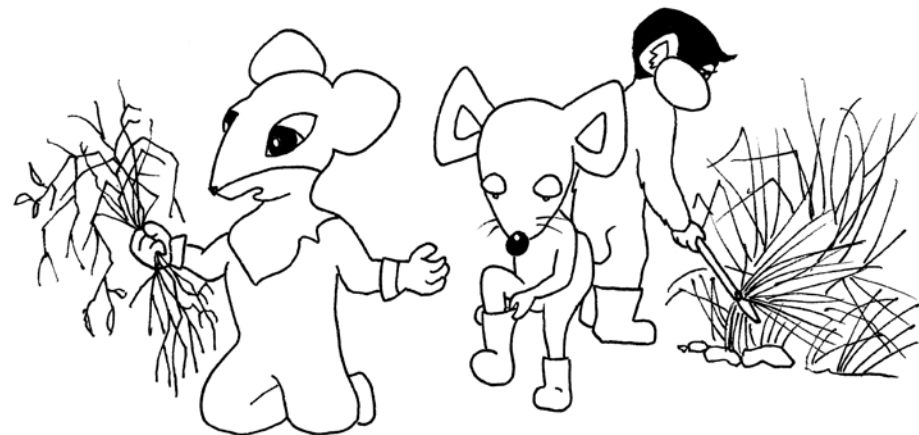
“What is under the sheet?

Is it a big plant?”



“I planted the red roses under the wall,”
says Mit.

“I like to swim in your pond,” says Pip.

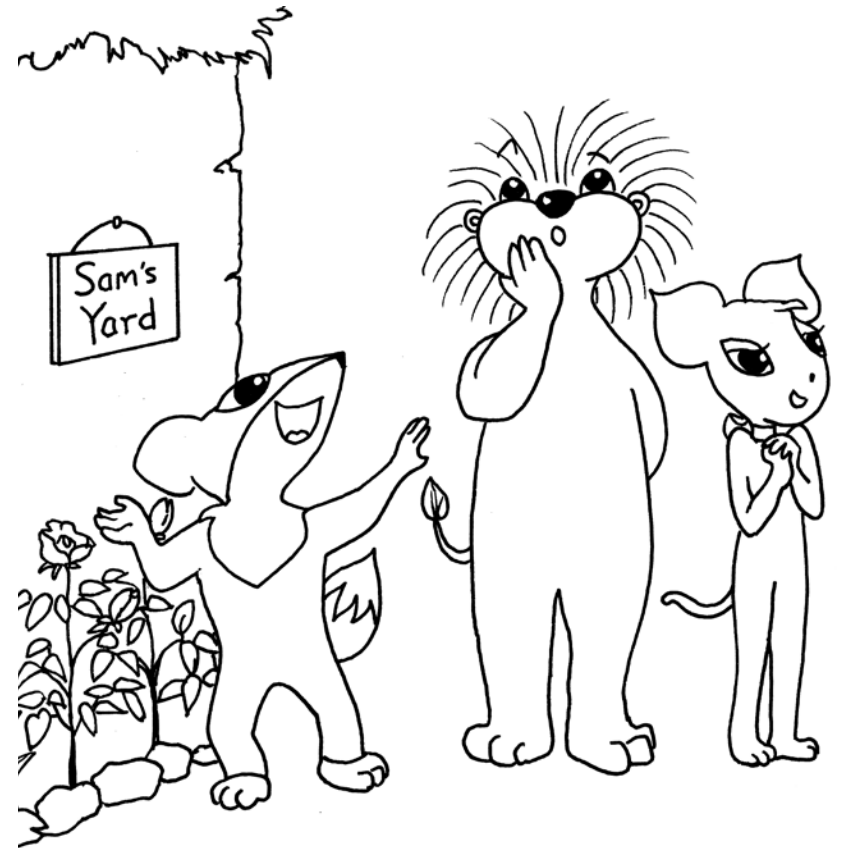


“Look at the weeds! Look at the dirt
and the mud! Sam’s yard looks sad.”



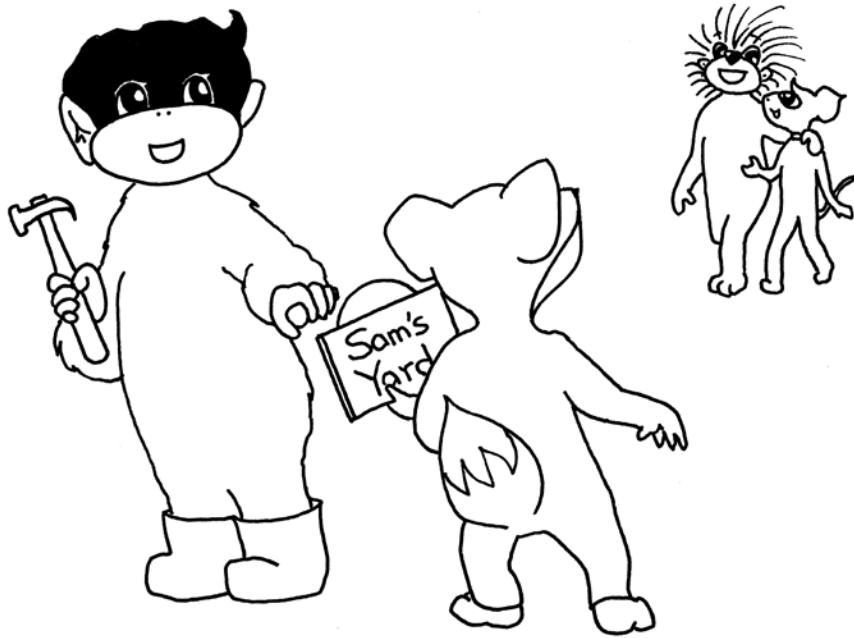
“I will make a sign. I will write
‘Sam’s Yard’ on the sign.”

“I will make a gnome. The gnome will
fish at the little pond,” says Mat.



“This sign is for your yard,” says Max.

“Did you do all this?” Says Sam.



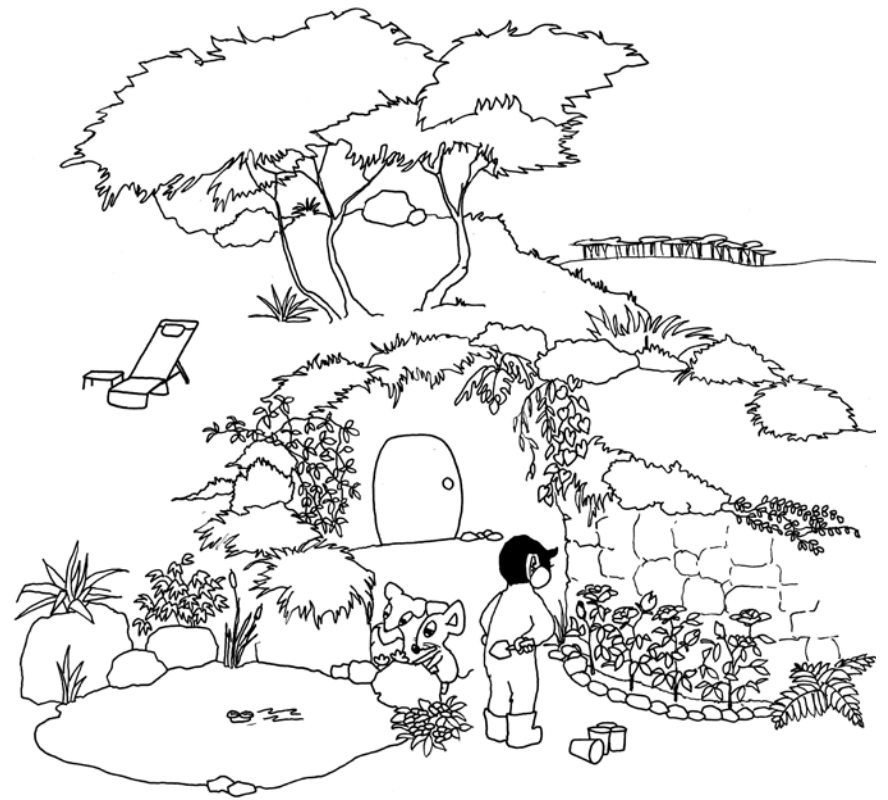
“Look, there is Sam with Kit.
Hand me the sign.
I will set it on the wall.”



“Sam will like roses in his yard. I will
plant roses under that wall,” says Mit.
“Sam likes to sit in the sun. We can set
a chair under that big tree,” says Pip.



They take up all the weeds.
They fill in the holes with dirt.
They plant seeds in the ground.



They make the pond bigger.
They plant roses under the wall.