



Mat and the Nut

Book 34: Mat and the Nut

New Words

nut, rat, set - decodable

Plot Summary

Mat the Rat has a great big nut. He cracks it open to discover what is inside. Just then Sam approaches. Mat decides to hide in his prize nut. Then Mat jumps up with the nut on top of him and frightens Sam. Sam retaliates by shutting Mat up inside the giant nut.

Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 1: What does Mat have?
2. page 4: How is Mat going to find out what is inside the nut?
3. page 7: What do you think Mat is doing?
4. pages 9: What frightens Sam?
5. pages 11-12: What did Sam do to Mat?

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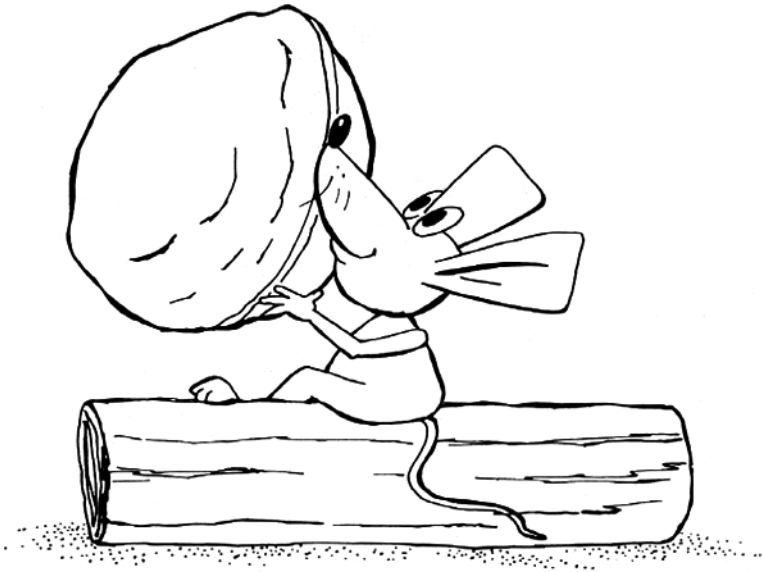
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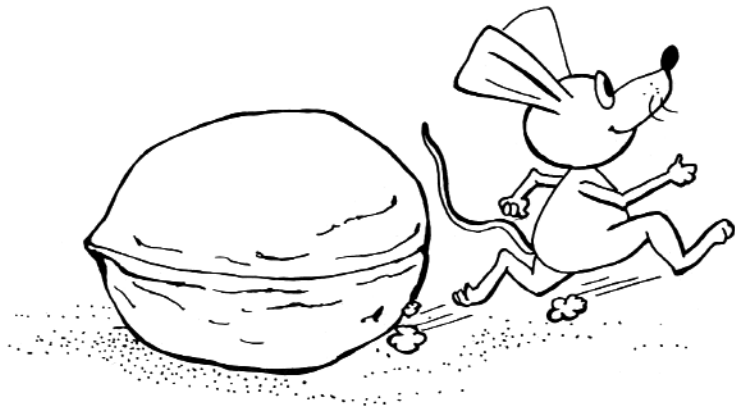
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Mat is a rat.
He is Mat the Rat.
He runs with a nut.



“I will set the nut on the sand.”



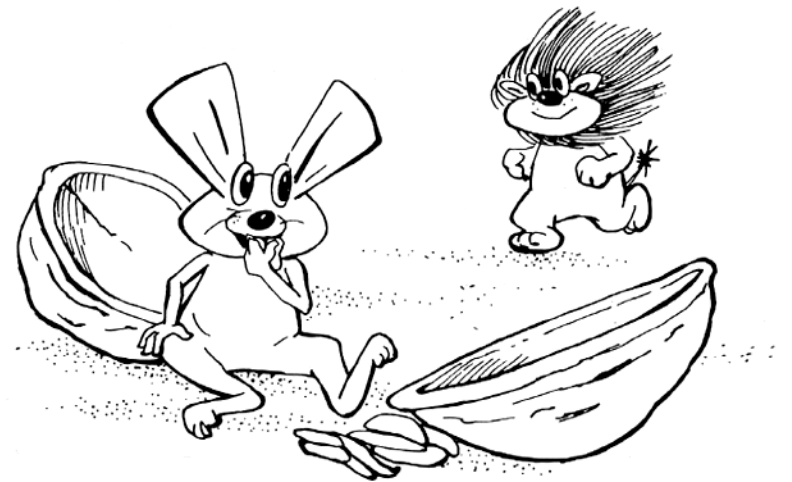
Mat set the nut on the sand.
Then he ran.



“What is in the nut?
I will see.”



“What fun!
I did well.”



Mat sees Sam.



Did Sam see the rat?
No. The rat is in the nut.



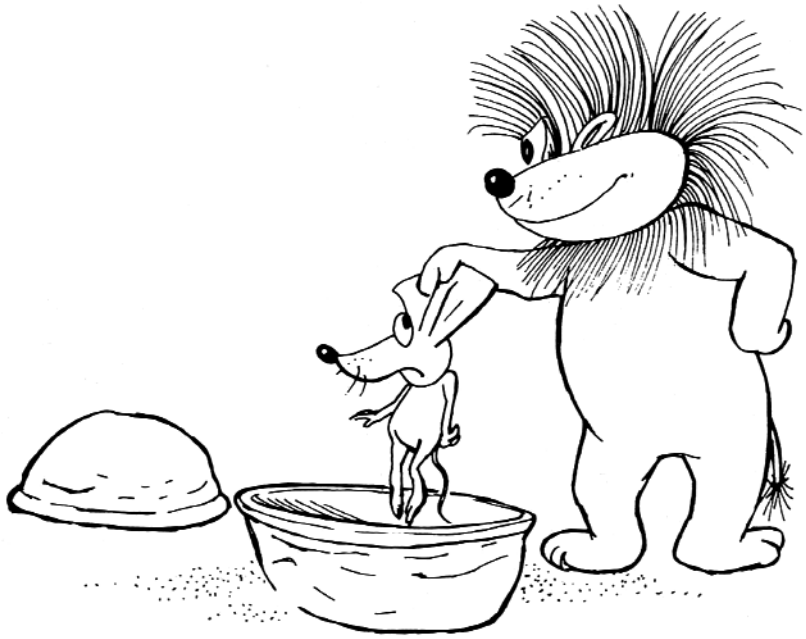
“Who set this nut on the sand?”



“What is that?”



“I set the nut on me.
I am Mat the Rat.”



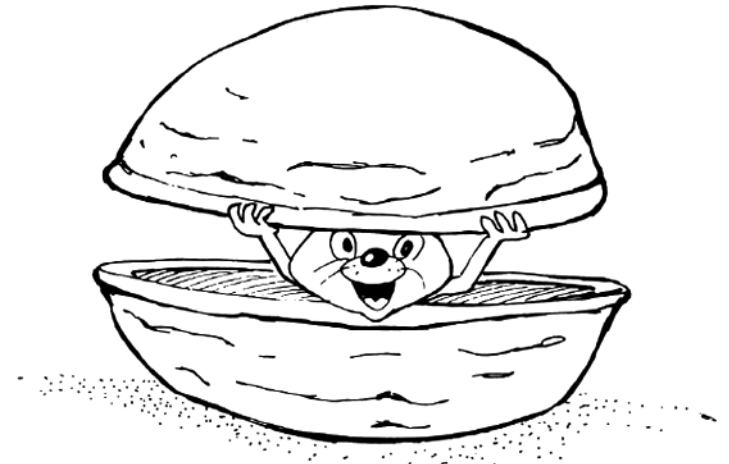
Sam sets the rat in the nut.



“I will shut the rat in the nut.”



The nut is shut.
Sam runs.



“Who did it?”