



## Book 35: Mat the Rat

### Review Word

nut, rat, set - Decodable

### Plot Summary

Mat the Rat gets ready to go to the zoo. He takes fish and peanuts for the animals. While he feeds the seal, a baby elephant tries to reach a peanut. Mat begins to tease the baby elephant. Mama elephant is angry. She takes the nuts away from Mat. But Mat soon becomes friends with Mama Elephant and her baby.

### Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 6: What is Mat putting in his sheet?
2. page 8: Where is Mat going?
3. page 10: How is Mat teasing the baby elephant?
4. page 11: What did Mama Elephant do?
5. page 13: What is Mat doing to make the elephants happy?

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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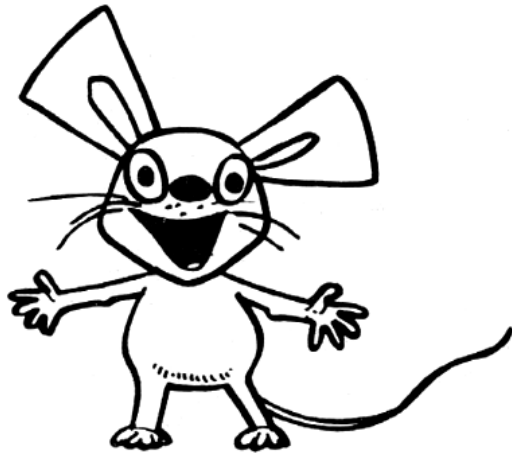
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Sam Books

Book 35



“I am Mat the Rat.”



“I am a rat  
with a hat.”



“I need this fish  
and that fish.”



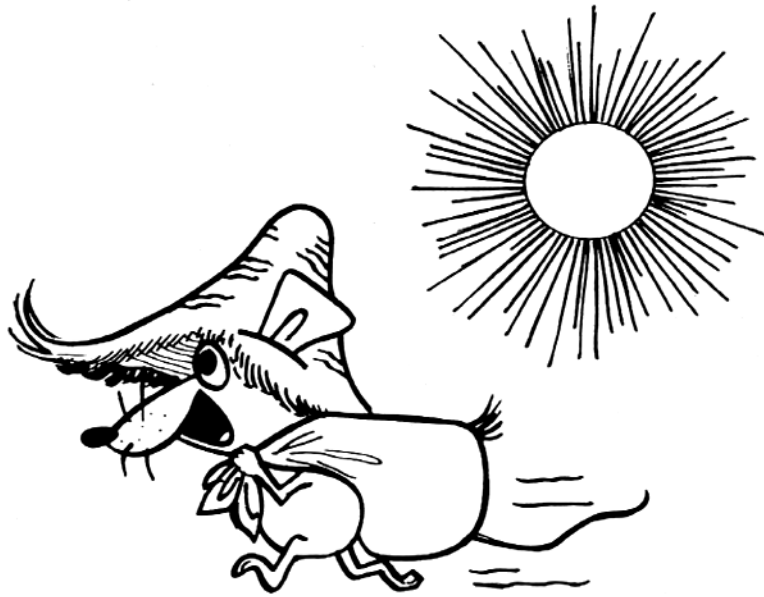
“I need this nut and that nut.  
I will set them in this.”



“I need a sheet.”



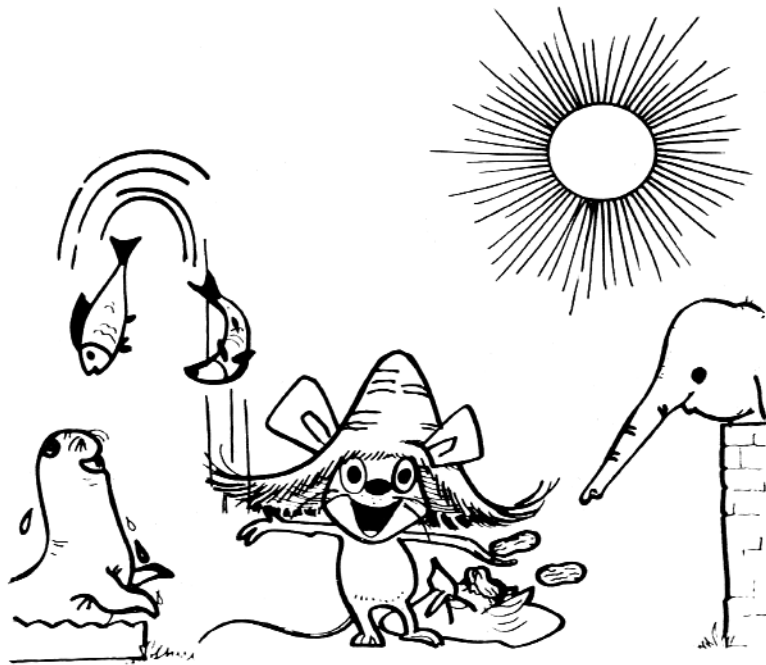
“I will set the fish and the  
nuts in the sheet.”



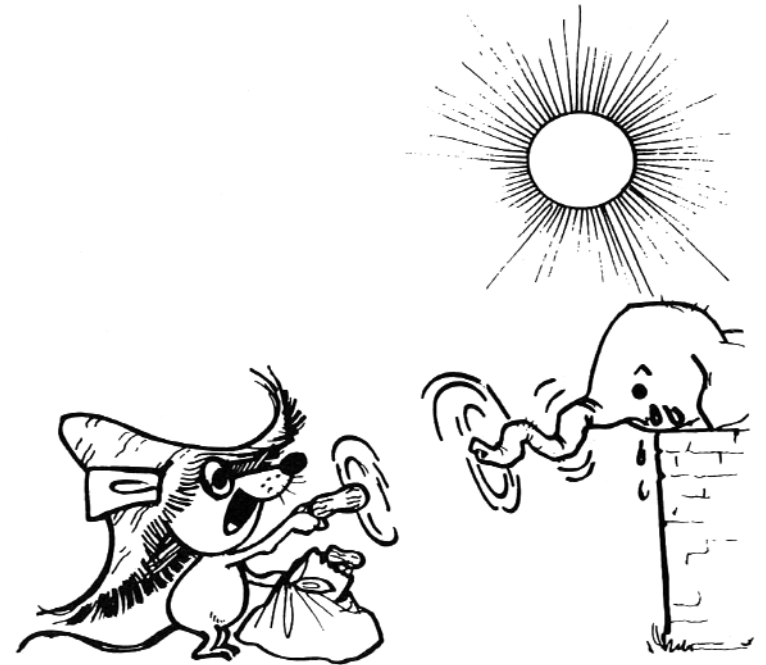
“I run with them.”



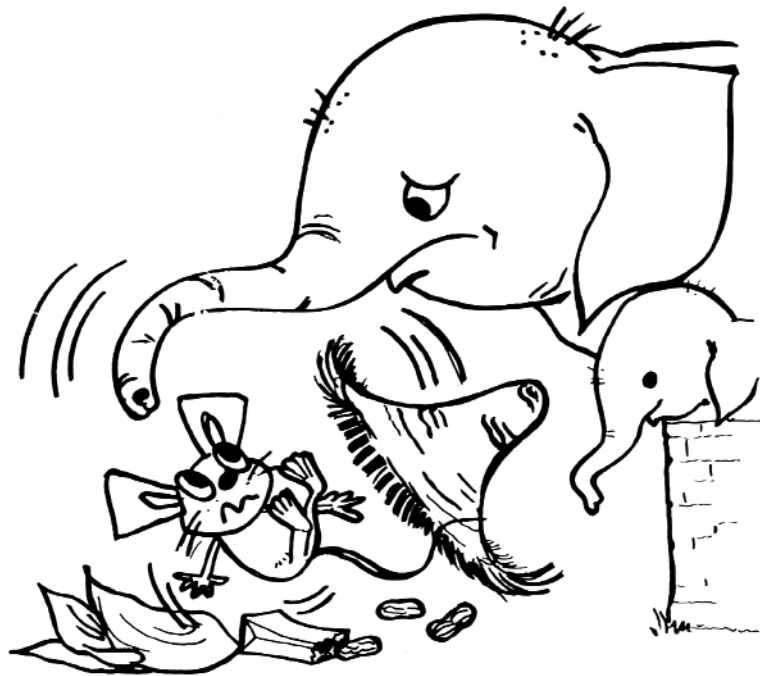
“What is it?”



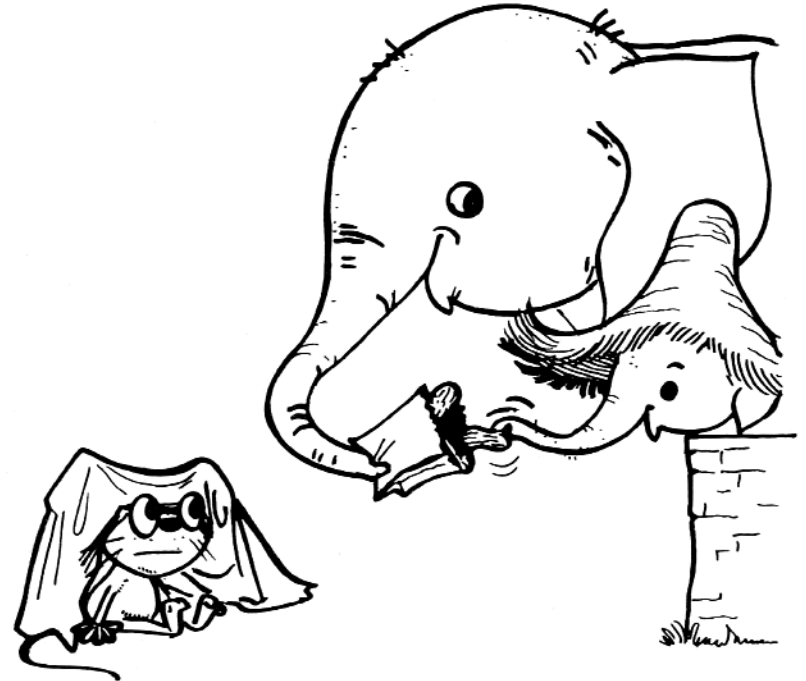
“I am Mat the Rat.  
See the fish and the nuts.”



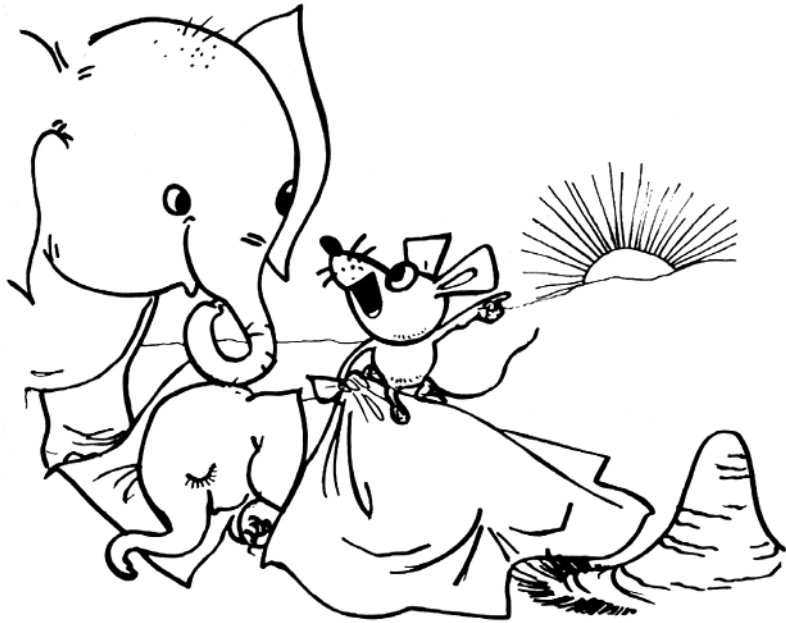
“He sees the nuts.  
He is sad.  
He needs nuts.”



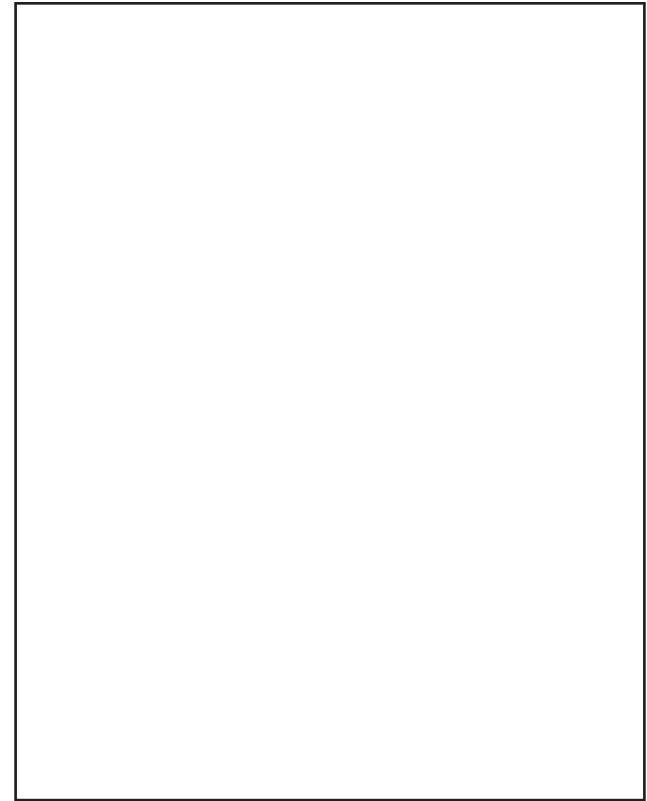
The nuts fell.  
Then the hat fell.



The sheet is on the rat.  
See them with the nuts  
and the hat.



“See the sun set.  
He needs the sheet.  
I need the hat.”



Draw a picture of Mat.