



Book 44: The Bad Men

Review Words

bad, him, men, be - Decodable

Plot Summary

One day, Mit, Sam, and Mat decide to play "Cops and Robbers." Mit is the sheriff and Sam and Mat are the bad men. Mit must catch the robbers. Mit tricks them into leaving a trail of muddy footprints and finally captures them.

Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 1: Who pretend to be bad men?
2. page 2: What is Mit pretending to be?
3. page 6: What is Mit doing?
4. page 9: How can Mit tell which way the bad men have gone?
5. page 12: Who wins the game?

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“I will be a bad man.
Mat will be a bad man with me.”



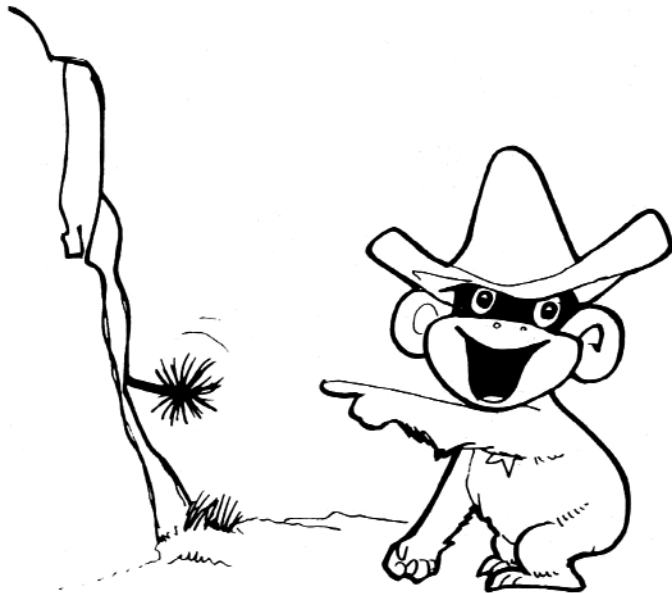
“I will meet the bad men.
Will I win?”



“The bad men run.
Will the bad men win?”



“It will be fun to run with them.”



“Is that Sam?
Will I meet him?”



Mit fills the hat with mud.
Will the bad men see him?



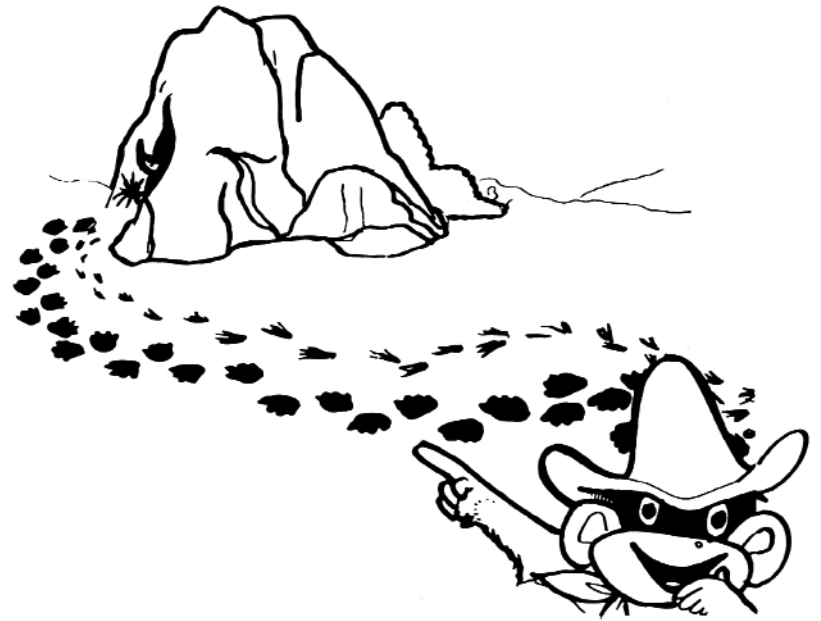
“I see a hat.
It is not on Mit.
Will we see him?”



“What is in that hat?
Is it mud?
Is this mud on us?”



“I see the wet feet.
Will I see the bad men?”



“I see Sam and Mat.
It will be fun to meet them.”



“Bad men! Bad men!
I see the bad men.”



“I meet the bad men.
I win!
I win!”