



Book 49: The Bus

New Words

ant(s), Ben, bus, had - Decodable

Plot Summary

Sam has a new bus with a special bell on it. As he drives around, he hits the bell. Sis and Nan hear the bell and join Sam on his bus. When the bus almost hits an ant hill, all the ants are frightened away but one called Ben. Ben joins Sam and the other animals as they continue on their ride.

Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 8: What does Nan do when she sits in the bus?
2. page 10: What did the bus almost hit?
3. page 11: What did the ants do when they saw the bus?
4. page 13: Where does Ben the Ant sit when he gets on the bus?

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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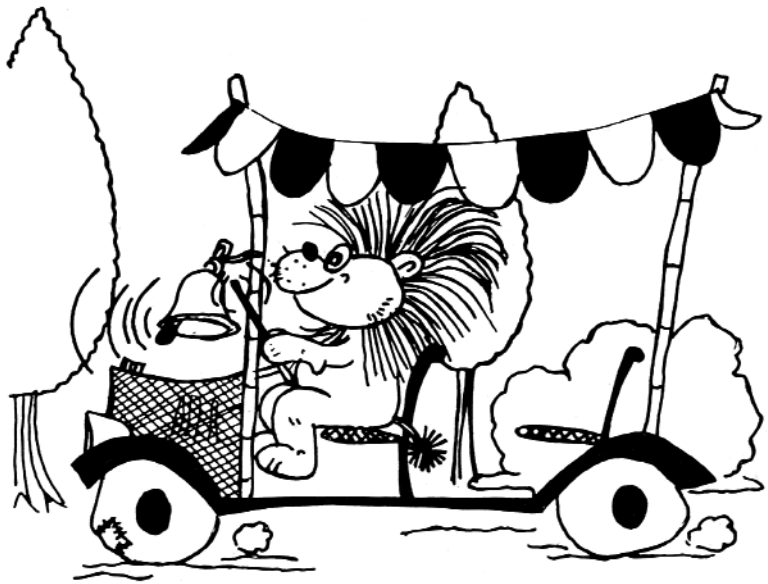
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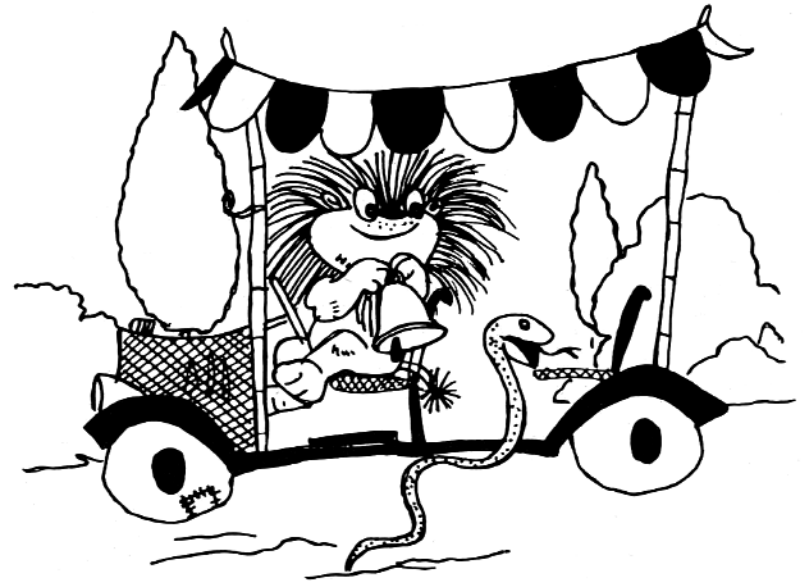
Sam had a bus.
The bus had a bell,
and Sam hit it.



“Was that a bell?
Let me see.”



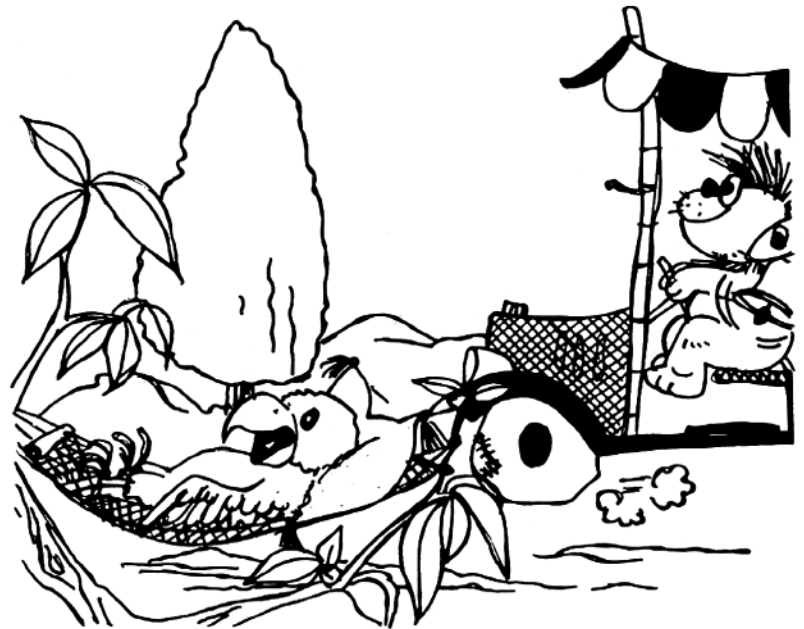
“It was a bell.
The bus has a bell.”



“Sam! Sam!
Let me sit in the bus!”



Sis sat in the bus.
She had the bell.



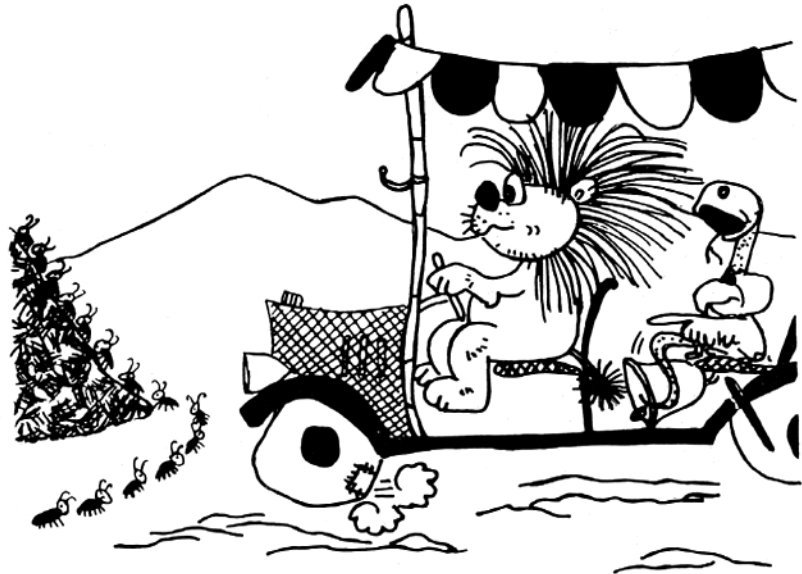
“Was that a bell?
Let me see!”



“Sit in the bus with us, Nan.”



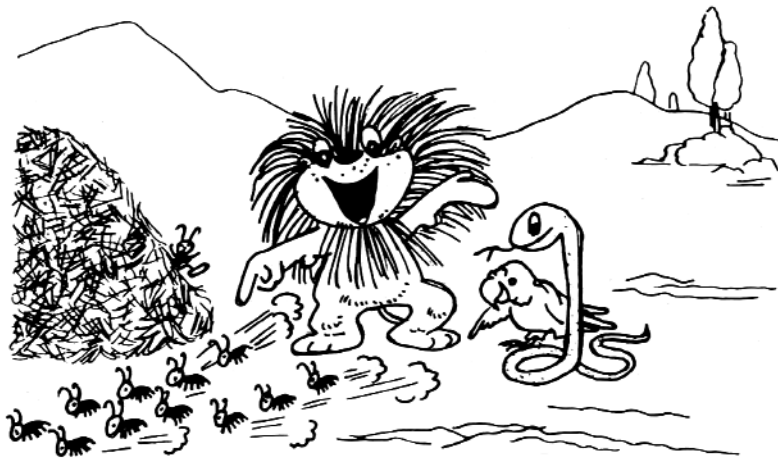
Nan had the bell.
She hit it.



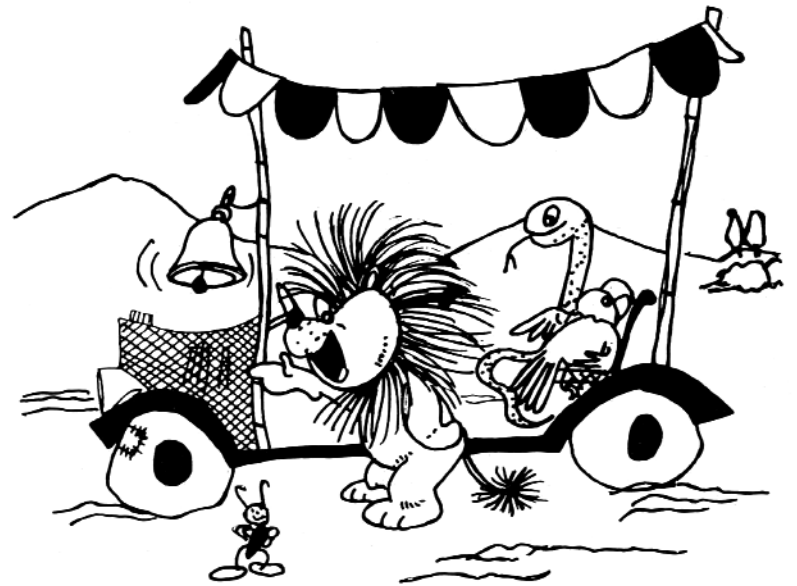
“Sam! Sam!
See the ants!
Will we hit the ants?”



The bus did not hit the ants.



“We did not hit the ants.
See them run.”



“See Ben the ant!
Sit with us in the bus, Ben.”



Then Ben the Ant sat in the bus.
Ben sat on the bell.



Sam, Sis, and Nan had fun
in the bus.
Ben the Ant had fun with them.