



Book 50: Ben the Ant

Review Words

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

Plot Summary

Sis, Nan, Ben the Ant, and Sam are riding on Sam's bus when it gets stuck in the mud. Nan tries to fly for help and then she falls into the mud too. Ben the Ant escapes, finds Will the Elephant, and asks for his help. Will rescues Nan and pushes the bus out of the mud. The animals thank Will and are again on their way.

Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 2: What happens to the bus?
2. page 5: What happens to Nan?
3. page 8: Who finds Will?
4. pages 12-13: How does Will help his friends?

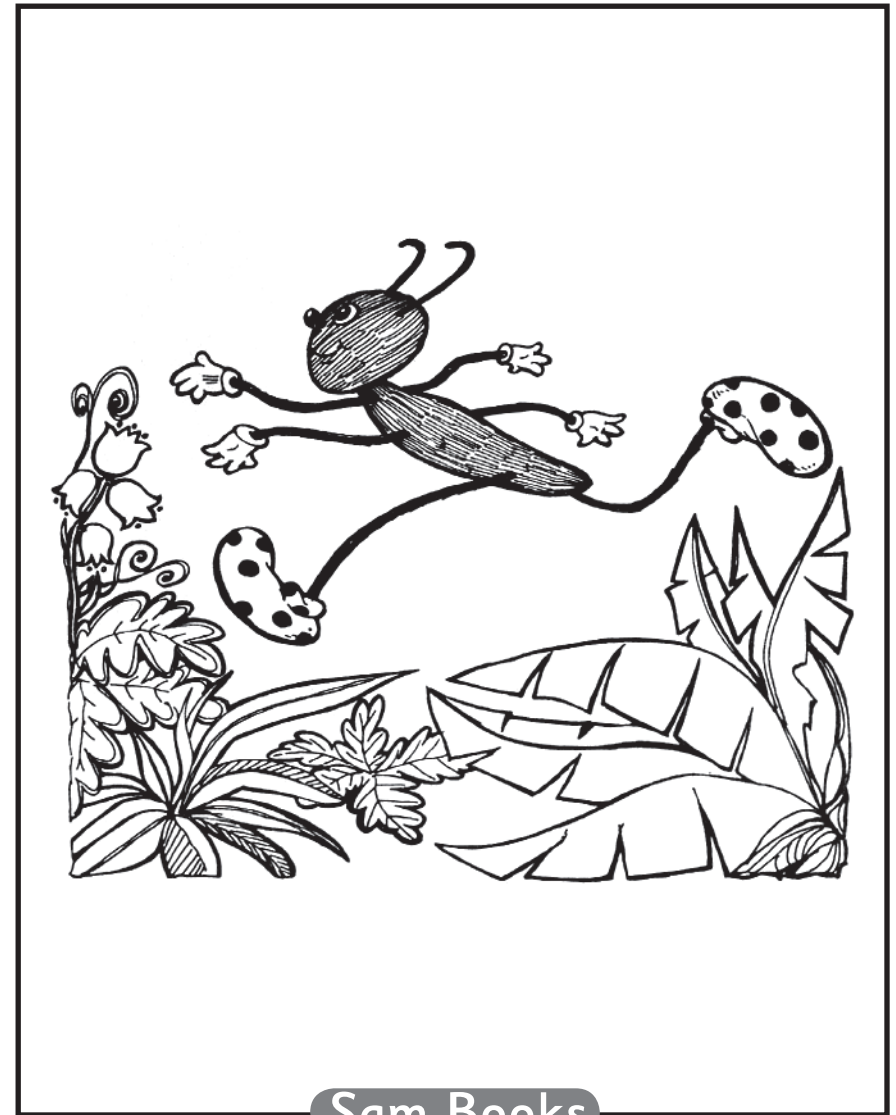
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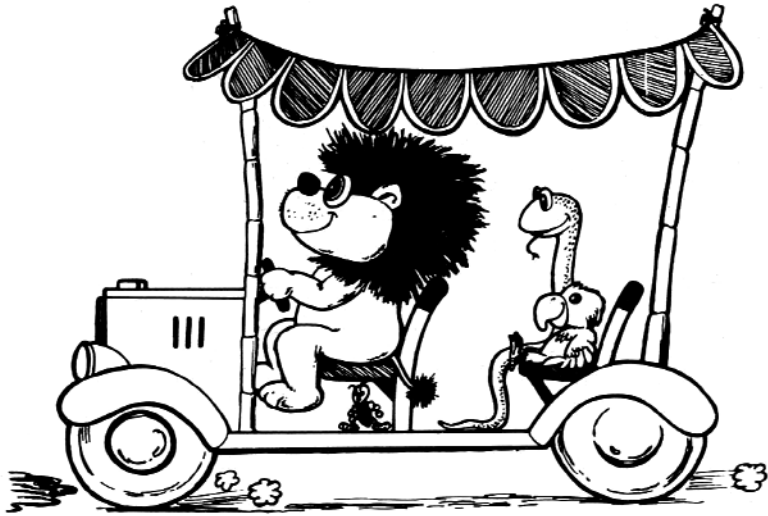
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Sis, Nan, and Sam sit in the bus.
Ben the Ant sits with them.



The bus runs into mud.



“The bus will not run in this mud.
I wish we had Will with us.”



“We need Will.”



“I fell into this mud!
I wish we had Will with us.”



“Sam, Sis, sit in the bus,”
said Ben the Ant.
“I will run to Will.”



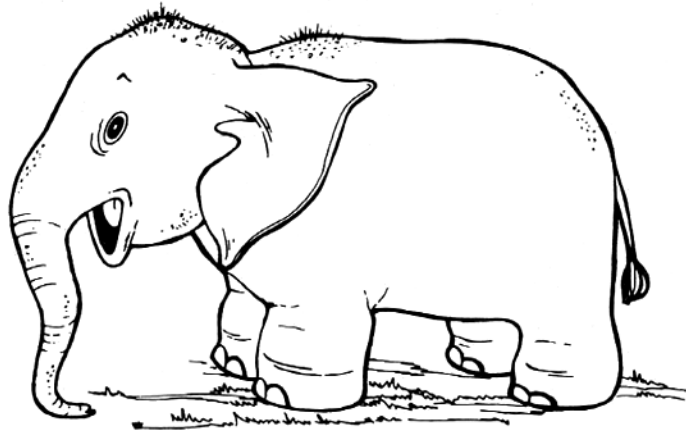
Ben the Ant sees Will.



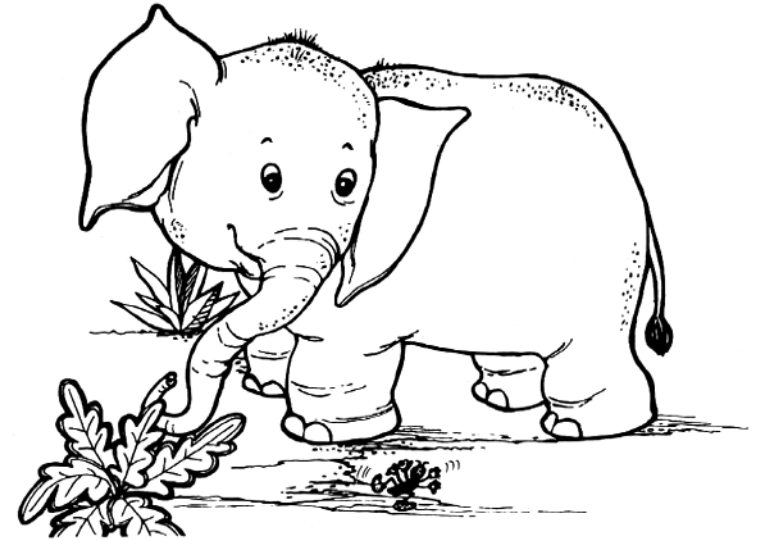
“Will! Will!

The bus is in the mud!

Nan is in the mud!”



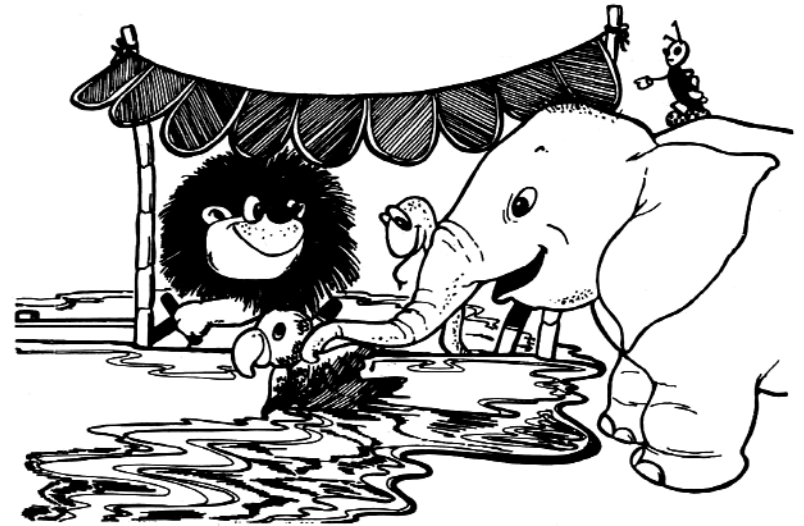
“Is that Ben the Ant?”



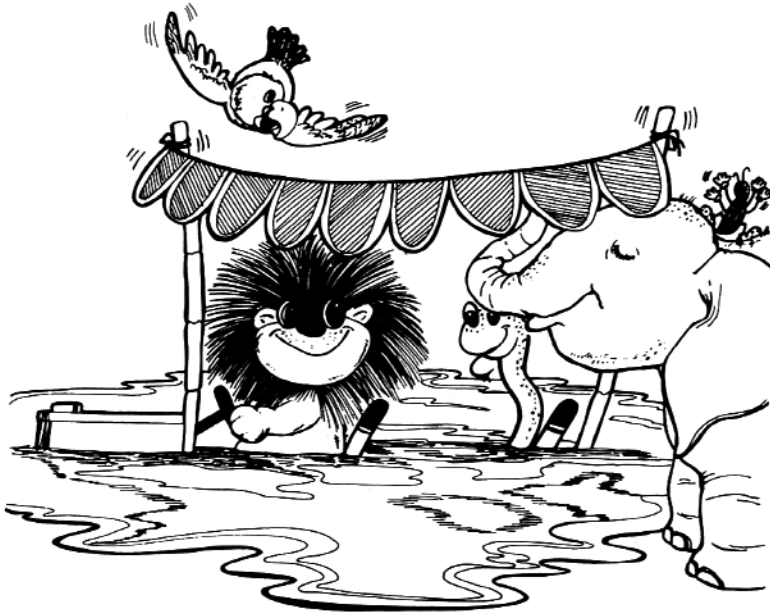
“Nan fell in the mud!
Run with me!”



Will ran.
He had Ben the Ant on him.



Will said to Sam and Sis,
“I will set Nan in the bus.”



“See Will,” said Nan.
“See Ben the Ant.”



“The bus had mud on it, but it
will run,” said Sam.