



Book 76: The Clay Snake (Text Level Code 80)

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New Sounds

- /air/ 'r' controlled vowel

New Words

- chair, there

Level 19 Review Words

- arm, for, dirt

Plot Summary

Mat makes a clay snake and asks Mit to help him sell it. They put the snake in a box and sit in a chair to wait for customers. Max does not want the snake but buys the chair. Sam does not want the snake but buys the box. Now that Mat has the money, he no longer needs to sell the snake so he is happy to give it to Sis as a present.

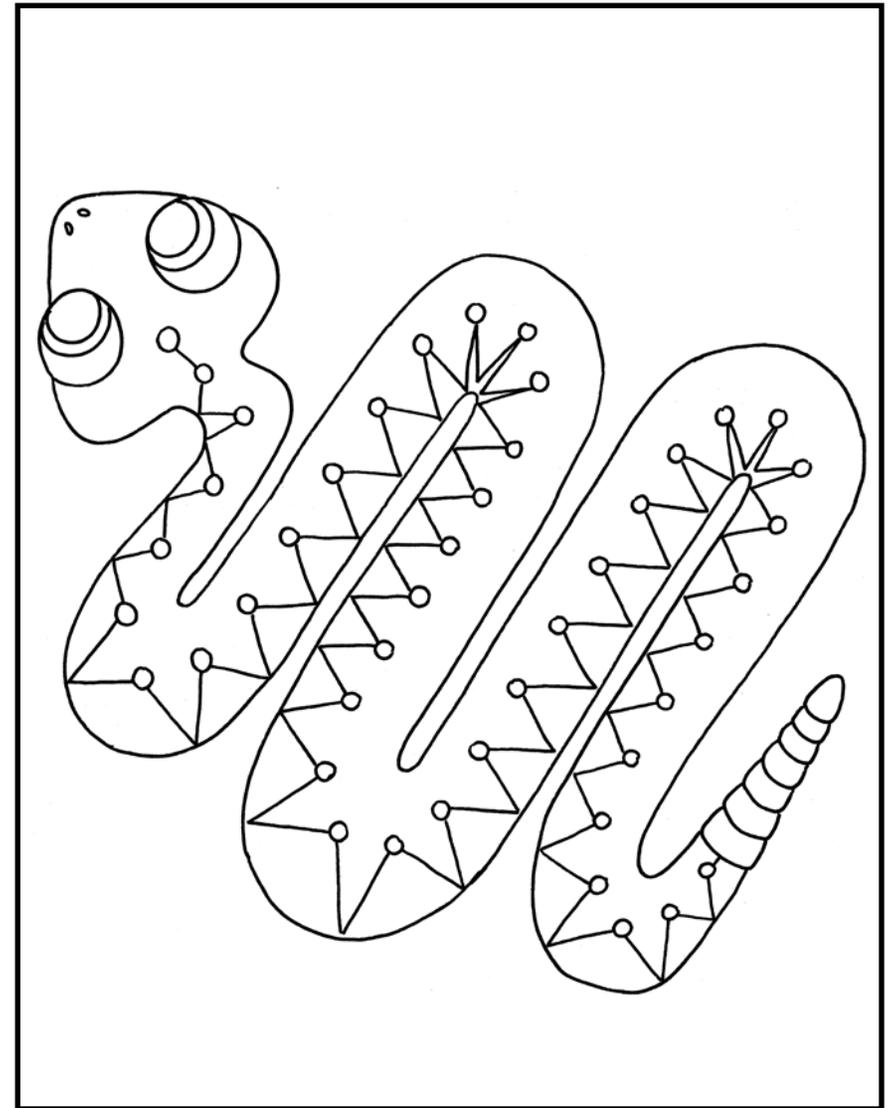
Story Questions (Comprehension)

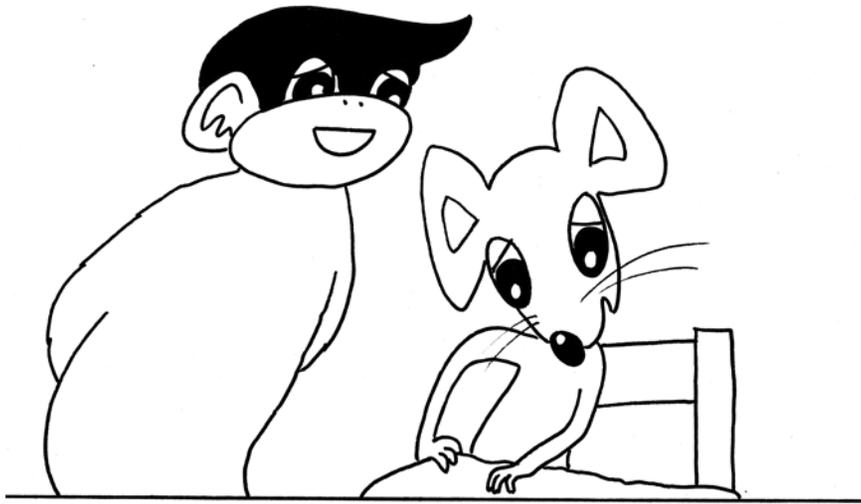
1. page 7: What did Mat put on the clay snake?
2. page 5: What did Mit and Mat use the box for?
3. page 8: What did Max buy from Mit and Mat?
4. page 11: Who bought the box from Mit and Mat?
5. page 14: What did Mat do with the clay snake?

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.

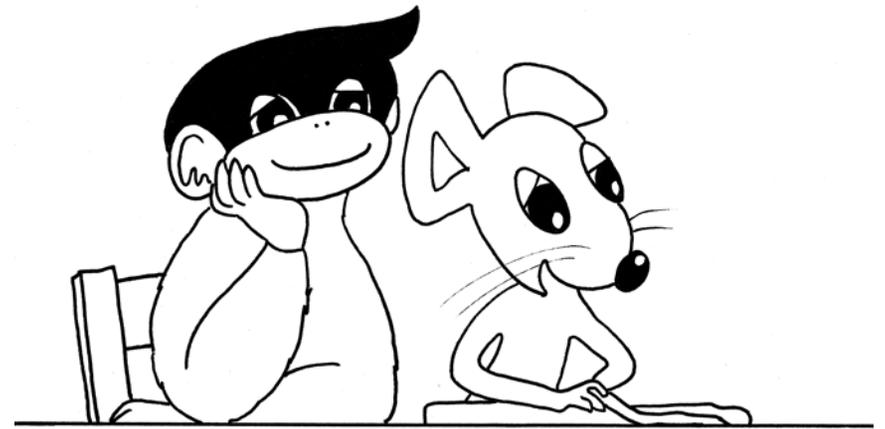
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The Clay Snake

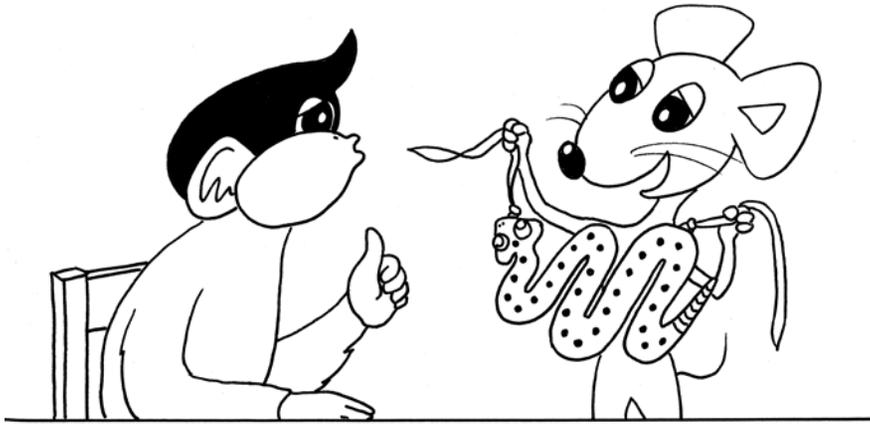




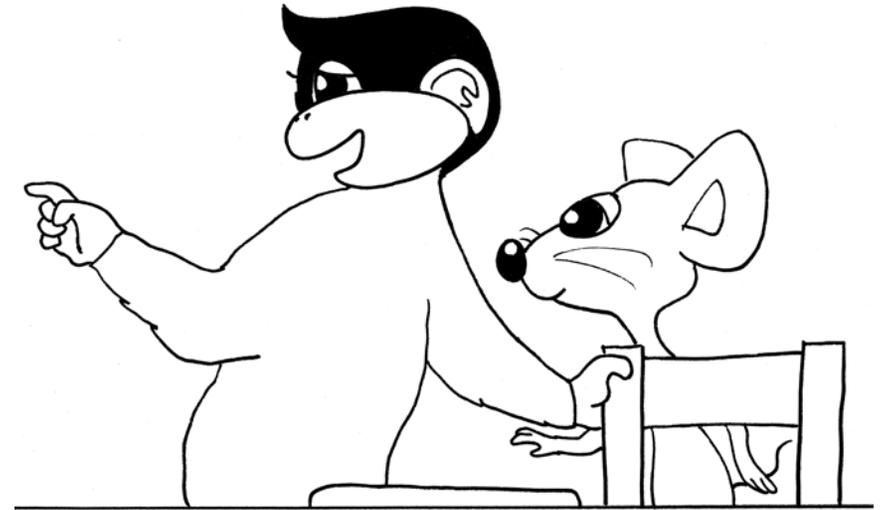
“What will you make
with the clay, Mat?”
“It will be a snake.”



“I can make a snake fast.
There is no need to make arms and
legs for a snake.”



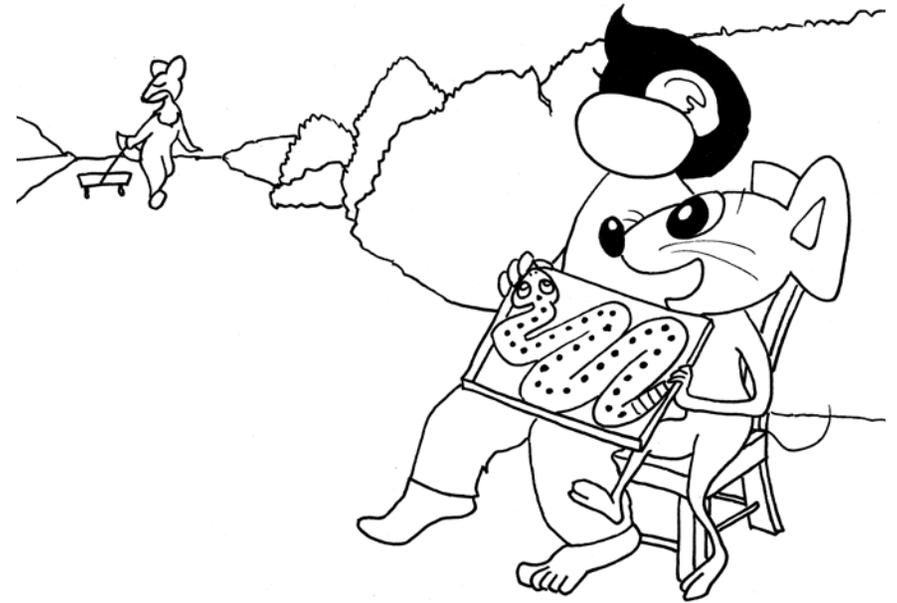
“I will sell the clay snake.
Will you help me sell it, Mit?”



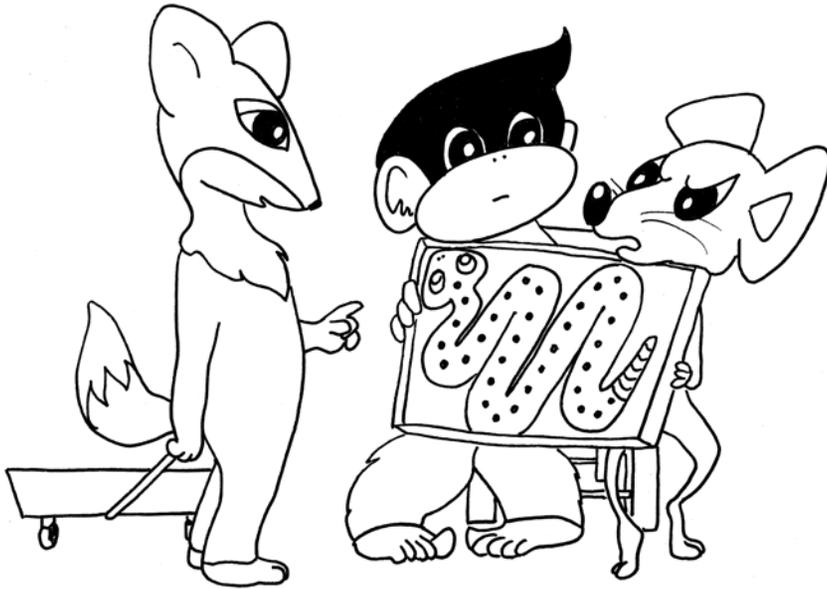
“Yes I will. There is a box. You get the
box. I will get this red chair.”



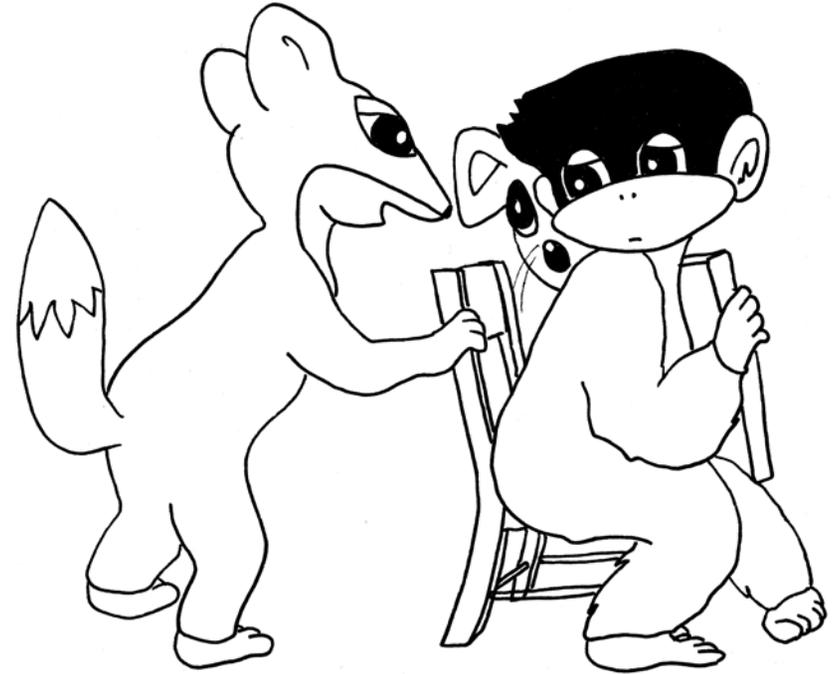
“We will set the clay snake on the box.
We will sit on the chair.”



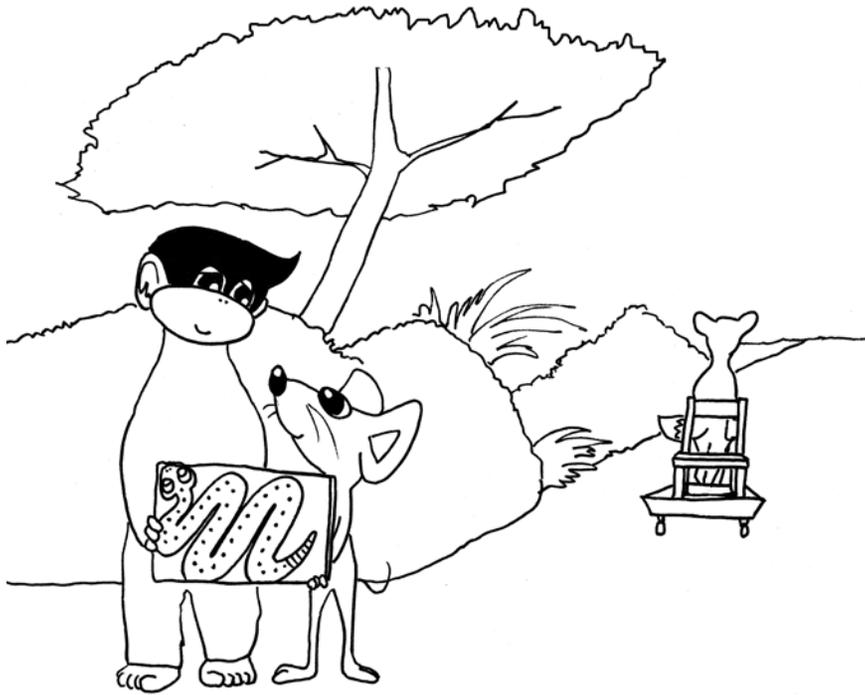
“There is Max on the path.
We will sell the snake to Max.”



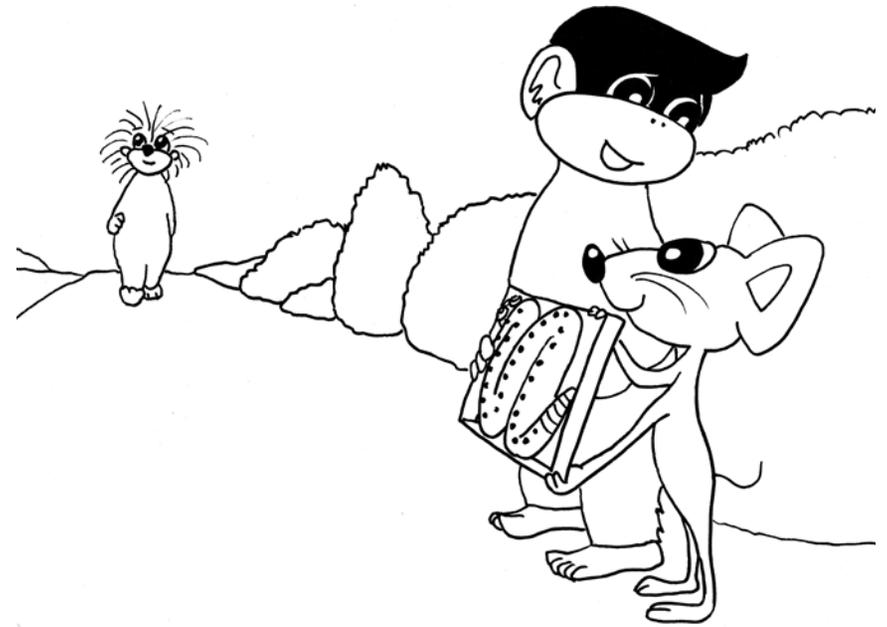
“No, there is dirt on it.
I do not like dirt,” says Max.
“There is no dirt. The snake has spots,”
says Mat.



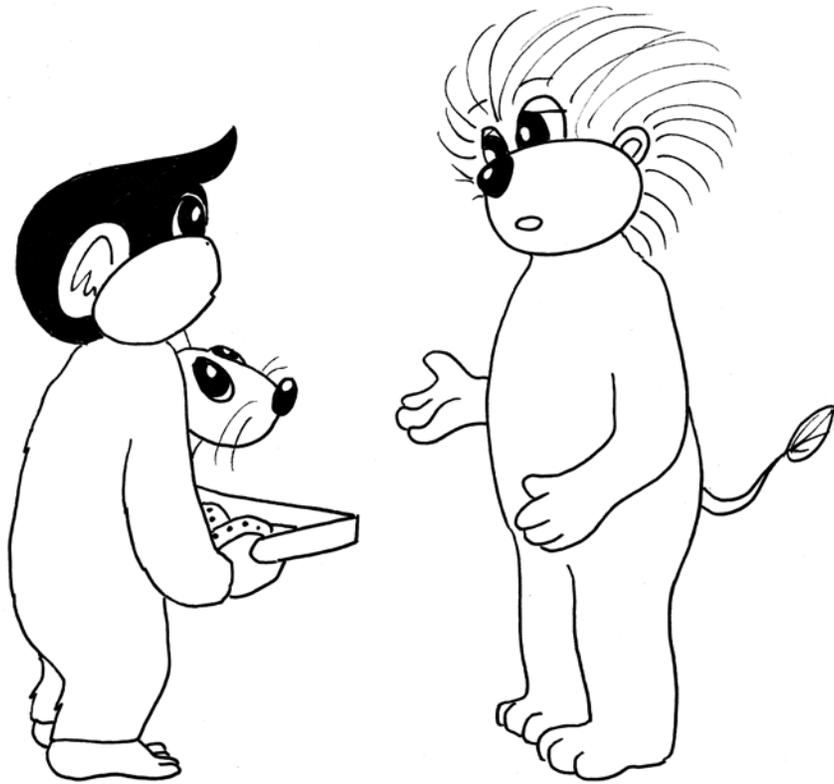
“I do not like the snake. I like the chair.
Will you sell me the red chair?”



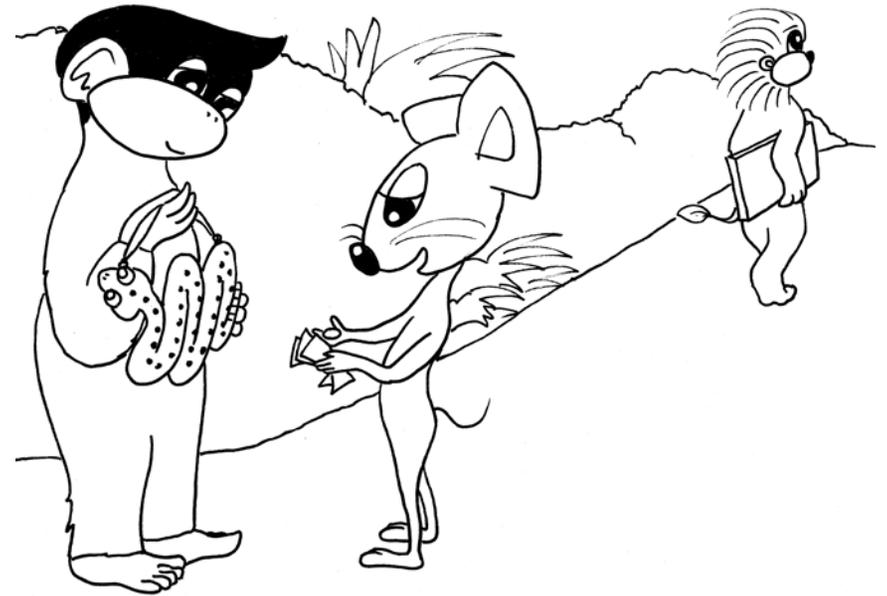
Mit and Mat sell the chair to Max.
They need to sell the snake.



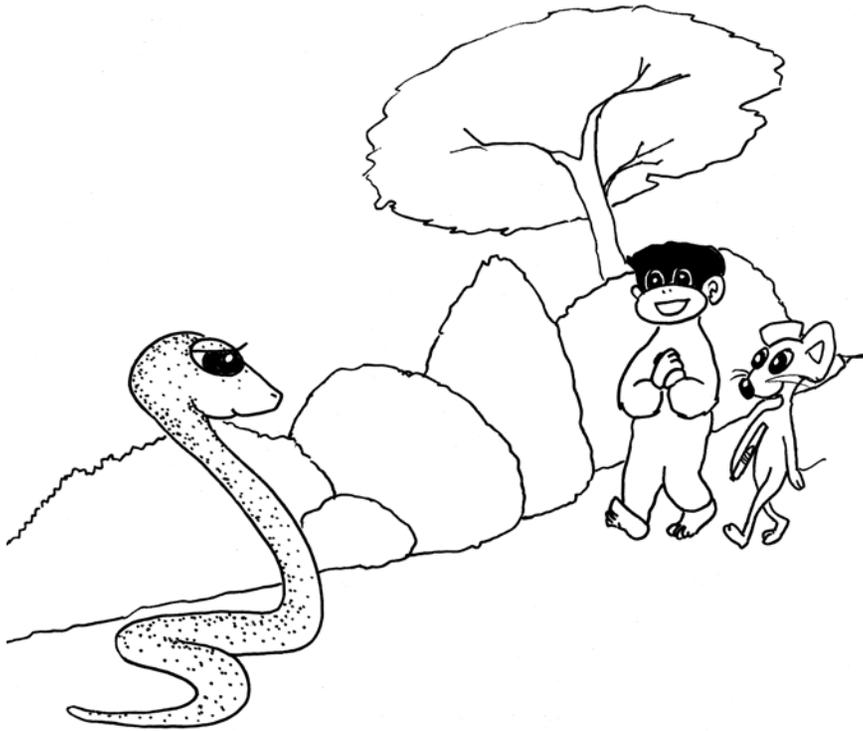
“There is Sam on the path.
We will sell the snake to Sam.”



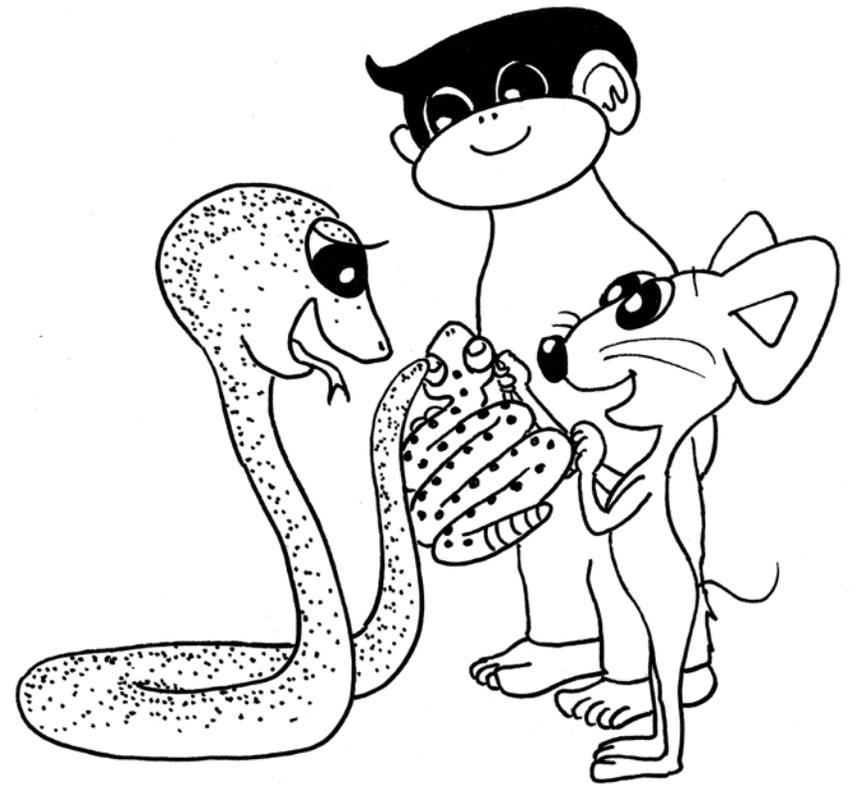
“I do not need a clay snake.
I need a box. Will you sell me that box?”



Mit and Mat sell the box to Sam.
“We did sell the chair and the box.
Then there is no need to sell the snake.”



“There is Sis on the path.
Sis will like the snake.”



“Sis, this clay snake is for you.”
“Did you make this? I like it.”