



Book 96: The Road Home

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New Words

home, road, goat, snow, have, map

Plot Summary

Mat, Mit and Kit are going home after visiting Nell. Nell gives them three cupcakes to take to Sam. On the way to the bus stop, they buy a garden gnome. They get on the wrong bus, and by the time they discover their error, they are in the city. It is getting dark and it begins to snow. They meet a goat, who trades them hats and a map for the gnome and cupcakes. They feel sad until Sam picks them up in his van.

Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 2: What number bus do they need to take to get home?
2. page 5: What does Kit do on the bus?
3. page 9: What does the goat trade for the gnome?
4. page 10: What do they get from the goat for the cupcakes?
5. page 14: How did Sam know where to find his friends?

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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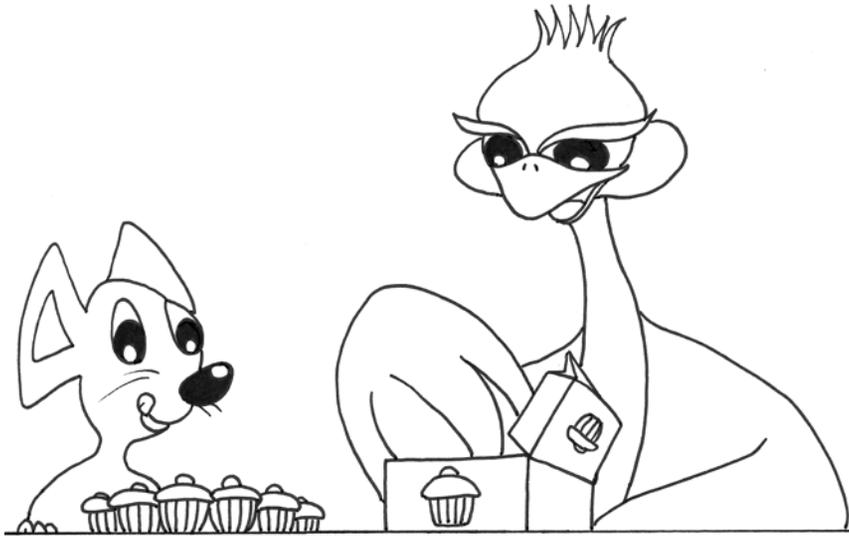
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“Look at all the cup-cakes!” says Mat.

“Take three cup-cakes for Sam.
It’s time for you to go home now,”
says Nell.



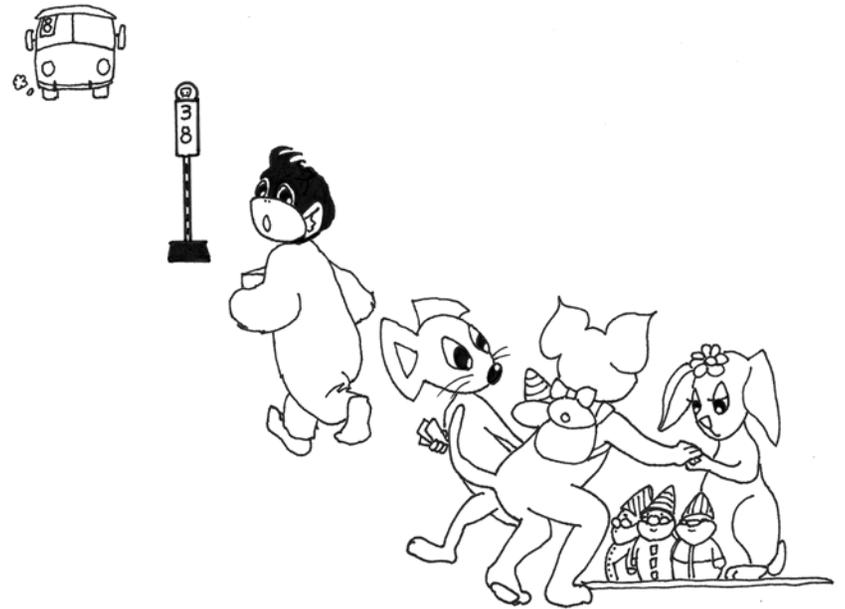
“You will catch the bus up the road.

Wait there at the bus sign.
Get on Bus Three,” says Nell.



“There’s the bus sign,” says Mit.

“I like the gnomes she sells.
Let’s take a gnome home for Sam,”
says Kit.



“The bus is up the road.

We need to get on it right now.
It will take us all the way home.”



They get on the bus.

Kit sits with a book.

Mit and Mat go to sleep with the
gnome at Mat's feet.

“Mit! Mat! I don't know this road.

We are on the city road.

Are we on the wrong bus?”



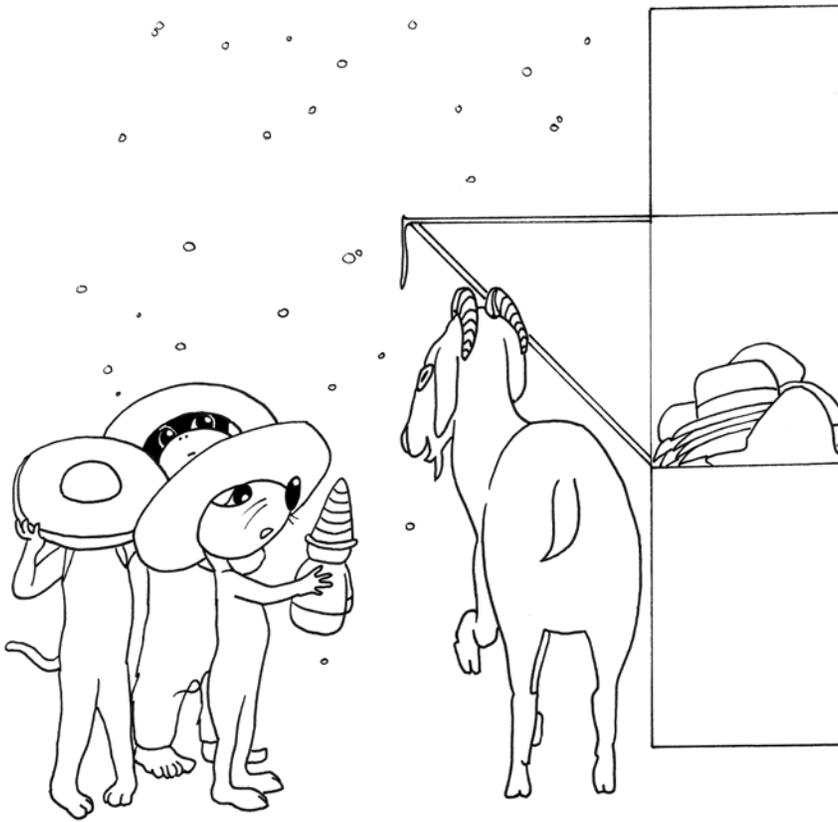
“We went the wrong way on the wrong bus. We are far from home,” says Kit.

“We are lost. How can we get back home?” Says Mat.



“Look at the sky! It looks like snow. We will get wet,” says Mat.

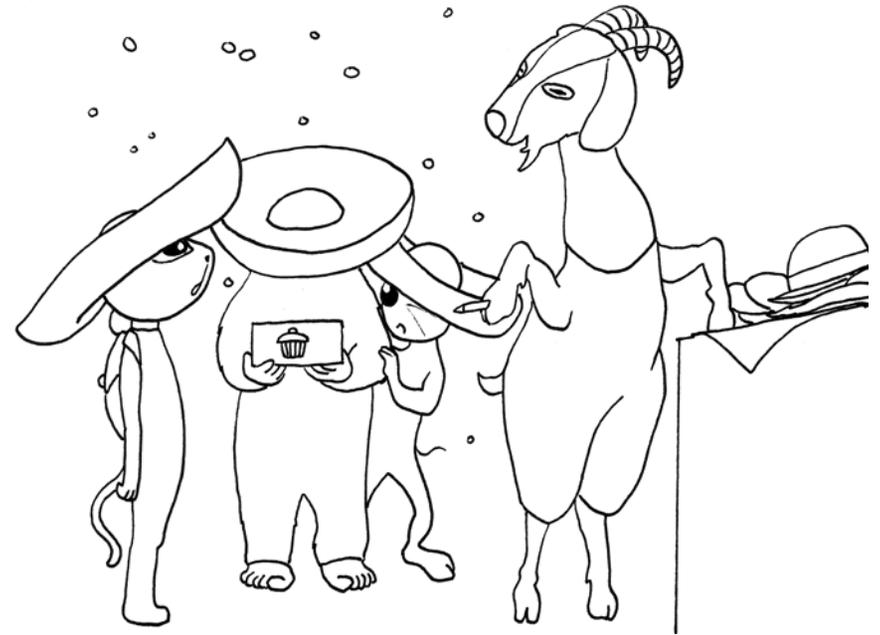
“There is a goat on the side of the road. Let’s ask the goat if she can help us,” says Mit.



“You can have these hats.

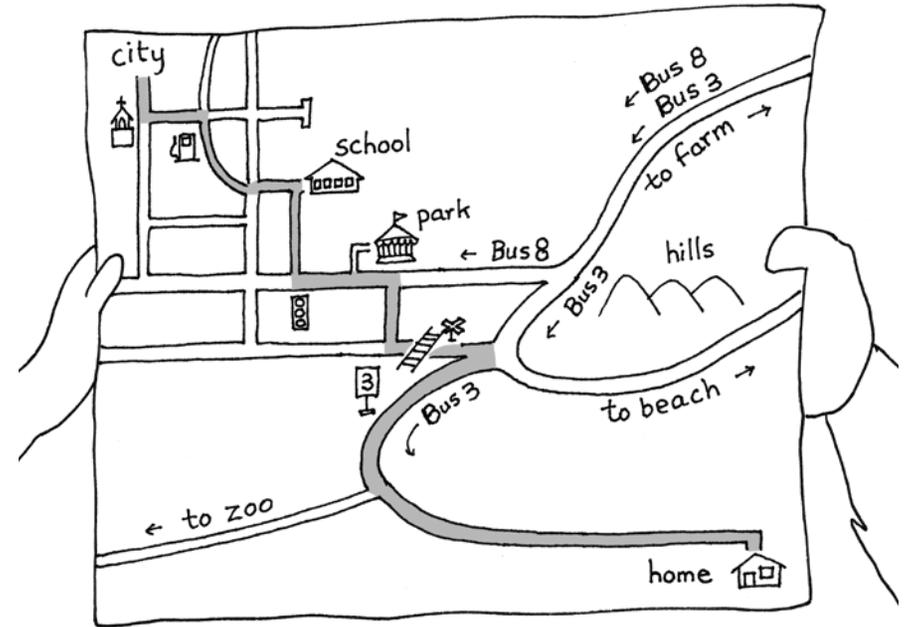
Then the snow will not get you wet.
But you need to let me have that gnome.”

“You can have the gnome for the hats.”



“How can we find our way home?”

“If you let me have your cup-cakes,
I will make you a map. You can use the
map to find your way home.”



The goat saw them go up the road.

Snow fell from the night sky.

They were sad.

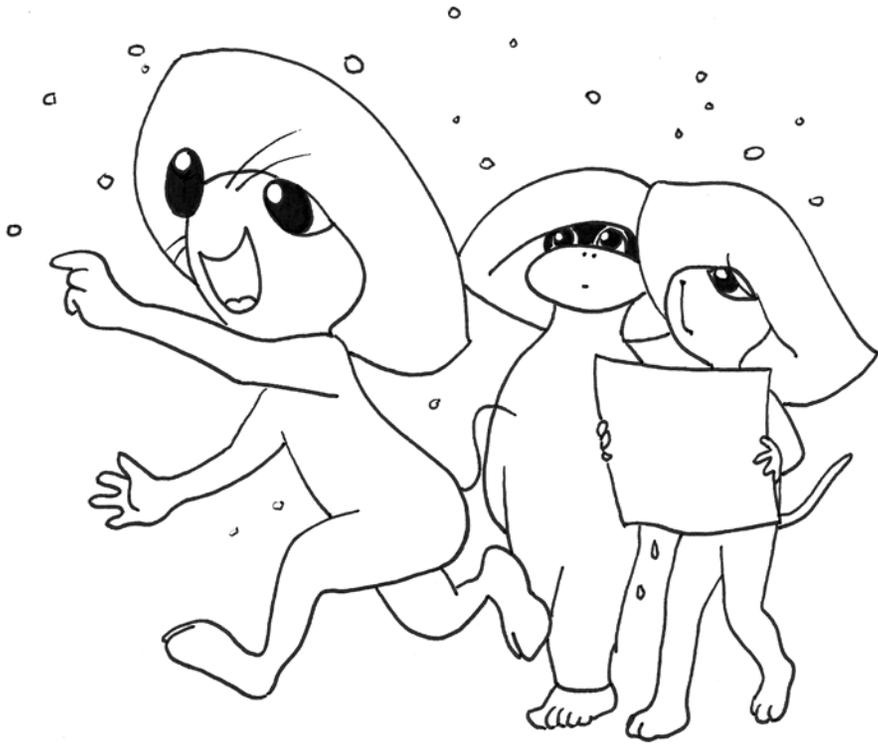
The map was wet from the snow.

“I wish we did not take the wrong bus.”

“Look at the goat’s map.

We are on this road.

We are very far from home,” says Kit.



“Look, there’s a van up the road.
It looks like Sam’s van. We have help!
Sam will take us home.”



“How did you find us in this snow?”
“I met Bus Three and didn’t see you on it.
I had to look for you. A goat let me know
that you went this way in big hats.”