



Book 98: Apple Pies

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Syllables

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Plot Summary

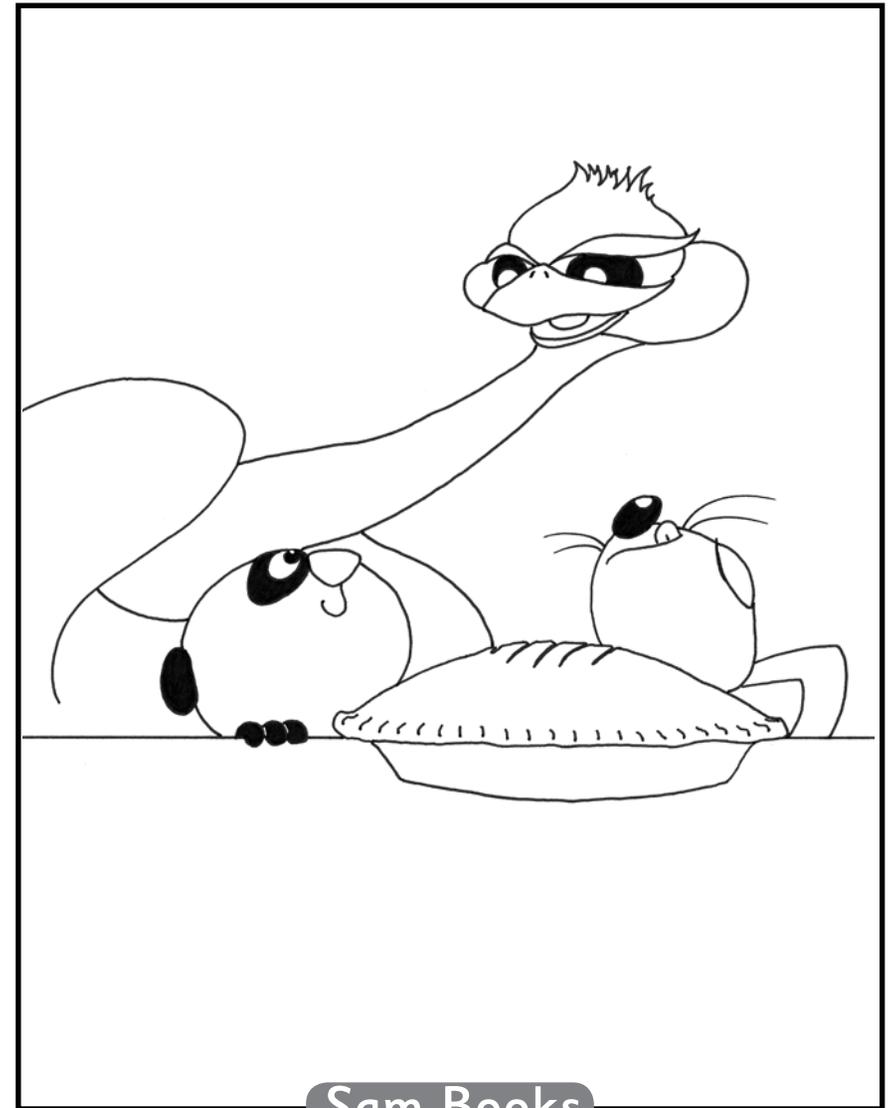
Mat and Mit receive a letter from Nell. She asks for their help. When they see Nell she tells them that all the apples have disappeared from her apple tree. She needed the apples to make pies. She is upset because she cannot make the pies. Mat and Mit, joined by Ed the Dog, track down the apple thieves. The apples are returned and Nell is able to make her pies. She makes an extra one which is shared with Mat, Mit, Ed and the two who took the apples.

Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 2: What color apples were taken from Nell's tree?
2. page 3: Why did Nell need to make five apple pies?
3. page 8: What did the apple thieves give to the goat?
4. page 13: How many pies does Nell need to make for the zebra's party?
5. page 14: Nell makes six pies. Why does she make an extra pie?

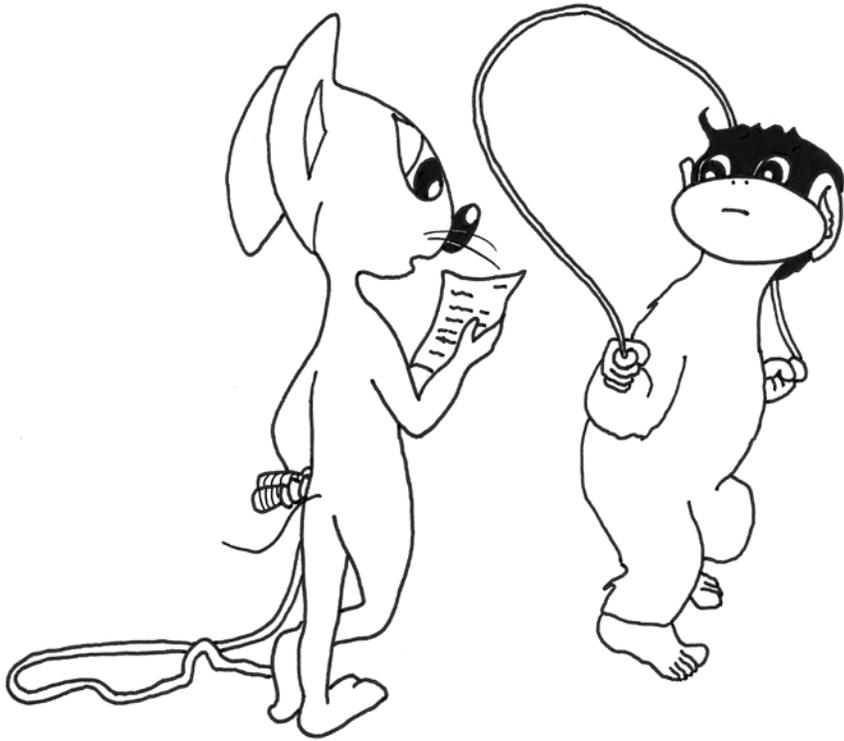
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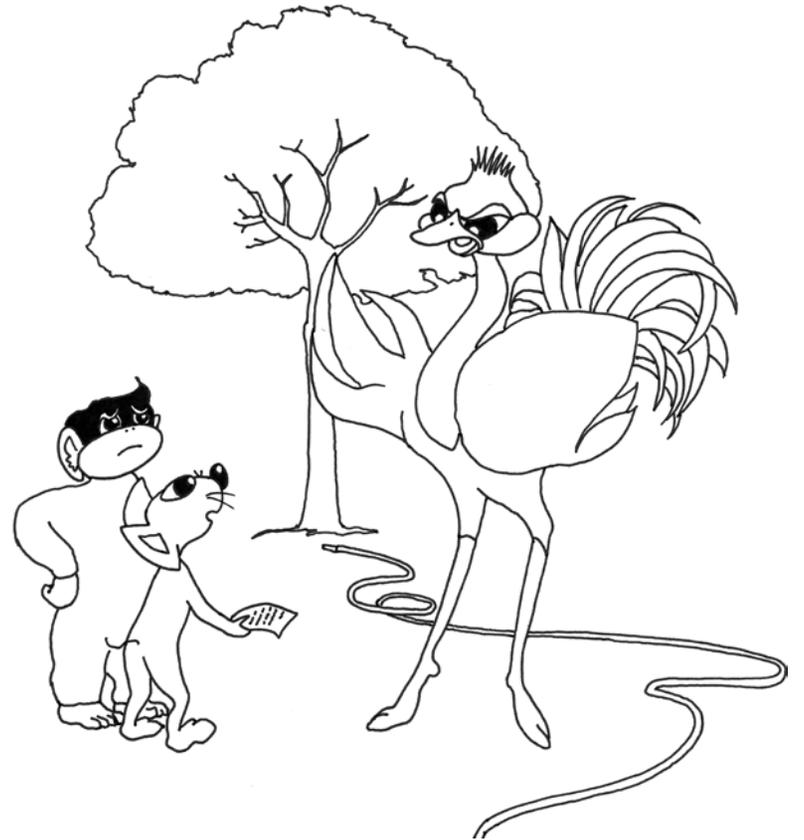


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“This is a letter from Nell. She is very upset.
She needs our help,” says Mat.



“We got your letter. Why are you upset?”

“I water this apple tree every day.
The tree had big yellow apples.
But when I went to water it this morning,
the tree had no apples at all.”



“I need to make five apple pies for the zebras’ party. Now I have no apples to make the pies.”

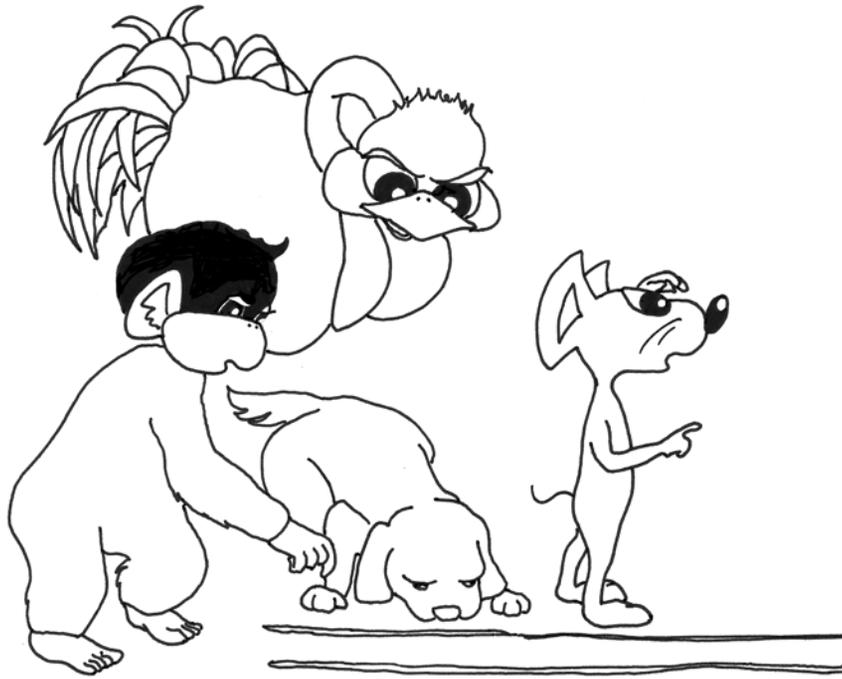
“We will help you find your apples, Nell.”



“Let’s look under the tree,” says Mit.

“Look at the scratches on the tree.

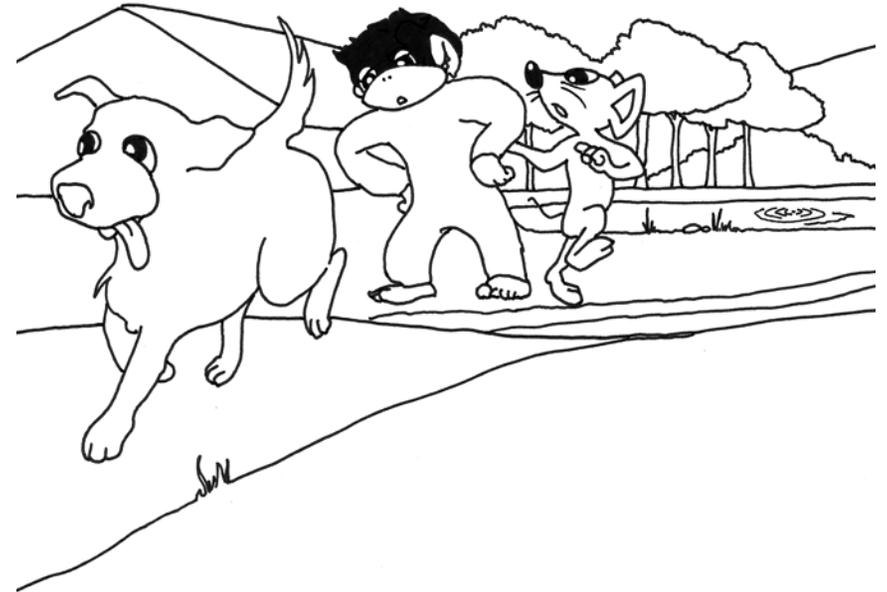
The went up the tree this way.
They did not use a ladder,” says Mat.



“I can see tracks of wagon wheels
in the dirt,” says Mit.

“They used a wagon to take the apples,”
says Nell.

“The tracks go that way,
to the right of the pond,” says Mat.



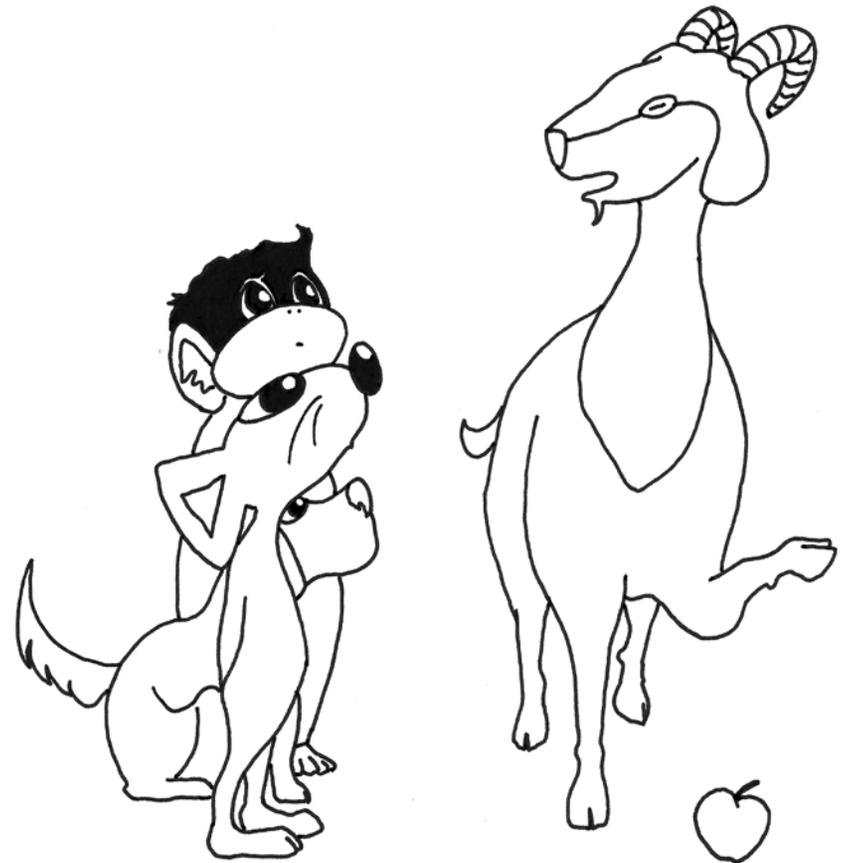
“From here, they went onto the path.
There are no wheel tracks on the path.
Which way did they go?” Says Mit.

“Look, Ed knows which way they went.
Let’s run with Ed,” says Mat.

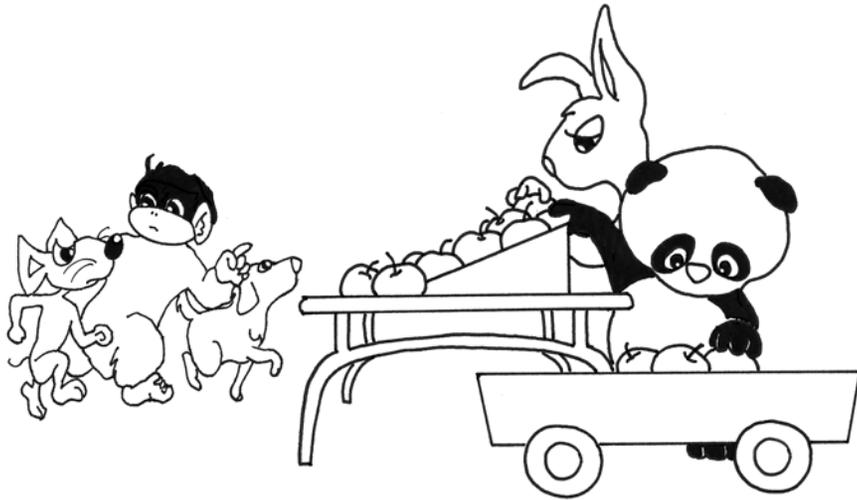


“They went into the water. Now I do not know which way they went,” says Ed.

“Look, that goat has a yellow apple!”
Says Mat.



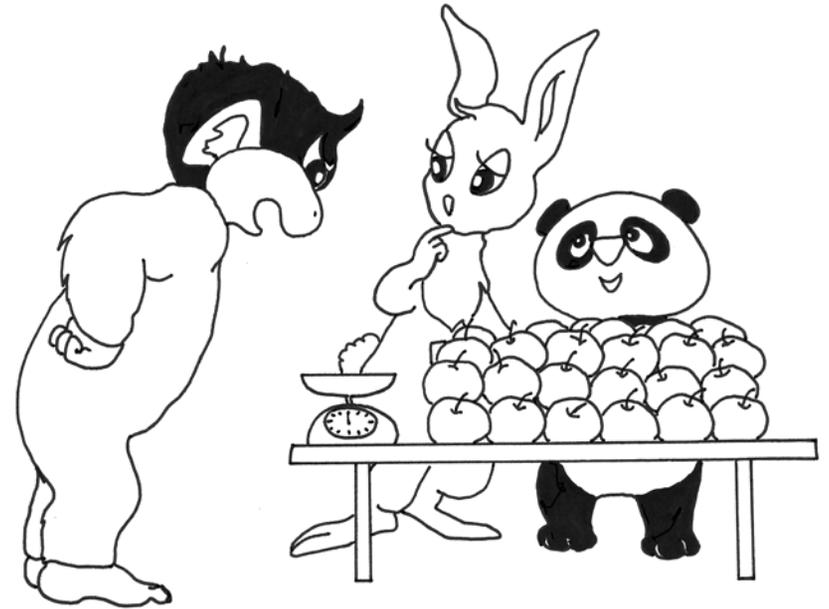
“A panda and a rabbit had a wagon of yellow apples. They asked me the way to the farmers market. They let me have three apples for my help.”



Mit, Mat and Ed go to the farmers market.

They see the panda and the rabbit.

They have set up yellow apples on a table.



“Where did you get these apples?”

“We saw them on a tree at Nell’s farm.
We filled the wagon to sell at the market.”



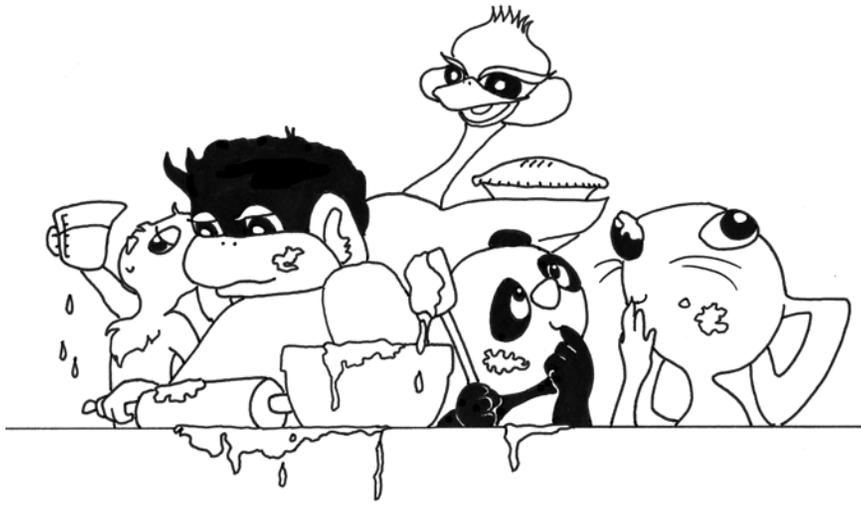
“You cannot sell these apples! They are Nell’s apples. She waters the tree every morning to get the apples,” says Mit.

“Nell needs the apples for her pies. We have to take them back to the farm.”



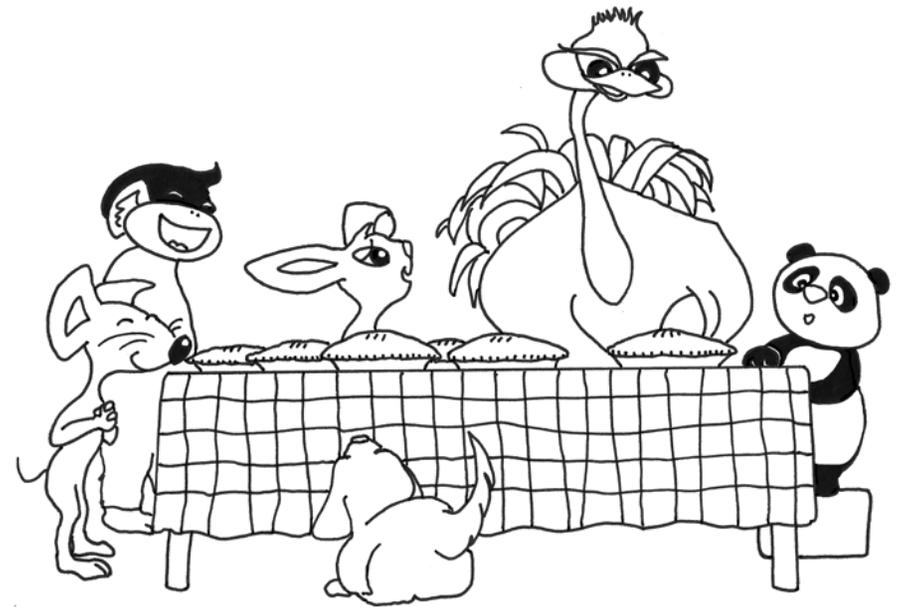
When they go back to the farm,
Nell is very happy to see the apples.

“Panda and Rabbit, I am not mad at you.
You try to help, but you need to ask me.”



“Now I can make five apple pies for the zebras’ party.”

They all help to make the pies.
They make a big mess, but it is fun.



Nell sets the pies on the table.

“Why are there six apple pies?” Says Rabbit.

“This pie is for all of you. You can sell it at the farmers market,” says Nell.

“No way!” says Panda.