



Book 99: The Race

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Suffixes

New Words

runners, faster, fastest, catching, winner, catches, running, behind

Plot Summary

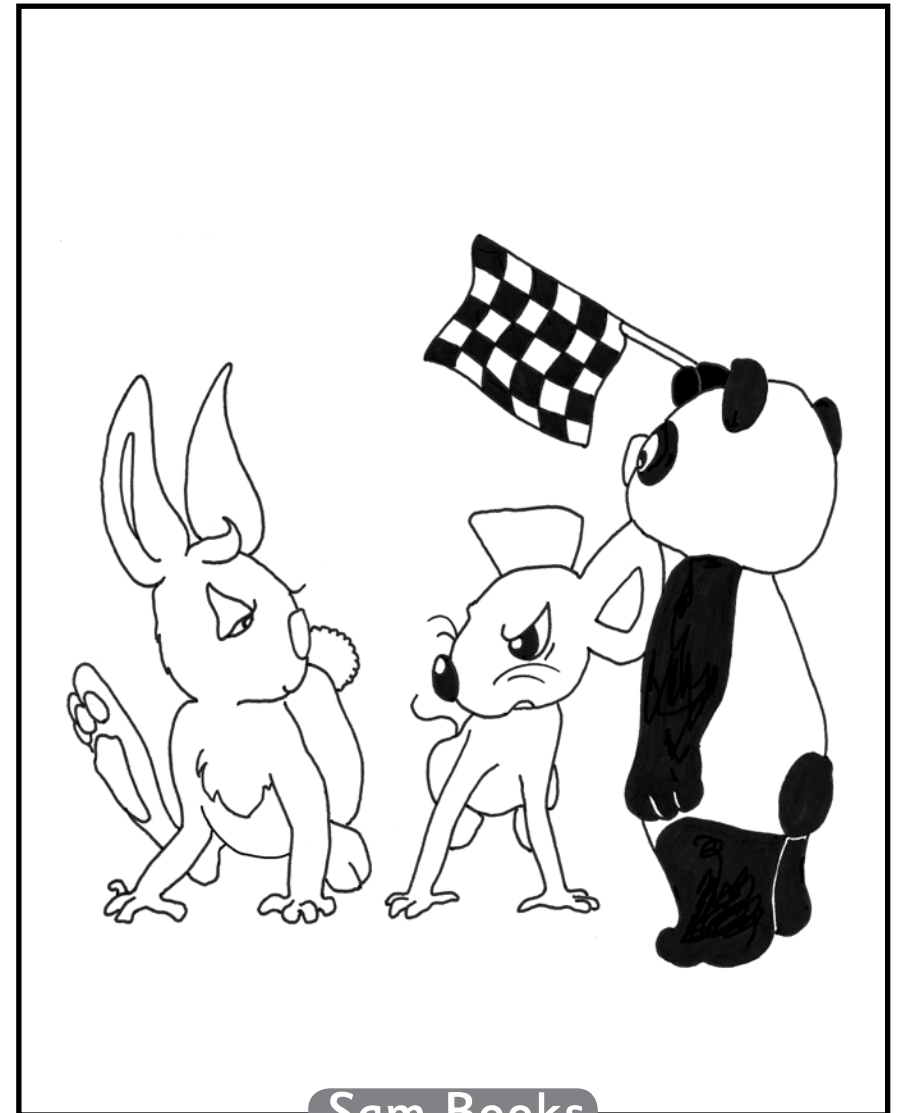
Mat challenges Rabbit to a running race. Max doesn't think that Mat can run as fast as Rabbit, so he devises a plan to help Mat win. Max places a wagon of carrots on the race route. Rabbit stops to eat some carrots. She eats too many and falls asleep. When Rabbit wakes up, she sees Mat ahead of her. Rabbit is about to catch up with Mat when the next part of Max's plan helps Mat reach the winning post ahead of Rabbit.

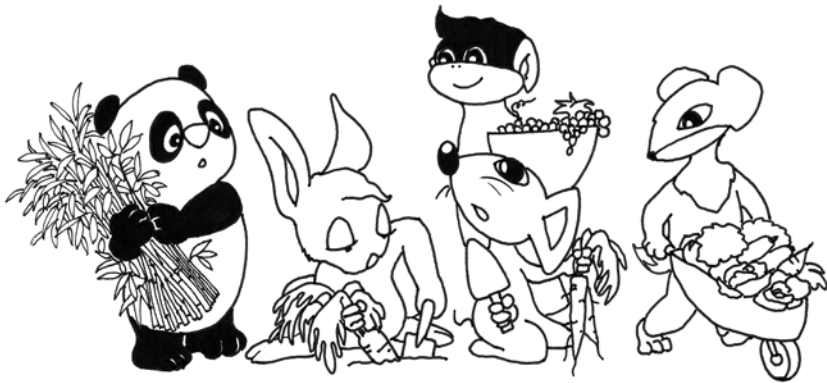
Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 2: Who makes the map for the race?
2. page 3: Where does the race start and end?
3. page 6: Where does Max leave the wagon of carrots?
4. page 11: Who makes Mat run faster at the end of the race?
5. page 13: Who was wearing the wolf mask?

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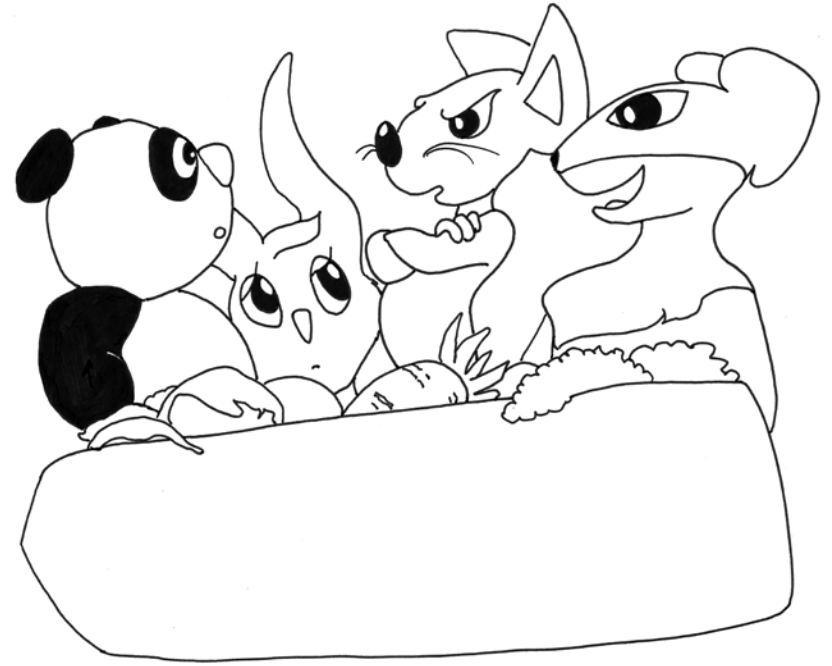




“Rabbits are very fast runners. They can run faster than all of you,” says Panda.

“I can run very fast too,” says Mat.

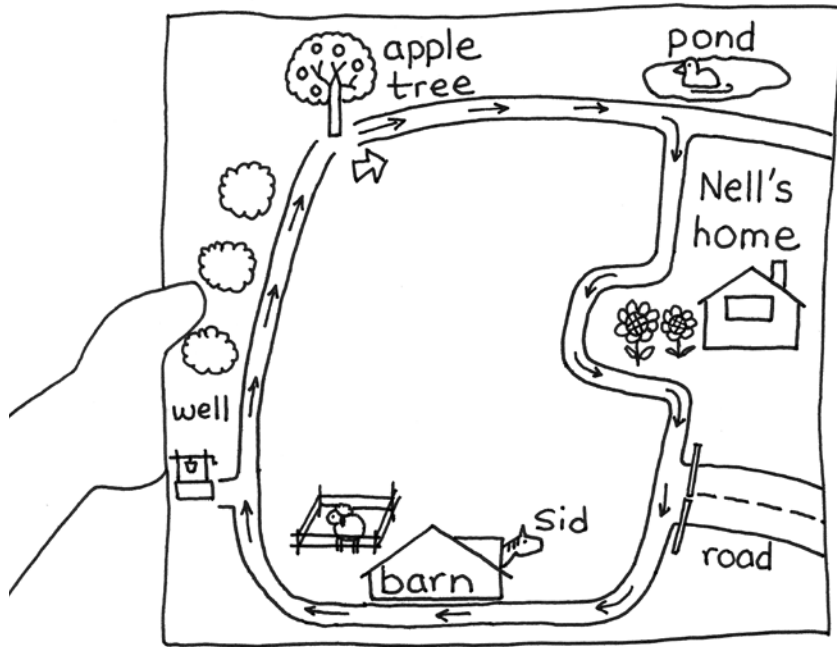
“Why don’t you and Rabbit run in a race? We will see who is faster,” says Panda.



“I will race Rabbit. When will we do it?”

“You will race in the morning. We can meet under the apple tree,” says Panda.

“I will make a map for the race,” says Max.



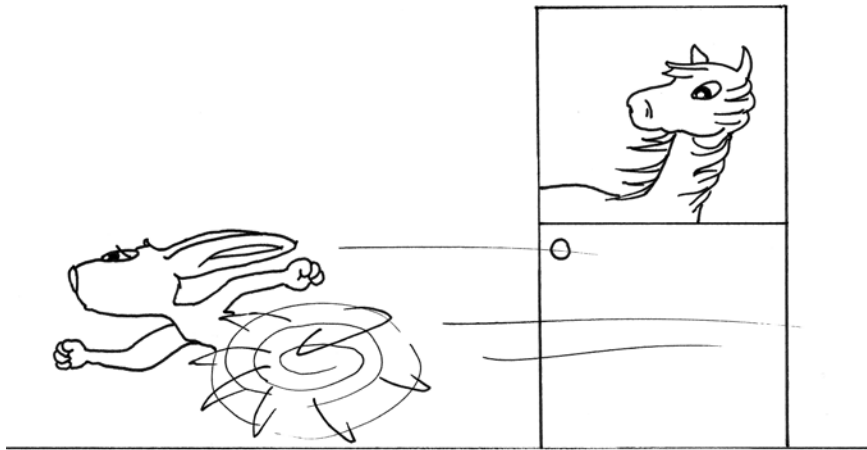
“Mat and Rabbit will run to the pond.
Then they will run to the barn.
Then they will run to the well.
They can have water at the well.
Then they run back to the apple tree,”
says Max.



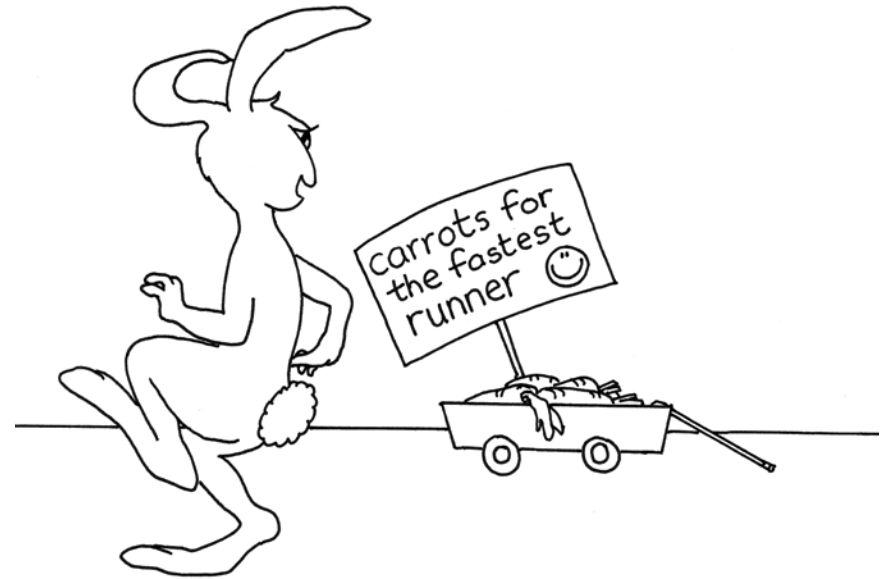
“I will help you win the race, Mat.
You are not a fast runner,
but there is a way you can win.”



In the morning, they run the race.
Mat is far behind Rabbit
when she gets to the pond.



When Mat gets to the pond,
Rabbit is at the barn.



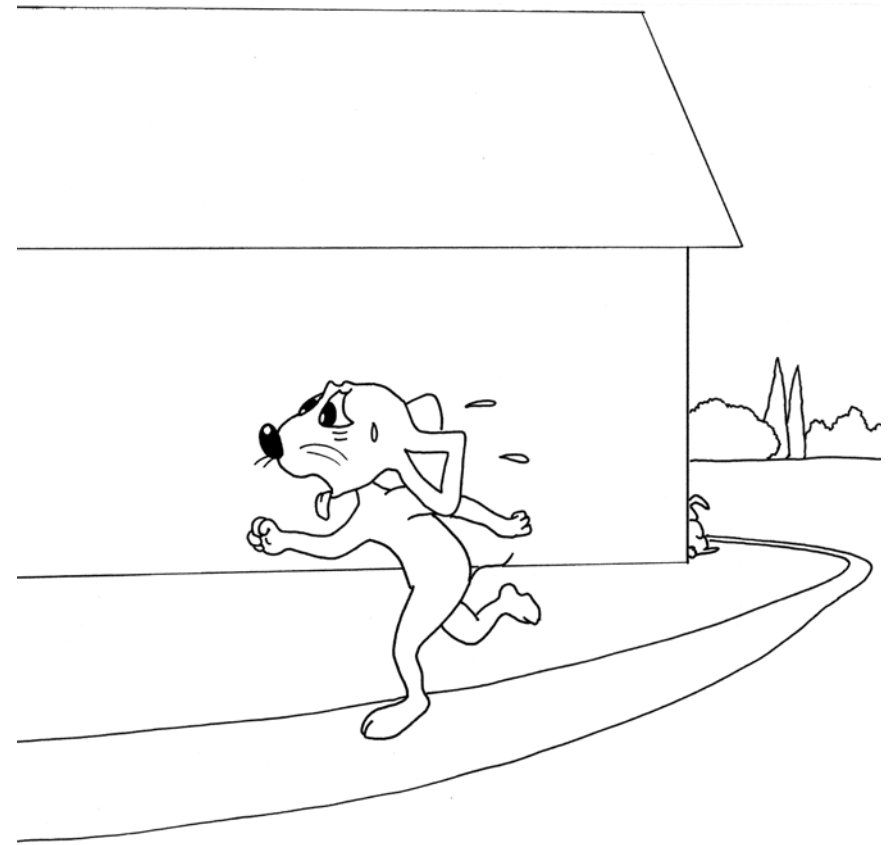
Behind the barn, Rabbit sees a wagon of
carrots. A sign says "Carrots for the fastest
runner."

"I am the fastest runner. These carrots are
for me! "



Rabbit fills her stomach with the carrots.

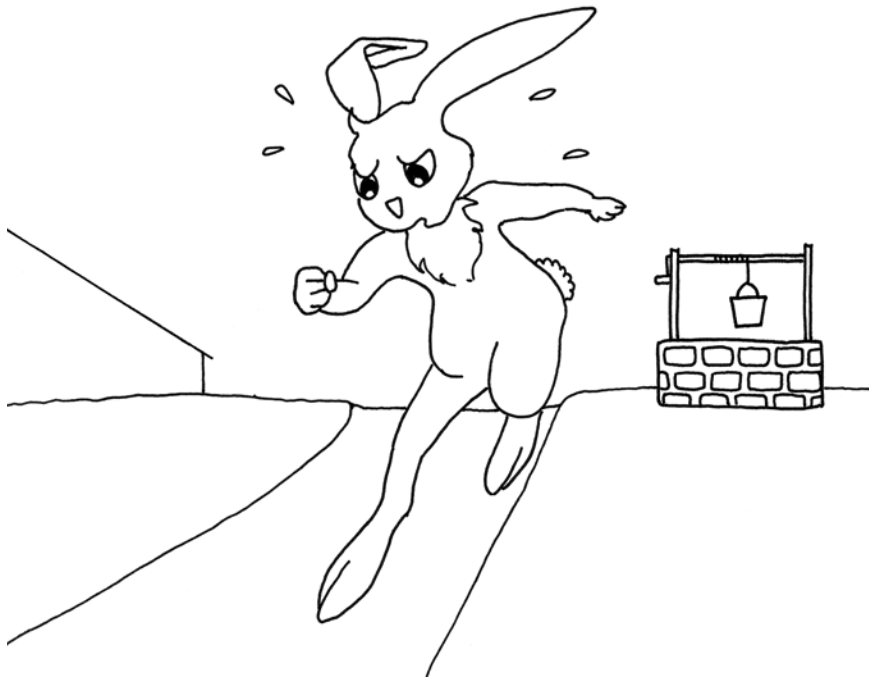
“Mat is so far behind,
I have time for a little sleep too.”



As Rabbit sleeps, Mat catches up to her.

Mat runs as fast as he can to the well.

“I am hot! I need water!”



Rabbit gets up.
Now she has to catch up to Mat.
“No, I cannot run very fast with a big
stomach of carrots!”



Mat can see the apple tree now. All he has
to do is to get to the tree to win.
But Rabbit is catching up.
Rabbit is running very fast!



A big, bad wolf jumps from behind the trees.

Seeing the wolf makes Mat run faster.
Rabbit is now far behind Mat.



“Rabbit cannot catch up to Mat now,”
says Max.

“Mat is the winner,” says Panda.

“With a little help from the wolf,” says Max.



“Mat! Mat! It is not a wolf.
It is Mit with a wolf mask.
You are the winner,” says Max.



“Rabbit is a fast runner, but she has lost to
Mat this time,” say Max.

“I am the faster runner, but I did not do
well. I ate carrots. I went to sleep. I cannot
win if I don’t try,” says Rabbit.