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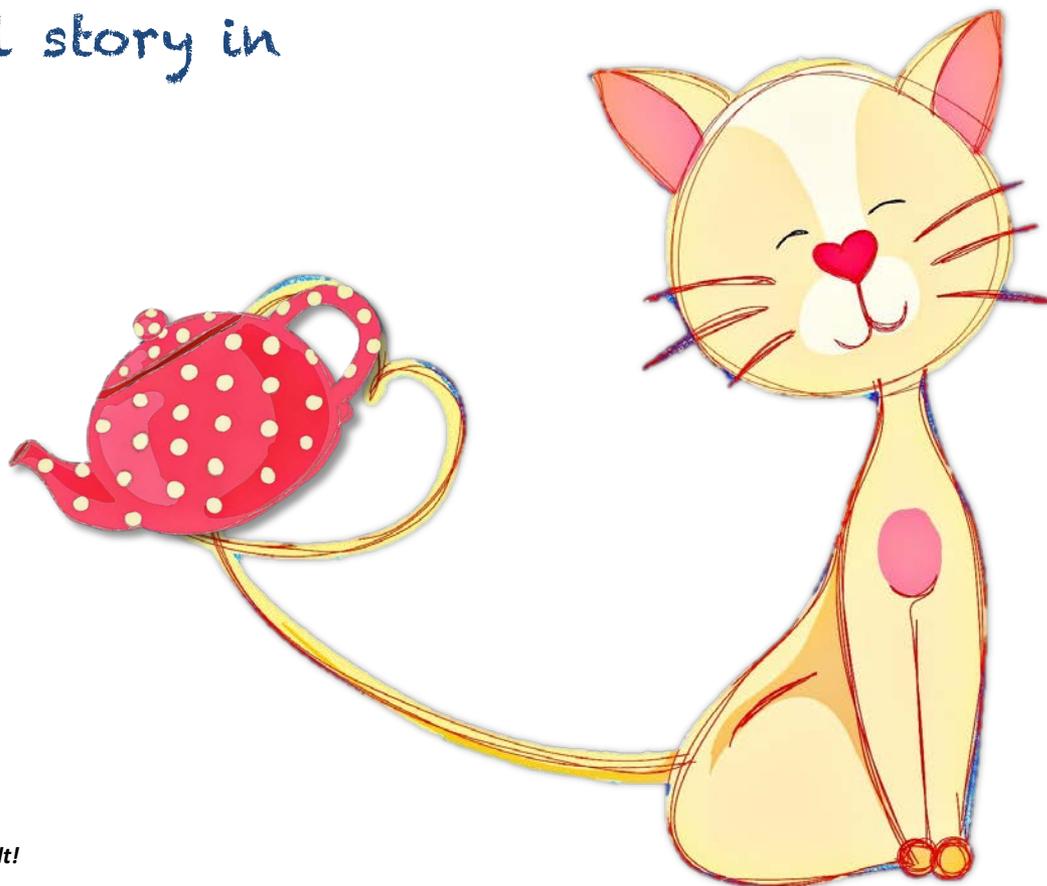
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There once was a cat called Sue
She lived in an old, rotten shoe

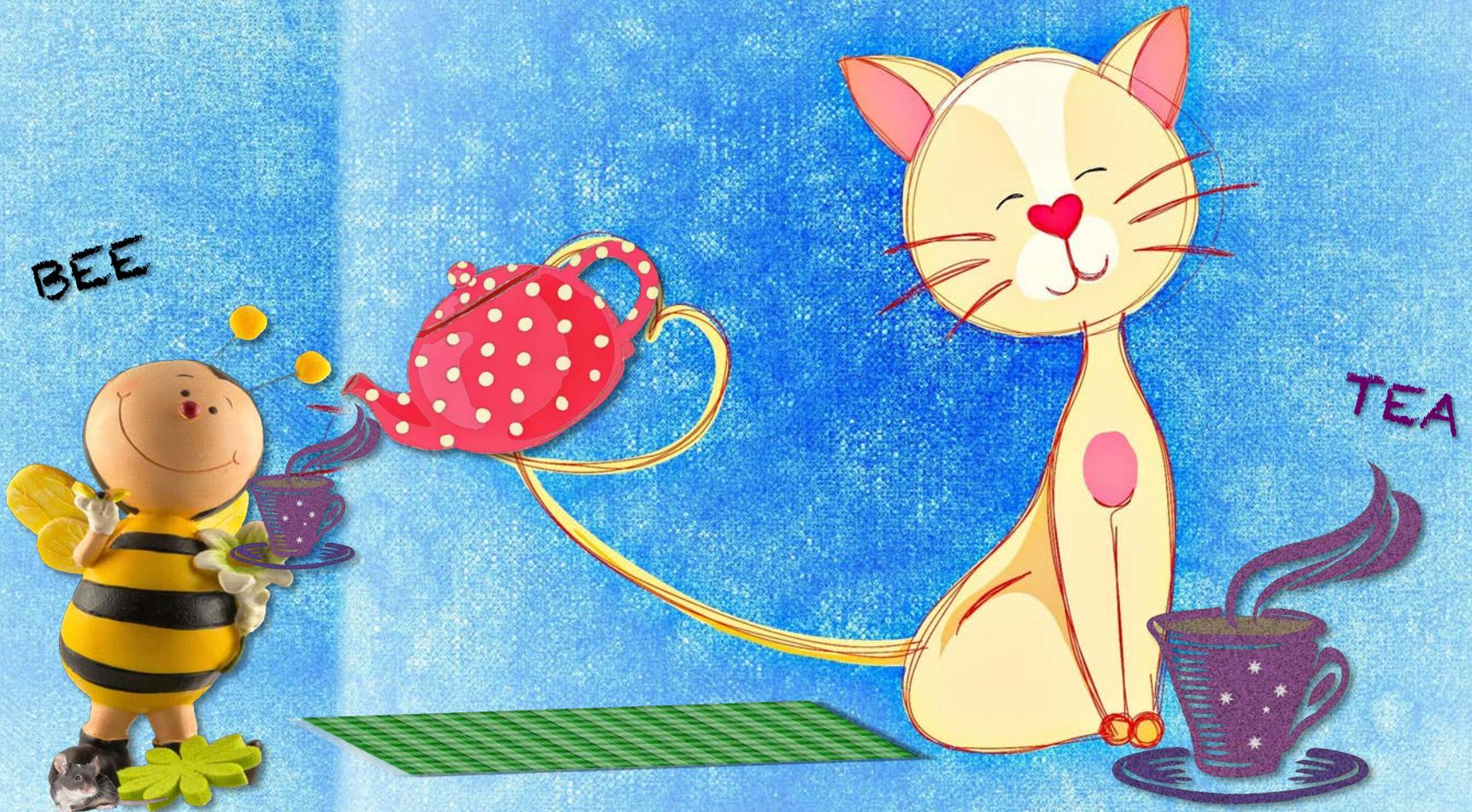
SHOE



SUE



Her best friend was Billy the bee
They often met to drink tea



One day, Sue said to Billy
Billy, I know this is silly ...

SILLY



SUE



BILLY



... but I don't want to live like a mouse
I really need a new house



HOUSE

MOUSE



So Sue set out on a search
The first place she looked was a church



In the tower, she saw a big bell
Too noisy a place, she could tell

BELL



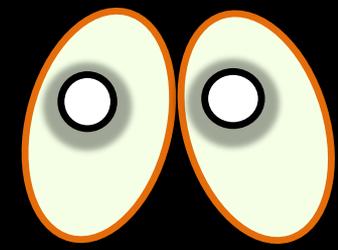
The next place she
just had to see
was a hole in a
very old tree ...

TREE



DARK

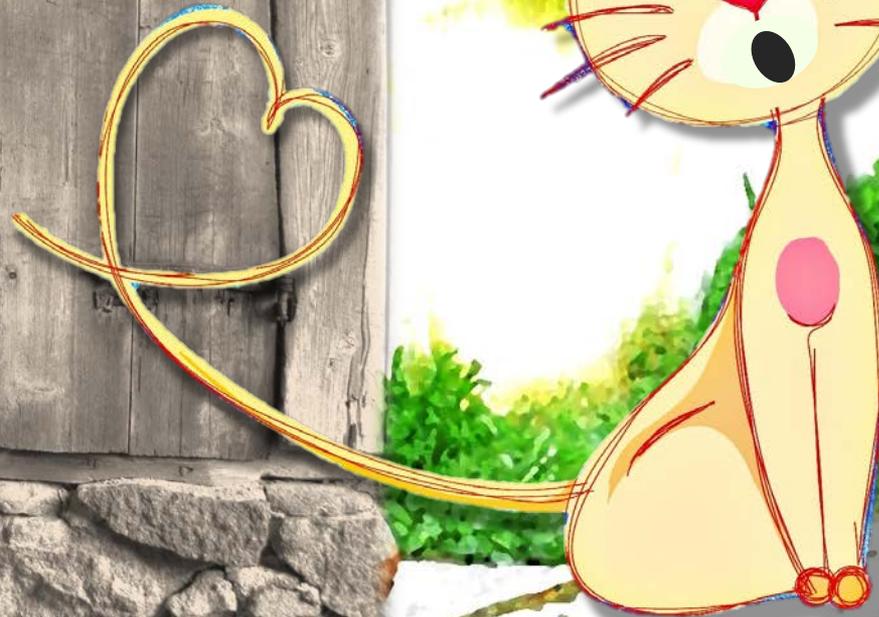
... that grew in the
midst of the park
But the hole was too
small and too dark



The third place she found
had a lock
It came as a bit of
a shock

LOCK

SHOCK



She found no way to get in
To a cat that is almost a sin



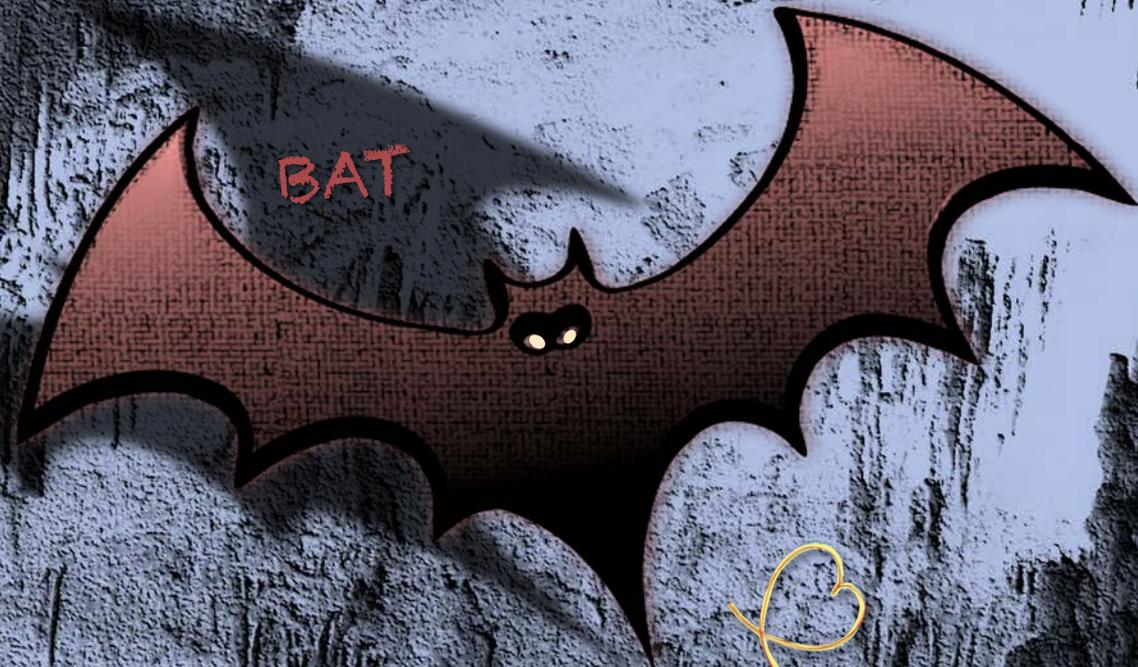
The fourth place was big and cold
A cave, deep and wide, she was told ...

COLD

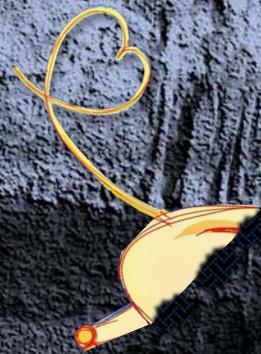
CAVE



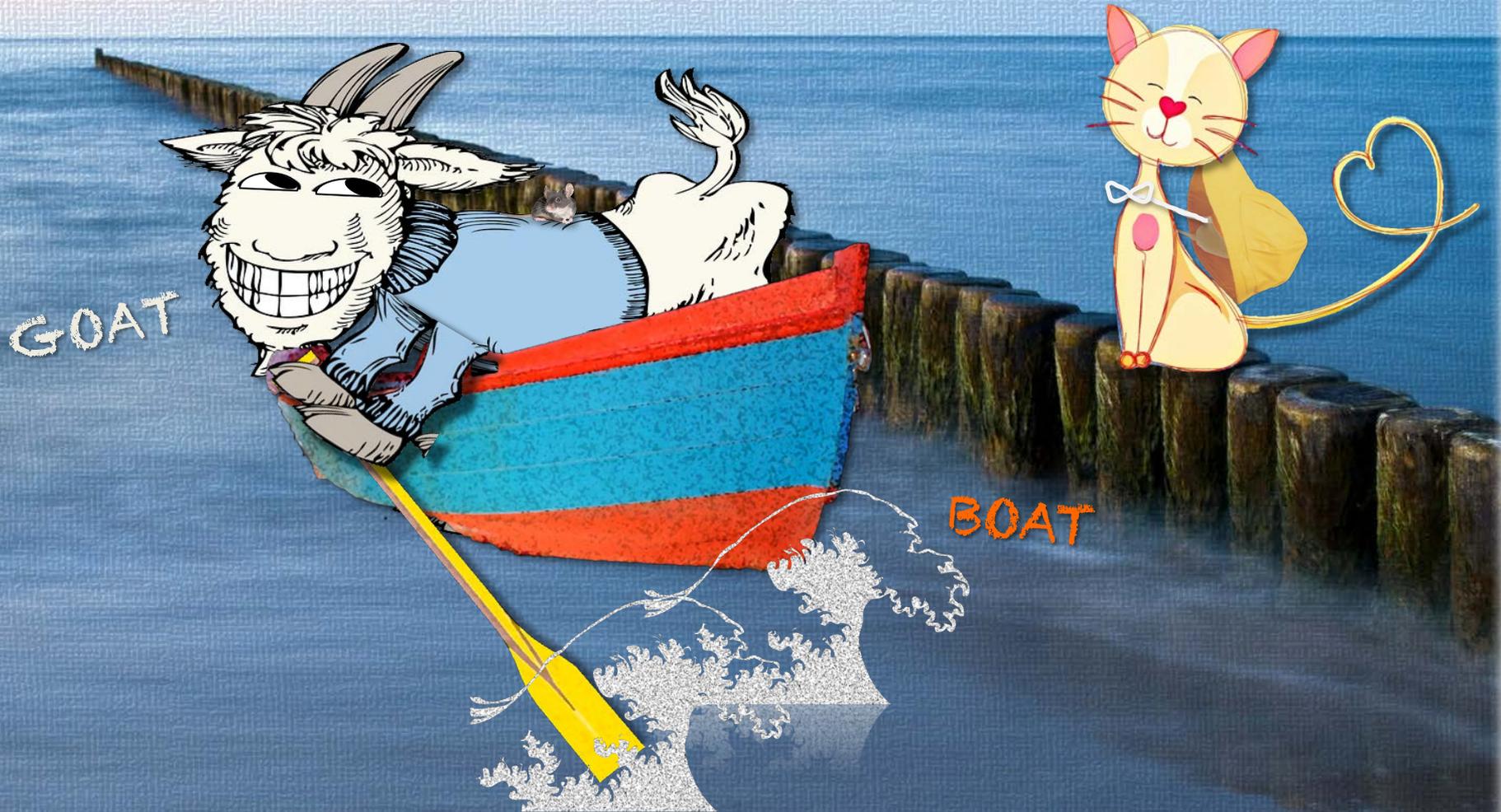
... by the bat living there with a snake
This was too much for Sue to take



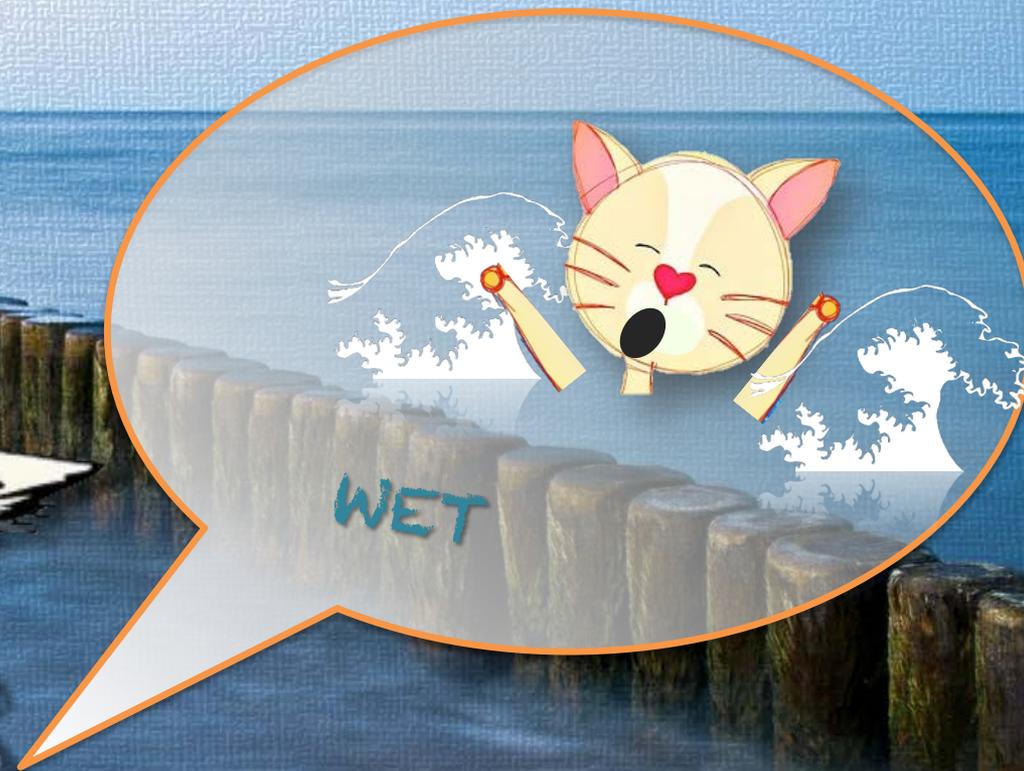
SNAKE



The fifth place she checked was a boat
Which was kept by a funny old goat



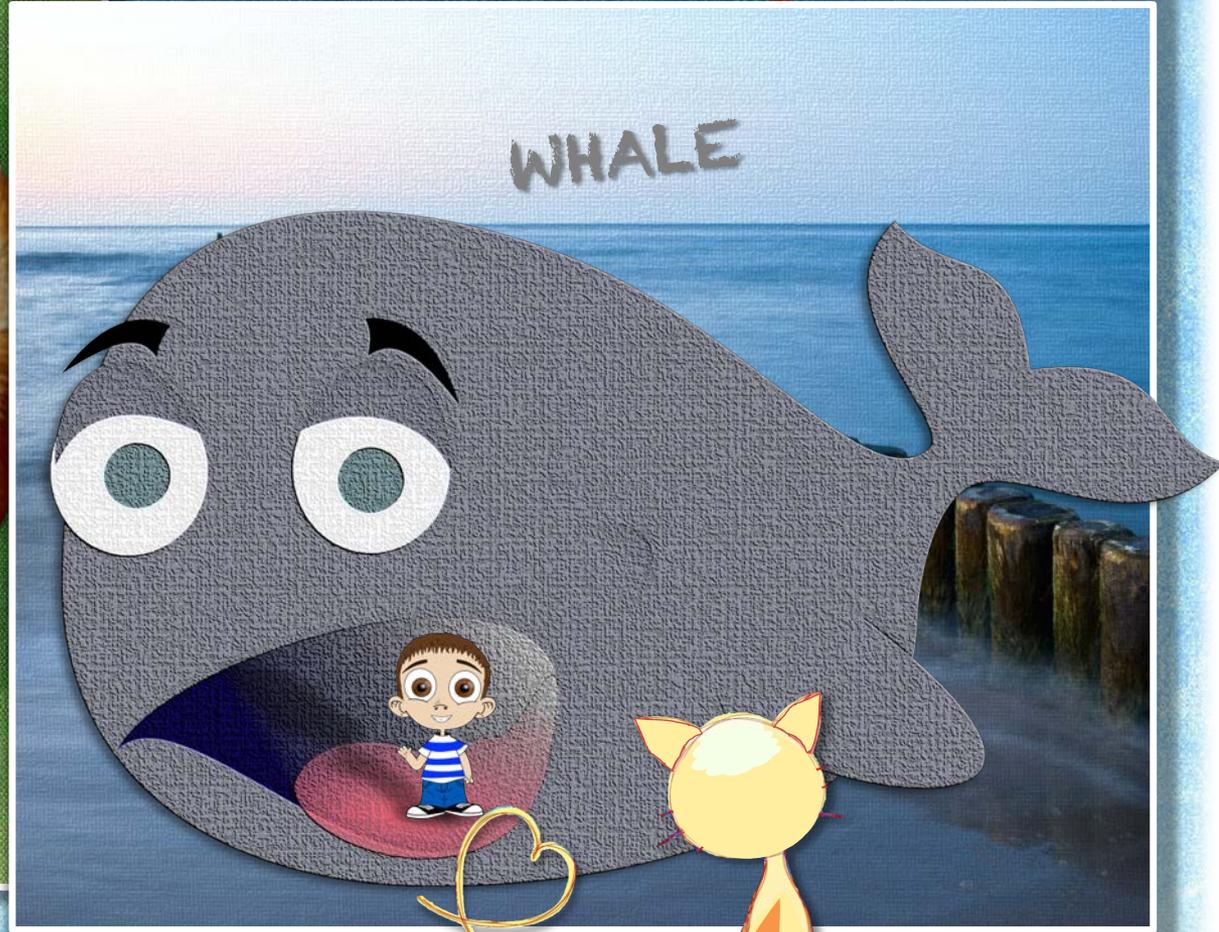
If you stay here, you're sure to get wet
Said the silliest goat she had met



Then, Sue tried the house of a snail
And saw a boy who lived in a whale



SNAIL



Neither place was Sue's cup of tea
She said: this is no place for me

CUP of TEA



Now, Sue was tired and sad
All places she found were so bad

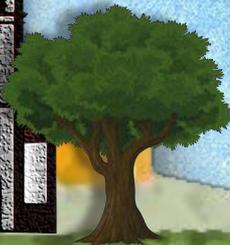
X = BAD

SAD



She missed the bee, Billy, her friend
So she headed back home again

FRIEND



On the way back, she flew by a hat
But no, that's no place for a cat

HAT



CAT

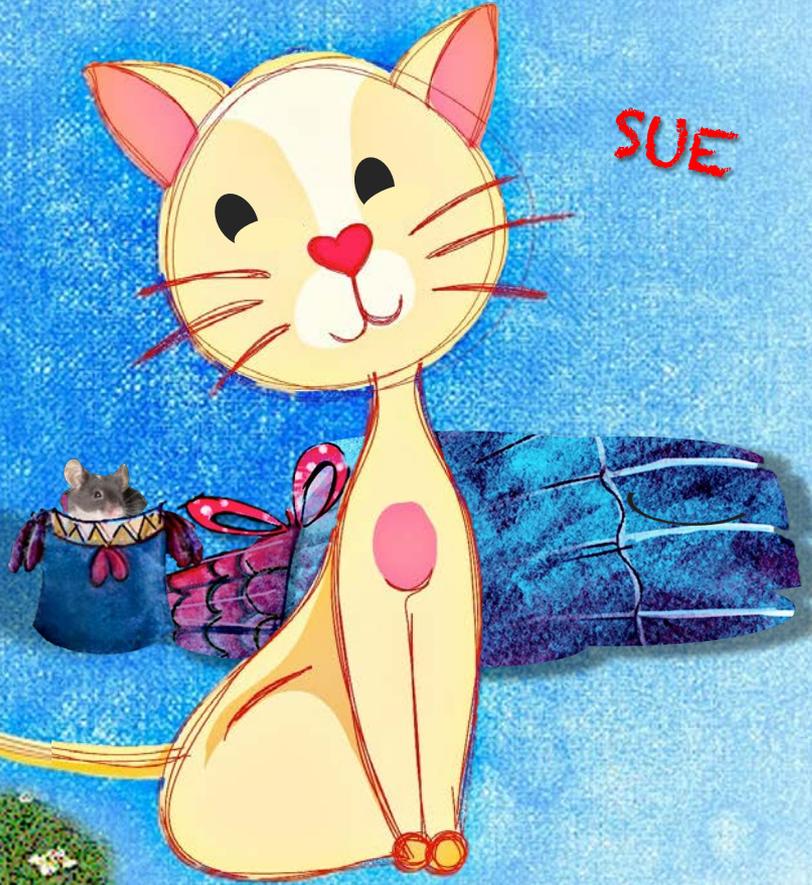


I guess, said the cat called Sue:
The best place to live is my shoe

SHOE



SUE

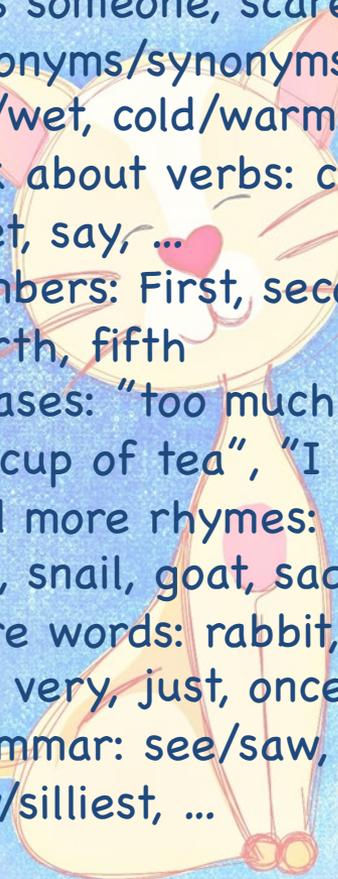


FOCUS WORDS

- p. 1: cat, Sue, old, rotten, shoe
- p. 2: friend, bee, drink, tea
- p. 3: day, Billy, silly,
- p. 4: mouse, house, need
- p. 5: search, place, church, first
- p. 6: big, bell, noisy, tell
- p. 7: next, see, hole, old, tree
- p. 8: park, small, dark
- p. 9: third, lock, shock
- p. 10: no, way, in, sin
- p. 11: big, cold, cave, deep, wide, told
- p. 12: bat, snake, too, take
- p. 13: check, boat, funny, goat
- p. 14: stay, wet, silliest, met
- p. 15: snail, boy, whale
- p. 16: not, cup, me
- p. 17: tired, sad, bad
- p. 18: missed, friend, home, again
- p. 19: hat, cat,
- p. 20: guess, best

TALK ABOUT ...

- Find the mouse hiding on all pages
- Talk about emotions: sad/happy, to miss someone, scared, etc.
- Antonyms/synonyms: big/small, dry/wet, cold/warm, loud/noisy, etc.
- Talk about verbs: call, live, look, meet, say, ...
- Numbers: First, second/next, third, fourth, fifth
- Phrases: "too much to take", "not my cup of tea", "I guess", etc.
- Find more rhymes: cat, shoe, snake, bell, snail, goat, sad
- More words: rabbit, balloon, oar, too, very, just, once,
- Grammar: see/saw, meet/met, silly/silliest, ...



MORE FUN

- Draw/build a new home for Sue – what would she like?
- Visit a church and listen to the bell
- Go to the park and look at trees – maybe you find one that is hollow
- Build a cave under a table
- Draw the animals in the story
- Have a tea party and invite your best friends
- Send a letter to someone you miss
- Tell the story of the mouse
- Make a miniature hot air balloon

MORE TALK

- p. 1: Where can you live?
- p. 2: What is a friend?
- p. 3: Are you sometimes silly?
- p. 4: Why is Sue sad?
- p. 5: What else can you fly in?
- p. 6: What is the opposite of noisy?
- p. 7: What is a park?
- p. 8: What is hiding in the tree?
- p. 9: What could be behind the door?
- p. 10: Where do cats like to hide?
- p. 11: Where can you find caves?
- p. 12: Why is Sue running away?
- p. 13: What makes the goat funny?
- p. 14: How did Sue fall into the water?
- p. 15: What is the snail thinking?
Can you live in a whale?
- p. 17: How can you tell Sue is sad?
- p. 18: Have you tried to miss someone?
- p. 19: Who does the hat belong to?
- p. 20: Why does Sue like her shoe?