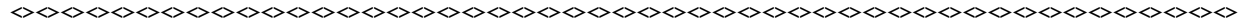


Belling The Cat

A Fable by Aesop

Parts (6) Mouse Leader Gray Mouse Brown Mouse Wise Old Mouse Narrator 1 Narrator 2



Narrator 1: Once upon a time many little mice lived in a cozy house.

Narrator 2: One day a big cat came to live in the house.

Narrator 1: The cat chased the mice. The mice were very, very scared.

Mouse Leader: We have a problem.

Narrator 2: The mouse leader told all the mice.

Mouse Leader: I am tired of being chased by that big cat day and night.

Gray Mouse: But what can we do?

Narrator 1: Asked the gray mouse.

Brown Mouse: We must come up with a plan.

Gray Mouse: What a great idea. What will we do?

Brown Mouse: We can wait until the cat falls asleep. Then we can tie a bell around the cat's neck. When the cat tries to chase us, the bell will ring and we can run away.

Brown Mouse: This is a fabulous plan! Let's tie the bell around the cat's neck.

Wise Old Mouse: And who will tie the bell around the cat's neck?

Narrator 2: Asked the wise old mouse.

Narrator 1: No one wanted to be the one to try.

Narrator 2: The mice were much too scared.

Wise Old Mouse: And that is why mice are still chased and caught by cats to this very day.

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