



## **The Cat's Lost Bread**

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Once upon a time, there lived three cats in one house. Their names were Black Cat, Blue Cat and Green Cat.



Every evening after dinner, Blue Cat would bake three loaves of bread. The next morning, all of the cats would have bread, milk and porridge for breakfast.



One morning, they could only find two loaves of bread!



The next morning, another loaf was gone!  
“What should we do?” they wondered. “There must be a thief.”



“Let’s take turns all night to guard the loaves,” suggested Black Cat.



But they ate so much that night that they all fell asleep.  
Nobody guarded the bread.





The same thing happened the next night.  
Again, they decided to take turns in guarding the bread, and again, they  
all fell asleep!  
This went on for a long time, and the thief remained uncaught.



One day, Black Cat was cleaning and oh! He saw a small hole under the bed.

“Who dug this hole?” he wondered.

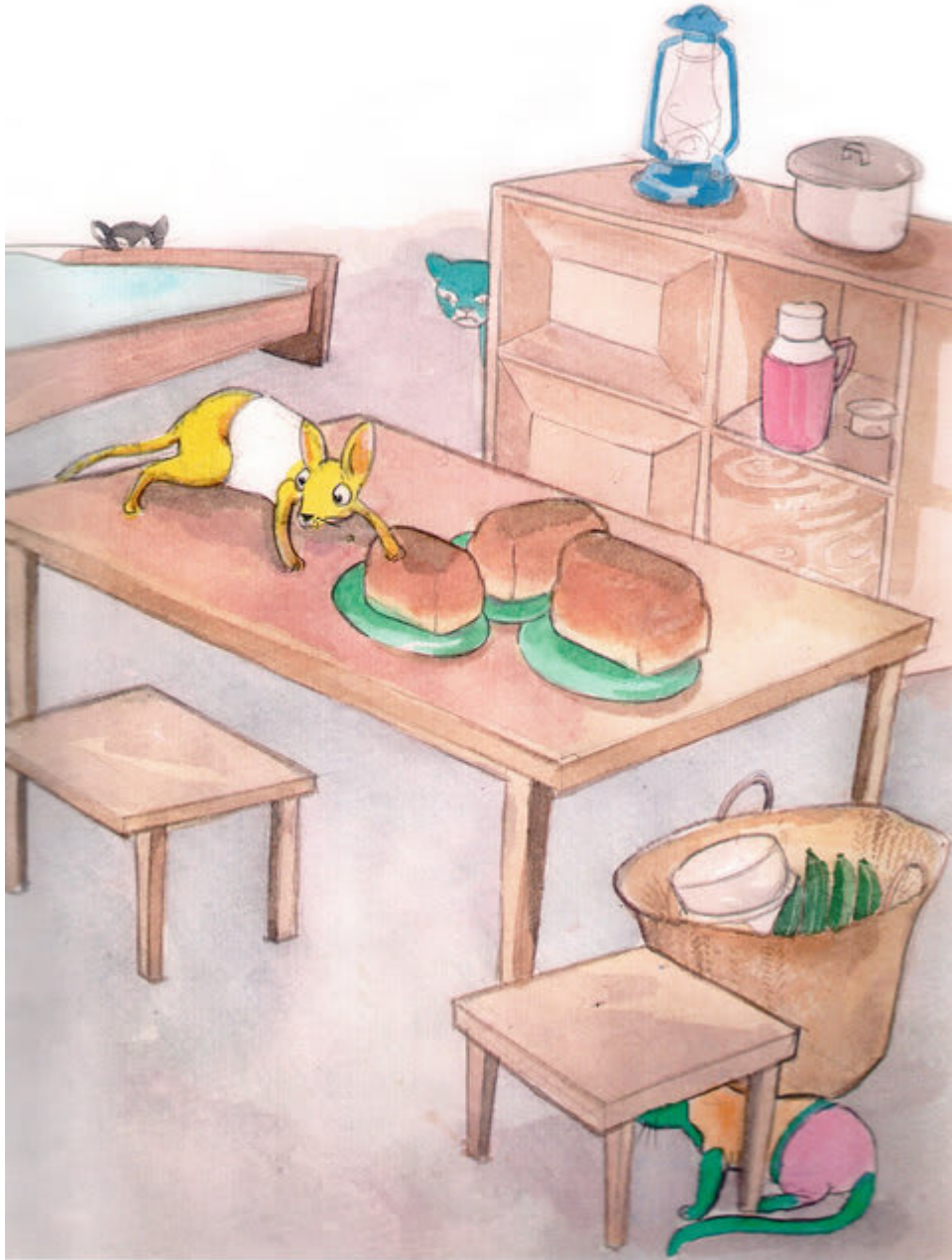


“Come look!” he called to the other cats. “I think the thief comes in through this hole.”

“We must catch him!” they cried together.



That evening, Blue Cat baked three loaves of bread.  
Then, all three cats hid inside the room.



Late at night, a big yellow rat emerged from the hole. It quietly scampered towards the table where the bread loaves were.



Just then, the cats jumped out of their hiding places.  
“CAUGHT YOU!” they yelled. “Give us back our bread!”  
They put the rat on the table and demanded an explanation. Its eyes  
widened with fear.



“I'm very sick and can't buy any food,” the rat told them. “My kids are hungry, and I need this bread to feed them.”



The rat showed his children to the cats. They were very weak and sad.





The next day, Blue Cat baked many large loaves of bread. He baked enough for all of the cats, the rat and his children. The cats and the rats ate merrily ever after.

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