





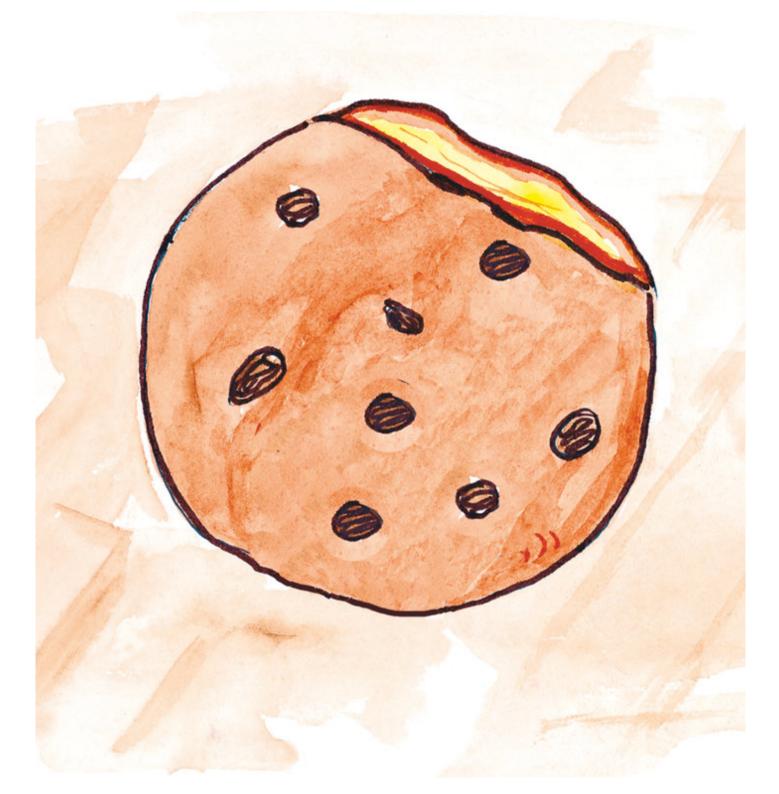


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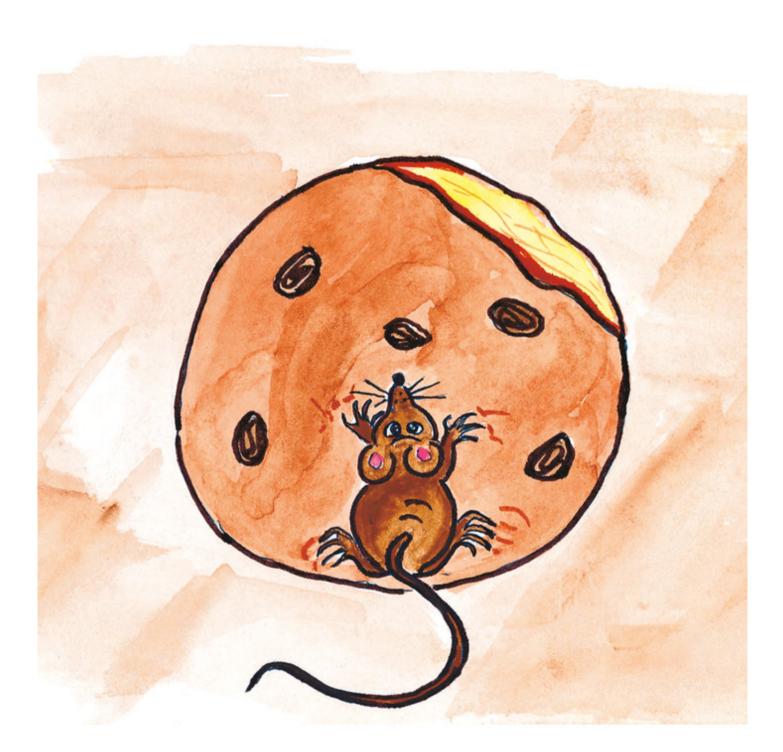


एक दिन चूहे जी को एक बड़ा सा बन मिला।

"मैं इस बन को घर ले जाऊँगा," वह बोले।



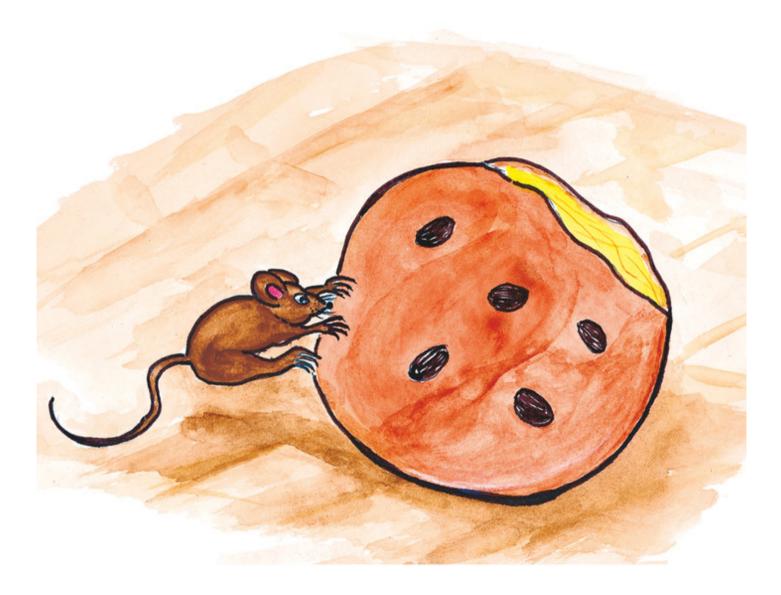
उन्होंने बन को पीछे से खिसकाया। बन नहीं हिला।



## उन्होंने आगे से खींचा। बन नहीं हिला।



# दाएँ से धक्का दिया, बन नहीं हिला।

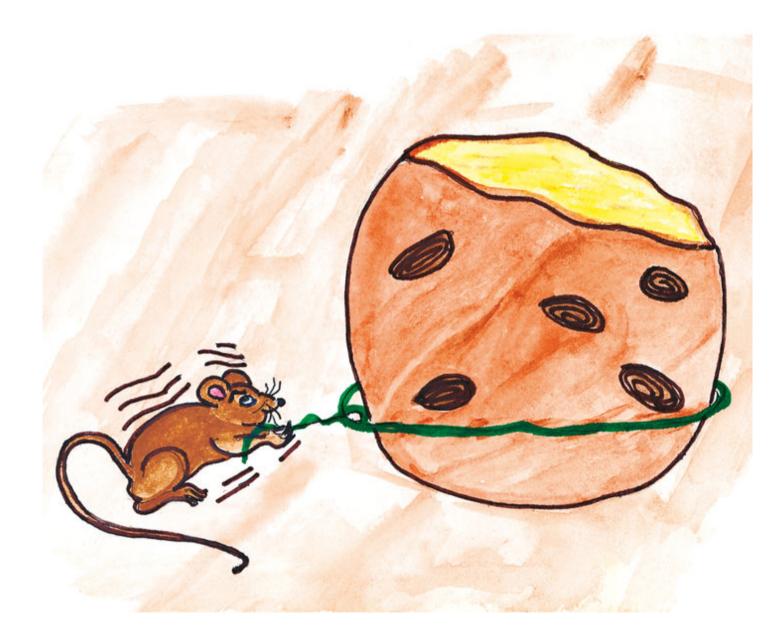


बन के पीछे से भागे और बाएँ से धक्का दिया पर बन नहीं हिला।



हूँ ऽऽ... मैं इस पर रस्सी बाँधूंगा। इसे खींच कर घर ले जाऊँगा।

चूहे जी दौड़ कर घर से रस्सी ले आये पर वह छोटी पड़ गई।



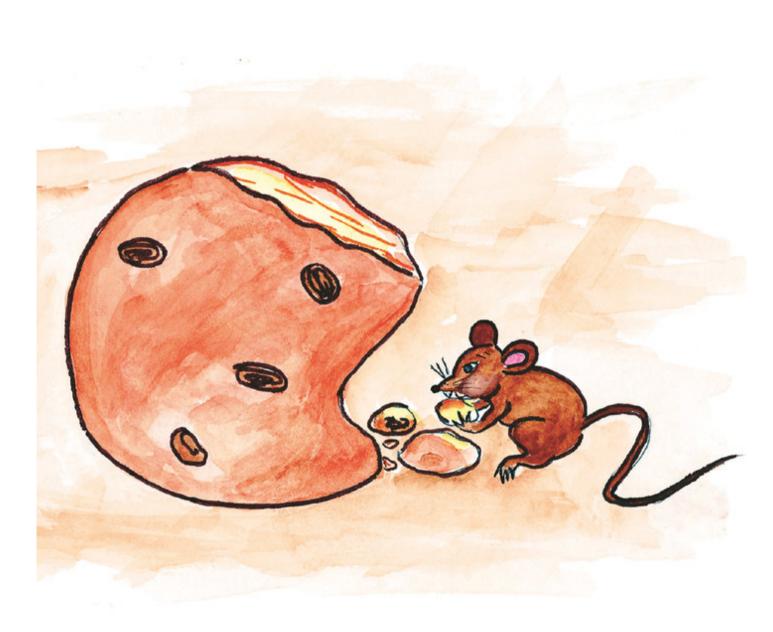
वह वापस गये और लम्बी रस्सी लाये।

बन को बाँधा और खींचा... और खींचा पर बन नहीं हिला।



चूहे जी बैठ गये और थोड़ा सा बन कुतरा।

वाह, क्या स्वाद था! थोड़ा और खाया, थोड़ा और, और फिर थोड़ा और... बन छोटा होता गया।



अब बन को हल्का सा धक्का दिया और वह सीधे लुढ़कता हुआ उनके घर के अन्दर! चूहे जी बड़े खुश।

पूरा का पूरा बन सही सलामत उनके घर में था। पर उन्होंने इतना बन खाया था कि उनका पेट इतना...इतना... बड़ा हो गया।



चूहे जी ने खुद को बड़ा धक्का लगाया पर अपने घर में नहीं घुस पाये।



अपने दरवाज़े के बाहर चूहे जी पेट पकड़ कर बैठ गये, "इतना सारा बन नहीं खाना चाहिये था मुझे। किसी के साथ बाँट लेता तो कितना अच्छा होता।"



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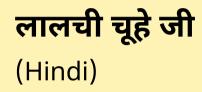
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