

Story 8: Mice and the Cats with a Bell



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The Story:

Once upon a time, there was a young, strong and agile cat living in a house. This cat would not allow mice to enter the house. No matter what the mice did, they could not enter the house. Then, one day the cat got married and left home for a while. The mice took advantage of the cat's departure and settled in the house. In the absence of the cat, they moved around the house as they pleased, eating and drinking whatever they wanted.

But after a while the cat returned home with his new wife. The mice, worried about losing their comfort, put their heads together and started to think: "What are we going to do, how are we going to defeat these cats and continue our comfortable life? If we couldn't even deal with one cat before, how will we deal with two cats now?"

If they tried to fight, they knew the cats were stronger than them. If they tried to run away, they knew the cats were faster than them. If they left home, they knew it was too hard for them to live on the streets.

Then one of the mice had an idea:



“If we can somehow attach bells to the cats' necks, we can hear their voices from a distance and escape before they come near us.”

Of course, it was difficult and risky to get close to the cats and put these bells on them. Thinking about how they could do it, they came up with a plan. They decided to form a team and put the bells around the cats' necks at night while they were sleeping. First, two mice went outside the house and brought the bells. Then, while the mice on the watch kept an eye on the cats, another two mice were in charge of the task of quietly bringing the bells to the cats. When the mice on the watch reported that the cats were asleep, the operation began. Everyone did their job and the mice put the bells around the cats' necks without waking them.

From that day on, life in the house was just as the mice expected. Thanks to the bells, they could understand where the cats were and when they came near them. So they lived happily and safely in that house.

This adventure of the mice has also shown everyone this: the challenges, rivals or enemies you face may be stronger, faster or superior to you. But if you use your wits, make a good plan and work carefully on your plan in cooperation with those around you, you can still defeat them!

Story Moral: *The challenges, rivals or enemies people face may be stronger, faster or superior to them. But if they use their wits, make a good plan and work carefully on their plan in cooperation with those around them, people can still defeat them!*