

Belling the Cat

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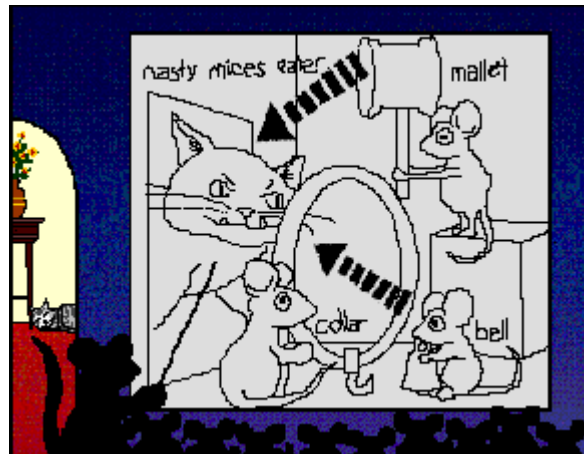
Once upon a time, all the mice met, together in council, to discuss the best means of securing themselves against the attacks of the cat.

After several suggestions had been
debated, a
Mouse of some standing and
experienced
got up and said, "I think I have hit
upon a plan
which will ensure our safety in the
future,
provided you approve and carry it
out. It is that
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This proposal was warmly applauded, and it had been decided to adopt it, when an old Mouse got upon his feet and said, "I agree with you all that the plan before us is an admirable one: but may I ask who is going to bell the cat?"



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the reason why all the mice met together.
2. What was the suggestion that was given by experienced mouse?
3. Did the other mouse accept the suggestion?
4. What was the problem with the suggestion?
5. If you are one of those mouse are you going to accept the task of belling the cat?
6. Do you think their plan will be successful if they would be able to bell the cat?