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Rat was looking for lunch.
He saw two seagulls
fighting over some bread.

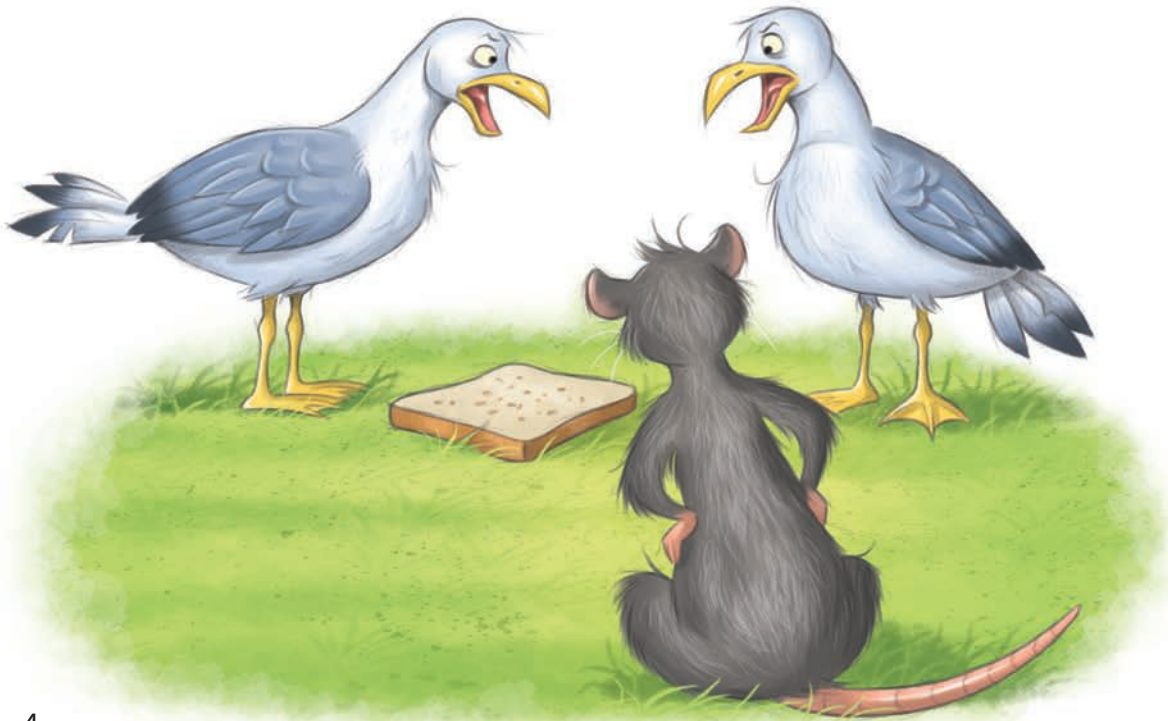
“I want that bread,” said Rat.



Tricky Rat called to the seagulls,
“Why are you fighting?
Why don’t you share the bread?”



The seagulls stopped fighting.
“That’s a good idea,”
said one of the seagulls.
“I’ll share it!”
“No, I’ll share it!”
cried the other seagull.
They started to fight again.



“Stop!” shouted Rat. “Let me help you.
I can help you share the bread.”
The seagulls let Rat take the bread.
Rat nibbled the bread.
He nibbled it into two pieces.





“Here you are,” he said to the seagulls.

“But the pieces are not the same size,” they said.

“Sorry!” said Rat. He smiled and took back one of the pieces.

“I’ll make this piece smaller.”



Rat nibbled and nibbled.

The seagulls looked at the bread. “Now the other piece is too big!” they said.

“Sorry,” said Rat. “I’ll make it smaller.”



Soon both pieces were the same size,
but they were very small.

“Here you are,” said Rat.

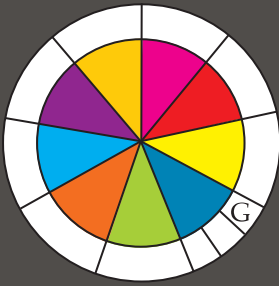


“Thank you!” cried the seagulls.

“No - thank *you*,” said Rat.

“Thank you for lunch!”





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