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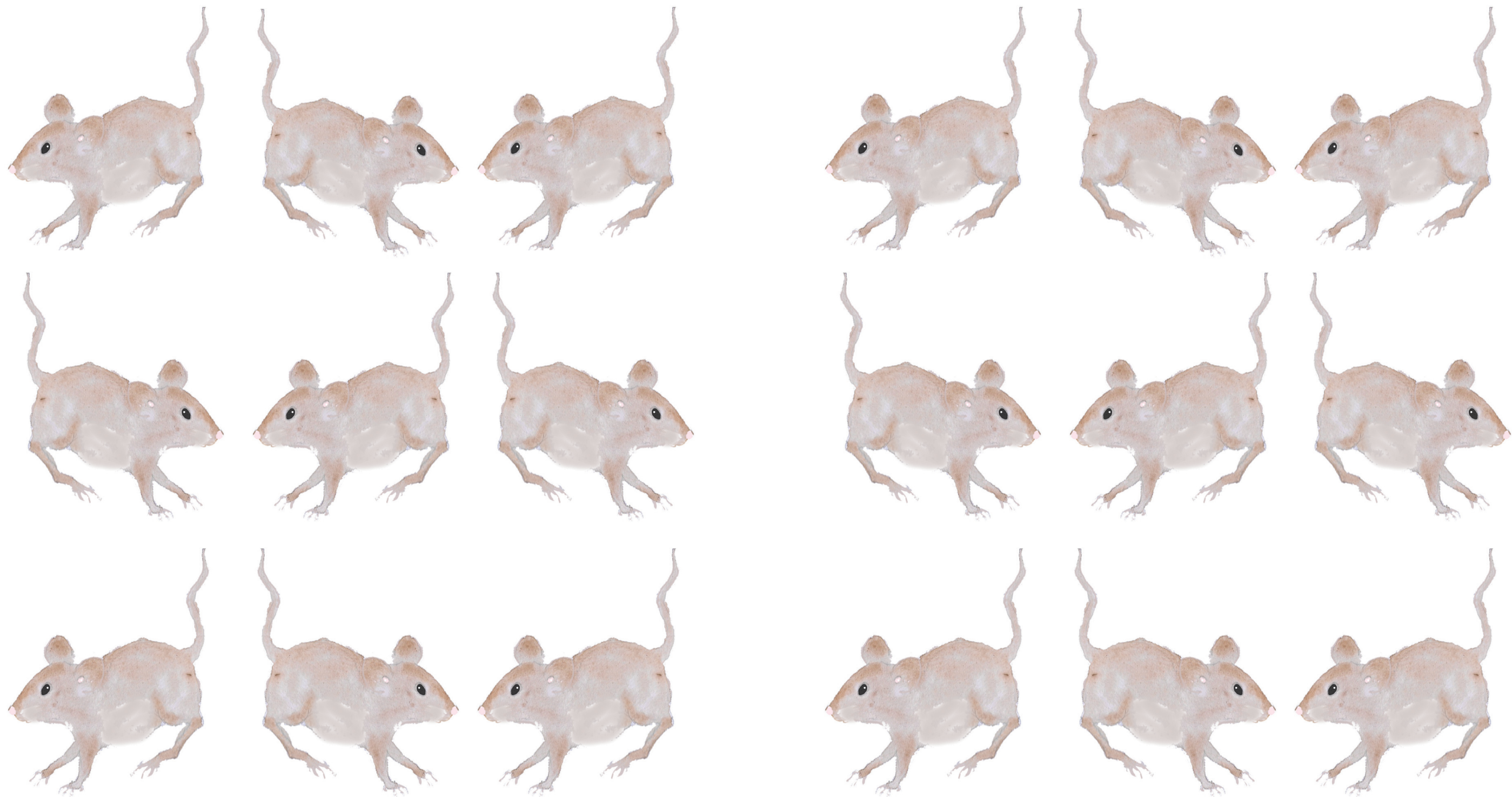


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### What is it?

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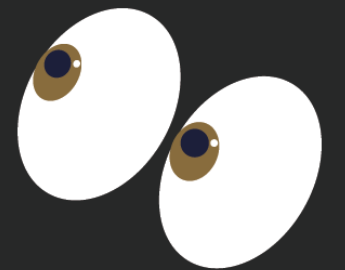
# What is it?

*Scratch...*

*Scratch...*

*Scratch...*

Lulu's eyes opened wide  
in the darkness



Was it a beetle?  
... a very big  
beetle?



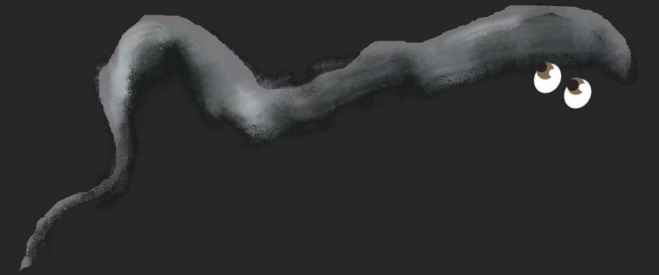
Lulu didn't like beetles

She pulled her knees  
up close to  
her chest  
and lay



**VERY**

still  
under  
her blanket



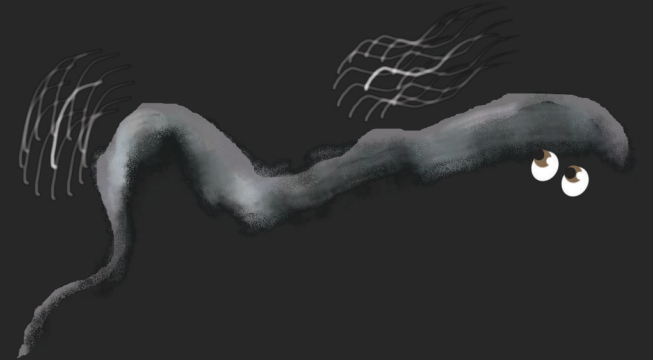
*Scratch...*

*Scratch...*

*Scratch...*

Where was the noise  
coming from?

It seemed  
to be  
coming  
**closer.**





Was it a  
**mouse?**

Lulu had seen mice in  
the mealie meal packet

**ALL** the mealie meal  
had to be replaced –  
if mice peed in the food  
it made you **SICK**





Oh no!



Not a  
mouse!



What if it was eating  
all the sugar?

*Scritch...*

*Scritch...*

*Scritch...*

*Scritch...*

It was getting  
louder and **louder**

Lulu didn't  
feel very  
brave, but  
she stretched  
one toe onto  
the floor, then  
her whole foot.

She stood up quietly and tip-toed  
through to the kitchen.



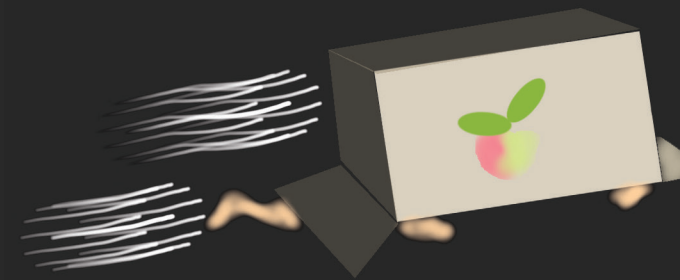
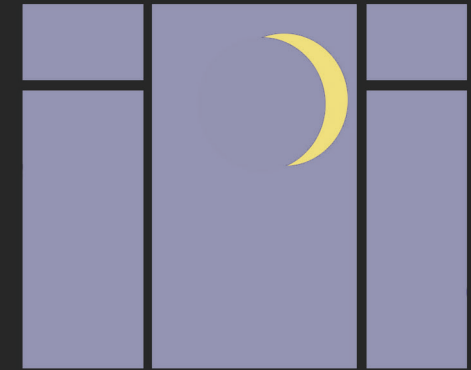
The moon was shining  
in the kitchen

*Scratch...*

*Scratch...*

*Scratch...*

it was louder...  
and coming closer...



it must be  
a ghost!

Lulu was  
**terrified!**

The cardboard box  
ghost would get her  
and...

She took a deep breath  
and....

**YELLED!**

The cardboard box

**flew** up into the air,  
**banged** into the kitchen table,  
**upset** a cup on the sink,  
**knocked** over a jug of water,  
**sent** a spoon flying through  
the air...

and out came...



*...a mouse?*



*...a ghost?*

*...her cat!*



Her very own fluffy, furry,  
mischievous cat with a  
mouse in her mouth



*Colocolo!*

You bad cat –  
you frightened me!

*Colocolo!*

You good cat –  
you caught the mouse!



Lulu picked up her cat and rubbed her face in his fur, and carried him back to bed.



They curled up together and fell asleep.



