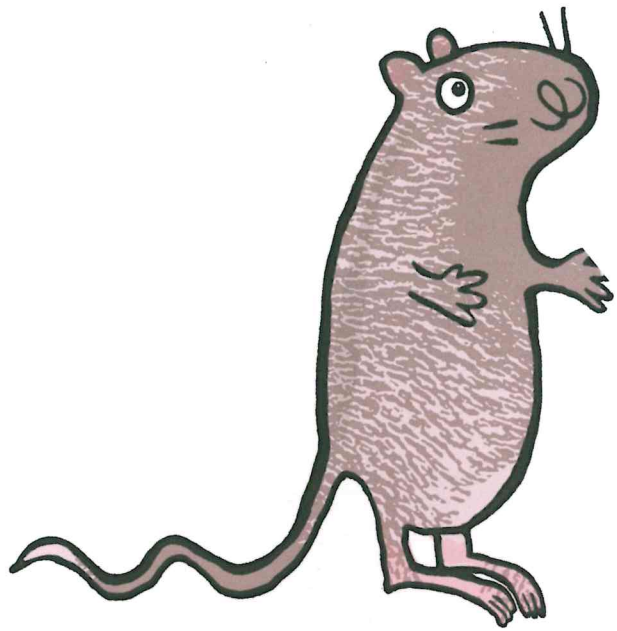


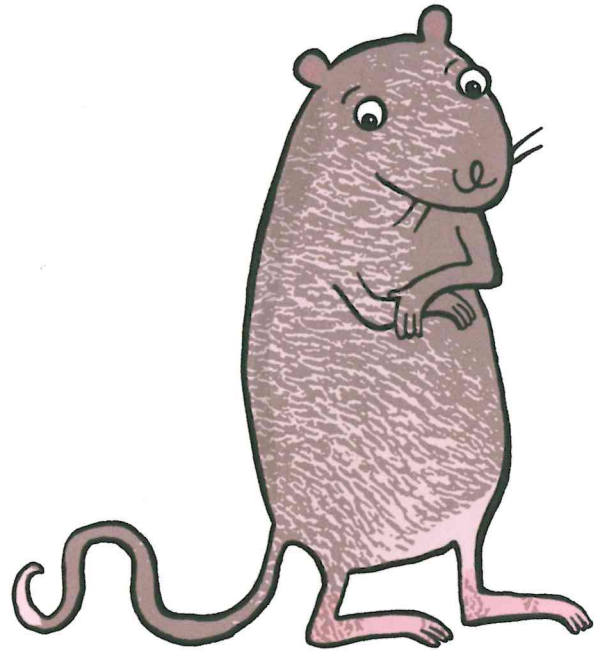
“Thank you, Norma.”
“You’re welcome.” Norma
looked at Twit. “How did you
get stuck in my burrow?”



Twit blushed. "My brothers
keep playing tricks on me,
and I keep believing them.
I'm such a twit."



Norma smiled. "Everyone is a bit of a twit from time to time. But picking on people is a **VERY** twittish thing to do. You shouldn't let your brothers get away with it."



"But what can I do?" asked Twit.

"Stick up for yourself!" said Norma.

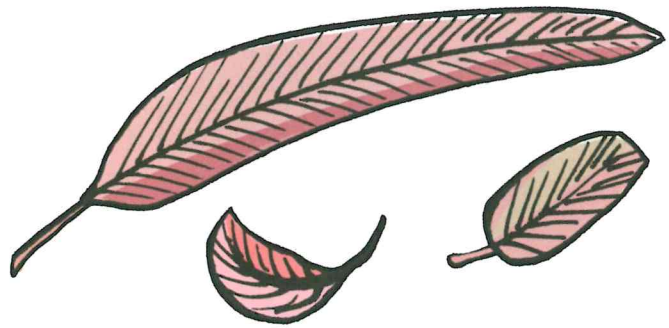


Then something strange happened.

For the first time ever, Twit had an idea of his own.

Twit whispered to Norma.
Norma smiled. "What a good
idea!"

And of course it was.

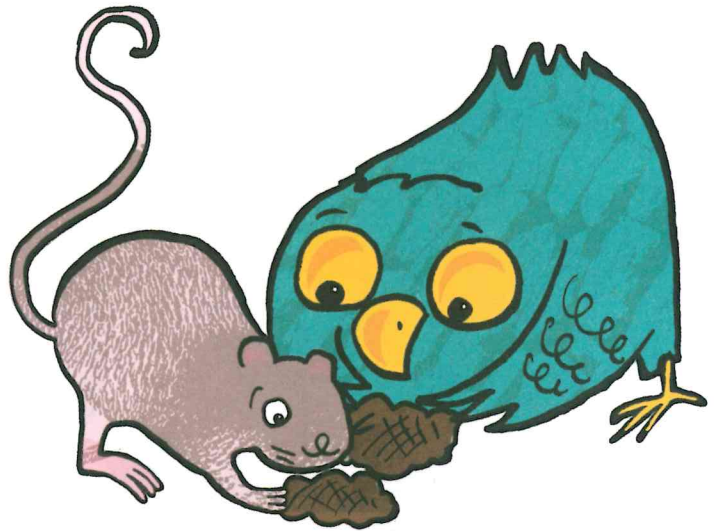


Chapter Five

Twit flapped outside and found the oldest, stickiest cobwebs. Then Norma helped him collect some squelchy mud from the stream.



The two new friends mixed the mud and webs together and stuck the sludgy mess to a tree.



Then Twit flew up and sank his bottom into the gloopy goo.

It stuck him there like glue!



Norma gave Twit
a big thumbs up.
Twit smiled.



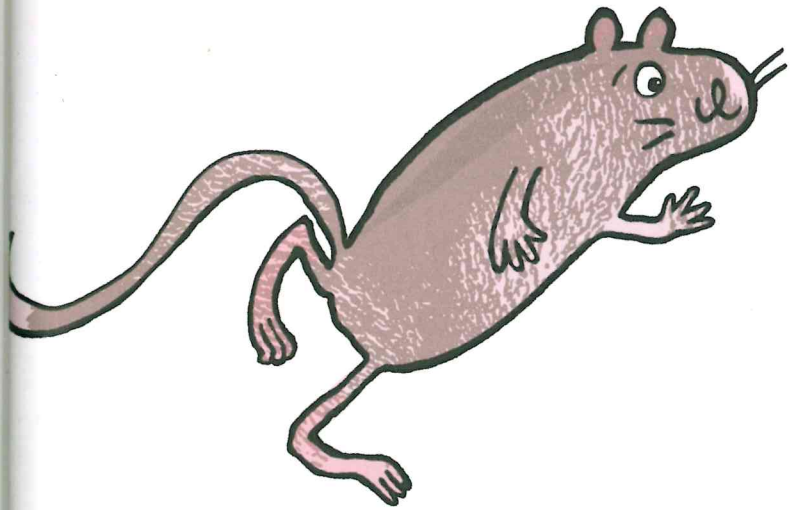
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“Look at me!” Twit hooted,
stretching out his wings.
“Bumf! Boggle! Baffle – I’m
floating!”



Twit's brothers gasped. It looked as if Twit was floating in the air!



Norma rushed about the forest, waking up all the animals. "Come and see the floating owl! He's lighter than air!"



Very soon, there was a large crowd staring at Twit.



Little owls can't really float.
But Bumf and Boggle and
Baffle believed that Twit had
learned how to – and they
were very cross.

“Look at him!” cried Baffle.
Bumf stamped his foot.

“Come on, boys. If Twit the
twit can learn to float –
so can we!”



At once, the three big birds
flapped about.

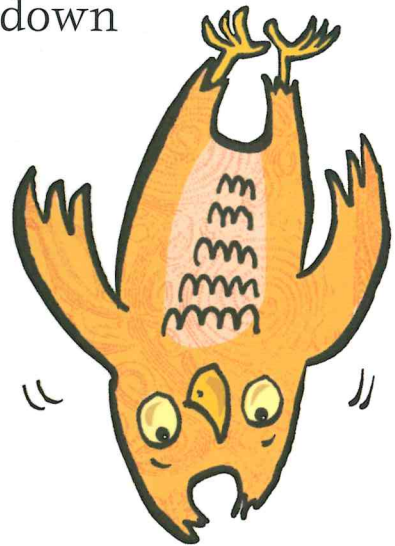


But they could *not* float,
however hard they tried.

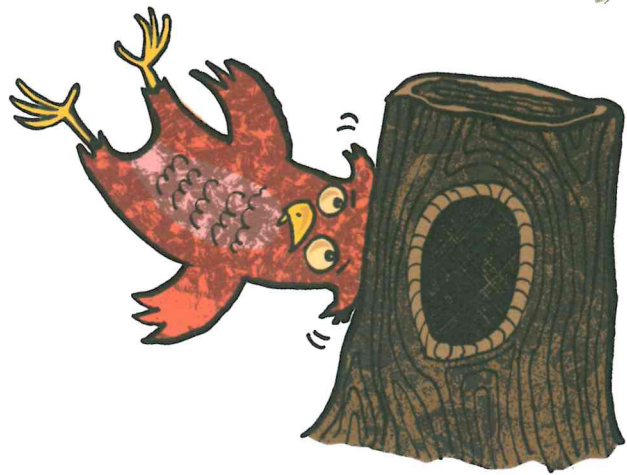
They flew this way and
that way



and upside-down



and bomp! into the tree

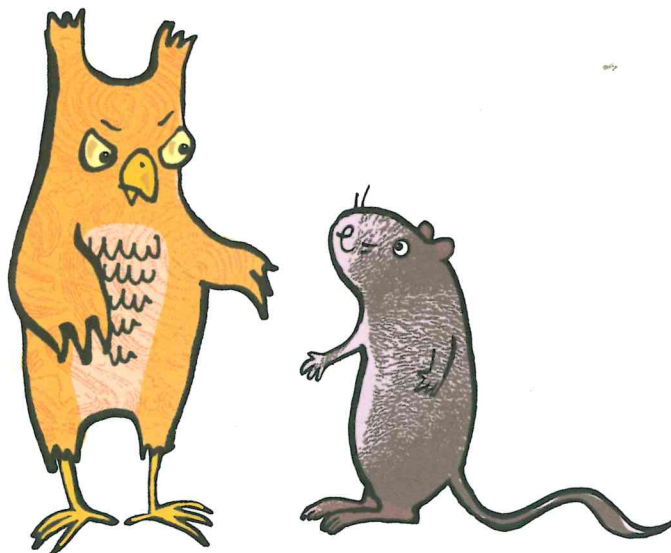


and pomp! onto the grass.



The more they couldn't float,
the crosser they got, and the
crosser they got the sillier
they looked. All the animals
began to laugh.

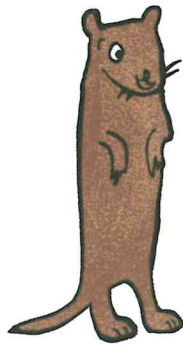




“It’s not fair!” screeched Boggle. “How can Twit float when we can’t? **HOW?**” Norma grinned. “Perhaps he’s not as big a twit as you say he is!”

Twit's brothers went on
jumping and flapping and
puffing and panting.





“What a joke!”
said a stoat.

“What a trick!”
squealed a squirrel.



“Look at his silly
brothers, trying
to float for real,”
laughed the
bear. “What vain
little twits!”

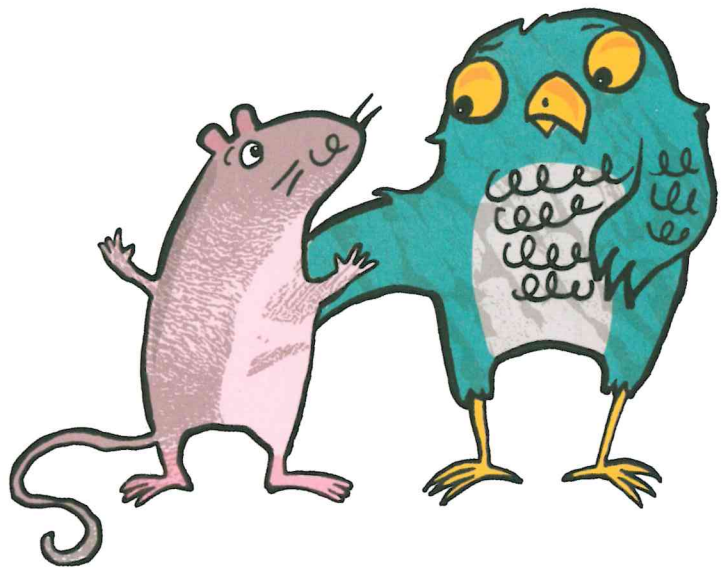
“Yes, they are twits!” the other animals agreed. Still laughing, they went home - leaving Boggle, Bumf and Baffle red-faced and feeling very, very silly.



Twit turned to Norma.

“Thank you for telling me to stick myself up.”

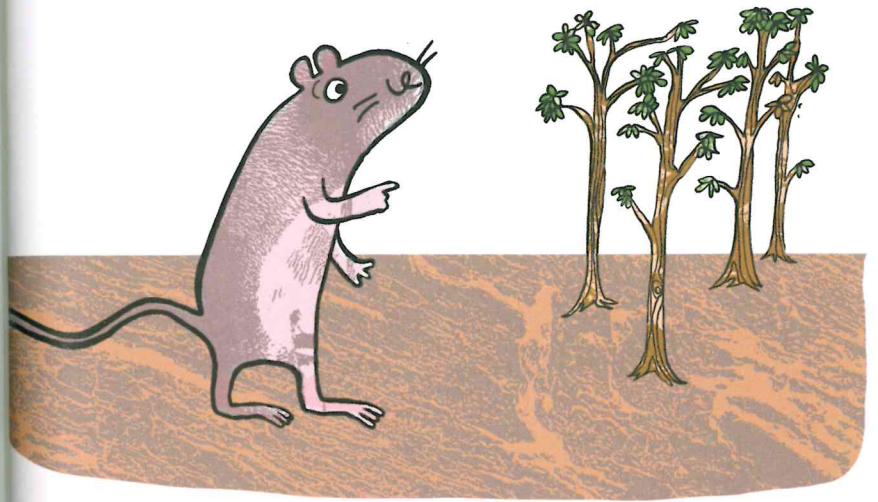
“I told you to *stick up for yourself*, Twit! But today, you’ve done both – and now every animal in the wood knows you’re not such a twit after all.”



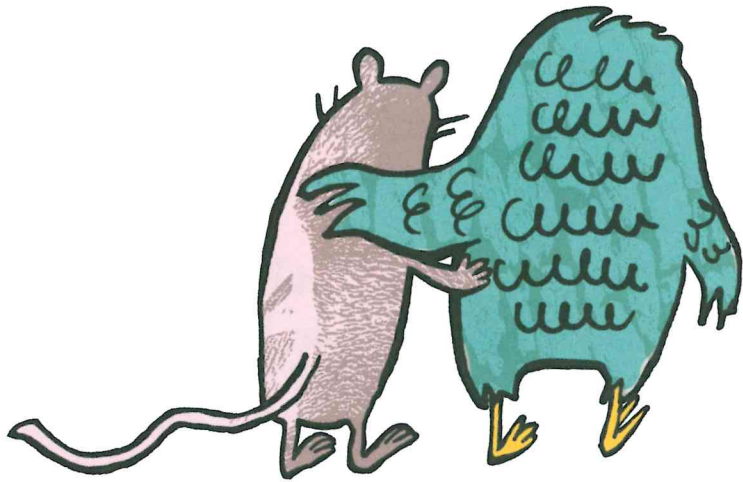
Twit glowed with pride.

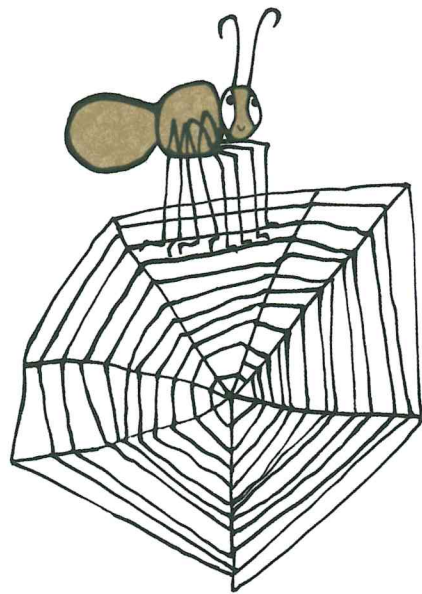
“Thank you for your help,
Norma. What shall we do
now?”

Norma smiled shyly. “Why
don’t we catch lots and lots
of bugs for our supper?”



"That's a good idea," said Twit.
And it was.
It really was.





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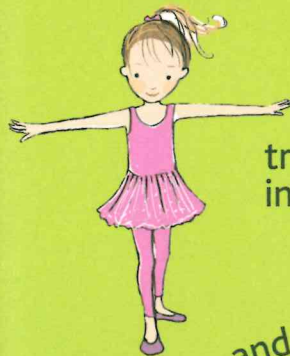
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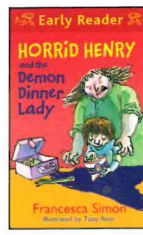
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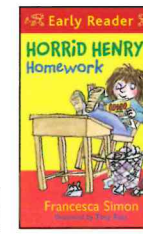


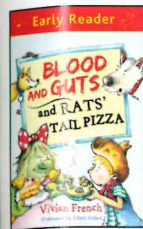
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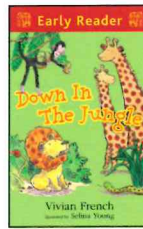








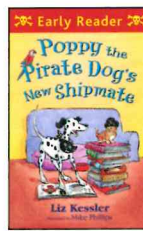


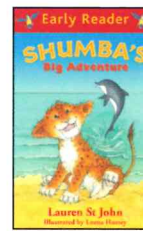


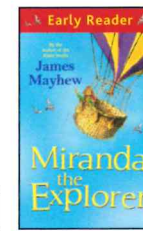


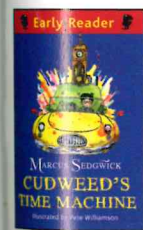


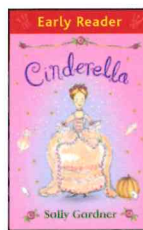
















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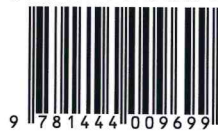


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