



32-King Rat

long o sound, -able ending

King Rat sat on his throne in his big castle. It was a cold day, the kind of day to roast hotdogs over a fire. But King Rat couldn't roast hotdogs, for King Rat was thinking the unthinkable. Today the revolt would happen. It was all so predictable.

King Rat's foe was Joe The Barbarian, an evil fellow who was King of the Boars. The fact

that a revolt was probable made King Rat irritable.

Suddenly a big, black crow landed in the window. From the crow's throat came a long bellow. Then the crow spoke.

“King Rat!” the crow said. “Joe The Barbarian and his evil horde of boars are nearing the castle. Shall I blow the horn and summon the knights?”

“No!” shouted King Rat. “The knights are not here. They are at a meeting in Columbus. They are trying to pull a sword from a stone. I will have to face Joe and his evil horde of boars alone.”

King Rat began to bellow out orders.

“There is a revolt!” he yelled. “Get me my battle coat! Raise the bridge over the moat! Get me my bow and arrows! But most of all, get me

my fire-spitting dragon!”

Chicken Fred came running into the throne room.

“Ahah!” said King Rat. “My fire-spitting dragon!” Fred gave a deep moan.

“King Rat!” screamed the crow. “Joe The Barbarian and his evil horde of boars approach! They have a boat to cross the moat!”

“Unbelievable,” said King Rat. “Pour the gas on the moat! It is flammable and will keep Joe and the boars back!”

“But Sire,” said the crow, “we have no gas available. You used it all in your motor home.”

“Uuuughhh!” said King Rat.

“King Rat!” yelled the crow. “Joe and his horde are rowing across the moat! Joe has the

oars!”

“Well,” said King Rat, “where are the bow and arrows I asked for?”

“Sire, you gave them to the bank to pay back a loan,” the crow said. “You were not very dependable.”

“AAAAHHH!” screamed King Rat. “Well, at least get me my battle coat! If I am going to croak, at least I will look nice.” The crow just looked at King Rat.

“Wait,” said King Rat. “Don't tell me. I don't have my battle coat either, do I?”

“Nope,” said the crow. “You sold it to buy votes when you were trailing in the last poll. You gave the people money to vote for you. It made them more favorable toward you.”

“AAAAHHHH!!!” King Rat screamed. “What a dolt I have been! I have no hope! How can I

hold the castle against Joe The Barbarian and his horde of boars?”

“Well...” said the crow. “You still have your old dragon.”

King Rat ran to the window and bellowed to the horde, “Stay back you barbarians! I am a bold king and my fire-spitting dragon can make toast of you all! I don't like to boast, but he can spit fire from his throat! I feed him oats grown in space, then mixed in a bowl of gas! He will toast you all, I say! You will be a horde of boars floating in a moat if you do not stop!”

“Uh, Rat...” said Chicken Fred. “I think you should stop now.”

Dan had come out into the back yard where Rat and Fred were playing. When Dan saw the mess, he began to scold Rat.

"Rat!!" Dan yelled. "How many times have I told you not to dig in the back yard? What is that ditch full of water?"

"A moat," said Rat.

"And that pile of mud?" asked Dan.

"My castle," said Rat.

"Well, clean up this mess and then you two come inside to eat," said Dan.

"Okay," said Rat. "I'll have a meal fit for a king, and my dragon here will have a bowl of space oats mixed with gas!"

"Yipes!" said Fred.

Vocabulary

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boat	goat	roar	oak	boars
throat	goal	oats	load	soak
moat	boast	soap	oars	loan
roam	coat	moan	croak	road

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crow	low	mow	arrow	window
bowl	bow	shown	blow	mellow
grow	grown	tow	bellow	flow

other long o words

bolt	colt	born	gold	scold
volt	horn	worn	bold	horde
revolt	corn	old	cold	motor

-able words

flammable	dependable	probable
unthinkable	believable	available
predictable	favorable	irritable

Weird Words

ditch	barbarian	summon	attack
suddenly	knight	dragon	phone
toward	sword	couldn't	happen
castle	bridge	wouldn't	animals
against	either	shouldn't	can't
Columbus	people	I'm	around

Dictation

The gas in the moat is flammable.

A revolt would be unthinkable.

Rat The Cat is predictable.

Rat told the goat he was not dependable.

The tale Rat told was not believable.

We can revolt if the sun is favorable.

It is probable that the boat will not float.

Are my bow and arrow available?

A sore throat made Rat irritable.

Did you grow corn and oats by the road?

When the wind blows the old boat moans.

The crow in the window had a horn.

The gold motor ran the boat.

The coach made me run on the cold road.

Is the old horn available?

A goat can be unpredictable.

This old tale is unbelievable.

It was cold the day the baby bunny was born.

The goat fell out of the window.