



25-Cinder Rat

Two-Syllable Words

division between consonants

One day after lunch Dan made a comment to Rat The Cat.

“Rat, later today I must attend a nice dinner with a ball after the dinner. If I am the dance winner at the ball I may get to shake the King's hand and give the King a dance lesson.”

“What time do we go?” asked Rat.

“Ummm, Rat, you don't seem to get it,” said Dan. “*I* am going to the dinner and ball. *You* are going to stay home and keep the TV safe.”

“Oh, Dan!” Rat pleaded. “Please! I love to go to dinner and a ball! I love all the chatter, the supper, and then the dancing. Please Dan! Please!”

“No,” said Dan. Then Dan left.

Rat The Cat sat by the TV.

“I am the saddest cat ever,” said Rat. “Even sadder than that sad cat in the comics.”

All of a sudden —*POOF!* — a funny little rabbit did appear.

“I'm late! I'm late! Said the funny little rabbit.

“You're in the wrong tale,” said Rat. “Go back and send me a Fairy Godmother.”

“Oh,” said the rabbit. “You must not be

Alice, then.”

“No,” said Rat. “I am Rat The Cat.”

So the rabbit left, and then all of a sudden — *POOF!* — a cute little man did appear.

“I am your Fairy Godfather,” the cute little man said to Rat.

“I suppose you will have to do,” said Rat. “You see, Dan left me home while he went to a dinner and a ball. I like to eat, I like to dance, and I could win the dance contest. But Dan left me home with the TV.”

“Are you bitter?” asked the fairy.

“I was,” said Rat, “but now I am better.”

“Better now, huh?” said the fairy. “Well, that is best. Now, let me see what I can do.”

“First, I will make you a new outfit,” said the fairy. *POOF!* Rat had on a nice dress and

ribbon.

“Uh, can I have a suit?” asked Rat. “I am much better looking in pants.”

“Oh!” said the fairy. *POOF!* Rat had on a new, red suit.

“One more thing,” said Rat. “You forgot my feet. I need shoes!”

“Oh,” said the fairy. *POOF!* Now Rat was wearing a pair of bunny slippers on his feet.

“Bunny slippers?” asked Rat. “The best you can do is bunny slippers?”

“I'm sorry,” said the fairy, “but my power just ran out. But you can run as fast as a rabbit in those slippers.”

Rat started to go, but the fairy stopped him.

“One more thing, Rat,” he said. “Be home by nine or something bad will happen.”

Rat ran all the way to the ball. He ate supper,

drank pop, and then the dance started. There was a band up on the stage.

The King got up on the stage and said, “Now we will have our dance contest. The winner will get to shake my hand and give me a dance lesson.”

Rat got out and danced. Man, those bunny slippers made him dance well! All the people at the ball clapped and cheered for Rat, and Rat was named the winner of the dance contest.

“Who was that cool cat?” said Dan.

Rat went up on stage to shake the King's hand, but as Rat got up there he saw what time it was.

“Nine o'clock!” Rat yelled. “I must go!”

Rat ran out of the ball, but as he did his bunny slippers fell off. The King picked up the bunny slippers.

“Go find the cat that fits these slippers!” the King said. “I must have that cat teach me dance lessons!”

A few days later a man came to Dan and Rat's home. He was one of the King's men. The man spotted Rat sitting by the TV.

“I need to see if these bunny slippers fit your cat,” the man said to Dan.

“Fit Rat?” asked Dan. “Ha! I was at the ball, and I saw that cool cat dance. Rat cannot dance like that!” But the man put the bunny slippers on Rat's feet and they fit!

“Well,” said Rat, “I bet the king wants me to teach him to dance now.”

“No,” said the King's man. “You left two bunny slippers. Now there are hundreds! The King wants you to come clean up the mess!”

Poor Rat!

Vocabulary

bunny	slipper	attend	appear
rabbit	tunnel	happen	winner
riddle	buzzer	lesson	messy
fussy	fiddle	better	wetter
sudden	arrive	suppose	chatter
puzzle	sizzle	ribbon	attack
zipper	apple	comment	hello
puppy	funny	nugget	dinner
supper	spotted	kitty	letter

Comprehension

When the King's man comes, why doesn't Dan think the slippers belong to Rat?

Why did Rat tell the bunny that he was in the wrong tale?

Weird Words

broom	clothes	even	going
she'll	wrong	ever	after
leave	hundred	every	comics
clobber	wearing	fairy	dance
don't	looking	godfather	suit
own	shoes	godmother	contest

Dictation

Rat lost his bunny slipper and fiddle.

The rabbit drove a fast car to dinner.

The kitty can beat the bunny in softball.

The landlord gave Rat a fussy puppy.

Did my letter arrive in the mail?

The bedbug told me a funny riddle.

I suppose the bobcat will attack the rabbit.

The spotted bunny is by the apple tree.

Did you attend the dinner and the ball?

Did Rat find a gold nugget in the tunnel?

The slipper had a red ribbon on it.

Was there a lot of chatter at supper?

Rat is a messy kitty.

Will you comment on the puzzle?

The dog is in the tunnel.

The dog is wetter than the cat.

Rat spotted a better bedbug.

It will happen at the lake at sunset.