

## **9-The Ten Men**

**short e, consonant-e-consonant**

Ten men met Dan and Rat by the side of a big jet. The men were led by Ted, a big, rude man. Ted wore a big red hat. Rat did not like Ted, and Rat

did not like the nine men with Ted.

"We want to pet Rat The Cat!" said Ted.

"No one can pet Rat The Cat!" said Dan. "Rat bit the last man who tried, and he will bite you too!"

"Want to bet?" said Ted.

"No," said Dan. "But if I let you pet Rat he will bite you and you **WILL NOT** like it!"

Then you will be angry with us and hate us!"

"Get a net!" yelled Ted. "We will get Rat The Cat and we WILL pet that cat!"

The nine men ran and got a net. Now Rat was in the net!

Rat The Cat did not like the net. He did not like the ten men, and he did NOT like Ted, the big man in the red hat. So as Ted bent to pet Rat, Rat bit

Ted—on the nose!

"Now Ted is red!" said Dan.

Ted was angry, angry, angry.

"Get him!" yelled Ted to the nine men. All ten men now ran at Rat The Cat.

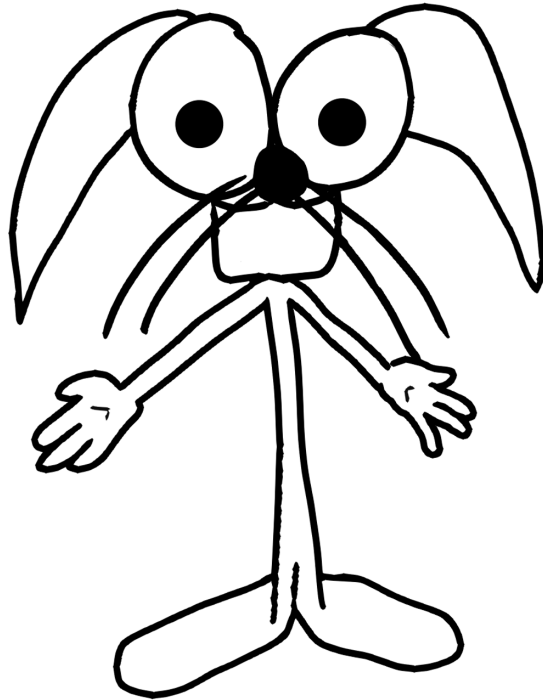
Dan and Rat ran past the ten men to the big jet.

Safe on the jet, Dan fed Rat The Cat. Then Dan tried to pet Rat.

**NO WAY! OUCH!**

# **A LOVE POEM**

**by Rat The Cat**



**I don't like Ted, or all his men,  
I bit him once, I'll bite him again.  
This time I bit him on his nose...  
Next time I'll chew on ALL his toes!**

## Vocabulary

ten	led	jet	met
men	hen	fed	net
bet	get	pen	red
yet	Ted	let	pet
set	Ken	bed	wet

## Weird Words

yelled	could	down	would
bent	last	into	that
they	that	dream	your
by	Ranger	asked	shot
rest	too	hill	liked
want	water	with	tried
said	fall	little	please

# Dictation

Ten men sat up.  
I like the red jet.  
It is wet in the cave.  
Luke is my pet cat.  
Let me sit on the wet log.  
The big man is Ted.  
The mule is in a pig pen.  
I can get Ted to hide a dog.  
The big dog is red.  
The rude mule is wet.  
Jane led Luke the mule.  
Ken has a red bed.  
Get a red pen.  
The hen led the ape to the pen.  
The men sat on the jet.  
Let the cat run to the lake.