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For Joel
(who gave me the idea)

and Hannah
(because it was her rat)



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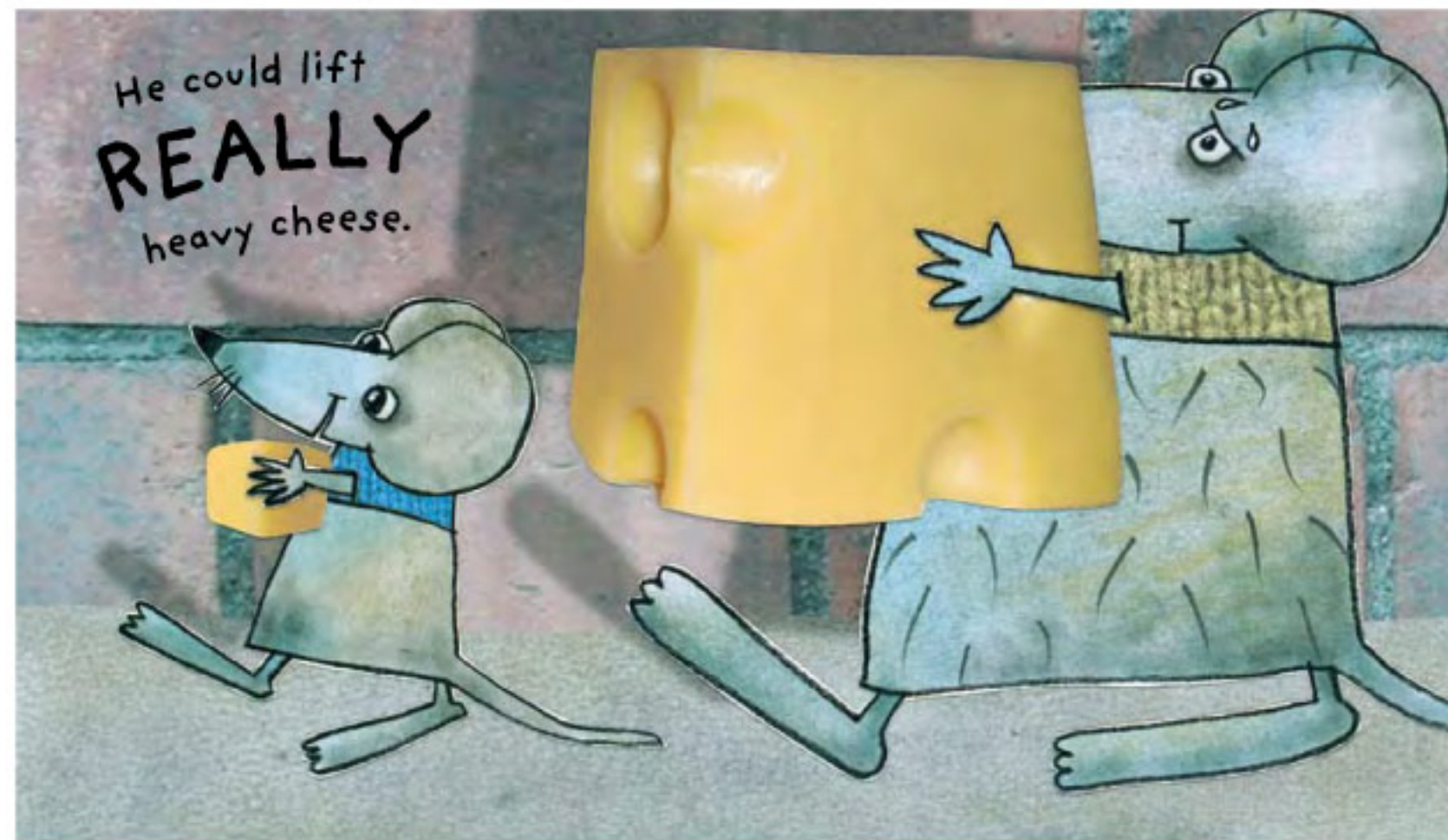


Enormouse was
BIG.
He didn't know why.
He just was.

A whimsical illustration of a night scene. A large, blue, mouse-like creature with a yellow collar and a grey dress stands on a rooftop, looking down at a smaller green mouse-like creature. The green mouse is also on the rooftop, wearing a blue collar and a grey dress. In the background, there is a large, full moon and a starry night sky. A stone wall with a small window and a chimney is visible on the left. The overall style is soft and painterly.

His best friend Tnymouse
tried to help.

"Don't worry, Enormouse.
Being big isn't SO bad."



One day, when Enormouse was exploring with Tinymouse, they came across a large book.

The two friends looked at the pictures. They looked at each other.

RATS

The Common Rat

(*Rattus Norvegicus*)



Rats are **bigger** than mice. They have **long snouts**, **coarse fur** and **scaly tails**. They like to live near **dustbins** or **rubbish dumps** which is where they **find their food**. They will eat **anything** and they **specially like** food that is **mouldy** and **smelly** and covered with **flies**. Rats are generally **friendly** but have **meaners** and **never say please**.

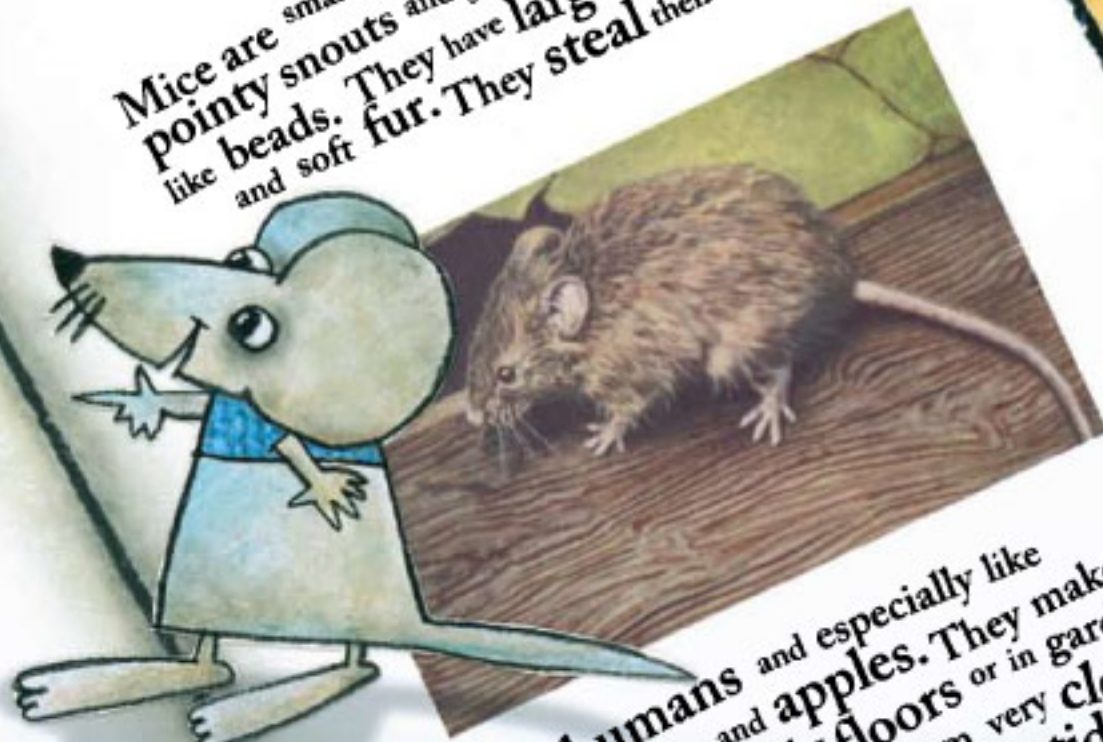
"I think I know why you're so big, Enormouse. You're not a mouse at all... You're a **RAT!**"

MICE

The House Mouse

(*Mus musculus*)

Mice are **smaller** than rats. They have **pointy snouts** and **shiny black eyes** like **beads**. They have **large ears** and **soft fur**. They **steal** their food



from **humans** and especially like **chocolate** and **apples**. They make their **homes** under **floors** or in **garden sheds** and they keep them very **clean** and **tidy**.

When the other mice
found out they laughed.

Poor Enormouse.

All his life he had
thought he was a mouse.

Being a rat was rather a shock.



"I don't think I belong in the
Mouse House any more,"

he said to himself, sadly.

"I think I should go and find
some rats to live with."

