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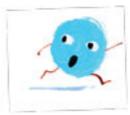






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In a land of strange happenings, far, far away, lived two holes, Hamish and Hermione.



Their home was a chunk of Swiss cheese, on a plate, in the kitchen, in the royal palace.

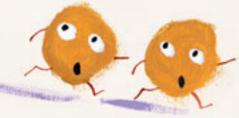


One day, a family of mice came along and &te all the cheese.



The cook chased the mice away, but now the two holes had nowhere to live.

"That cheese was getting stale anyway," said Hamish Hole. "Let's leave this dreary kitchen and search for a new home. A place where holes can be useful."



The King was in his dressing room when he let out a Cry. "Oh no! There's a hole in my sock - I can't let my people see the royal hairy legs."





The Queen was in her boudoir when she let out a Shriek.



"Oh no! There's
a hole in my
knickers - I
can't let the
people see my
royal pink
bottom."

