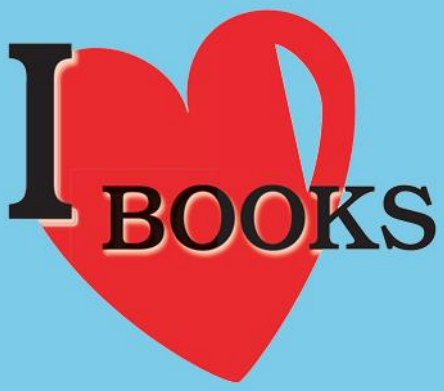


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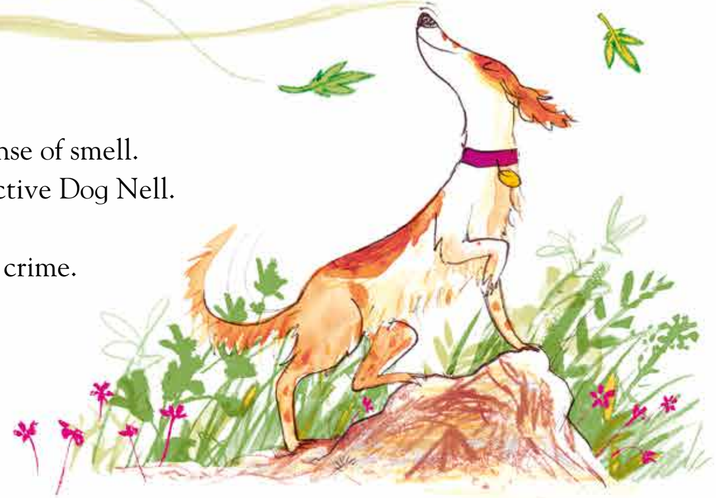
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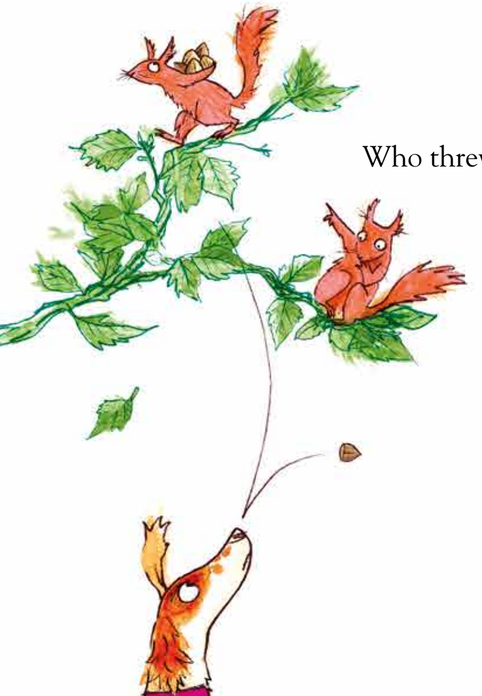
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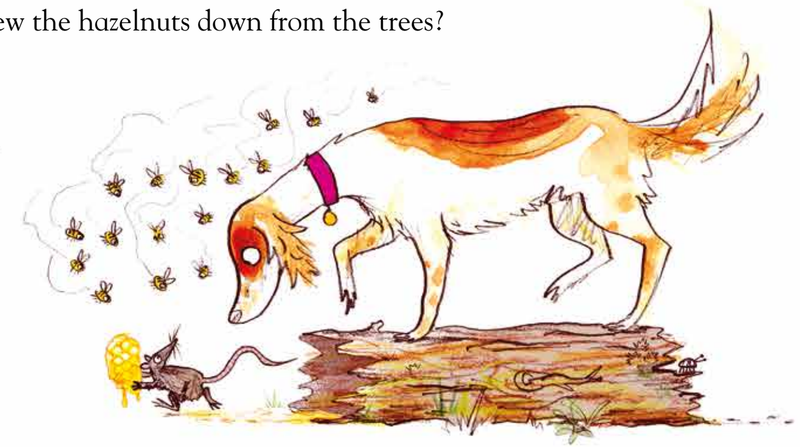
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There once was a dog with a keen sense of smell.
She was known far and wide as Detective Dog Nell.
Sniff, sniff, sniff! Time after time,
Nell the Detective solved crime after crime.





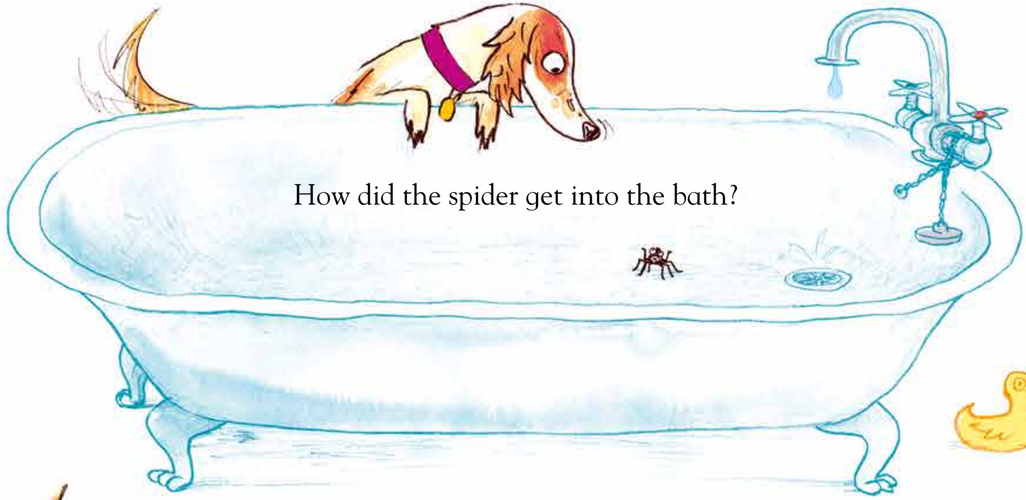
Who threw the hazelnuts down from the trees?



Who took the honey away from the bees?

Who did the poo on the new gravel path?





How did the spider get into the bath?

Sniff, sniff, sniff! With a wag of her tail,
Nell the Detective was hot on the trail.



Nell shared her house with a person called Peter,
A very nice child, though he could have been neater.
And six-year-old Peter was one of those boys
Who kept on mislaying his clothes and his toys.
Sniff, sniff, sniff! Nose to the ground,
These are the things the Detective Dog found:





The bus in the bowl and
the book in the bed,





The sock in the sofa,
the shoe in the shed,





The tumbledown teddy, the bounce-away ball.







Nell the Detective discovered them all.

Now Nell did detection from Tuesday till Sunday,
But did something totally different each Monday.
She found Peter's bag and she tracked down her lead,
Then set off for school, where she heard children read.



The children loved reading their stories to Nell,
And Nell loved to listen – and also to smell.
Sniff, sniff, sniff! Mixed in the air
Were plasticine, custard and newly washed hair,
The crusts in the bins and the coats on the hooks,
But the best smell of all was the smell of the books.