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"Ah, yes," said Miss Boot. "Wait behind please, Eugene."

The class piled out the door. Bertie waited with Eugene while Miss Boot collected together all Snuffles' things.

"Don't forget to clean out his cage and give him food and water every day," said Miss Boot.

"Yes, M—" Eugene put a hand over his mouth. "Oh no!" he gasped.

"What's the matter?" asked Miss Boot.

"I just remembered – we're going away this week. We're visiting my gran."

"Isn't anyone staying at home?"

Eugene shook his head.

Miss Boot rolled her eyes. "Really! Why didn't you say so before?"

"I forgot," said Eugene.

"Well who's going to look after

Snuffles? We can't leave him here – and everyone's gone home."

"I haven't!" said Bertie, eagerly.

Miss Boot glared. "You?"

"Yes, I could look after him for you."

