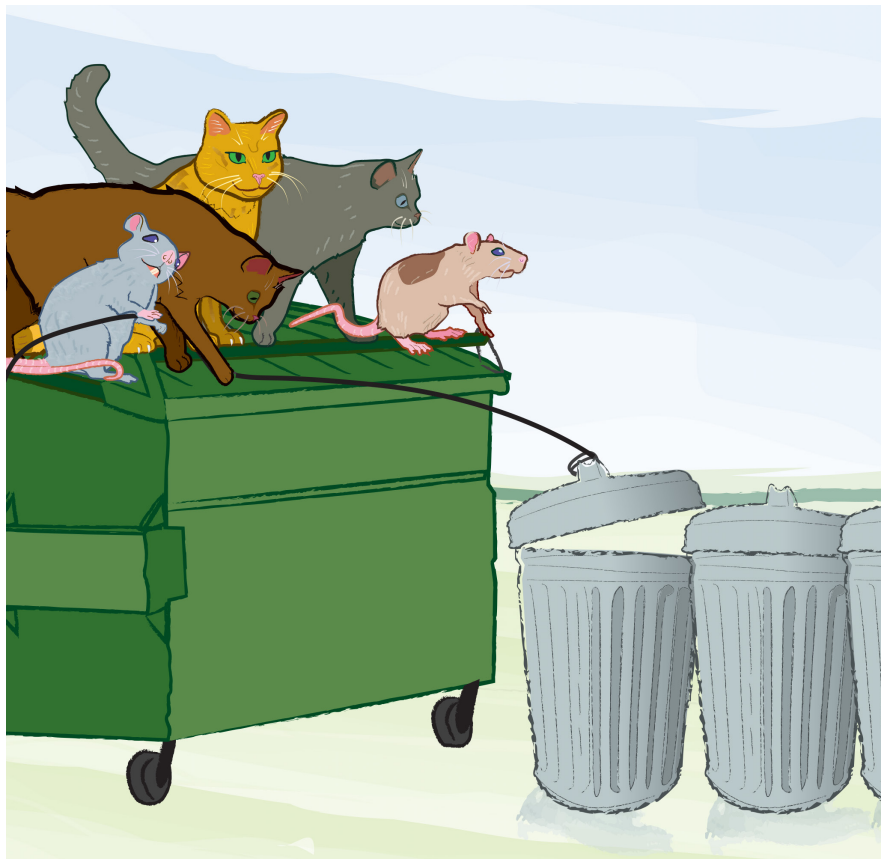


No Food to Be Found

Part 2

Cycle 14 Decodable Reader



"So, you've got a plan?" asked Josh. He was waiting for Chip to explain how they were going to find some food. Chip replied, "None of us will be able to open the dumpsters and the trash cans alone. We've got to work together."

"You've got a good point, Chip," said Josh. "Let's find some of our friends. They've all got to be as hungry, too. We can try to think of some ways to topple those trash cans together!"

They waited until the middle of the night so none of the people would see them. Then, Chip and Josh found a group of their rat and cat friends. The group huddled together in the alley to discuss the plan.

Chip said to the group, "We've got to be very quiet. If we make too much of a racket, the people will wake up. They don't want us around, so if they hear us, we'll be in trouble."

"Chip and I found this big pile of tangled cable. It took a long time, but we were able to untangle it. I am going to tie the cable to the handle at the top of the trash can next to the dumpster," Josh explained.



Chip said, "Then we will all get on top of the dumpster. We will all pull the cable together to take the top off the trash can. We will need to be gentle. When the top is off, we will need to hold it in the air so it doesn't tumble and crash to the ground. Then I'll jump down and get some food."

Josh tied the cable to the handle of the trash can. All the rats and cats hopped on the dumpster and put the cable in their mouths or in their paws. They pulled gently. The top came off! They were careful not to let the top rattle around and wake any of the people up.

Chip hopped down. He found two apple cores, a bunch of noodles, some scrambled eggs, and a purple lollipop. He shared the food with the hungry rats and cats. They were so quiet. The people never even knew they had been there.