

## Level 2 *What Am I?* Sample

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# Twist and Stomp

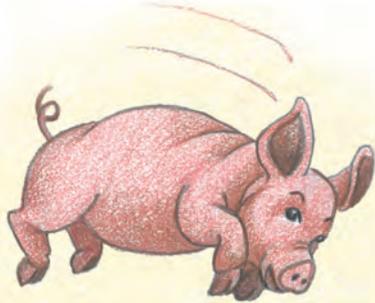


“You can win this! Trust me—you are the best,” said Fox.





“Stunt 1 will be the pigs,” said Fox.



“Stunt 2 will be the dogs. And then you will be up next.”



“You are up!” said Fox. “Sing with the song.”



“Stomp with the drums.”

“Slip and spin.”



“Twist and flex.”



“Hop up. This is the big end,” said Fox.

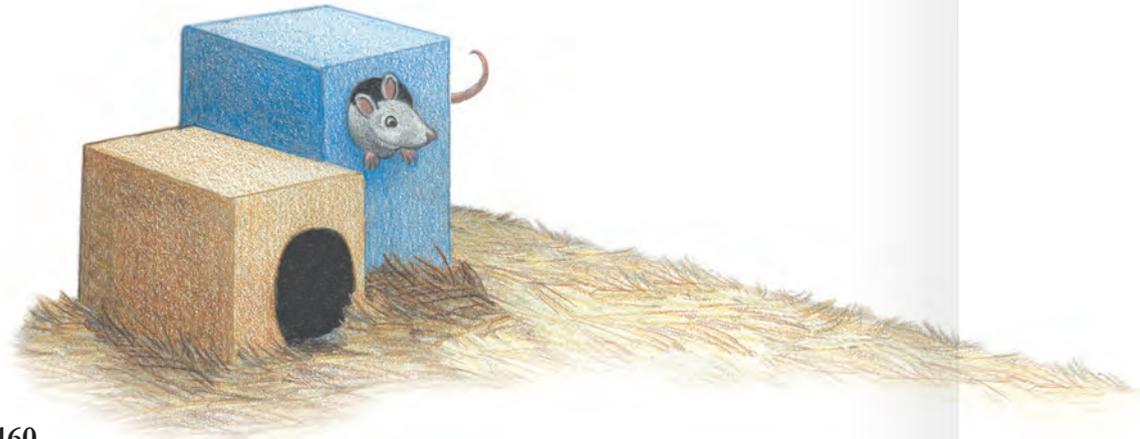


“Grasp his hand. Stand on top. You can win!”



“Or not!”





## Pine Tree Pet Shop



Miss Finch runs the Pine Tree Pet Shop on Reed Street. She broke her leg last week.

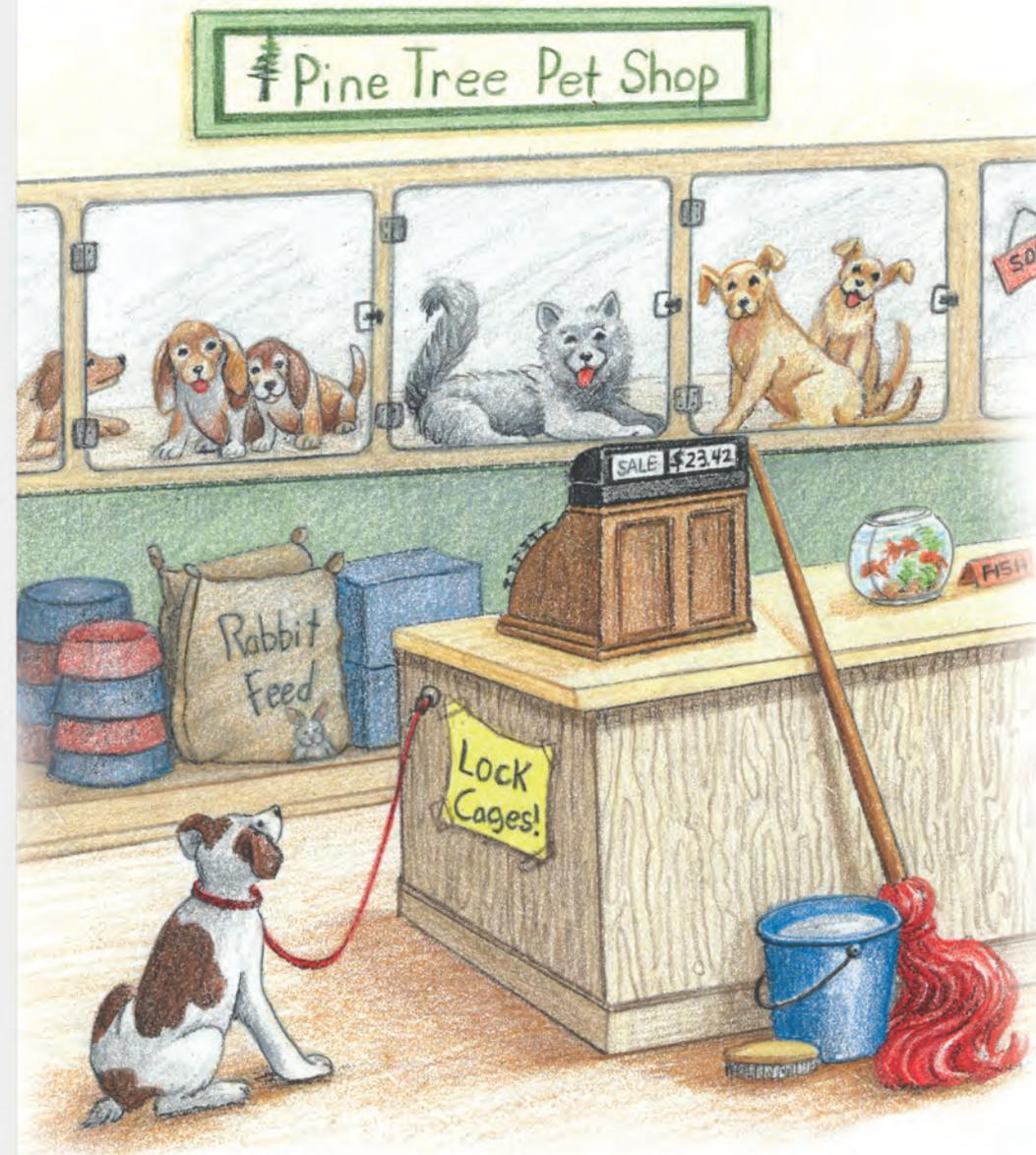
I have been at the store a lot to help her. I sweep, ring up sales, and help with odd jobs.

“I need to go home to rest my leg,” said Miss Finch. “Can you run the store?”

“Yes, I will be glad to help!” I said.

Miss Finch pats me on the back.  
“Thanks. I am glad I can trust you.”

Then Miss Finch has to go home.  
I get to run the store by myself!

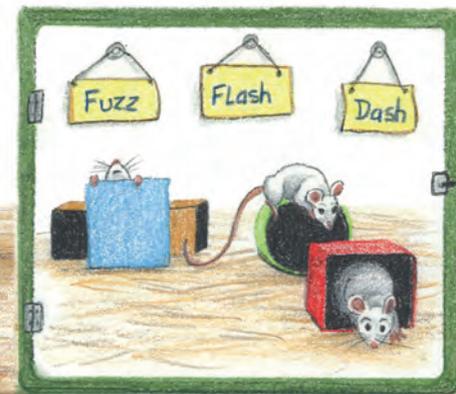
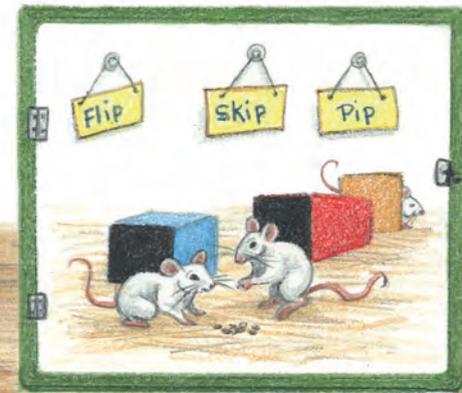
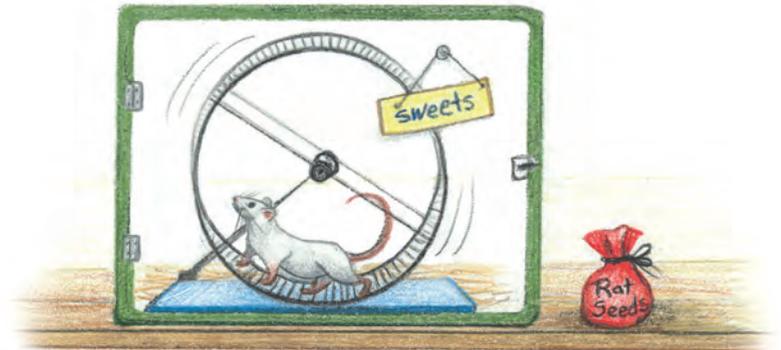


“What jobs can I do?” I ask myself.

I check on the pet rats.

I give them boxes to nest in, and then I feed them.

A rat runs on the wheel while the rest of the rats sniff the seeds and boxes.



Quick as a wink, the rats dive into  
the boxes.

Why did the rats hide?



I freeze. I see what made them hide!

A green snake stares at the rats.

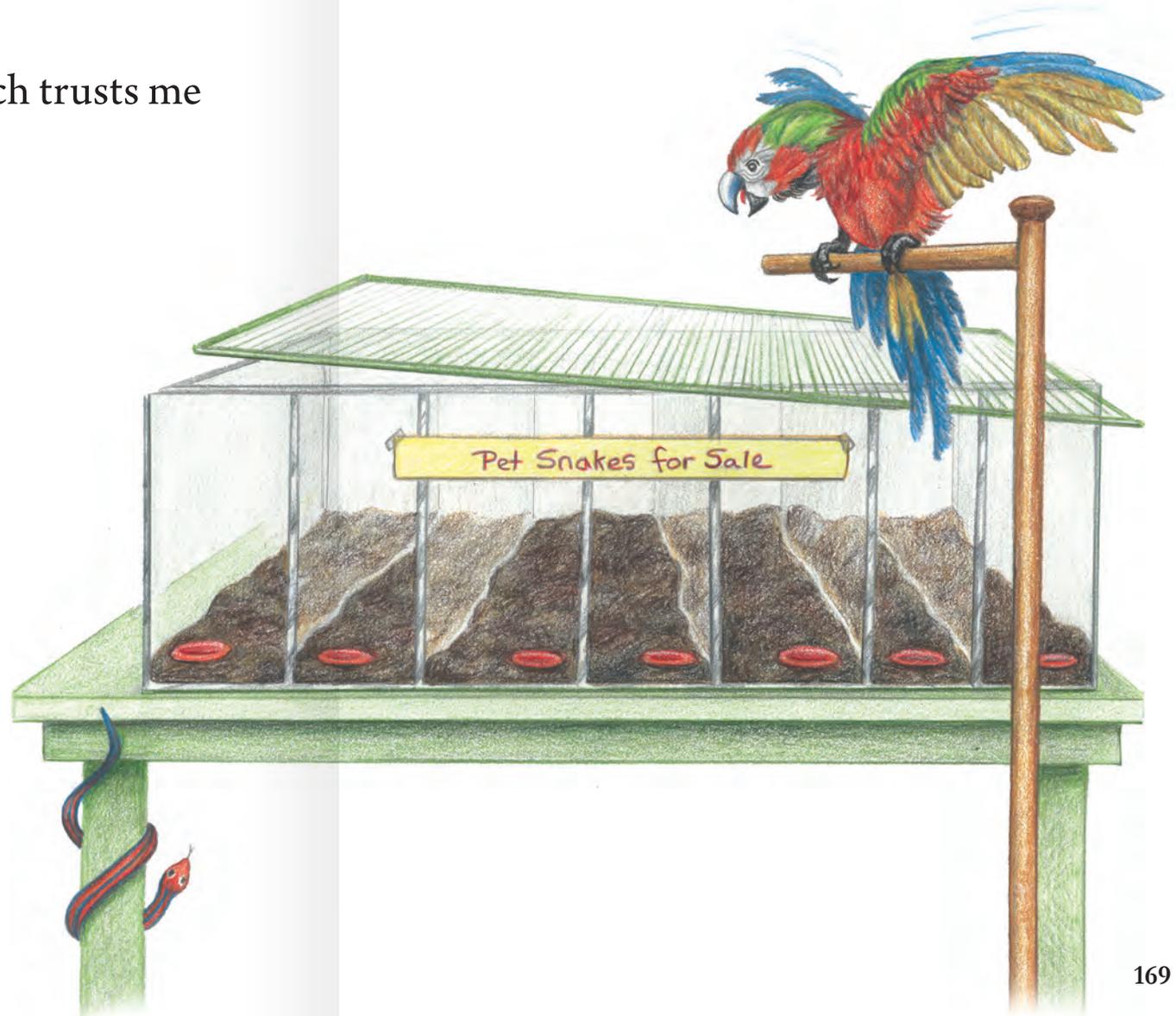
A snake—not in his tank!

I must get that snake back in his tank!

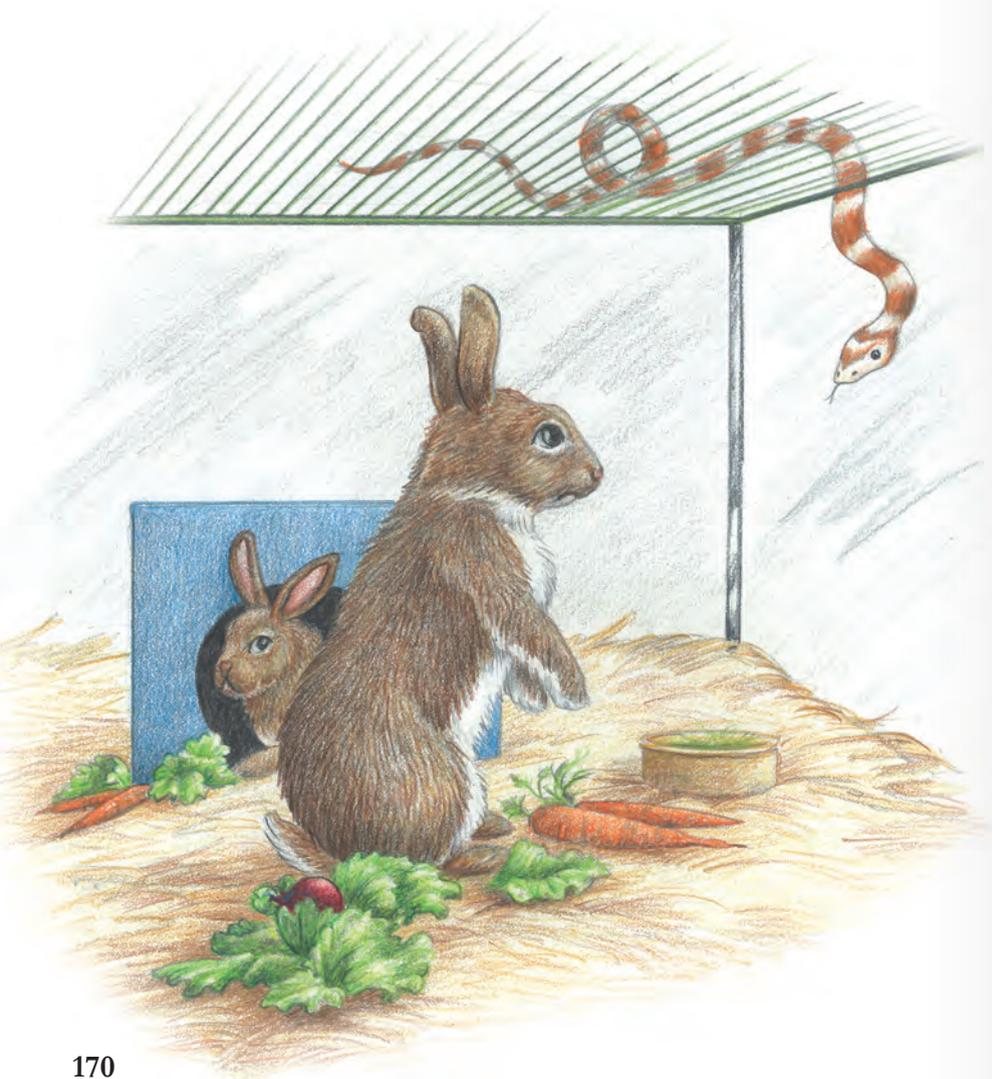
But I cannot. I cannot make myself pick up the snake and set it back in its tank. I do not like snakes.

But I must do it. Miss Finch trusts me to run the shop.

I peek into the tank. Not a snake is left! Seven snakes are free! I feel my skin creep.



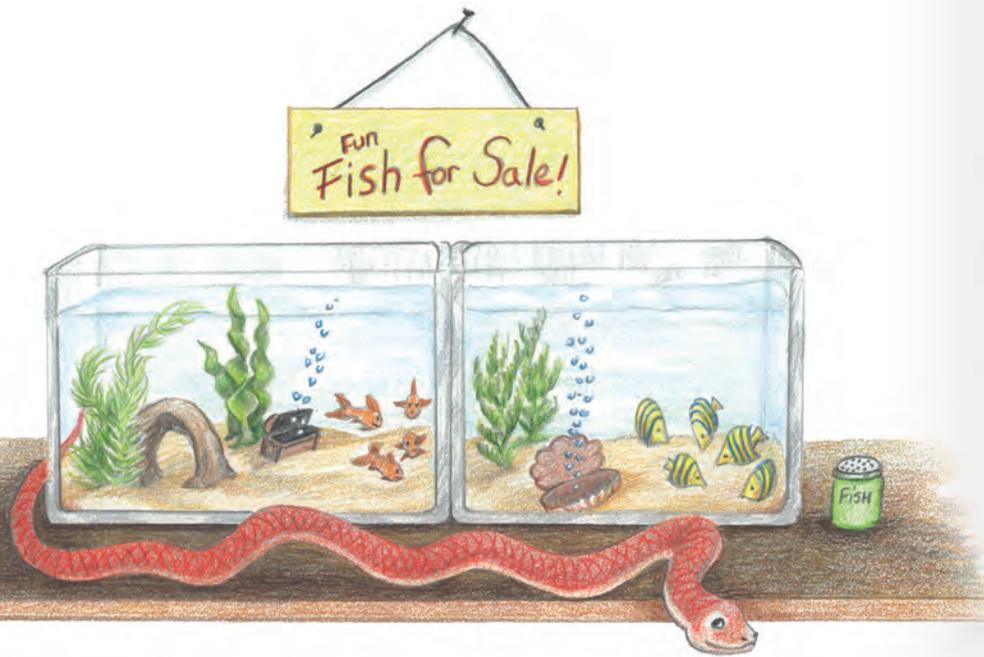
A snake greets the rabbits.



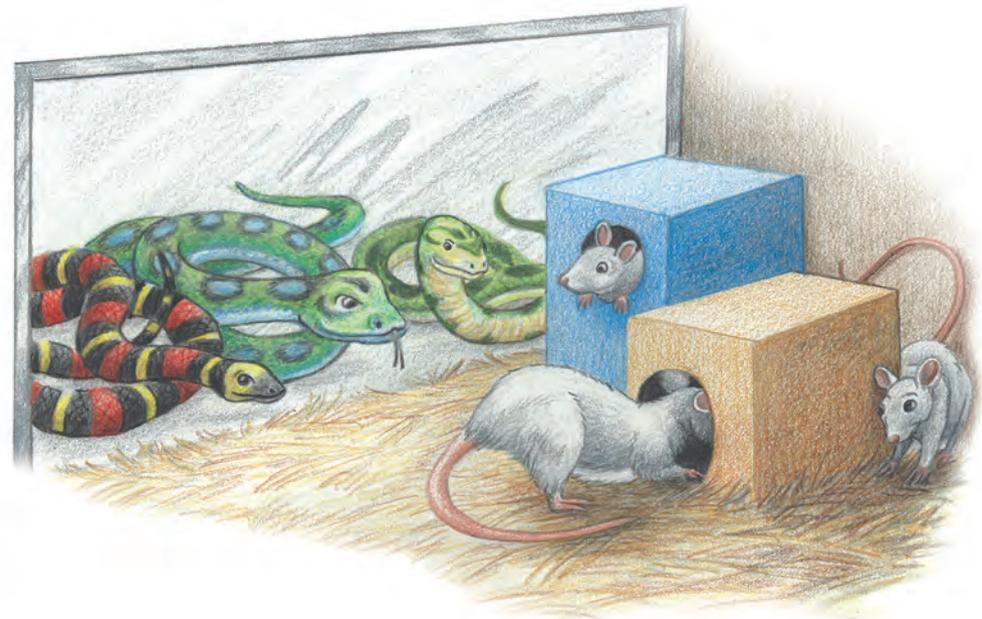
A snake sleeps by the crickets.



A snake slides by the fish tanks.

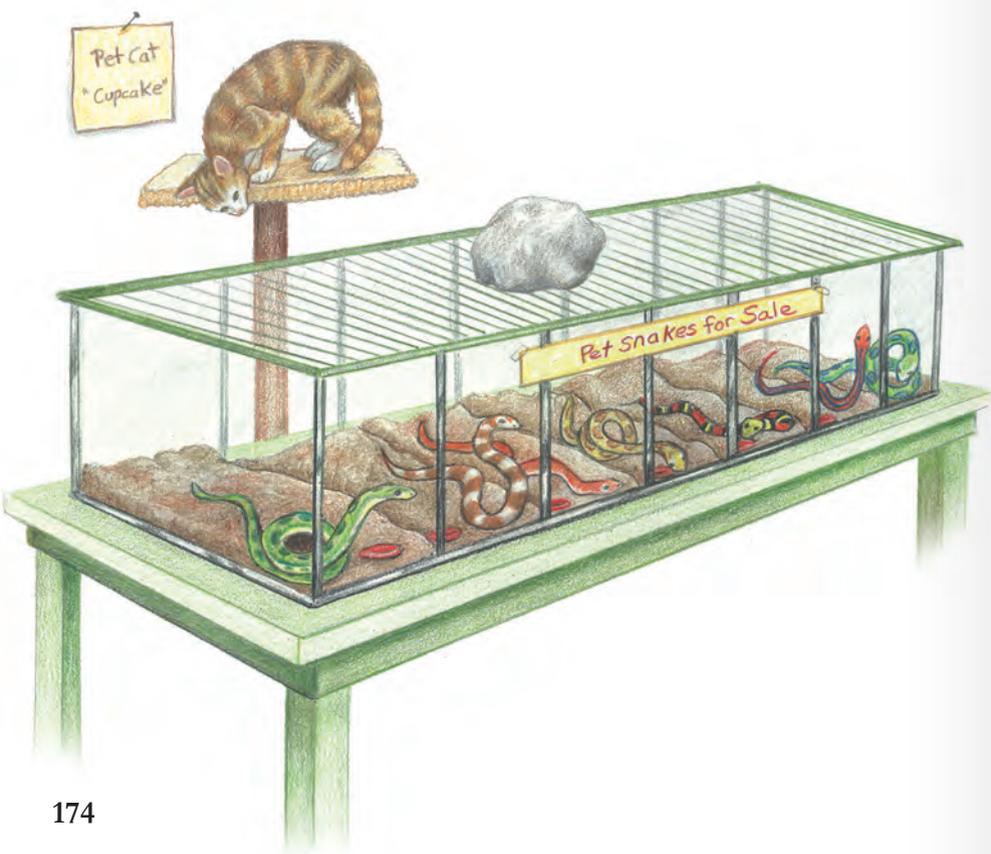


And three snakes peer at the rats.



It scares me, but I grab the snakes  
and set them back in the tank. I set  
a big rock on the lid of the tank.

I like to take care of the pet shop,  
but I do not like those snakes! I  
think my next job will be to make  
a strong lid from a sheet of steel.  
Then those snakes cannot get free!



**The End**





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