



The strawberry raid

One day, a very excited Benjamin Bunny was sharing a brilliant **strawberry raid plan**

with his best friends, Peter and Lily.

He pointed to the map he'd been making and said, "All we have to do is **crawl** in through the rabbit hole here, **sneak** along the onions there and, **ta-da**, we're in Mr. McGregor's strawberry patch with **millions** of the **biggest berries** you've ever seen!" Peter was used to being the **leader** of the group, but

this time he smiled at Benjamin and said, "That's a great plan, Benjamin. **You should be the leader!**"



Benjamin was so happy he hopped all round the room!

"Do you think he can do it?"

Peter asked Lily.

"It's just an easy strawberry raid,

what could go wrong?" she smiled.

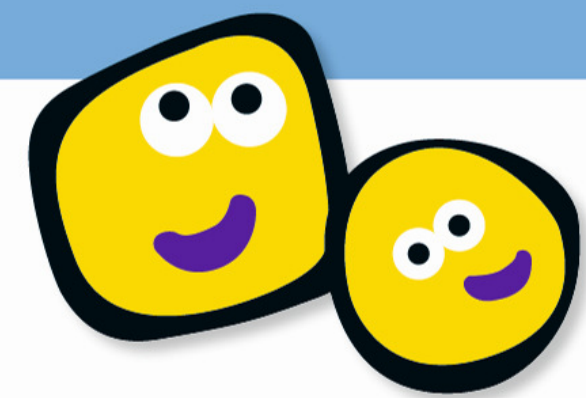


Later, outside Mr. McGregor's garden, Benjamin pointed to a tiny rabbit hole. "This is the right one," he whispered. He tried hopping in **head first**, then **feet first** and **then sideways** but it was no use, it was just **too small!**

"Look," said Peter, pointing to a **much wider** rabbit hole. It had a familiar paw print next to it. "It's one of my **dad's secret tunnels**. Let's go!"

Lily folded her arms. "Peter, you said Benjamin was the leader. Give him a chance!" But when they turned round, all they could see was **Benjamin's bottom** poking out of the tiny rabbit hole. **He was stuck in the hole!**

"**Oh no!**" they gasped. They quickly hopped through the wider rabbit hole to go and help. When they got to Mr. McGregor's garden, Peter and Lily **hopped** over to **Benjamin**. They **pulled** and **pulled** until finally, he popped out of the hole.



"Thanks, I think my strawberry raid is going rather well!" said Benjamin, pulling out his map. Peter and Lily let him **lead** the way, but soon they were **lost**. Benjamin began **bumping** into all sorts of things... flower pots, gardening tools and even **Mr. McGregor's very grumpy cat!**

Mr. McGregor heard the noise and ran outside. "**What's going on over there?**" he shouted. Peter, Benjamin and Lily ran away as fast as their **furry paws** could carry them. When they finally stopped, Benjamin looked unhappy.



"We'll never find those strawberries," he said sadly.

"Never say never!" replied Lily, pointing towards a big crate of **juicy strawberries!** They all smiled. "So, what's the plan to get them?" Lily asked.



Benjamin paused. "Well, we stay here... and Peter runs over there and gets us some strawberries." Then he pointed at Peter and said, **"Hop to it!"**

Peter laughed, and hurried over to the crates. He filled his pockets with strawberries and rushed back to his friends. Suddenly, a very exhausted Mr. McGregor appeared.

"My strawberries!" Mr. McGregor said angrily, and began walking towards them.

"Run!" said the rabbits as they hopped **over** the crates, **past** the onions, and back **through** the big rabbit hole.

When they got their breath back, Lily said, "Now that's what I call a strawberry raid!"

Peter nodded, **"You were a great leader, Benjamin!** And all rabbits need a little help from their friends."

The rabbits spent the rest of their day **giggling** and **eating** lots of **lovely strawberries!**

