

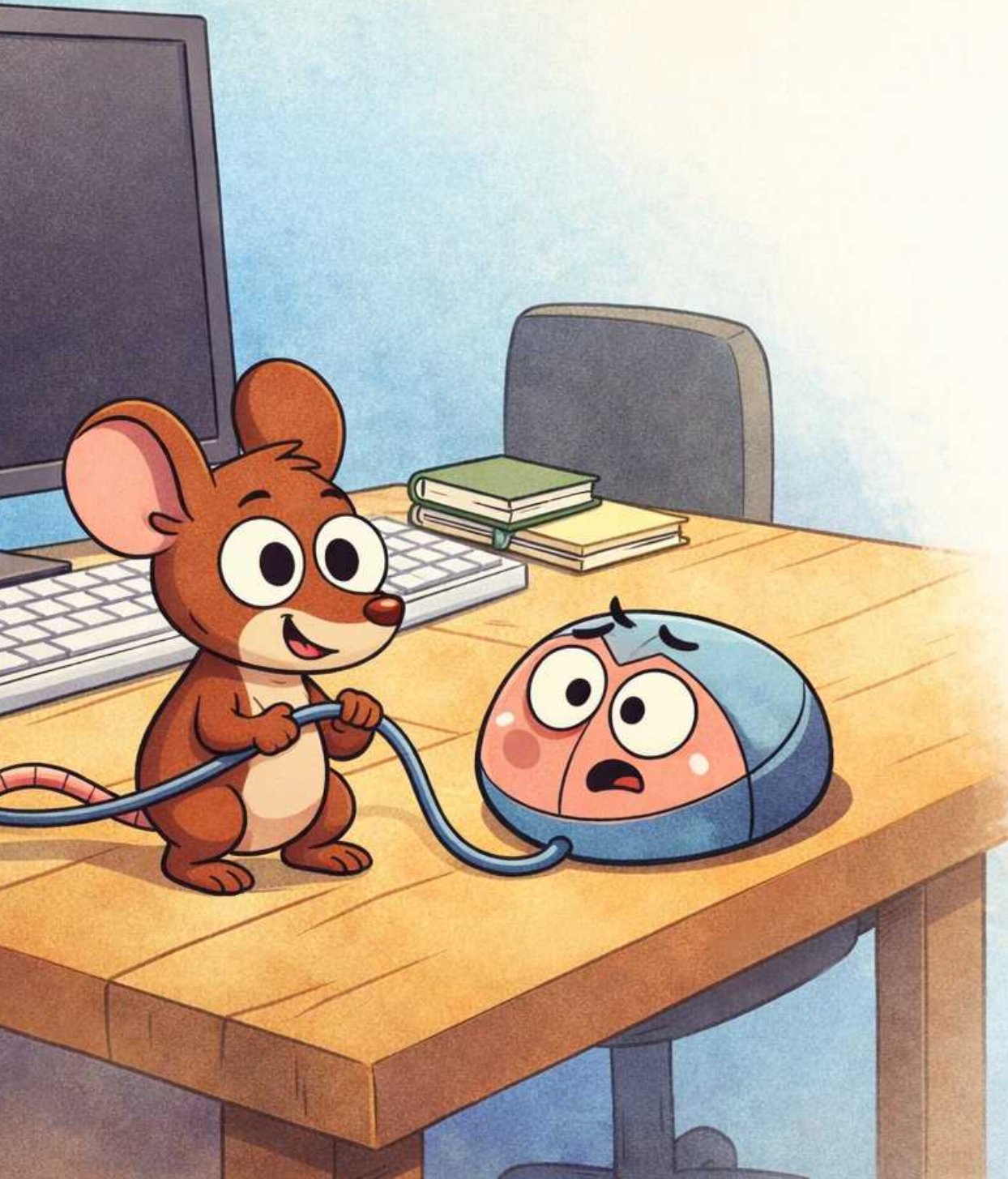
That Is
Not a
Rope!



Pip the mouse got
to a big home. He
landed on the sill,
sniffed, and smiled.

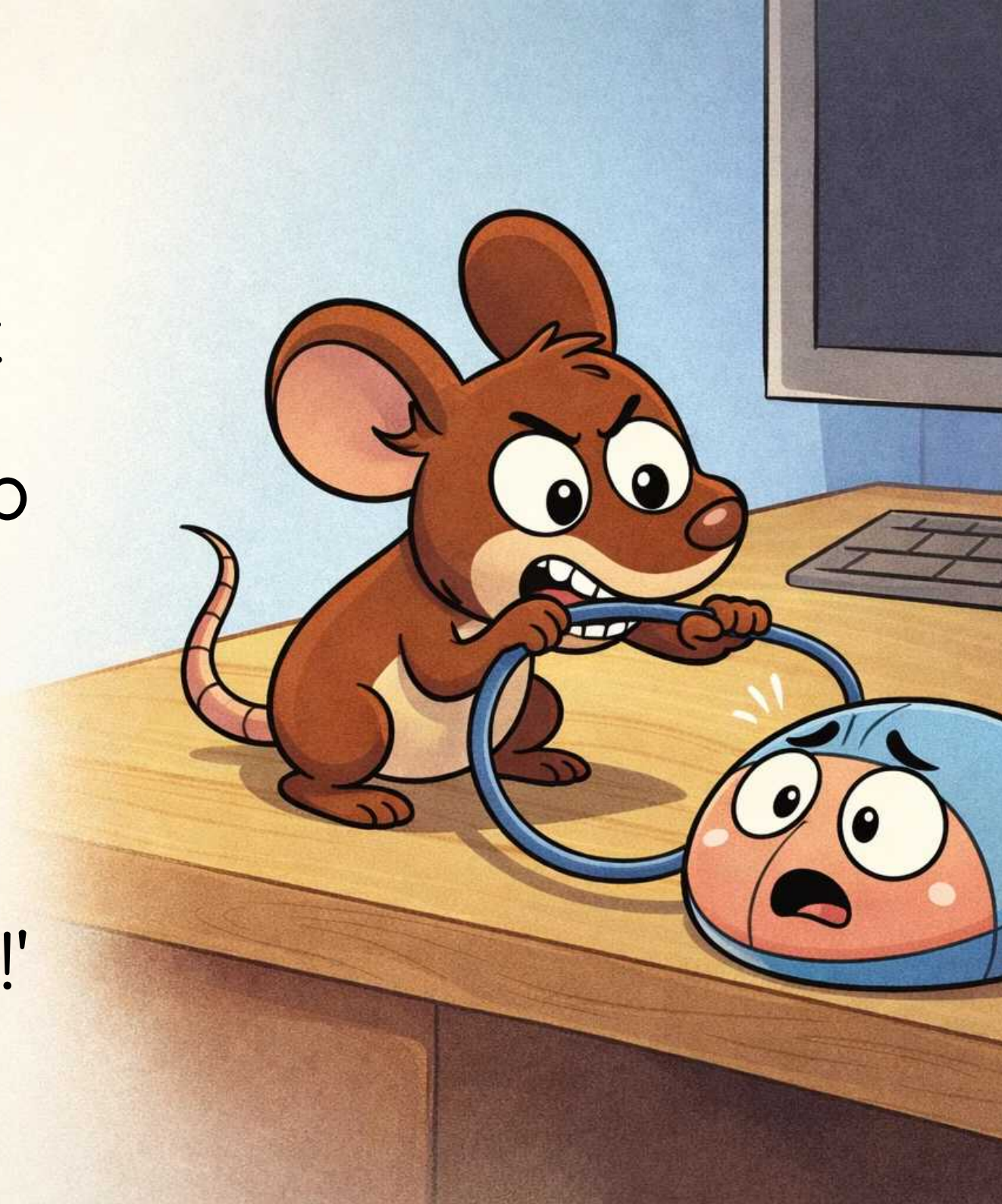
'No cat and no
dog,' said Pip. 'This
home is for me!'



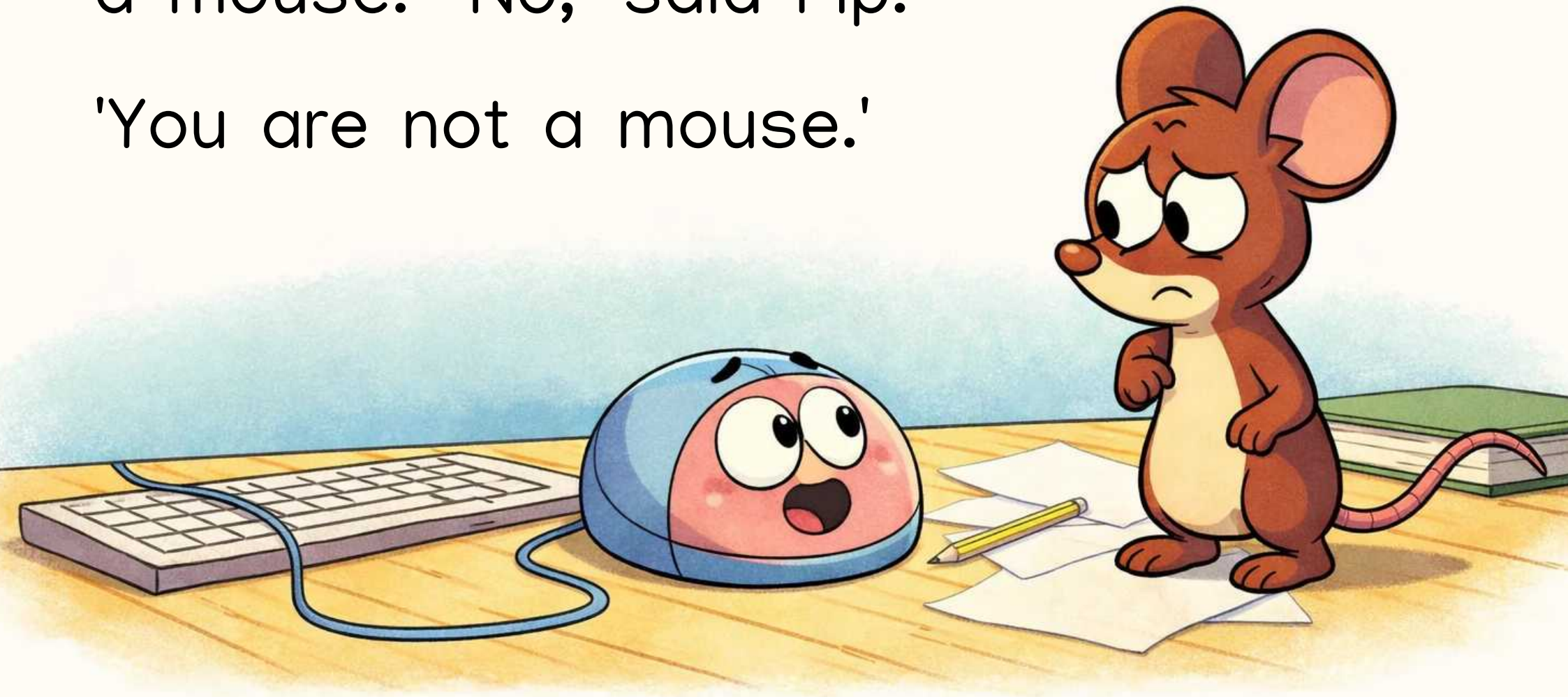


Pip got up on the desk and gazed at the pens and pages. Then. A rope! 'What a fine rope!' said Pip. He pulled it and pulled it.

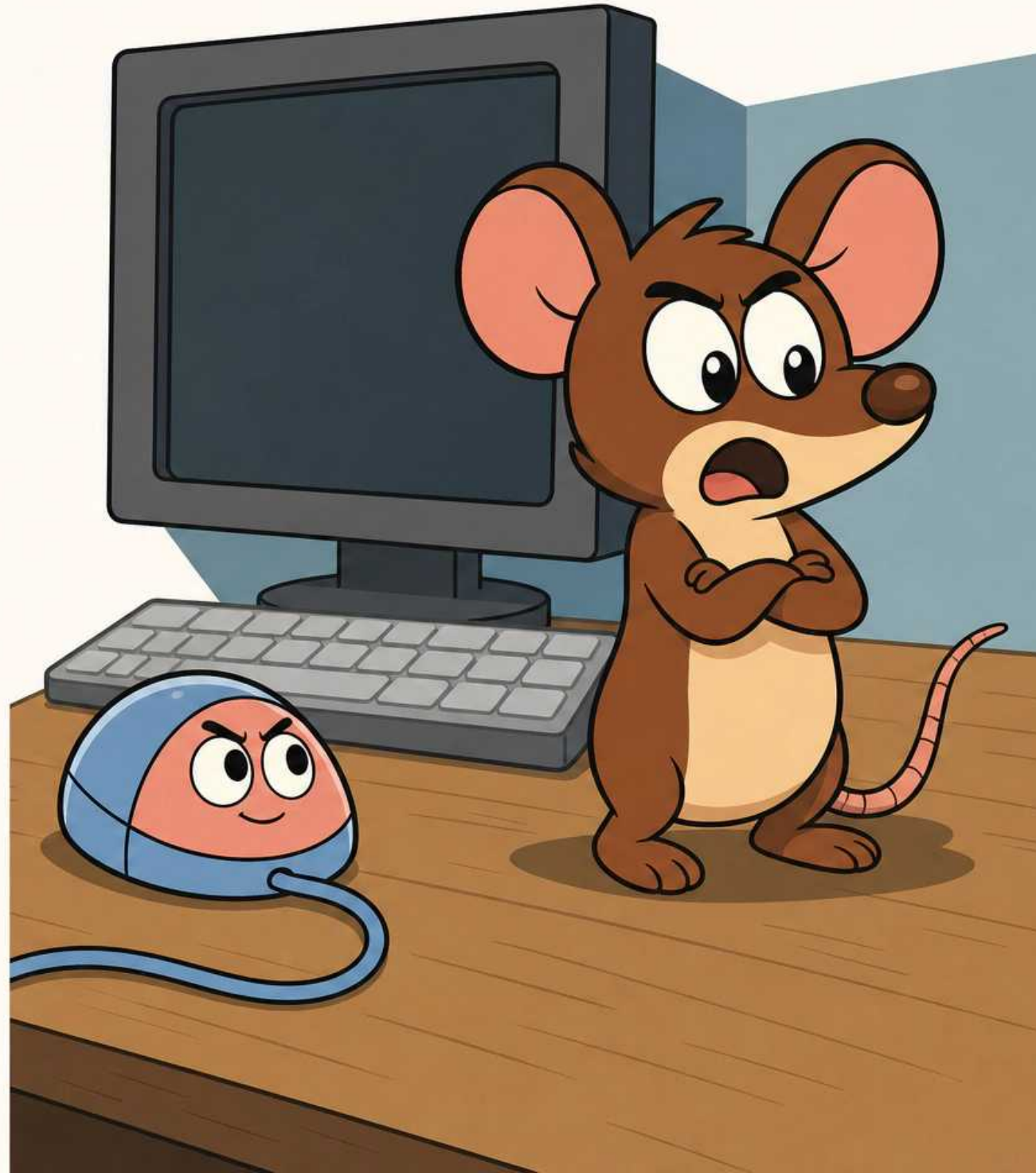
The rope held
fast. So Pip bit
it. Crunch! 'Stop
that!' yelled a
small thing.
'That is my tail!'



Pip looked back. 'I am
Click,' it **stated**, 'and I am
a mouse.' 'No,' said Pip.
'You are not a mouse.'



'I am a mouse!'
Click yelled. 'I
click, I scroll, I
can help!' 'You
have no legs,'
said Pip. 'That
is daft.'





'Can you get me a snack?' asked Pip.

'And a big bad cat is in this home. Can you help me hide?'

'A cat can not vex me!' Click **stated**. Pip **gulped**. 'Fine,' he said.

Pad, pad, pad!
A big cat got
up on the desk.
It hunted for
Pip. It gazed at
him and smiled.
'Click!' yelled
Pip. 'Help me!
Fast!'





The cat jumped at
Pip. Bam! It banged
on the desk.



'Click, help!' yelled
Pip. 'I am on it!'
called Click. Pip
sprinted off.

Then the lit box **blazed** on. A huge dog was on it, and it **blasted** out, 'Ruff! Ruff! Ruff!' The cat was **dazed**. It **dashed** off the desk and did not stop. Click **smiled**. 'See?' said Click. 'A mouse can help.'





Pip lifted Click up
in a big hug.

'Click, what a
mouse!' said Pip.

'The best mouse,'
said Click. Pip
smiled. 'Yes. The
best mouse.'



That Is Not a Rope!

Pip the mouse has found the perfect home: no cats, no dogs, just him. But when he tugs a strange rope on the desk and bites it, it yells back, claiming to be a mouse too. With a cat prowling and a new friend who talks big, can this odd pair survive the day? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 64: -ed), this book practices words like 'smiled', 'yelled', 'gazed', 'pulled', 'dazed'.

Phonics Focus: -ed

asked, banged, blasted, blazed, called, dashed, dazed, gazed, gulped, hunted, jumped, landed, lifted, looked, pulled, smiled, sniffed, sprinted, stated, yelled

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