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(A Czech fairy tale interpreted by Václav Říha
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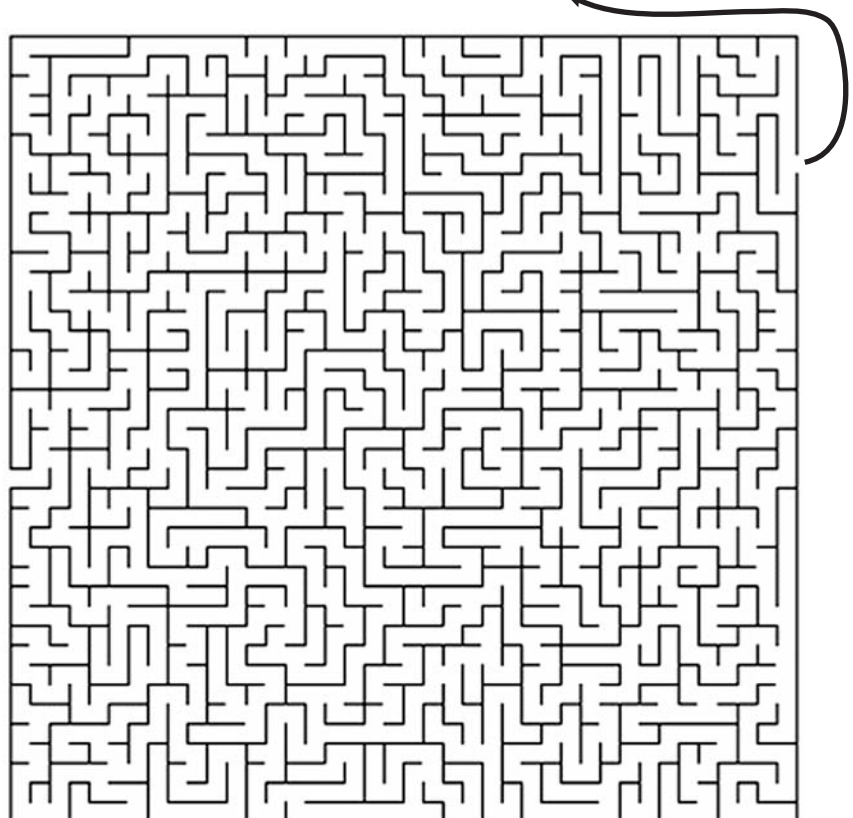
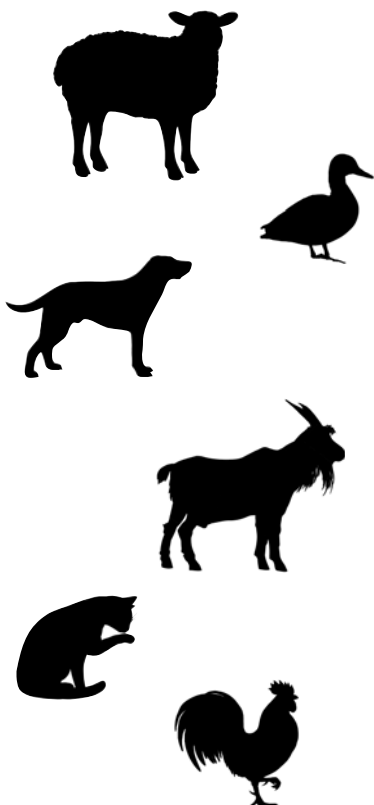


Once upon a time, there was a widower who had a little girl whose name was Rosie. They lived in a tiny  with a small garden. But for two years, there were not enough crops to harvest. There was no work, no chance to make a living, no money to pay taxes. One day, the lords sent officials to announce that the cottage, garden, field, and pets would be sold the next day. In the evening, Dad was sitting sadly in the room, head resting in his hands, and Rosie was crying her eyes out. Then she went to say goodbye to her animals. She tied a red ribbon with a brass bell around the 's neck. Then she fed her beloved animals: Linda the  with some water and chopped green nettle and potatoes; Cock-a-Doodle-Do the  with some grain; three-coloured Tabby the Cat with some milk she hadn't finished at lunch. She also went to a barn where Daredevil the  lived and fed him with fresh leaves. Then she sat down at Mongrel's  kennel, stroked his neck, untied him, and felt sorry for him. She talked to him until the sun went down, and she had to serve dinner. Mongrel was a clever . He ran a lap around the , sniffed at the gate, barked at some sparrows in the elder tree, and then he moved aside the latch of the  shed. He invited Tabby the Cat to join the animals' meeting at the courtyard, too. When they all came together, he told them what he had heard, what destiny awaited them. In the end, they agreed that they would rather leave than serve the master. And so they all set out for a journey. When it started to rain, the  said: "Cock-a-Doodle-Do the , fly up the tree and look if there is any shed near here where we could stay overnight and weather the storm." The  flew up looking over the glades, woods, and valleys. Suddenly he crowed because he could see a light. He flew towards the light and everyone followed him. They reached a clearing with a small  in the middle. Through its lighted windows glowing into the dark, they saw robbers sitting at the table and enjoying themselves. The  burst his head through the window into the room, so that the glass clattered! A hairy face with a long chin, thick lips, round eyes, and two horns stared at the robbers. They thought that a  was coming in, and fled in great fear out into the woods. At first, the  hid, but when he saw that

the hut was empty and nothing was moving, he went out and said that they could stay overnight there. They came in, each found a sleeping place according to his nature and to what suited him. Early in the morning, when the animals woke up, they saw bags of stolen  on the table. The  had disappeared without a trace and there was no one else in the hut. Mongrel the  quickly filled a pouch with the gold money, the  filled a satchel, the  filled a blanket and they hurried back home. By the time they reached the , the  was already high in the sky. The farmer had to pass his farm on to the officials but the animals were nowhere to find. Rosie was sitting in the garden by a pile of furniture they could take with them and she was crying. Suddenly the  runs in, the  flies home, the  waddles towards her, Tabby the Cat jumps on her lap, and Billy the Goat with Mongrel the dog are carrying the bags with . Rosie ran to her father and he paid the taxes. The officials said goodbye and left. From that time forth, everyone was happy again.

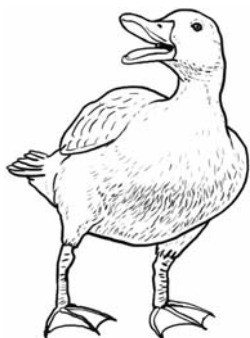
Maze

Help the animals find their way home through the maze.



Matching

The animals hit the road carrying various bags. Match the picture of the animal with the correct type of a bag.



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