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Theo and Beth thanked Seth.  
 "I don't think Thad and Thelma  
 will come back," Seth said.  
 "They both do not like snakes."

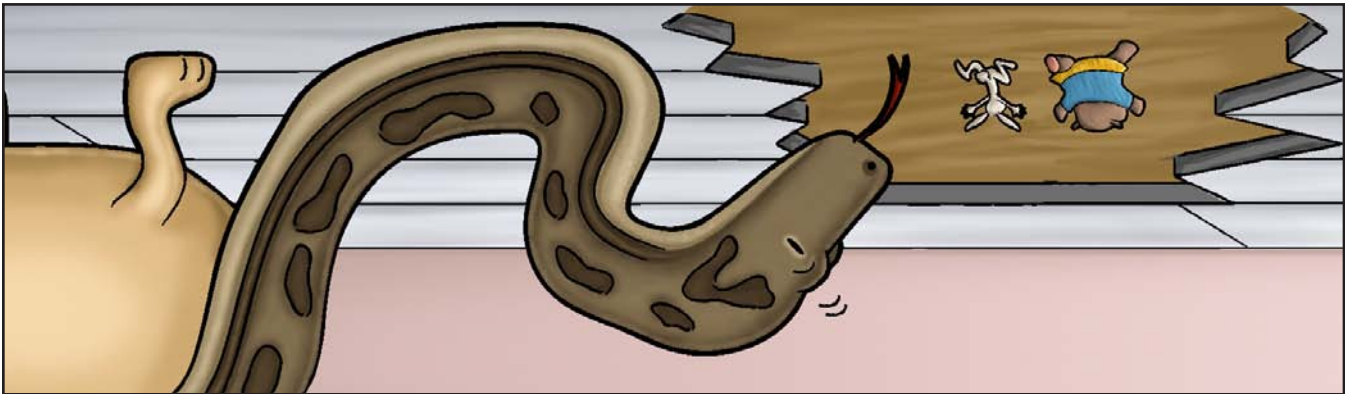


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Thelma was shocked to see  
the thick snake in her bathtub.  
Thad was shocked, too.  
Thad and Thelma both ran away.



ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

New phonic element	th digraph
Words with new phonic element	bath, Beth, Seth, Thad, thank, that, thick, thing, think, thump
Reviewed phonic elements	long vowel VCe patterns; consonant digraphs sh, ng, ck
Story words	floor, hippo, most, slither, thankful, Thelma, Theo
Reviewed story word	thought
New high-frequency words	all, ask, away, both, them, three, under
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -ing; plural ending -s; possessive 's; two-syllable decodable words

Seth slithered into  
Thad and Thelma's home.  
He slithered into the bathtub to hide.  
Thelma came to take a bath.



Thad was a thin rabbit.  
He lived with Thelma.  
Thelma was a thick hippo.



One day Seth the thick snake said  
he would help Theo and Beth.  
He would go to Thad and Thelma's home  
and chase them away.



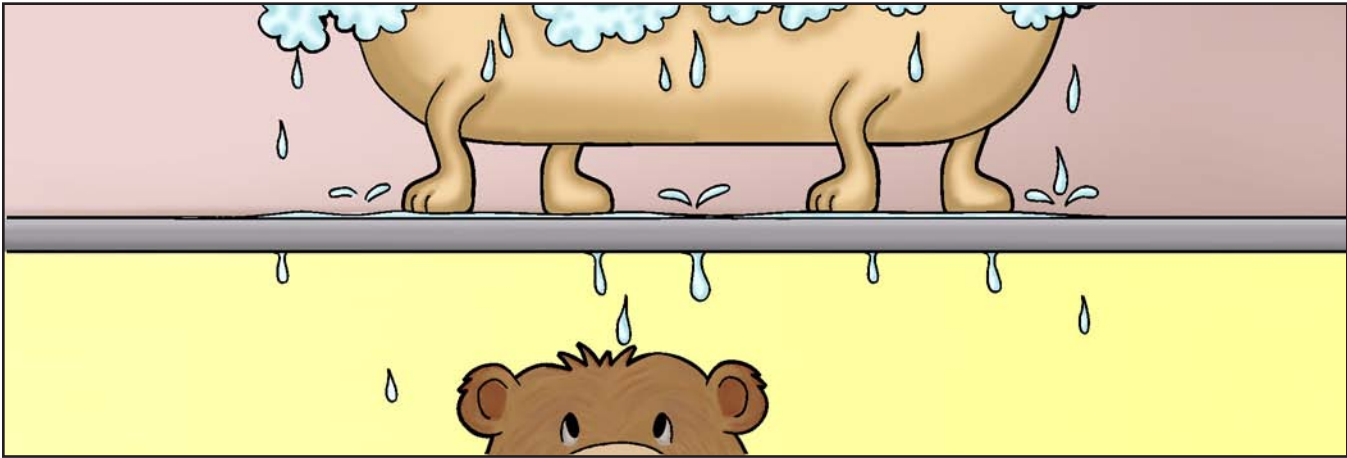
Every day Thad would hop  
across the floor—thump, thump, thump.  
Every day Thelma would step  
across the floor—thump, thump, thump.  
They made a thundering racket all day long.

The thumping and the suds  
made Theo and Beth mad.  
They did not want to have  
Thad and Thelma in the home over them.



The thing that Thelma liked to do most  
was take a bath.  
She was thankful that she had a big bathtub.  
She would take three baths a day.

Theo and Beth lived in the home  
under Thad and Thelma.  
With all the thumping, they thought  
the home would crash down.  
The drip, drip of the suds was bad, too.



Suds would spill over the top of the bathtub.  
They would drip down into the home  
under Thad and Thelma's home.