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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic element	diphthong /ou/: ou, ow
Words with new phonic element	brown, bounce, cloud, clown, couch, cow, crown, down, grouch, fowl, found, frown, hound, house, howl, mouse, out, owl, scowl, town
Reviewed phonic elements	diphthong /oi/: variant vowels
Story words	silly, wrong
Reviewed story words	face, far, people
New high-frequency word	around
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -ing, -s, -y; possessive 's; two-syllable decodable words



In a small town far away, there was  
a clown who had lost her smile.  
Some days her face had a frown.  
Some days her face had a scowl.

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A black cloud seemed  
to hang over the clown.  
The people of the town  
thought that clowns with frowns  
spilled their day.  
If a clown has a frown,  
the king frowns too.  
And he is such a grouch with a crown  
without his smile.





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The people went from house to house  
 looking for the clown's smile.  
 They looked all around.  
 They looked up and down.  
 They looked all around town,  
 but no one found the clown's smile.



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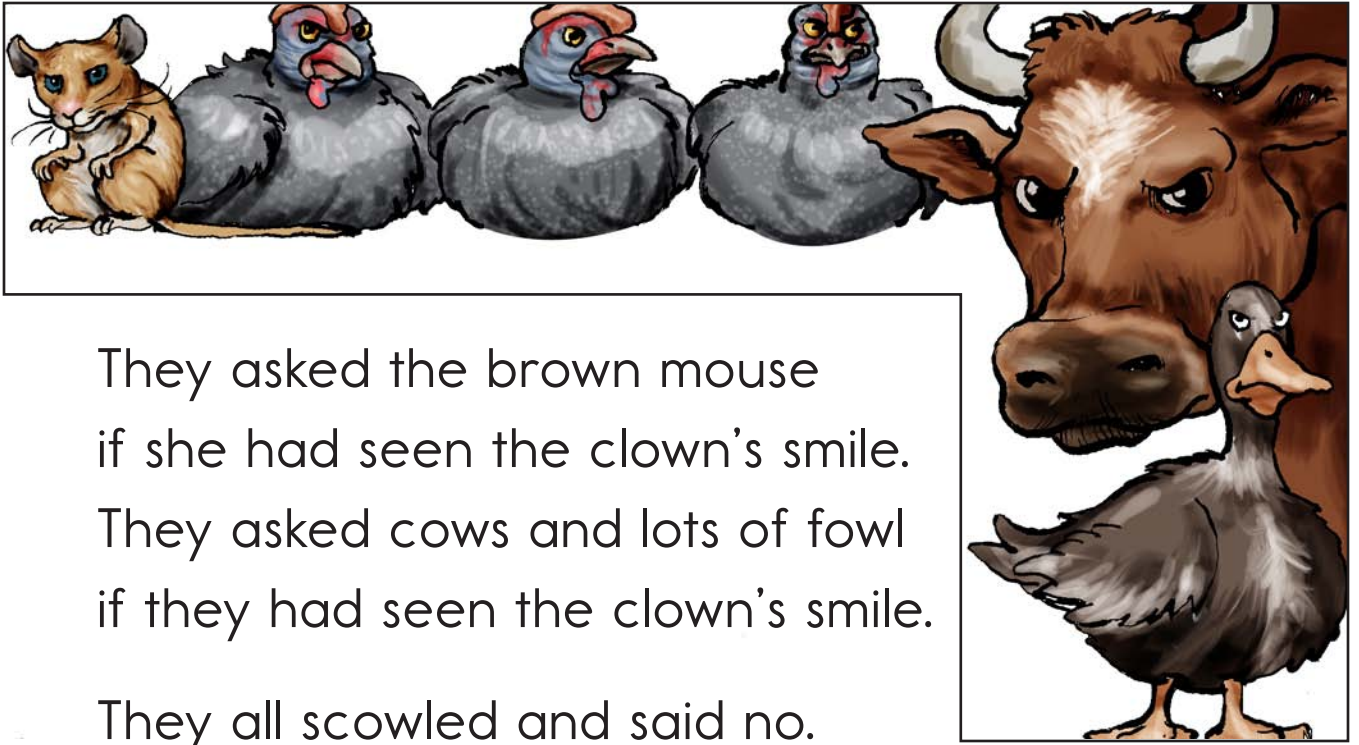
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They asked a brown hound  
if he had seen the clown's smile.  
The hound growled and said no.







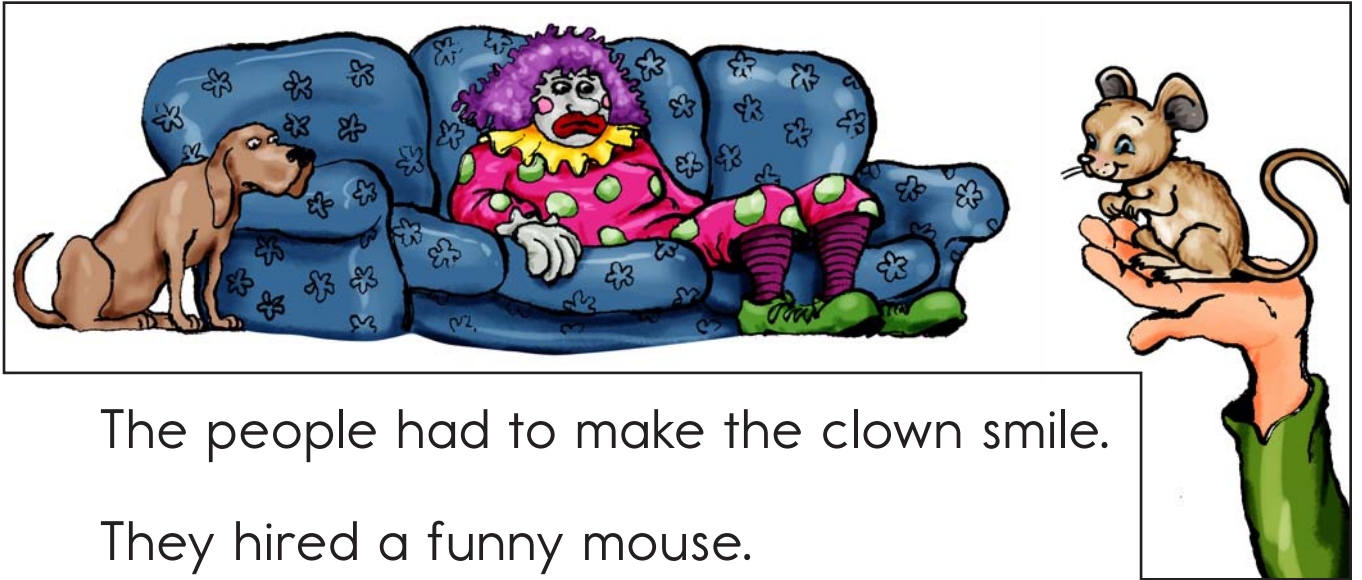
They asked the brown mouse  
if she had seen the clown's smile.  
They asked cows and lots of fowl  
if they had seen the clown's smile.  
They all scowled and said no.

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No one found the clown's smile.  
Then they saw a wise owl.  
The owl said, "You are looking in the wrong place.  
The clown's smile will never be found around town.  
The clown's smile must come from inside the clown."

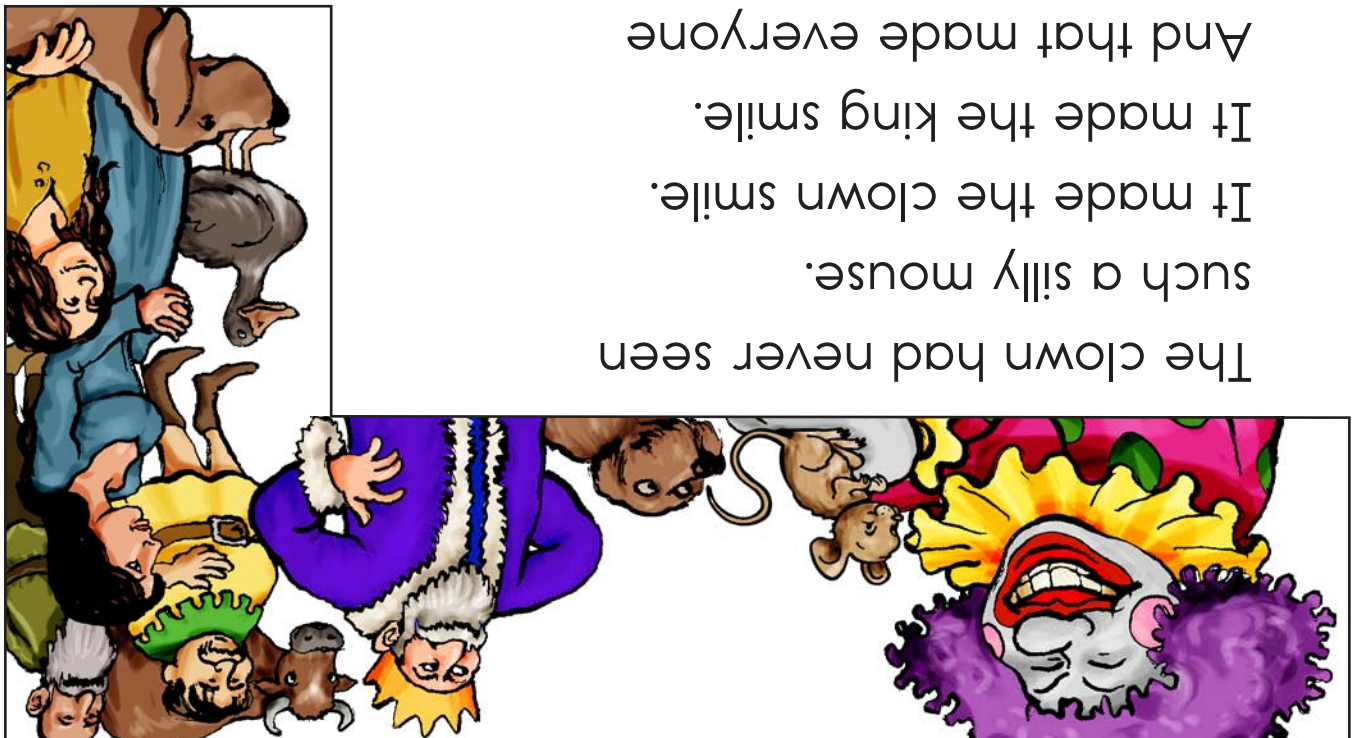


The people had to make the clown smile.

They hired a funny mouse.

The people sat the clown on a couch.

They had the mouse bounce  
and howl for the clown.



The clown had never seen  
such a silly mouse.  
It made the clown smile.  
It made the king smile.  
And that made everyone  
around town smile.