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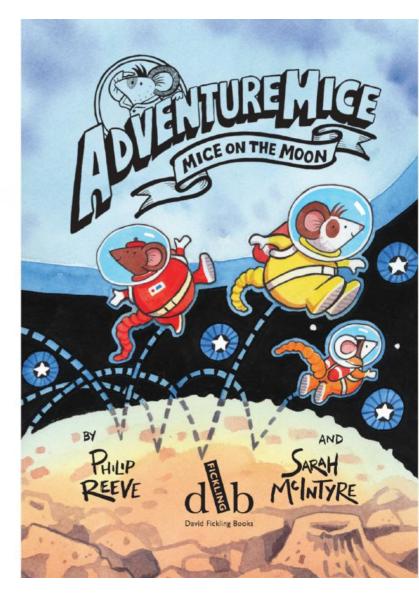
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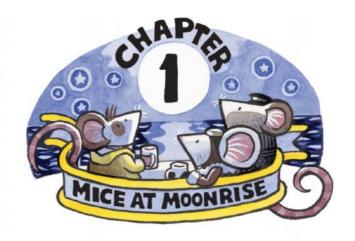
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It was a warm spring night and the Adventuremice were sitting on the deck outside their Mousebase, drinking hot chocolate and watching the moon rise above the Mouse Islands.

'It looks close enough to reach out and touch!' said Pedro.

'I wish it was!'
laughed Bosun.
'The old mouse
legends say the
moon is a great big
wheel of cheese. It will
be full and round for just

one night. Then the moon-mice will start nibbling away at it until it's just a little sliver. But then it will start to grow again.'

'Ooh!' said Pedro. 'Is the moon really made of cheese?'

'Of course not,' chuckled Fledermaus. 'But it's a nice story, isn't it?' All the other mice agreed. The moon rose higher, painting a silvery path across the sea. Along that path a beetle came flying, and settled himself importantly at the edge of the deck.

'Ahem,' said the beetle, clearing his throat. 'I am a Highly Trained Messenger Beetle, and I have been sent to deliver a Very Important Message.'

all stared at him. They had never heard of a messenger beetle before.

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'Who is the message from?' asked Skipper.

'It's from Professor Bernard

Quatermouse, on Scrabble Island,' said
the beetle.

'That's my uncle Bernie!' said Millie excitedly. 'He's a brilliant inventor! Is he the one who trained you to deliver messages, Mr Beetle?'

'He is,' said the beetle, very proudly. 'I am his best messenger beetle.'

'And what is the message?' asked Skipper.

'Er . . .' said the beetle, who had



forgotten. Then he remembered. 'Oh yes – Professor Quatermouse needs the famous Adventuremice to come to his laboratory immediately!'

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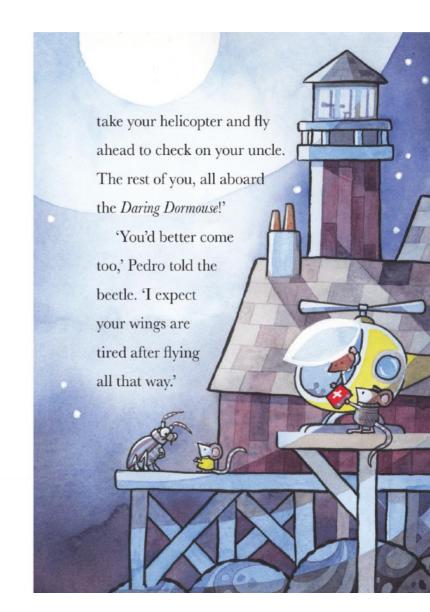
'Oh no!' cried Millie. 'Is Uncle Bernie in danger?'

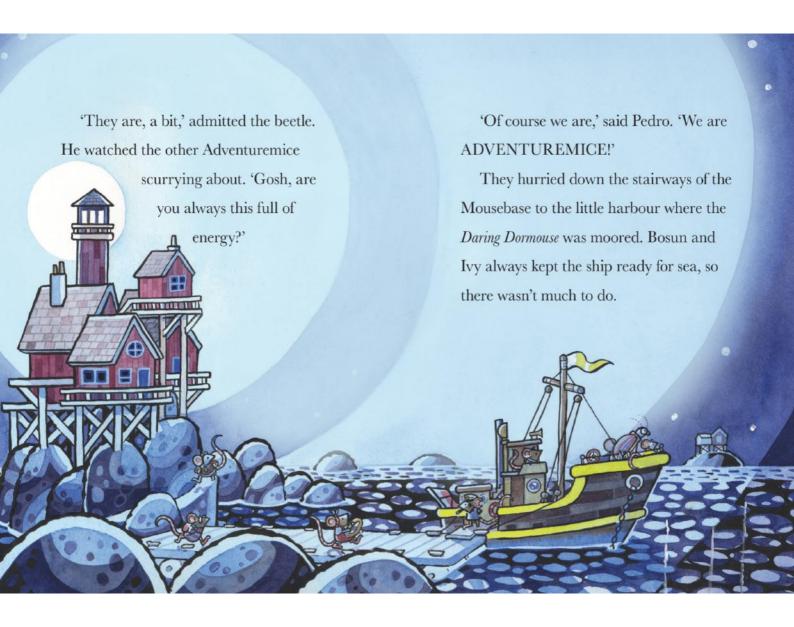
'He didn't say,' said the beetle.

'Perhaps one of his experiments has gone wrong,' said Millie. 'Uncle Bernie's experiments are always going wrong. He says you have to expect that sort of thing, when you're an inventor.'

'It's not far to Scrabble Island,' said Juniper, kindly. 'We'll set out first thing tomorrow morning.'

'No need to wait till morning,' said Skipper. 'The moon is so bright, we can easily find our way to Scrabble. Millie, you





Bosun pulled up the gangplank, Ivy started the engines, and soon they were off, hurrying towards Scrabble Island along the silvery path the moonlight made upon the waves.





The moon was going down by the time the *Daring Dormouse* pulled into the harbour at Scrabble Island. Millie had arrived earlier in her helicopter. She and Uncle Bernie were waiting on the dock to greet the Adventuremice. Behind them in the dim, early morning light stood the