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Bungling Bert At The Fair



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Chapter 1

The fun fair was coming to Pebblesea! Everyone in the town was so excited, but the most excited of all was Bungling Bert the Burglar.



He was jumping around the bedroom in Fisherman's Cottage and singing at the top of his voice,

"Hip hip hooray.
What a wonderful day.
Fiddle dee dee.
Fun times for ME!"

With that, he scooped his pet mouse, Bounty, out of her tall ship and danced his way down the stairs.



Then he put his hand in his pocket and took out her favourite treat – a sunflower seed.

"Do you know what this means?" he asked her, as she nibbled the seed.



Ooh, and then there's Hoopla and Hook the Duck, the Ghost Train, hot dogs, candy floss, toffee apples, ice cream..."

Bungling Bert gave Bounty another seed.

She twitched her whiskers and looked at him with her beady eyes.

She loved it when Bungling Bert was excited because he gave her lots of treats.

"The trouble is," said Bungling Bert,

"all that fun will cost me a lot of money,
but I don't want to pay

ANY money for it.

I am going to think up a very cunning plan to have a WHOLE day at the fair without paying a single penny."



Bounty covered her ears with her tiny paws and dived into Bungling Bert's pocket.

She didn't like it when he talked about his cunning plans.

She didn't want him getting into trouble...AGAIN.



But Bungling Bert always wanted something for nothing.

And the fun fair was FAR too tempting for him to resist.

Chapter 2



The day of the fun fair arrived. It was hot and sunny and everyone was making their way to Pebblesea Park.

The grown-ups had worked hard and saved money for the children to enjoy the rides.

Some of the children had earned extra pocket money by doing jobs and helping at home.

It took Bungling Bert a whole week to come up with his cunning plan, but he felt sure it was his best one yet.

And now he was almost ready to go.

He finished cleaning out Bounty's tall ship, gave her fresh water, and tipped some sunflower seeds into her cabin.

"See you later, little lady," he said.
"I'm off to have fun at the fair!"