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Peaches



‘Ahem...’  
Maurice *hated* that sound. If there was a sound worse than Dangerous Beans asking one of his odd little questions, it was Peaches clearing her throat. It meant she was going to say something, very quietly, which was going to upset him.

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Sardines



Sardines moved all the time, tippity-tapping on the cellar floor. He wore a hat, too, a battered home-made thing out of straw. He was the only rat who could make a hat work, by wedging his ears through it. He said to get ahead, you had to get a hat.

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Maurice had lived on the streets for four years and barely had any ears left and scars all over his nose, and he was *smart*.