



# Tom at the Zoo Room



Tom has a job at a zoo.

His boss says, “Tom, go to the odd room. It has a big lock on the door.”

Tom gets the key. He hops to the room. He sets the key in the lock and goes in.

At once Tom can feel how odd it is. The air is hot. The room is dim. It has one big nook on the left and one big nook on the right.

In the left nook is a hog. The hog has a cool hat on his head. The hat has a long red loop on top. The hog nods at Tom as if to say, “I am in my spot.”

In the right nook is a goose. The goose has a long spoon. The goose dips the spoon in a hot pot on the mat.

“Sooooop... sooop...” the goose says in a soft tone.

Tom lets out a long sigh. “So odd,” he says.

Then Tom hears a tap from a box in the back of the room.

A frog hops out. The frog has big, round eyes. It looks at Tom and says,

“Ooo... ooo...” in a long, spooky tone.

Tom sits on a small cot in the room.

“Why are you all in this odd room?” he asks.

The hog taps his hat.

The goose dips the spoon.

The frog hops on the cot.





None of them can say it in a way Tom can get.

Tom rubs his chin. “Tom can help,” he says. “Tom can get you out.”

He gets up from the cot and holds out his hand.

“Come. Tom can get you to the zoo path.”

The hog steps out of the nook.

The goose lifts the spoon and moves slow so the pot will not tip.

The frog hops to Tom’s boot.

Tom opens the door, and all of them go out.

The sun is hot, but the zoo path is cool. The hog jogs by Tom. The goose goes at a slow pace. The frog hops and hops.

Tom’s boss sees them.

“Tom! You got the hog, the goose, and the frog out of the odd room,” she says. “Good job.”

Tom has a big grin.

“It is a fun day at the zoo,” he says. “A hot day... but a fun day.”

The hog nods.

The goose says, “Sooooop!”

The frog says, “Ooo... ooo!”

Tom laughs.

“Too odd... but too fun,” he says.

