

## **BANG!**

Once upon a time  
there was a little mouse  
who fell asleep under a tree.

Early in the morning,  
he woke up to a loud 'BANG'.

Little mouse ran and he ran and he ran  
as fast as his legs could carry him  
till he met a cat.

"Why are you running so fast little mouse?" purred the cat.

"I woke to a 'BANG' and the earth is splitting in two!"

"Quick, quick, jump onto my back," said the cat  
and the mouse jumped onto the cat's back  
and he ran and he ran and he ran  
as fast as his legs could carry him  
until they met a dog.

"Why are you two running so fast little mouse?" barked the dog.

"I woke to a 'BANG' and the earth is splitting in two!"

"Quick, quick, jump onto my back," said the dog  
and the cat and the mouse jumped onto the dog's back  
and he ran and he ran and he ran  
as fast as his legs could carry him

until they met a donkey.

"Why are you three running so fast little mouse?" neighed the donkey.

"I woke to a 'BANG" and the earth is splitting in two!"

"Quick, quick, jump onto my back," said the donkey  
and the dog and the cat and the mouse jumped onto the donkey's  
back

and he ran and he ran and he ran  
as fast as his legs could carry him  
untill they met a lion.

"Why are you four running so fast, little mouse?" roared the lion.

"I woke to a 'BANG" and the earth is splitting in two!"

"Quick, quick, jump onto my back," said the lion  
and the donkey and the dog and the cat and the mouse jumped  
onto the lion's back

and he ran and he ran and he ran  
as fast as his legs could carry him  
until they met an elephant.

"Why are you five running so fast, little mouse?" trumpeted the elephant.

"I woke to a 'BANG" and the earth is splitting in two!"

"Quick, quick, jump onto my back,"

said the elephant,  
"We'll go and take a look."  
So the lion and the donkey and the dog and the cat and the  
mouse jumped onto the elephant's back.

The elephant plodded all the way back to the tree  
where mouse had first heard the sudden 'BANG'.  
When they got to the tree,  
the elephant stopped.  
It was a papaya tree  
and lying on the ground was a papaya.

"That is what woke you with a such a loud 'BANG'," said the  
elephant.  
"The papaya fell beside you while you slept."

Little mouse felt foolish  
but glad that the world was not splitting in two.  
So they all sat down -  
the mouse, the cat, the dog, the donkey, the lion and the mighty  
elephant and they had sweet papaya for tea.

*Yum yum - fill your tum - with sweet story!*

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