

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

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CHARACTERS:

Keith Gridley – main character who had a mouse friend named Ralph; owned a motorcycle Ralph's fond of

Mr. Gridley – father of Keith who drove 40 miles and did not believe the presence of mice in the hotel they were staying

Mrs. Gridley – Keith's mother who thought the hotel was spooky and did not like mice

Matt – 60y/o bellboy in Mountain View Inn

Ralph – hungry young mouse that liked to play with Keith's motorcycle

Uncle Victor – a mouse that liked to climb down telephone cord that the mice believed fell in a trashcan that was emptied into an incinerator

Aunt Sissy – a mouse that thought herself better than the rest of family mice because she lived in a bridal suite

Uncle Leroy – mouse that disappeared and his bones were found in an owl pellet or had been eaten by owl

Head Housekeeper – woman who was in charge of all the maids in the hotel

Margery – maid who cleaned Keith's room and almost sucked Ralph in the vacuum cleaner

Uncle Lester – a mouse that had a way of saying the wrong things at the wrong time; lived in a nest inside the wall of the housekeeper's office

Aunt Dorothy – mouse that thought riding motorcycle was just plain foolhardy

Aunt Adrienne – a mouse that liked nice things had climbed into a suitcase to examine a nylon stocking and someone had closed the suitcase and had never been seen again

Betty – a kindergarten teacher who caught Ralph by a drinking glass

Mary Lou – Betty's sister who was also a teacher of 3rd graders

IN WHAT BOOK:

... where a family of three (father, mother and son) had come from Ohio and had driven for 5 days to the Mountain View Inn, the old hotel in California?

... where the mouse stayed out late in daytime when he should have been home safe in bed?

... were two main characters shared the love for motorcycles and spoke the same language?

... where the mouse thought cinnamon buns with sticky frosting, turkey stuffing, and pancakes with maple syrup were strange food?

... where they serve blueberry muffin and chocolate chip cookie were good enough to call for family reunion?

... did you need a crash helmet when you were riding all cars?

... where the characters did not stop to use their heads, they got into messes and did not want to learn to do things properly?

... where a boy thought that a mouse was pretty smart and brave because he risked his life to make the boy well?

... did a bellboy of a hotel replace a worn out bulb, renew washers in leaky faucets, and prevent children from hitting one another with croquet mallets?

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the author of "the Mouse and the Motorcycle"? **Beverly Cleary**
2. Where did the Gridley family come from when they took a 40-mile drive? **Ohio**
3. Where were they heading? **San Francisco**
4. They wanted to spend what holiday weekend in San Francisco? **Fourth of July**
5. What did Mr. Gridley do first thing in their hotel room before dinner? **Rest**
6. What did Mrs. Gridley do as well? **Unpacked and did some drip-drying**
7. What did Keith do in his room? **Explored**
8. What did he discover under the window where he poked his finger? **Knothole**
9. What did Keith take out aside from the several cars – sedan, sports car, ambulance, and a motorcycle, from his suitcase that he started chomping bites on noisily? **Apple**
10. Where did he park his cars on before going to dinner? **Bedside table**
11. Keith was being watched by who, when he began exploring his room? **Ralph, the mouse**
12. What was Ralph first emotion on everything that went on in room 215? **Disappointment especially on how big Keith was**
13. What did Ralph feel next when he thought somehow a medium sized boy like Keith would always be counted to leave a bag of peanuts and candy bar wrapper? **Hopeful**
14. What was Ralph 3rd emotion when he saw the apple core the boy laid? **Joy**
15. What made Ralph eager, excited, curious and impatient all at once? **Motorcycle**
16. And what did he feel when the mother threw it into the metal wastebasket? **Despair**
17. Who was the worrier in the mice family? **Ralph's mom**
18. What did Ralph's mother want him to stay way from? **Telephone cord**
19. What startled Ralph when he was riding the motorcycle that made him and the motorcycle fall? **Ring of the telephone**
20. Where was he got trapped when he fell with the motorcycle? **Wastebasket**
21. While feasting the apple core in the wastebasket, which insect was he embarrassed to see him in his situation? **Two ants**
22. There were 2 kinds of employee at the hotel and one were the regulars (old) and who were the others called summer help? **College students**
23. What did Keith find in the wastebasket when he came back from dinner? **Ralph and his motorcycle**

24. What was it that almost blinded Ralph when Keith shone something in the wastebasket? **Flashlight**
25. What did Keith tell Ralph to do to make the motorcycle go? **Make a noise**
26. Keith told Ralph to not to let it what get caught in the spokes of the motorcycle?
His tail
27. Where did Keith and Ralph agree to park the motorcycle after use? **Under the bed**
28. Which one saw Ralph on his first night out riding the motorcycle? **Dog**
29. How did he arouse to get the dog/terrier angry? **By sticking out his tongue and wagging his paws in his ears**
30. To whom did he learn how to do those gestures? **Children who went stay in the hotel**
31. Who let Ralph in when he went back to the room and found the door shut? **Matt, the bellboy**
32. What was Ralph's first choice for room service from Keith? **Peanut-butter sandwich**
33. Where did Ralph not want Keith to place the motorcycle? **Suitcase**
34. Who did Ralph's mom not like or him to be more careful to associate with?
People
35. What was something that produced a sound or clang that struck terror into Ralph's heart? **Vacuum cleaner**
36. What awful machine hah almost inhaled his tail? **Vacuum cleaner**
37. What was the maid doing at the same time while she was cleaning the room?
Singing before the mirror
38. What saved Ralph from the vacuum cleaner? **Clinging on the rear wheel of the motorcycle**
39. What was everything white that Ralph felt bumping along in a strange ghostly place? **White linen**
40. What was this ghostly place Ralph and motorcycle were into? **Hamper of linen**
41. Where were Ralph and motorcycle in the hamper being taken? **Laundry**
42. Which one knew that Ralph was in the hamper? **Little terrier**
43. How did Ralph get out from the pile of linen that made him so exhausted?
Chewed the layers of linen
44. Was Ralph able to save his life from the laundry? **Yes**
45. Was Ralph able to take the motorcycle with him when got out from the laundry?
No
46. What was the second room service Ralph and the mice requested? **Blueberry muffin and chocolate chip cookie**
47. Who was the room service to Ralph's mother? **Keith**
48. Which mouse led her mice relatives to believe, riches of rice fell to the carpet when bride took off her hat and the groom shook out his coat? **Aunt Sissy**
49. Did the mice believe Aunt Sissy? **No**
50. Which mouse thought that a young mouse like Ralph couldn't take care of anything? **Uncle Lester**
51. Keith brought Ralph a what kind of present that was curved, hard, and white with a rubber band fastened to it with a piece of Scotch tape? **Half a ping-pong ball**

52. What was half of a ping-pong ball for? **Crash helmet**
53. What was Keith's very most favorite of all the cars he had that he told Ralph?
Motorcycle
54. Why did Ralph envy bats and owls before he had experienced the speed and power of motorcycle? **Because of their ability to fly**
55. Why did Keith hit a tree when he rode the bike with hand brakes for the first time? **He had always ridden bikes with foot brakes so he forgot to use the hand brakes**
56. What did it mean according to Ralph's mother when housekeepers discovered linens with holes chewed in them? **War on mice**
57. What were the mice scared of on "war on mice"? **Traps, poisons-exterminator**
58. What was the 3rd order for room service? **Bacon and toast with jelly**
59. What did Ralph's mom want to do in return for the room service? **Tip**
60. Why was Keith dragging himself off the bed and felt awful? **Sick with fever**
61. When Keith was sick what did the mice get for room service? **Broken soda crackers**
62. What was the food that Keith gave the mice that might come in handy for storing when he was sick? **Peanuts**
63. What was it that Mr. Gridley and Ralph went searching for to get Keith's fever down? **Aspirin**
64. Who was able to find the aspirin tablet? **Ralph**
65. Why was Ralph's mom worried about Ralph getting an aspirin? **He might get poisoned like Ralph's dad**
66. What did the mice family think Ralph's dad did with the aspirin? **He carried the tablet in his cheek pouches**
67. Where did Ralph find the tablet? **First floor under the dresser in a room with college men**
68. How did Ralph get the aspirin up to Keith? **Borrowed Keith's ambulance**
69. Where did Ralph hide the aspirin before getting the ambulance? **Behind the ashtray**
70. Before finding the aspirin, Ralph was caught by whom? **Betty, the teacher**
71. How did Betty trap Ralph? **By a drinking glass**
72. What did Betty and Mary Lou want to do with Ralph? **Take him back to Wichita with them to show him in their classrooms**
73. Did the teachers take him home? **No**
74. How did the teachers let go of Ralph? **Through the open window**
75. Who did Mr. and Mrs. Gridley think brought the aspirin? **The night clerk**
76. What made Ralph's mother felt better about the room service? **Aspirin for a tip**
77. After taking the aspirin that made Keith better, what did he want for room service the next morning? **Orange juice, bacon and toast with jelly**
78. Did Keith eat them? **No, he gave them to the mice**
79. Who found Keith's ambulance in the hallway and the motorcycle in the hamper of linen? **Matt, the bellboy**
80. Did Matt understand Ralph's language as Keith did? **Yes**
81. Did Ralph go with Keith to San Francisco? **No**
82. What made Ralph not go with Keith to Ohio? **Ralph will stay in a cage**

83. What did Keith do to his motorcycle when he left the hotel? **Gave it to Ralph to keep**
84. Did Ralph's mom let him keep the motorcycle? **Yes**
85. What were Ralph's promises to the mom in order to have the motorcycle? **Drive carefully and wear his crash helmet every time he rides it**
86. Keith thought of what place to hide the motorcycle for Ralph to keep when they checked out? **Big TV set in the lobby**
87. Did Keith's mom ever let him keep mice for pets? **Yes, a couple of white mice**
88. What made a good driver according to Ralph? **Keep both paws on the handgrips**