

PETER PAT

BY MO LEFF

WHEN PAT SPOKE, HIS RUSE WAS EXPOSED - THE LEADER REACHED FOR HIS KNIFE!

BY DISGUIISING HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE CONSPIRATORS WHO ARE BRINGING GOLD TO ERIC THE HERMIT, PAT ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN ENTERING ERIC'S CASTLE, WHERE THE LITTLE EMPRESS JUDY IS HELD PRISONER!

PURSUIT!!

PAT STRUCK OUT DESPERATELY AND ELUDED THE MAN'S GRASP!

PAT FLED WITH THE REST OF THE MEN IN HOT PURSUIT, AND AS HE RAN HE RIPPED OFF HIS CAPE AND FLUNG IT OVER HIS SHOULDER.

IT FELL OVER THE HEAD OF THE LEADING PURSUER, WHILE PAT DROVE SAFELY INTO THE PACK OF MULES!

THE EXCITED ANIMALS MILLED ABOUT, HOLDING OFF THE MEN, WHILE PAT CRAWLED TO THE CASTLE WALL.

HE SCRAMBLED RAPIDLY UPWARD!

ERIC HAD SEEN PAT'S ESCAPE, AND LAY IN WAIT TO SEIZE HIM!

BUT LITTLE JUDY HAD ALSO SEEN. SHE STRUCK ERIC OVER THE HEAD JUST AS HE LUNGED FOR PAT!

NOW ONE OF THE MEN TOOK CAREFUL AIM WITH A BOOMERANG.

IT HIT PAT WITH GREAT FORCE! HE FALTERED..... HIS GRIP LOOSENED... .. HE BEGAN TO FALL!

PERCY PENGUIN.

I WISH MUGSY WOULD AT LEAST RETURN THE FIVE DOLLARS I LENT HIM - MM-M I'M GONNA GO OVER AND ASK HIM FOR IT!

SO - HE'S NOT AT HOME - WELL - I'LL WAIT!

GOSH - IT'S GETTING LATE - I GUESS I'D BETTER GO HOME!!

THAT'S WHAT I GET - EVERY TIME I LEND HIM SOMETHING HE FORGETS TO RETURN IT!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE MUGSY?

WELL - SINCE YOU'VE BEEN SO NICE TO ME LATELY I'VE DECIDED TO COME OVER AN' STAY WITH YOU A WHILE - MMM-BOY! YOUR CANDY IS SWELL!

