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## Chapter One

# Home Sweet Home

“Time for dinner!” called Mrs. Mouse.

Peaches, Pepper, and Chip came running. Dinner was their favorite time of day. They lived in a bakery, where there was always something sweet to eat.

The bakery was a busy shop during the day. People came in and out to buy the delicious baked goods that were made there. While they were there, some people would read the newspaper and talk to one another about whatever interested them.





The mice were busy during the day, too. They looked for bits of food left on the ground and listened to the people. They learned all kinds of things this way.

And at night, after the shop had closed and the people were gone, the mice would sit in their home in the walls to eat dinner. At dinner, they talked about what they learned that day.

Tonight, Chip had big news.



## Chapter Two



# Troubling News

“Today, I heard a boy talking about EARTHQUAKES!” Chip said the minute he sat down. “Do you know what those are?”

“Yes,” Peaches said. Peaches knew a lot about everything. “Earthquakes are when the ground suddenly starts shaking.”

“Right,” said Chip. “This boy was reading about them. He said earthquakes can make buildings fall down!”



“What?” asked Pepper. Her eyes grew round.

“Yes,” said Peaches. “But that’s a *big* earthquake. Most earthquakes are small. You can hardly feel them.”



“He said earthquakes are common in some places. Like California,” said Chip.

“We live in California!” cried Pepper. Her eyes grew rounder.



1906 Earthquake



“And that a long time ago, there was a huge earthquake in San Francisco,” Chip went on.

“*We* live in San Francisco!” cried Pepper. She covered her eyes.

“Pepper, there’s no need to panic,” said Mrs. Mouse. “Earthquakes like that are rare.”

“Mom’s right,” said Peaches. “But earthquakes come without warning. So, being ready is important.”



Chip pulled out his notebook. “I know all about earthquake safety. During an earthquake, we should stay away from glass or windows. If we’re inside, we should find a safe spot. Under a table is a good place.”

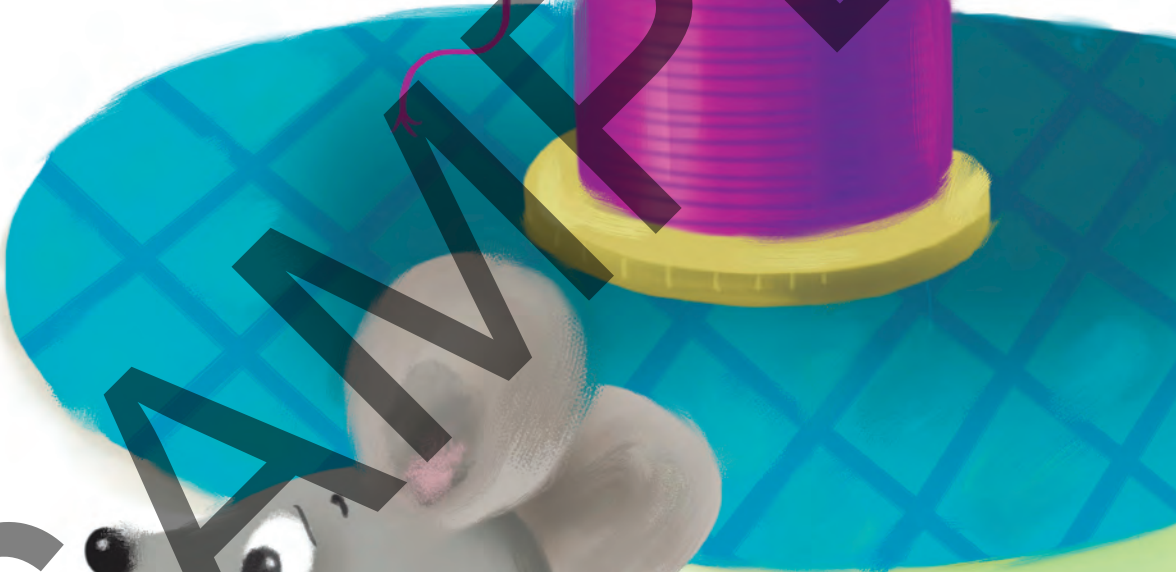
“We could use this one!” Pepper said.

“Right. We should also have extra food, water, and flashlights,” Chip said. “It’s always good to be prepared.”

Everyone agreed.



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## Chapter Three



# In Case of Emergency

After dinner, Mrs. Mouse and the children got to work. First, they needed food.

“Crumbs aren’t enough,” Chip said. “I have a *bigger* idea.”

He led them to a glass case. Rows of baked goods were inside, ready to be sold. They picked a blueberry muffin, a jelly roll, and a chocolate truffle to bring home.

Next, it was time for water. They knew where the sink was. But how would they store water?





Pepper pointed to a shelf. “What about those pretty tea cups?”

As slow as a snail, they pushed one back to their home. It stood like a giant bathtub in the living room.

The last thing they needed was some sort of light.

“I’ll be right back,” Peaches said. She raced off and came back with a set of birthday candles.

“Another bright idea!” Mrs. Mouse said with a smile. “I love how we made a plan and worked together. Now, we’re ready for anything!”

Tired from the busy work, they all fell asleep.

## Chapter Four



# Shake, Rattle, and Roll

The next morning, the mice were still sleeping when a deep rumbling sound woke them. It grew louder. And louder. The dishes on the counter began to rattle. The walls began to shake. Could it be an...?

“EARTHQUAKE!” shouted Pepper.

The mice knew just what to do. Drop, cover, and hold on. They got on the floor under the table. They covered their heads. They held on to the table legs. They all stayed calm.





“We have plenty of food and water,”  
Chip said.

“And light,” Peaches added.

“And we’re all here together,” said Mrs.  
Mouse.

Soon, the noise stopped.

“Is it over?” whispered Pepper. Her  
ears trembled.

“I think so,” said Mrs. Mouse.

They hurried to the bakery floor. Another surprise greeted them. There were no broken dishes, no mess in the street. In fact, the bakery door was wide open. A giant truck was parked in the sun.

Just then, a man came from the kitchen. He was wheeling an enormous freezer. It was so wide that it bumped and shook the walls as he moved it. He loaded it onto the truck. The vehicle roared to life and rolled away.





Mrs. Mouse smiled with relief. “Just a false alarm! But practice makes perfect, and that was good practice. I think this calls for a celebration. Who wants cake?”



“Hooray!” everyone cheered.

“Like I said, it’s always good to be prepared,” Chip said. “But I didn’t know we were preparing for a party!”



# About Us

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Megan McDonald loves books, bakeries, and traveling to new places. She was a teacher for many years and is now lucky enough to write books for amazing young readers like you.

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If you would like to be prepared for earthquakes like Mrs. Mouse, Peaches, Pepper, and Chip, visit [www.ready.gov/earthquakes](http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes) for more information on how humans can prepare for and stay safe during earthquakes.

## Book Club Questions

1. What words describe how Pepper feels about earthquakes?
2. Have you ever had to prepare for something big?
3. What makes the walls shake and the dishes rattle?
4. What details help you learn more about earthquakes?

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