

RATLY: (Ignores Ratmarie) Well THAT wasn't fun!!

RATMARIE: Well – it could have been worse!

RATILLA: How?? I am SOAKING WET! Just LOOK at my fur! And my ears are full of water (shakes head)

RATLY: Yeah...well. We ALL got wet, so don't think you're better than we are. (Ratson runs into the hole as Ratly speaks)

RATSON: True – we all are soaked (he shakes the water off).

RATMARIE: That's right Ratilla (she brings "leaves" to help dry the others). We are all in this together.

RATILLA: SPEAK FOR YOURSELF (she grabs a leaf and roughly dries)!

RATSON: Is there anything to eat?

RATILLA: (hands out crumbs she had in her pocket "pouch")Am I the only one who finds food around here?

RATMARIE: Well Ratilla. There hasn't been much out there lately.

RATLY: Comon, Ratilla. LIGHTEN UP!

(thunder – they all shake)

RATILLA: You know - I think it's time we looked for a new place (she looks up) THIS one is so leaky and cold.

RATMARIE (hands each one a cup) Here – have a warm drink (they drink like rats – slurping).

RATILLA: You three. Such TERRIBLE manners!

RATLY: REALLY, Ratilla. What do you expect? We are RATS!

RATSON: Yeah – and who cares (he slurps)

RATMARIE: That's right Ratson. (to Ratilla) What's wrong we how we drink our tea?(she slurps)

RATILLA: The NOISES you three make. Seriously! You'd think you were field rodents!

RATMARIE, RATSON & RATLY: WE ARE...

RATILLA: Well I am certainly NOT. I (she stands and fluffs her coat and brushes at her ears) am SOPHISTICATED!

RATMARIE (giggles)

RATLY: RIIIIIGHHT...