

## Chapter 20: The Main Hall



### Questions:

1. What were the rats carrying in their sacks?
2. What were the rats building in the cave?
3. What is the "plan"? What are the rats going to do and how will they do it?
4. How much do you think Mrs. Frisby should tell her children about her plan to put the powder in Dragon's bowl?
5. Why have the rats built plows, and why do they want to begin farming? Do you think this is a good idea?

### Vocabulary

| word                              | definition                             | sentence                                                                                      |
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| engrossed (Adj)<br>/ɪnˈɡroʊst/    | giving all your attention to something | she had been so <b>engrossed</b> in Nicodemus's story that she had not glanced at the clock.  |
| sceptical (Adj)<br>/'skep.tɪ.kəl/ | doubting that something is true        | The children were <b>sceptical</b> at first, then intensely curious,                          |
| toil (V) /tɔɪl/                   | to do difficult work for a long time   | They looked, Mrs Frisby thought, like very large ants endlessly <b>toiling</b> on an anthill. |

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