

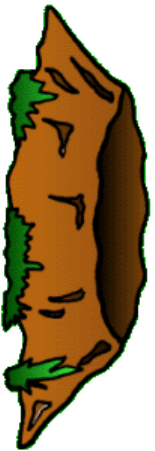


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It's the second of February
The air's very cold
When something unusual
Happens, I'm told.



Deep in his burrow
Down under the ground
The groundhog is waking.
He looks all around.

What people say
Is that spring is now here!
The groundhog is up
And he's full of good cheer.



So on February second
We look skyward a lot.....
Will the groundhog see
His shadow - or not?

But, if on this day
There are clouds in the sky
And the sun is hidden
From his brown eye,



There will be no shadow
To scare him away.
He'll think it is spring
And it's time to play.

It's dark in his burrow
'Way under the snow.
"Is winter over?"
He wants to know.



He follows his tunnel
Up to the light.
He digs through the snow
Soft, fluffy and white.

He pokes his nose out
Near the roots of a tree.
He looks all about -
What will he see?



If the sun is shining
When he looks around
He'll see his shadow
In front, on the ground.

His shadow will give him
A horrible scare!
He'll dash back down
To his deep dark lair.



He'll be so frightened
He'll scare spring away
For six long, long weeks
It will stay cold, they say.



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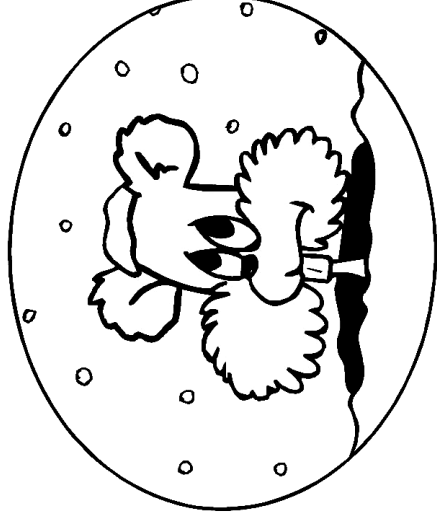
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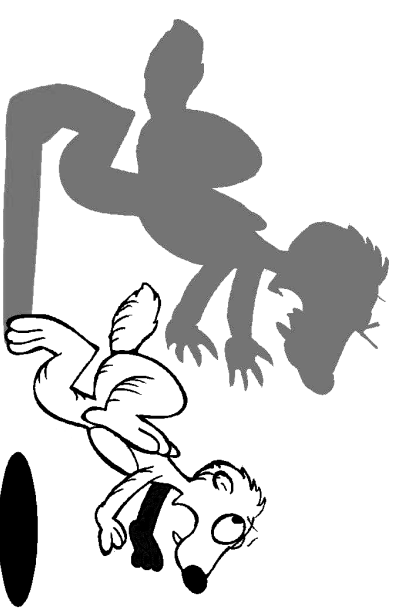
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