The Enormous Turnip

Story retold by Bev Evans
Once upon a time there was an old man who planted some turnip seeds.

He watered them and cared for them and soon the seeds began to grow.
As the seeds grew into plants the old man kept looking after them.

He weeded and watered his turnip patch every day until his wife called him in for his supper.
And then something happened.

The old man woke up one morning to find that one of his turnips had grown much more than the others.

The turnip was not just a big turnip. It wasn't even a very big turnip. It was, in fact, quite enormous!
The old man pulled at the turnip with all his might but it would not budge! So he shouted to his wife for some help!

Then, together, they pulled, and pulled and pulled, but the enormous turnip still would not budge!
So, the old man and the woman shouted to a little boy who was playing in the field.

The boy ran to the turnip patch to help and,......

...all together, they pulled, and pulled and pulled and pulled, but the enormous turnip still would not budge!
So, the old man and the woman and the little boy shouted to a little girl who was playing by the tree. The girl ran to the turnip patch to help and,......

...all together, they pulled, and pulled and pulled and pulled, but the enormous turnip still would not budge!
So, the old man and the woman and the little boy and the little girl called to the old man’s dog to come and help.

The dog ran to the turnip patch to help and,......

...all together, they pulled, and pulled and pulled and pulled, but the enormous turnip still would not budge!
So, the old man and the woman and the little boy and the little girl and the old man’s dog called to the old woman’s cat to come and help.

The cat ran to the turnip patch to help and,......

...all together, they pulled, and pulled and pulled and pulled, but the enormous turnip still would not budge!
So, the old man and the woman and the little boy and the little girl and the old man’s dog and the old woman’s cat called to the farmhouse mouse to come and help.

The mouse ran to the turnip patch to help and,......

...all together, they pulled, and pulled and pulled and pulled and suddenly......
The old man was very pleased. He invited everyone in for a delicious turnip supper!

Out of the ground came the enormous turnip!
The End

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