

## Looking for a Partner

One day Fox decided to enter THE BIG DANCE CONTEST.

“Who will be my partner?” he asked.

“Don’t look at me,” said Carmen. “I don’t dance.”

“Why not ask Raisin?” said Dexter. “She’s a great dancer.”

“She’s mad about something,” said Fox.

“Ask her anyway,” said Carmen. “Here she comes now.”

“Uh,” said Fox.

“Yes, what is it?” said Raisin.

“Will you be my partner in THE BIG DANCE CONTEST?” asked Fox.

“Are you sure you are good enough?” said Raisin.

“Don’t worry about *that!*” said Fox.

Every day Fox and Raisin practiced hard for THE BIG DANCE CONTEST. They did the waltz. They did the boogie. They did the stomp. They even did The Fox Trot. Raisin was very good. But she was still mad about something.

“I’m sure they will win first prize,” said Dexter.

On the day of THE BIG DANCE CONTEST Fox went to Raisin’s house.

“Sorry, Fox,” said Raisin’s mom. “Raisin has the mumps.”

“Oh, no!” cried Fox.

Fox went home. He sat down in front of the TV. But he didn’t even turn it on. He was too upset. Suddenly he had an idea.

“Come here, Louise!” he cried.

“What did I do?” said Louise.