



Four little kittens ran after twelve mice. One mouse went down the hole in the floor. Puzzle: where did the other remaining eleven get to? Find them.

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