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MOUSE SOUP



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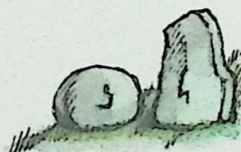
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A mouse
sat under a tree.
He was reading a book.



A weasel
jumped out
and caught the mouse.

The weasel
took the mouse home.
“Ah!” said the weasel.
“I am going to make
mouse soup.”
“Oh!” said the mouse.
“I am going to *be*
mouse soup.”





The weasel put the mouse
in a cooking pot.

“*WAIT!*” said the mouse.

“This soup will not taste good.

It has no stories in it.

Mouse soup must be mixed
with stories

to make it taste really good.”

“But I have no stories,”
said the weasel.

“I do,” said the mouse.

“I can tell them now.”

“All right,” said the weasel.

“But hurry. I am very hungry.”

“Here are four stories
to put in the soup,” said the mouse.





BEES AND THE MUD

A mouse was walking
through the woods.

A nest of bees
fell from a tree.

It landed on the top of his head.

“Bees,” said the mouse,

“you will have to fly away.

I do not want a nest of bees
sitting on the top
of my head.”





But the bees said,
“We like your ears,
we like your nose,
we like your whiskers.
Oh yes, this is a fine place
for our nest.
We will never fly away.”



The mouse was upset.

He did not know
what to do.

The buzzing of the bees
was very loud.

The mouse walked on.

He came to a muddy swamp.

“Bees,” said the mouse,
“I have a nest like yours.
It is my home.

If you want to stay on my head,
you will have to
come home with me.”

“Oh yes,” said the bees.

“We like your ears,
we like your nose,
we like your whiskers.

We will be glad
to come home with you.”



“Very well,” said the mouse.

He stepped into the mud
up to his knees.

“Here is my front door,”
said the mouse.

“Oh yes,” said the bees.

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Weasel is ready for his dinner,
and poor Mouse is it. Can
he stop the weasel from
serving up mouse
soup for supper?



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