

*The Little Mouse, The Little Bird, and the Fox – A Kurdish Folktale*

Collected from our travels to the Kurdistan region of Iraq – Summer 2012

Characters:

Narrator

Mother Mouse

Little Mouse

Little Bird (may also have several birds)

The Fox

Animals of the forest

Narrator – Once upon a time there was a little mouse who lived under a big tree near a river. One day the little mouse went for walk with her mother in the forest. But the little mouse soon became lost and went to all the animals in the forest to ask for help.

Little Mouse – Oh, fish, will you help me find my way back home?

Fish – Glub! Glub! Glub! We cannot help you!

Narrator – Soon the Little Mouse came upon the monkeys and asked them for help.

Little Mouse – Oh, monkeys, can you help me find my way home?

Narrator – But the monkeys just said,

Monkeys – Eeeehh, Eeeehh, we cannot help you!

Narrator – Now the little mouse became very sad and began to cry.

Little Mouse – I will never find my way home!

Narrator – A bird up in a tree heard the Little Mouse crying and flew down by her side and asked her what was wrong.

Little Bird – What is wrong Little Mouse?

Little Mouse – I am lost and cannot find my way home.

Little Bird – Don't cry, Little Mouse. I am going to help you! But first you must tell me what is around your house so I can find it.

Narrator – Well the Little Mouse stopped her crying and was so happy and looked up at the Little Bird and said,

Little Mouse – My house is under the ground by a big tree and there is a river there as well.

Narrator – So the Little Bird and the Little Mouse began to make their way through the forest to the little mouse's house. But on their way, they met up with a fox.

Fox – Oh, Little Bird! I am hungry and I am going to eat the little mouse and you must help me!

Narrator – Now the Little Bird was very smart and said to the Fox,

Little Bird – Of course I will help you, Mr. Fox. Why don't you follow open your mouth and I will fly over and drop the little mouse in your mouth.

Narrator – So the Fox, thinking that the Little Bird was going to help him, opened his mouth up as wide as he could. But just as he was doing so, the Little Bird tricked him and flew over the Fox with the Little Mouse. Soon they arrived safely home again where Mother Mouse was so glad to see her Little Mouse!

And that was...The End!