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1. The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin 小松鼠坚果果的故事



配乐朗读



常速朗读



慢速朗读



This is a Tale about a tail—a tail that belonged to a little red squirrel, and his name was Nutkin.

He had a brother called Twinkleberry, and a great many cousins: they lived in a wood at the edge of a lake.

这是一个有关尾巴的故事——这条尾巴是一只红色小松鼠的,小松鼠名叫坚果果。

他有一个哥哥, 叫莓闪闪, 此外, 他还有很多表兄妹。 他们住在湖边的一片小树林里。



In the middle of the lake there is an island covered with trees and nut bushes; and amongst those trees stands a hollow oak-tree, which is the house of an owl¹ who is called Old Brown.

湖心有个小岛,岛上长着各种各样的树木和坚果林。 其中,有一棵空心的橡树,这是一只猫头鹰的家。猫头鹰 名叫老布朗。

¹ owl [aul] 猫头鹰



One autumn when the nuts were ripe, and the leaves on the hazel¹ bushes were golden and green—Nutkin and Twinkleberry and all the other little squirrels came out of the wood, and down to the edge of the lake.

一年秋天,坚果熟了,绿色的榛树叶子也镶上了金边。 坚果果、莓闪闪和其他小松鼠一起走出小树林,来到了 湖边。

¹ hazel ['heɪzl] 榛树, 榛子



They made little rafts out of twigs, and they paddled away over the water to Owl Island to gather nuts.

Each squirrel had a little sack and a large oar, and spread out his tail for a sail.

他们用小树枝做成小木筏,划向猫头鹰岛,去采集坚果。

每只小松鼠都有一个小袋子和一只大船桨。他们把尾 巴展开, 当作船帆。

¹ make out of 用……制造出, 用……做成

² paddle ['pædl] 用桨划, 在水中行进



They also took with them an offering of three fat mice as a present for Old Brown, and put them down upon his door-step.

Then Twinkleberry and the other little squirrels each made a low bow, and said politely—

"Old Mr. Brown, will you favour¹ us with permission to gather nuts upon your island?"

他们还准备了三只胖老鼠,作为送给老布朗的礼物。他们把老鼠放在老布朗的门口。

接着, 莓闪闪和其他小松鼠都深深地鞠了一躬, 很有礼貌地问道:

"老布朗先生,我们可以在您的岛上采些坚果吗?"

¹ favour ['fervə] 给……以恩惠,帮……—个忙

But Nutkin was excessively¹ impertinent² in his manners. He bobbed³ up and down like a little red cherry, singing—

"Riddle me, riddle me, rot-tot-tote!

A little wee man, in a red red coat!

A staff in his hand, and a stone in his throat;

If you'll tell me this riddle, I'll give you a groat."

可是,坚果果的举止却很不得体。他像一个红色的小樱桃,上蹿下跳,边跳边唱:

"猜一猜,猜一猜,你猜我猜大家猜。

一个人不高,身上穿红袄,

手上拿棍子,嘴里石头小。

谁要猜中了, 硬币进腰包。"

¹ excessively [ɪkˈsesɪvlɪ] 过分地, 极度

² impertinent [ɪmˈpɜ:rtnənt] 不恰当的, 不得体的

³ bob [ba:b] 上下跳动, 迅速移动



Now this riddle is as old as the hills; Mr. Brown paid no attention whatever to Nutkin.

He shut his eyes obstinately and went to sleep.

这个谜语真是老掉牙了。 布朗先生根本没把坚果果当回事。

他二话没说,闭上眼睛睡着了。

¹ obstinately ['a:bstɪnətlɪ] 顽固地, 固执地



The squirrels filled their little sacks with nuts, and sailed away home in the evening.

傍晚时分, 松鼠们的小袋子里都装满了坚果。然后, 他们划着木筏回家了。

¹ sail [seɪl] 起航, 驾船航行



But next morning they all came back again to Owl Island; and Twinkleberry and the others brought a fine fat mole¹, and laid it on the stone in front of Old Brown's doorway, and said—

但第二天上午,他们又回到了猫头鹰岛。莓闪闪和其他小伙伴带来一只又肥又大的鼹鼠。他们把鼹鼠放在老布朗门口的石阶上,说道:

¹ mole [movl] 鼹鼠

"Mr. Brown, will you favour us with your gracious¹ permission to gather some more nuts?"

But Nutkin, who had no respect², began to dance up and down, tickling³ old Mr. Brown with a nettle⁴ and singing—

"好心的布朗先生,我们可以在您的岛上再采些坚果吗?"

可是,坚果果根本不管这一套。他又是蹦,又是跳,一边用一根荨麻撩拨着老布朗先生,一边唱道:

¹ gracious [ˈgreɪʃəs] 和蔼的, 仁慈的, 宽厚的

² respect [rɪˈspekt] 尊敬, 敬重

³ tickle ['tɪkl] 胳肢, 使发痒

⁴ nettle ['netl] 荨麻



"Old Mr. B! Riddle-me-ree! Hitty Pitty within the wall, Hitty Pitty without the wall; If you touch Hitty Pitty, Hitty Pitty will bite you!"

Mr. Brown woke up suddenly and carried the mole into his house.

"老布先生,猜个谜!

围墙里边有,

围墙外边有;

你要碰碰它,

准保咬你手!"

布朗先生突然醒了, 拎着鼹鼠进了屋。