A MOUSE'S JOURNEY

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A mouse lived in a small village. He lived with his mother in a small hole. His mother often told him stories. He carefully listened to his mother's stories. He loved his mother and her stories.

One evening, the mother mouse left to look for their supper. She never returned. The mouse son knew a cat ate his mother. The mouse son was bored and sad. One evening he missed his mother. He remembered her last story. The name of that story was 'THE SUN OF LHASA'.

The next morning, he decided to go to Lhasa. He put some clothes and food into a bag. He picked it up and left his home.

The orphan mouse walked a long time. He came to a beautiful grassland. There were many flowers. They were very colorful. They smelled nice. He lay on the grassland and closed his eyes. He was tired. He wanted to rest. He slept. Then he woke up. A bee was buzzing around his head. The bee stared at the mouse and asked, "What are you doing here?"

"I am...I'm going to Lhasa," the mouse said. His voice was shaking because he was very afraid.

The bee took a rifle from his back and said, "I am a grassland guard. I will kill you if you harm the grass or animals here."

The orphan mouse was very scared. He said, "I didn't hurt anything. I am just going to Lhasa. My mother died last month..." and then the orphan mouse began crying and told his sad story to the bee.

The bee said, "Recently, cruel humans often come here. They kill animals, dig the grassland, and do a lot of mining. The population of grassland animals has decreased. The grassland does not have much grass now. Many rivers have dried up. Our lives are in danger. We must protect ourselves."

The orphan mouse and the bee told each other many interesting stories. Finally, they became good friends.

Early the next morning, the mouse and bee said goodbye. The mouse continued to walk to Lhasa. One day, the mouse was very thirsty. Suddenly, he saw a beautiful lake. The lake was very blue. It seemed a piece of blue sky had fallen to the ground. The mouse ran to the lake. He began drinking some water. Then the mouse heard someone crying. It was an old turtle. He walked to the old turtle and asked, "Why are you crying?"

The old turtle pointed to garbage by the lake and said, "There is so much garbage here. This garbage makes the fish die."

"Is the garbage really dangerous?" asked the orphan mouse.

The old turtle said very sadly, "Yes. The garbage has dangerous chemicals. Those chemicals are bad for everything. What's more, the lake is drying up. It is becoming smaller and smaller. What should we do?"

The old turtle suddenly asked, "Who are you? Why are you here? Did you come here to fish?" The old turtle was angry.

"No, no. I never fish. I am a traveler. I am just walking to Lhasa," said the mouse nervously. Then he told the turtle his story.

The turtle listened and said, "I am nine hundred ninety-nine years old. I have lived here for a very long time. Now, everything is changing very quickly. When I was young, the lake was clean. Nobody made the lake dirty. Nobody killed the animals in the lake. But now I am afraid someone will catch me in their net and kill me."

The old turtle turned and slowly crawled to the lake.

The mouse said, "Goodbye! I will pray that you live many more years."

The orphan mouse began walking to Lhasa...
ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

1. Who was going to Lhasa? ____________________________________________
2. Who was a grassland guard? _________________________________________
3. Who killed animals of the grassland? _________________________________
4. Who was crying by the lake? _________________________________________
5. Who put garbage by the lake? _________________________________________
6. Where did the mouse and his mother live? _____________________________
7. Where was the orphan mouse going? _________________________________
8. Where was the bee flying? __________________________________________
9. Where did the old turtle live? ________________________________________
10. Did the mouse love his mother and her stories? Why? ____________________
12. Did the bee like humans? Why? ______________________________________
13. Did the humans kill a lot of animals? Why? ____________________________
14. Did you like this story? Why? ______________________________________
15. Did the turtle worry about his life? Why? ______________________________
16. Why was the mouse bored and sad? _________________________________
17. Why did the bee guard the grassland? _________________________________
18. Why was the population of grassland animals becoming smaller and smaller?
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19. Why was the lake becoming smaller and smaller? _______________________
20. Why were the animals of the lake in danger? __________________________
22. What is an orphan? _________________________________________________
23. What is honey? Do you like it? Why? _________________________________
24. What do bees make that people like to eat? ___________________________
25. Do you think the mouse will get to Lhasa? Why? _______________________
26. You meet the mouse. What would you and the mouse talk about? ___
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