

mouse གྱི་བ།
lived in རང་དུ་བསྐྱད་པ།
small village ལྷོ་བ་རྒྱུང་རྒྱུང་།
lived with མཉམ་དུ་བསྐྱད།
small hole ལུངས་ལུ་རྒྱུང་རྒྱུང་།
often told him ཁོ་ལ་རྒྱུན་པར་བཤད།
carefully listened རན་ཏན་གྱིས་ཉན།
left to look for ཁ་བྲལ་ནས་འཚོལ་དུ་སོང་།
never returned གཏན་དུ་ཕྱིར་ཡོང་མེད་སོང་།
bored ལུན་པ།
he missed his mother ཁོས་རང་གི་ཨ་མ་དྲན།
remembered her last story ཁོ་ཚོའི་ཆེས་མཐའ་མའི་གཏམ་རྒྱུད་དྲན།
'THE SUN OF LHASA' ཉེ་མ་རྩ་ས།
decided to go to འགོ་རྒྱུར་ཐག་བཅད།
put some clothes and food into a bag ལོན་པ་དང་ཟ་མ་འགའ་
ལུག་མ་ཞིག་གི་ནང་དུ་བཞག
picked it up དེ་བྱེད་ནས།
left his home ཁོའི་བྱིས་ལ་ཁ་བྲལ།
walked a long time ཡུན་རིང་ཞིག་ལ་སོང་།
came to འོངས་པ།
smelled nice ཇི་མ་བཟང་བ།
lay on ལྷོང་ལ་སྐྱར་བ།
closed his eyes མིག་བཙུམས་པ།
wanted to rest དལ་གསོ་བྱས་འདོད།
woke up སང་པ།
bee was buzzing around his head ལྷང་མ་ཁོའི་མགོ་ན་འཁོར་གྱིན་
འདུག
stared at ཅེར་ནས་བརྟམས་པ།
"What are you doing here?" ལྷོང་གྱིས་འདི་ན་ཅི་ཞིག་བྱེད་གྱིན་ཡོད།
orphan དུ་སྤྲུག
voice was shaking རྐྱད་འདར་བ།
very afraid ཉ་ཅང་སྐྱག་པ།
took a rifle from his back ཁོའི་རྒྱབ་ནས་མེ་མདའ་ཞིག་སྐྱེས།
grassland guard ལྷོ་བ་སྐྱེད་སྐྱོབ་པ།

I will kill you if you harm the grass or animals here.
གལ་དེ་ལྷོང་གྱིས་འདི་ནས་རྩ་ཅི་ཤིང་དང་སྲོག་ཆགས་གང་རུང་ལ་གཞོད་པ་
བཅོས་ན། ངས་ལྷོང་གྱི་སྲོག་ལེན་དེས་ཡིན།
very scared ཉ་ཅང་སྐྱག་པ།
didn't hurt anything གང་ལ་འང་གཞོད་པ་བྱས་མ་ལྟོང་།
just going to Lhasa ཏག་ཏག་ལྷོ་ས་ལ་འགོ་གྱིན་ཡོད།
began crying དུ་འགོ་བཙུམས།
recently ཉེ་ཆར།
cruel humans གདུག་རྒྱབ་ཅན་གྱི་མིའི་རིགས།
do a lot of མང་པོ་ཞིག་ལས་པ།
The population of grassland animals has decreased.
རྩ་ཐང་གི་སྲོག་ཆགས་ཇི་ཉུང་དུ་སོང་འདུག
rivers have dried up ལུ་བོ་སོགས་སྐྱམ།
lives are in danger ཉེན་ཁར་ལུང་བ།
We must protect ourselves. ང་ཚོས་དེས་པར་དུ་རང་ཉིད་བསྐྱེད་
དགོས།
told each other ཕན་ཚུན་ལ་བཤད་པ།
they became good friends ཁོ་ཚོ་ཆེས་བཟང་བའི་སྲོག་པོ་རུ་གྱུར།
mouse continued to walk to གྱི་བ་ལྷོ་མཐུན་ནས་སོང་།
thirsty སྐྱོམ་པ།
It seemed a piece of blue sky had fallen to the ground.
དེ་གནས་སྤོན་པོ་ས་ལ་བབས་པ་དང་འདྲ།
old turtle དུས་སྐུལ་ནས་པོ།
pointed to garbage by the lake མཚོ་ལྷོ་ཡི་འགམ་གྱི་གང་སྤྱིགས་
བརྩན་ཏེ།
there is so much garbage here འདི་རུ་གང་སྤྱིགས་ཉ་ཅང་མང་པོ་
གང་པ།
Is the garbage really dangerous? གང་སྤྱིགས་ནི་དེས་གནས་ཉེན་
ཁ་ཅན་ཞིག་ཡིན་པ་ཨ་རེད།
The garbage has dangerous chemicals. གང་སྤྱིགས་ལ་ཉེན་ཁ་
ཆེ་བའི་རྩ་ས་འགྱུར་སོགས་ཡོད།
the lake is drying up མཚོ་ལྷོ་འདི་སྐྱམ་གྱིན་འདུག
traveler འགྲུལ་བཞུད་པ།
nervously ལྷོ་འཚབ་པའི་ངང་།
catch me in their net ང་ཁོ་ཚོའི་ཉ་རྒྱས་འཛིན་གྱུ་རེད།
crawled ལོག་པ།

TEXT

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? _____
11. Do you like 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?

19. Why was the lake becoming smaller and smaller? _____
20. Why were the animals of the lake in danger? _____
21. Do you like garbage? Why? _____
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? _____
