

1: Once upon a time there was a beautiful mouse called Kiko. Her father was a very important mouse and her family was a well known and highly respected family.

2: One day Ken, the mouse next door, went to Kiko's father and asked for permission to marry Kiko. Ken was a kind and generous mouse. He loved Kiko and Kiko loved him. But Father Mouse said, "My daughter will not marry a *mouse*. She will marry the mightiest creature in the world."

Ken pleaded. "I will work hard. I will do everything to make Kiko happy," he said. But Father Mouse would not give his permission and sent Ken away.

3: Later, Father Mouse said to Mother Mouse. "Our daughter will not marry a mouse. She will marry the mightiest creature in the world.

"Well," said Mother Mouse. "The mightiest creature in the world is the sun."

"Then I will ask Mr Sun to marry our daughter," said Father Mouse.

4: Father Mouse went to Mr Sun and said: "You give light to the world. You are the mightiest creature in the world. I would like you to marry my beautiful daughter, Kiko."

5: Mr Sun said: "A thousand thank-yous for this great honour but I am not the mightiest creature. Mr Cloud has the power to block my light. He must be the mightiest creature in the world."

6: So Father Mouse went to Mr Cloud and said: "You have the power to block Mr Sun's light. You must be the mightiest creature in the world. I would like you to marry my beautiful daughter, Kiko."

7: But Mr Cloud said: "A thousand thank-yous for this great honour but I am not the mightiest creature. Mr Wind has the power to blow me across the sky. He must be the mightiest creature in the world."

8: So Father Mouse went to Mr Wind and said: "You have the power to blow Mr Cloud across the sky. You must be the mightiest creature in the world. I would like you to marry my beautiful daughter, Kiko."

9: But Mr Wind said: "A thousand thank-yous for this great honour but I am not the mightiest creature. Mr Wall stops me in my tracks. He must be the mightiest creature in the world."

10: Father Mouse went to Mr Wall and said: "You have the power to stop Mr Wind. You must be the mightiest creature in the world. I would like you to marry my beautiful daughter, Kiko."

Mr Wall said: "A thousand thank-yous for this great honour but I am not the mightiest creature. There is one even mightier than me. That one has the power to chew right through me."

Father Mouse was astonished when he saw the hole and he said: "What creature has such power?"

11: Mr Wall said: "Why it is the mouse of course. You mice must surely be the most powerful creatures in the world."

12: And so Father Mouse went back home and invited Ken to marry his beautiful daughter, Kiko. Ken and Kiko were very happy.