

1. Lady Mouse Got Married

Once upon a time, there was a mouse village. The mayor had a lovely daughter, and every young mouse wanted to marry her. The Daddy Mouse thought to himself, "I am the head of the 12 animal signs. I have to find an excellent husband for my daughter." Daddy Mouse went to see the famous matchmaker. The matchmaker gave him a list of good mice, but Daddy Mouse didn't want his daughter to marry a mouse. He decided to find the strongest man in the world. Daddy Mouse saw the shiny sun on the way. He believed the sun must be the greatest candidate, so he asked the sun to marry his daughter. However, the sun said, "Sometimes a cloud blocks my light. The cloud is greater than I."

When Daddy Mouse talked to the cloud, the cloud answered, "The wind always blows me away. I think the wind is the greatest." Daddy Mouse then spoke to the wind. The wind said, "No matter how hard I blow, I cannot pass my wind to the other side of the mountain. The mountain is by far the greatest." Then, the mountain said to him, "I am here forever, while a mouse can run to different places. In my opinion, mice are the most amazing animals!" Daddy Mouse finally went back home and married his daughter to the strongest mouse in the village. The wedding was on the third day of the Chinese New Year, and it was huge and joyful.

2. It Tastes Delicious

Jane worked overtime yesterday and got home late. She was hungry, but there was nothing to eat. So she went to the steak house near her home. Jane went in and sat down at a table. "Good evening, madam. Our special for tonight is steak with mushroom sauce," said the waiter. "That sounds good to me," said Jane. "Can I have the steak with mushroom sauce and a cup of coffee, please?" In a couple of minutes, the waiter brought Jane her steak, some French fries, a bowl of salad, and a cup of coffee. "Oh! It smells really great!" Jane said, and she started to eat.

A few minutes later, the waiter brought her some more coffee and asked, "How is the food? Is everything okay?" Jane said, "The steak tastes delicious, but I am still very hungry. Can you bring me another steak and can I see the menu, please?" Jane ate four more steaks and five pieces of cheesecake. She drank three cups of coffee, too. When she was done, Jane felt happy and was not hungry anymore.

The waiter was surprised to see such a young woman eat so much food, but he asked, "Anything else, madam?" "No thanks, I am done. Can you give me the bill, please?" said Jane. The waiter brought her the bill. It came to \$2,600! Jane looked in her bag.

Oh no! She forgot to bring her purse. She had no money to pay the bill. The waiter took her to the kitchen. He showed her many dirty plates, pots, and cups in the sink. They looked and smelled disgusting! Jane had to wash them all to pay for her meal. It took her one full day to wash all of the dishes and cups. She will never forget that meal.

3. Emily, the Rat Who Could Not Read

Once upon a time, there was a lady rat called Emily who could not read. She lived in a small town and every morning used to put on her glasses to read the local newspaper, but she wasn't able to read it.

"My glasses might be dirty," thought Emily.

She met a squirrel one day and asked her, "Do you read every day?" "Of course," said the squirrel. "I can't because my glasses are too old and dirty," replied Emily. "You have to go to school to learn to read," said the squirrel before leaving.

This didn't convince the lady rat, and she continued walking until she saw a rabbit.

"Can you read?" asked Emily. "Of course. I'm coming from school and have my bag full of books," said the rabbit. "I can't. My glasses are too old," said Emily, and left the place sad. She kept walking and when she saw a dog she asked him, too. "Have you read the newspaper today?" asked Emily. "Yes, I do every day." said the dog. "Do you wear glasses?" asked Emily. "No, I go to school." said the dog.

Emily stood there thinking and decided to act, so the next day she bought pencils, a book bag and a notebook, and started school.

After a few weeks she was so proud of what she had learned that when she saw a hen walking past one day, she ran to ask her, "Can you read?" "Of course. I read every day," said the hen.

Emily was very happy and could finally say, "Me, too! I'm learning at school." She was so happy that she had a party and invited all her friends, just to announce that she was able to read and was reading a book every night, and advised those who couldn't read to go to school to learn.