

Who is the Strongest of Them All?

Once upon a time, there was a little mouse who wanted a friend. Her Daddy told her that there was a very kind mouse living in the barn but little mouse had other ideas.

Now mice are quite small so she thought and she thought and she thought because she wanted to make friends with something very strong - and the mouse in the barn would not be so strong - but who was the strongest of them all?

"Sun, sun, will you be my friend,
for surely you are the strongest of them all."

"Little mouse, little mouse,
cloud is stronger than I,
for when he passes by,
my face is hidden."

So the little mouse went to find cloud.

"Cloud, cloud, will you be my friend?
Surely you are the strongest of them all."

"Little mouse, little mouse,
wind is stronger than I,
for when he passes by,
I am pushed away."

So the little mouse went to find wind.

"Wind, wind, will you be my friend?
Surely you are the strongest of them all."

"Little mouse, little mouse,
the hill is stronger than I,
for when he's there,
I cannot pass by."

So the little mouse went to find a hill.

"Hill, hill, will you be my friend?
Surely you are the strongest of them all."

"Little mouse, little mouse,
the Bull is stronger than I,
for when he pulls the plough,
my sides are left with scars."

So the little mouse went to find the Bull.

"Bull, Bull, will you be my friend?
Surely you are the strongest of them all."

"Little mouse, little mouse,
the rope is stronger than I,
for when I am tied
I cannot move away."

So the little mouse went to find the rope.

"Rope, rope, will you be my friend?

Surely you are the strongest of them all."

"Little mouse, little mouse,
the mouse in the barn
is stronger than I,
for when he nibbles,
my heart falls apart."

So the little mouse went to find the mouse in the barn.

"Mouse, mouse, will you be my friend?
Surely you are the strongest of them all."

And so it was that the two mice became friends
and they played in the barn all day,
while the sun shone outside,
and the wind blew the clouds,
and the bull ploughed the hillside,
and the rope in the barn lay waiting ...

for the strongest of them all.

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