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**Traditional Children's Stories for a common
Future**

The little bread bun



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Once upon a time there were an old man and an old woman who lived in a small house. Often they did not have any bread on their table. One day they swept all their mills, collected a handful of flour, made the dough with goat's milk and baked a small bun. It was put on the window-sill to cool. The little bun jumped down the window-sill and ran away. On the way he met a cat.

The cat says, "Little bun , I'll eat you!"

But the bun replies: - Don't eat me, I'll tell you a fairy tale how I was made. The couple swept all the mill to gather flour, made dough with goat's milk, baked me in the oven, and then put me on the window-sill to cool. I ran away from the old man and the old lady. And I will run away from you as well.

While the cat is listening to the fairy tale, the bun has already run far away. Now he meets a dog on his way.

The dog asks: - Where are you going? I'll eat you!

Again, the bunny tells him a fairy tale from the very beginning. While the dog is listening to the tale, the bun is already gone and far away. In the wood he meets the wolf.

- Little bunny, I shall eat you! - says the wolf. But the little bun entreats the wolf to leave him alive, and again starts telling his fairy tale. While the wolf is listening to the tale, the bun has run away again.

Finally he meets the fox. The fox says: - Bunny, I'll eat you!

- Don't eat me, dear fox, I'll tell you a little fairy tale, - says the little bun.

The fox raises its ears and says to the bunny: - I have very poor hearing; climb up on my ears and start your story from the beginning!

The bunny climbs up on the fox's ears, the fox jerks its head upwards, snatches the poor little bun its mouth and swallows it.

You see - there is no kidding with the clever fox!