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## A Suitable Boy

Once upon a time, there lived a sage who had great powers. One day, when he was praying, the sage found that a little she-mouse had magically appeared before him.

With a spell, the sage turned the mouse into a little girl. He and his wife then brought the girl up as their own. When it was time for her to marry, the old couple decided to find a suitable husband for their daughter. They wanted someone who was worthy of such a beautiful girl.

The sage went to the Sun God first and asked him to marry his daughter. The God agreed, but the girl didn't.

"He is too bright, Father!" she complained.

On the suggestion of the sun, they went to the God of Clouds. He agreed to marry the girl. But her reply was the same.

"He is too dark and gloomy, Father!" she said.

The fate of the Wind God and the God of Mountains was the same, too. The young girl didn't like either of them.

"The Wind is too fickle and the Mountain is too hard, Father!" she cried.

The sage was fed up. He finally asked the girl if there was anybody she liked. The girl shyly pointed downwards.

Standing there, with a long tail and twitching ears was a little grey he-mouse. The sage was amazed and asked the girl why she liked the mouse.

"He is just perfect, Father," she replied.

And so the sage married his daughter to the mouse of her dreams.

