

LITTLE MOUSE'S DREAM

小老鼠的夢想

Little Mouse dreams of travelling around the world. He envies his friend Big Mouse, who is always going somewhere. They live different lives and read different books, but it seems Little Mouse is closer to fulfilling his dream than he thinks.

Little Mouse is a very small chef. He's too busy at work to have time to stop. But he has a dream – to travel around the world! Big Mouse lives in a library, with a globe and a map of the world, and lots and lots of books. He enjoys sharing his news of the world with Little Mouse, who thinks his friend is very lucky. One day, Little Mouse is busier than ever at work, and doesn't realize how close he is to living his dream!

Every child has a dream, but how can they make that dream come true? *Little Mouse's Dream* is like a fable – with few words, and gorgeous illustrations, the story inspires the reader to dream and think about life.

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Little Mouse was a very small chef.

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He worked all day every day in the kitchen.

He was incredibly busy.

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Little Mouse had a very small wish:
to travel around the world one day.

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Big Mouse was Little Mouse's friend.

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He lived far away in an enormous library
with a globe and a map of the world.

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Big Mouse was always going somewhere,
and nibbling through all those books.

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Big Mouse wrote letters to Little Mouse
about the country he had visited that day
and the wonderful things he had learned...

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Little Mouse thought Big Mouse was lucky.
He wished he could travel the world too.

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One day, for some reason or other,

the kitchen was busier than ever.

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When Little Mouse finished his work
he went back to his room,
lay down and fell fast asleep.

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Little Mouse's bedroom
He didn't know that there was a party upstairs
to celebrate the ship's having gone around the world.

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Sweet dreams, Little Mouse.