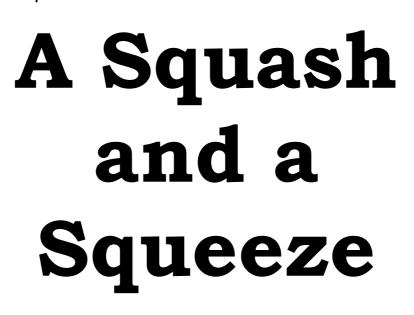




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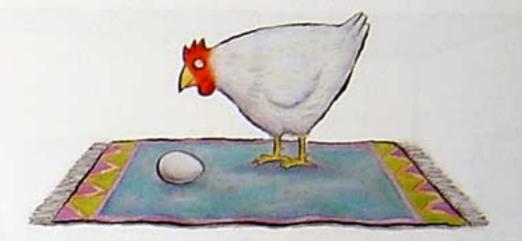


A little old lady lived all by herself With a table and chairs and a jug on the shelf. A wise old man heard her grumble and grouse, "There's not enough room in my house. Wise old man, won't you help me, please? My house is a squash and a squeeze."





"Take in your hen," said the wise old man.



Well, the hen laid an egg on the fireside rug,



"Take in my hen? What a curious plan."



And flapped round the room knocking over the jug.