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A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood.
A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.
*"Where are you going to, little brown mouse?
Come and have lunch in my underground house."*
"It's terribly kind of you, Fox, but no —
I'm going to have lunch with a gruffalo."



"A gruffalo? What's a gruffalo?"
"A gruffalo! Why, didn't you know?"