

Once upon a time, a Fox came to a small Ukrainian village. One night, she stole a chicken. She made off with it but wanted to find a place to hide. The "furry thief" made a plan to disguise herself as a traveler and ask to stay overnight among people in a house!

The Fox spotted a little house just ahead and came inside holding a sack with the chicken: "Good evening, good people!" the Fox kindly said to the family in the house. "Do let me in for the night!" continued the Fox.

"Our house is small and there is not enough room for you," the people replied. "Don't worry! I'll curl up on the bench and cover myself with my tail as a blanket", said the Fox.

"All right, then", the people agreed. "But where should I put my sack with a chicken?" asked the Fox.

"Put it near the fireplace", the people answered. The Fox did as she was told. Later that night, she woke up and ate the chicken.

The next morning, she began to cry, "Oh no, my chicken is gone! You stole it! Give me a duck instead!" What could they do? They gave her a duck.

The Fox put it in her sack and ran away.

The day passed, and it was time to find a new place to stay overnight. The Fox saw a house, knocked on the door, and came inside holding a sack with a duck:

"Good evening, good people!" the Fox kindly said to the family in the house. "Do let me in for the night!" "Our hut is small and there is not enough room for you," the people said.

"Don't worry! I'll curl up on the bench and cover myself with my tail, and that's how I'll spend the night", reassured the Fox.

"But where should I put my sack with a duck?" asked the Fox.

"Put it under the bench", the people answered. The Fox did as she was told. But she got up in the middle of the night and ate the duck.

The next day, the Fox woke up her hosts with the news: "The duck is gone! You stole it! Never in my life has anything been stolen from me! Give me a goose instead!" So they gave her a goose. The Fox put it in her sack and ran away. She ran and ran until night was upon her.

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A FURRY THIEF (SISTER FOX)



Ukrainian Folk Tale



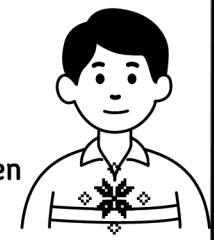
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But the master thought, "Why should I give a whole lamb for just a goose?" So he decided to teach the Fox a lesson.

While she was still in the house and got distracted for a moment, the master secretly put a dog in the sack instead of the lamb.

The Fox took the sack and went on her way. Curious to see the lamb, she untied the sack—when suddenly the dog jumped out! The Fox ran for her life, and the dog chased after her...



From that day on, Sister Fox was never seen in that village again!

She knocked on the door of a third house and came in, holding the sack with the goose.

"Good evening, kind people! May I spend the night here?" she asked.

"Oh, Fox, there's no room for you, the house is small," the people replied.

"I'll just lie on the bench and cover myself with my tail like a blanket. That'll do!" said the Fox.

"All right, stay the night," they agreed.

At night, she quietly got up again and ate the goose. In the morning, she said, "Oh no, the goose is gone! You stole it! Give me a lamb instead, master!"

