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Little Mouse lived in a house under the Earth.

Every day Little Mouse ate berries and nuts,

made the bed, and went up the steps to visit her friends.

Adapted from the original text, *Little Mouse’s Painting*, by Diane Wolkstein
Bear, Squirrel, and Porcupine are Little Mouse's friends.

Little Mouse and Bear pick berries together.

Little Mouse and Squirrel have tea and flowers together in Squirrel's tree.

Little Mouse and Porcupine go for long walks together.
One day, Little Mouse decided she wanted to do something alone. Little Mouse decided to make a painting.
Little Mouse set up the easel and started painting.

She painted all morning, and only stopped to snack on some berries. By afternoon, the painting was finished.

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Bear came to look at Little Mouse's painting. "I like the bear in the middle of the painting" Bear said.

"That isn't a bear, that's a blueberry bush!" said Little Mouse.

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Bear and Little Mouse decided to go ask Squirrel what she saw in the painting.

“I see a squirrel in the corner of this painting” said Squirrel.

“That isn’t a squirrel, that is a daisy with a leaf” said Little Mouse.
Squirrel, Bear, and Little Mouse decided to ask Porcupine what she saw in the painting.

“I see a porcupine up top” said Porcupine.

“That isn’t a porcupine, that’s a sun with shining rays” said Little Mouse.

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Little Mouse shouted "there is a sun at the top of the painting, a blueberry bush in the middle of the painting, and a daisy with a leaf at the bottom of the painting. I know because I painted it!"
Bear, Squirrel, and Porcupine took a closer look at the painting. It was a beautiful painting.
Little Mouse hung the painting on her wall. When she looked closely at the painting she could see how the blueberry bush looked like a bear.
From the bed, Little Mouse looked at her painting and could see Bear, Porcupine, and Squirrel. "good night, my friends, I am glad you are all in my painting." And Little Mouse fell asleep.