Once upon a time, on a farm in the countryside, there lived a little mouse called Little Mouse.

One morning, Little Mouse was walking through the farmyard, feeling very hungry, when suddenly, he saw a big piece of cheese! His little eyes grew bigger and bigger, but before he had a chance to take a bite

- quick as a flash -

a big, strong squirrel rushed up and snatched it away from him.

Poor Little Mouse was very cross with the squirrel. But he was also cross with himself. This was not the first time that someone bigger and stronger had taken his food.

"If only I weren't so small," he sighed. "If I were bigger, other animals would respect me, and they wouldn't dare to steal my food."

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