

The Mouse's Wedding

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Father Mouse wants his daughter to marry someone strong enough to protect her and the village from the cat.

"Mr. Sun! Are you the mightiest being in the world?" asks Father Mouse. "No indeed. Mr. Cloud can block my light."

"Mr. Cloud! Are you the mightiest being in the world?" asks Father Mouse. "No indeed. Mr. Wind blows me across the sky."

"Mr. Wind! Are you the mightiest being in the world?" asks Father Mouse. "No indeed. Mr. Wall stops me in my tracks."

"Mr. Wall! Are you the strongest being in the world? Will you marry my daughter?" asks Father Mouse.

Mr. Wall replies, "A thousand thanks for this great honor but one even mightier than me has the power to chew a hole right through me."

An astonished Father Mouse asks, "What creature has such power?"

"Why it is the mouse, of course. You mice must surely be the most powerful creatures in the world."

Then Father Mouse goes home and invites Ken, the mouse next door, to marry his beautiful daughter Kiko. And they live happily ever after.



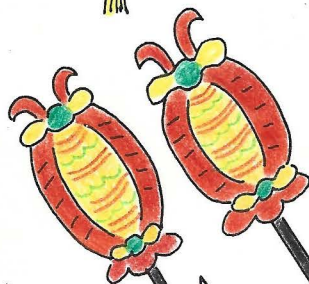
Folk Engraving from Dong Ho – Wedding of Mice. Vietnam, 1972. Dong Ho paintings, a traditional folk art from northern Vietnam, combine natural materials and warm colors.

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