

## Chapter Four

### The Wild Wood

Mole wanted to meet Rat's friend, Badger. Badger lived in the Wild Wood. One day Mole said to Rat, 'Let's ask Badger to dinner. Then I can meet him.'

'No, I don't think that's a good idea,' answered Rat. 'Badger doesn't like dinner parties.'

'Can we go and visit him?' asked Mole.

'No, Mole, we can't. We have to wait. Badger will come and visit us in the end. You'll see.' So Mole didn't ask about Badger again.

The summer ended quickly. Rat and Mole were very busy on the river every day. Then winter came. Rat and

wild	פרא
wood	יער
badger	גירית
dinner	ארוחת ערב
party	מסיבה
busy	עסוק
winter	חורף

Mole slept and slept. They got up late and went to bed early. On these short days, Rat sometimes wrote little stories, but usually he only sat by the fire.

Mole began to think about Badger again. One afternoon in the middle of winter, Rat was asleep by the fire. So Mole went out for a walk.

'I think I'll visit Mr. Badger,' he thought.

The country was very different in winter. Everything looked dead. The trees weren't green now and the ground was brown. It was very cold, so Mole walked quickly. He arrived at the Wild Wood.

Mole went into the wood, and everything got darker and darker. Mole began to see strange faces round him and to hear strange noises. He walked faster and faster. In the wood, day turned into night. Mole was very afraid. The wood got darker again and there were more strange noises. Mole couldn't find his way. He walked and walked. Then he stopped and found a hole under a big tree.

'I can't walk now,' he thought. 'I'm too tired and cold and afraid. I'll wait here for a short time.'

usually	בדרך כלל	turned into	הפך ל-
fire	אש	afraid	לפחד
country	נוף		
dead	מת		
ground	אדמה, קרקע		
strange	מוזר		
face	פנים		