

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

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Rose Owens called in from Livermore to share a personal story about life in a household of 16 children.

Meg Brown told “The Wish Ring,” a folk tale about a man who helped an old woman and got a ring from her as a gift. The ring granted only one wish. What should he wish for?

Renu Narayan joined us from India to tell the story of a lazy donkey who could never wake up on time. All of the animals tried making their sounds to rouse him, and one finally succeeded.

Vicky Ness shared her latest story about a refugee girl who had learned from shadow puppet stories that courage and generosity always win in the end. With “highly improbably optimism,” she collected leftover vegetable seeds to plant gardens to feed her family.

Sree Karuna called from India to tell of a young woman going through all the trials of a marriage decision, a husband who didn’t cook, morning sickness, post-partum depression, and eventually menopause. Her beloved daughter gives her the key to surviving the turbulent waters of a woman’s life.