

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

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Elaine Stanley began the evening with a favorite folktale about a contest between Luck and Intelligence. Each set out to prove he was of more benefit to people than the other. Within the story was a Czech story of a gardener who set out to win the hand of a princess. Would he achieve his goal through intelligence, or would luck win out?

Sharon Elwell in Montana told a personal story of a child pretending to sleep so she could overhear the thoughts of the adults around her.

Beverly Schwartz in New York followed with a story of inventive ways she involved her local community to get her third-grade students interested in science.

Beth Wakelee shared a Norwegian folk tale about a rich farmer who tried to force a beautiful young neighbor girl into marriage. She outwitted him and the story ended with, “Snip, snap, snout; this tale’s told out!” – our new favorite conclusion.

Genevieve Franklin told of the days when her beloved husband was nearing the end of his life and she was required to make decision after decision.

Brandon Spars shared an experience when he took seven high school students to visit their sister school in Beijing. They soon learned that although towels had not been on their packing lists, the dormitory didn’t supply them. Finding a way to get towels set Brandon on a rollicking adventure.