

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

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September 10 was a short evening of stories. Many of our tellers and listeners were anxious to watch the presidential debate on TV, so we met only briefly. But the few stories we heard were memorable (and much more relaxing than the debate proved to be).

Renu Narayan called in from India to tell us about a master high in the mountains who instructed his students, “Remember that with everything you think, everything you say, and everything you do, someone is always watching you.” The students wondered who that mysterious watcher might be. Is it God? Angels? Parents? The master himself? The surprising answer makes for a delightful story.

Deb shared a story she is writing about foxes and wolves who share territory because wolves eat sheep and foxes eat chickens. When their relationship becomes a matter of debate, coyotes have an opportunity to grab the territory for themselves.

Meg Brown told a folktale called “The Little Rooster and the Turkish Sultan,” about a rooster with a magic stomach who tricks the powerful sultan into giving him a diamond.