

CHAPTER FOUR Flossie and the Fox

Flossie Finley, a little girl, is asked by her mother to deliver a basket of eggs to Miz Viola's place. Her mother warns her to watch out for the *fox*, who loves eggs. Flossie says that she doesn't know what a fox looks like; she doesn't remember ever seeing one. **"Oh well, a fox be just a fox. That aine so scary."**

Flossie skips along and encounters a strange creature, who announces that he is a fox. Flossie looks him over carefully and says, "I just purely don't believe it . . . I don't believe you a fox." Fox says that of course he is a fox: "A little girl like you should be simply terrified of me. Whatever do they teach children these days?" But Flossie replies, "I aine never seen a fox before. So, why should I be scared of you and I don't even-now know you a real fox for a fact?" Flossie goes on her way.

Fox, quite disconcerted, runs after Flossie and invites her to feel his thick fur. Flossie replies that he must be a rabbit. Fox then explains that he has a long pointed nose. Flossie replies that he must be a rat. After a while, they meet a cat, and Fox asks the cat to please explain to Flossie that he is indeed a fox. The cat says that he is a fox because he has sharp claws and yellow eyes, but Flossie concludes that he must therefore also be a cat. Desperately, Fox says that he has a bushy tail. Flossie replies that he must be a squirrel.

Fox begs Flossie to believe him, but it is too late because *one of Mr. McCutchin's hounds arrives to apprehend Fox*. As he dashes away, Fox shouts that the hound knows who he is: "Like I told you, I am a fox!" Flossie replies, "I know," and walks unharassed to Miz Viola's.

Τι γνωρίζει η Flossie για το πλάσμα;

Τι γνωρίζει η αλεπού για την γνώση της Flossie;

Σε ποιόν θα πρέπει να αποδοθεί η πρόταση **"Oh well, a fox be just a fox. That aine so scary."**