

Put the verbs in Past Simple Tense.

THE SMALL RED FEATHER

There once / live/ a man with his wife. They /be/ very poor and always hungry. The man often /go/ to the forest ,but he /be/ a bad hunter and sometimes /bring/ home only a small bird.



One day he /go/ to the forest again. But it /be/ a very bad day for him: he didn't find even a small bird. He /be/ tired and sad. He /sit/ down to rest under the tree. Then he heard a sweet song of a bird. He /look/ up and /see/ a very small bird whose feathers /be/ red. The bird /say/, "I see that you are poor and hungry. I want to help you. I will give you one of my feathers. Take it home and cook it. You will have a good dinner. Come back tomorrow, and I will give you another feather."



He thanked the bird and /go/ home. He put the feather into a pot and /tell/ everything to his wife. "Silly, how can the feather become food? You must catch the bird and kill it. Then we can cook the bird and eat it." He /not answer/, but /look/ into the pot and saw there a good dinner.

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"But the little bird is my friend. I won't kill it."

One day the woman /follow/ her husband into the forest, but he /not see/ her. The woman heard the sweet song of the little red bird. She /take/ a stone and kill it. The bird /fall/ down off the tree. The man /be/ very sad, but the wife /say/, "Now we will have much food every day."

They /go/ home. At home the woman /pull/ one red feather off the bird and put it into the hot water. She /cook/ and /cook/ it but the feather /be/ just a feather.

And from that day on they were again always hungry.


