

LITTLE STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

## THE FOOLISH LIZARDS

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A little lizard watched a moth. He would catch the moth with his strong jaws. He could eat it up before you could close and open your eyes.

"I will not catch it yet. I shall just watch it. It cannot get away." The lizard thought.

Another little lizard came. He did not wait. He jumped upon the moth. He held the moth in his strong jaws.

"Hey, that moth is mine!" cried the first lizard. I have been watching it for a long time."

"Yes," the other lizard said, "it was yours. Now it is mine. Get it if you can."

The first lizard was angry. He could see the moth trying to get away from the other lizard's mouth. If he could only steal it from the other!

The second lizard wanted to make the first one angry. He would not eat the moth. He played with it only.

"Give me half of it." The first lizard shouted.

"Take it." The second shouted back laughing.

The first lizard was very angry. He ran after the other. He bit the other lizard's tail. The other lizard cried "Ara!" He opened his mouth. The moth dropped from his mouth. A third and bigger lizard caught it and ate it up.

"Good for you, you greedy lizard!" The first lizard shouted.

"You didn't get it either, did you?" the second lizard mocked.

The foolish lizards went to bed without supper.