

The Fox who Knew almost Everything

~ a fable ~

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There was once a fox. He was a winter fox and had a snow white coat and pointy nose. He was clever. He knew lots of things. In fact, he knew everything about everything in the whole wide world ... except one thing. The other animals, who were not as clever as Mr Fox, knew this one thing.

“See, see, Mr Fox—there it is,” they said, and pointed.

Mr Fox looked and looked, but couldn’t see it.

“It’s small,” said the other animals. “It’s a key. When you see it, everything else is different.”

Mr Fox peered about again, but saw nothing.

“I am the cleverest creature in the whole wide world,” said Mr Fox. “I know everything. Everyone knows that—including me! If I don’t see it then it’s not there.”

Off Mr Fox trotted with his nose in the air, looking about him and seeing everything except the key to a whole other world.