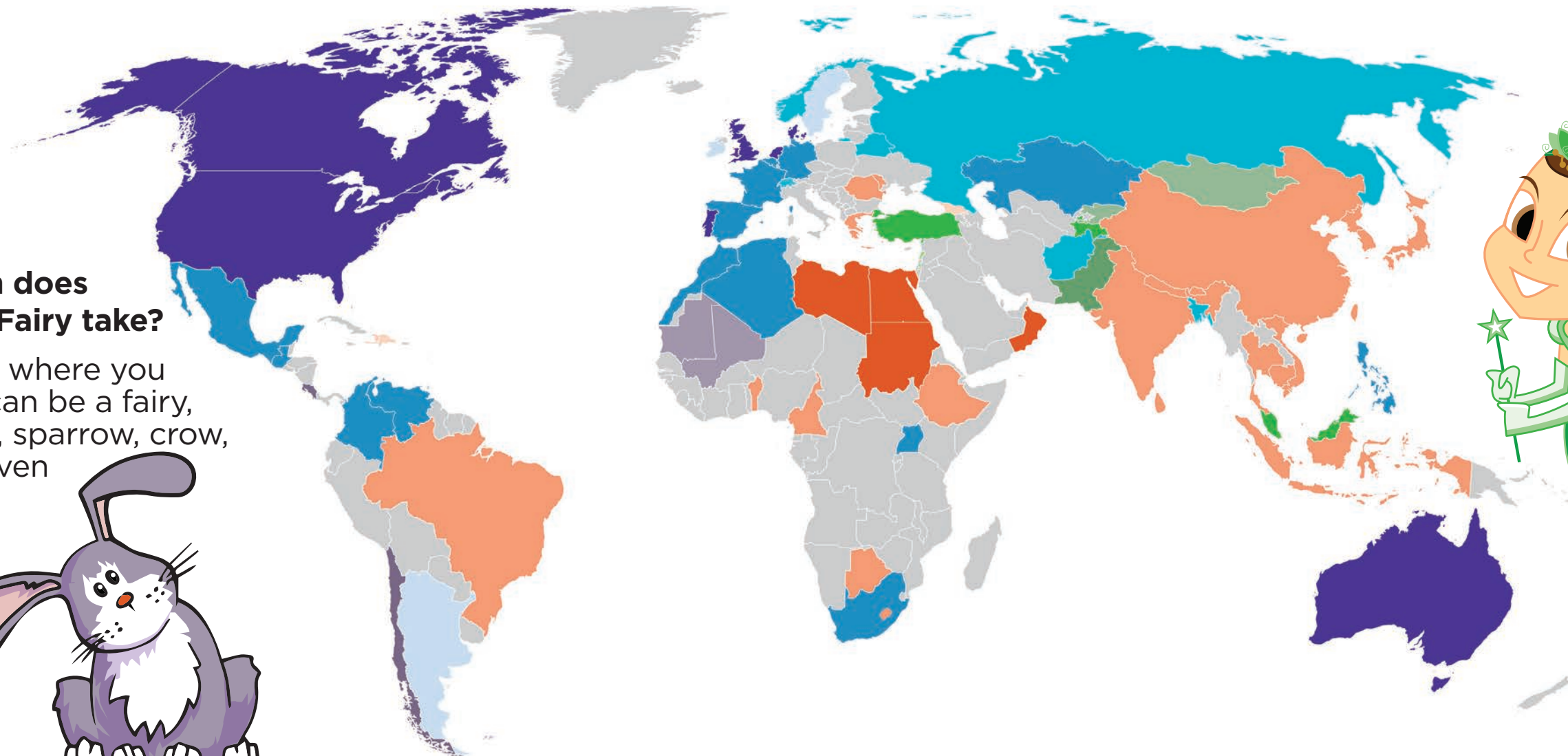


## What form does the Tooth Fairy take?




It depends where you go — she can be a fairy, mouse, rat, sparrow, crow, rabbit or even a squirrel!



# Baby Tooth Traditions Around the World

What happens when you lose a baby tooth? From the Tooth Fairy to the Tooth Mouse, different cultures celebrate a variety of traditions. Find out what children do with their baby teeth all across the globe.




## THROW YOUR TOOTH!

-  In parts of North Africa and the Middle East, **kids throw their tooth at the sun.**
-  In many parts of the world, kids **throw their tooth on the roof** and ask for a new one. In some countries, only lower teeth go on the roof and upper teeth get buried in the ground or placed on or under the bed. In other countries, it's the other way around!
-  Sometimes children throw their tooth on the roof as an **offering to a mouse or rat**, who will take the tooth and make sure a strong, healthy tooth grows in its place.




## SQUEAK FOR BABY TEETH

-  In many countries, the Tooth Fairy is a **mouse or rat!** Known as Ratoncito Pérez or Ratón Miguelito in the Spanish-speaking world, the tooth mouse takes lost baby teeth and leaves a gift or money in exchange.
-  In parts of Eurasia, children leave their baby teeth in **mouse holes.**
-  Some kids put their tooth in a **glass of water** before they go to sleep. As they sleep, a mouse comes, drinks the water, takes the tooth and leaves coins or candy.

## BACK TO THE EARTH

-  In many cultures, children **bury their teeth**. In Turkey, the place you bury your teeth will determine your future: To be a successful soccer player, you might bury your tooth in a soccer field.
-  Some kids throw their tooth into a **field or river.**
-  In some cultures, children wrap their tooth in meat or bread and **feed it to an animal**, like a mouse or dog.

## FAIRIES, CHARMS & CHICKENS

-  In most of the English-speaking world, kids leave their tooth under their pillow. The **Tooth Fairy** comes while they sleep and replaces the tooth with some money. In Denmark, she's called Tandfeen.
-  Parents make **unique jewelry** out of baby teeth, like gold-plated earrings or charms for a necklace.
-  In West Africa, children get a **chicken or rooster** in exchange for a baby tooth.