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A Persian counting rhyme

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SYNOPSIS

Thirsty, a baby bird runs quickly towards the puddle. But oh! It stumbles and lands right in the little puddle! Luckily, help is at hand: The first finger saves it, the second dries it off and the third and fourth make themselves useful too.

But who actually pushed the little bird into the puddle? 'I just nudged it,' admits the fifth, the one with the big cap, slightly contrite.

Every child in Iran knows this Persian finger game with the counting rhyme. The puddle is in the palm of the hand of the story teller. When the bird falls into the water, every finger has its job. The verse starts with the little finger, while the rogue at the end is the big thumb. This makes counting a breeze.

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