

The TOWN MOUSE and the COUNTRY MOUSE





ONCE upon a time the country mouse invited her cousin, the elegant town mouse, out to take dinner. The town mouse arrived with a grand swish of her skirts and was soon settled in the best chair in the nest. While the country mouse placed the meal on the table, the city cousin repeated the choice bits of news and gossip she had lately heard in the town.



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The town mouse begged her country cousin to stay, but she would not. "I would rather have simple fare and peace of mind than elegant fare and a troubled mind," said the country mouse.

And off she trudged to her little nest in the corner of the field. And it is needless to say that the little country mouse never went to visit her city cousin again.