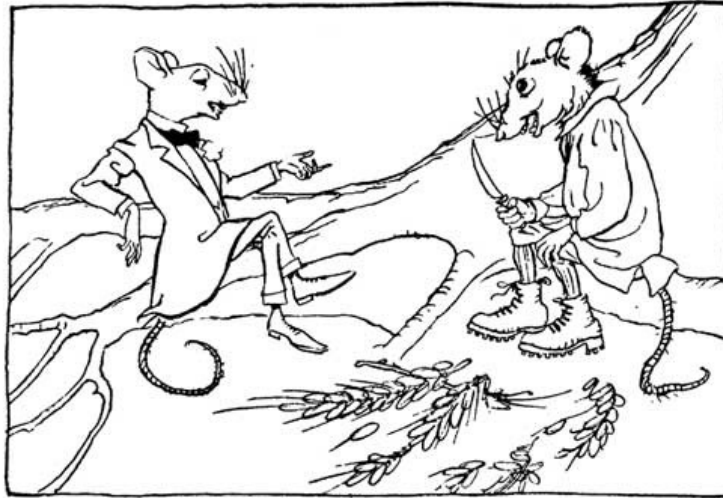


Town Mouse, Country Mouse



There was once a mouse that lived in the town. He went to visit his cousin who lived in the country. The country mouse lived in a village in the hills, far away from shops. The country mouse made his cousin feel welcome. He made a meal of vegetables and coconuts for him.

The town mouse did not like the meal and said to the country mouse, "I don't know how you can eat such poor food as this. Why don't you come with me to town and I will show you how to live."

The two mice set off for the town and arrived at the town mouse's house late at night. The mouse family had all gone to bed, so the town mouse looked around the kitchen for something to eat. He found some food on the table for his cousin to eat. There were some sweet biscuits and some cake.

"Now you know what fine food we eat here," said the town mouse. But soon the country mouse started to feel sick. Then the country mouse heard a strange noise. It was a noise he had not heard before.

"Quickly," said the town mouse. "Run behind the cupboard. The cat is coming. He will catch us and eat us!"

The two mice squeezed into the little space behind the cupboard and waited until the cat went to sleep.

"I'm going home now," said the country mouse. "I like my country food, and I like to eat away from cats!"