

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Once upon a time, a town mouse went to the countryside and met a country mouse. The country mouse asked him to come to his house. They sat down to eat a dinner of peas and corn, but the town mouse didn't like it. "This food is boring!" the town mouse said. "You should come and try the food in town." "I will," said the country mouse.

They left for town. They went to the town mouse's house and opened the cupboard. There was jelly, pickles, rice, and pasta. The country mouse was amazed. Then, the kitchen door swung open, and the cook came in. The mice ran to hide. The country mouse was terrified. When the cook was gone, the mice went to find more food.

They went to the cupboard and found a jar of prunes to eat. "Yum!" said the country mouse. "Thank you, town mouse." "Shhhh!" said the town mouse. A cat had crept into the kitchen. The mice tiptoed out and went to the cellar. There was even more food there.

The country mouse saw a tasty looking piece of cheese in the corner. He ran to get it. "Stop!" said the town mouse. "It's a mousetrap!" "Oh dear!" said the country mouse. "I think it's time for me to go. There are too many surprises here!"

The moral of the story is...

It is better to have just a little and live in peace than to have a lot and live in fear.



Questions

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 - He hunted in the country.
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 - He thought the food was boring.
 - He wanted to learn how to make it.
 - He thought it was the same as the city food.
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 - The country mouse went hunting.
 - The country mouse met his cousin.
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