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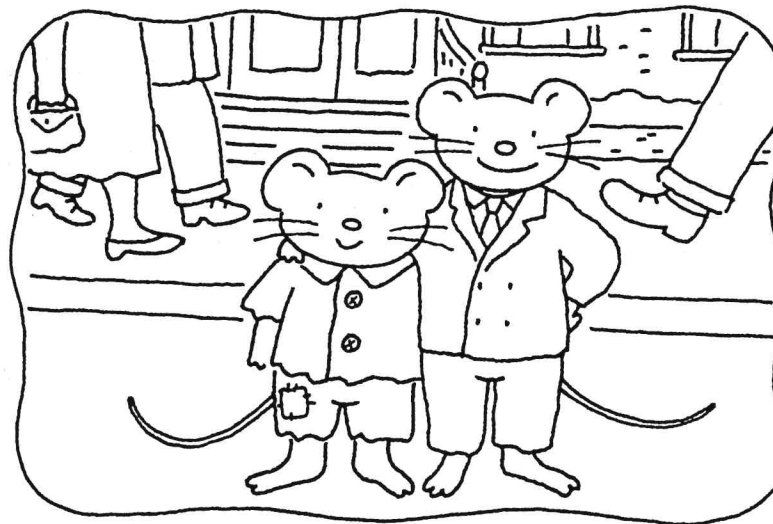
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City Mouse, Country Mouse

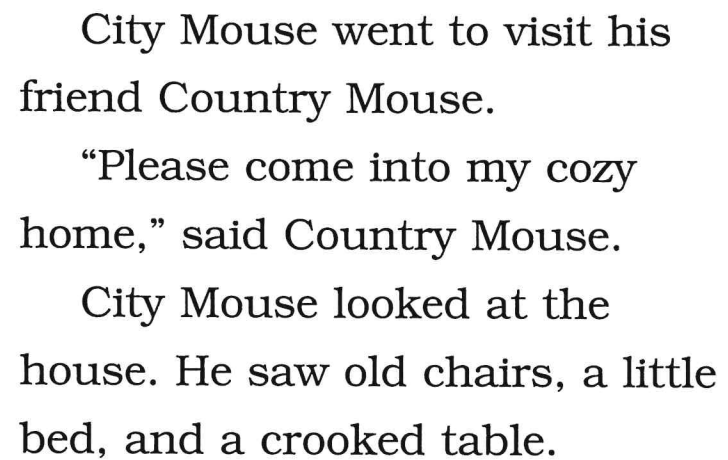


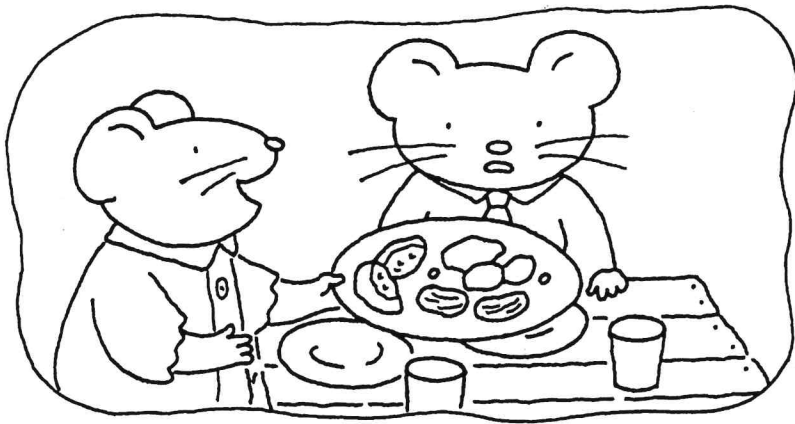
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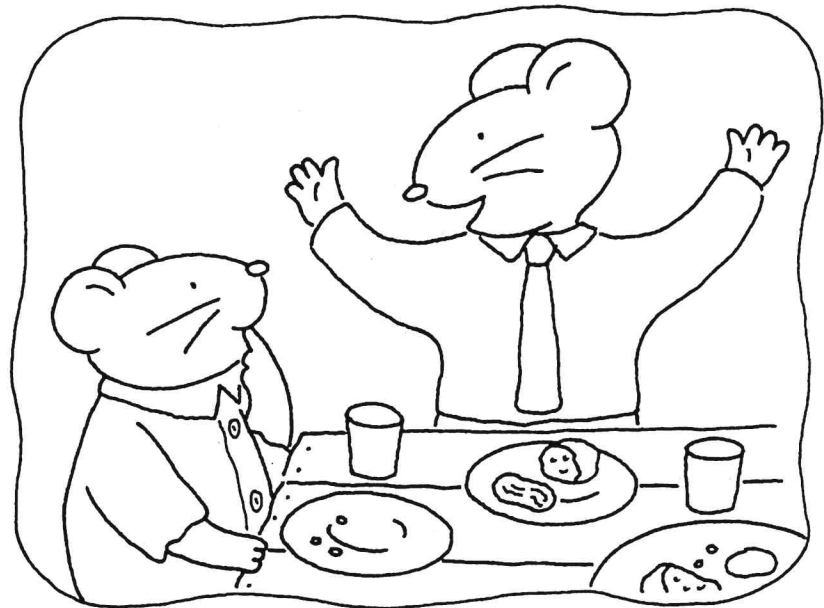
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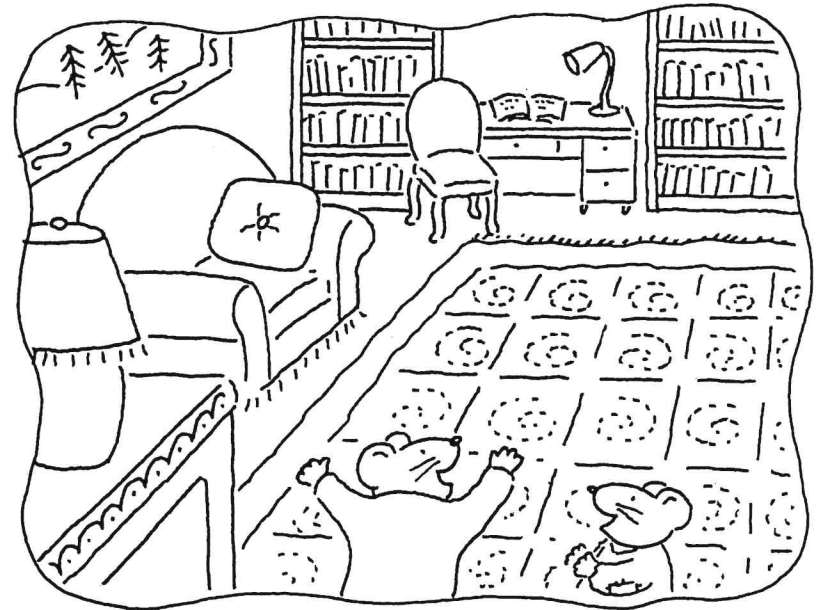
Country Mouse passed City Mouse a plate of scraps. There were bread crusts, moldy cheeses, and old raisins. City Mouse had never eaten such food!



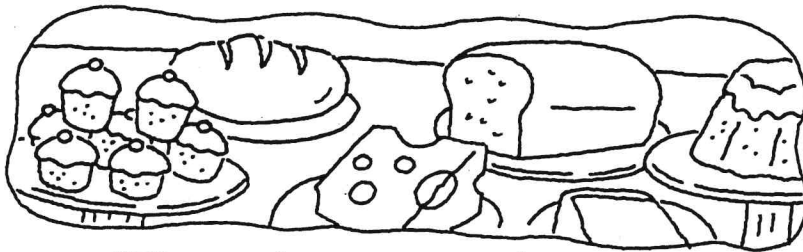
City Mouse said, “Country Mouse, you must visit the city. You will like the crowded streets and the fancy homes. And I’ll feed you a real feast!”



So City Mouse and Country Mouse went to the city. The streets were teeming with people. Country Mouse had never seen anything like it.



They went into the great house where City Mouse made his home. Country Mouse looked at the huge chairs and silk rugs in the study.



"Please have something to eat," said City Mouse.

The mice sat down at a big table. There was fine cheese, fresh bread, and lemon cakes to eat.

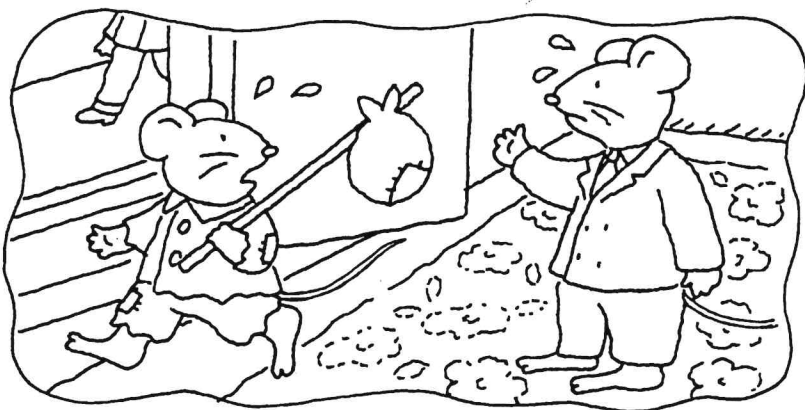
"Now this is better than your country food, isn't it?" said City Mouse.

Country Mouse answered, "It is very good."



Suddenly, seven people and two dogs came in. "Run!" yelled City Mouse. "Humans don't like mice!"

The mice hid in a closet. The dogs barked and snarled. The mice shook with fear.



At last, the seven people and two dogs left.

Country Mouse said, "Thanks, City Mouse, but I'm going now. I would sooner have a plain life in peace than a fancy life in fear."

And he dashed home.

The End

Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. What was Country Mouse's home like?
2. Why did City Mouse want Country Mouse to see his home?
3. Would you rather live the life of Country Mouse or City Mouse? Why?

Answers: 1. Possible answer: small, cozy, plain 2. because he didn't like Country Mouse's home and he thought Country Mouse would like his city home better 3. Answers will vary.

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