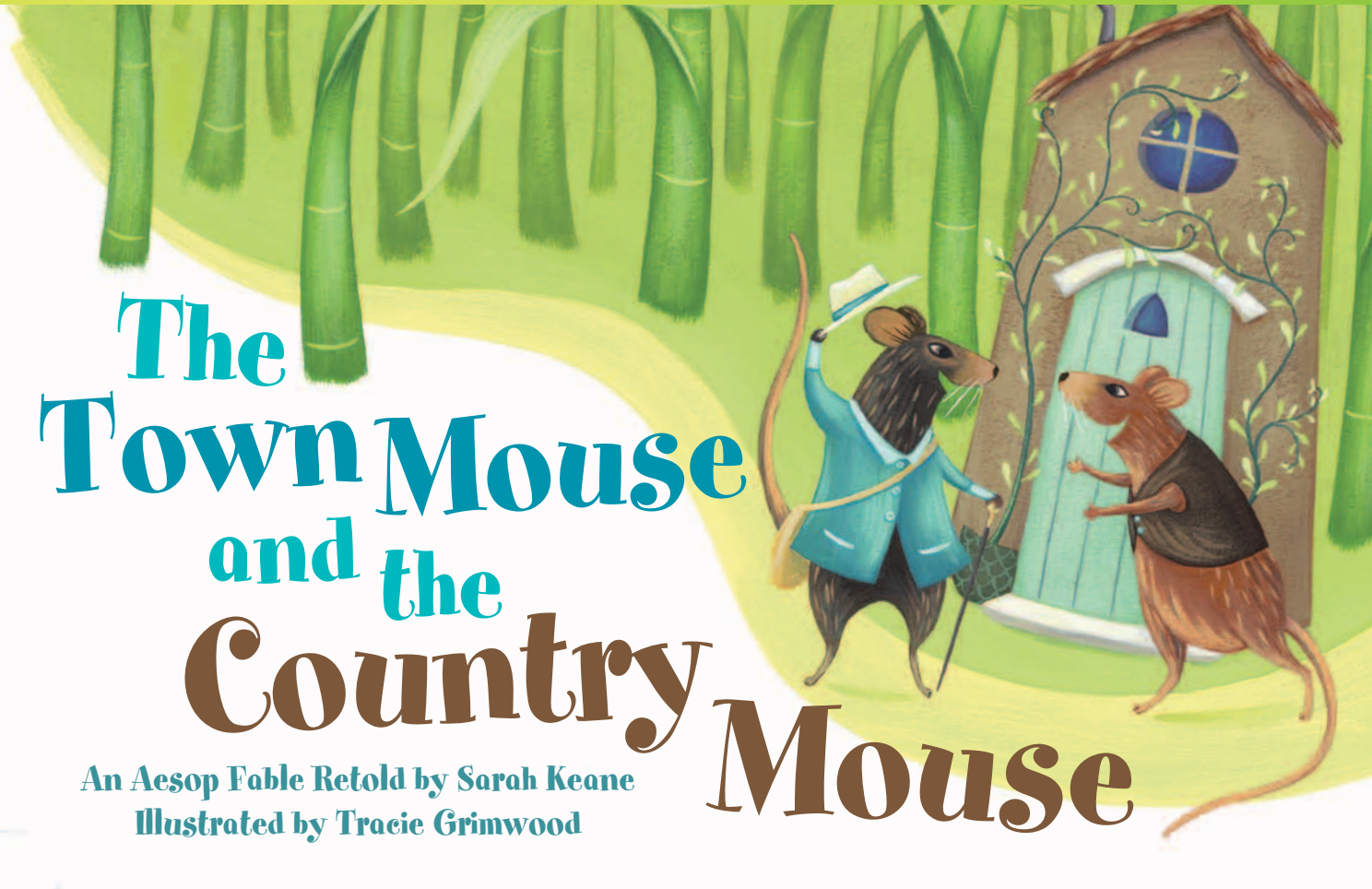


The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

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The country mouse was happy in his small, brown house until his cousin, the town mouse, came to visit.



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"I live in the city," the town mouse said. "I dine on tasty cheese, fresh fish, and warm bread. Every night, my dinner is brought to me. You have to work your paws to the bone for crumbs!"

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When the country mouse heard this, he looked around his small, brown house and thought, *I am so tired of hunting and scraping for food. Why should I have to work so hard?*

"Cousin, I'll come to the city with you," he said. So off they went to the town mouse's fine house in the city.



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When they arrived, the town mouse said, "The people are in the parlor. Let's sneak into the kitchen for some bread and cheese." Then, he gave his country cousin a grand tour of the leftover food on the table.



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