

## **The Mouse in the House**

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One day, many years ago, a young mouse was playing in a barn. As an old sly house cat approached the young mouse, he said, "Why don't you come to my house? I have many wonderful treats there, and you can have them."

The young, gullible mouse agreed, and he followed the old tomcat to his house. When they arrived, the mouse realized there weren't any treats at all. He asked the cat, "Where are all the sweet treats you promised me?"

The old cat meowed and said, "You are the treat little mouse." Once the mouse realized his mistake, he tried to escape, but the cat pounced on the mouse catching him. The old cat then ate the young gullible mouse. After eating the mouse, the cat licked his lips and said, "I do love treats!" Then the sly old cat curled up and went to sleep.

*Never listen to or obey strangers because what they say might sound good, but it usually is not.*

