

**Living in the country a humorous tale**  
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**WARNING: NOT FOR THE SQUEAMISH!**

(Apologies to all animal lovers)

Have you ever wanted a "real life country experience"?

If you said "yes", read on. You'll be wishing you were here this time.

If you said "no", still read on. You'll be glad you weren't here this time.

One day I was up here on the computer doing my school work. I like to use the computer for my spelling/vocabulary since we have an on-line dictionary and it takes a lot less time to look up all the words. (such as 20 minutes instead of 50-60 minutes!) I was also singing opera.☺ Well, Mommy was up here too. So she joined in singing opera too. ☺ Have you ever seen my mother singing opera?! It's a rare sight! Anyway, she went downstairs to do something. Suddenly I hear more opera. Or so I thought. Then I hear "AAAAAAAAAAMMMMMMMMMMM MYYYYYYYYYYYY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!". So I went to see what she wanted. She was standing in the kitchen looking at the garbage can and talking to Eliz. Apparently, the "opera" was really a scream. Eliz had been in the dining room doing her school work, when she heard Mommy scream. She didn't go in, thinking (she said) Mommy would eventually stop screaming and tell her what was wrong. Well, I strolled casually into the kitchen. Mommy sounded frantic. "Did you vacuum in here the other day Amy?" "Yes." "Did you get under there?" "I think so." (I was getting worried) "Did you see that?" "See what?" "Look under there". So I did. I reeled back in horror as I saw what she meant. There was a little mouse squashed under the garbage can! Such a cutie! (I mean it WAS such a cutie!) "Take it out right now!!!!!!!!", Mommy said. So Eliz scooped it up with a fly (!) swatter and was going to drop it in the garbage can when Mommy said "Oh, no! Not there. The woods!!!" So Eliz took it outside.

Mousey had a proper funeral service (for a mouse) and now lies gray and silent in his grave. His death bed has been vacuumed and awaits the next little critter with that need.

Mommy has yet to recover. ☺

P.S. Mommy says her version of this story is slightly different than this! ☺