

A Fable

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

What food might this contain? The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it

was a mousetrap.



Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse



proclaimed the warning:

There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no

consequence to me."



" I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him,
"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a
mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, I am so very
sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can
do about it but pray.

"Be assured you are in my prayers."



The mouse turned to the cow and said "There
is a mousetrap in the house! There is a
mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for



you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head
down and dejected, to face the farmer's
mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout
the house -- like the sound of a mousetrap
catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer

rushed her to the hospital



, and

she returned home with a fever.



Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main



ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock.

To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.



The farmer's wife did not get well; she



died.

So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is threatened, we

are all at risk.



We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one

another.



SEND THIS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS
EVER HELPED YOU OUT AND LET THEM
KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY



ARE.

REMEMBER,,,

EACH OF US IS A VITAL THREAD IN
ANOTHER PERSON'S TAPESTRY;

OUR LIVES ARE WOVEN TOGETHER FOR
A REASON.



One of the best things to hold onto in this world is a
friend