

# The Lion and the Mouse

## ACT ONE

### Scene 1

*AT RISE: Lights brighten on interior of a forest. LION is on the ground, sound asleep, his head resting on his paws. MOUSE enters and squeaks.*

MOUSE

(whispering)

Oh! Oh no! A lion! I had better be careful.

*Mouse runs away from Lion but in their haste, runs across Lion's nose, waking them up.*

LION

(yawning)

What? What's this? Ah ha! I got you!

*Lion lays his huge paw on the tiny mouse.*

MOUSE

(frightened)

Spare me! Please, please let me go. One day I will repay you.

*Lion laughs loudly.*

LION

You? Repay me? I'm not sure you will ever do that. But we shall see. I will let you go.

MOUSE

Oh thank you! Thank you!

*Mouse scurries off. Lion yawns and falls asleep again.*

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#### Scene 2

*AT RISE: Lights brighten on interior of a forest. LION is stalking his prey when they get caught in a net.*

LION

What? No! I can't escape. What will I do?

*Lion roars loudly in anger and frustration. Mouse appears on the other side of the stage.*

MOUSE

What is that mighty roaring? It sounds as if it's LION. Maybe he's in trouble.

*Mouse rushes quickly to Lion.*

MOUSE

(seeing Lion in a net)

Oh no! You are trapped in the net. Don't worry, I will save you.

LION

(moaning)

How can you save me? You are too small. I will be stuck here forever.

MOUSE

Don't be silly. Just give me a moment.

*Mouse begins to gnaw at the ropes. She bites at the ropes until Lion is free and able to escape from the net.*

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LION

You did it! I'm free.

*Lion roars in relief.*

MOUSE

You laughed when I said I would repay you. Now you see that even a Mouse can help a Lion. Remember, A kindness is never wasted.