

“The Lion and the Mouse”

Narrator: Our story takes place on a hot sunny day in a forest. Under a tree, a lion sleeps on the ground with its head resting on its paws. Nearby, a mouse scurries along and all of a sudden notices the sleeping lion.

Mouse: Oh! Oh no! A lion! I had better be careful!

Narrator: The scared mouse runs away from the lion but in its haste it runs across the lion’s nose, waking it up.

Lion: What? What’s this? A mouse? Ah ha! I got you!

Narrator: The lion lays its huge paw on the tiny mouse.

Mouse: Spare me! Please, please let me go and one day I will repay you.

Narrator: The lion laughs and says...

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!

Narrator: The mouse quickly scurries off and the lion yawns and falls asleep once again.

Narrator: Sometime later, the lion moves through the forest stalking its prey when all of a sudden it gets caught in a net!

Lion: What? No! I can’t get out. I can’t escape. I’m trapped! What will I do?

Narrator: The lion roars loudly in frustration and fear. The mouse, who happens to be nearby in the forest, hears the lion’s roars and recognizes that something doesn’t seem right.

Mouse: What is that mighty roaring? It sounds as if it’s the lion and it sounds like it could be in trouble!

Narrator: The mouse quickly runs through the forest following the lion's roars. The mouse finds the lion trapped in the net, frustrated and struggling to get out without success.

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

Lion: You? 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.

Narrator: The mouse begins to gnaw at the ropes. It quickly bites and bites at the ropes until finally the lion is free and able to escape from the net!

Lion: You did it! You helped me and now I'm free.

Mouse: You laughed when I said I would repay you. Now you see that even a mouse can help a lion.

Narrator: And so, on that day, the lion learned that a kindness is never wasted.