

# The Lion and the Mouse



One day, a lion was asleep in the woods. A mouse came along. The mouse didn't see the lion and ran across the lion's nose.

The lion woke up. He was cross with the mouse. "You woke me up!" he roared.

The mouse was scared. "Please let me go!" said the mouse. "If you let me go, I will repay you one day!"

"You are funny!" said the lion. "How could a mouse help a lion?"

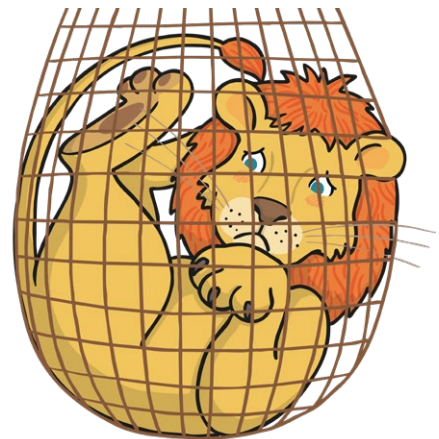
The lion laughed and let the mouse go home.

Some days later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. He couldn't get out.

The lion roared in anger.

The mouse heard the lion and ran to the net.

The mouse saw the lion and had an idea. She chewed on the net until it broke and the lion fell out. The lion was free.



"Even a mouse can help a lion!" said the mouse.

From that day, the mouse and the lion became friends.

**A kindness is never wasted.**



# The Lion and the Mouse



One day, a proud lion was asleep in the woods, his head resting on his paws. A timid mouse came along. The mouse didn't see the lion and ran across the lion's nose.

The lion woke up from his nap. He was cross with the mouse. "You woke me up!" he roared and laid his paw on the mouse, ready to gobble her up.

The mouse was scared. "Please let me go!" begged the mouse. "If you let me go, I will repay you one day!"

"You are funny!" said the lion. "How could a mouse help a lion?"

The lion laughed at the idea that a mouse could ever help him. But he was generous and let the mouse go.

Some days later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. Unable to get out, the lion roared in anger. The mouse remembered the lion's voice and ran quickly to the net.



The mouse saw the lion struggling in the net and had an idea. She gnawed on the net until it broke and the lion was able to escape. The lion was free.

"Even a mouse can help a lion!" declared the tiny mouse.

From that day on, the mouse and the lion became friends forever.

**A kindness is never wasted.**



# The Lion and the Mouse



One day, a proud lion was asleep in the woods, his great head resting on his paws. A timid mouse came upon him unexpectedly, and in her fright and haste to get away, ran across the lion's nose.

Roused from his nap, the lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature, ready to gobble her up.

"Spare me!" begged the poor mouse. "Please let me go and someday I will surely repay you!" The lion was amused to think that a mouse could ever help. But he was generous and finally let the mouse go.

Some days later, whilst stalking his prey in the forest, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his angry roaring. The mouse knew the voice and quickly found the lion struggling in his net.



Running to one of the great ropes that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted and soon, the lion was free. "You laughed when I said I would repay you," said the mouse. "Now you see that even a mouse can help a lion."

**A kindness is never wasted.**