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The Lion and the Mouse



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Synopsis

A powerful lion spares the life of a small mouse, never imagining that one day he would need the help of such an insignificant creature.



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AGE	CATEGORY	READING TIME
3-7 years	Fable	4 min

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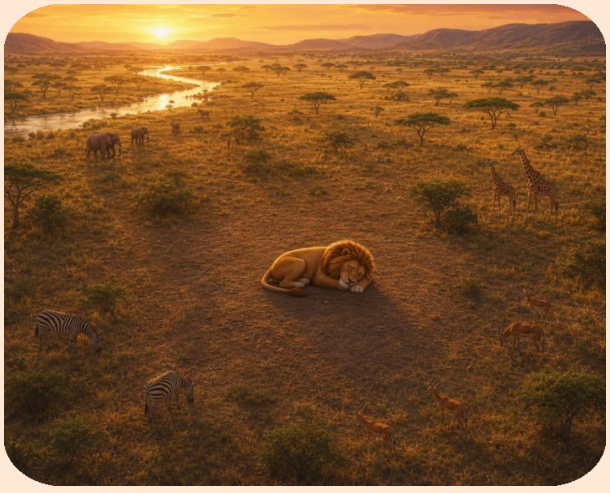
In a vast savanna, the king of the beasts slept peacefully in the cool shade of a large tree. A gentle breeze lulled him into a deep slumber, ensuring peace for all the surrounding animals, who kept a respectful distance from the great feline.





While the predator rested, a playful little mouse scurried by, not paying attention to where it was stepping. In its carelessness, it ended up climbing onto the lion’s snout, waking the fearsome king with its light paws and giving the big cat quite a start.





Irritated at having his rest interrupted, the lion pinned the tiny rodent beneath his massive paw. With a deafening roar, he opened his great jaws, ready to devour the creature—leaving the little animal trembling with terror, facing what seemed like certain death.



Desperate, the mouse pleaded for its life in a shaky voice. It promised that, if spared, it would never forget such an act of compassion and would one day return the kindness—though the lion found the very idea that he might ever need a mere rodent to be absurd.



Amused by the little creature’s audacity and optimism, the lion let out a boisterous laugh. Finding the impossible promise entertaining, the predator decided to show mercy; he lifted his heavy paw and allowed the frightened mouse to scurry off into the wilderness.



Some time later, while out hunting, the lion fell into a trap set by local hunters. He became ensnared in a sturdy net, and no matter how much he thrashed about or roared with all his might, he could not break free from the ropes that held him ever more tightly.



The little mouse recognized the distressed roar of its savior and rushed immediately to the scene. Without wasting any time, he used his sharp teeth to patiently gnaw through the thick ropes of the net, working with agility until he had broken the entire structure of the trap.



Finally free, the lion thanked his small ally, learning a valuable lesson about humility. From that day on, they became great friends, proving that no act of kindness is ever in vain and that even the weak can protect the strong.





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