

# The Lion and the Mouse

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Once there was a little brave mouse who climbed onto the body of a sleeping lion. He jumped up and down on the lion. The mouse felt happy but the lion was angry.

When the mouse played enough, the lion woke up and saw the mouse. The lion was very angry and it caught the mouse furiously. The lion said, 'How dare you jump on me?' The mouse begged frightenedly, 'I'm very sorry. I won't do that again. I'm too small, you'll not be full if you eat me! I'll help you in the future! Please let me go!' Therefore, the lion forgave the mouse, lifting his paw and said, 'How can you help me? You're too small. Sigh! I'll let you go this time, don't bother me anymore.' The mouse replied thankfully, 'Thank you very much!' as he ran away.

One day when the lion was going out to find its prey, unfortunately he accidentally fell into the hunters' trap. The hunters said, 'Yes, the trap we set works! We will go for lunch now. When we come back, we'll sell it for a lot of money.' The lion felt so upset and nervous that he didn't know what to do! He tried to escape but it didn't work! The trap was as hard as a rock!

Suddenly the mouse that he let go previously passed by. The mouse saw the lion and asked astonishedly, 'Why are you here?' The lion replied worriedly, 'I fell into the hunters' trap, you can't help me, go away!' The mouse said, 'No! I'll help you! I promised you before!' The mouse chewed and chewed until the whole net was broken. The mouse set the lion free! The lion said surprisingly, 'Thank you! I can't imagine that you saved me!' At last, the mouse helped the lion and they became friends!

Finally, the lion learnt that everyone had different talents and abilities so it was important not to have any low opinions of other people. It was vital to admire one another!