

The Lion and the Mouse

An Aesop Fable



A lion lay in the forest. The lion was asleep. The lion's head lay on his paws.

Along came a mouse. The mouse didn't see the lion at first. The mouse got scared. The mouse tried to run away. The mouse bumped into the lion's nose. The mouse woke the lion.

The lion saw the mouse. The lion grabbed the mouse. The lion held the mouse.

The mouse asked the lion not to eat her. The mouse made a deal. The mouse said that if the lion let her go, she would help the lion one day.

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The lion felt that this was funny. The lion did not see how the mouse could help him. The lion was so big. The mouse was so small. But, the lion did not eat the mouse. The lion let the mouse go.

A few weeks went by.

The lion got stuck in a net. The lion was sad. The lion could not get out. The lion saw the mouse.

The mouse came to help. The mouse chewed the rope. The mouse freed the lion. The mouse helped the lion like she said she would.

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A lion lay sleeping in the forest one day. The lion's head lay on his paws.

Along came a mouse. At first, the mouse did not see the lion. Then she saw him. She got very scared. She tried to run away. But she bumped into the lion's nose.

The lion woke up. The lion grabbed the mouse. The lion held her in his giant paws.

"Please don't eat me," begged the mouse.

"Why not?" asked the lion.

"Please let me go. One day I will repay you," the mouse said.

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The lion felt that this was funny.
How could a mouse help a lion?
But he let her go.

A few weeks went by. Soon they
met again.

This time, the lion needed help. The lion got stuck in a hunter's net. Sometime later, the lion saw the mouse passing by. The lion called out to her for help.

The mouse rushed over to help the lion. She was small, but she could help free him. The mouse knew just what to do. She began to chew through the ropes. It took some time, but soon the lion was free! The mouse helped the lion like she promised.



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It was a hot and sunny day in the jungle. A lion lay sleeping in cool shade of the forest, his big head resting upon his paws.

Along scurried a mouse, looking for some food in the shady forest. At first, the mouse did not see the lion. But when she did, her heart nearly stopped in fear. In her rush to flee, she bumped into the lion's nose.

This, of course, woke the lion. Annoyed, he grabbed the mouse, holding her in his giant paws.

"Please don't eat me," begged the tiny mouse.

"Why not?" asked the lion.

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“Let me go, and one day I will repay your kindness,” she said.

The lion thought this was funny. How could a tiny mouse help a lion? But he let her go. He wasn't that hungry, anyway.

A few weeks went by before the lion and mouse met once again.

This time, the lion was in trouble. The lion got stuck in a hunter's net and couldn't get out. He was losing hope until he saw the mouse passing by. The lion called out to her for help, not knowing how one so small could help one so big.

The mouse rushed over to help the lion. She was small, but she could help free him. The mouse knew just what to do. She began to chew through the ropes. It took some time, but soon the lion was free!

Never forget: a friend is a friend, no matter how small.

