

The Lion and the Mouse



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A Lion lay asleep in the , his great head resting on his paws. A timid little Mouse came upon him unexpectedly, and in her fright and haste to get away, ran across the Lion's . Roused from his nap, the Lion laid his huge paw on the tiny to kill her.

"Spare me!" begged the poor Mouse. "Please let me go and some day I will surely you."

The Lion was much amused to think that a Mouse could ever him. But he was generous and let the Mouse go.

Some days later, while stalking his prey in the forest, the Lion was in the toils of a hunter's . Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his roaring. The Mouse knew the voice and quickly found the Lion struggling in the net. Running to one of the great that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted, and soon the Lion was .

"You when I said I would repay you," said the Mouse. "Now you see that even a Mouse can a Lion."

A kindness is never wasted.