

# The Slave and the Lion



Once there was a slave living in Rome. His master was very cruel. He ran away to the forest. He went into a cave to live in and slept there. Suddenly he woke up to hear the roar of a lion.



He saw that a lion was there. He was limping. He saw a thorn in the lion's paw, he pulled it out.



**The lion felt relief. Both became good friends.**

**One day the slave was caught by his master's men. He ordered him to be thrown before a hungry lion. When the slave was brought before the lion, the lion did not kill him. It was the same lion.**



**The lion licked his feet. All were surprised at the sight. The slave was set**

free. The lion was given to him as life's reward.

