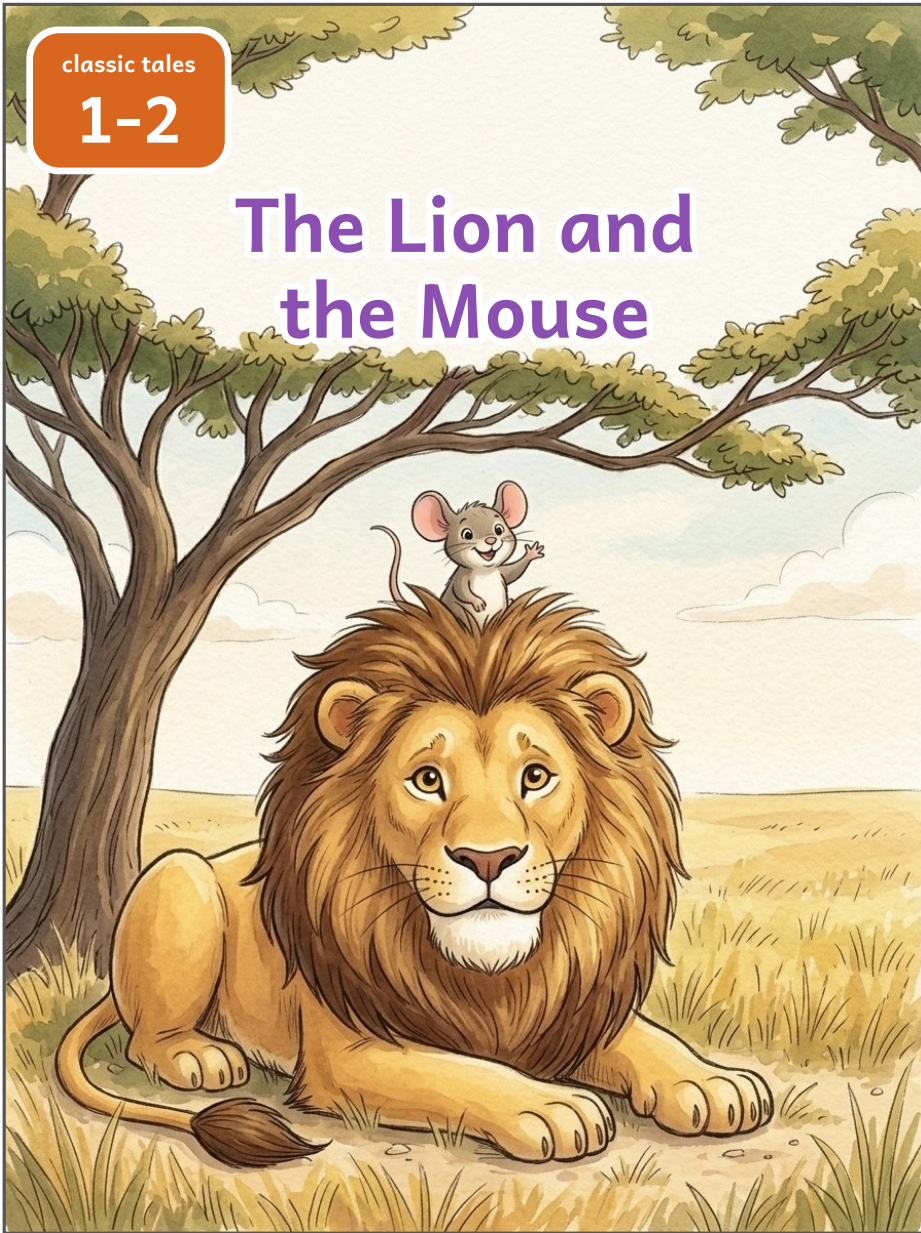


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The Lion and the Mouse



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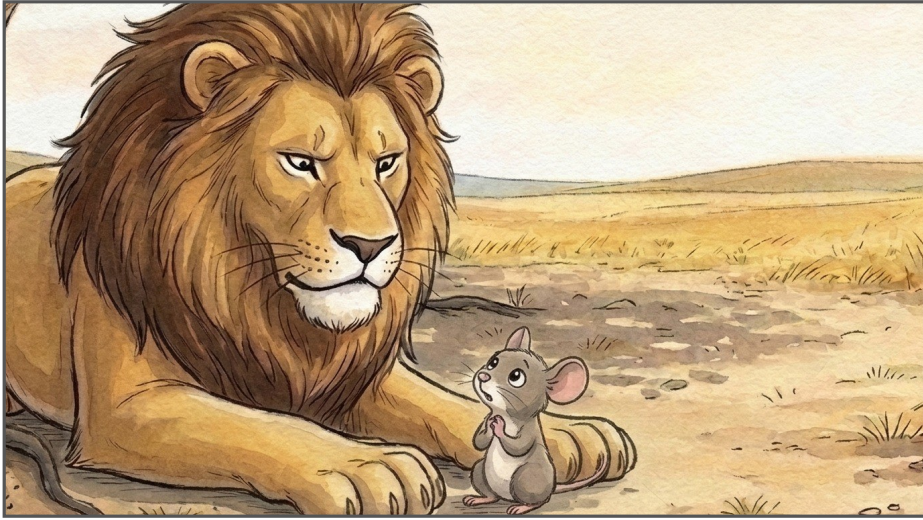
Once upon a time, on a hot, sunny day, a great big lion lay fast asleep under a shady tree.



Along came a little mouse, looking
for seeds. She was in such a hurry
that she ran right across the lion's
big nose!



Up woke the lion, and down came
his great big paw. Thump! “Who
dares to wake the King of the
Beasts?” he roared. “I’ll eat you
up in one bite!”



“Oh, please let me go!” begged the mouse. “If you do, I promise I’ll never forget it. One day, I might be able to help you!”



“Ha ha ha! How could a tiny little mouse ever help a great big lion?”
But she had made him laugh so much that he lifted his paw and let her go.



Some days later, the lion went hunting in the forest. Down came a hunters' net! The more he pulled, the tighter the ropes held him.



So he roared and he roared, until the whole forest shook.



Far away, the mouse heard the roar. “That’s the lion! He’s in trouble!” And she ran as fast as her little legs could carry her.



Nibble, nibble, nibble went her tiny teeth, through one rope, then another, until at last the lion was free!



“Thank you, little friend,” said the lion. From that day on, they were the best of friends. Little friends can be great friends.

Talk About It

- 1 Why did the lion laugh at the mouse?

- 2 How did the mouse know the lion was in trouble?

- 3 What does “little friends can be great friends” mean?

Words to Know

lion • mouse • paw
net • rope • nibble

Read me 3 times!

