



**THE LION & THE MOUSE**

adapted from the Library of Congress fables by Aesop, The Lion & The Mouse

**CAST LIST:**

- Narrator
- Lion
- Mouse

**Notes on Vocabulary:**

**Debt:** When a service has been given before it is paid for then a debt is owed; one side has given their part but the other has not traded their part yet

**Toils:** This is a literary noun referring to the trap of a net.

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- NARRATOR:** One day, not too long ago, a lion lay asleep in the forest.
- LION:** (snores)
- NARRATOR:** A timid little Mouse came upon him unexpectedly.
- MOUSE:** (squeaking)
- NARRATOR:** In her fright and haste to get away, the Mouse ran across the Lion's nose.
- SOUND:** *Mouse footsteps scampering*
- NARRATOR:** Roused from his nap...
- LION:** (Growls)
- NARRATOR:** ...the Lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature to kill her.
- MOUSE:** Spare me! Please let me go and someday I will surely repay you.
- LION:** (laughing) How could a mouse ever help me?  
(still chuckling) Ah well, you have amused me this morning and I have already eaten so go on your way, tiny beast.



**MOUSE:** Thank you and remember, as I most definitely will, that I have a debt owed to you for your generosity.

**SOUND:** *Short Musical interlude*

**NARRATOR:** Some days later, while stalking his prey in the forest, the Lion was caught in the toils of a hunter's net.

**SOUND:** *Springing of the trap*

**LION:** What... arggh!

**NARRATOR:** Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his angry roaring.

**LION:** (Roaring angrily)

**MOUSE:** Ooooh, I know that voice! Do not fret, Lion! I am coming!

**NARRATOR:** The Mouse quickly found the Lion struggling in the net. Running to one of the great ropes that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted.

**SOUND:** *Chewing noises followed by a thud as Lion falls out of net*

**LION:** Ooof!

**MOUSE:** You laughed when I said I would repay you!

**LION:** Yes, yes, I did.

**MOUSE:** Now you see that even a Mouse can help a Lion!

**LION:** You are correct, and I am grateful for your foresight, Mouse.

**NARRATOR:** So remember, as the Mouse illustrated for the Lion and as Aesop's fable states;

**ALL:** A kindness is never wasted.

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