

Mouse's Story

One day, I was scurrying through the jungle looking for scraps of food the other animals had left behind. I did this every day and always found plenty of food for my family.

As I peeked behind a fallen leaf, I saw Lion take a handful of berries into his mouth and drop half of them on the ground beneath him. Lion then settled down and started to nap. I approached Lion quietly and began walking up his arm to reach the food that he had dropped.

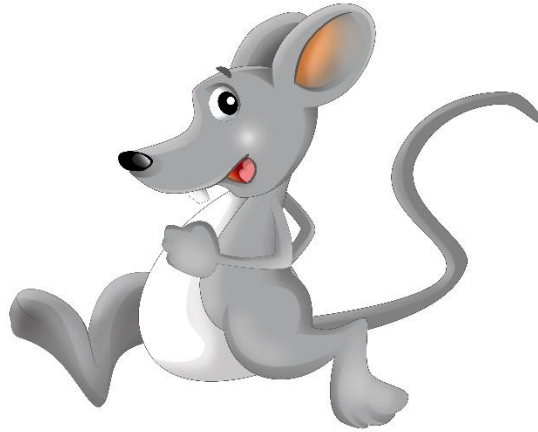


All of a sudden, Lion awoke with anger. My heart skipped a beat. I ran as fast as I could in the opposite direction. But after a second, I couldn't move. Lion had grabbed my tail and dangled me in the air.

I tried to explain what I was doing, but Lion didn't seem interested in my explanation. In a desperate attempt to save my life, I promised to be Lion's best friend and told him I could one day save his life if he let me live.



My heart sank when Lion began to laugh at me. I thought I was a goner. Suddenly, Lion let me go. I was happy to be alive, but I was angry Lion doubted my abilities to save his life. I left Lion, grateful for my life, but determined to prove Lion wrong.



The very next day, I got my chance to prove that a mouse could be just as mighty as a lion. While I was out on my daily food-finding mission, I heard loud and fierce roars nearby. I scampered as quickly as I could to see what was the matter. It was then that I saw Lion stuck in a hunter's net, tangled and angry as ever.

As quickly as I could, I started nibbling away at the ropes. By the time Lion was free, I was exhausted and dropped to the ground.

My efforts were well worth it, though. Lion expressed his sincere gratitude to me for saving his life. He admitted that someone as small as me could help a creature as large as him after all. I was happy to hear that my new friend Lion respected me.

From that day forward, we were the best of friends. And I no longer have to scamper around looking for scraps of food. Lion always makes sure I have plenty to eat.

