

The Man and the Lion

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English



Once upon a time,
there was a man
walking in the bush.

Suddenly he met a
Lion!



The Lion was resting in
the short winter grass.



The meeting was so sudden that the man did not know what to do.

He was full of fear.



At first, the Lion was surprised too, and a little afraid.

But there was a low rumble in his stomach, because he was hungry.



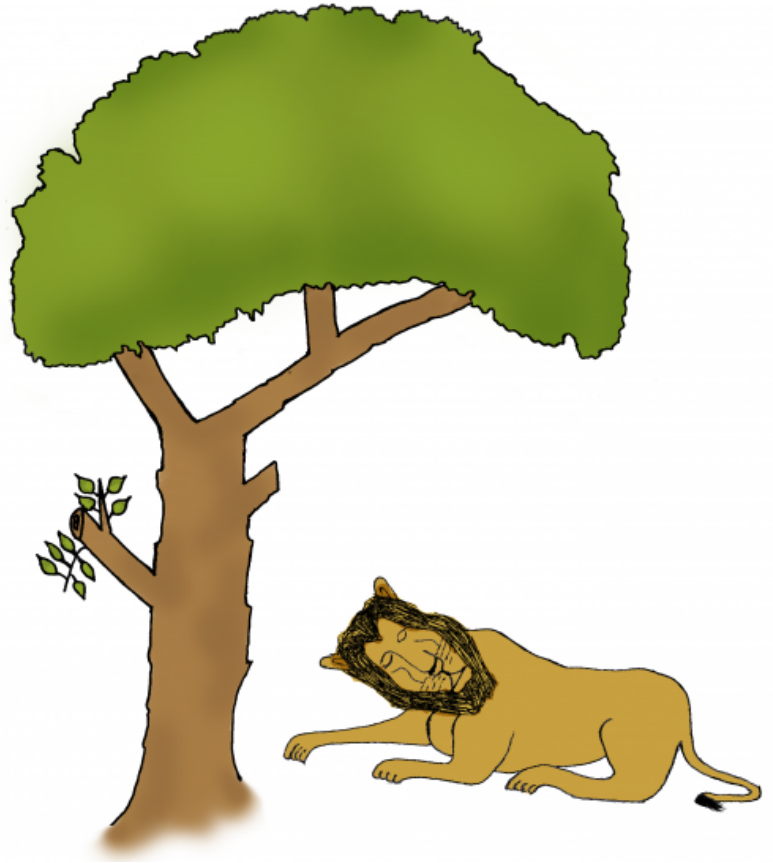
The man suddenly
found himself up a tall
tree.

He began to shout at
the Lion.



The Lion lay down
under the tree, waiting
for his meal.

As time went on, the
Lion fell asleep, or so it
seemed.



Soon the man fell
asleep.
Then he woke up again.
Finally he dozed off and
went fast asleep.

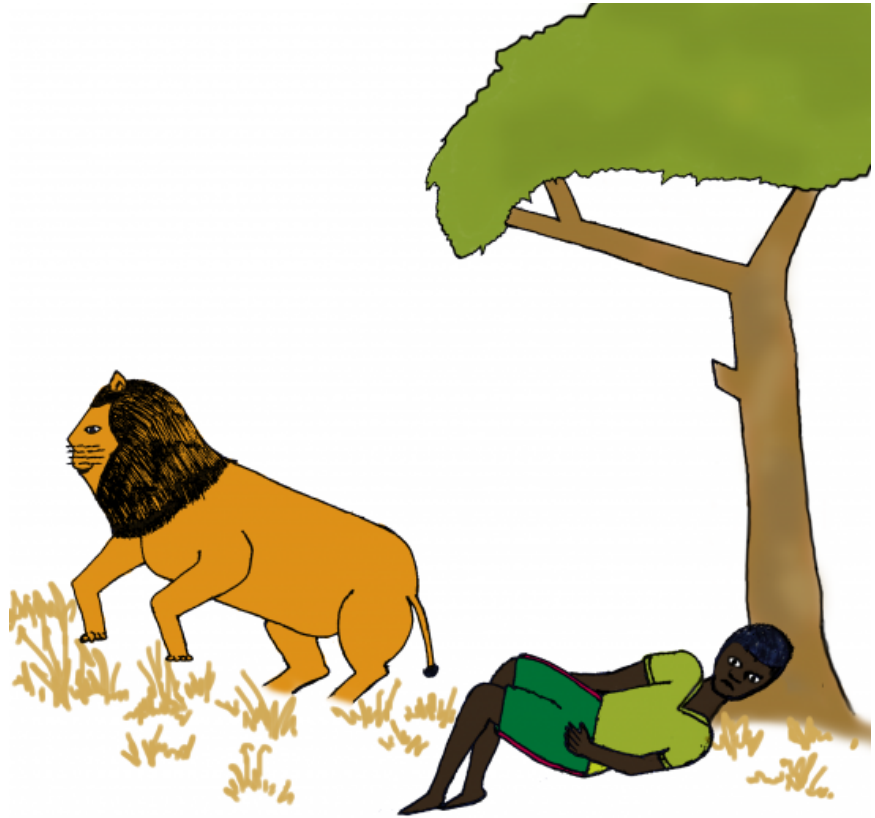


But then he crashed
down on the sleeping
Lion!



They both woke up
confused and
frightened.

The lion forgot his meal
and ran for his life.



The man began to run
in the same direction
as the Lion.

Then he realized that
he was running with the
Lion!



So he changed direction
and escaped being
eaten by the Lion!



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