

Man and Lion

Mozambican folktale

English





Once upon a time, Man
was walking in the bush.

Suddenly, he met Lion!

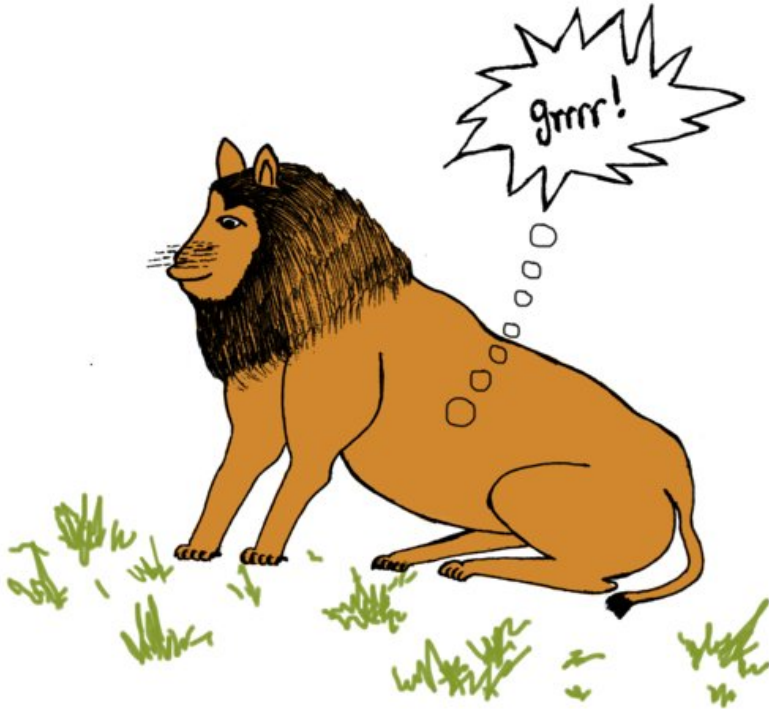


Lion was resting in the short grass.



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

He was full of fear.



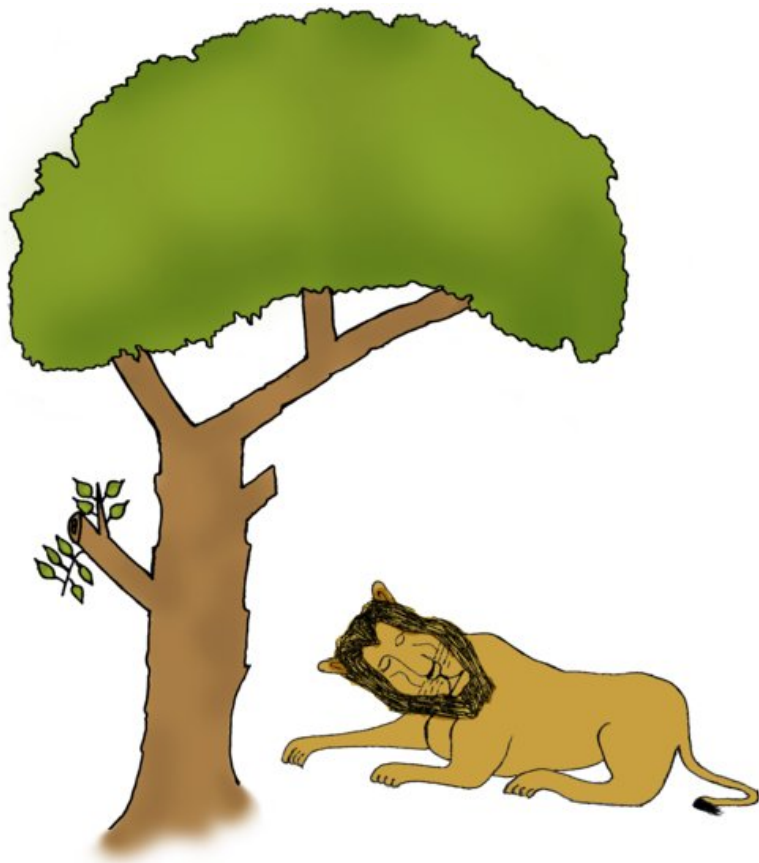
At first, Lion was surprised too, and a little afraid.

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



Man suddenly
found himself up a tall
tree.

He began to shout at Lion.



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

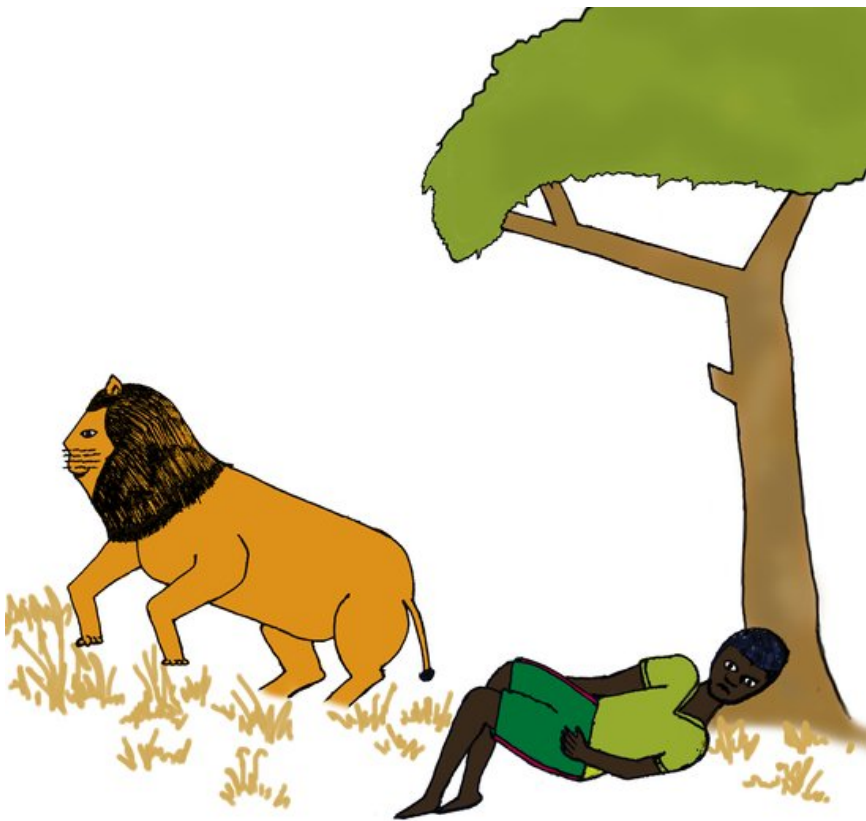
As time went on, Lion fell
asleep, or so it
seemed.



Soon 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.

Lion forgot his meal and
ran for his life.



Man began to run
in the same direction
as Lion.

Then he realized that he
was running behind Lion!



So he changed direction
and escaped.

He was not eaten by Lion!

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