ARI'S TALE

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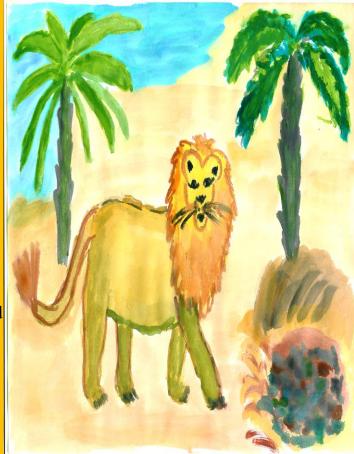
Somewhere in Africa, at the edge of a jungle, lived Ari – a beautiful, young and imposing lion. He was sitting, distressed, in the shade of a palm tree, trying to decide whether to stay or to leave his homeland. The reason is the construction of a residential neighbourhood. He used to be a joyful and energetic lion, with plenty of friends with whom he used to go hunting. He used to be happy here, but since the construction began, his happy existence turned into a miserable and lonely one.

All his friends have left, the other animals have left too. There is no more prey for him, so survival became very difficult. He loves this place so much that he doesn't know what to do. Hunger is tormenting him, so he decides to get up and start searching for food.

It doesn't take much until he finds a pile of garbage and all sorts of leftovers. Struck by the unpleasant smell and disgusted by the horrendous view, he decides to leave. Suddenly, he hears someone asking for help.

Next to the pile he finds a baby lion. He is clearly hurt, so Ari asks what has happened Ari learns that the baby has swallowed a piece of plastic discarded by the people working there. Ari can't be neutral in front of the baby's suffering and, mad at the culprits, started carrying the junk back to the residential neighbourhood.

The humans, seeing this, started chasing him. That's exactly what he wanted!



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To show people what had happened because of their recklessness.

When they arrived near the baby lion and saw him crying in pain, they realized what they have done. They took the baby lion as quickly as possible to the vet, cleaned the mess and gave Ari something to eat.

After a few days, the baby lion healed. He and Ari started searching for their families and friends, and the humans promised to deposit their garbage in proper places, that they will take care of the jungle and that no one will ever suffer again because of them.