

Script for the puppet performance of **Aesop's myth**

"The Lion and the Mouse"

Narrator: The Lion is sleeping and snoring in the middle of a green valley. The Wolf and the Goat are gathered around and whisper:

Wolf: Lucky Lion, I just saw him eating a fat cow! Now he is sleeping happily while I am still starving!

Goat: Please, don't eat me, dear Wolf! I am so skinny...you won't satisfy your hunger if you eat me..

Wolf: Sssssh! Look at this little mouse approaching the Lion!

Goat: How dare he? Poor tiny creature! The Lion might swallow it in his sleep!

Mouse: Alas, my Gods! I have stumbled on ... a LION!!!!

Lion: (snatching it): Come here, you reckless mouse! How dare you disturb my peace?

Mouse: You are hurting me, your Majesty! Don't squeeze me this much!

(Meanwhile, the Wolf squeezes the Goat playfully and the Goat sighs carefully)

Lion: For your crime you deserve to be eaten!

Mouse: I beg you, your Majesty! Don't eat me just now...you may find my services useful one day!

Goat (whispering): How greedy can the Lion be? Why eat this little mouse after the fat cow?

Lion: I might spare you your life...being a just King!

Wolf (whispering): Mmm ... if he hadn't just eaten a fat cow, he wouldn't be so fair now!

Mouse: Thank you, your Majesty my King! You will see that one day I will return you the favour!

Lion: I doubt it that you can do anything for me but leave now before I change my mind!

The Lion laughs out loud while the Mouse disappears in the woods.

PAUSE

Narrator: A couple of years later ... the Lion, a bit aged, has totally forgotten the episode with the mouse. One day, as he was wandering in the woods, he fell into a pitch that hunters had dug to trap animals. The other animals are hiding and watching.

Lion: Oh, my Gods! What a misfortune! How can I ever get out of here having no friends around?

Goat: As if you ever had any friends at all!

Wolf: The selfish Lion has always been too obsessed with his ego, haha!

Goat: What if we tried to help the poor old creature?

Wolf: What if he opened his big mouth and ate you up in return?

Lion: Alas! Is there anybody up there? Can you hear me?

Narrator: Suddenly, there comes the Little Mouse, always in the same great looks and moods!

Mouse: (whistling a merry tune): Hey, I have been here before...!

Lion: Can anyone hear me? H - E - L - P

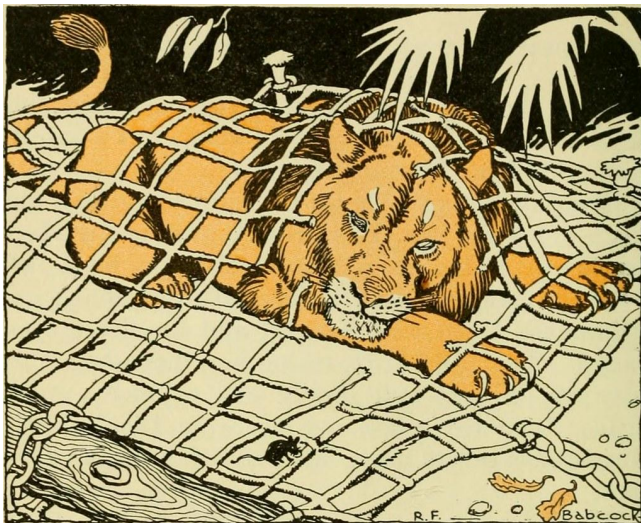
Mouse: Oh, this must be his Majesty, the Lion! But where is he?

Lion: I am trapped down here in the pitch! Can you help me? Who are you?

Mouse: I can see you now, my King! I am going to set you free!

Lion: Who? You? No way! I am lost!

Mouse: Never underestimate the power of goodwill! Wait and see!



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ALL: Don't judge a book by its cover!