



STORY: THE LION AND THE MOUSE

An Aesop Folktale

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- Chorus (sing): In the jungle, the mighty jungle
 The lion sleeps tonight
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- Storyteller 1: Sssssh. In the jungle the lion was sleeping. He was taking a nap. By and by, a little mouse, not watching where she was walking stepped on lion's nose and woke him up. He roared:
- Lion: ROAR!
- Storyteller 2: He wrapped his paws around the little mouse and said, "You should never wake a lion from his cat nap." The little mouse said, "I'm sorry, Mr. Lion. If you let me go, I promise to be your friend and help you when you are in need. Please let me go."
- Chorus: But the lion shook his head no and wouldn't let go.
- Storyteller 3: The lion said, "You! Friend to a great beast like myself! Ha! Never!" The mouse said again, "Please, Mr. Lion, I can be your friend. Let me go."
- Chorus: But the lion shook his head no and wouldn't let go.
- Storyteller 4: So the little mouse did something different. She began to whine. "Pleeeeeeease let me goooooooooooooooooo." She was making such a racket that the Lion let go and covered both of his ears with his paws. The little mouse scampered off.
- Storyteller 5: A few days later, the little mouse was walking through the jungle when she heard a strange noise. It sounded like a sick kitty cat moaning and groaning.
- Lion: Meow. Meow. Moan. Groan.

Storyteller 6: The lion was caught in a hunter's net. When the lion saw the mouse, he begged for help. The little mouse said, "I made a promise and I will keep it. But if I help you and set you free, you must promise not to EAT me!" The lion promised.

Storyteller 7: The little mouse nibbled and nibbled through the net until the lion was free. He stood up and let out a ferocious roar.

Lion: ROAR!

Storyteller 8: Then he reached for the mouse and without saying a word pulled her close to his mouth. She cried out, "You promised not to eat me!" Suddenly, the lion bent down and gave the mouse a great big SMOOCH on the lips.

Chorus: Eeeewwww.

Storyteller 9: From that time forward, the Lion and the Mouse were the best of friends and it just goes to show you that friendship comes in all shapes and sizes.

