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## The Lion and the Mouse

Once in a dense forest, a mighty lion was taking a peaceful nap under a shady tree. While the lion slept, a small mouse happened to pass by and accidentally ran over the lion's tail. The lion, waking up abruptly, caught the tiny mouse with its massive paw.



Terrified for its life, the mouse begged the lion for mercy. It pleaded, "Please, spare me, noble lion! I didn't mean to disturb you. I am just a tiny creature and mean no harm. If you let me go, I promise I will never forget this kindness, and one day, I may be able to help you too."

Amused by the idea that the small mouse could ever help the mighty lion, the lion laughed heartily. Nonetheless, he decided to show mercy and released the mouse.

Sometime later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net, unable to free himself. His roars of distress echoed through the forest. Hearing the lion's cries, the mouse recognized the familiar voice and rushed to help. With its sharp teeth, the little mouse gnawed at the ropes of the net until the lion was finally free.

The lion was amazed and grateful for the mouse's assistance. From that day on, he understood that even the tiniest of creatures could render great help.

### Questions

1. Where did the lion take a peaceful nap in the fable?
2. What happened to the lion while he was sleeping?
3. How did the mouse convince the lion to spare its life?
4. When did the lion realize the value of the mouse's promise?
5. What is the moral lesson conveyed by the fable "The Lion and the Mouse"?