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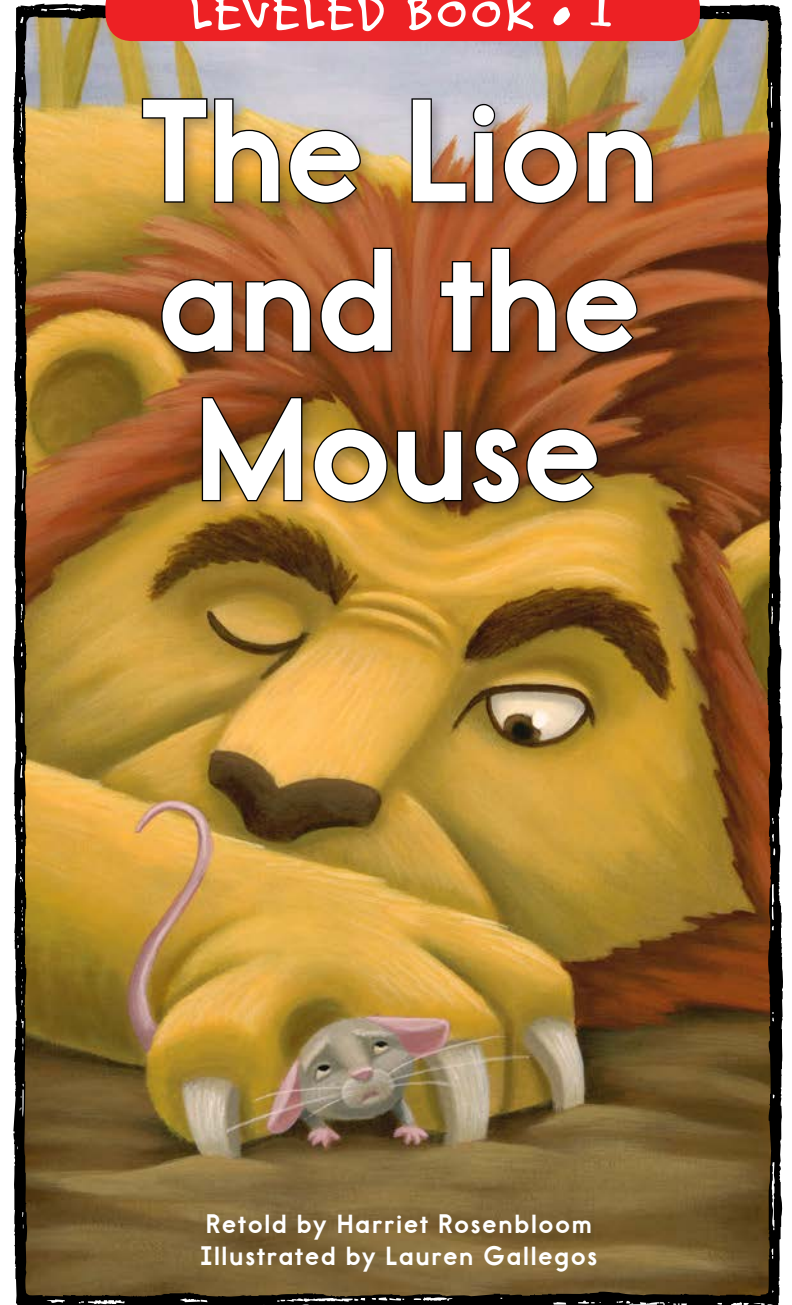


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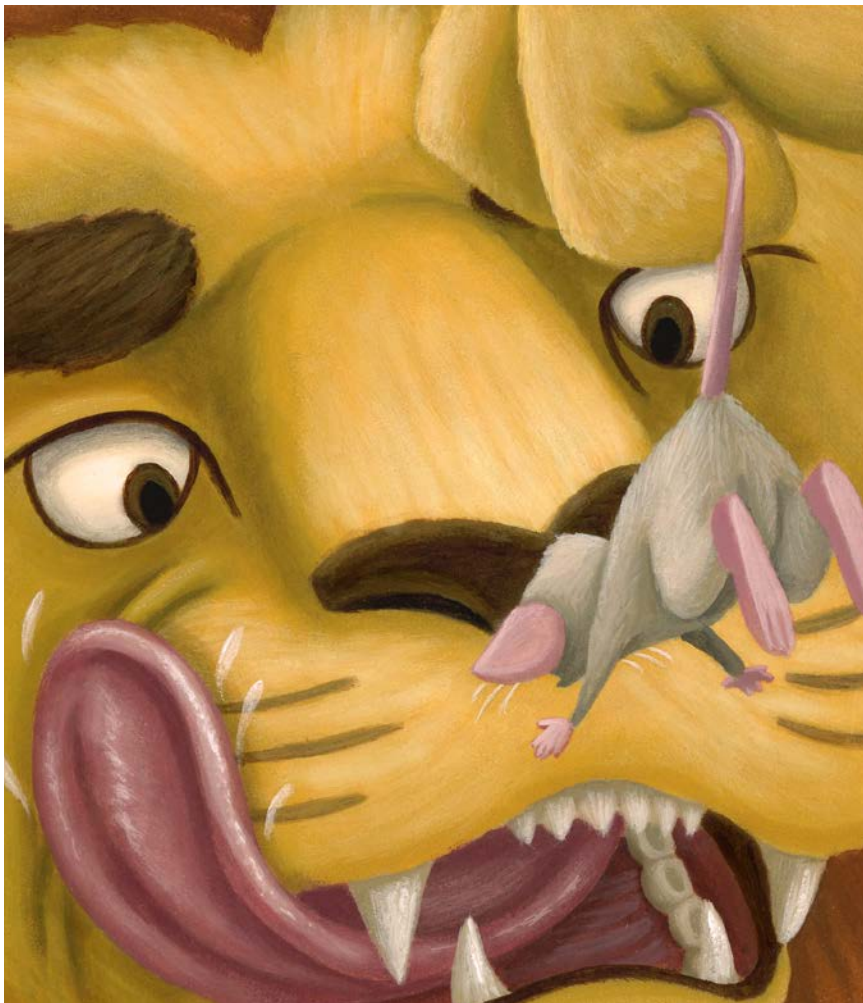
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Lion lay asleep on
a sunny afternoon.
Mouse was hurrying home
through the tall grass.



She stumbled upon Lion
and woke him.
Lion **trapped** Mouse
under his huge paw.



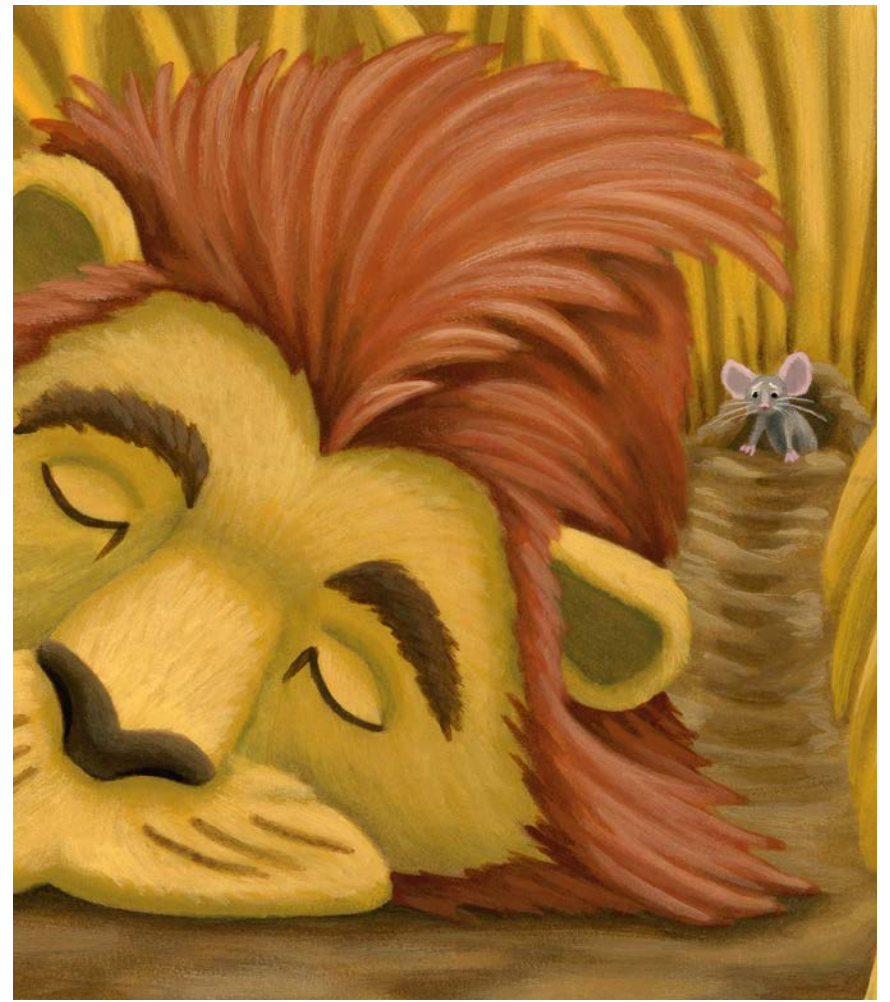
He lifted her by the tail.
He swung her slowly
through the air.
“An afternoon snack,” Lion said.
“Delightful.”



Mouse felt his hot breath on her fur.
She was so scared.
Her voice was just a squeak.
“**Spare** me,” she cried, “and one day
I will **help** you in return.”



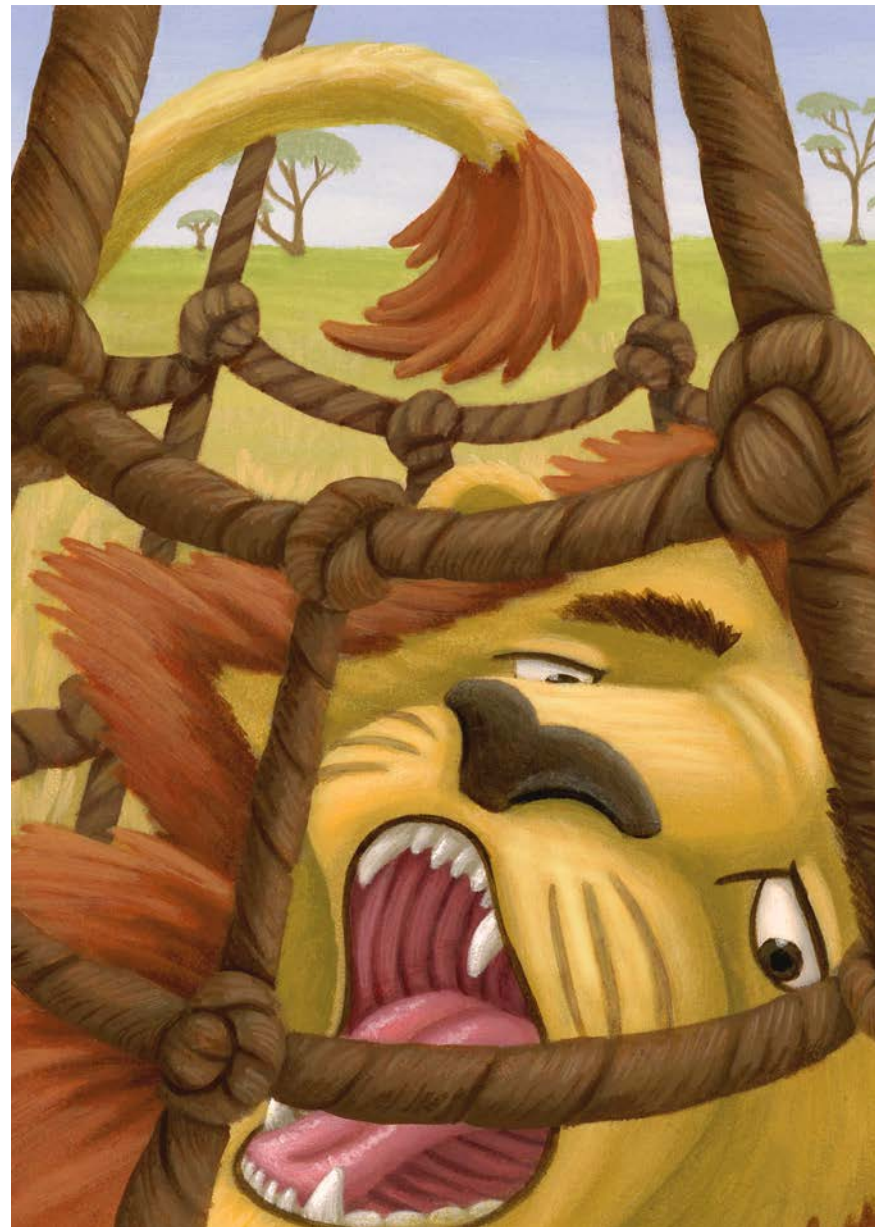
Lion laughed loudly.
Mouse trembled.
“You, help me?” he laughed.
“You are a funny little one.”



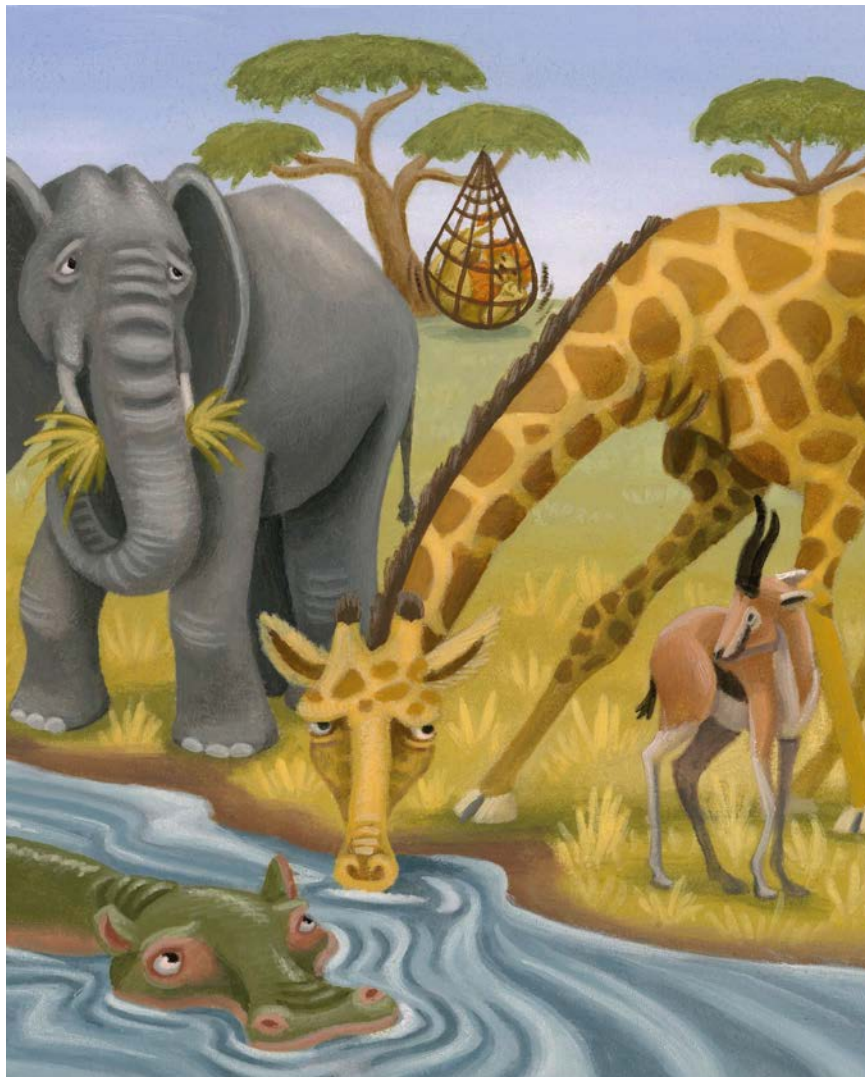
Still, he let Mouse go.
He soon dozed off again
under the hot sun.
Mouse dashed home.
She was happy to be alive.



The day came when Lion stepped into a hunter's net. He was trapped. Lion **struggled**. The net pulled tighter.



Lion roared in anger. Then he roared in fear.



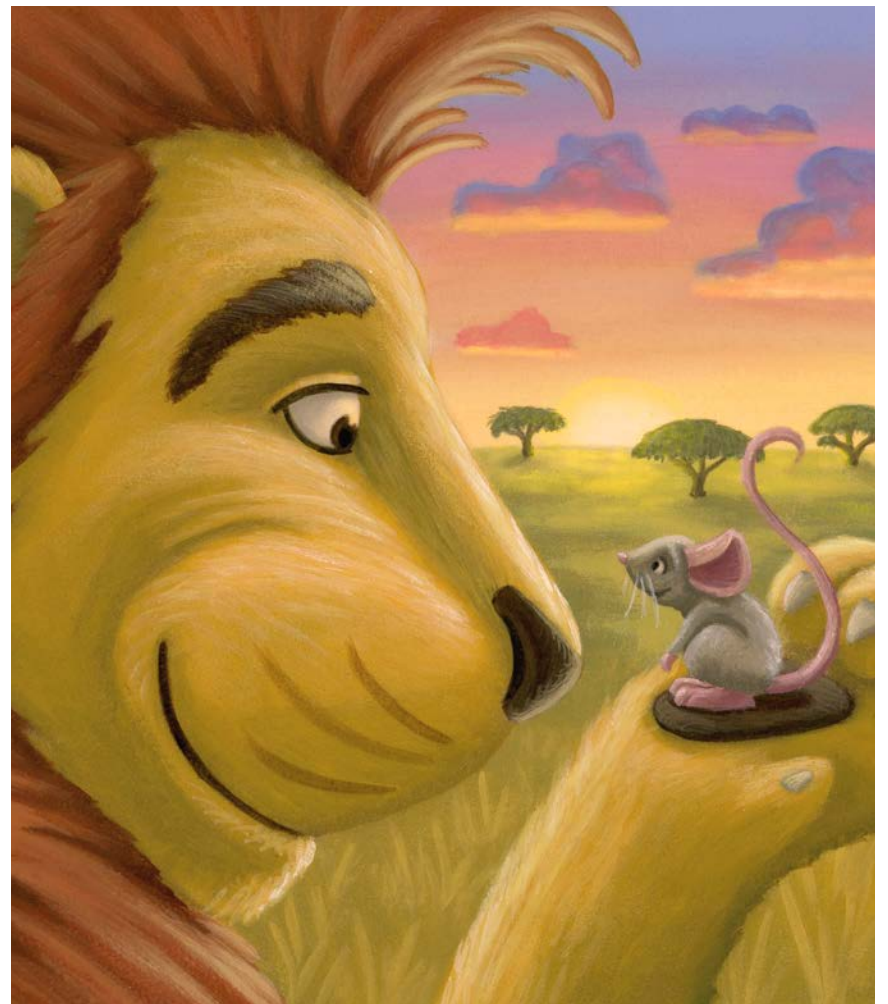
His loud roar carried
in every direction.
Many animals heard him.
None came to help.



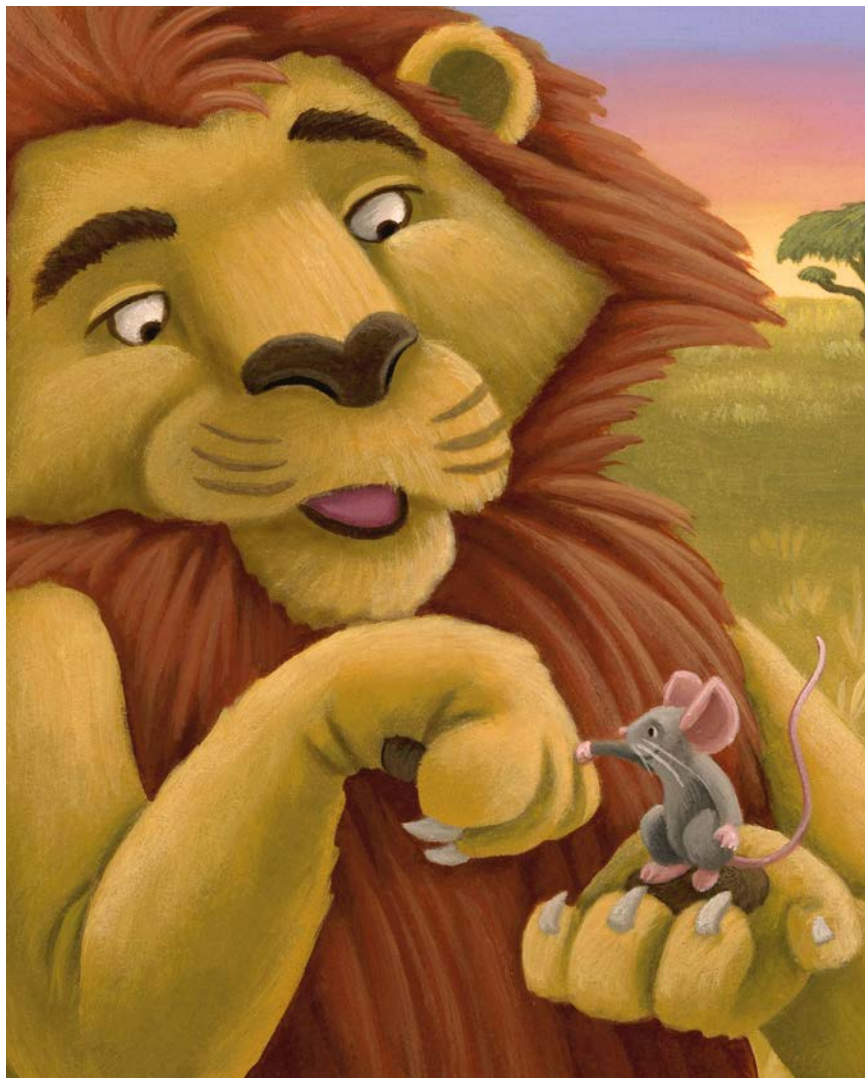
None dared to free Lion,
except Mouse.
Mouse ran to Lion's side.
She found him in the trap.
Mouse **chewed** away the net
with her sharp little teeth.



Before long, Lion was free.
Lion shook off the ropes.



He looked deep into Mouse's eyes.
"Thank you, little friend," Lion said.
"You are most welcome, big friend,"
Mouse replied.
"What you give is what you get."



Mouse's words still hold true today.
What is just as true?
That even a little mouse
can help a **mighty** lion.

Glossary

- chewed** (v.) bit something over and over again using the teeth (p. 12)
- help** (v.) to give or do something that makes life easier for another (p. 6)
- mighty** (adj.) very powerful, strong, or large (p. 15)
- spare** (v.) to save from death, destruction, or harm (p. 6)
- struggled** (v.) used force to try to get free of something (p. 9)
- trapped** (adj.) stuck in a trap or kept from leaving a particular place (p. 4)