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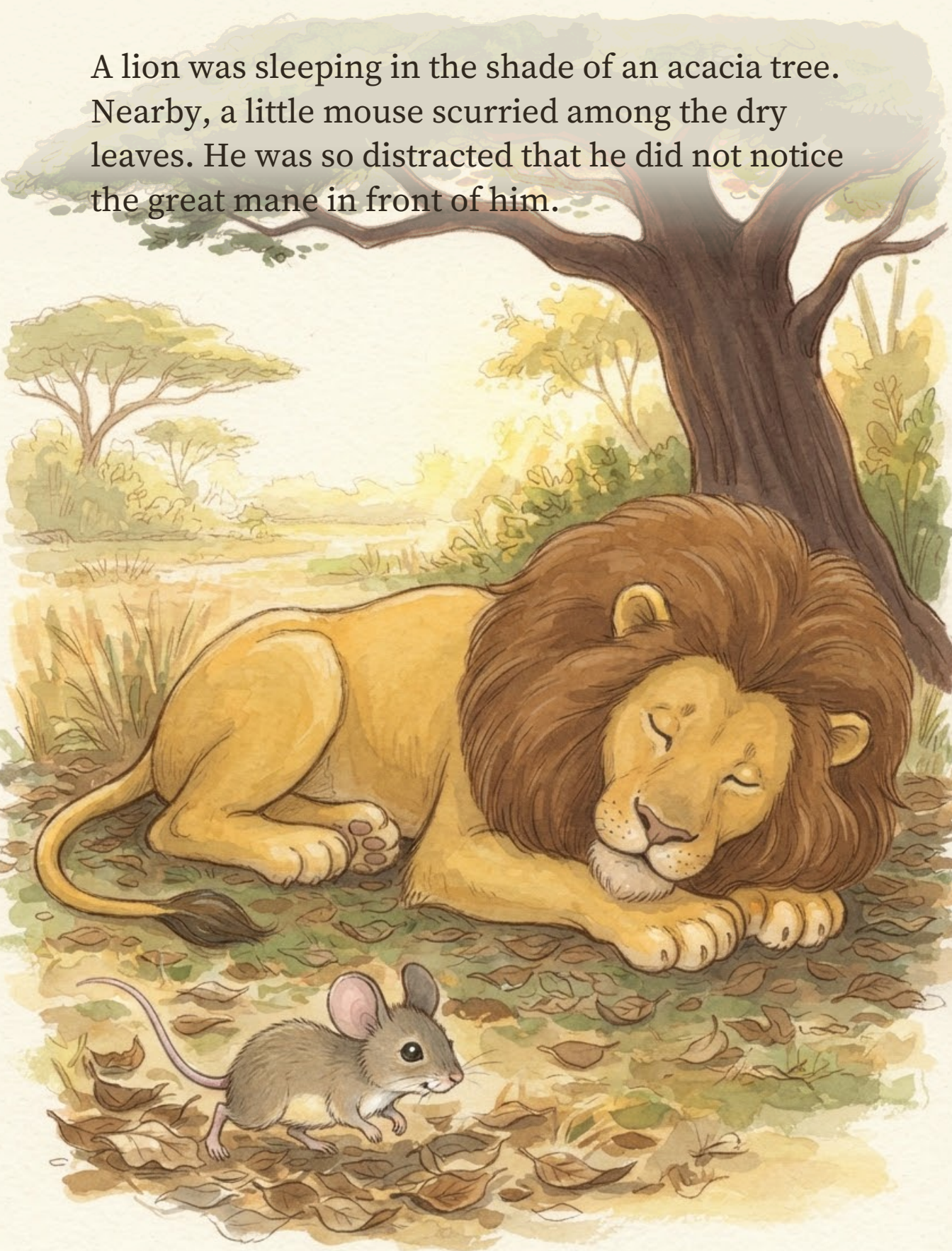
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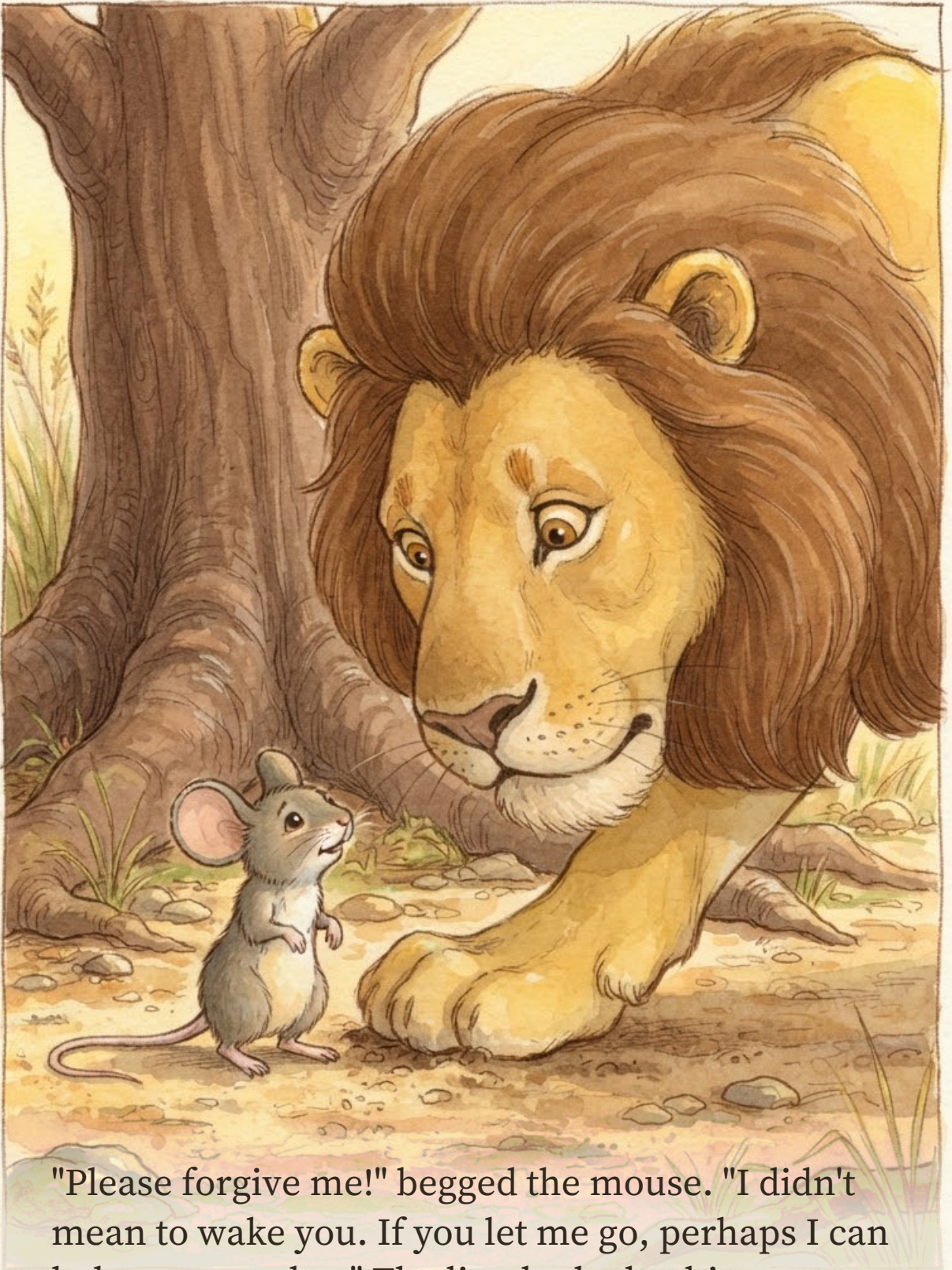
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A lion was sleeping in the shade of an acacia tree. Nearby, a little mouse scurried among the dry leaves. He was so distracted that he did not notice the great mane in front of him.





The mouse climbed up one of the lion's legs and crossed his back. The lion suddenly opened his eyes and gently caught him beneath one enormous paw.



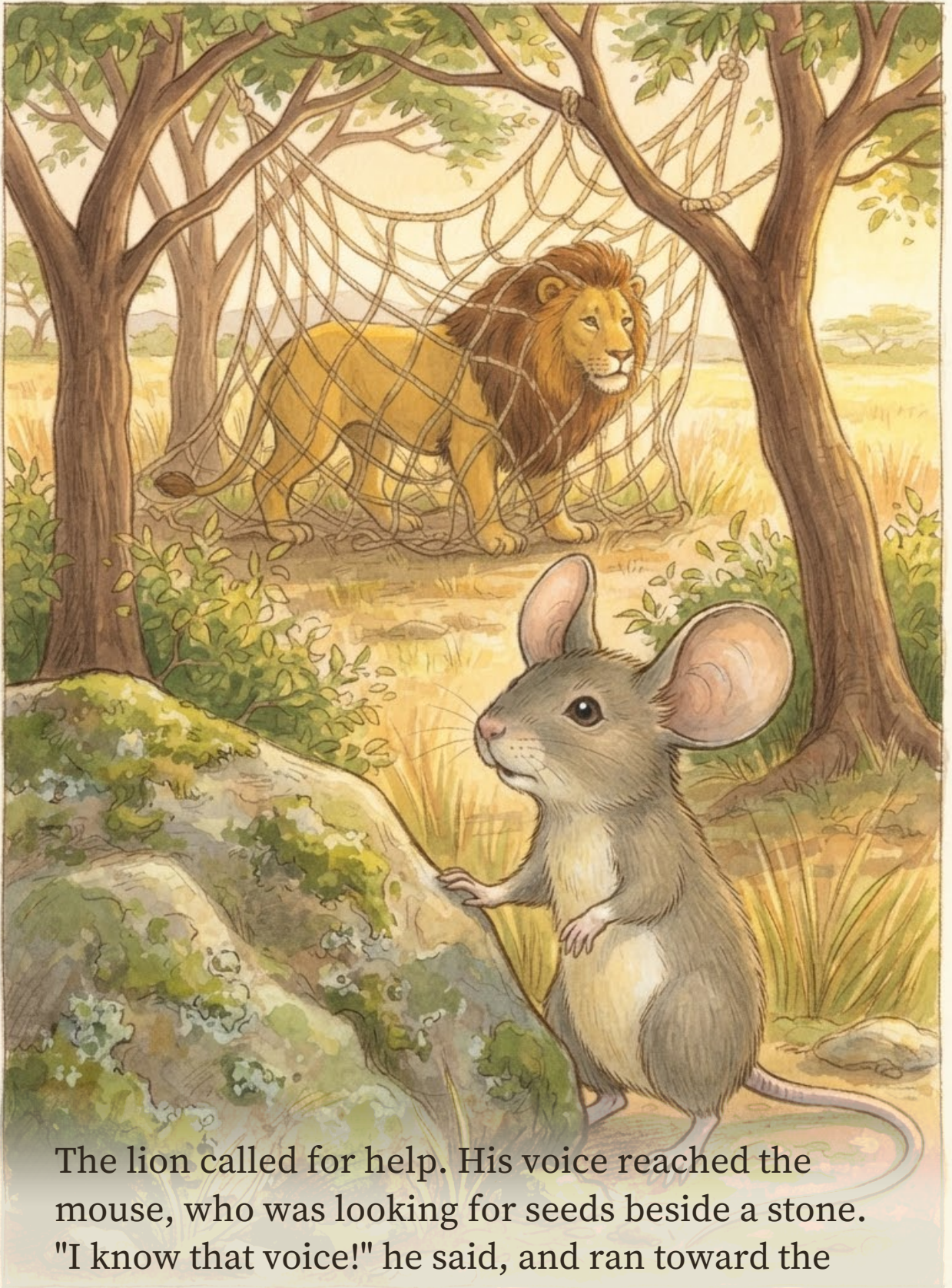
"Please forgive me!" begged the mouse. "I didn't mean to wake you. If you let me go, perhaps I can help you one day." The lion looked at him curiously. That mouse was tiny.



"You, help me?" laughed the lion. But the mouse seemed sincere, so he decided to let him go. "Off you go, little one. Be more careful." The mouse thanked him and ran away.



Days later, the lion was walking among the trees when he stepped onto a hidden net. The ropes closed around him. He pulled at them, but the knots would not give way.



The lion called for help. His voice reached the mouse, who was looking for seeds beside a stone. "I know that voice!" he said, and ran toward the trees.

When he found the lion, the mouse approached without fear. "Stay still. I'm going to help you." He found a thick rope near the ground and held it in his tiny paws.





The mouse began to gnaw. He bit once, then again, and again. The threads broke one by one until a rope snapped. Then he moved on to the rope beside it.



At last, a gap opened in the net. The lion pulled out one paw, then the other, and he was free. He shook his mane and looked at his little friend in amazement.



"You saved me," said the lion. "I will never again think anyone is too small to help." The mouse smiled. From then on, they were friends: no act of kindness is too small.

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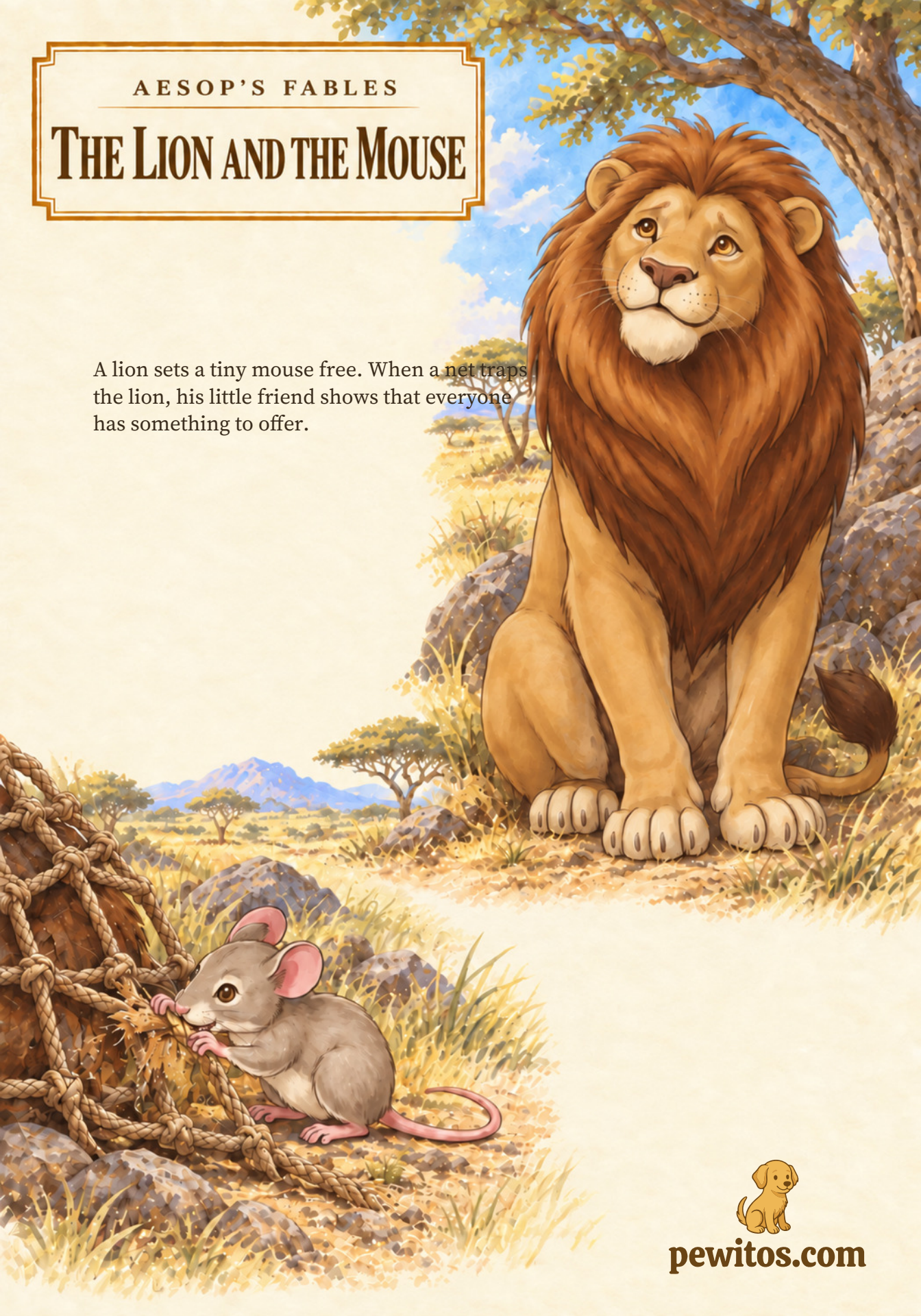
A fable from Greek tradition attributed to Aesop, an ancient storyteller. A lion and a mouse show that help can come from an unexpected place. This is a Pewitos adaptation.



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A lion sets a tiny mouse free. When a net traps the lion, his little friend shows that everyone has something to offer.



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