One day Mouse bumped into Lion by mistake and woke him up. Lion caught Mouse and dangled him by his tail.

“Do not eat me!” Mouse cried.

“One day I will return the favor.”

Lion laughed so hard that he dropped Mouse. Lion said, “How can a tiny mouse ever help a mighty lion like me?”

The next day Lion fell into a hunter’s trap. He was covered with a net. Lion’s roars shook the ground.

Other animals heard Lion, but no one wanted to come near an angry lion. Only Mouse ran toward Lion.

Mouse said, “I will help you.”

Lion roared, “You are too small to help me!”
Mouse just said, “Lion, be quiet.” Mouse chewed the net. He chewed for a long time. Finally, Mouse made a hole. Lion was free! Just then the hunters returned. Lion roared at the men, and they ran away.

One hunter looked back. He saw the proud lion walking away. The hunter rubbed his eyes. Could it be? A mouse was riding on the lion’s back! Lion and Mouse became best friends. Lion liked to say, “Little friends can make the best friends.”