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The Lion and The Mouse

An Aesop Fable

Once when a lion was asleep, a little mouse began running up and down on him.

This soon awakened the lion, who opened his big jaws to catch the mouse.

"Pardon, O King!" cried the little mouse.

"Forgive me this time and I shall never forget your kindness."

The lion lifted his paw and let him go.

Sometime later, a few hunters captured the lion, and tied him to a tree.

Just then the little mouse happened to pass by.

He ran up to him and gnawed away the ropes that bound him.

Kindness is never wasted.