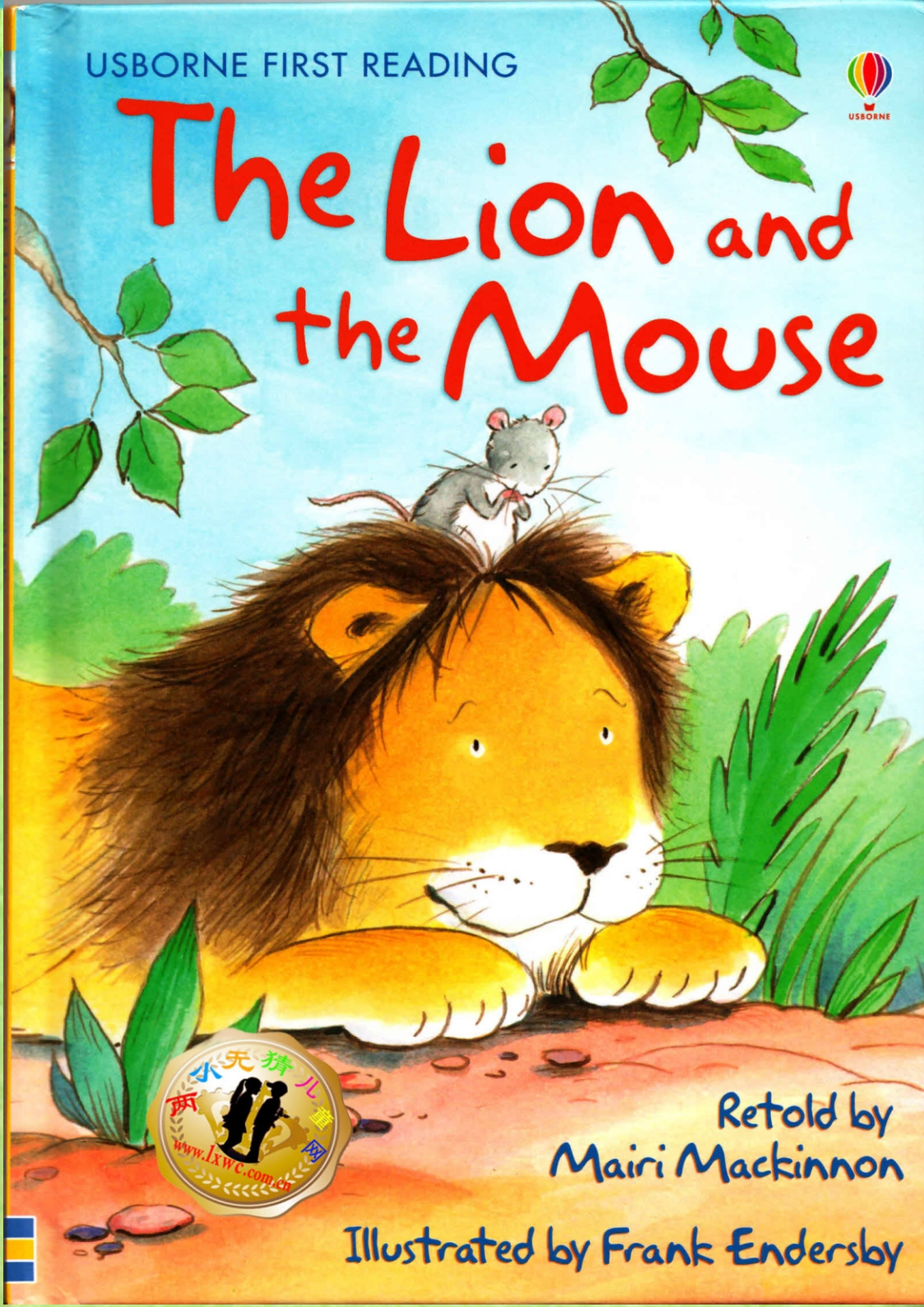


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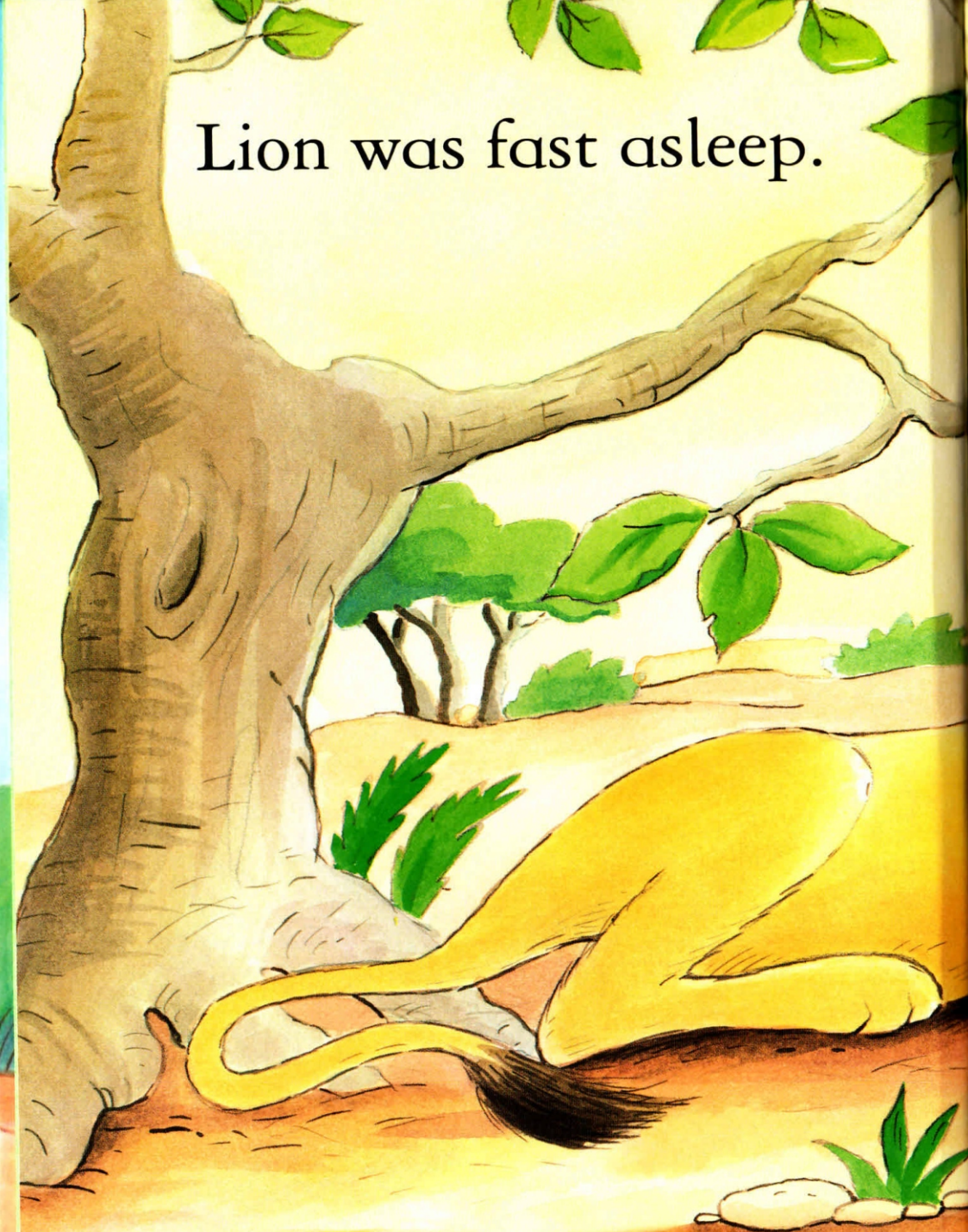
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Lion was fast asleep.



Something tickled
his nose.

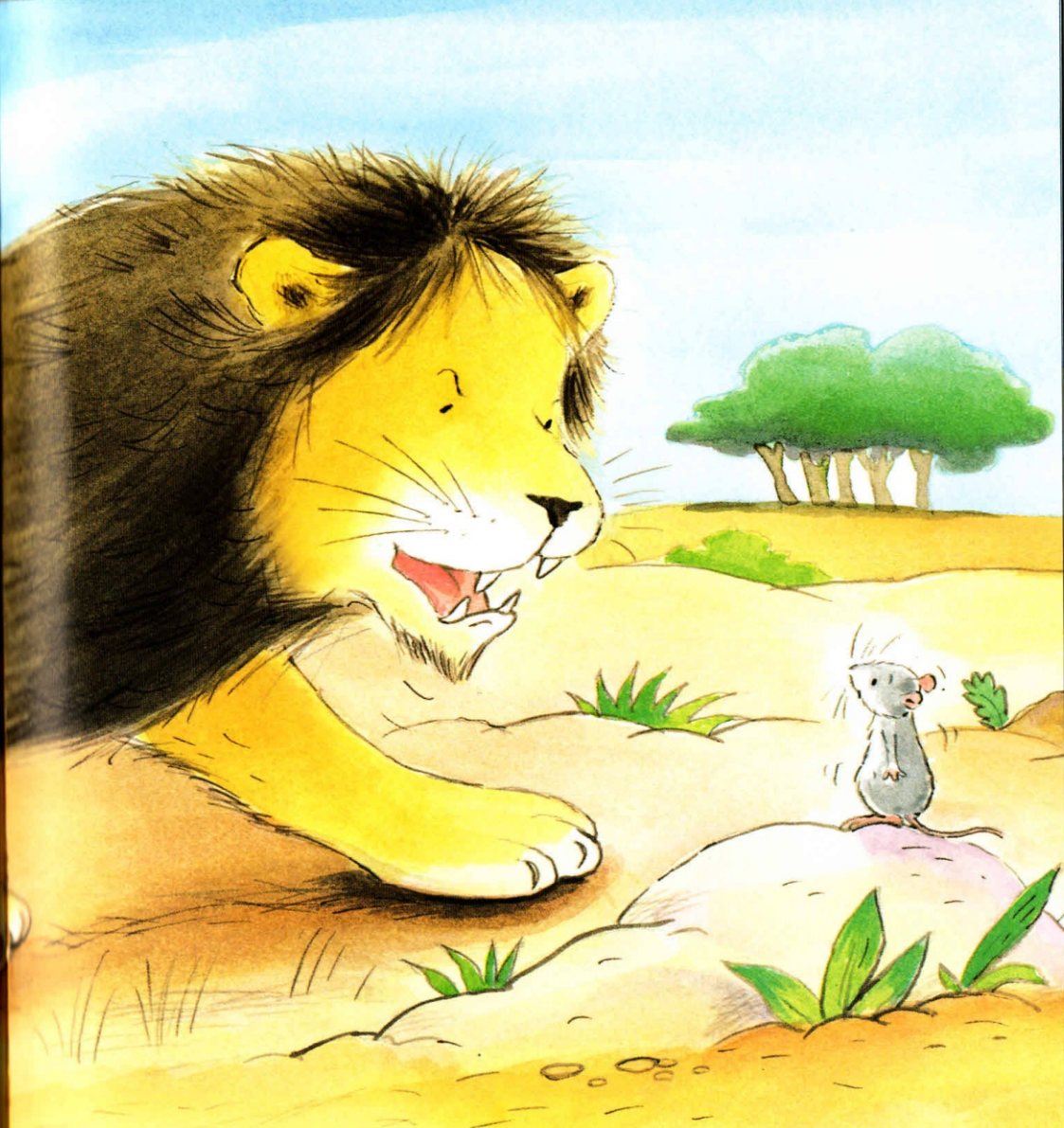
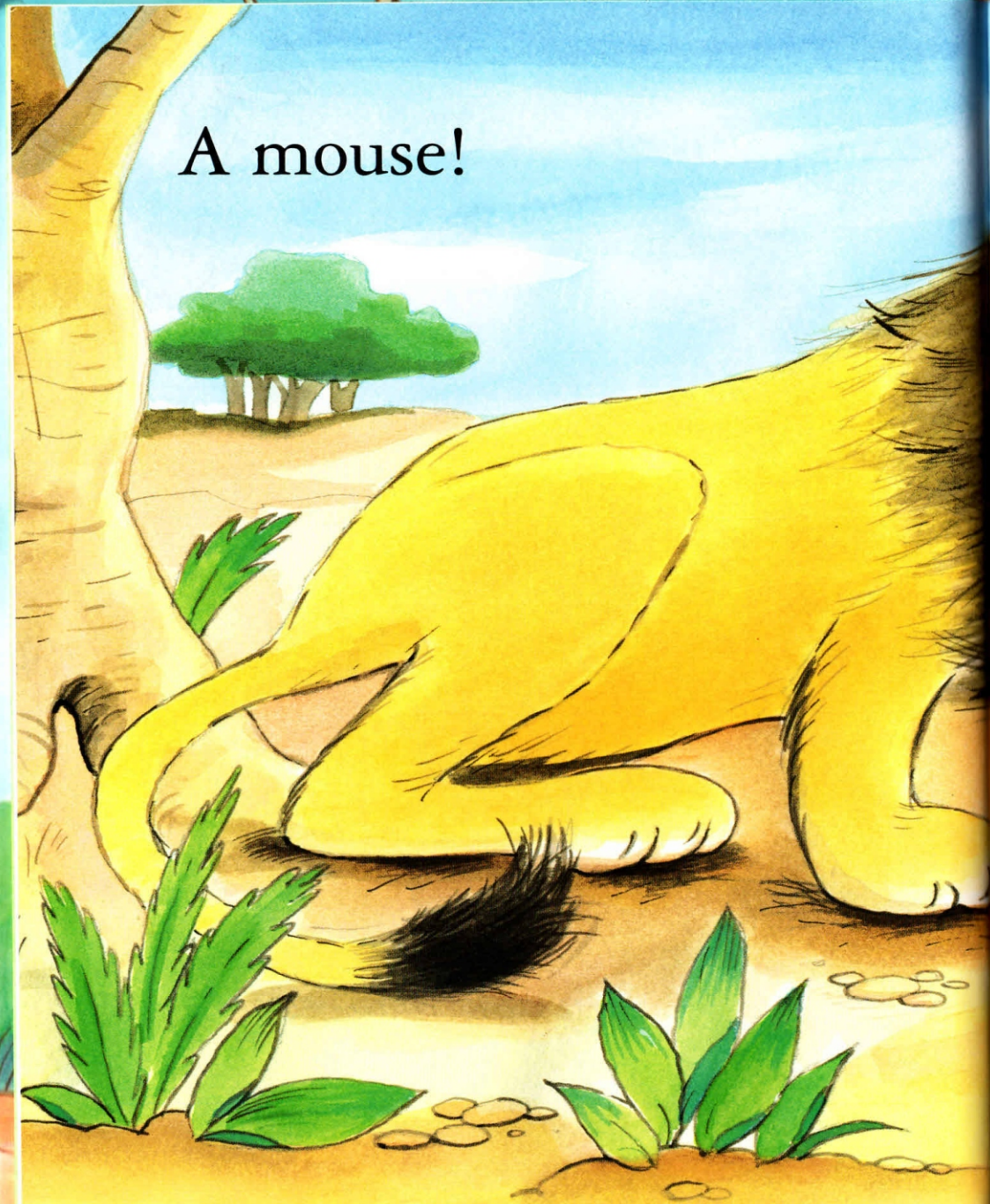


Aaaaaa-chooooooooooooo!!!



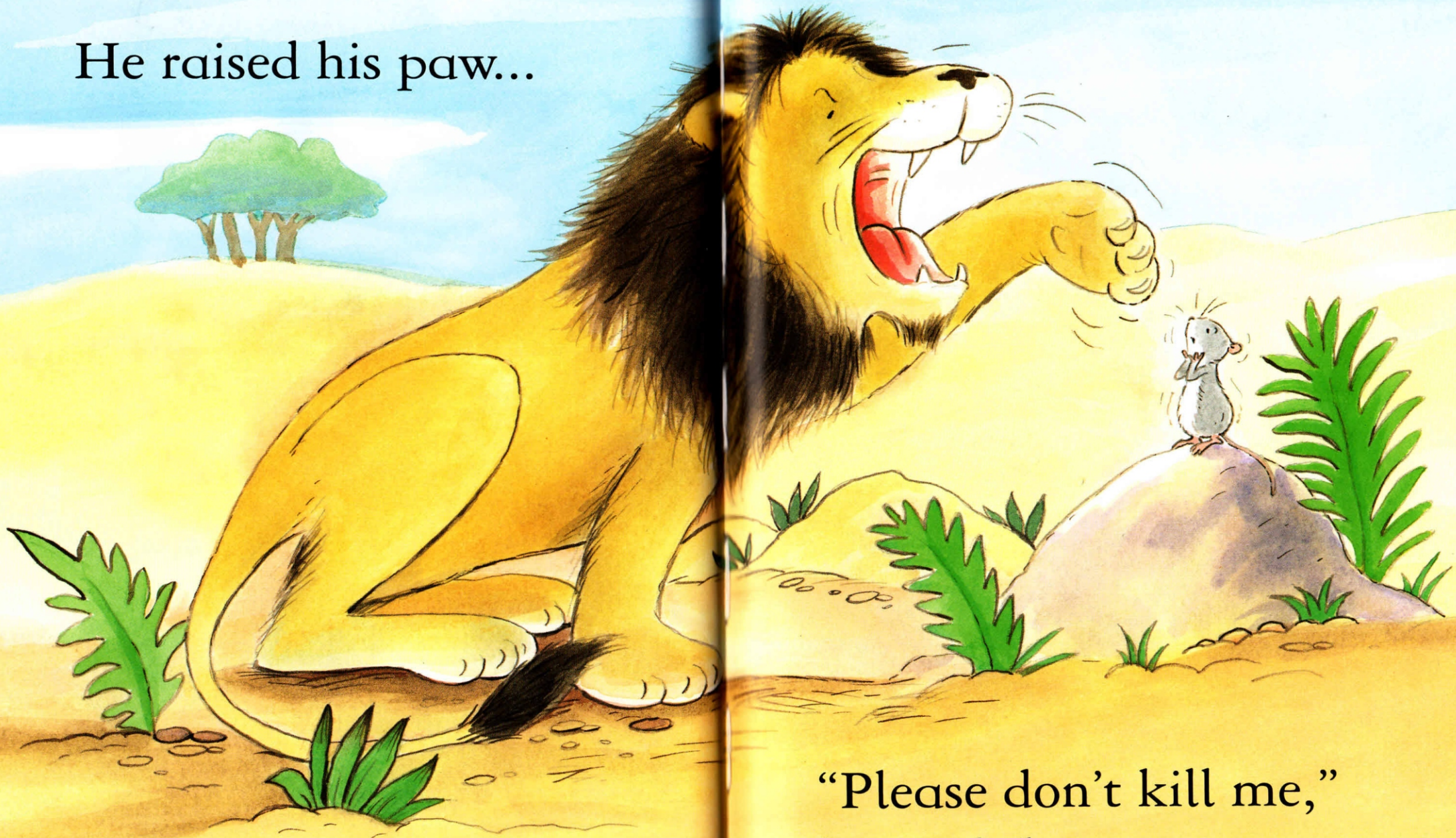
Lion woke up.

A mouse!



“How dare you wake me!” Lion roared.

He raised his paw...

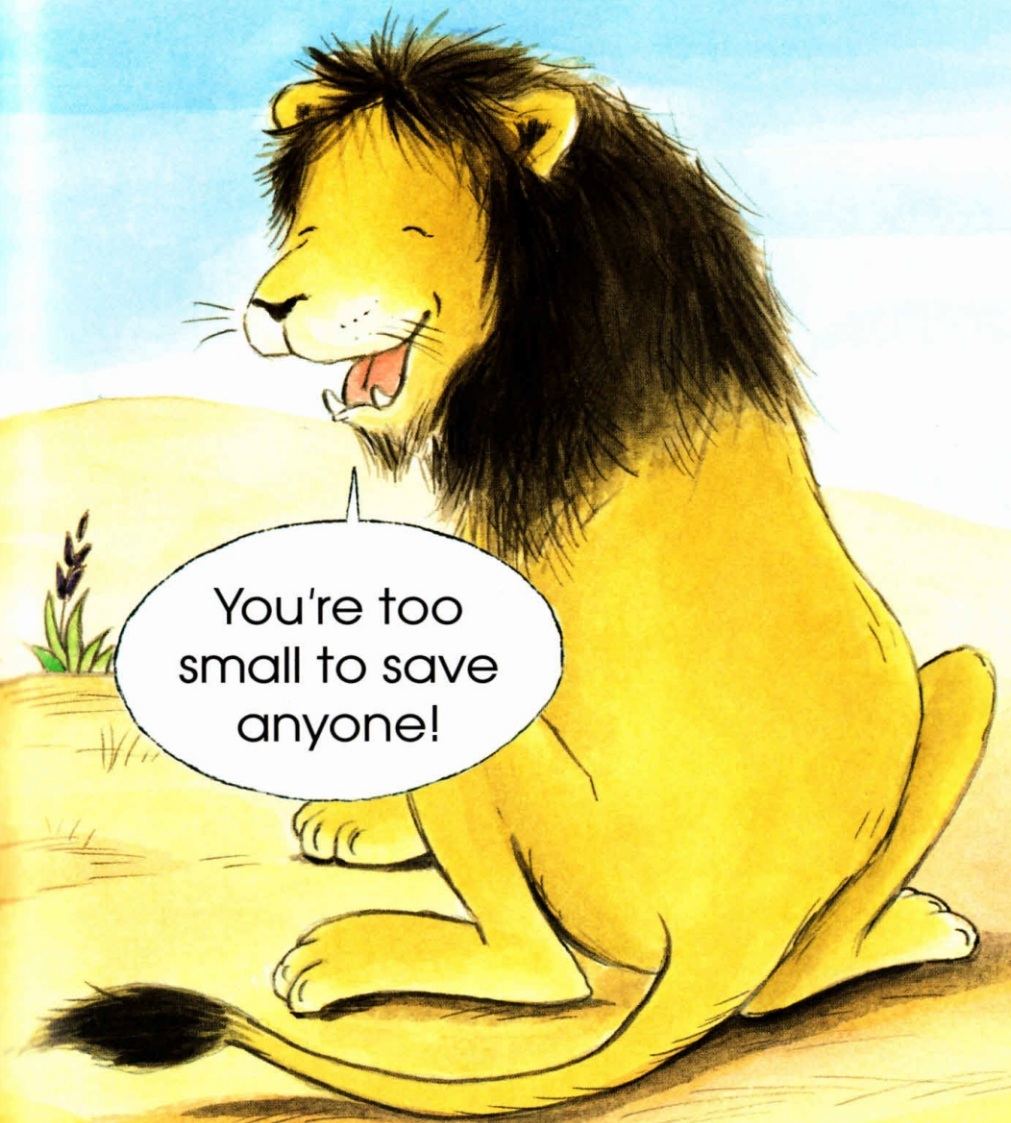


“Please don’t kill me,”
begged the mouse.

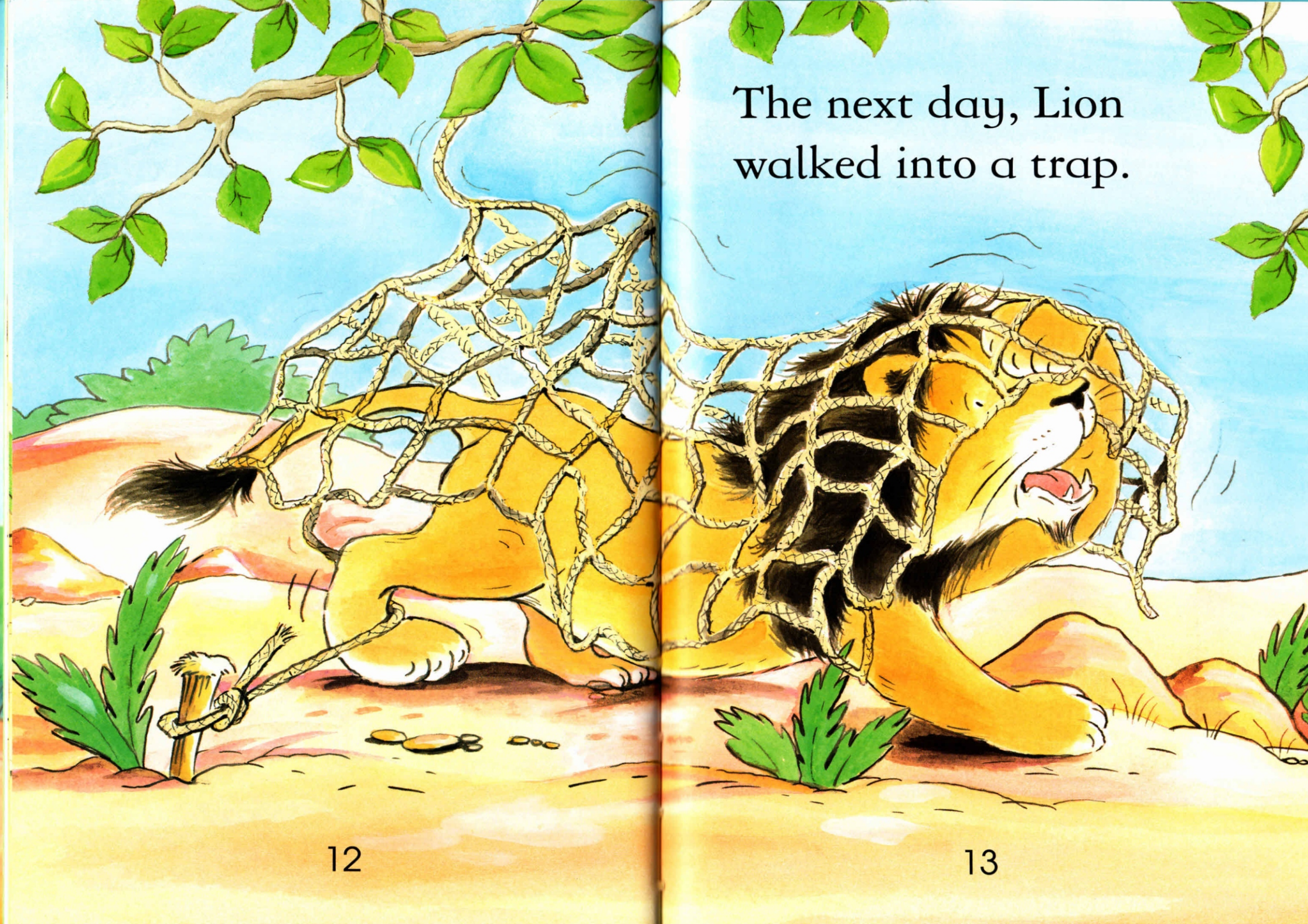
“Maybe I can save
your life too, one day.”



Lion laughed.



The next day, Lion
walked into a trap.



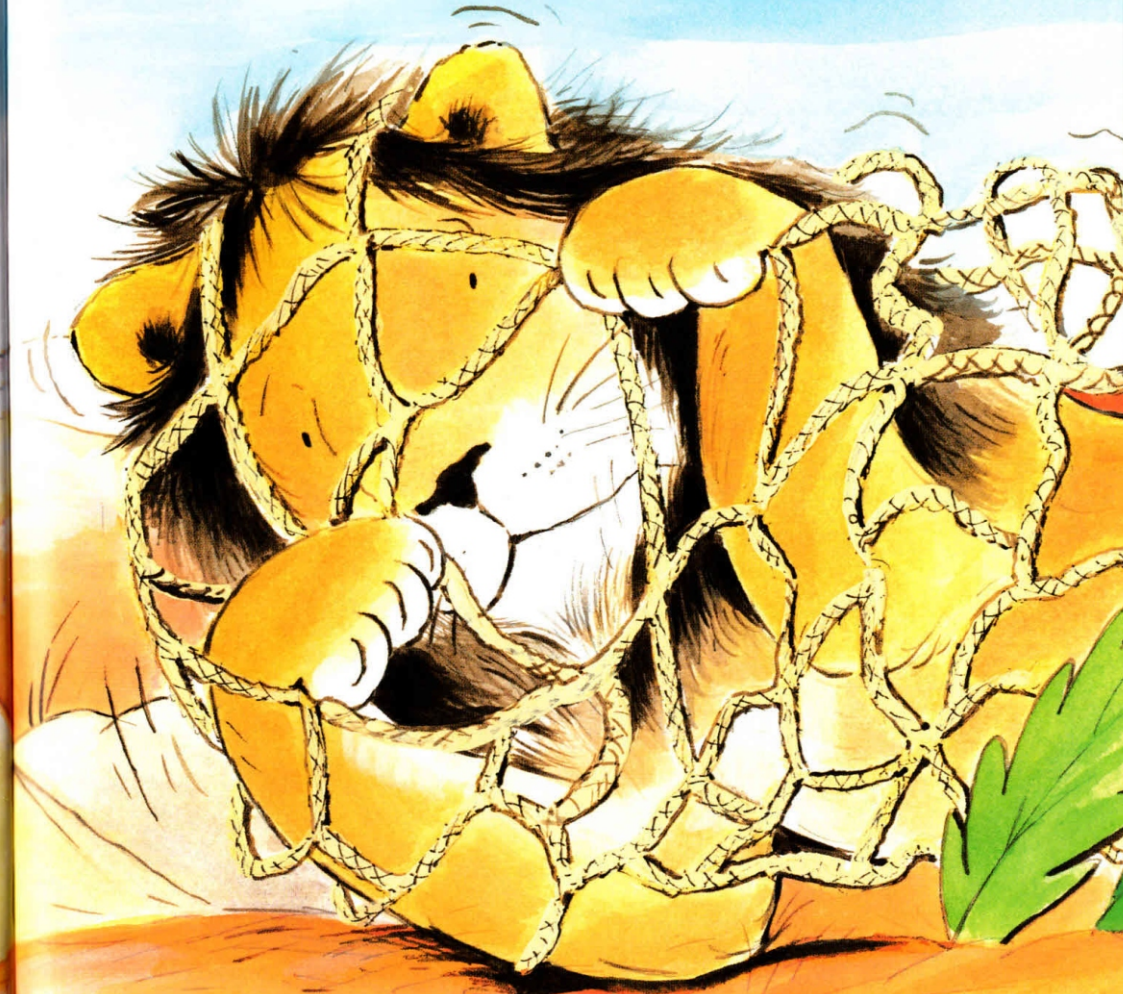
He-e-e-lp!!!



The mouse heard him.



Don't
worry. I can
help you.

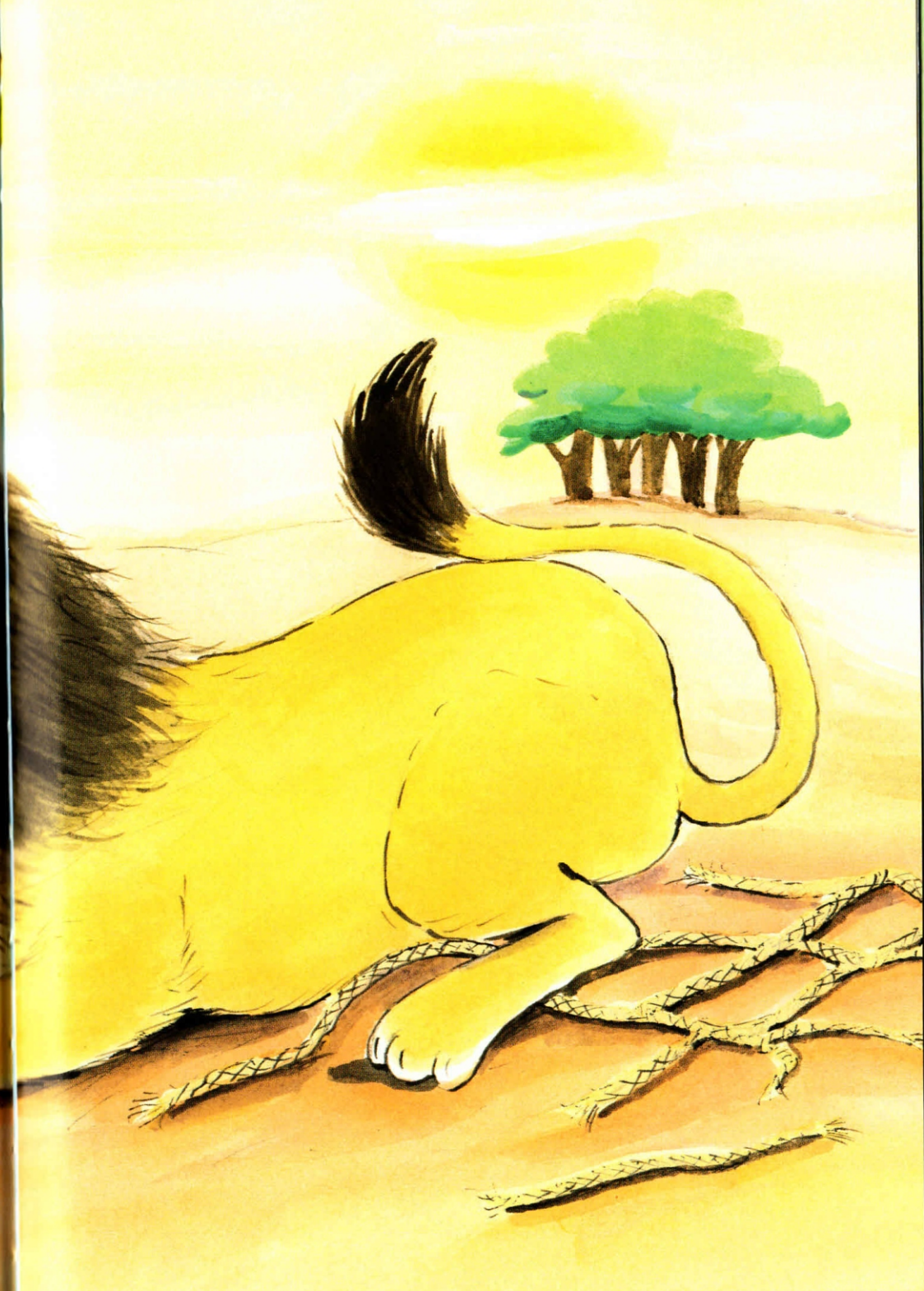


She nibbled through
the ropes...

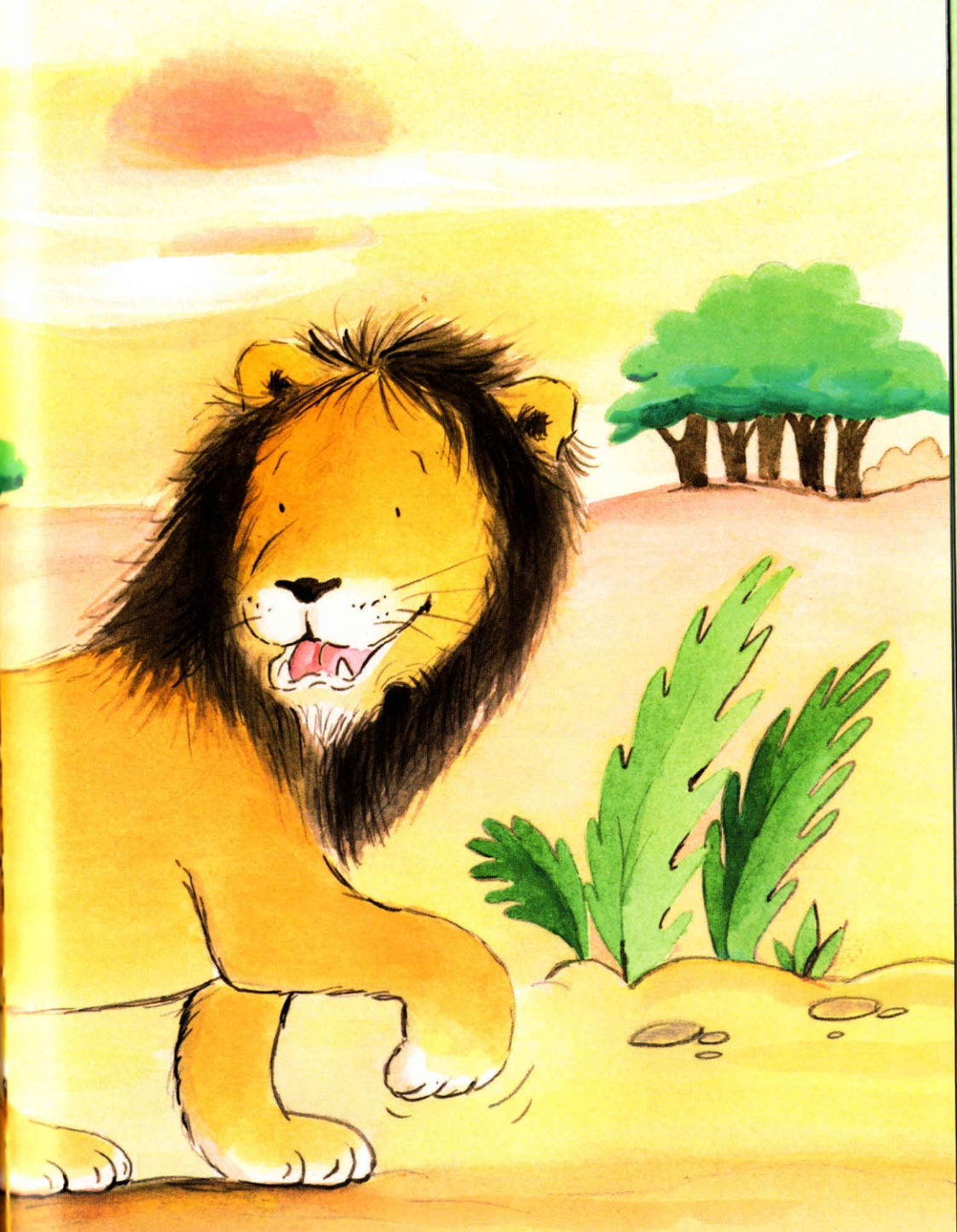


...and Lion was free.

“I’m sorry, little mouse,”
said Lion.



“I was wrong. Even
little friends can be
good friends.”

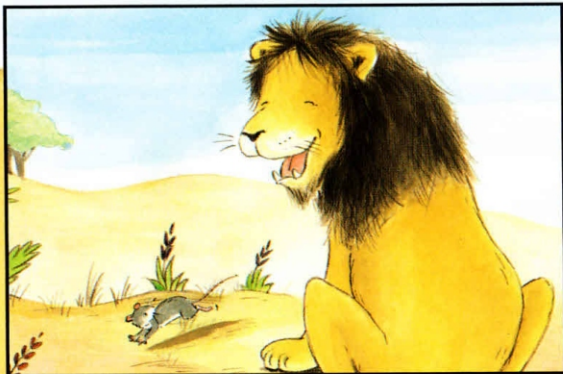


PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

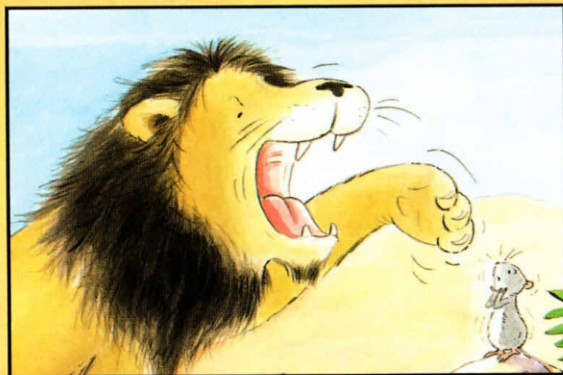
Can you put the pictures in the right order?

A



“Ha ha ha!”

B



“Don’t kill me!”

C



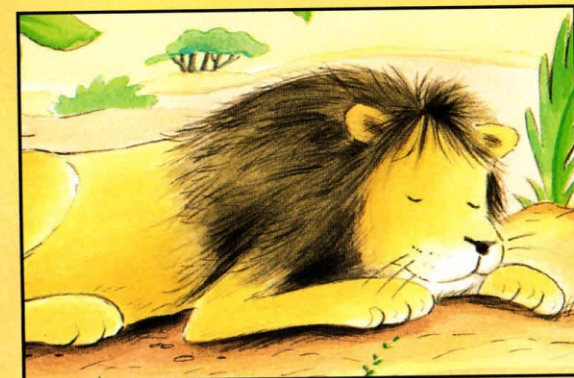
Tickle, tickle...

D



“Aaa-chooo!”

E



“Zzzzzz”

Puzzle 2

Choose three good words to describe Lion, and three to describe Mouse.

big green jumping helpless
scared slimy golden small
smiling lazy fierce sleeping



Puzzle 3

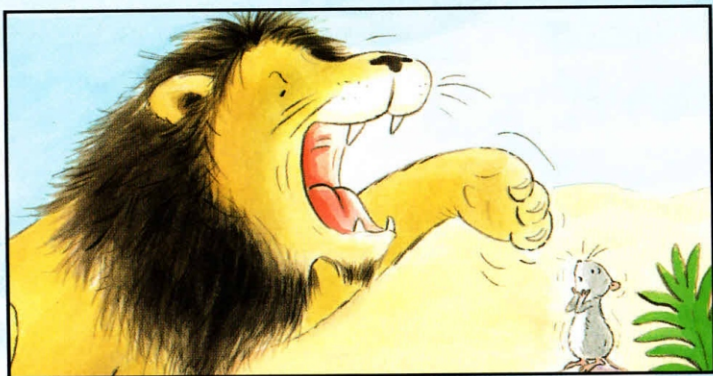
Choose the best sentence
for each picture.

A



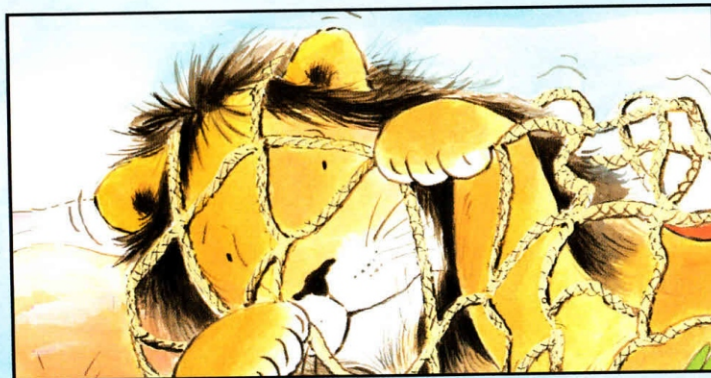
Lion is awake.
Lion is asleep.

B



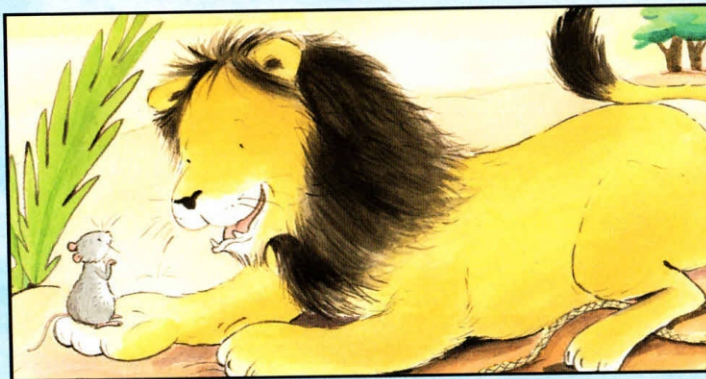
Mouse is scared.
Mouse is scary.

C



Lion is tired.
Lion is trapped.

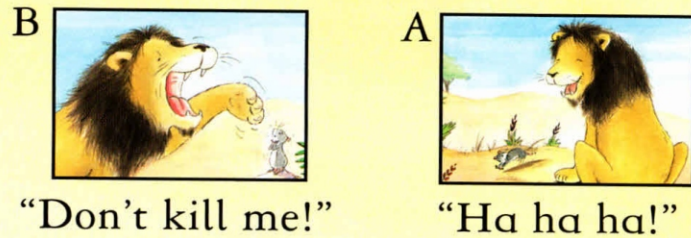
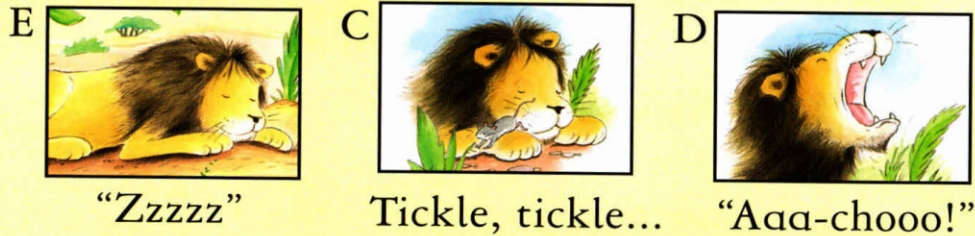
D



Lion is silly.
Lion is sorry.

Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1

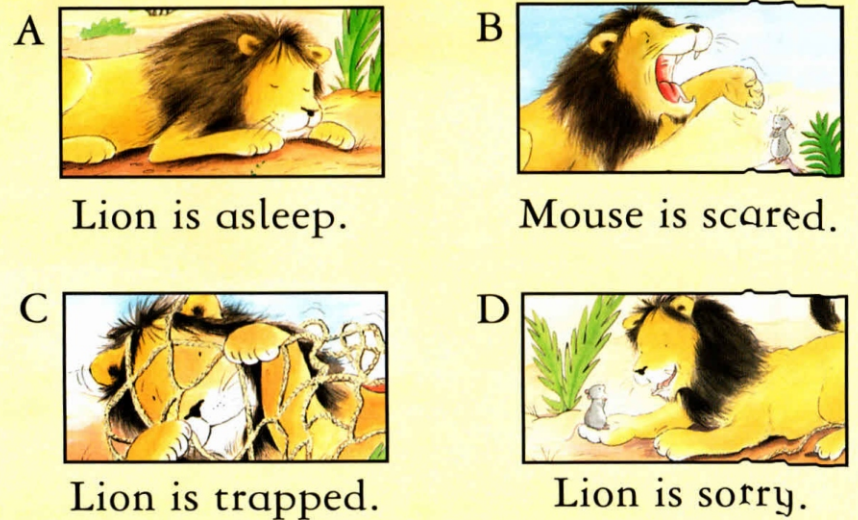


Puzzle 2



Lion: big, fierce, golden
Mouse: small, scared, helpless

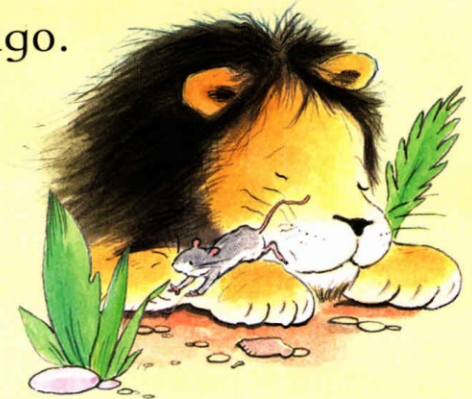
Puzzle 3



About the story

The Lion and the Mouse is one of Aesop’s Fables, a collection of stories first told in Ancient Greece around 4,000 years ago.


The stories always have a “moral” (a message or lesson) at the end.





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