

## Aesop's Fables: The Lion and the Mouse

### Purple Hippo

Deep in the forest, the mighty Lion slept  
And round his mighty paws, the tiny Mousey crept  
Round his mighty claws, the tiny Mousey nibbled  
Chewing on the grains the mighty claws had kibbled

Alas, poor Mousey's nibbling and chewing  
Woke Lion up, *Hey, what are you doing?*  
The King caught him in his mighty royal paw  
Then asked loudly in his mighty royal roar  
*Who are you, with such audacity*  
*To dare to wake his Lord and Majesty?*  
(Never wake a lion from his slumber  
As you can see, he's quite a grumbler)  
*Well, before I go back to sleep*  
*I think I'd like a snack to eat*  
*I think I'd like for a mini-breakfast*  
*The little alarm that didn't run fast.*

The lion yawned, his jaws were wide  
Rows of teeth lined up inside  
White and mean and much malign  
Incisors, molars, butch canines  
Little Mousey was just one gulp  
From becoming rodent pulp  
He squeaked, *Dear Lord, before I go*  
*There's just one thing you need to know*  
*If you listen, you'll be convinced*  
*I'm much much better alive than minced*  
*If you grant me my mere survival*  
*I'll be your pal and not your rival*  
*If you're ever in any trouble*  
*I'll be right there, at the double!*  
Lion stopped and roared with laughter  
*Allied with you? I think you'd have to*  
*Be more scary and much much stronger*  
*Much much bigger and much much longer*  
*However, since you are The King of Comedy*  
*The Alliance of Kings we now shall be*

Lion let go and Mousey scarpered  
Through the jungle's floral carpet  
Lion thought, *Oh, so amusing*  
And went back to his lovely snoozing  
The great cat slept on like a log  
And woke again at four o'clock  
Just the time for a saunter  
To the lake to sip some water

The best-laid plans of mice and men  
Are likely to go wrong and when  
Lion padded down the track  
Suddenly a Crack! Whack! Thwack!  
Caught and hoisted in the air  
By the rope trap lying there

With no pride or ceremony  
The King was hanging from a tree  
Trapped alive in a hunter's net  
Did he holler? Yes, you bet!  
His roars filled up the forest air  
*I'm trapped! Oh please! Does no one care?*  
*I would do most anything*  
*To be freed from this swing*

And just when hope was at an end  
Appeared his noble rodent friend  
*I may be small, but have no fear!*  
*I am a qualified net engineer!*  
*Here for all network solutions*  
*(I also offer consultations)*  
*I am here, your netty mate*  
*This is a web I can navigate*  
*There is no web I cannot traverse*  
*There is no web I can't do in verse*

Surely and swiftly, this system analyst  
Analyzed the system in a twist  
Razor-sharp and quite unfazed  
Nibbling nodes on net pathways  
Cutting links, he bound and dashed  
Until the net was down and crashed

The time was not yet ten to six  
When Mouse freed Lion from the matrix  
*What if I told you that everything you know*  
*Is helping a friend with nowhere to go?*  
*Well, little mouse, you've proven your worth*  
*You are truly a king of royal birth*  
*I thought you were nothing and that was a travesty*  
*You taught me a lesson, Your Rodent Majesty*  
*I've seen the truth with my very own eyes*  
*Greatness does not depend on size*  
*My view of you will never be the same*  
*Jump up, dear friend, and ride on my mane!*

The two kings wandered down the evening path  
The two kings wallowed in their evening bath  
Their kingdoms united, for that was their plan  
The King of the Jungle and his new mane man.

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