

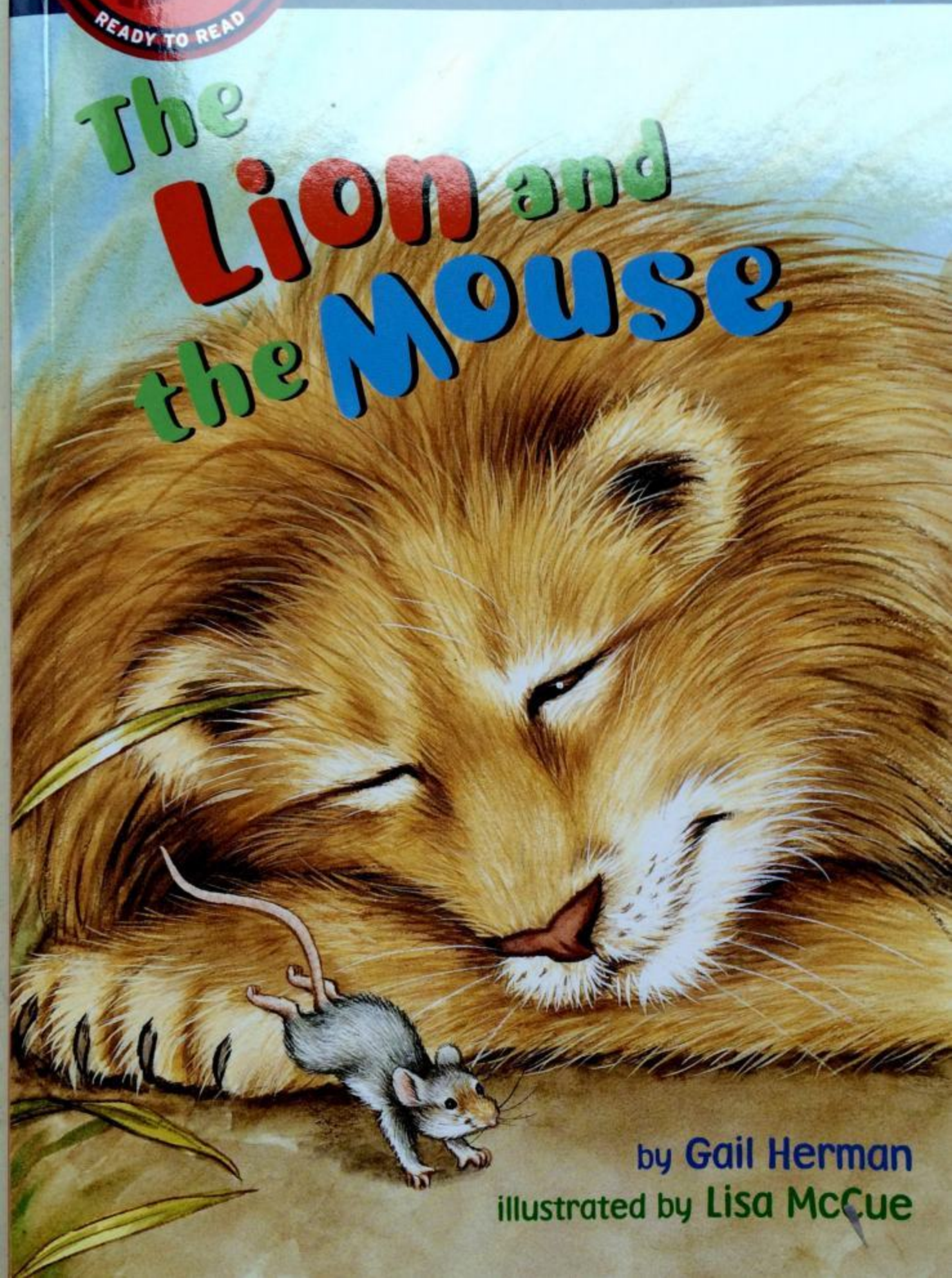
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READY TO READ

STEP INTO READING®

The
Lion and
the **Mouse**



by Gail Herman

illustrated by Lisa McCue

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

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date

3 of my favorite books

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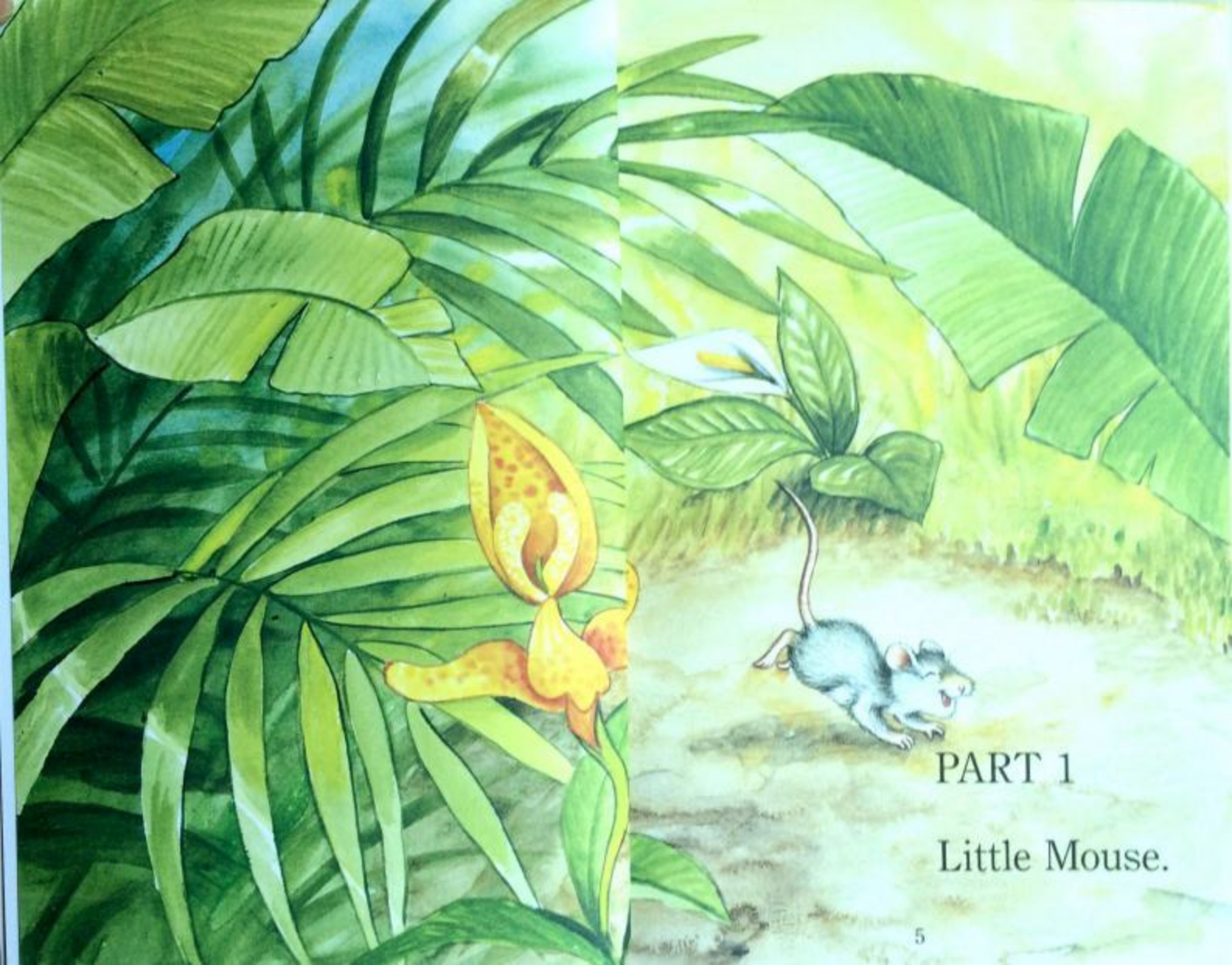
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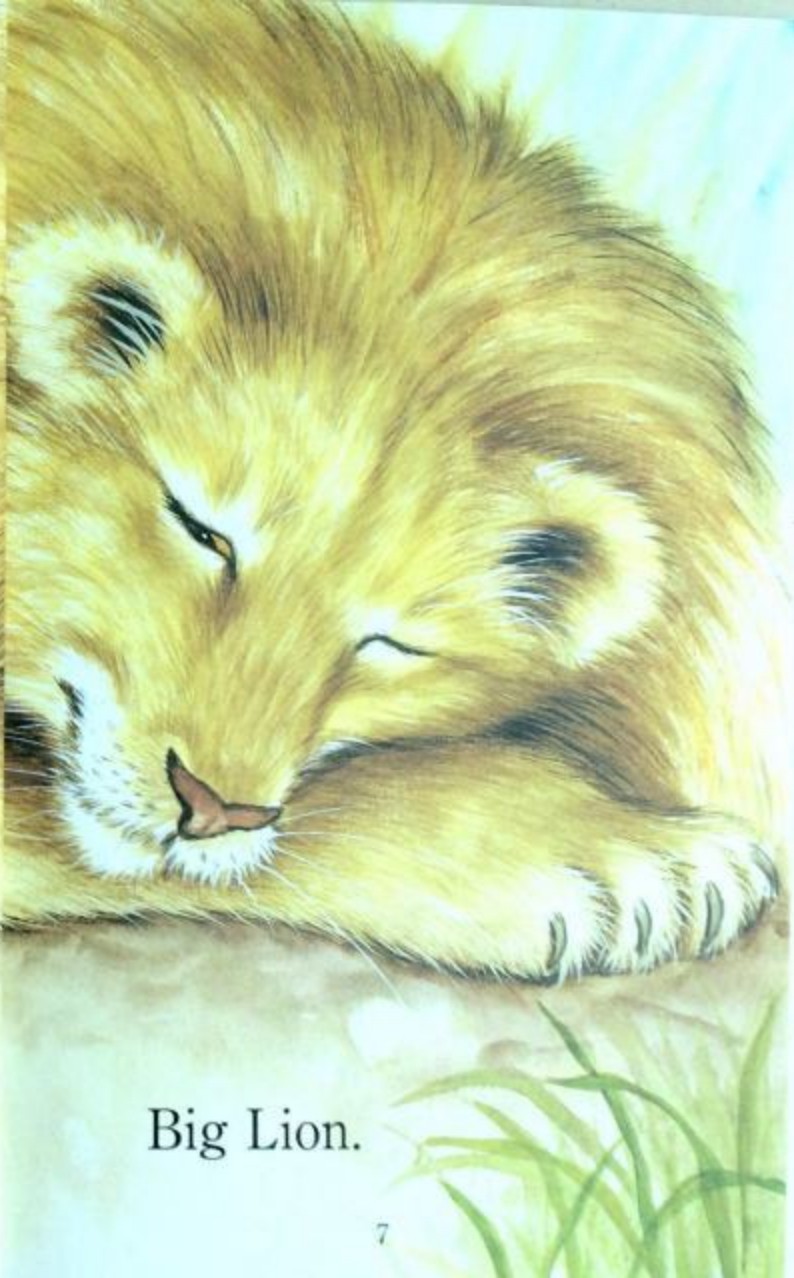
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PART 1

Little Mouse.



Big Lion.

A detailed illustration of a lion cub with a thick, golden-brown mane, lying down in a field of tall, green grass. The cub's face is the central focus, with its eyes looking towards the right. In the background, a tiny, grey mouse is running away from the cub, looking back over its shoulder with a look of alarm. The scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment with soft lighting.

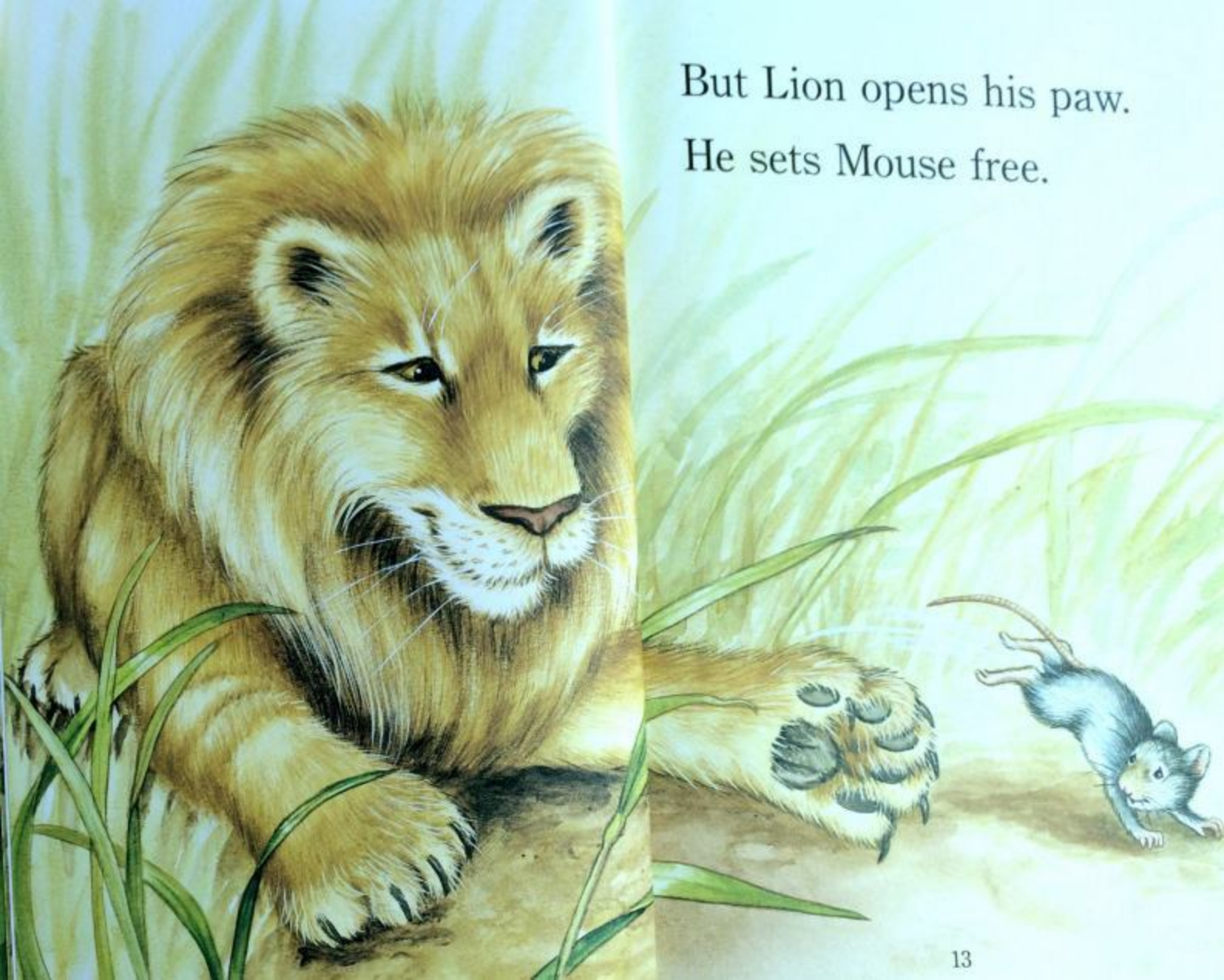
Big, big trouble!

“Let me go!”
begs Mouse.
“Someday
I will help you!”



“YOU help ME?”
says Lion.
“Ha, ha, ha!”

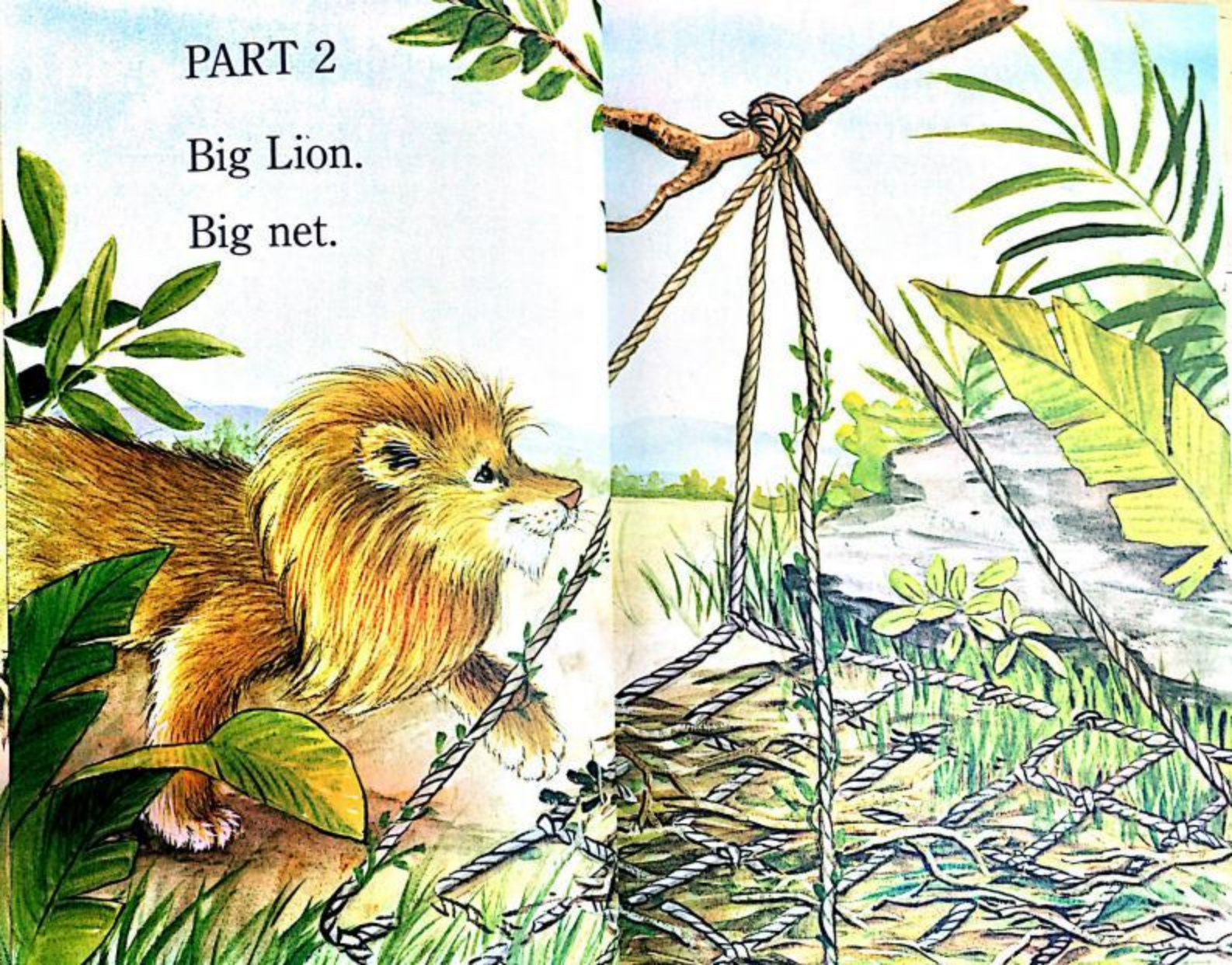
But Lion opens his paw.
He sets Mouse free.



PART 2

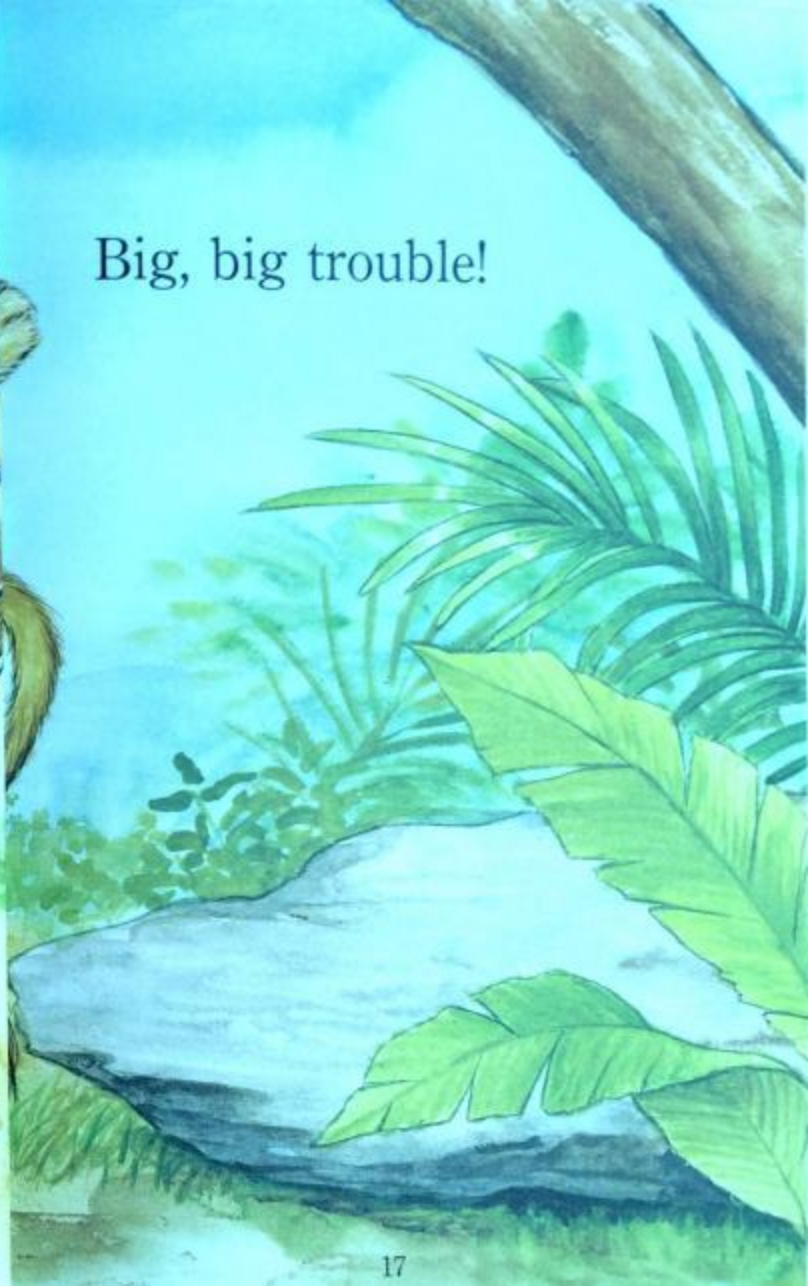
Big Lion.

Big net.





Big, big trouble!





ROAR!





Mouse sits up.

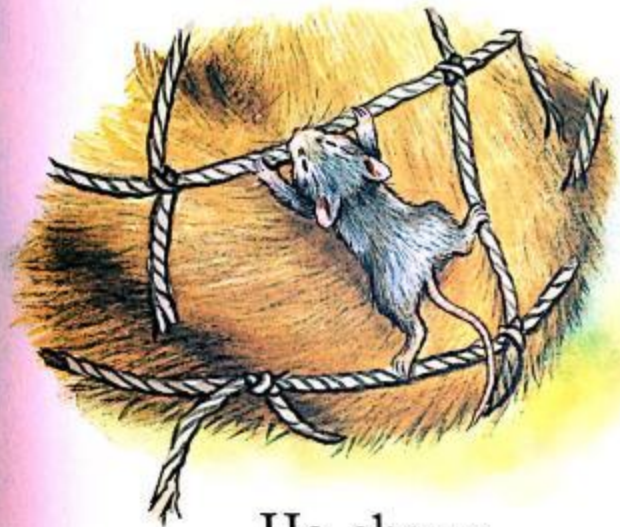


“Help me!”
begs Lion.

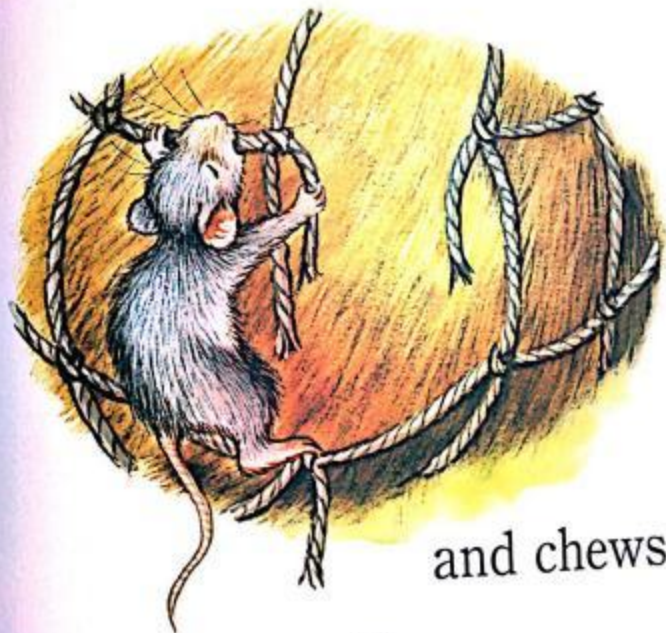




Mouse starts to chew.



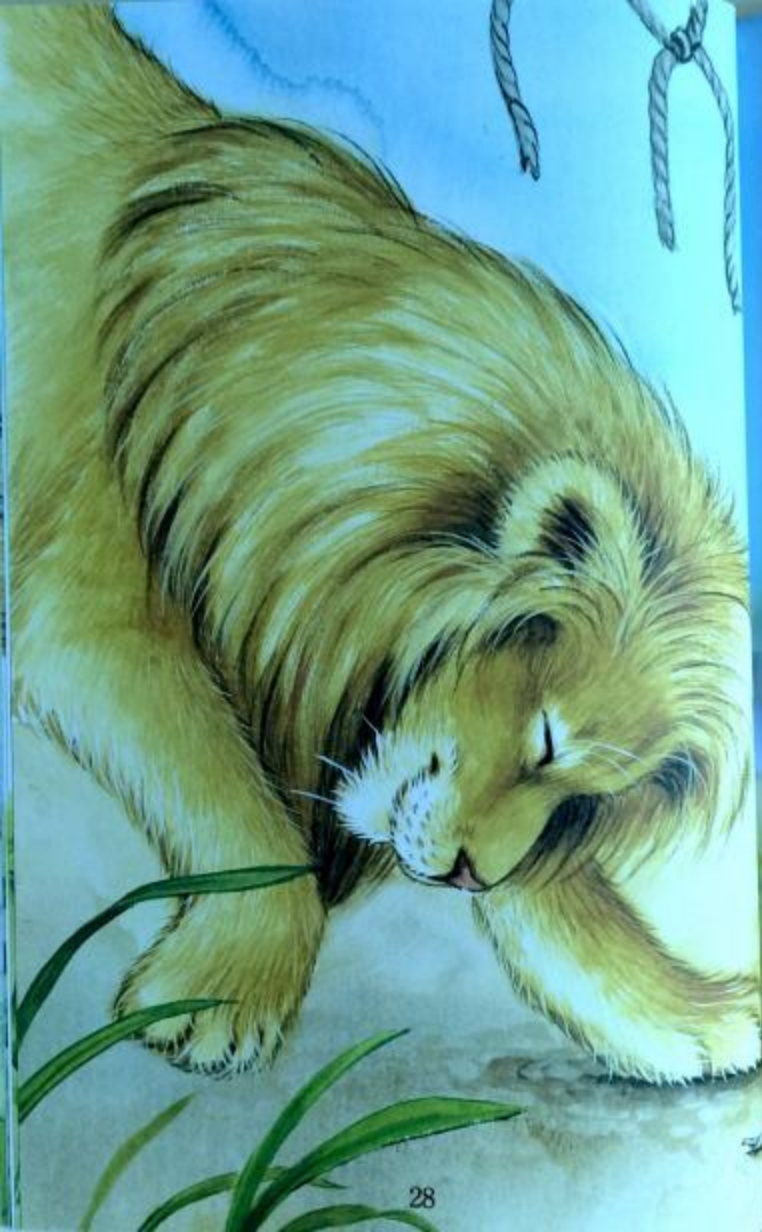
He chews



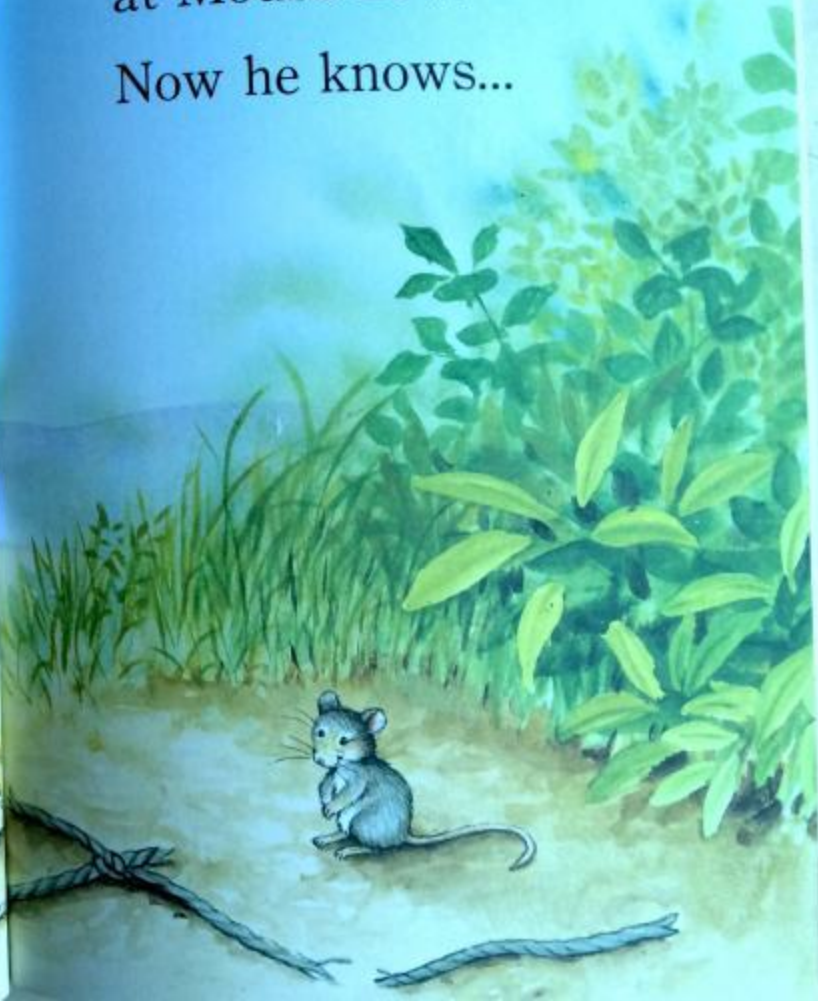
and chews.



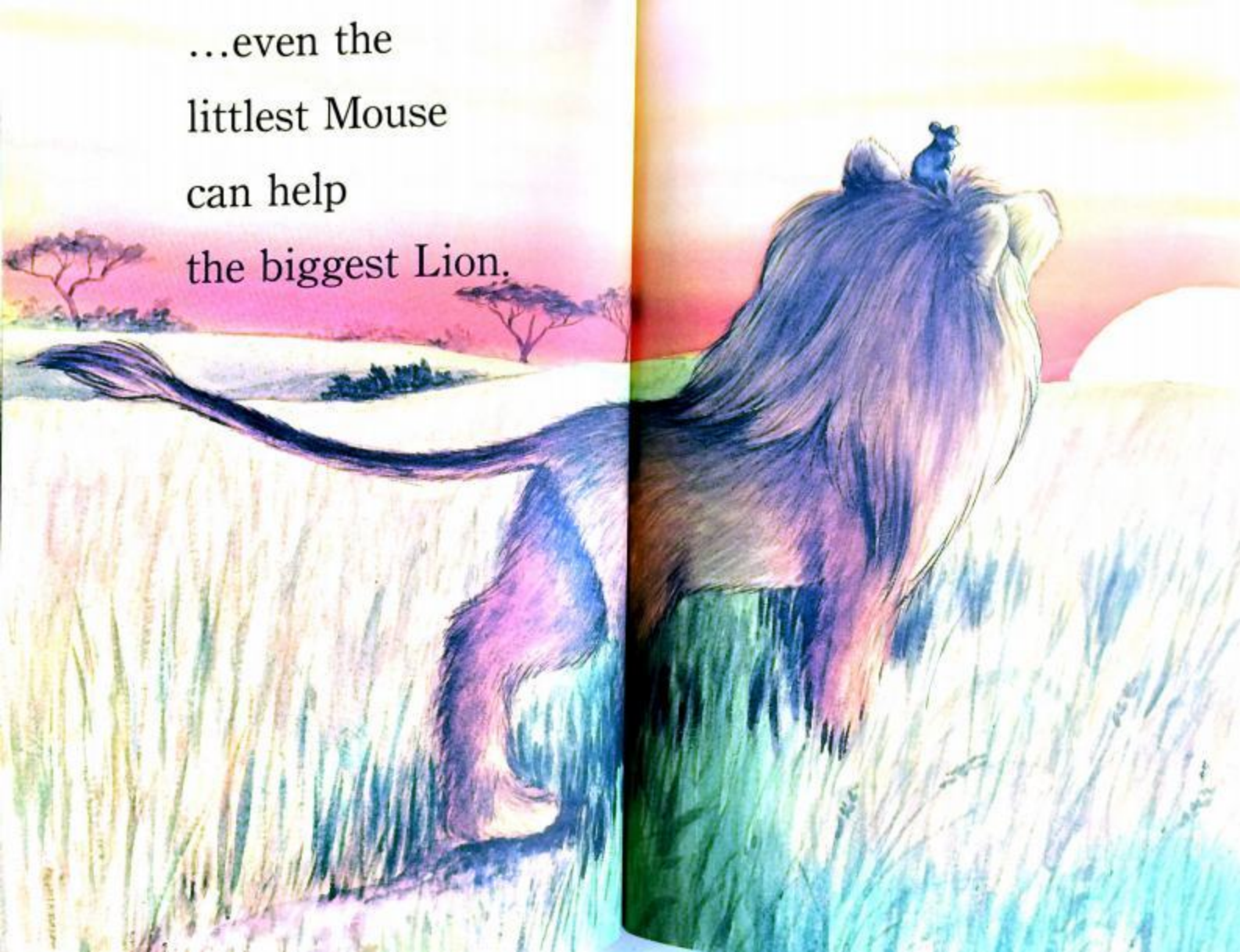
He sets Lion free!



Lion does not laugh
at Mouse now.
Now he knows...



...even the
littlest Mouse
can help
the biggest Lion.



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