

# THE LION *and* THE MOUSE

A Fable by Aesop



One day, a mighty lion lay sleeping in the tall grass. A tiny mouse, scurrying home, happened upon the great beast. In her haste to get away, the frightened mouse ran across the lion's huge paws. The lion awoke.

"How dare you disturb me?" roared the ferocious King of Beasts. He seized the tiny creature by the tail and opened his jaws wide to swallow her.