



AESOP'S FABLES

THE LION AND THE MOUSE



The lion slept peacefully, when a little mouse began to scurry above him; This caused the lion to wake up, which put his huge paw on the little mouse, and opened its huge jaws to devour it.

"Mercy, Oh King!" The little mouse begged. "Forgive me this time, and I'll never forget: Some day I may be able to return the favor?"

The lion seemed so amused at the idea of the little mouse being able to help him, that he lifted his paw and let it escape.

Later the lion fell into a trap, and the hunters, who wanted to take him alive to the king, tied him to a tree while they fetched a wagon to carry him. By chance, the little mouse was passing by when he saw the great trouble in which the lion found himself. The mouse ran quickly to the lion and gnawed through the ropes that were holding king of the jungle, setting him free.

"Now, do you realize that I was right?" said the little mouse to the lion.

Do not underestimate those who are
smaller or weaker than you.