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The lion and the mouse

One sunny day in the forest, a powerful lion was taking a nap. Suddenly, a tiny mouse ran over his paw, waking him up. The lion quickly trapped the mouse under his huge paw. "Who woke me up?" the lion roared. "Please, Lion, forgive me!" squeaked the terrified mouse. "I didn't mean to wake you. I was just looking for food. If you let me go, I promise to help you someday." The lion chuckled. "You? Help me? That's hilarious! How could a tiny mouse like you ever help a big, strong lion like me?" But, finding the mouse amusing, the lion lifted his paw and let the mouse go. "Alright, you're free. Just go and don't wake me up again."

A few days later, the lion was wandering through the forest when he got caught in a hunter's net. No matter how hard he struggled, he couldn't free himself. The net only tightened around him. "Help! Somebody, help me!" the lion roared in desperation. The little mouse heard the lion's cries and ran towards the sound. When he saw the lion trapped, he knew he must help.

"Don't worry, Lion! I'll get you out of there, just like I promised." The lion saw the tiny mouse and doubted him. "You? How can you help me? These ropes are too strong, even for me." Without wasting any time, the mouse started gnawing at the ropes with his sharp teeth. He worked diligently, chewing through the ropes bit by bit. It was hard work, but the mouse set up his mind to free the lion. After a while, the mouse finally chewed through the last rope, and the net fell apart. The lion stood up, shook off the rest of the net, and said: "Free at last." He looked at the mouse with respect and gratitude. "Thank you, little mouse," the lion said with tears in his eyes. "You saved my life. I never imagined that a tiny creature like you could help me. You've shown me that even the smallest friends can be the greatest allies." The mouse smiled. "You see, Lion, everyone has their own strengths and abilities. Today, it was my turn to help you." From that day on, the lion and the mouse became good friends. The lion learned to appreciate the value of all creatures, big or small, and always remembered that even the tiniest among us can make a big difference.