

# The Man and the Lion

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English



Once upon a time, there was a man walking in the bush.

Suddenly he met a Lion!



The Lion was resting in the short winter grass.



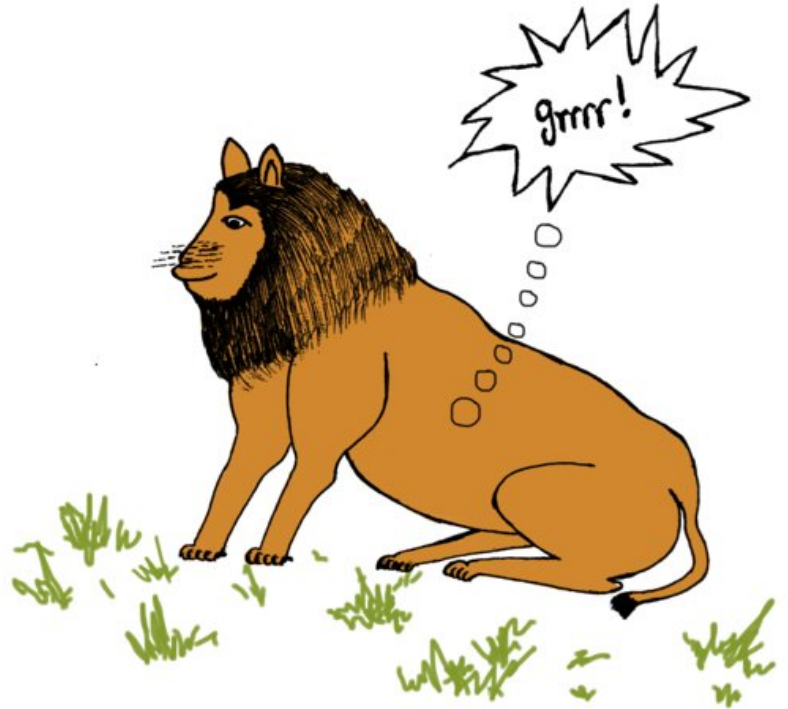
The meeting was so sudden that the man did not know what to do.

He was full of fear.



At first, the Lion was surprised too, and a little afraid.

But there was a low rumble in his stomach, because he was hungry.



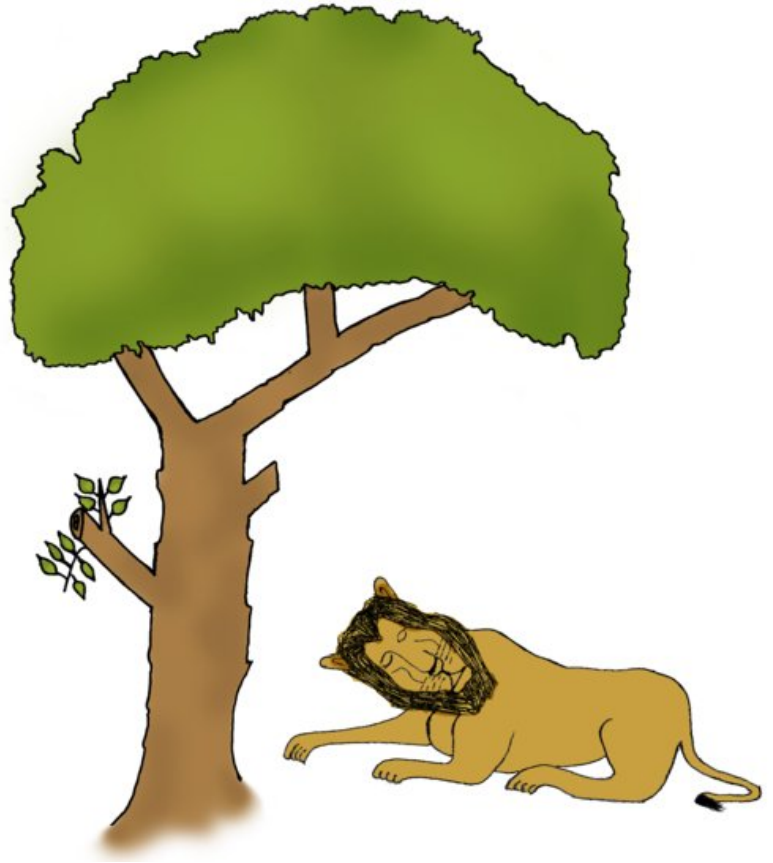
The man suddenly  
found himself up a tall  
tree.

He began to shout at the  
Lion.



The Lion lay down  
under the tree, waiting  
for his meal.

As time went on, the Lion  
fell asleep, or so it  
seemed.



Soon the man fell asleep.  
Then he woke up again.  
Finally he dozed off and  
went fast asleep.



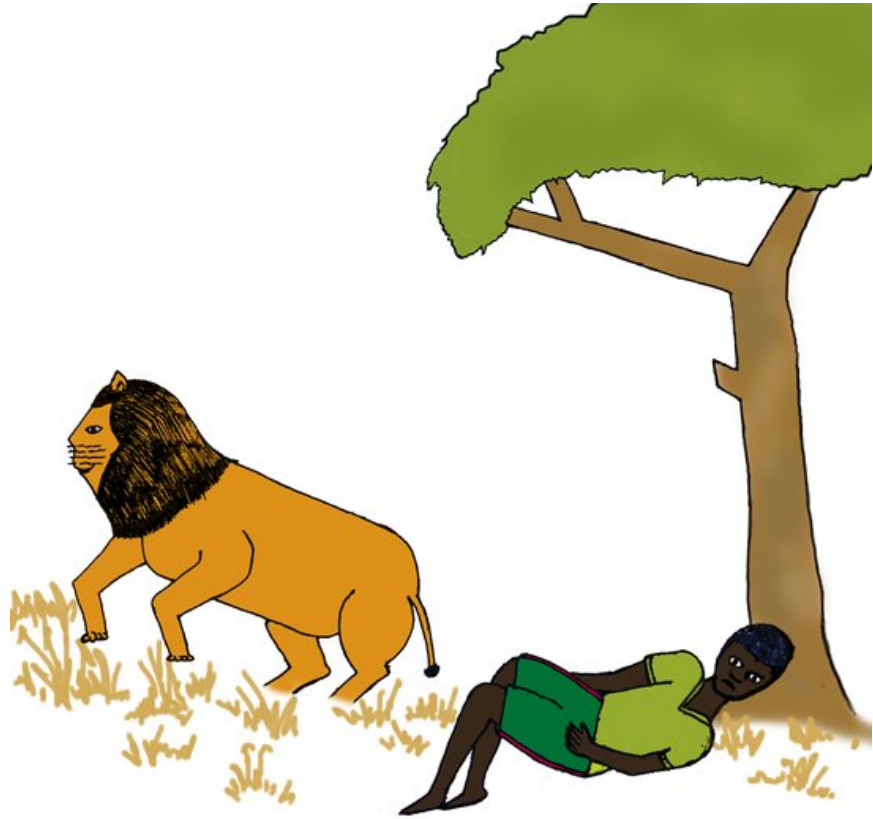


But then he crashed  
down on the sleeping Lion!



They both woke up  
confused and frightened.

The lion forgot his meal  
and ran for his life.



The man began to run  
in the same direction  
as the Lion.

Then he realized that he  
was running with the Lion!



So he changed direction  
and escaped being eaten  
by the Lion!



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