



For book *The Lion and the Mouse*, Level I

Script Level: Grade 1 (Upper)

Word Count: 241

Script Summary:

A tiny mouse stumbles upon a sleeping lion and finds herself trapped under his huge paw. Just as she is about to become an afternoon snack for Lion, Mouse convinces him to let her go, promising to help him one day. Will Mouse be able to help the mighty Lion?

Objectives and Assessment

Monitor students to determine if they can:

- consistently read their lines with appropriate rate and accuracy
- consistently read their lines with appropriate expression, including pause, inflection, and intonation
- follow along silently and listen for spoken cues

Using the Scripts:

- Each role is assigned a reading level according to the syntactic and semantic difficulty encountered. Feel free to divide roles further to include more readers in a group.
- Discuss vocabulary and encourage readers to practice their lines to promote fluent delivery of the script.
- Before reading, have students identify their lines in the script by checking or coloring the boxes beside their part. You may also have them highlight or underline their part.

Vocabulary:

Story words: chew, help, mighty, spare, struggles, traps

Cast of Characters:

Grade 1 (Upper)		
Narrator 1	Narrator 3	Mouse
Narrator 2	Lion	

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Parts		
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☐ Narrator 1

Lion lies asleep on a sunny afternoon.

Mouse is hurrying home through the tall grass.

☐ Narrator 2

She stumbles upon Lion and wakes him.

Lion **traps** Mouse under his huge paw.

☐ Narrator 3

He lifts her by the tail.

He swings her slowly through the air.

☐ Lion

An afternoon snack.

Delightful.

☐ Narrator 1

Mouse feels Lion's hot breath on her fur.

Script (continued)

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Mouse

I am so scared.



Narrator 2

Her voice is just a squeak.



Mouse

Spare me, and one day I will **help** you in return.



Narrator 3

Lion laughs loudly.

Mouse trembles.



Lion

You, help me?

You are a funny little one.



Narrator 1

Still, he lets Mouse go.



Lion

It's a nice day.

I'm going to doze off again under the hot sun.



Narrator 2

Mouse dashes home.

Script (continued)

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Mouse

I'm so happy to be alive.



Narrator 3

The day comes when Lion steps into a hunter's net.



Lion

I'm trapped!



Narrator 1

Lion **struggles**.



Lion

The net is pulling tighter!



Narrator 2

Lion roars in anger.



Narrator 3

Then he roars in fear.



Narrator 1

His loud roar carries in every direction.



Narrator 2

Many animals hear him.

Script (continued)

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Narrator 3

None come to help.



Narrator 1

None dare to free Lion, except Mouse.



Mouse

I will run to Lion's side!



Narrator 2

She finds him in the trap.



Mouse

Let me **chew** away the net with my sharp little teeth.



Narrator 3

Before long, Lion is free.



Lion

It feels great to shake off those ropes.

Thank you, little friend.



Mouse

You are most welcome, big friend.

What you give is what you get.

Script *(continued)*

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Narrator 1

Mouse's words still hold true today.



Narrator 2

What is just as true?



Narrator 3

That even a little mouse can help a **mighty** lion.