# Story Message and Lesson

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   - He did not think a mouse could help him.
   - He was very proud of his big paw.

3. Which action of the mouse helped the lion?
   - She chewed through the ropes of the net.
   - She roared loudly until the hunters left.
   - She dug a hole under the trapped lion.

4. How did the lion's idea about the mouse change?
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   - He thought mice were far too tiny to see.
   - He decided to catch more mice that day.

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