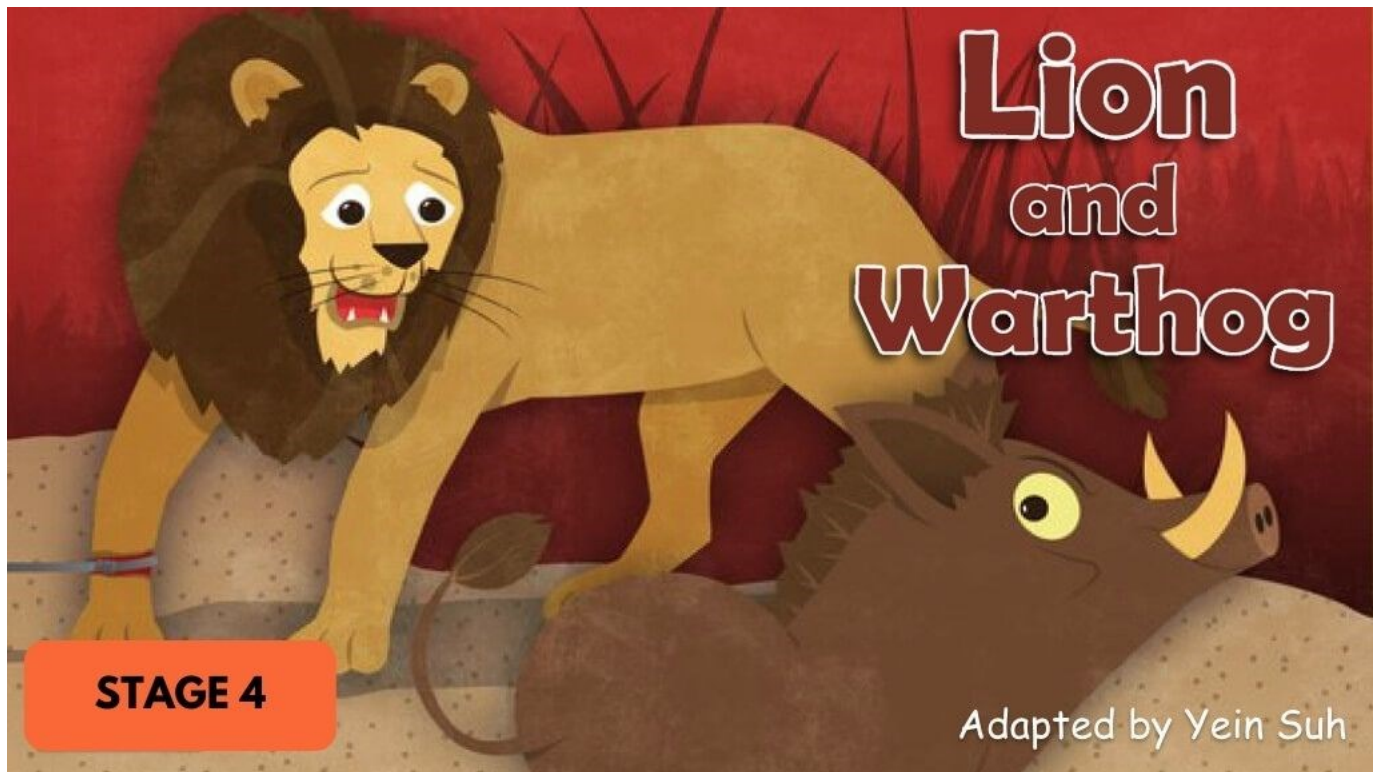
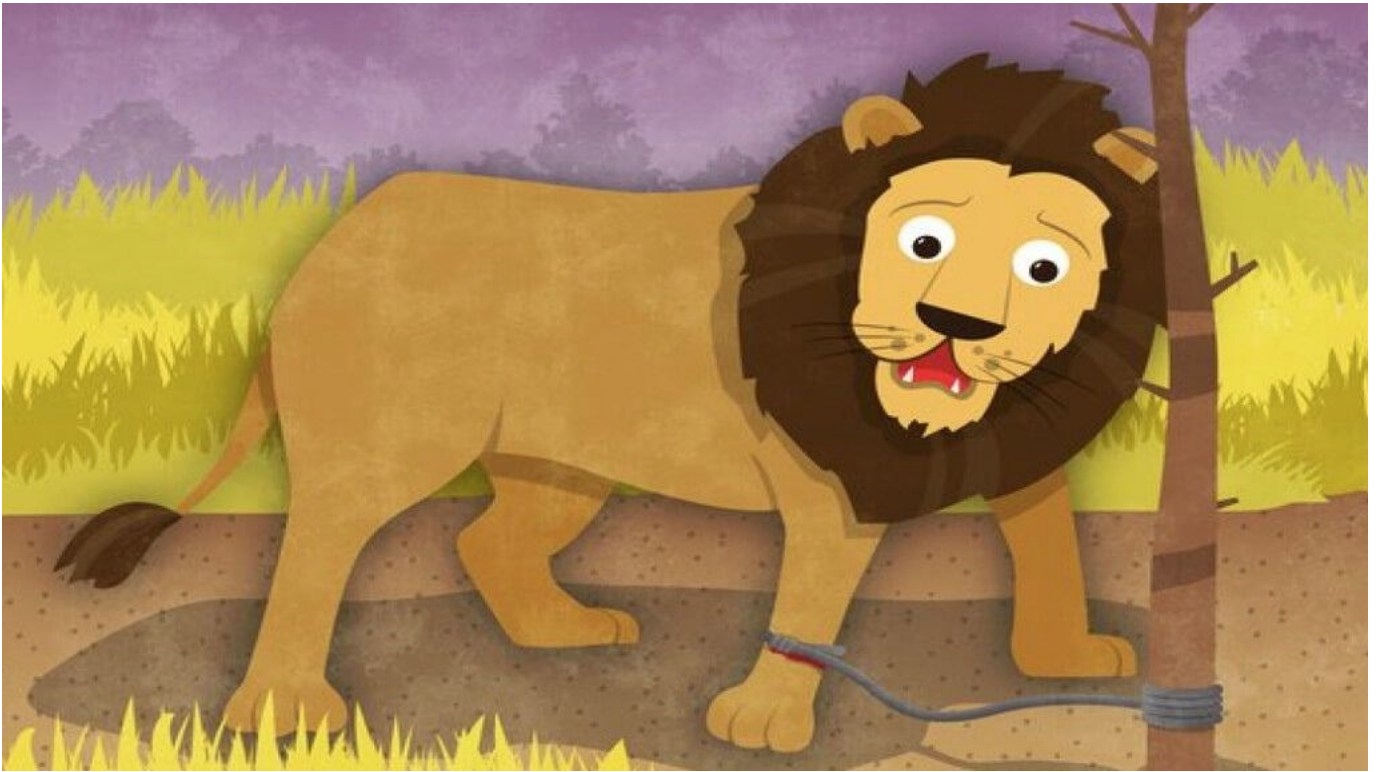




Lion and Warthog



Once upon a time, a very big and strong lion lived in the African Savannah. One morning while Lion was hunting for his breakfast, his leg got stuck in a trap.



Lion yanked and tugged at the rope, but he was not able to free himself from the trap. Finally, he gave up.



I am going to die in this trap, he thought to himself. Then he heard a sound.



Lion peeked through the bushes. He saw a herd of Warthogs. The Warthogs were on their way to the river to drink water and play in the mud.



Warthog! Please help me! Warthog!" cried Lion.
"Please set me free from this trap," he pleaded.
Never, insisted Warthog. "You are a cruel animal. You
will eat me for breakfast if I set you free." I promise
I would never do such a bad thing. We will be friends if
you can release me, said Lion.



Warthog felt sorry for Lion. "I do not like seeing you in such pain, thirsty and starving," he said. So Warthog loosened the trap with his tusk and released Lion. Warthog saved his new friend's life.



“Thank you for saving my life,” exclaimed Lion. “I must go to my herd now. Goodbye,” said Warthog. Be well my friend, said Lion. Warthog was excited that Lion became his friend. “We warthogs will never have to run from Lion again,” he thought.



After saying goodbye to Warthog, Lion crept away. He was very hungry. Then he saw the herd of warthogs playing in the mud. Today is my lucky day, growled Lion. He rushed towards them.



Warthog approached Lion. He was shocked that the lion intended to eat a member of his herd.

“Lion, did you forget that I saved your life? Why are you trying to eat my friends?” asked Warthog.



Yes, Warthog, you became my friend because you set me free. So I am not going to eat you. But now I am starving so I have to eat one of your friends." Lion roared.



So the wise and clever Warthog came up with a plan. He said to Lion, "All right, but first, I want you to show me how you were caught in the trap. I don't understand how such a strong and clever animal like yourself could fall for such a trick."



“You don’t understand! This trap was completely hidden,” protested Lion. Then he went back to the trap and put his foot inside to show Warthog how he got caught.



Warthog quickly closed the trap on Lion's foot.
"Ouch!" Lion roared. Aha! I got you! shouted Warthog.



Warthog! Please help me! pleaded Lion. "I promise I will not eat another warthog again if you save me!" he cried. No way, liar! I don't believe you. shouted Warthog.



Warthog and his herd escaped safely from Lion. Warthog thought to himself, "Sometimes it is more important to be clever than to be strong."

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