

The Lion and

the Mouse

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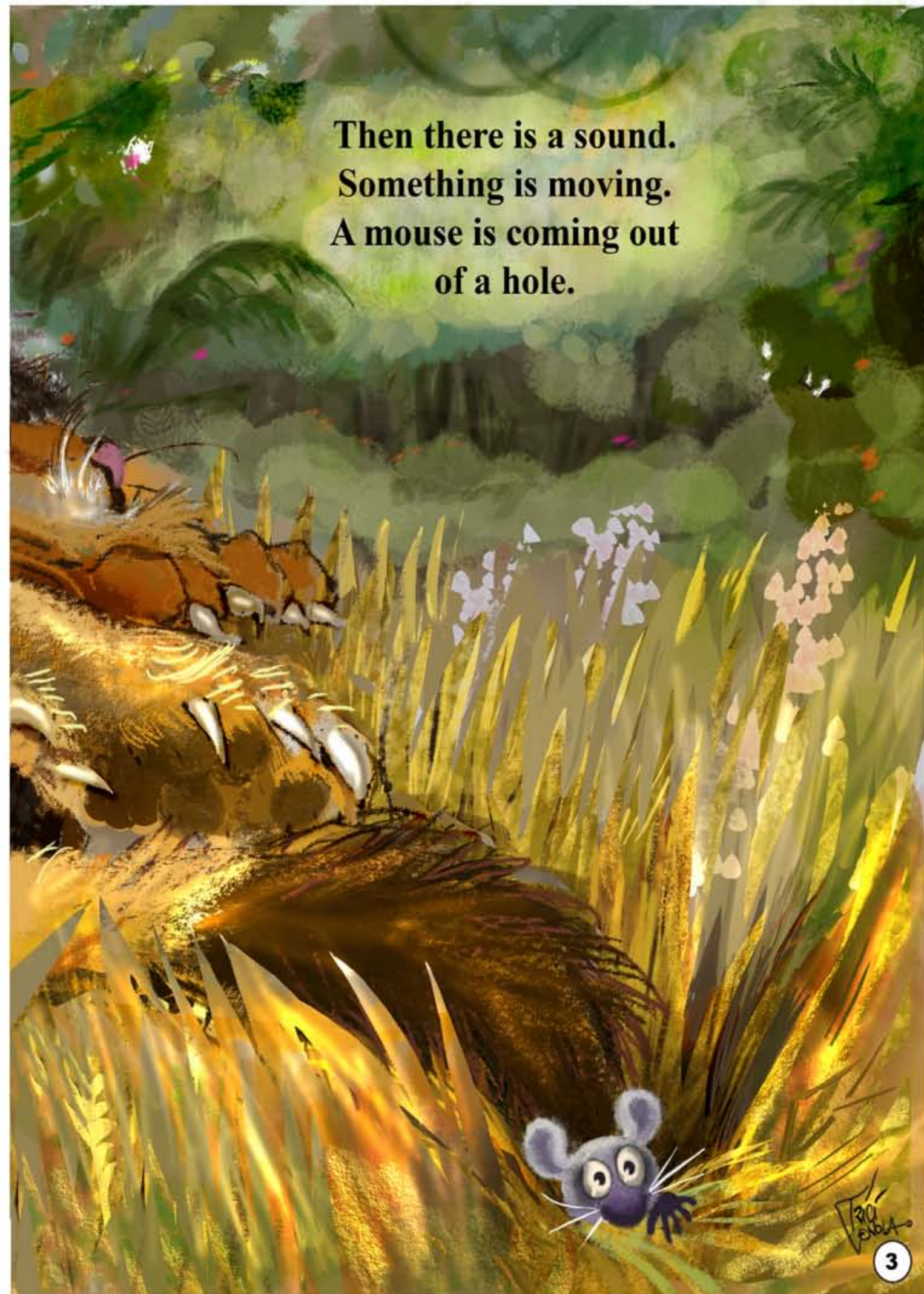


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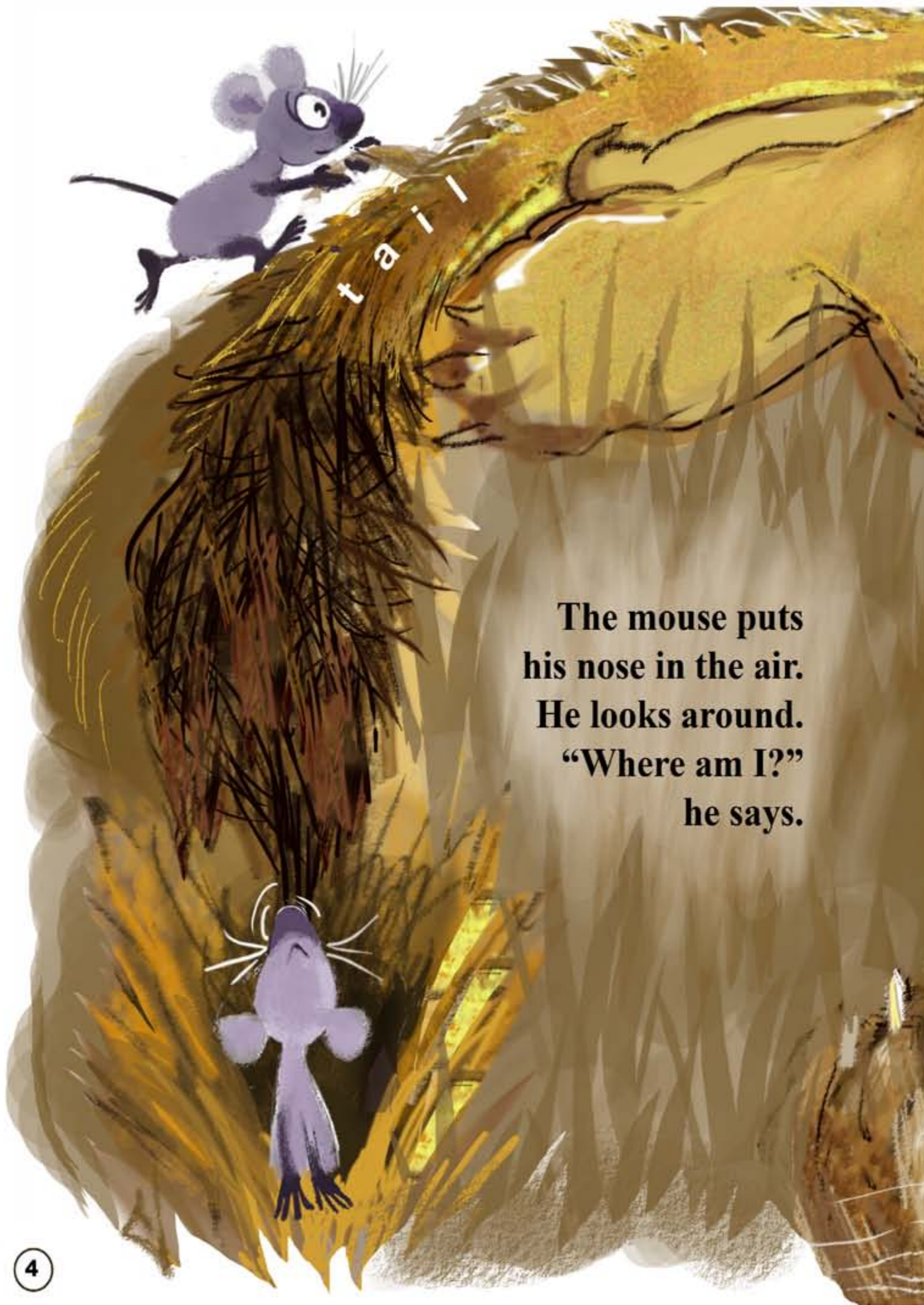


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**It is a hot afternoon.
A lion sleeps under a tree.**

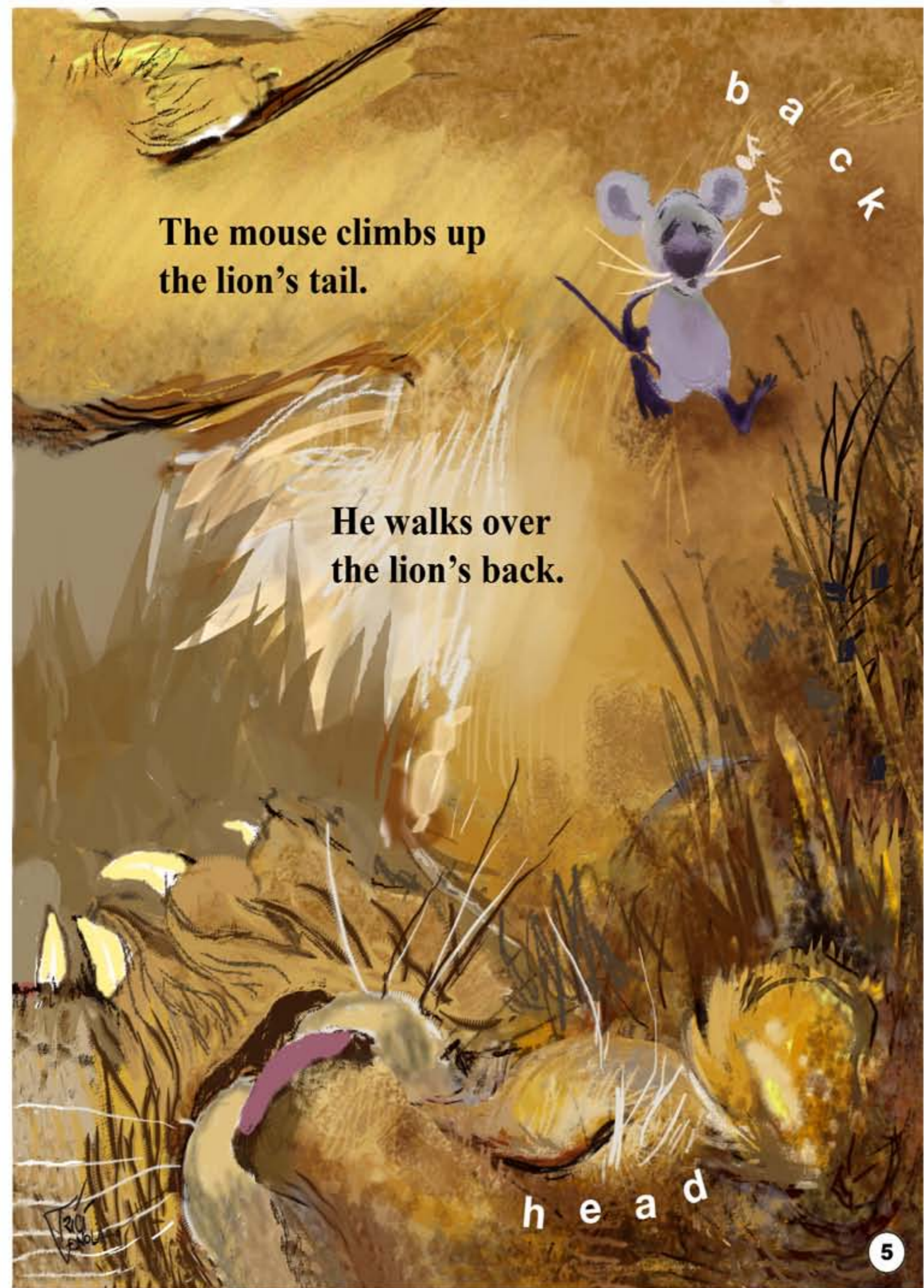


**Then there is a sound.
Something is moving.
A mouse is coming out
of a hole.**



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The mouse puts
his nose in the air.
He looks around.
“Where am I?”
he says.



b a c k

The mouse climbs up
the lion's tail.

He walks over
the lion's back.

h e a d

The mouse climbs onto the lion's head.

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He walks
down
the lion's
nose.

The lion
opens one eye.

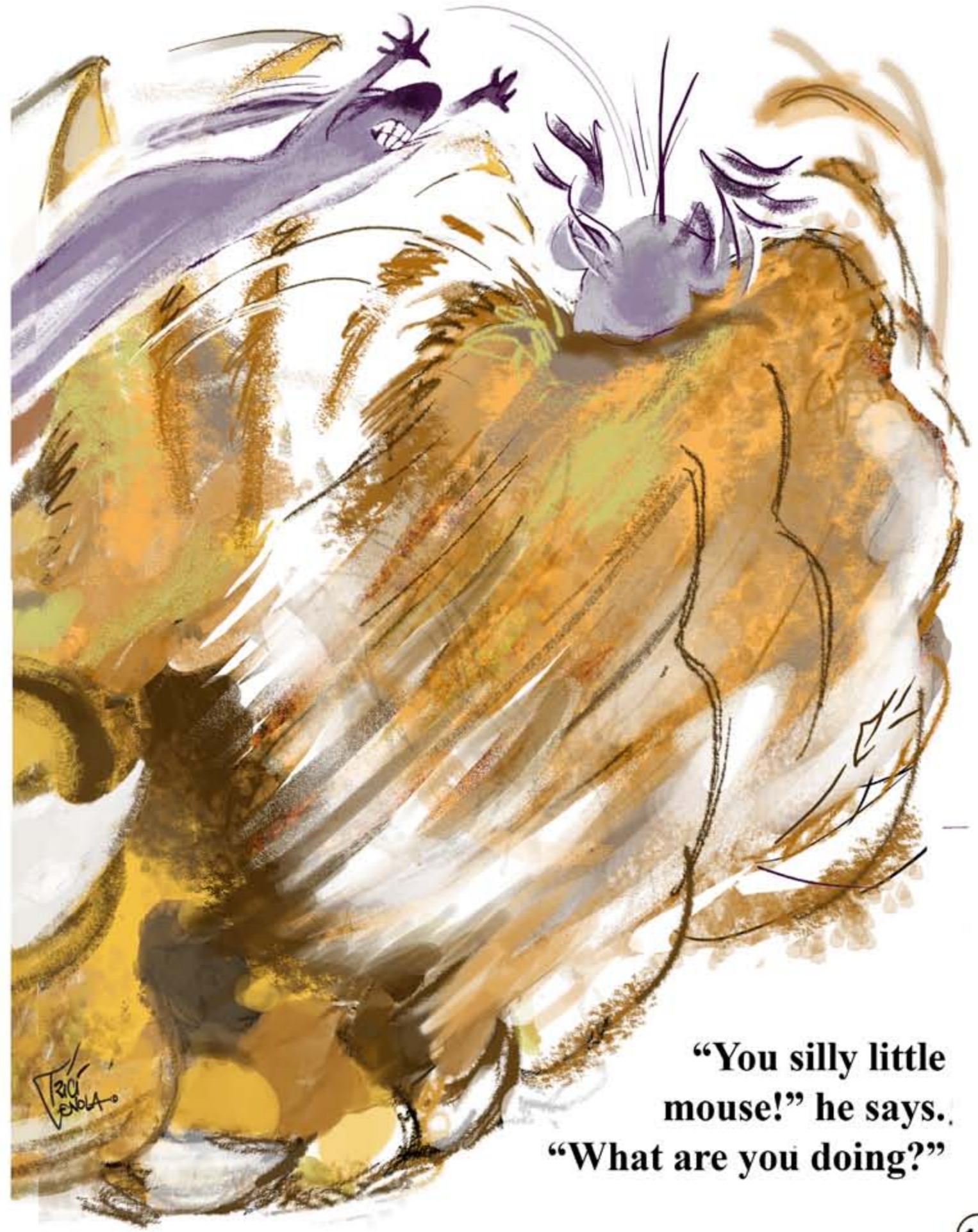
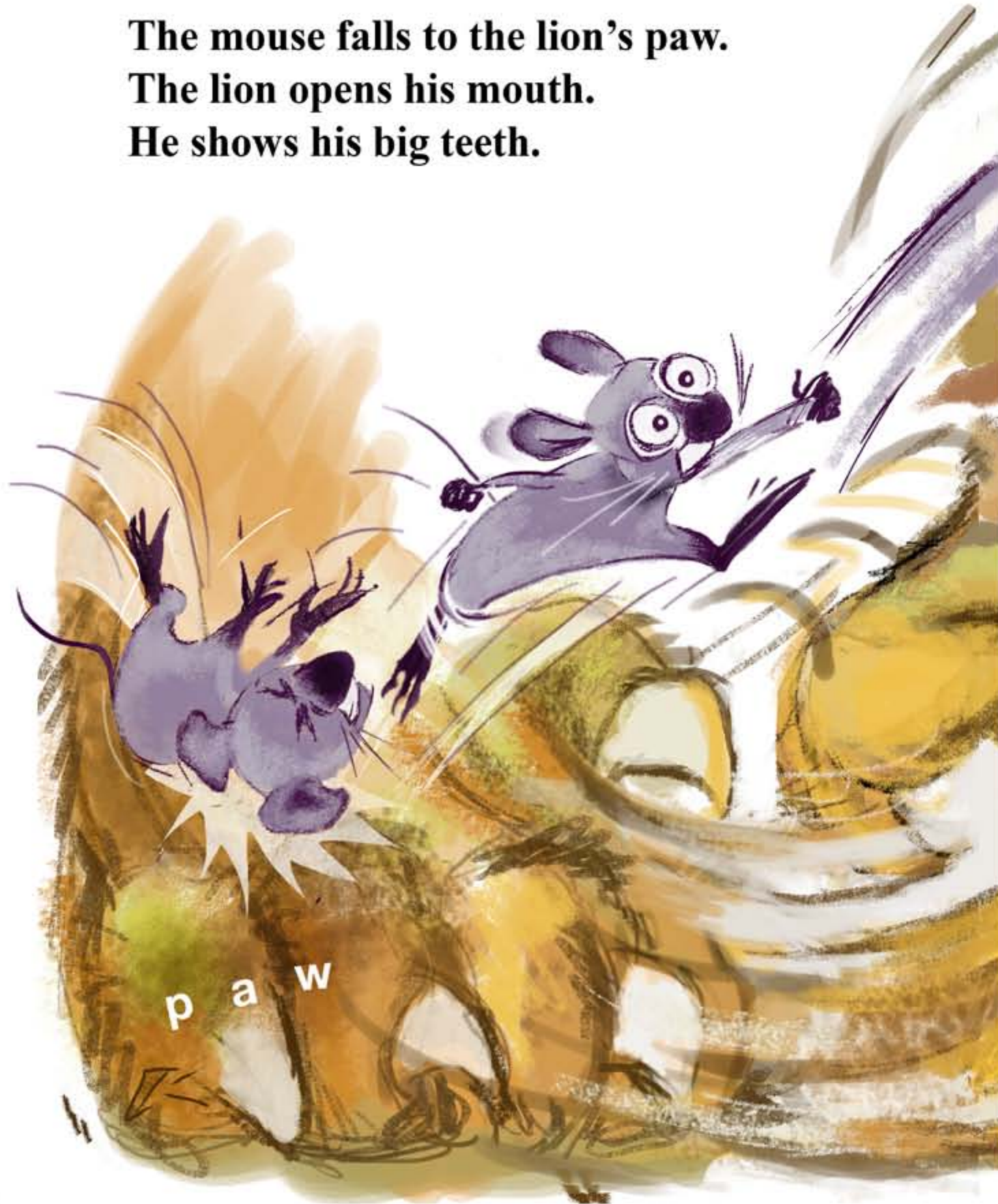
He is
waking up.

The mouse screams.

"Help!"
he cries.

Then he jumps from
the lion's nose.

**The mouse falls to the lion's paw.
The lion opens his mouth.
He shows his big teeth.**

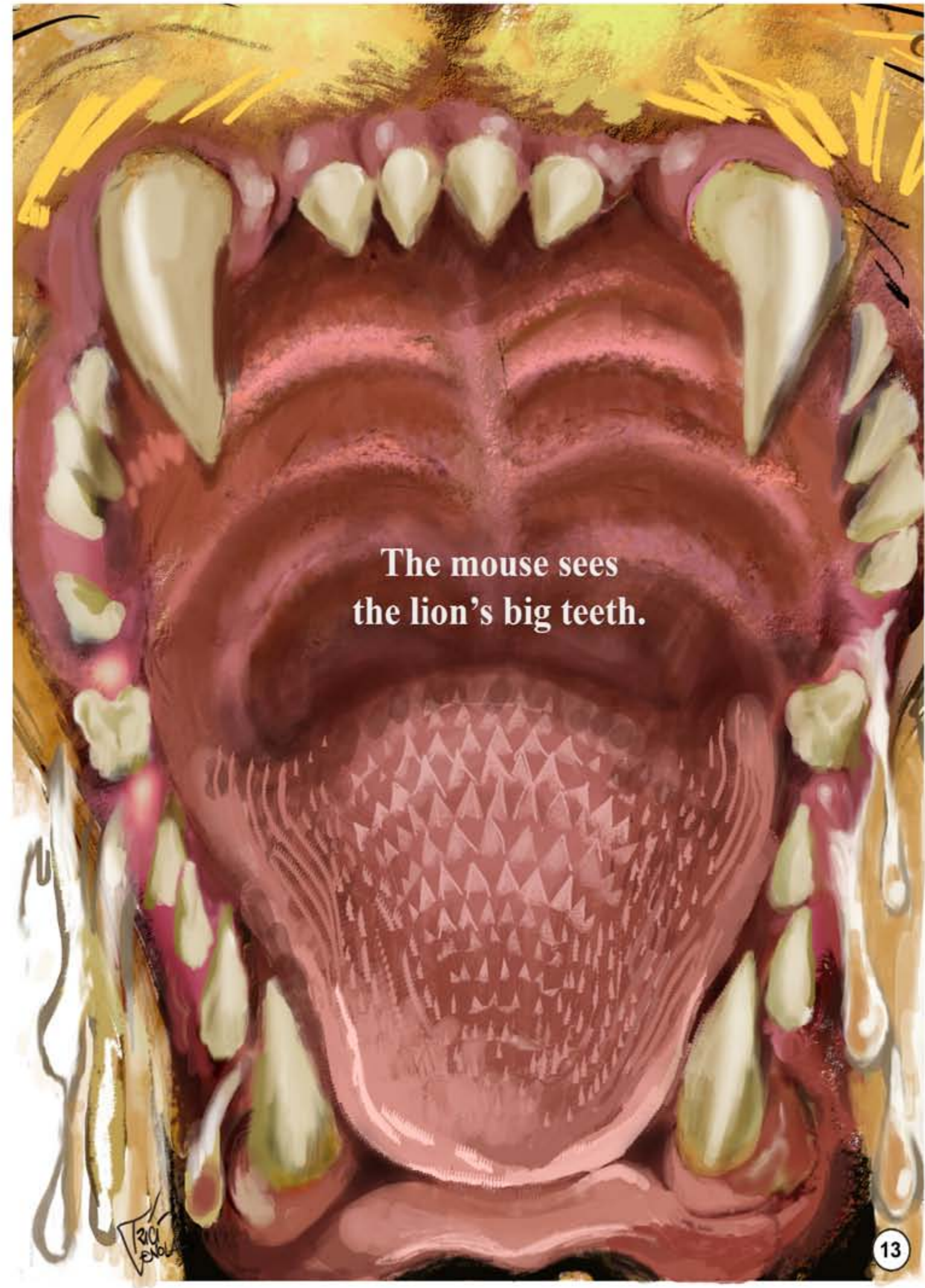


**“You silly little mouse!” he says.
“What are you doing?”**

**“Please, Mr. Lion,” says the mouse,
“Do not hurt me.
I am only a little mouse.”**



**The lion is very sleepy.
He lifts up the mouse
to his mouth.**

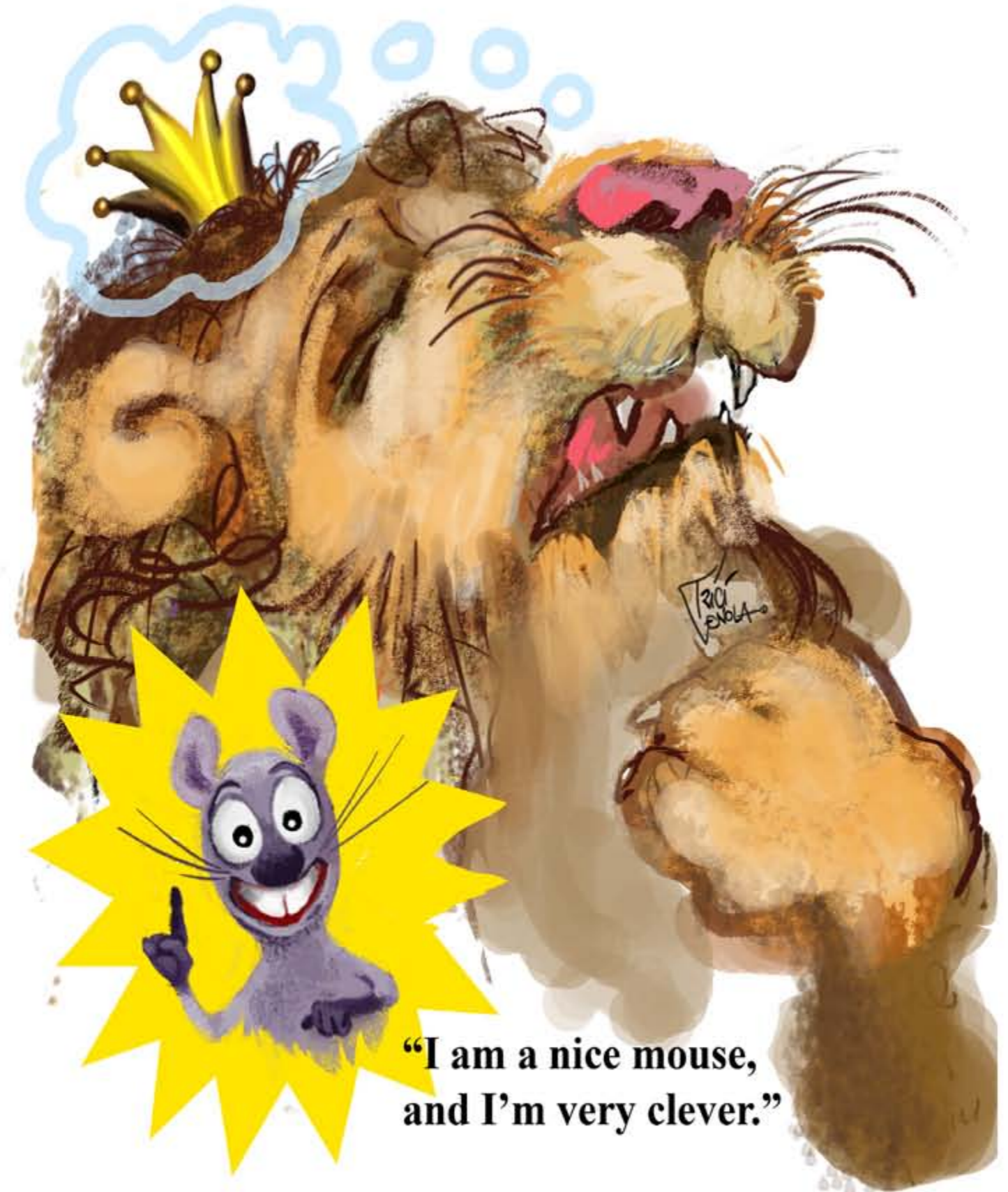


**The mouse sees
the lion's big teeth.**

**“Please don’t eat me,
Mr. Lion,” says the mouse,
“I can help you.”**



**The lion looks at the mouse. Then he laughs.
“You silly little mouse!” he says,
“How can you help me?”**



**“I am a nice mouse,
and I’m very clever.”**

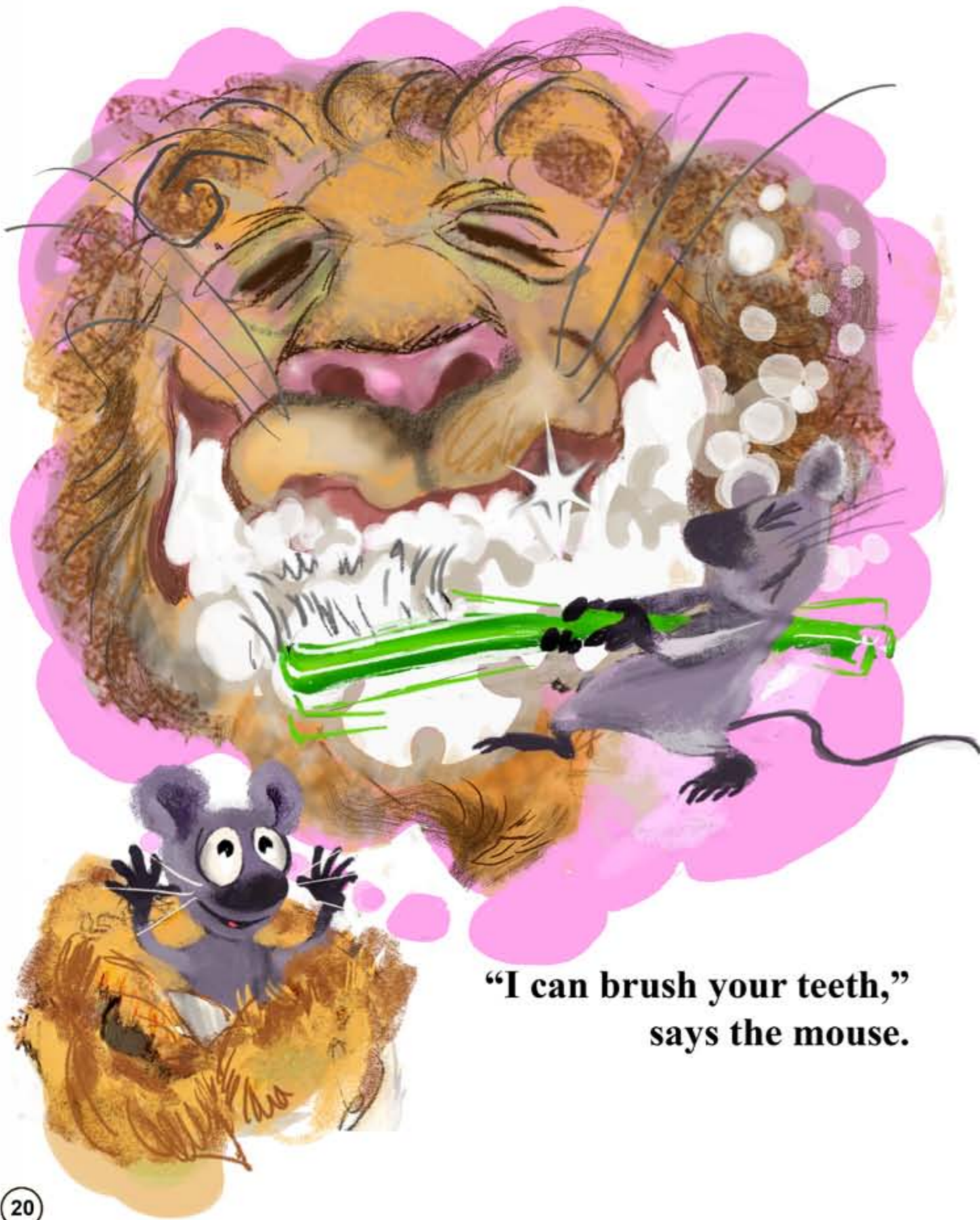
**“But I am a LION,” says the lion. “The lion
is the King of the Animals. How can a little
mouse help a lion?”**



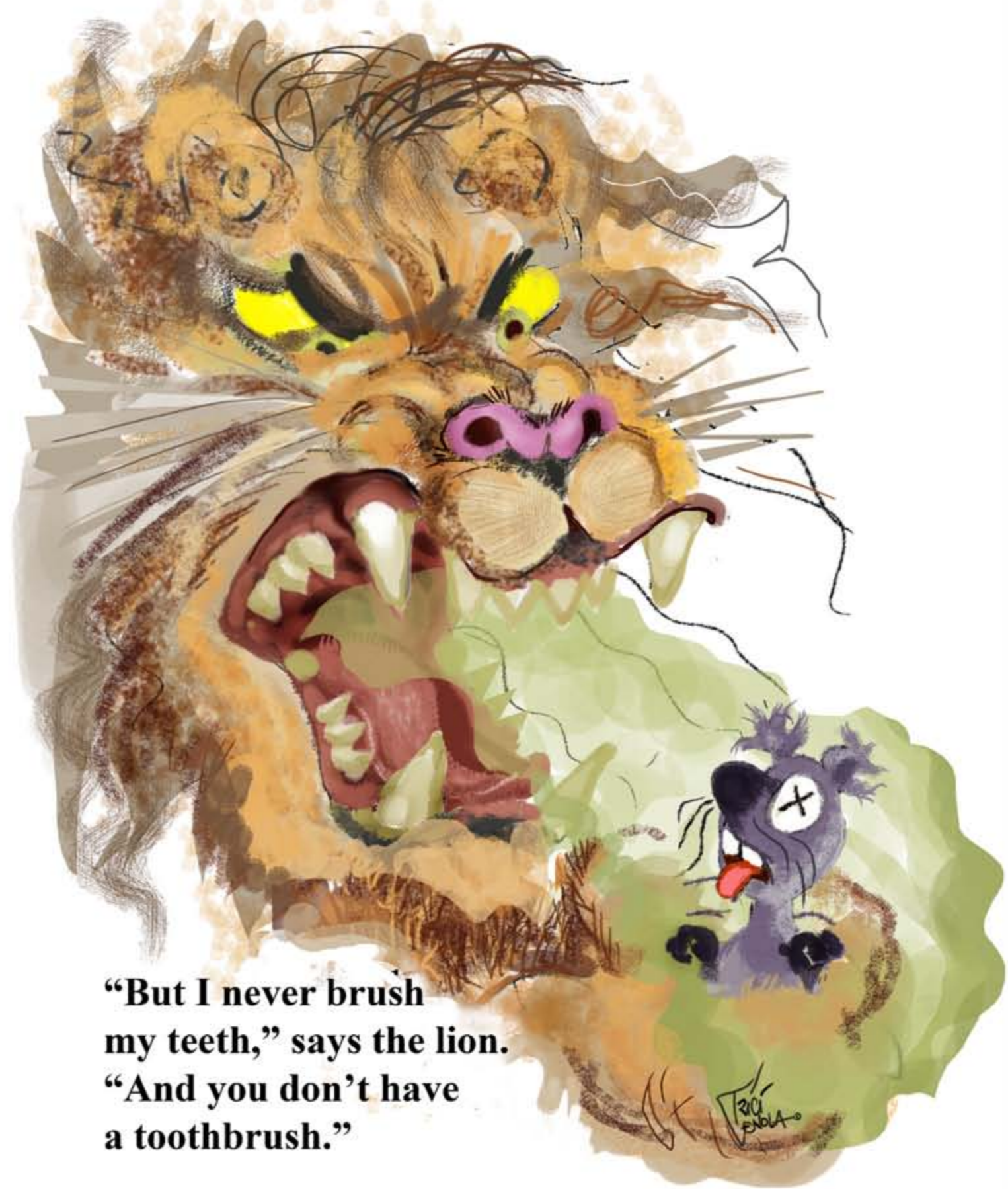
**“I can comb your hair,”
says the mouse.**



**“But I never
comb my hair,” says
the lion. “And you
don’t have a comb.”**



**“I can brush your teeth,”
says the mouse.**



**“But I never brush
my teeth,” says the lion.
“And you don’t have
a toothbrush.”**

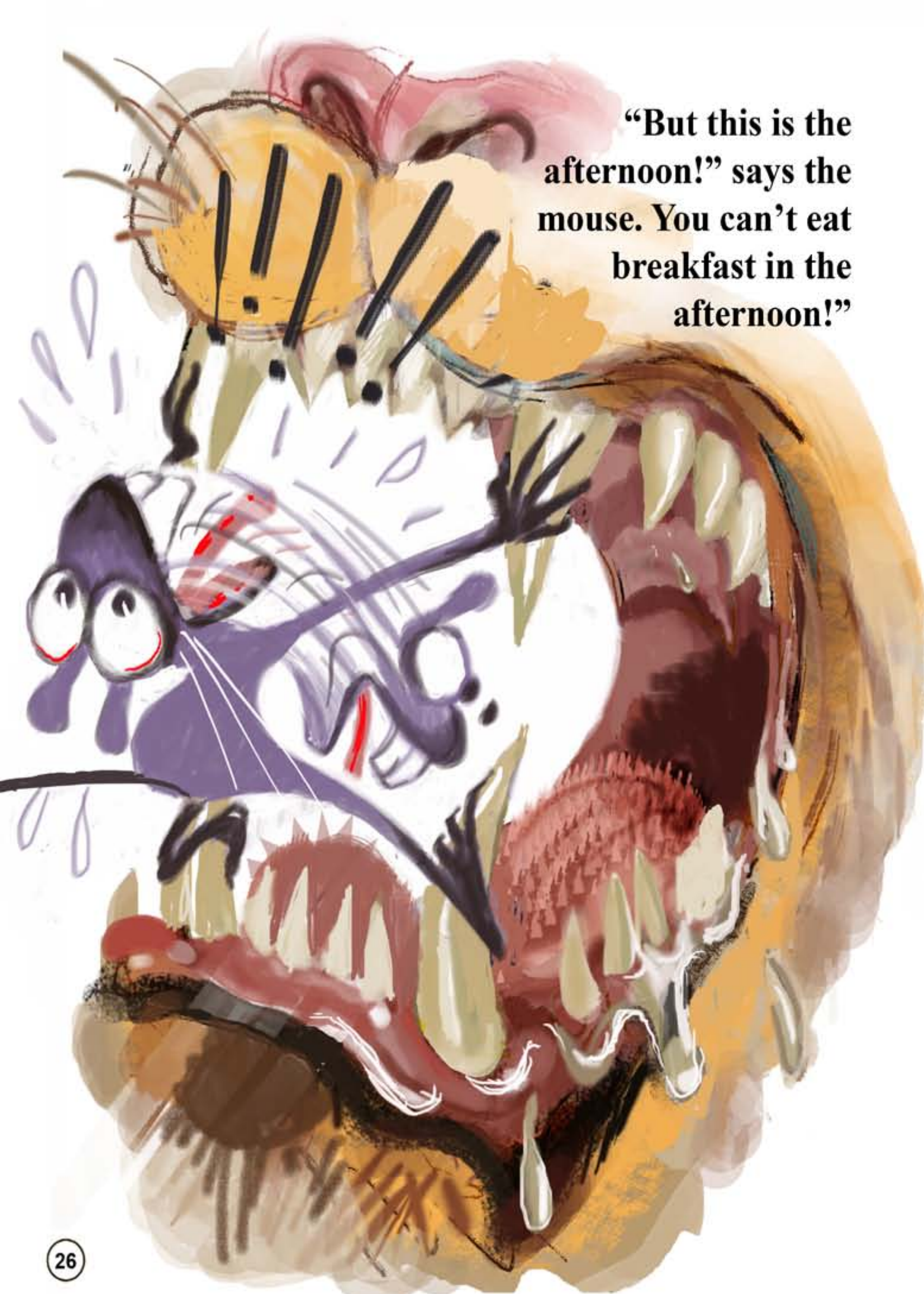


**“I can tie your shoes.”
“But I don’t wear shoes,”
says the lion.**



“I can--”

**“I’m hungry,”
says the lion.
“And you’re my breakfast.”**



“But this is the afternoon!” says the mouse. You can’t eat breakfast in the afternoon!”



**The lion laughs.
He is not angry now.
“I can eat you for afternoon tea.”**

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**“No, no, Mr. Lion!” says the mouse,
“You don’t want to eat me.”**

“Why not?”

**“I don’t
taste nice,”
says the mouse.**

**“And perhaps
I can help.”**



The lion laughs.

**“Why are you laughing?”
asks the mouse.**

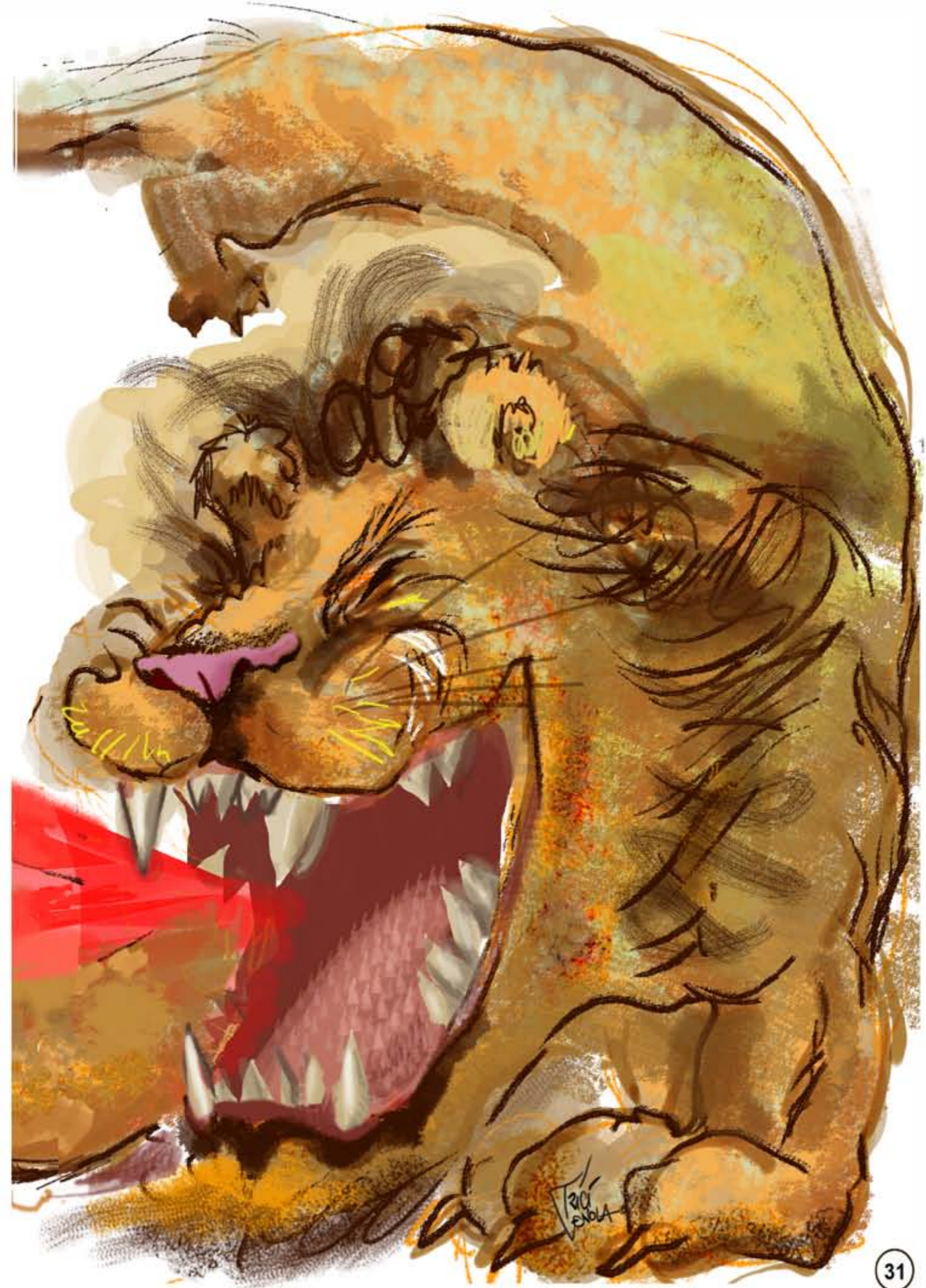
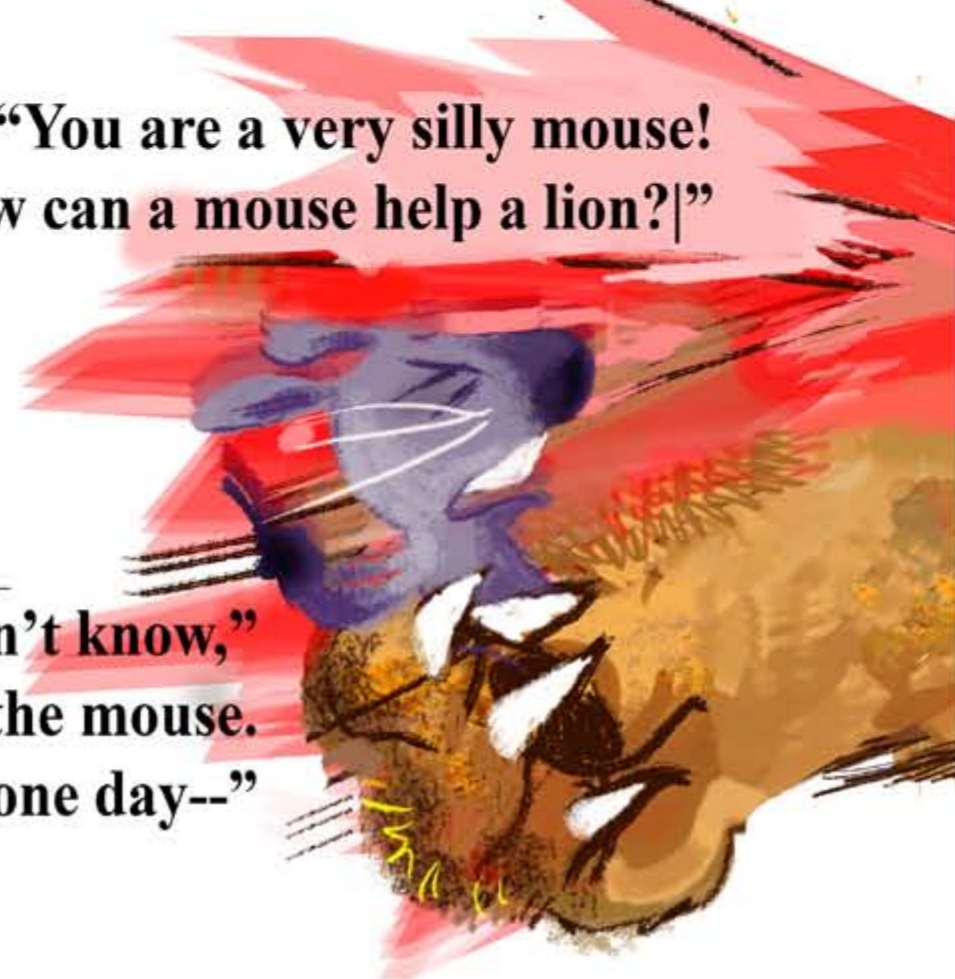


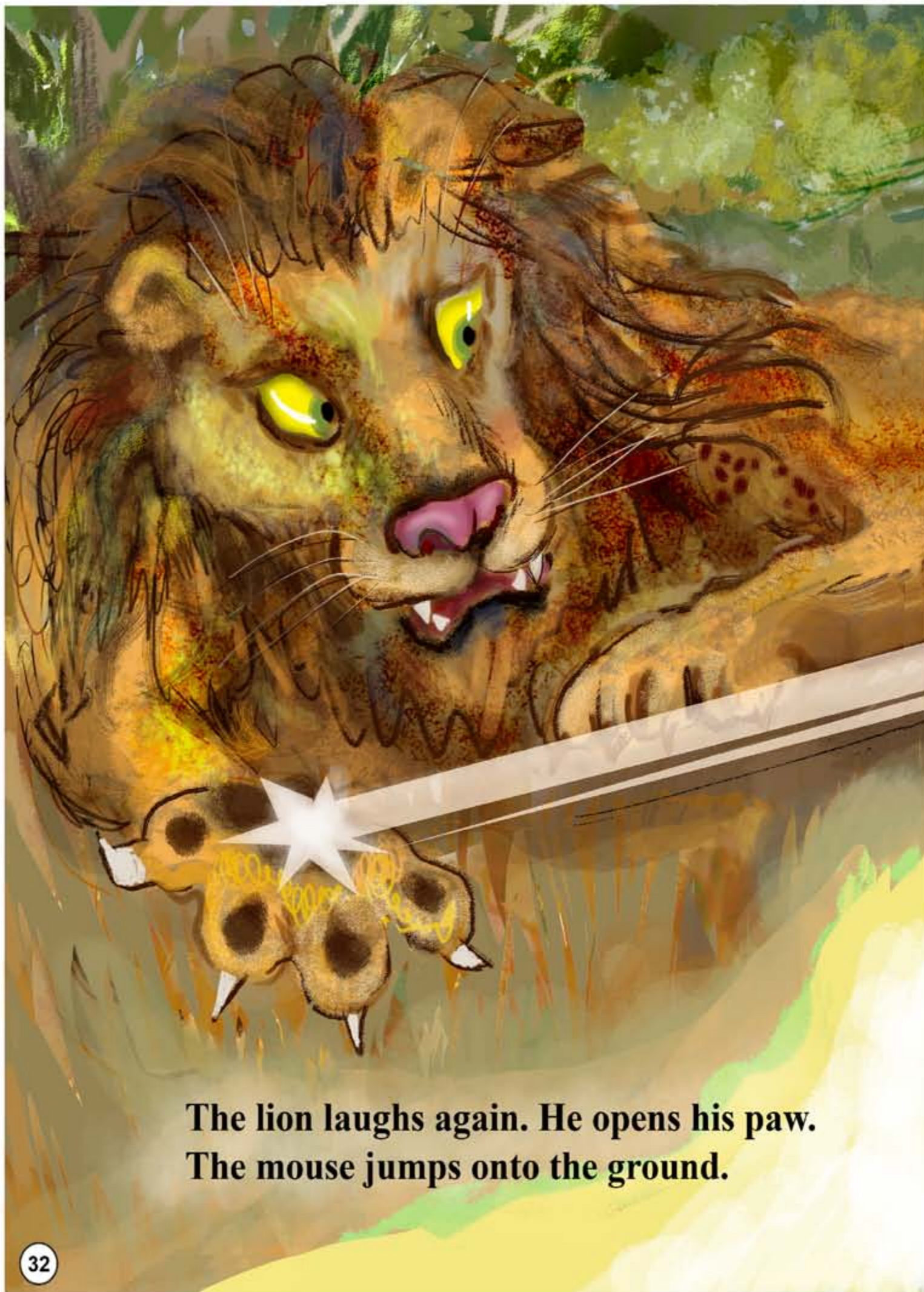
**“You are a very silly mouse!
How can a mouse help a lion?!”**



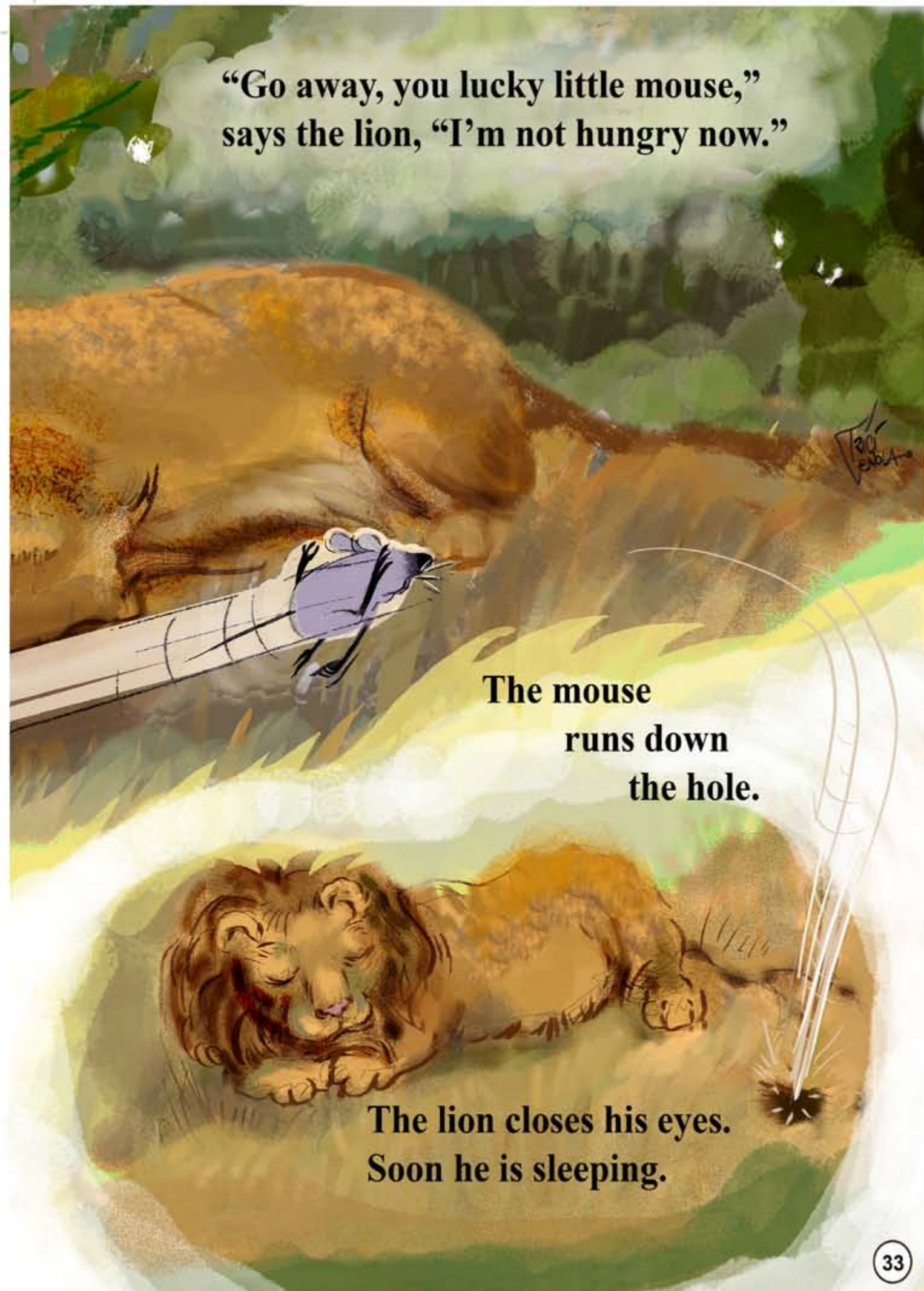
**“I don’t know,”
says the mouse.**

“But perhaps one day--”





**The lion laughs again. He opens his paw.
The mouse jumps onto the ground.**



**“Go away, you lucky little mouse,”
says the lion, “I’m not hungry now.”**

**The mouse
runs down
the hole.**

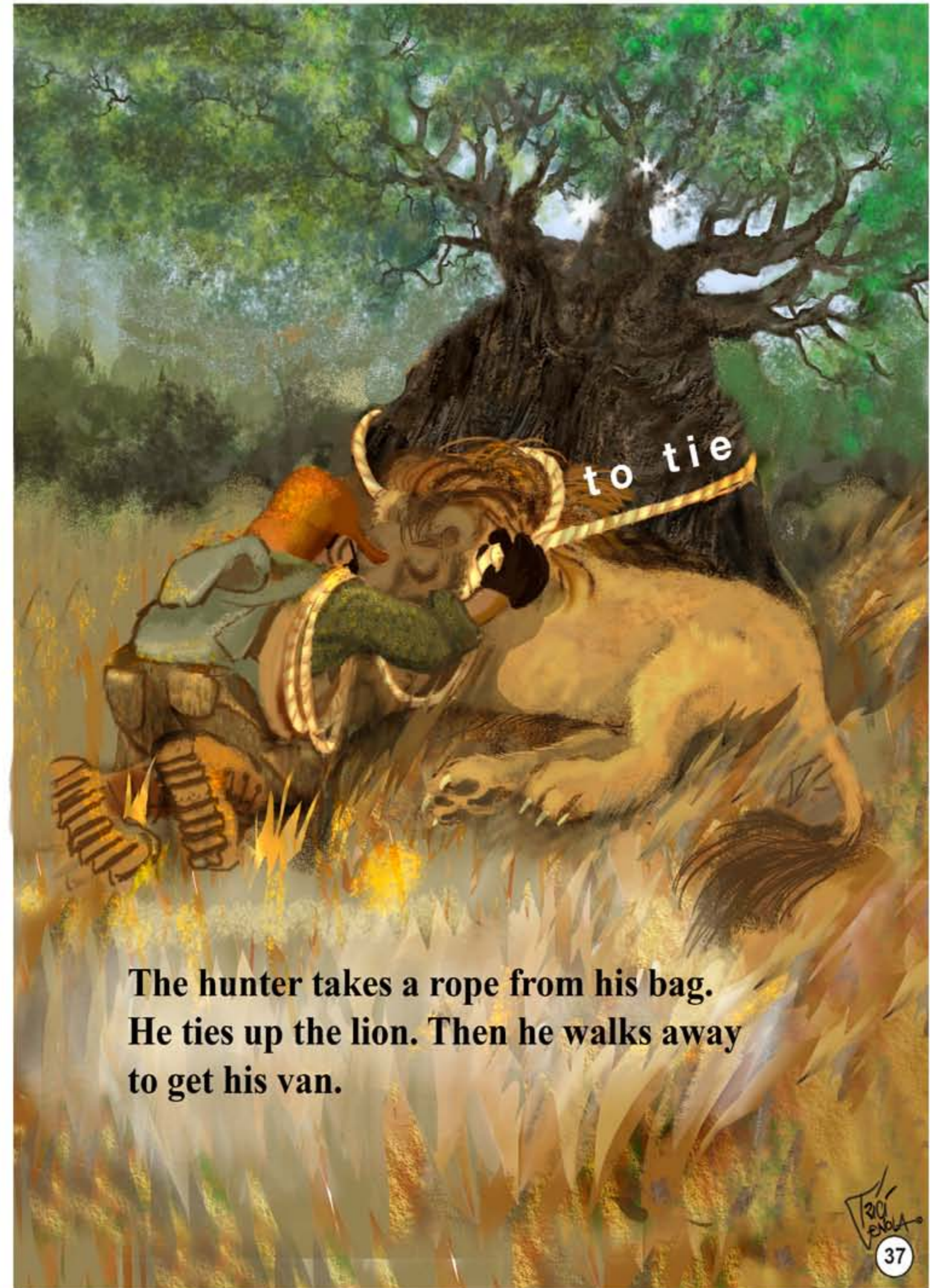
**The lion closes his eyes.
Soon he is sleeping.**

Later a hunter comes to the jungle.

The lion is sleeping
under a tree.

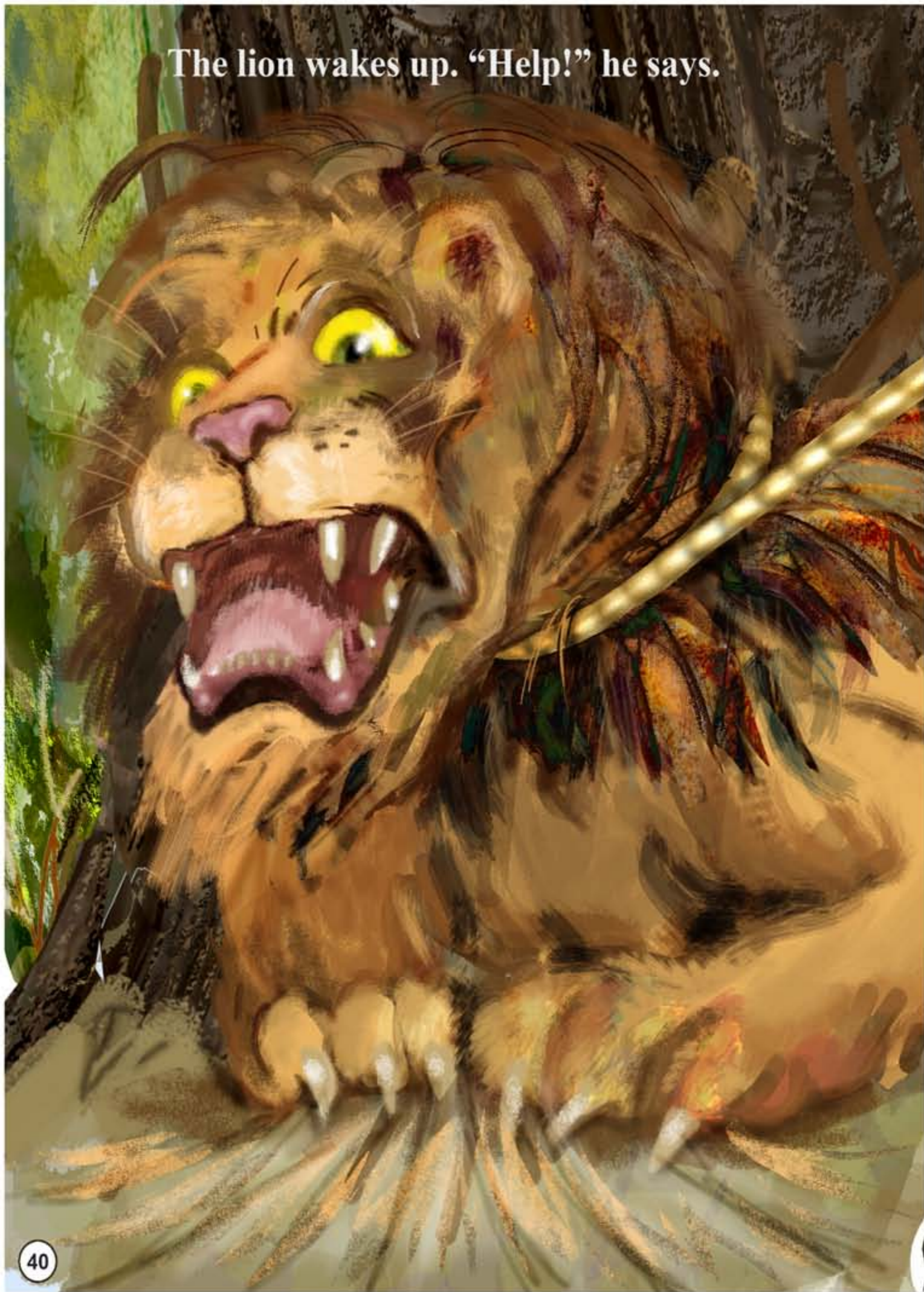
The hunter sees the lion.

Here are some
of the things
the hunter has:



The hunter takes a rope from his bag.
He ties up the lion. Then he walks away
to get his van.

The lion wakes up. "Help!" he says.



Then he hears a noise. The mouse is coming out of a hole.

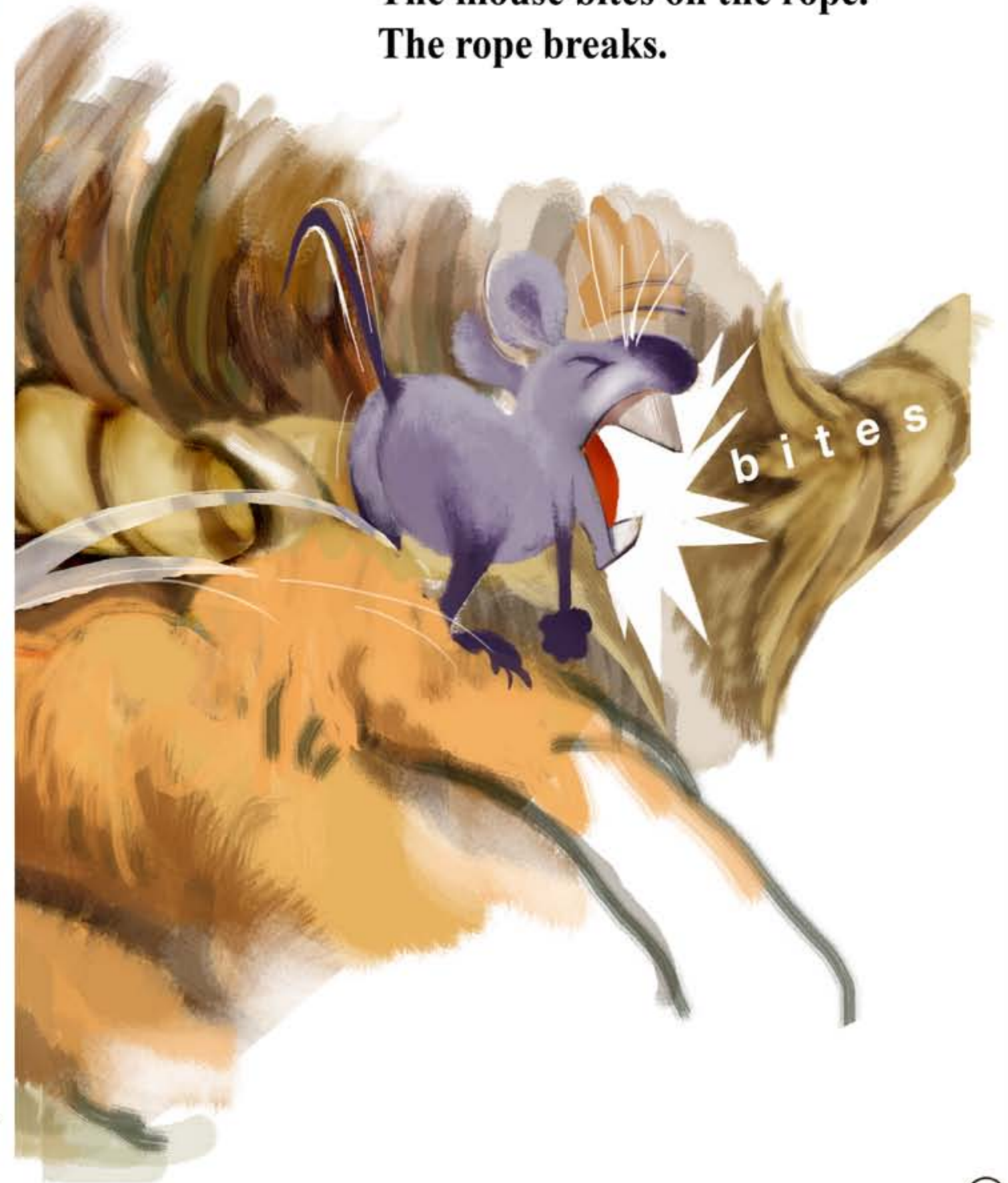


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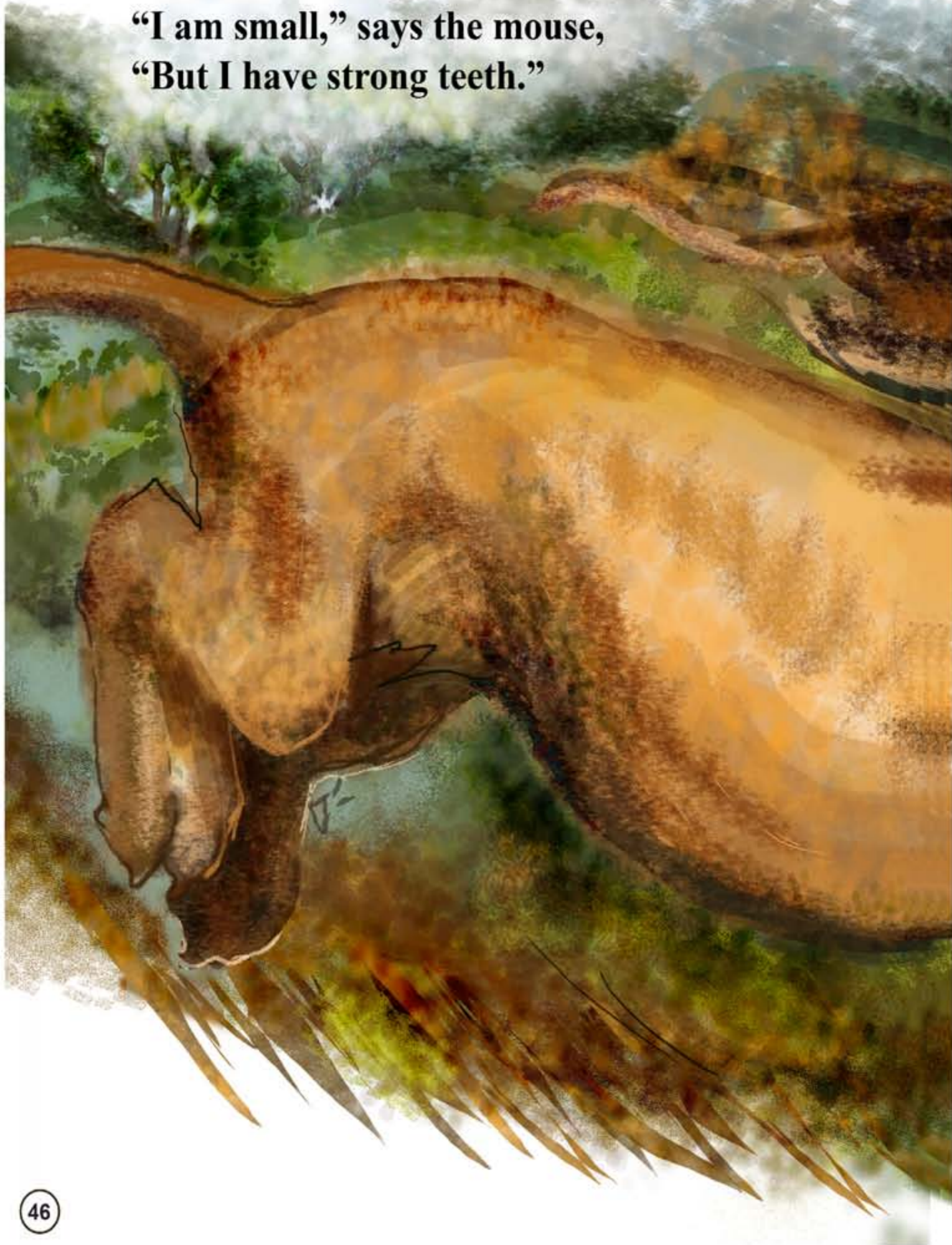
**The mouse climbs
onto the lion's paw.
Then he climbs
up the lion's leg.**



**The mouse bites on the rope.
The rope breaks.**



**“I am small,” says the mouse,
“But I have strong teeth.”**



**“Yes,” says the lion, “A little
mouse can help a lion!”**



Later the hunter comes back with his van.
He looks for the lion. But the lion
is far away.



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