

Interesting facts (About the fable “The Lion and the Mouse”)

1. What lesson does Aesop’s fable The Lion and the Mouse teach?

Aesop’s famous fable, The Lion and the Mouse, teaches us a lesson that goodwill is never wasted and even a little and weak person can manage to help the strong and big one whenever a situation arises. It is number 150 in the Perry index.

2. Did you know that the story of The Lion and the Mouse has appeared on a postage stamp?

Yes, the famous fable The Lion and the Mouse has been featured on the postage stamps of different countries, including [Zambia](#), [Greece](#) and [Hungary](#). In 1987, Greece issued a stamp based on Aesop’s fables that included The Lion and the Mouse. The same year, Hungary also issued a fairy tale stamp featuring the fable. In 1990, Zambia issued a stamp based on folk tales, featuring the story of The Lion and the Mouse.

3. Are there ancient adaptations of Aesop’s famous story The Lion and the Mouse?

Yes, there are distinct adaptations of the famous story, “The Lion and the Mouse.” Some of these are mentioned here: the story is featured in ancient Indian storybooks, such as the Panchatantra and [Jataka tales](#). In one of the ancient Indian stories, mice and elephants are main characters. Here, a group of elephants is captured by hunters, and a group of mice manages to save them. In Ancient Egypt, the story of “The Lion and the Mouse” has some distinct adaptations, where humans capture the lion, and the mice manage to save its life. In another version from Russia, mice demand permission to build a house near the lion’s cave, but the lions do not accept the demand. When a lion is confined by a hunter and saved by the mice, only then does the lion accept the mice’s demand to build a house near his cave.

4. Have you heard about the Jerry Pinkney version of the fable “The Lion and the Mouse”?

[Jerry Pinkney](#) created the wordless picture book based on the story “The Lion and the Mouse.” This book adaptation appears in the [Serengeti National Park](#) situated in Tanzania. For the beautiful illustration made in the book, Jerry Pinkney won the [Caldecott Medal](#) in 2010.

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