



The lion and the mouse

Story Time



A lion was asleep in the sun one day. A little mouse came out to play. The little mouse ran up the lion's neck and slid down his back. The lion caught him with a great big smack!

'I'm going to eat you!' the lion roared, his mouth open wide.

'No, no, please don't!' the little mouse cried. 'Be kind to me and one day I'll help you.'

'I'm a lion! You're a mouse! What can you do?' The lion laughed, very hard, and the mouse ran away.

But the mouse was out walking the very next day. He heard a big roar, and squeaked when he saw the king of the jungle tied to a tree. But the mouse had a plan to set him free. The mouse worked quickly and chewed through the rope.

The lion said, 'Oh little mouse, I had no hope. You were right, little mouse – thank you, I'm free. You're the best friend there ever could be!'

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The magic fish

Every day, Robert's grandfather went fishing. One day, Robert asked to go too.

'Well, I want to catch the magic fish. The first person to eat it will become the cleverest person in the world. Can you help me?'

'Yes!' said Robert, and they went fishing.

First, they caught a yellow fish with purple spots. 'Wow! Is that the magic fish?' asked Robert.

'No,' said his grandfather.

Then they caught a blue fish with red stripes. 'Is that the magic fish?' asked Robert.

'No,' said his grandfather.

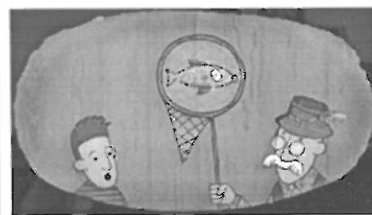
Suddenly, they caught a big, beautiful silver fish with pink and green diamonds. Robert's grandfather jumped for joy. It was the magic fish! They started to cook the fish, and his grandfather went to get some more wood. He asked Robert to watch the fish, but not to eat any of it. Robert watched the fish very carefully. He saw a tiny bubble on its tail. He touched it with his finger. Pop! The bubble burst. The fish was very hot and burnt his finger. Ouch! He put his finger in his mouth.

When his grandfather came back, he saw that something was different. 'Did you touch the fish?' asked his grandfather.

'Yes, I'm sorry,' said Robert.

His grandfather sighed a happy sigh and gave Robert a big hug. 'The magic fish chose you. You are the cleverest boy in the world, and I am the proudest grandfather ever!'

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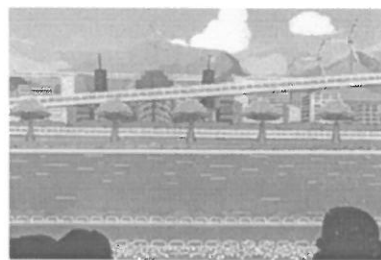


Planet Earth

Short story

Welcome to Planet Earth Museum, a museum where you can learn some interesting facts about the world we live in.

'There are many amazing places on Earth. Who knows, maybe you'll see them all one day! Where shall we go first, children?'
'Forests!'



Forests are home to over half of the world's animals and plants. Trees clean the air and produce oxygen for us to breathe.

We destroy more than 36 football fields of forests every minute and throw away thousands of trees in paper and card every day.

The oceans are home to millions of marine animals. They absorb the sun's heat, transfer it to the atmosphere and move it around the world.

A lot of the rubbish we produce on land pollutes the oceans. Turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and die when they eat them.

At opposite ends of the world, the Arctic and Antarctic are freezing cold lands. It is so cold that the sea is covered in ice.

The fuel we use for energy makes the climate warmer. As it gets warmer, the ice melts and the sea rises. The land disappears.

Rivers collect rain water and carry it to the oceans. Along the way, plants absorb and clean the water so it is safe for us to drink.

Farms and factories pollute the rivers with pesticides and chemicals and every day we each flush about 50 litres of water down the toilet.

This is a green world, where people respect nature and live a long and healthy life. Wouldn't you like to live here?

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