



## Act 4

**Narrator:** The sleeping animals don't know there is danger nearby. A hunter quietly creeps through the trees.

**Hunter:** Ah, this looks like an excellent place to set my trap.

**Narrator:** The hunter does not speak but instead thinks these words.

**Hunter:** I must be very quiet so that the animals are unaware that I'm here.

**Narrator:** The hunter carries a large net made of sturdy rope.

**Hunter:** This is a perfect spot! I will spread the net here on the ground, and then I will tie this rope to the tree above it.



**Narrator:** The hunter works quickly and with skill.

**Hunter:** When a large animal steps into this net, the rope will pull it up with the animal inside. When I return to check, I will bring my spear and kill whatever is in the trap. It will not be able to escape.

**Narrator:** The hunter does not see the cuckoo bird in the tree above.

**Cuckoo:** I must warn the animals to stay away!  
Coo-coo! Coo-coo!

**Narrator:** The cuckoo flies swiftly through the jungle to warn everyone. All the animals listen. But the lion is fast asleep and does not hear.



**Hunter:** I wonder which animal will be caught in my trap. Maybe I will be lucky and catch the King of Beasts! Its fur is precious and will make me rich!

**Lion:** *Zzzz.*

## Act 5

**Narrator:** After a long sleep, the lion wakes at last.

**Lion:** I am feeling very hungry now. I'll just look around for a bite to eat.

**Narrator:** The lion steps from its den. But it steps right into the hunter's net!

**Lion:** Roar! What's this?

**Narrator:** From across the jungle, the hunter hears the roar.



**Hunter:** Can it be? Have I caught the King of Beasts? I'm on my way!

**Lion:** I'm trapped! I can't get out of this net. The rope is strong. What can I do? Roar! Roar!

**Narrator:** Someone else hears the lion. It is the mouse.

**Mouse:** I am coming, friend!

**Narrator:** The mouse finds the lion fast. The lion hangs from a tree in the net. The cuckoo and leopard watch, but they don't know what to do.

**Lion:** I am trapped. I can't get out!

**Mouse:** But I can help!