



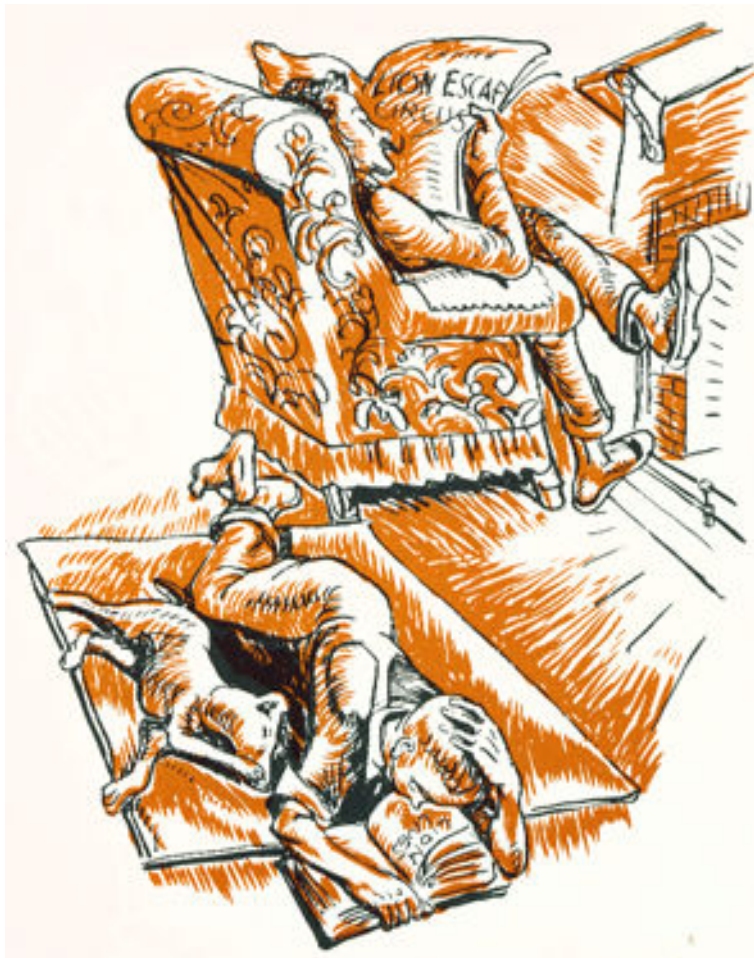
**IT WAS A BRIGHT DAY WITH JUST ENOUGH WIND
TO FLOAT A FLAG.
ANDY STARTED DOWN TO THE LIBRARY TO GET**



A BOOK ABOUT LIONS. HE TOOK THE BOOK HOME AND



READ AND READ. ANDY READ ALL THROUGH SUPPER AND



HE READ ALL EVENING AND JUST BEFORE BED TIME



HIS GRANDFATHER TOLD HIM SOME TALL STORIES ABOUT HUNTING LIONS IN AFRICA. EVERY STORY ENDED WITH “AND THEN I GAVE HIM BOTH BAR-R-R-E-L-L-S!” THAT NIGHT



ANDY DREAMED ALL NIGHT LONG THAT HE WAS IN AFRICA HUNTING LIONS. WHEN AT LAST MORNING CAME



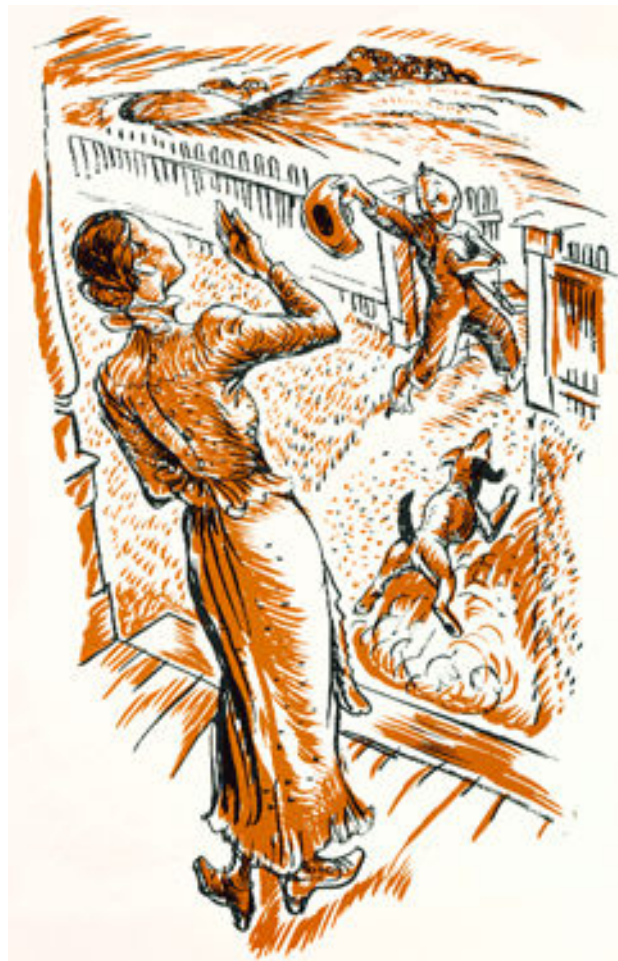
ANDY WOKE UP. THE SUN WAS LOOKING IN AT THE WINDOW AND PRINCE WAS TUGGING AT THE BED CLOTHES. THE LIONS HAD LEFT BUT ANDY KEPT THINKING ABOUT THEM.



ANDY THOUGHT LIONS ON THE BACK PORCH AND HIS FATHER HAD TO REMIND HIM TO WASH BEHIND HIS EARS.



**ANDY WAS STILL THINKING LIONS AFTER BREAKFAST
WHEN HIS MOTHER GAVE HIS HAIR A FINAL BRUSH AND**



ANDY STARTED OFF TO SCHOOL





ANDY WALKING ALONG SWINGING HIS BOOKS AND WHISTLING A TUNE. AS HE CAME TO THE TURN IN THE ROAD HE NOTICED SOMETHING STICKING OUT FROM BEHIND THE BIG ROCK JUST AT THE BEND. IT LOOKED VERY QUEER SO



ANDY AND PRINCE CREPT UP CAUTIOUSLY TO INVESTIGATE.



IT MOVED!



IT WAS A LION! AT THIS MOMENT



ANDY THOUGHT HE'D BETTER BE GOING AND



**THE LION THOUGHT SO TOO.
THEY RAN AND RAN AROUND
THE ROCK.**



**WHICHEVER WAY THAT ANDY RAN – THERE WAS THE LION.
WHICHEVER WAY THE LION RAN – THERE WAS ANDY.**



**AT LAST THEY BOTH STOPPED FOR BREATH. THE LION HELD
OUT HIS PAW TO SHOW ANDY WHAT WAS THE MATTER. IT WAS
A BIG THORN STUCK IN HIS PAW. BUT..**



ANDY HAD AN IDEA. HE TOLD THE LION TO JUST BE PATIENT AND THEY'D HAVE THAT THORN OUT IN NO TIME. FORTUNATELY



ANDY ALWAYS CARRIED HIS PLIERS IN THE BACK POCKET OF HIS OVERALLS. HE TOOK THEM OUT AND GOT A TIGHT GRIP. THEN



**ANDY BRACED ONE FOOT AGAINST THE LION'S PAW AND PULLED
WITH ALL HIS MIGHT UNTIL THE THORN**



CAME



OUT.



**THE GRATEFUL LION LICKED ANDY'S FACE TO
SHOW HOW PLEASED HE WAS.**

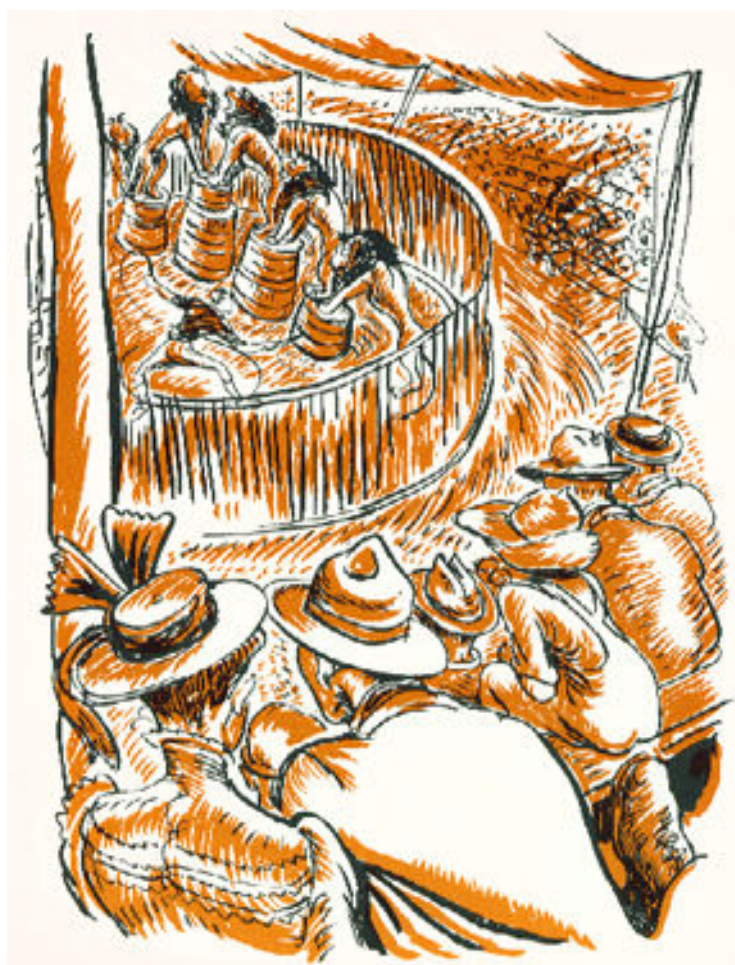


**BUT IT WAS TIME TO PART. SO THEY WAVED GOOD-BY.
AND ANDY WENT ON TO SCHOOL AND THE LION WENT
OFF ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF BEING A LION.**





IN THE SPRING THE CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN.



**OF COURSE ANDY WENT. HE WANTED TO SEE THE FAMOUS LION ACT.
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ACT THE BIGGEST LION**



JUMPED OUT OF THE HIGH STEEL CAGE AND WITH A TERRIBLE ROAR DASHED STRAIGHT TOWARDS THE PEOPLE. THEY RAN FOR THEIR LIVES AND IN THE SCRAMBLE ANDY FOUND HIMSELF.



RIGHT IN THE LION'S PATH. HE THOUGHT HIS LAST MOMENT HAD COME. BUT THEN



**WHO SHOULD IT BE BUT ANDY'S OWN LION.
THEY RECOGNIZED EACH OTHER.**



**AND DANCED FOR JOY. WHEN THE CROWD CAME
BACK READY TO FIGHT THE LION AND CAPTURE HIM**



**ANDY STOOD IN FRONT OF THE LION AND
SHOUTED TO THE ANGRY PEOPLE:**



“DO NOT HURT THIS LION. HE’S A FRIEND OF MINE.”



THEN THE NEXT DAY ANDY LED THE LION AND ALL THE



PEOPLE IN A GRAND PARADE DOWN THE STREET TO



THE CITY HALL. THERE THE MAYOR PRESENTED ANDY WITH A MEDAL FOR BRAVERY. AND THE LION WAS VERY MUCH PLEASED. AND THE NEXT DAY



ANDY TOOK THE BOOK BACK TO THE LIBRARY.

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