

The gnat

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Once upon a time, a lion was striding through the forest when he heard: ‘Hey, you!’ The lion looked about. ‘Here!’ The lion looked again. ‘*Here!*’ The lion squinted, and there was a tiny fly; a gnat.

‘You wanna fight?’

‘What?’ said the lion, ‘Are you tired of living?’

‘You think you’re so tough,’ said the gnat, “‘King of all the beasts” – I can take you!’

‘You uppity little spec,’ said the lion. ‘Come on then!’

The gnat went straight for the lion’s nose and bit. ‘Ow!’ said the lion. Desperate, he tore the soft skin of his nose with his own claws. ‘You give up?’ said the gnat. ‘Yes,’ said the lion.

‘Ha ha,’ said the gnat. ‘I won! I beat the great lion! That makes me tougher than the king of all the beasts. I’m the toughest of them all!’ And in his delight the gnat did a loop-the-loop straight into a spider’s web.