



**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**



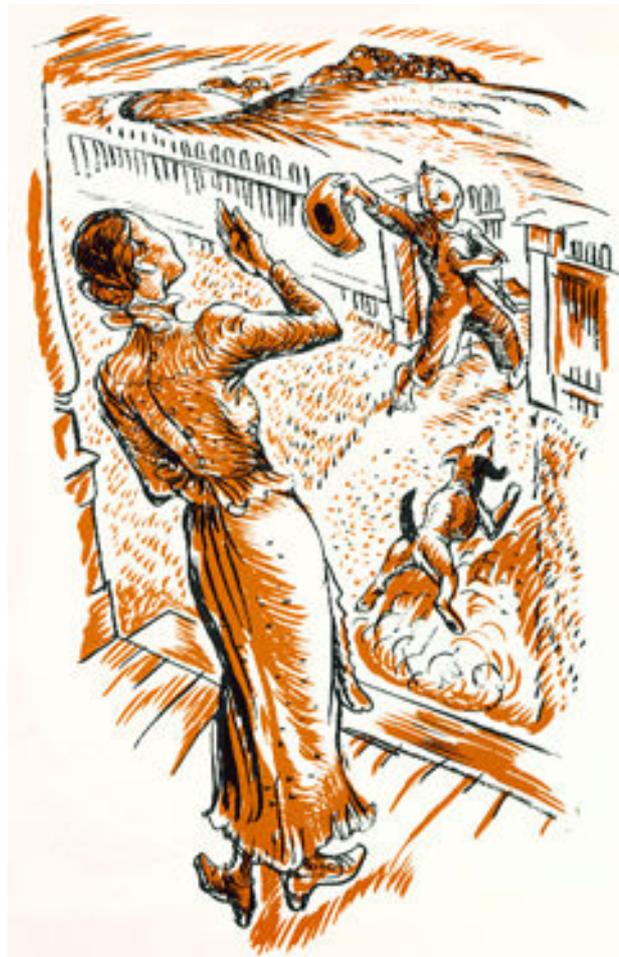
**ANDY WOKE UP. THE SUN WAS LOOKING IN AT THE WINDOW AND PRINCE WAS TUGGING AT THE BED CLOTHES. THE LIONS HAD LEFT BUT ANDY KEPT THINKING ABOUT THEM.**



**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.**



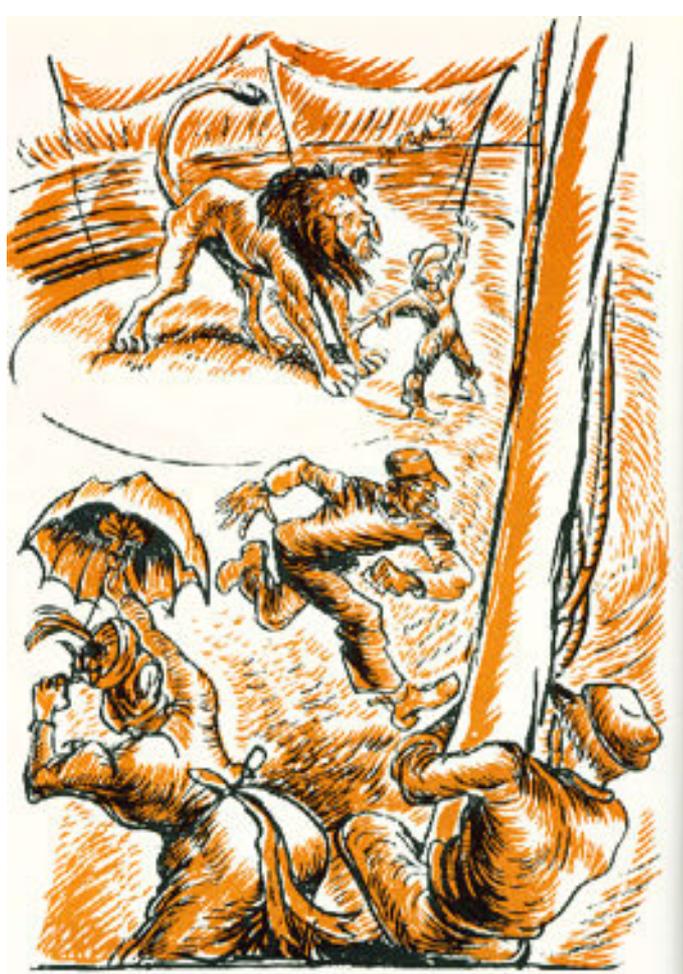
**RIGHT IN THE LION'S PATH. HE THOUGHT HIS LAST MOMENT HAD COME. BUT THEN**



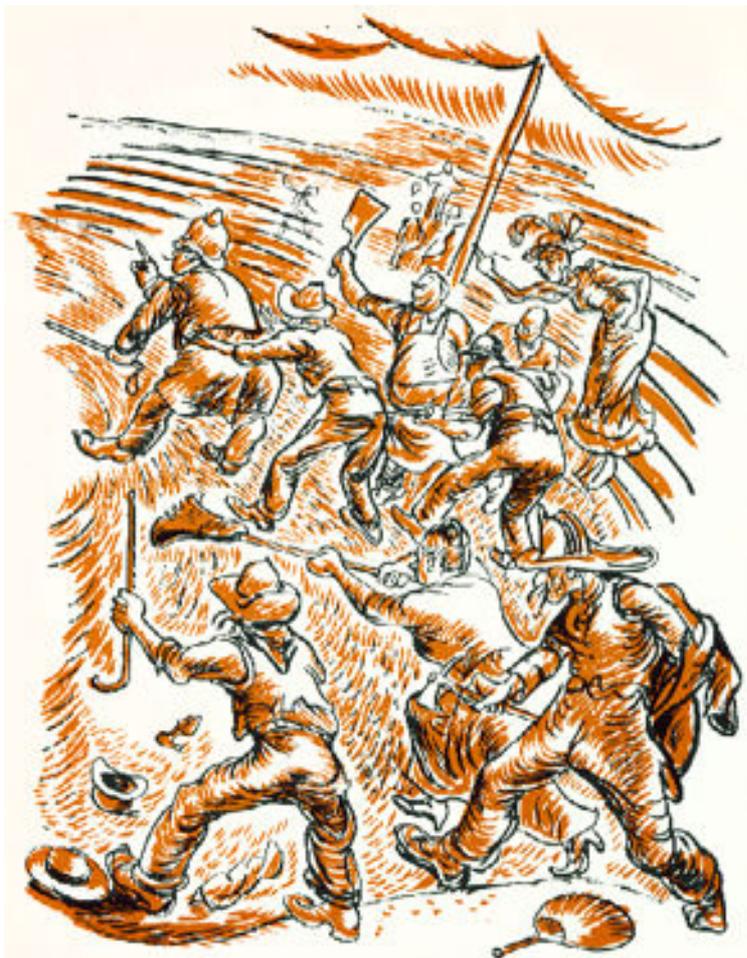
**WHO SHOULD IT BE BUT ANDY'S OWN LION.  
THEY RECOGNIZED EACH OTHER.**



**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.”**



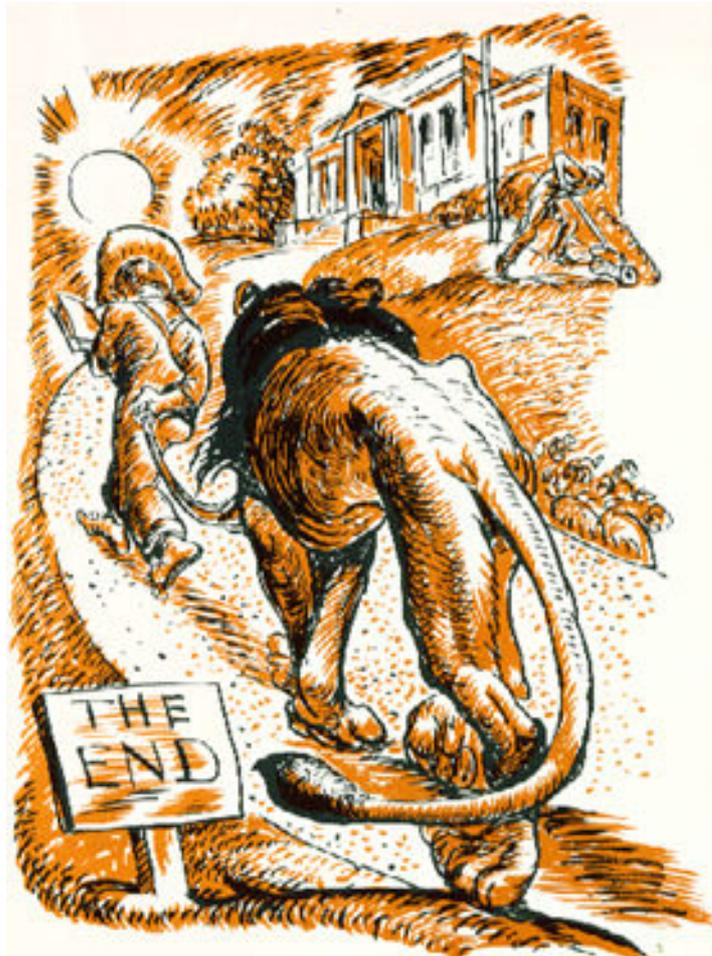
**THEN THE NEXT DAY ANDY LED THE LION AND ALL THE**



**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.**

**END**