

LINNY THE LION

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Far away deep in the jungle there lived a young lion named Lennie. Lennie had lived in the jungle all of his life but he always thought there was something more that he wanted to do.

One night while Lennie was sleeping he dreamed he was in a circus, He was doing all kinds of tricks, like standing on his hind feet, rolling over, climbing up ramps and jumping through rings of fire. When he did these things people all around him clapped their hands and cheered for him.

When Lennie awoke he said, That's what I will do. I will leave the jungle and join the circus.

So Lennie said good bye to his family and friends and started walking and he walked and he walked and he walked.

until finally he came to a big tree with a monkey sitting on a limb. Hello, said the monkey. Where are you going on such a nice day? Lennie looked up at the monkey and said, I'm going to leave the jungle and join the circus. Can you tell me how far I have to go to get out of the jungle?



Just a minute, said the monkey and he began to climb all the way to the top of the tree. When he reached the top he looked all around in every direction. Then he climbed back down to the limb where he had started from.

I am sorry," he said, "I can't see anything but jungle. As far as I know the whole world is a jungle.

Thank you, said Lennie and he began to walk and he walked and he walked and he walked until finally he came to a river and in the river was a hippo.

"Hello, said the hippo. Where are you going on such a nice day?"

" I am leaving the jungle to join the circus, said Lennie. Can you tell me how far I have to go to. get out of the jungle?"

I'm sorry," said the hippo. I have swam this river both directions for miles and miles; I have never seen anything but jungle. As far as I know the whole world is a jungle.

Thank you," said Lennie and he began to walk and he walked and he walked and he walked until finally he came to a clearing and in the clearing was a herd of elephants.

One of the elephants turned to Lennie and said, "Where are you going on such a nice day?"

I am going to leave the jungle and join the circus, said Lennie. Can you tell me how far it is out of the jungle?



No,

I can't, said the elephant. I have walked for mile and miles in every direction and I have never seen anything but jungle.

As far as I know the whole world is a jungle

"Thank you, said Lennie and he started walking. He walked and he walked and he walked and as

he walked he thought about what the monkey had said and about what the hippo had said and about what the elephant had said. And Lennie thought, "Maybe they are right, Maybe the whole world is a jungle."

Then just as he had decided to turn around and go home something grabbed Lennie and took him high into the air.

Lennie tried his best to free himself but he couldn't do it.

After what seemed like forever to Lennie, some men came and took him down and put him in a little cage.

Then they took linny out of the jungle and took him far away.

When they let him out of the little cage he found himself in a great big cage.  
There was a man with a whip and a chair.

Lennie was taught to do tricks, like stand on his hind feet and to roll over and climb ramps and jump through hoops of tire. And when Lennie did all of these things people all around him clapped their hands and cheered

Lennie knew that his dream had come true at last. He had finally joined the circus.

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