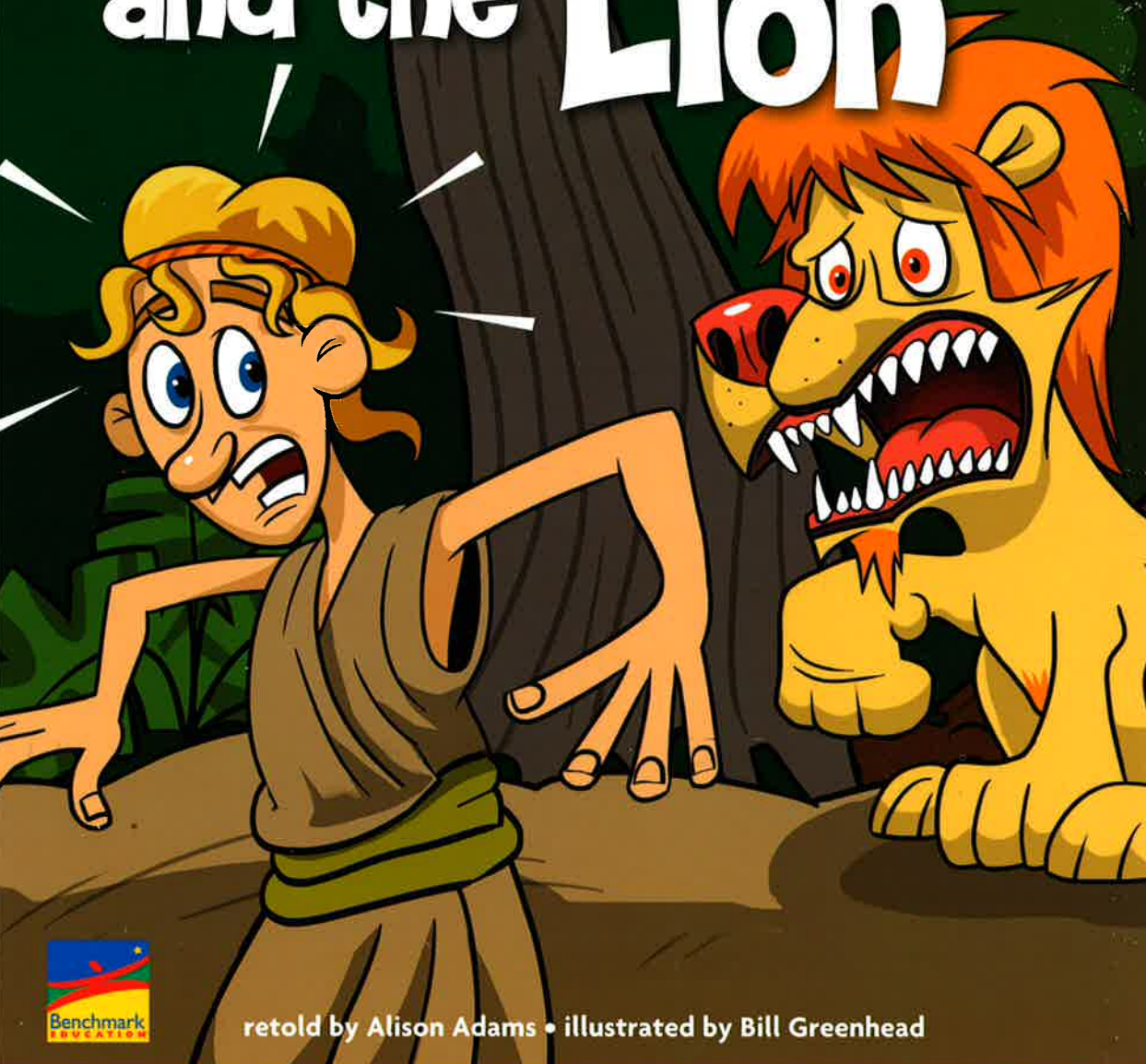


Androcles and the Lion



Make Connections





A slave named Androcles lived in a dark castle. Androcles tried hard to please his mean master. But every night, his master whipped Androcles and put him in chains.



One night, his master forgot to put Androcles in chains. Androcles knew that this was his chance to get away. That night, his master fell asleep. Then Androcles ran into the woods. He found a cave to make his home.



One day, Androcles was out walking in the woods. He saw a great, big lion. The lion started to roar.

“Oh no!” shouted Androcles.



“This lion is going to kill me. I got away from my mean master. I don’t want to be eaten by a lion now!”
Androcles started to run.

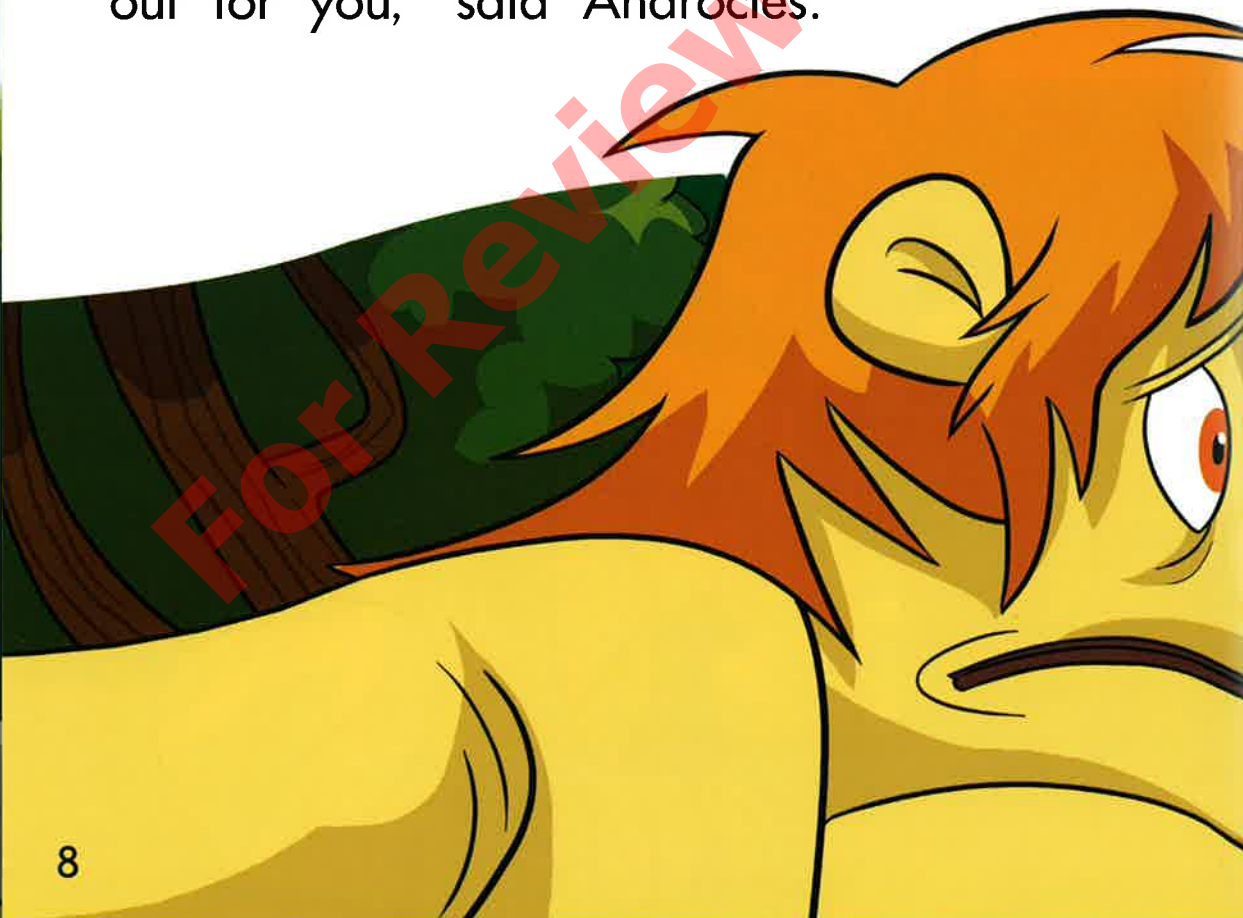
But then the lion cried, “This really hurts!”



Androcles stopped running and walked back to the lion. “Poor lion,” he said. “What’s wrong?”

The lion said, “I have a thorn in my paw. Can you get it out?”

“Yes, I think I can. I’ll try to pull it out for you,” said Androcles.



Androcles bent down and pulled out the thorn. “There!” he said. “It’s out now!”

“Oh, my paw feels so much better!” said the lion. “Thank you. I’ll never forget what you have done for me,” said the lion.



What happened in this fable?



Evaluate Author's Purpose

Why do you think the author wrote a story about friendship?