

The Lion in Love

Name _____



Aesop's fables always have a moral. The moral of this story is, "Love can tame the wildest".

Find out more about Aesop's fable on the Internet:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aesop's_Fables

Fill in the blanks of the story with the words in the box.

much	and	do	we
old	beautiful	feel	you
see	came	gladly	
they	claws	King	
venture	did	Lion	

Help me! I don't want to marry the scary lion!



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At last the father said:

'We _____ highly honoured by your Majesty's proposal, but you _____ our daughter is a tender young thing, and _____ fear that in the vehemence of your affection _____ might possibly do her some injury. Might I _____ to suggest that your Majesty should have your _____ removed, and your teeth extracted, then we would _____ consider your proposal again.'

The Lion was so _____ in love that he had his claws trimmed _____ his big teeth taken out. But when he _____ again to the parents of the young girl _____ simply laughed in his face, and bade him _____ his worst.



Answer Key

A LION once fell in love with a [beautiful] maiden and proposed marriage to her parents. The [old] people did not know what to say. They [did] not like to give their daughter to the [Lion], yet they did not wish to enrage the [King] of Beasts.

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The Lion was so [much] in love that he had his claws trimmed [and] his big teeth taken out. But when he [came] again to the parents of the young girl [they] simply laughed in his face, and bade him [do] his worst.