THE LION'S PAW



The lion stated quite clearly to all of the animals within earshot of his voice, "I will protect every animal that lives in the jungle. I will, of course, ingest one or two on ocassion, as is my custom, but all the other animals will have my protection. This I pledge." The monkeys thought this sounded great, not overly understanding just what the lion meant. The wiser animals of the jungle, such as the antelope and the egret, made brief eye contact, communicating an uneasy understanding of what had just been said. Clearly, the lion had put his paw down.

...Not everyone thought it was such a good thing.