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Title Lion Lying Down With Lamb

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Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I found this picture on ummoa.net, which is a website I was led to via Google Images after searching for "lions lying down with lambs."

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc? )

This picture depicts a ferocious looking lion with dark brown and golden fur lying down next to an innocent and baby lamb. The lion looks as if it is comforting or protecting the lamb from something, and they are both staring off into the distance. The two animals are in some sort of grassland and grass field with many plants in the background.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The main themes of this photo are perfection and hope for humanity. Lions lying down with lambs is a popular Old Testament prophecy that speaks of a Golden Age, or the coming of a perfect utopia on earth. Because animals that are a part of an essential food chain can not be trained to avoid their inherent instincts, a natural, peaceful relationship between a lion and a lamb seems entirely improbable. Only in a perfect world, rid of sorrow, disease, and death would nature ever be brought to such a state of peace and prosperity that lions would be able to graze harmoniously with lambs. The idea of this "Paradise Restored" is that God will come back to save humans and all of life from the wretched and miserable conditions they had been unfortunately enduring.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

All of the photo is essentially blurred except for the two animals in order to emphasize their importance and the message they are portraying. The photo is also taken from someone who is crouching down or lying on the ground. In the photo, the proximity of the two animals symbolizes the achievement of a perfect society, in which even the likeliest of enemies are friends.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

Although "lions lying down with lambs" may just be entirely a theoretical and implausible concept, I still really enjoy this photo because it at least brings about in me a hope for humanity. The photo essentially claims that the peace and harmony between natural enemies, such as a lion and a lamb, should at least signify the unity and cooperation of humans, who are members of the same species. Lions kill their prey never out of spite or malice but because they need to in order to survive, while humans, who are all made equally in God's image and likeness, fight with and kill each other for no justified reasons. Humans were not created to be enemies with each other like the members of a food chain are, and thus ultimate perfection must be achieved if bitter rivals in nature have made up their differences. The fact that this photo at least presents the possibility of perfection for humans, or even at the minimum some sort of progression, is completely poetic. When everything in the world seems so run down by wretchedness and evil, this photo stands as a foundation for believing that something good may happen for the betterment of humanity and society.

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