

The little newcomer drew unwanted attention.

His mother was well aware of the danger.

She kept her calf close.

But the crocodiles weren't her only concern.

A lion in search of prey.

Her calf, a perfect target.

And this young male was heading straight for them.

But something made him hesitate.

The river belonged to another predator.

It gave her time to hide the calf.

But the lion braved the waters.

While focused on finding the calf, the lion was facing a protective mother.

His courageous mother saved his life.