

The Journey

the story of two ants and a leaf



Annie and Abby Ant were traveling to visit their cousins' ant den.

But something unexpected happened along the way...

The Journey

short story.

Annie and Abby Ant were excited about their journey to their cousins' ant den. Their cousins lived further south and enjoyed warm winters without ice or snow.

Excited by the talk of the easy life their cousins enjoyed, they started south as soon as the days grew shorter.

Not far into their journey, a gust of wind blew a leaf right into their path.

"Oh, no!" Annie cried out. "Why does this always have to happen to me? I was so excited about this and now look. Woe is me!"

As Annie ran worried and scared, Abby was busy sizing up the situation.

"We'll just go around it," said Abby. "We can follow the edge of it all the way around back to our path."

"What if we get lost?" Annie continued running around fretting about the leaf and eventually decided the problem was just too much to handle.

"I'm going back home," she said.

"Do what you want," said Abby. *"As for me, I'm going to get around that leaf and enjoy a warm winter with our cousins."*

Annie went back home and Abby forged boldly on, determined to overcome the leaf obstacle and get the warm winter she desired.

A month later, as Annie was shivering through the first snowfall, Abby was relaxing in her cousins' cozy den, telling tales of the grand adventures



MORAL: Seek solutions for your challenges and take decisive action to continue toward your goal.

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personal reflection.

Annie and Abby both started out on their journey happy and excited about the good things awaiting them at their cousins' ant den.

They had a goal and were willing to put in some work in order to achieve that goal, so they undertook their journey.

However, when a challenge appeared, Annie was utterly distraught. She bemoaned her challenge, instead of seeking a solution.

Even when a solution appeared, she found an excuse to give up. Instead of taking action toward her goal, she turned around with nothing to show for it.

In contrast, Abby sought a solution, took action to overcome the challenge, and achieved her goal.

The path to a worthy goal will almost always contain challenges. It's just a natural part of life!

When a challenge arises in your path, it's to your own advantage to quickly seek a solution and put it into action. ***Take obstacles in stride as a normal part of the course and you will succeed!***

Most challenges can be overcome if you focus on finding a solution. Devoting your time to worrying only wastes your time and brings you ample opportunity to think of reasons to give up on your goal altogether!

If you take action to overcome your challenges, you'll be able to enjoy exciting new opportunities and adventures!

Self-Reflection Questions:

- Are you more like Annie, fretting about your challenges, or like Abby, a solution seeker?
- Are you facing a current challenge or setback?
- How can you get past this challenge so you can continue toward your goal?