

Story 15: Two Goats

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The Story:

Once upon a time, there were two goats named White Goat and Black Goat. They lived in two houses side by side in a village full of trees and green grass. But these two goats were always fighting with each other and never got along well. They were always in competition with each other and both of them always wanted to surpass the other. When one of them did something good, the other would not congratulate him, on the contrary, he would be jealous and belittle the other's success.

One day both goats went for a walk to a neighboring village. Then their paths crossed over a narrow bridge. The White Goat was coming from one side and the Black Goat from the other and they met in the middle of the bridge. The bridge was wide enough for only one goat to cross. Both goats were arguing that they should cross first and neither would back down.

Their argument became more and more intense and finally turned into a fight. As the two goats fought each other to cross first, the wooden bridge was shaking. Eventually the bridge could not withstand the shaking and collapsed. So both goats fell into the river and drowned in the current. In fact, if they had let each other cross the bridge in turn, both would have survived, but because they chose to be stubborn and fight, they both perished.

Story Moral: *Jealousy, stubbornness, fighting and competition only to prove that you are better than somebody are harmful vices. Instead, one should be able to congratulate others when they are successful and cooperate with them when it is in their advantage to do so.*