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## The Frogs & the Ox



Once upon a time, in a lush green meadow, there lived a group of frogs. The frogs were content with their small world but were often curious about the creatures beyond their pond. One day, they heard a loud commotion nearby. As they peered out from the edge of their pond, they saw a massive ox grazing peacefully in the field. The ox was much larger than anything they had ever seen, and this fascinated the frogs.

Intrigued by the ox's size and strength, the frogs started talking among themselves. "Look at the ox! It's enormous! I've never seen anything so big," said one frog. "Indeed, it is impressive. I wish we were as big and strong as the ox," remarked another frog enviously.

As they continued to watch the ox, their admiration grew, and they began to dream of being as powerful as the giant creature. Finally, one bold and ambitious frog hatched a plan. He suggested, "Let's all stand together and puff ourselves up as much as we can. If we do this together, we might become as big as the ox!"

The other frogs, excited by the idea, formed a line one after the other. They inflated themselves, stretching their small bodies to their limits, trying to imitate the ox's size. "Ready? On the count of three, we all puff up together!" declared the ambitious frog.

"1... 2... 3..." they all cried out and puffed themselves up. But try as they might, they could not even come close to the ox's size. The ambitious frog's plan failed miserably.

Just then, an old and wise frog who had been observing from afar spoke up, "My dear friends, what were you thinking? You are frogs, and the ox is an entirely different creature. Each one of you is unique and has your own strengths. Trying to be something you're not will only lead to disappointment."

The frogs realized the truth in the wise frog's words. They understood that comparing themselves to others and trying to be something they were not was foolish. Embracing their individuality and appreciating their own qualities was the key to happiness and contentment.

And so, the frogs went back to their peaceful pond, content with who they were and appreciating the beauty of their world.

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### Questions

1. Where does the story "The Frogs & the Ox" take place?
2. What did the frogs see one day that fascinated them?
3. Why did the frogs start inflating themselves?
4. What was the outcome of the frogs' attempt to become as big as the ox?
5. What lesson did the wise frog teach the others?