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The Owl & the Grasshopper

Once upon a time, in a dense forest, a wise old owl and a lively grasshopper lived on opposite sides of a tall oak tree. The owl, being nocturnal, preferred to sleep during the day and hunt at night. On the other hand, the grasshopper loved to hop around in the sunlight, singing cheerful songs all day long.



One bright morning, as the grasshopper was joyfully hopping from leaf to leaf, he noticed the owl perched on a branch, looking rather grumpy. Curious, the grasshopper approached the owl and said, "Hello, wise owl! Why do you look so solemn on such a beautiful day?"

The owl blinked his large, round eyes and replied, "I am always serious, little grasshopper. I find your constant singing and hopping rather frivolous. Don't you ever think about the future or prepare for the times when food is scarce?"

The grasshopper chuckled, "Oh, wise owl, I live in the present moment, enjoying life as it comes. I sing and dance because it brings me joy. Why worry about tomorrow when today is so wonderful?"

The owl shook his head disapprovingly and warned the grasshopper, "Mark my words, young one. Winter will soon arrive, and the forest will be covered in snow. The days will be cold and harsh, and there will be no leaves or grass for you to hop on. You will regret not saving food for those tough times."

But the grasshopper shrugged off the owl's advice and continued his carefree ways. He believed that he could find food even in winter and that worrying about the future would spoil his happiness.

As the days passed and winter approached, the forest turned icy and desolate. The once lively grasshopper now struggled to find food and shelter. He remembered the owl's words and regretted not heeding the wise bird's advice. Hungry and cold, he realized the importance of preparing for the future.

From that day forward, the grasshopper learned a valuable lesson. He understood the balance between living in the present and preparing for the future, realizing that both were essential for a happy and secure life.

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Questions

1. Who are the main characters in the fable "The Owl & the Grasshopper"?
2. What was the owl's perspective on the grasshopper's behavior?
3. How did the grasshopper respond to the owl's warning about the future?
4. Why did the grasshopper regret not heeding the owl's advice?
5. What lesson did the grasshopper learn from his experience with the owl?