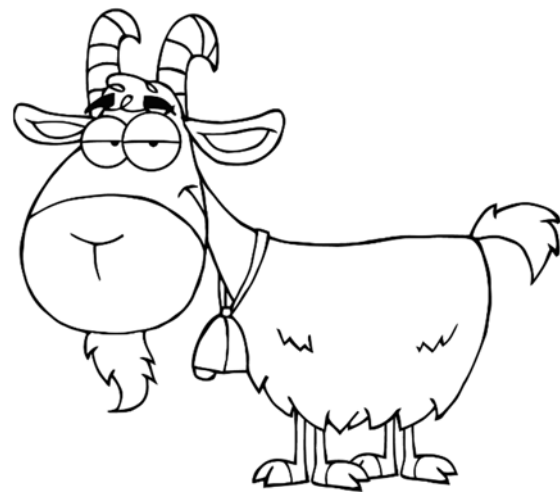


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## The Two Goats

Once upon a time, in a narrow mountain pass, two goats approached from opposite directions. The pass was so narrow that there was no space for both goats to pass side by side. As they spotted each other, they both hesitated, neither willing to back down and give way to the other.

The first goat, a brown one, spoke confidently, "I was here first. You should turn back and find another way."

The second goat, a white one, retorted, "No, I won't turn back. I have just as much right to pass through this pass as you do. You should step aside."

The argument between the two goats grew more intense, and neither was willing to yield. As they continued to bicker, the white goat came up with an idea. He suggested, "Let's settle this with a contest. We'll have a pushing match. Whoever can make the other lose balance will be the one to pass through first."

The brown goat, feeling strong and determined, accepted the challenge. They positioned themselves at the narrowest point of the pass and began pushing each other with all their might. Both goats were evenly matched in strength, and the pushing match went on for quite some time.

Eventually, they both lost balance simultaneously and tumbled down the mountainside, landing in a heap at the bottom. Bruised and defeated, they realized that their stubbornness had led to a mutual downfall. With newfound humility, they decided that they should work together to find another way around the mountain pass.

And so, the two goats set off together, exploring the mountain and discovering a longer but safer path to reach the other side. They learned that cooperation and compromise were far better than futile pride and conflict.

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### Questions

1. Where does the story "The Two Goats" take place?
2. Why do the two goats hesitate when they meet in the mountain pass?
3. What challenge does the white goat propose to resolve the issue?
4. What is the outcome of the pushing match between the two goats?
5. What lesson do the goats learn from their experience in the mountain pass?