

Panda and Tiger

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The tiger went down into the woods from the mountain. He was tired of hunting. He came across a Panda eating bamboo in the forest.

“That must be nice.” Tiger thought aloud.

“What’s nice?” Asked the panda, as he chewed on bamboo.

“Whenever you want food, it’s already right there for you. You just go take a bite out of leaves. I have to find mine.”

“They taste kind of boring, though. I eat the same thing all day every day.” The panda complained.

“That’s better than having to hunt down something that’s trying to get away, because it doesn’t want to get eaten.” Tiger whined back.



Panda snorted. “Want to bet? My jaws are tired from chewing this green stuff all day. It’s worst than celery.”

“Should we trade?” The tiger suggested. “We could switch roles for the day, just to take a break. You hunt, and I’ll chew leaves.”

The panda nodded happily, and wandered off to hunt down his first meal. It sounded fun! Tiger sat down heavily, relaxing as he put some leaves into his mouth. This was going to be much easier than hunting, he thought.

Hours later, the panda cornered his first prey. He’d trapped a rabbit against some rocks. The confused rabbit had no idea what to do, so it just whimpered. Panda thought about eating it, but all that fur didn’t look tasty, and then there was the matter of killing the poor thing. How could he? He’d never even hurt a fly before.

Tiger wasn’t doing much better. He wasn’t built to pull down bamboo branches, so he had to eat the low ones. That wasn’t working well, either, because his teeth were designed to cut and tear, not to grind up leaves. Besides that, they tasted bad and gave him a stomach ache.

That afternoon, both panda and tiger gave up. When they met each other, they both sighed and went back to their regular ways of life. It just didn’t pay to try to change who they were, even if it was hard sometimes.



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