

Two Caterpillars

This is the story of two caterpillars. Both were born on the same day, in the same tree, and to the same mother, and in fact they looked exactly the same. Their eggs sat close to each other almost touching. They emerged together and started eating the leaves they were hatched on.

Both of them were ravenous when they emerged and devoured everything they could. One caterpillar started to grow faster and the other looked at the bigger one in jealousy. It kept thinking why he growing faster than me, what did I do to deserve this? It just watched helplessly as the other caterpillar grew.

The smaller one did change in jealousy. It grew spikes and secreted an oozing liquid. The bigger caterpillar watched him grow uglier every day. It thought how sad it was that its sibling was going through this but it couldn't do anything.

Every day these two caterpillars grew farther and farther apart as one grew bigger and the other uglier. The bigger one looked on the ugly one with pity while the ugly one looked upon the bigger one with jealousy. One day the bigger caterpillar started to cover itself in a protective cover forming a cocoon and it hung itself from a tree.

The uglier caterpillar couldn't believe that the bigger caterpillar had changed again. It just watched, its anger growing. Its anger became so overwhelming it felt like it was going to burst. In fits of rage it even tried to knock the cocoon off the tree.

The uglier one couldn't believe its eyes as one day the bigger caterpillar emerged from the cocoon with beautiful shimmering colorful wings. It watched as its sibling flew off as a butterfly leaving its sibling behind.

The butterfly remained sad for its sibling. It flew back and to help the ugly one change. The uglier caterpillar was angered that it was left alone. As it watched its sibling return it thought its sibling wanted to flaunt its newfound beauty. When the butterfly came close the ugly caterpillar attacked him.

The butterfly barely escaping its sibling's attack couldn't believe that its sibling had fallen so far. It landed on a branch nearby and told its sibling that it only wanted to help. It said that it too can become as beautiful as it had. The ugly one so consumed by anger didn't hear its sibling at first as it inched closer. The butterfly continued to plea to its sibling to stop, that its anger wasn't necessary. The ugly one finally hearing its sibling's plea stopped for a moment.

Its sibling could have flown off and never worried about it again, but here it was pleading for it to stop, endangering itself to help its sibling.

The butterfly noticed something that the other had not. In all its anger and jealousy it failed to notice that it too had grown bigger, as big as the butterfly was before it had changed. Once its sibling had stopped, the butterfly told the ugly one that it was time for it to change. The ugly one remained frozen in confusion; he hated the butterfly for abandoning it but here the butterfly was trying to help.

As the ugly one started to look inward it felt a strange urge. It crawled to a small branch and hung itself from underneath. Its spikes fell off and the oozing stopped as it covered itself in a protective cover. The ugly one felt itself change and noticed that it was happy. When it emerged from the cocoon as a beautiful shimmering butterfly it looked for its sibling.

The two new beautiful butterflies flew off together.

The Moral: Be mindful of your thoughts they can easily become negative and bring down your positive thoughts.