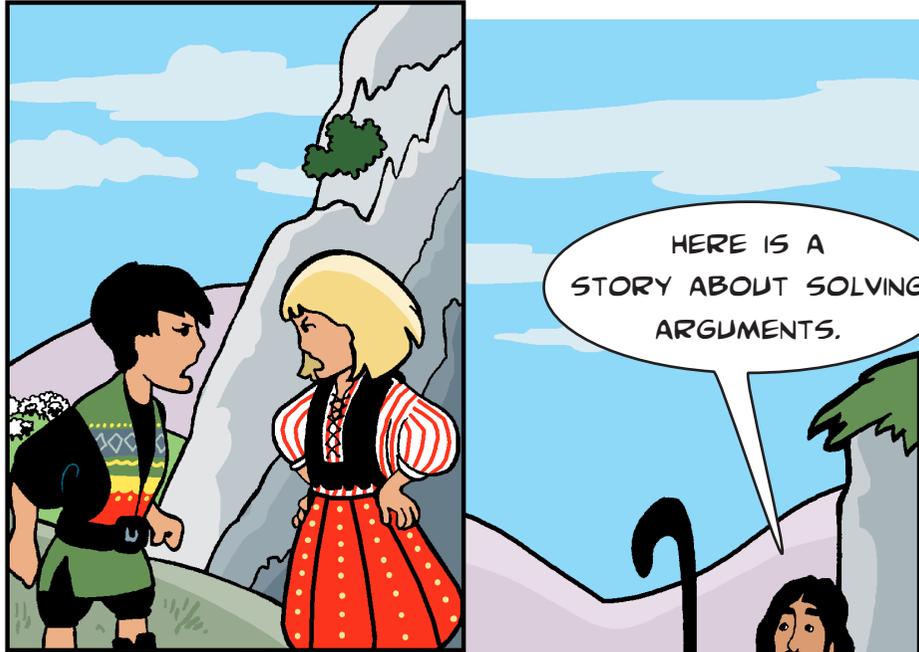


TWO GOATS SOLVE AN ARGUMENT

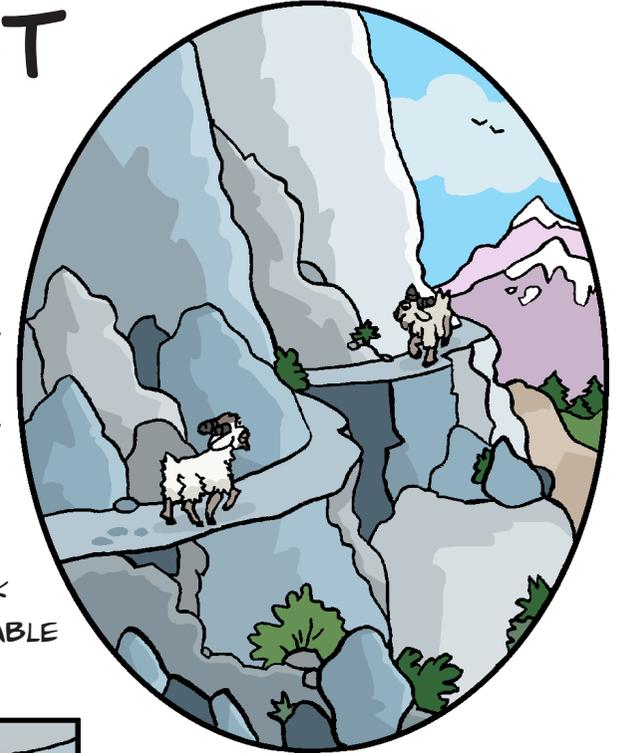


THERE WERE TWO GOATS WALKING ALONG A NARROW MOUNTAIN TRAIL.

ONE WAS GOING UP THE TRAIL.

THE OTHER WAS GOING DOWN.

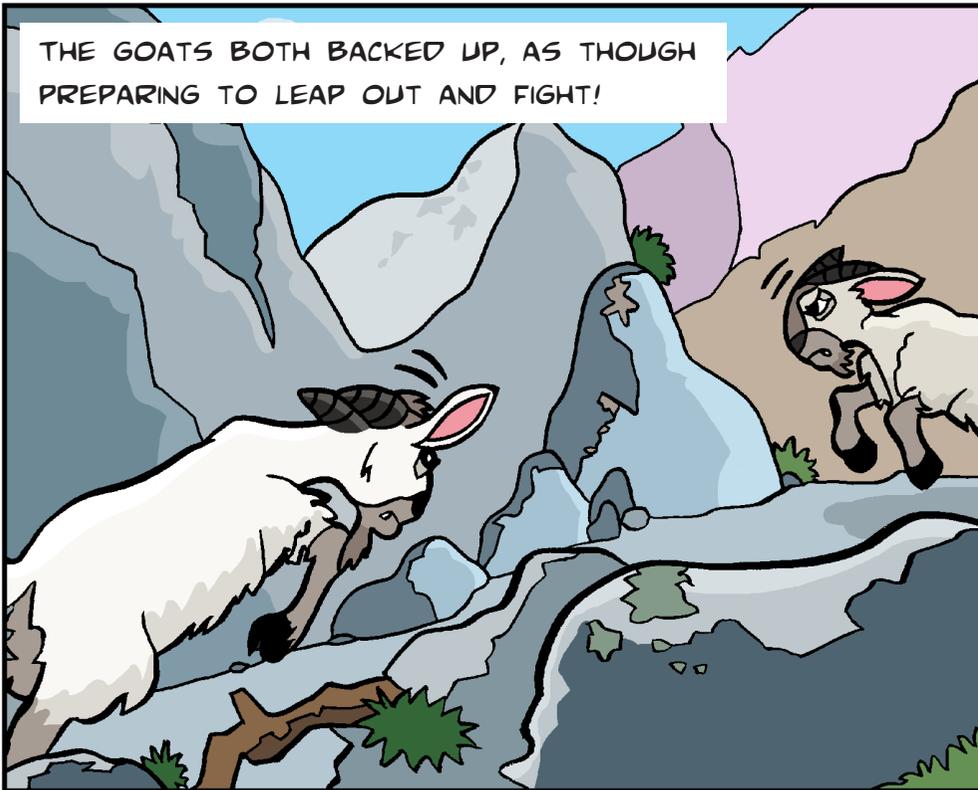
THE TRAIL WAS SO NARROW, THERE WAS ROOM FOR ONLY ONE GOAT AT A TIME TO WALK ALONG IT, AND THEY WERE UNABLE TO PASS EACH OTHER.



NOW WHAT COULD THEY DO?



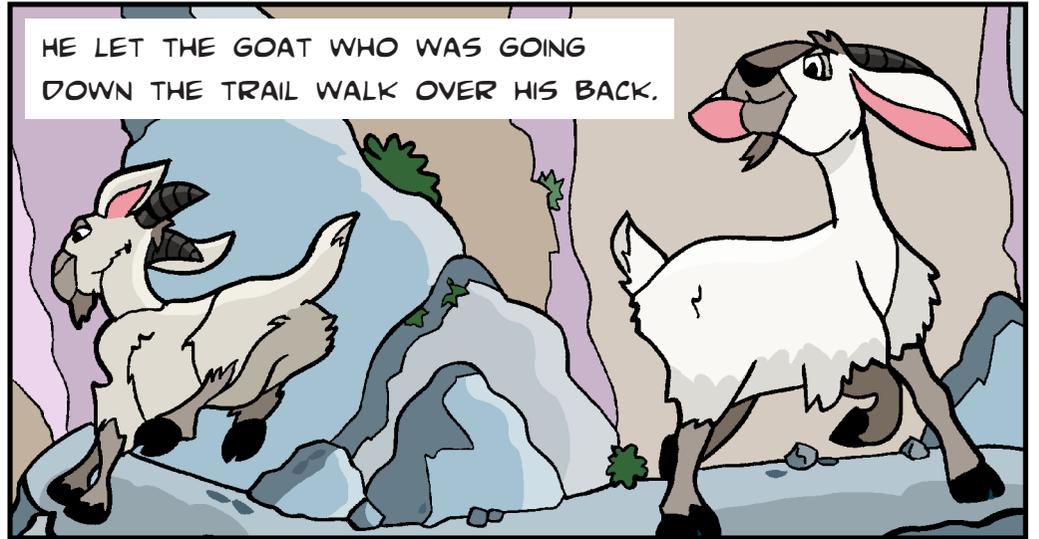
THE GOATS BOTH BACKED UP, AS THOUGH PREPARING TO LEAP OUT AND FIGHT!



BUT SOMETHING SURPRISING HAPPENED! THE GOAT THAT WAS GOING UP THE TRAIL LAY DOWN IN THE PATH.



HE LET THE GOAT WHO WAS GOING DOWN THE TRAIL WALK OVER HIS BACK.



HE THEN AROSE AND CONTINUED HIS JOURNEY UP THE TRAIL.

OFTEN ARGUMENTS ARE CAUSED BY EACH PERSON WANTING TO HAVE THEIR OWN WAY. IT'S IMPORTANT AT SUCH TIMES TO STOP AND CONSIDER WHAT THE OTHER PERSON HAS TO SAY. EVEN IF NEITHER OF YOU FULLY BACKS DOWN TO LET THE OTHER PERSON HAVE HIS WAY, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THESE TWO GOATS, IT'S STILL IMPORTANT TO HUMBLY HEAR AND CONSIDER THE OTHER PERSON'S OPINION.

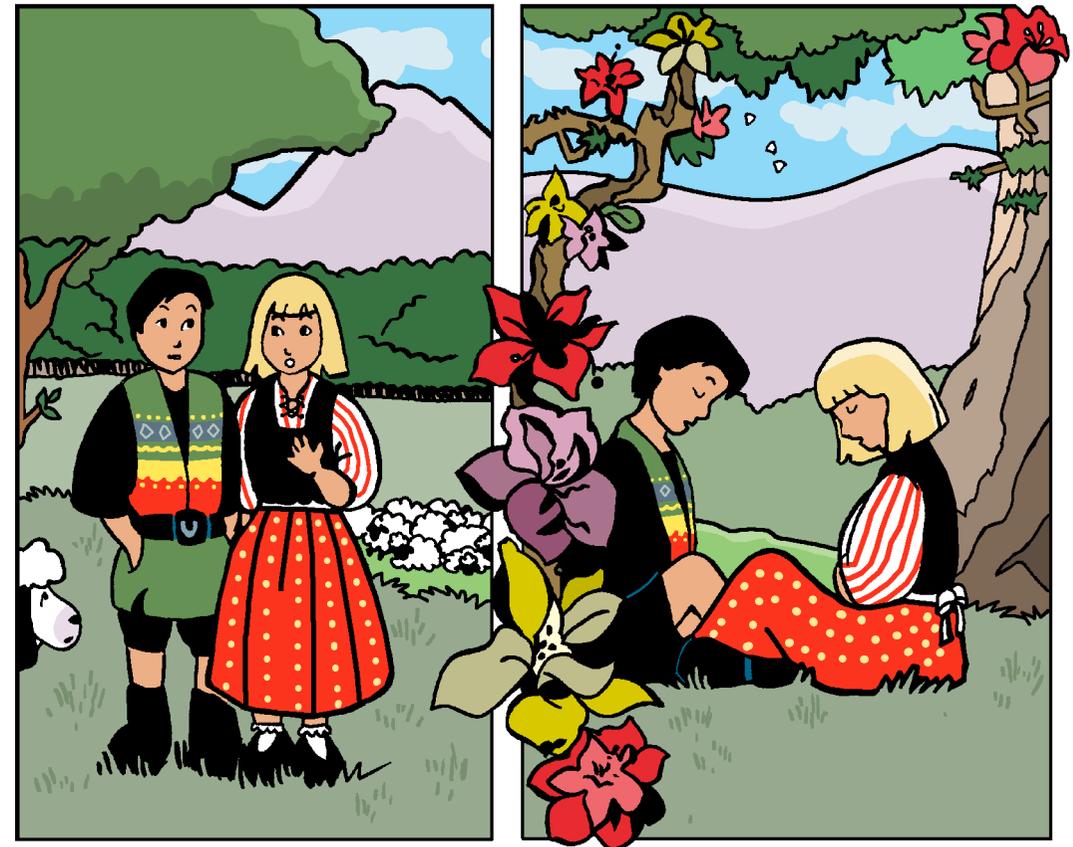
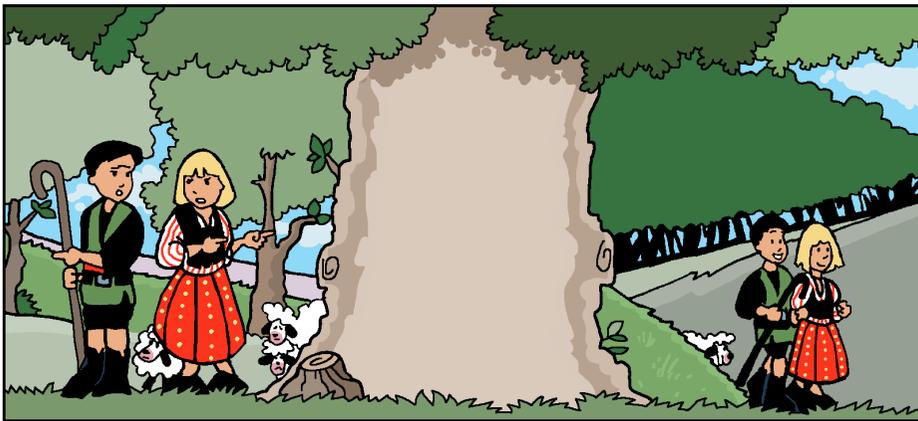
BY DOING SO, YOU'LL OFTEN FIND A SOLUTION THAT HELPS SATISFY EVERYONE'S DESIRES. AND EVEN IF YOU FIND IT NECESSARY TO YIELD TO THE OTHER PERSON'S IDEAS FOR THE SAKE OF RESOLVING THE ARGUMENT, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENJOY SATISFACTION IN HOW THINGS CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD.

ARGUMENTS CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT. YOU SHOULD BE MORE CONCERNED WITH WHAT IS RIGHT AND CONSIDERATE OF EACH OTHER'S NEEDS INSTEAD OF WHO IS RIGHT. OFTEN BOTH OPINIONS HAVE MERIT, AND IT'S BEST IF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE ARGUMENT DISCUSS TOGETHER AND AGREE ON A SOLUTION.

"A GENTLE ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH, BUT HARSH WORDS CAUSE QUARRELS" (PROVERBS 15:1 TLB).

"MAY MY SPOKEN WORDS AND UNSPOKEN THOUGHTS BE PLEASING EVEN TO YOU, O LORD MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER" (PSALM 19:14 TLB).

HUMBLE CONSIDERATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PRAYER WILL SOLVE MOST CONFLICTS.



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