

The Mice and the Weasels

The story "[The Mice and the Weasels](#)" is a very famous [Aesop's Fables](#) story which is more than a few hundred years old. In this story, the weasels are much stronger than the mice and always won every fight. The mice decide to fight back in this story.

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The Story

Once upon a time, all the mice and all the weasels were at war. The Mice were weak and small while the weasels were large. The weasels used to win every war and they used to eat the mice.

One day the mice held a great meeting. They decided that they would fight one more great war. They split into three groups. One wanted to lead, one wanted to fight and one wanted to run away.

The first group of mice said, “We lose only because we have no leaders. We will appoint many leaders so that we will be led into victory.”

The head mouse said, “Yes. Every mouse in this group should wear a big feather on their head so that we know who the leader is.”

The second group of mice said, “We lose only because we wear no armor. We will wear heavy armor so that we can withstand their attack.”

The head mouse said, “Yes. Every mouse in this group should wear a big feather on their head so that we know who the leader is.”

The third group of mice said, “We will lose no matter what. We should try fighting and if we start to lose, we should run away.”

The head mouse said, “You are all such cowards. Every mouse in this group should not wear anything.”

The mice challenged the weasels. The weasels were very happy and the war started.

There were so many leaders that the mice became confused. Soon the mice realized that they would lose. They tried to run.

The mice wearing the feather were easy to catch. The mice wearing the armor were slow and easy to catch. The mice without the armor and the feather were fast and could run away easily.

Moral of the story:

The moral of the Aesop's Fable is that “*Greatness has its penalties.*”

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Questions on "The Mice and the Weasels"

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
2. How many groups did the mice split themselves into?
3. Did the mice win the war?

4. What is the moral of the story?

Answers:

1. The main characters of the story are the mice and the weasels.
2. The mice split themselves into three groups
3. No. The mice wearing the feather were easy to catch. The mice wearing the armor were slow and easy to catch. The mice without the armor and the feather were fast and could run away easily.
4. The moral of the Aesop's Fable is that "*Greatness has its penalties.*"