



Leo the Little Lizard Learns to Wait

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In a vibrant rainforest, full of large green leaves and colorful, dappled light, lives a tiny green lizard named Leo. He is small and energetic, always darting between branches. Leo sees a small, green bud on a plant and tries to make it open immediately, but it remains tightly closed.



Leo observes other animals, like a pair of playful parrots, sharing a delicious, ripe purple berry. He wants to fly and eat the berry right away, but his wings are too small, and his legs are still too weak to jump far. He feels frustrated and small, while the parrots enjoy their treat.



Watching a wise, old tortoise munch slowly on a fallen leaf, Leo notices the tortoise's deliberate movements and calm nature. Leo thinks it would be better to be fast, but the tortoise just smiles gently, continuing his slow, focused meal.



Trying to catch a small, fast-flying blue insect, Leo leaps eagerly from a branch, missing it completely. He tumbles and falls onto a large, soft mushroom, landing with a confused bounce while the insect buzzes away untouched.



The old tortoise slowly approaches the base of the mushroom where Leo landed. The tortoise gently explains that some things, like strong wings for flying and skills for hunting, take time to develop and cannot be rushed.



Taking the tortoise's advice to heart, Leo begins to practise. Every day, he stretches his tiny legs on a sunny branch, feeling the warm light and strengthening his muscles through patience and practice, rather than giving up quickly.



Returning to the small bud he noticed earlier, Leo sits quietly and watches it. He waits patiently as the sun moves across the sky and days pass, understanding now that he cannot force the beautiful process of blooming.



After many days of patient waiting, the green bud finally opens, revealing a stunning, bright yellow flower inside. Leo watches in awe, experiencing the incredible reward of simply being patient and trusting the natural timing.



Leo's careful daily stretching pays off. Running with newfound strength, he leaps high off a branch, successfully catching a large, juicy insect in mid-air. He landing perfectly, feeling proud of his new skills and strength.



In the warm glow of the afternoon sun, Leo meets with the old tortoise again. Leo shares a delicious bite of the insect he caught, feeling truly happy and content, understanding that some of the best things in life are well worth waiting for.