

The Scientist and The Man

Have you heard of the great scientist, Albert Einstein? He is considered to be one of the greatest geniuses that ever lived. He is known for his Theory of Relativity.

One day, when Albert Einstein was a small boy, his father brought him a compass. It was a small toy to entertain him. Albert trembled with excitement as he looked at the 'magic' needle turning towards the north. He was too young to understand the principle of magnetism, yet he felt that he was in an enchanted world. For him, the compass was not a toy but a miracle.

He felt the same way when he played the violin. His eyes lit up and his hands shook. He was overcome with emotions. It was the music that moved him. Very often, he would stand spellbound while his mother played the piano.

He was a curious child and would often daydream. His father was pained about the reports from his teacher. They told him that the boy was not interested in his studies and making friends. He was lost and adrift forever in his foolish dreams. But Albert was unaware of the worry of his elders.

He was full of joy and regarded the world as a wonderful place. He played in his garden or walked in the streets singing songs aloud, and was extremely happy.

His father wanted him to study electrical engineering, but he disliked the very thought of becoming an engineer. He entered the Zurich Polytechnic Academy to prepare himself for a teaching position in mathematics and physics. Though he finished his studies and received his teacher's certificate, he was unable to get a job.

Finally, he got a job as a clerk. In his spare time, he filled his notebooks with difficult mathematical formulas. Some of these later led to great scientific discoveries. When they were published, the humble clerk became one of the most famous scientists in the world. He could not take his daily walk without being surrounded by photographers, reporters and autograph-hunters. He would only smile at them, and went on with his work in his quiet humble way.

In 1921, Einstein was awarded the Nobel Prize for physics for his contribution to physics and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect.

Why Ants Are Found Everywhere

One day, Lion, the king of the beasts, ordered all the other animals to honor him. One by one, Tiger, Elephant, Snake, and many other animals came to bow before Lion.

Even Ant set out on the journey. It was a long and tough trip for a tiny creature like Ant. As a result, Ant was the last to arrive. When the animals saw Ant coming, they made fun of him. Lion roared with laughter and said, "It's about time you got here!"

Ant crawled away in shame. He told the Queen of the ants how badly Lion had treated him. The Ant Queen was angry. She asked her friend Worm to crawl in Lion's ear and make him uncomfortable.

Worm crept into Lion's ear. He twisted and turned. He wiggled and jiggled. Lion roared. He shook his head back and forth trying to get Worm out. The other animals offered help, but nobody was small enough. Lion knew he would go crazy if he didn't find a way to get rid of Worm.

At last he realized there was only one animal that could help him. Lion asked Ant Queen for help. The Ant Queen thought Lion had been punished enough, so she sent Ant to help.

When Ant finally arrived, Lion was rolling on the ground in pain. Ant crawled into his ear and called out, "Thank you, Wormz. You can come out now."

Lion was so relieved that he rewarded Ant. He said, "Well done, Ant. I have decided that from now on you and your all the other ants may live anywhere you'd like."

And that is why, to this day, even though some animals can live only in the jungle, some only in the desert, and others only in the rainforest, ants live everywhere.