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The Mossy Log



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The sun peeked through the eucalyptus trees, casting dappled light on the forest floor.

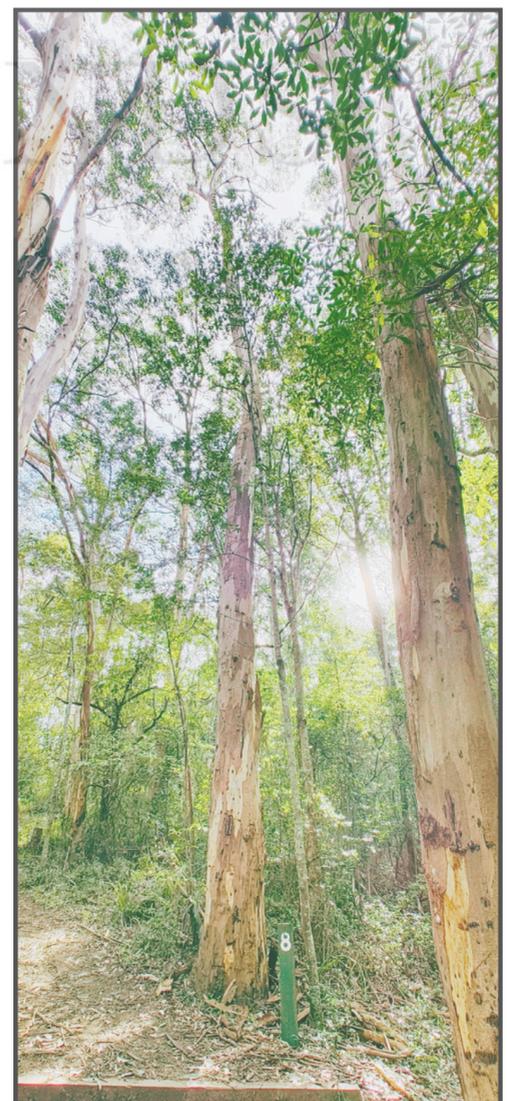
Wabby and Sabbie, two eucalyptus leaf brothers, stretched their tips in the morning breeze.

“Sabbie!” Wabby chirped, bouncing on the edge of their branch. “Today’s the day we find the most beautiful thing in the forest!”

Sabbie, the older and calmer of the two, swayed gently. His edges, browned and curled, gave him a wise, weathered appearance.

“The most beautiful thing? That’s a big task, Wabi. Beauty is everywhere if you know how to see it.”

Wabby rolled his body in excitement. “I’ll know it when I see it. Come on!”



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As they fluttered down to the forest floor, Wabby darted ahead, scanning the landscape. Suddenly, he skidded to a stop.

“Eww! Look at this thing!” he said, pointing to a fallen log.

Its bark was cracked and patches of moss clung to its surface. Mushrooms sprouted in clumps and ants marched in neat lines along its length.

Sabbie drifted closer and rested one tip on the log.

“What’s wrong with it, Wabby?”

“It’s old and broken! There’s nothing beautiful about that” Wabby huffed.

Sabbie tilted his tip toward the log.

“Look closer, little brother. Take your time.”



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With a reluctant sigh, Wabby leaned in.



He noticed how the moss glistened with tiny beads of dew, each one catching the sunlight like a jewel.

The mushrooms, though oddly shaped, were painted in soft shades of orange and cream.

An ant carried a crumb far bigger than itself, while a beetle darted into a small crevice.

“It’s... alive?” Wabby asked, his voice softer now.

“Very much so,” Sabbie replied.

“This log was once a great tree, standing tall like us. Now, it gives life to so many others.”

A small beetle peeked out from under the bark.

“Without this log, I wouldn’t have a home! It may look old and cracked, but it’s full of stories and life.”



Wabby traced his tip along the log's rough surface.

“So... it's not just broken? It's still doing something important?”

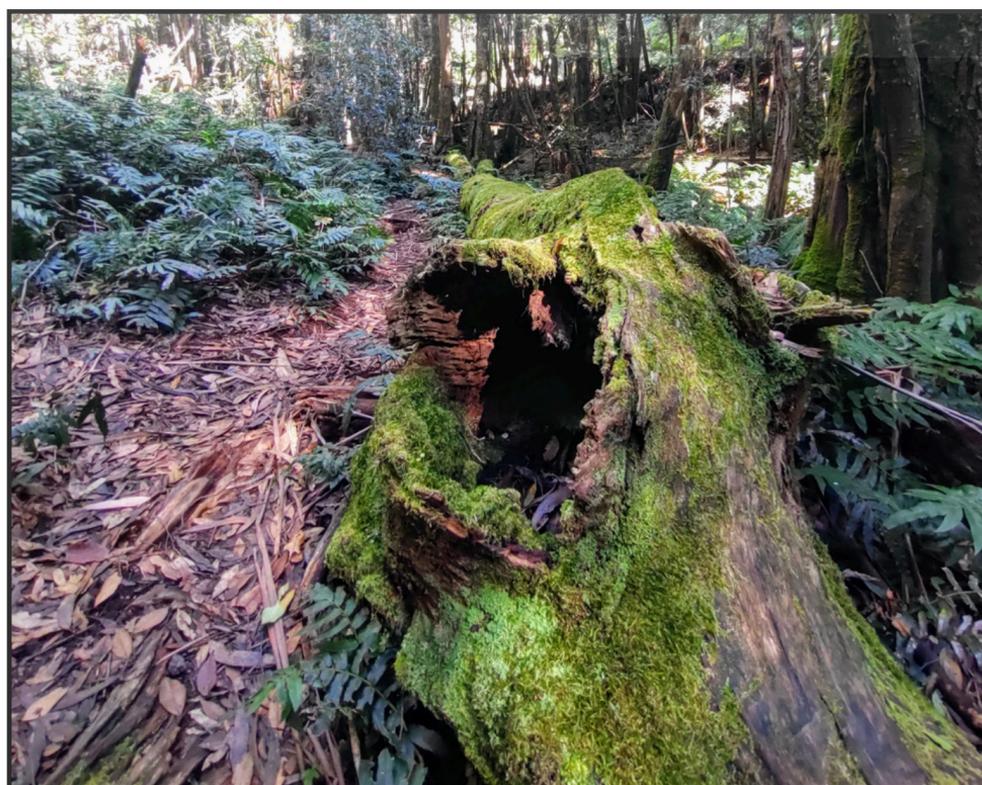
Sabbie nodded.

“That's Wabi-Sabbie, little brother.
Beauty isn't about being perfect. It's about the stories,
the purpose, and the life in everything.”

For the first time, Wabby glanced at his brother's small hole and smiled.

“Maybe your tiny hole isn't so bad after all.”

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As the brothers made their way back to their eucalyptus tree, Wabby's eyes darted around the forest, noticing things he hadn't before - the way the sunlight danced on the leaves, the cracks in the rocks filled with tiny plants, the gentle curve of a wilting flower.



Back on their branch, Wabby swayed happily.

“Sabbie, I think you’re right. Beauty really is everywhere.”

Sabbie chuckled. “It’s just about how you see it.”

As the sun set, the forest hummed with life.

Wabby and Sabbie rested, ready for their next adventure.

Conclusion

- Look for something old or broken and imagine the life it has supported.
- Find a patch of moss, a crack in the pavement, or a fallen leaf and notice its quiet beauty.
- Remember, beauty is not about perfection - it's about stories, purpose and how things make you feel.

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