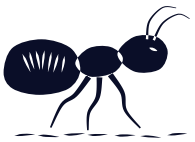
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The Philosopher the Ants and Mercury



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Comprehension Questions

1. What event does the Philosopher witness that leads him to reflect on the injustice of Providence?
2. How does the Philosopher react to the army of Ants surrounding him?
3. What lesson does Mercury impart to the Philosopher after he tramples the Ants?
4. What is the main moral of the story? How does it relate to judging others?
5. In your opinion, why is it important to consider the consequences of our actions on others, even those we may view as small or insignificant?

Vocabulary Exercise

Match the words from the story with their correct definitions.

Word	Definition
1. Providence	A. Small creatures that work together in groups
2. Inveigh	B. The protective care of God or nature
3. Trample	C. To complain or protest vehemently
4. Ant	D. To tread heavily or crush underfoot

Writing Reflection

Reflect on the story and answer the following questions. Use the space provided.

1. What did you learn from the Philosopher's experience with the Ants?

2. Have you ever judged someone unfairly? How did it make you feel?

3. How can this story's moral be applied to your own life?

Remember, every action has consequences, and it's important to reflect on how we treat others around us!