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The Power of the Scalawag

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Comprehension Questions

1. What action did the Forestry Commissioner take at the beginning of the story?
2. How did the honest man react to the Forestry Commissioner's actions?
3. What message is conveyed through the lines found on the tree stump?
4. In your opinion, what does the term "scalawag" imply in the context of this story?
5. How might the story reflect on the theme of pride and its consequences?

Vocabulary Matching Exercise

Match the vocabulary words on the left with their correct definitions on the right.

Vocabulary Word	**Definition**
1. Scalawag	A. A person who behaves in a dishonest or unscrupulous way.
2. Commissioner	B. A person appointed to an official position.
3. Toil	C. To work extremely hard.
4. Spoil	D. To damage or ruin something.
5. Pride	E. A feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction.

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the moral of the story. What life lesson do you think the author is trying to convey? Write your thoughts below.

Feel free to share your answers and insights with your classmates!