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A pig and a deer started on a journey together. After a time they reached a spot where the path forked. They began to dispute as to which of the roads they should follow. The pig proposed the longer route but the deer urged the claims of the shorter. The quarrel became so heated that it led to a separation, and each chose the path he preferred. The pig travelled by the longer way and arrived at his destination; the deer proceeded by the nearer road but had only gone a short distance when he was shot and killed.

Moral: The easiest is not always the best.