

ABE  
THE  
ANXIOUS LEAF

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Of course, almost every story starts with the usual "Once upon a time". But this does not. It starts with Abe, a leaf.



Abe was always anxious because he could not wait until he would fall off his branch. From then on he was called Anxious Abe. Anxious Abe thought he was going to blow off whenever a mighty and powerful wind would come by his branch. It would send a tickling feeling down his veins. But as usual, it didn't happen and he felt disappointed.



Anxious Abe watched the world around him. Squirrels were running and laughing gaily. Cardinals and other birds were chirping sweetly. Anxious Abe enjoyed these sounds tremendously. How he hoped to touch the grass and join his other leaf friends.



It was not fair! All the other leaves had fallen, but not him! He was so close to falling. Then one day, his squirrel friends were telling him a joke.



Anxious Abe laughed so hard that he started to fall. A burst of wind came by and sent him twirling down towards the grass. Anxious Abe felt a wondrous sensation - rocking back and forth like a rocking horse as he fell gracefully towards the grass. He landed and he had the biggest smile on his face.



Of course, almost every story ends with the usual "happily ever after". But this story will end with the squirrels being happy, the birds singing, and Abe getting his wish come true.