

BEETLE IMBALANCE

Two small beetles sat on a log so straight.
They had little to do, so played most the time, and ate.

At each meal they would part their ways.
But before they would turn to eat other, grin and say

“See you later and have a good meal!”

So they split up and dined. That was their deal.

One little beetle always went to the right.
He always had plenty, but the others’ supply was tight

Poor left beetle, didn’t want to explain
that his food source was dwindling, he
didn't want to complain.

As days went by, something started to change.
The beetles, witnessed something quite strange.

One of the beetles grew quite a bit.

He grew and grew, so all he ever wanted to do was sit.

After a meal, he thought to himself,
“Why go back to the center and play with anybody else?

I have everything I need here!”

So he sat to the right and ate, because for him, the choice was
clear.

Little left beetle grew quite hungry and thin,

there were no meetings in the middle,
nobody to play with him.

He stopped trying to find the beetle on the right,

for if he trekked to the end of the log,
it would have taken him all night.

The beetle on the right grew so big that one day,
the log started to tilt, and all the food fell one way.

Now one beetle had nothing to eat.

He thought in frustration,
This is what happens when we don't meet!

Now one beetle had it all,

but he was a little too big, a little too tall.

Days went on and the tilt increased more,

but the beetles couldn't expect what they had next in store.

Suddenly the imbalance was too great.

It was the poor beetle that ate his own weight

that tipped the log over because of his greed

and because the other, couldn't meet his basic needs.

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