



Clever Rohini

Once upon a time there lived a merchant called Dhanjee. He was a very clever man. He was very keen to know which of his daughters-in-law could manage his business and house the best. So he gave them a simple test.

One day he called all four of his daughters-in-laws. He gave them each five grains of rice. "Keep these carefully," he said, "I will ask you about them five years from now." They thanked him and left.

The first daughter-in-law thought that she already had enough rice so she threw them away. The second one thought it was to be eaten so she ate them up. The third daughter-in-law kept safely in her jewellery box. The fourth daughter-in-law send it to her parents home asked them to sow the grains for her.

The five grains of sent by youngest daughter-in-law to her parent's home, soon gave her a lot of rice. Within five years she had over thousand kilos of rice.

After five years the Dhanjee called his daughters-in-laws and asked them about the grains of rice. When the first daughter-in-law told him about how she threw away the rice, he got upset. He then made her job to clean the house and all the vessels. The second daughter-in-law was given the job of cooking as she ate the grains. The third daughter-in-law was put in charge of all his money as she kept the grains safe.

Then he asked the fourth daughter-in-law. She told him how she had got the grains sown. These grains were now giving her lots of rice. He was very pleased and called her Rohini, which means the clever one. She was put in charge of all his business!

You must use whatever little you may have for the better.