

The Clever Rohini



Once upon a time, lived a merchant called Dhanjee who 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-law and gave 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.



The third daughter-in-law kept them safely in her jewelry box.



The fourth daughter-in-law sent it to her parent's home, asking them to sow the grains for her.



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



After five years, Dhanjee called his daughters-in-law 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 gave her a 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 his fourth daughter-in-law, and she told him how she had got the grains sown and were now giving her lots of rice. He was pleased and called her Rohini, which means the clever one. She was put in charge of his business.



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little you may have
wisely.

