

The Princess Who Married Her Servant



Once upon a time, on the banks of the river Narmada, there was a huge kingdom where a beautiful princess called Nandani lived. One day, she was walking in the garden with her faithful servant, Natu. She had a flower basket in her hand and was plucking some flowers.



Suddenly, she saw a saint. She had heard that he could tell a person whom they would marry, so she sent her servant Natu to find out. Natu did not care to find out as he did not think that it was a good idea, but he had to listen to the princess. So, he went to the saint and asked him whom the princess would marry. The saint smiled and said,

"The person who the princess will marry is standing in front of me."



Natu did not understand it at first but then realized that saint was talking about him.

"I cannot marry the princess!"

Natu said,

"I'm just a servant."

"Oh, but you will."

said the saint.



Natu got very embarrassed when he heard this. At first, he refused to tell the princess what the saint had said, but princess Nandani ordered him,

"Tell me, or I will lock you up!"

"The saint said I will be your husband."

whispered Natu.



The princess got very angry. How can a princess marry a poor servant? Her pride was hurt, and she threw the flower basket at Natu and ran home. The flower basket hit Natu very hard and left a huge scar. He got very upset and left the kingdom.



He walked for many days. He reached a big city with a lot of people who were in their best clothes. Natu asked a boy what was happening.

"The king of the city just died, and he has ordered that his elephant would choose the new king. Whoever he garlands will become the king."



Just then, there was a loud noise. A royal elephant was marching out and had a garland in his trunk. He went past the nobles one by one and did not garland anyone. Then he came to the common people. The elephant looked at everyone and stopped in front of Natu. He bowed to him and put the garland around his neck. There was great rejoicing, and Natu was made king.



Natu was a good king, and the people loved him. One day he decided to marry, and princess Nandani was chosen, so they got married. The princess did not recognize him but kept asking him about the scar on his forehead. The King then told her that he was Natu, the servant she hit with her flower basket.



The princess was very sorry for her pride, but she was happy she married him because he was a kind and wise king.



We must not be proud
of what we are.

