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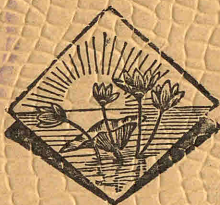
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## I. THE BOY

Once there lived an old farmer. His wife too was old. They had a son. He was a young boy named Chand.

When the boy was twelve years old, the farmer died. They were poor and there was no one to help them.

One day Chand went to his mother and said, "Mother, I want to go out and get some work. Give me five rupees. I shall work and bring you money."

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Chand (ചന്ദ)      died-മരിച്ച die, died  
bring-കൊണ്ടുവരുക      bring, brought

The old women heard his words and said, "Dear son, I don't have even an anna with me. How can I then give you five rupees?"

"Have you nothing to give me?" Chand asked.

"I have an old coat," said she. "It was your father's. I shall give it to you. You may sell it and get some money."

She opened the box and took the coat from it. It was an old coat. There were many holes in it.

She gave the coat to Chand. He took it and looked into the pocket.

"There is nothing in it," said he.

Then he turned the coat upside down, cling!

Something fell down from the pocket. It was a gold coin!

“Gold!” said Chand and took it in his hand.

“It is gold,” said he and gave it to his mother.

She looked at it and said, “It is a gold coin. You can get twenty rupees for it.”

Chand was very glad when he heard it. He went out with the coin and sold it. He got twenty rupees for it.

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coin-നാണയം.

sold-വിറ്റ

sell, sold

He gave the money to his mother and said, "Mother, give me five rupees. Keep fifteen rupees for yourself. Live on that till I come back."

She gave him five rupees. He put the money in his pocket and went out.

The boy walked on and came to a river. On the other side there was a big forest.

"I'll go into the forest," said he.

He went into the forest. It was mid-day but it was very dark there. He walked among the trees. Then he heard a sound.



“What is that?” he asked himself.

He heard it again. It was a cry of pain. It was the cry of an animal.

“What is that animal?” Chand asked and went there.

It was a lion!

And the lion was crying with pain. When Chand saw the lion he was afraid.

“The lion will kill me and eat me up,” he thought.

The lion saw him and cried again.

Then Chand stopped and looked at it.

“There is something in its paw,” said he.

Chand went up to the lion and looked at the paw.

“It is a big thorn,” said he.  
“It gives great pain to the lion.”

Again the lion cried with pain.

“I will take off the thorn,”  
said Chand to himself.

Chand sat down on the ground. The lion came and lay down at his feet.

“Show me the paw,” said Chand to the lion.

The lion showed him the paw.

“Don’t move,” said Chand.  
 “I shall pull the thorn out from  
 your paw.”

Then Chand pulled out the  
 thorn.

“It is a big thorn,” said he  
 and threw it away.

The lion stood up. The pain  
 was gone. It wagged its tail like  
 a dog.

“The lion likes me,” said  
 Chand to himself. “But I am  
 afraid of it.”

Again it wagged its tail.

Then Chand walked away.  
 But the lion walked behind him.  
 It followed him like a dog.

*Test.* Fill up the blanks choosing the correct words from those given in brackets.

1. Chand was the son of a —.  
(merchant, farmer, soldier)
2. When he was twelve years old, his father —.  
(came, died, went away)
3. Chand was very —.  
(rich, poor)
4. He wanted to go out and —.  
(play, work, teach)
5. He got a gold coin from his father —.  
(box, coat, room)
6. He got — rupees for it.  
(ten, twenty, thirty)
7. He gave — rupees to his mother and took — for himself.  
(five, ten, fifteen)
8. Then he went out and came to a —.  
(river, hill, forest)
9. There he saw a —.  
(dog, lion, cat)

10. It was — with pain.  
(sleeping, crying, running)
11. There was a big thorn on its —.  
(head, tail, feet)
12. Chand pulled out the —.  
(tail, thorn, tooth)
13. The lion wagged its —.  
(head, tail, feet)
14. It followed him like a —.  
(cat, lamb, dog)
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## 2. THE LION

Chand walked through the forest and came to a hill.

“I will go up the hill,” said he to himself.

Then he began to go up the hill. At once the lion jumped in front and stopped him.

“What is this lion doing?” Chand asked himself. “Why does it stop me from going up?”

Again he tried to go up. Again it jumped in front and stopped him.

“There is something in it,” Chand said to himself. “Let me see.”

So Chand stopped and looked round. He saw two animals coming down. One of them was a tiger. The other was a a tigress.

They saw Chand and roared.

Chand was filled with fear when he heard it.

The tiger and tigress came running down.

“They will jump upon me and kill me,” said Chand to himself.

Then the lion jumped forward.

The tiger and tigress saw the lion and stopped.

They stood eying each other for some time.

Then they jumped on the lion.

There was a fight. But in the end they turned back and ran off.

Then the lion came back to Chand. It wagged its tail and walked away from there. Chand followed it and came to another hill.

It was a big hill. The lion went round the hill and came to the other side.

Chand followed it and saw a dead body there.

“It is a man’s body,” said he, “and he was a strong young man.”

Chand looked at the body carefully.

“Who killed the man,” he asked. “Is it the lion?”

Again he looked at the dead body. But he could not find anything.

“There is no blood on him,” said he. “So the lion did not kill him.”



Chand saw some keys in his hand. The lion saw them and touched them with his paw.

“I shall take the keys,” said Chand.

He took the keys and put them in his pocket.

Then the lion walked off to the other side. Chand followed it and saw a cave there.

“It is a big cave,” said Chand.

The lion went into the cave. Then Chand also went in. At the other end he saw a door.

“It is an iron door,” said he, “and it is locked.”

The lion tried to push it open but could not.

“It is very strong,” said Chand. He also tried to open it but could not.

Then he thought of the keys.

“I have some keys with me,” said he. “Let me see if I can open the door with any of them.”

So he took the keys from his pocket. The lock was big. So he put a big key into it and turned it. The door opened and he looked in.

It was a large room. There were many boxes in it. He opened them and looked in. They were

filled with silver. There were many silver cups and silver lamps. One was a big lamp. It was kept on a table.

Chand tried to raise the lamp. But he could not. "It is very heavy," said he. "So I shall push it down."

So he pushed it down from the table. It fell down.

Then he saw a key under it. The key was made of gold. "It is gold," said Chand. He took the key and put it in his pocket. At the other end of the room there was another door.

“I will open the door,” said he.

He took the gold key and put it in the lock. Then he turned the key and the door opened.

“I will look in now,” said Chand to himself.

Chand looked in. The room was filled with gold. There were many boxes. They were filled with gold coins. He saw many gold cups.

There was a large table in the room. On the table there was a big jug. It was made of gold.

Chand went to the table.

“What is in the jug?” he asked himself.

He took off the lid.

“Thank you?” said a voice from within.

“Who are you?” Chand asked.

“I am a rat,” said the voice. “Take me out.”

Chand put his hand into the jug and took it out.

It was a small rat!

“Who put you in the jug?” Chand asked.

“A wicked fairy,” answered the rat.

lid-കുടി

wicked-ദുഷ്ടനായ

voice-ശബ്ദം

fairy-ദേവത

Then the rat told Chand her story.

“I am the friend of the queen,” said she. “The wicked fairy changed me into a rat and the queen into a swan. She shut me up in this room.”

“Where is the queen?” Chand asked.

“She is in prison,” said the rat. “Let us take her out.”

“Yes,” said Chand. “We shall go and let her out.”

So he took the rat and put it in his pocket.

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changed-മറന്നി  
prison-കാരാഗൃഹം

change, changed

“Now we shall go out to look for the queen,” said he.

“Don’t go,” said the rat. “There is a wicked man at the gate. He has the keys of the house. He will see you and kill you.”

“That man is dead,” said Chand. “I saw his dead body. I got this key from him.”

“Is he dead?” the rat asked. “Then we are safe. We will go out and look for the princess.”

So they went out to look for her.

*Test.* Fill up the blanks choosing the correct words from those given in brackets.

- 1 Chand came to a —.  
(fort, hill, river)
2. The — did not let him go up the hill.  
(tiger, rat, lion)

3. He saw a — there.  
(man, dead body, queen)
  4. He took the — from him.  
(gold, keys, horn)
  5. The lion took him to a —.  
(river, house, cave)
  6. He saw a door and — it.  
(closed, opened, looked at)
  7. He came to a room filled with —.  
(iron, gold, silver)
  8. Then he went to another room filled  
with —.  
(gold, silver, lamps)
  9. He saw a — there.  
(room, well, jug)
  10. There was a — in it.  
(swan, rat, dog)
  11. A wicked — had changed the woman  
into the rat.  
(man, woman, fairy)
  12. The queen was turned into a —.  
(rat, lion, swan)
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### 3. THE FAIRY

Chand came out of the house. The rat was in his pocket. The lion was at the gate.

“Where is the prison?” Chand asked the rat.

“It is there,” said the rat showing a place between two hills.

“It is a fort. At the gate there are two big elephants. They will kill you if you go near.”

“I am not afraid of the elephants,” said Chand. “The lion will kill them.”

They went to the place. The lion followed Chand. At the gate Chand saw the two elephants.

They were very big. Chand had never seen such big elephants before.

Chand saw them and stopped. The elephants saw him and came running up.

“O lion,” cried Chand, “kill the elephants.”

The lion jumped forward. The elephants saw him and were afraid. They turned round and ran away. The lion ran after them and killed one of them. The other ran away into the forest.

Then Chand went in. He saw no one there. They walked round the fort and came to a small garden.

In the middle of the garden, there was a small well.

“The queen is there?” said the rat to Chand.

Chand went to the well and looked down. “It is a very deep well,” said he.

The rat called out, “O Queen, are you there?”

“Yes,” said a voice. “I am here.”

“Come out,” said the rat. “I am your maid. I shall let you out.”

“I can’t come up,” said the Queen. “The fairy has tied up my wings.”

“What shall we do now?”  
the rat asked. “How can we take  
her out?”

“Let us get a rope,” said  
Chand, “and throw it to her.  
Let her catch one end. Then we  
shall pull her out.”

They looked for a rope. But  
they did not find one anywhere.

“What shall we do now?”  
Chand asked.

“The fairy has some saries,”  
said the rat. “Let us take some  
and tie them together. We can  
use it as a rope.”

They went to the room and  
took six saries. They tied them

together and threw it to the swan. The swan caught the end. Then they pulled her out.

She was a beautiful swan !

“Thank you,” said the swan to Chand.

“How can I change you into a woman ?” Chand asked.

“There is a magic horn in the fairy’s box,” said the swan. “We must take it and blow it three times. Then we shall become women and the fort will fall down.

The swan took Chand to the room. They saw the horn on the wall. It was made of gold. /

“Let us go out at once and blow it,” said the swan. “Or the fort will fall upon us and we shall die.”

So they came out of the fort. Then Chand took the horn and blew it.

When he blew it at once the rat became a woman. She was the queen's maid.

Chand blew the horn again. Then the swan was turned into the Queen.

“Thank you,” said the queen to Chand.

Then he blew the horn for the third time. At once the fort fell down and out of it came the wicked fairy.

She had a sword in her hand and she cried, "I will kill you all."

But the lion jumped upon the fairy and killed her.

Then the lion turned to Chand and said, "Take the sword and cut off my head."

But Chand would not cut off the lion's head.

"You are my friend," said he. "I won't kill you."

"Do it," said the lion, "and I shall become a man. I was a king and the fairy turned me into a lion. At first I could not speak; but when the fairy died, I could speak. Cut off my head with the sword and I will become king again."

So Chand cut off the lion's head. At once the lion was changed into the king.

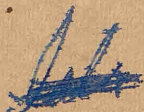
“My king!” said the queen.  
“I am happy to see you.”

“I am your king,” said he.  
“The wicked fairy changed me into a lion and I could not speak like you.”

Then they thanked Chand again.

“We have no son,” said the king. “Won't you come and live with us? You shall be our son. You shall become king after me.”

Chand agreed to it. First he went to his mother and told her





the story. He agreed to go and live with him in the palace.

Then Chand took his mother also to the palace and they lived happily together.

*Test.* Fill up the blanks choosing the correct words from those given in brackets.

1. Chand went to the —.  
(hill, fort, palace)
2. There were two — at the gate —.  
(lions, tigers, elephants)
3. The — drove them away.  
(boy, lion, rat)
4. They saw the — in the well.  
(rat, swan, king)
5. They pulled her out of the —.  
(palace, well, pit)
6. Chand took the — and blew it.  
(bell, horn, drum)

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7. The rat was changed into the — and the swan became the —.  
(princess, queen, maid)
8. The lion killed the —.  
(queen, fairy, rat)
9. Chand cut off the lion's head; then the lion became the —.  
(queen, king, maid)
10. The king had no —.  
(queen, wife, son)
11. Chand lived with the —.  
(king, lion, rat)

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### FINAL TEST

Fill up the blanks choosing the correct words from those given in brackets.

1. Chand was the son of a poor —.  
(soldier, farmer, merchant)
2. He got a — coin from his father's old coat.  
(silver, gold, copper)

*I love you*

3. He went out to make a living and came to a big —.  
(city, forest, river)
4. He saw a — there and took off the — from its paw.  
(tiger, lion, pin, thorn)
5. The lion took him to a —.  
(river, hill, city)
6. He saw a — there and he got some —.  
(man, dead body, money, keys)
7. He went to a cave and saw two rooms filled with — and —.  
(silk, silver, gold, money)
8. He saw a — in a jug.  
(cat, rat, dove)
9. A wicked — changed a woman into the rat.  
(god, fairy, man)
10. She was the — of a queen.  
(mother, maid, sister)
11. The queen was changed into a —.  
(cat, rat, swan)
12. The swan was shut up in a well in the —.  
(palace, fort, cave)

13. Chand went to the fort and saw two  
— there.  
(lions, elephants, tigers)
14. — drove off the elephants.  
(Chand, The queen, The lion)
15. Chand went in and saved the — from  
the well.  
(rat, queen, lion)
16. He took the — from the wall and  
blew it.  
(sword, horn, picture)
17. Then the — became the queen and  
the — became the maid.  
(lion, rat, elephant, swan)
18. The lion was changed into the —.  
(queen, king, Chand)
19. The king and queen took — to the  
palace and they lived happily.  
(the lion, the swan, Chand)

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