



THE SEARCH FOR THE MOST POWERFUL BEING

Once upon a time, there was a small village. The tribesmen from this village were simple people who made their living with their craftsmanship. They forged iron and hunted wild game. Among these people lived a small girl who didn't look anything like the rest of the little children in the village. She was so unimaginably beautiful that she looked almost divine. Her parents were very proud of their little daughter and they would very often boast about her.

Years later, when she grew into a beautiful young woman, her parents started talking about marriage. They didn't want to marry their daughter to just any man from the village because their girl deserved to marry the most powerful being in the world. Many days they kept racking their heads, trying to figure out who would be a fitting suitor for their daughter. They wondered about all the great people who roamed the world and who would be a good fit.

Eventually they agreed that the most powerful being in the entire world was the god of the sun and that he would make the best husband for their daughter. Without hesitation they nailed their door shut and set out on the arduous quest to find the god of the sun. After several days of searching, they finally found him. The god of the sun greeted them: "Dear people, what brings you to my doorstep?"

"Our daughter is very beautiful and we're trying to find the best husband for

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her. Since you are the most powerful being in the world, surely you are deserving of our daughter,” said the father.

“Your words flatter me but there is someone even more powerful than me,” responded the god.

“And who would that be?” asked the surprised parents.

“A cloud is more powerful than me, of course. It can hide my face and cut my rays of light whenever it pleases. All it has to do is cover me in the sky and I remain invisible,” replied the god of the sun.

And so the parents walked on, looking for the god of the clouds. When they finally found him, they offered him their daughter, telling him he is the most powerful being in the world and none is greater than him.

But the god of the clouds replied: “I can’t agree with you for there is someone yet more powerful than me. It is the wind. It blows and it howls and it can tear me into a million pieces.”

When the parents heard him, they left to continue in their pilgrimage, looking for the god of the wind. After a great ordeal, they finally found him and immediately told him their story and why they have sought him out.

The god told them: “My power is great indeed. But there are some more powerful than I am, and those I cannot conquer even with all of my might. I could blow off almost anything, but the forests stand firmly in the ground, withstanding any strength I can muster. Indeed, with the forests, I can’t do anything at all.”

Having no choice, the parents had to go looking for the god of the forests. When they found him, they explained why they had come all the way to see him.

But the god of the forests said: “Oh, even I am not the most powerful being in the world. Mice dig their holes deep inside me and there is nothing I can do to stop them. Look, even now there are two mice biting into my bark and building their nest.”

The poor parents felt hopeless after their long and unsuccessful search for a husband. But gritting their teeth, they decided to persist in their quest and find the king of the mice to offer him their beautiful daughter.

But he too told the parents that he wasn’t the most powerful being in the world

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because the very people from the parents' village could easily catch and kill his mice.

The disappointed parents returned back home. They ended up right where they started. Although they despised the men from their village, who in their view weren't strong and powerful enough for their daughter, the parents realised that one of them would make the best husband for her anyway.

And so a man whom the girl had known since she was a little girl became her husband. The parents organised a beautiful wedding and together they lived in happiness and peace.