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The Monkey and the Crocodile

A PANCHATANTRA STORY

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Beside a wide river stood a jamun tree heavy with sweet purple fruit. Ranga, a lively monkey, lived among its leaves. He had plenty to eat, but he often wished for someone to talk to.



One afternoon a crocodile named Kavi rested beneath the tree. “Hello!” called Ranga, and he tossed down a handful of jamuns. Kavi had never tasted anything so sweet.



Kavi came back the next day, and the next. The two friends shared stories as well as fruit. Ranga told of life in the treetops. Kavi told of the deep channels and quiet islands of the river.



But Kavi's wife tasted the fruit, and she wanted more. "If the monkey eats this every day," she said, "his heart must be even sweeter!" Kavi was horrified, yet he was afraid to go home without it.



Kavi invited Ranga to visit his home across the river and carried him on his back. In the deepest water, Kavi slowed down and told the truth. Ranga felt afraid, but he knew that panic would not carry him home.



Ranga took a breath. “Oh dear!” he said. “Monkeys do not carry their hearts around. Mine is safe in the jamun tree.” Relieved, Kavi turned around at once.



As soon as they reached the tree, Ranga leapt from Kavi’s back onto the highest branch. “No creature leaves its heart in a tree!” he called.



The End

Kavi was sorry and asked Ranga to forgive him. Ranga said forgiveness might come with time, but trust cannot be won back with another invitation. Kavi returned to the river alone, and Ranga stayed safe among his branches.

Moral: Stay calm, think clearly, and protect your trust. A steady mind can find a way through troubled waters.

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