

Krishna and Sudama

Characters: Krishna, Sudama, Narrator, Rani Rukhmini, Susheela, Guard

Narrator: A long time ago there lived two friends called Krishna and Sudama, Sudama was born into a very poor family but that didn't let Krishna and Sudama's friendship be broken. They even studied in the same school but as they were going to Rishi Sandipani's ashram, they got lost in the forest.

Krishna: Oh Sudama, I am so tired of walking.

Sudama: Yeah Krishna me too, shall we stop and have a rest here?

Krishna: Good Idea Sudama, let's take a nap here.

Narrator: As they both started to fall asleep, both their stomachs began to rumble. Sudama remembered that he had some poha.

Sudama: *Begins eating Poha while Krishna is asleep*

Krishna: Ah, that was a good nap Sudama, but I'm so hungry. Do you have any food with you?

Sudama: No Krishna, I don't have any food with me at all even I am so hungry.

Narrator: After what felt like a year's worth of walking they finally reached Rishi Sandipani's Ashram and continued their daily studying.

Narrator: Many years later Krishna became the king of Dwarka and married many Queens while Sudama was still a poor brahmin and had married a simple woman called Susheela. There was hardly any food left to support both him and his family.

Susheela: Oh Sudama we are so hungry here, why don't you go ask your old friend Krishna to help us out a bit.

Sudama: No Susheela I cannot ask Krishna, he is a king and wouldn't even remember someone like me.

Susheela: But without food both us and our kids will be starving, you have to go and ask him for help.

Sudama: Ok Susheela, if I go I can't go to him empty handed. We need to give him a gift.

Susheela: We have nothing left to give, except the last bit of poha I had saved up for our dinner.

Narrator: Susheela wrapped the poha in a small cloth and gave it to Sudama. Sudama then took off to go to Dwarka to meet his old friend Krishna. When he finally reached Dwarka, he stood in front of the big gates to enter the palace.

Guard: Who are you poor brahmin and why have you come to the palace of Krishna.

Sudama: I have come to meet Krishna and give him a gift, I am his old friend.

Guard: There is no way someone as mighty as Krishna would ever be your friend and what would your gift be worth anyway. He has everything he needs, here in Dwarka.

Narrator: Realising that Krishna is no longer the same friend he thought he would meet, Sudama started to turn around and walk back to his home. However Krishna knew he was coming and dropped everything he was doing and ran out to the castle gates before Sudama ran away.

Krishna: Sudama! Sudama! Where are you going without meeting your old friend

Krishna and Sudama Hug

Sudama: Oh Krishna I thought you would have forgotten me as you have become so rich and powerful.

Krishna: There is no way I could ever forget a friend like you Sudama.

Narrator: Krishna then took Sudama to his palace where he made him sit on his throne and started washing his feet.

Sudama: Krishna you don't need to do all this. I am just a small brahmin.

Krishna: It doesn't matter whether you are a small brahmin or a big brahmin because first you are my friend, everything else comes later.

Narrator: After washing his feet and welcoming him, Krishna then sat down with Sudama and started talking about the old days where they had studied together.

Krishna: Remember that time we got lost in the forest and we had to take a nap because we were so tired of walking?

Sudama: How could I forget that Krishna. It felt like my legs were about to drop off.

Enter Rani Rukhmini

Krishna: Dear Sudama, meet the first queen of Dwarka Rukhmini, She is also here to welcome you and make sure you don't have any troubles while you are here in Dwarka

Sudama: Namaste Rani Rukhmini

Rani Rukhmini: Namaste Sudama, I hope Krishna is treating you well.

Krishna: So Sudama what gift have you bought for me?

Sudama: What gift can I bring to a king who has everything he needs already.

Krishna: No need to be embarrassed Sudama, even though I have everything here in Dwarka there is nothing like the taste of Susheela's poha.

Sudama: How did you know I had brought poha?

Krishna: Well, aren't you going to let me taste it.

Sudama gives the Poha to Krishna

Krishna takes one handful of poha and puts it in his mouth. He then puts another in his mouth. As he begins to take the third handful he is stopped by Rani Rukhmini

Rani Rukhmini: No Krishna, with the first handful you ate you have given Sudama wealth in this life, with the second handful you ate you have given Sudama wealth in all of his next lives, but if you eat the third handful you will have given him everything you own, and since everything in existence is under your control you would have given him the entire cosmos.

Narrator: Understanding this Krishna then stopped eating and gave his farewells to Sudama

Narrator: As Sudama was returning home from Dwarka he saw that his home had transformed into a palace and his wife and children were dressed in gold. It is then when he understood that because he didn't share his poha with Krishna when they were younger he had to go through all the poverty and sorrow in this life. After seeing all the wealth he now had Sudama lived a peaceful, ego free life with his family.

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Sadhan- dhoti saal, hiking stick, crown, flute, chuni, rice, chair