

'Nataki wants a big house and some new tables and chairs.'

'She can't have everything she wants.'

'I know,' said Gopal.

'Put me in the water and go home,' said the fish.

Gopal went home. Nataki, in a new white dress, was in a new armchair.

'Happy now?' said Gopal.

'No.'

'You can't have everything you want.'

'Can't I? This is a big house now. I want two girls and a man – three servants for the work in the house. I can't do it all.'

Gopal went back to the river in the morning and the big fish jumped into his net.

'Yes?' it said.

'She wants servants.'

'How many?'

'Two girls and a man,' said Gopal.

'Put me in the water and go home.'

Gopal went home. Nataki had three servants.

'Aren't you happy now?' said Gopal.

'No.'

'Why not?'

'I want some money,' said Nataki. 'I want money for the servants. And I want some rings for my ears.'

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