



**MAHADEV'S MERCY: A TALE OF HUNTER AND DEER**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome to the enchanting world of “Mahadev’s Mercy: A Tale of Hunter and Deer.” As we embark on this literary journey, the power of language and translation unfolds. This story, originating in a bygone era, offers a narrative that transcends cultural boundaries and beckons readers into a realm of universal themes. Through the art of translation, we endeavor to capture the essence and emotions embedded in each word, ensuring the story resonates with the hearts of diverse audiences across the globe. Join us as we bridge linguistic gaps, preserving the beauty of storytelling while embracing the richness of varied languages.

**ABSTRACT:**

In a serene forest with a sacred lake and Mahadev’s temple, a compassionate hunter’s encounter with a group of deer unfolds a story of trust, mercy and divine intervention. As night falls, a pact is made under the bili tree, leading to a surprising twist where the hunter, moved by the deer’s sincerity, chooses compassion over the hunt. The unintended offerings to Mahadev below the tree weave a connection between the hunter, the deer and the divine, resulting in blessings for both parties. This tale explores themes of redemption, unity, and the profound impact of mercy, echoing Mahadev’s benevolence in unexpected ways.



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## TRANSLATION OF THE SHORT STORY:

### MAHADEV'S MERCY: A TALE OF HUNTER AND DEER

This is years ago.

In a region there was a large forest. There was a nice lake in this forest. There was a temple of Mahadev on the bank of that lake. There was a Bili tree in the courtyard of Mahadev's temple. Deer also lived on the banks of this lake. They used to find food from the forest and eat it and drink the lake water. Sometimes, drinking water, he would also sit under this bili tree to rest and as if seeing Mahadev.

One day the hunter went out early in the morning to hunt without eating. The whole day he wandered here and there in search of prey, but he did not get a small rabbit in his hand. Then the evening passed.

In the evening, tired and wandering around, he came and sat under a bili tree on the bank of the lake. He did not get anything to eat, but after drinking the sweet water of the lake, he quenched his hunger. As it got dark, he climbed up on the bili tree thinking to spend the night on the tree, because if an animal comes to drink water in the lake at night, it will not be killed by an animal. Sitting on the tree, he had some difficulty in seeing the prey. 2-3 branches of bili tree were coming in front of his mouth. Hence his leaves were shaking. So he used to break the bili tree leaves and throw them down. But there was a Shivling below, on which these leaves were falling unknowingly.

While doing this, around 11 o'clock in the night, a group of deer came to drink water in the lake. Seeing a large group of deer, the hunter was happy. Seeing this, the deer spoke up,

Hunter! Don't release the arrow now, just stand still.



Why?

We recommend that we go home to our children rather than die like this. Then you hunt us down.

Hearing this, the hunter laughed and then said,

Wow, naive deer! You have assumed me as naive and stupid as you? You will not believe that I will be deceived by your words, and leave the prey in hand! My children must be sleeping hungry at home right now.

Dear hunter! Just trust us. We have never lied in our life and we will never lie. Everyone has an interest in everyone's children, so please accept our request. We will come in the morning.

Hearing this, the hunter took pity on the deer and while giving him permission to go home said, Look deer, I have taken pity on your cubs, so I am letting you go home, but hurry back before dawn.

After saying that, Deer was satisfied and went home.

After going home, he embraced his cubs, embraced his relatives, met the elders and saluted them, and then told everyone about the hunter.

It was a little early In the morning, so everyone left to go to the bili tree. At the same time, their children and elders also came out and saying, We will not let you kill us alone. Even if the hunter kills them with you. Saying this, they all left together.

After a while the crowd reached the lake. The hunter saw the herd and thought that this herd was bigger than it actually was. So he was surprised. The deer came to the hunter and said,

Hunter! We have arrived on our terms. Now shoot your arrow at us. Knowing that the deer is true and faithful,

The hunter says, Dear deer, why does your herd look big this time?

Deer said, Our children and our elders are ready to die with us, so our herd looks big.



Don't waste time talking. Your children will be hungry at home. It occurred to the mind of the hunter, why should such a truthful and ready to die for the sake of the promise be allowed to die? Thinking thus left the deer. Hence the deer blessed the hunter.

Thus, as if unknowingly, the hunter offered the leaves of the bili tree to Mahadev and the deer sat down under the bili tree for rest, but Mahadev was seen. So both worship Mahadev and both get the fruits of Mahadev.

### **MORAL OF THE STORY:**

The tale of "Mahadev's Mercy: A Tale of Hunter and Deer" imparts a profound moral lesson – the transformative power of compassion and trust. It teaches us that even in the face of adversity, understanding and empathy can prevail. The hunter's decision to spare the deer and the deer's sincerity in return demonstrate the importance of keeping one's word and the unexpected rewards that can arise from acts of kindness. Ultimately, the story underscores the notion that mercy and benevolence, symbolized by the divine presence of Mahadev, have the potential to create harmony even in the unlikeliest of circumstances.



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**GLOSSARY:**

Bili tree – beal tree

**REFERENCE:**

Interaction With elders

Oral tradition