

# The Slave and the Sky.

On a warm day in a barren country there was a terrible situation, the monsoon which everyone had been waiting for, didn't come and the only thing edible left was the fruit off the Jujube tree.

Everyone was arguing and they decided to create a plan. They would send a king and queen up the mountain to compromise with the sky. They sent the king up the mountain. He reached the top.

"Sky, my friend why do you not rain for all these men?"

"I do not give rain to those who don't deserve."

"We deserve the rain! we grow crops, feed animals what more could we do?"

"YOU! don't, you force other innocent people to do it for you therefore I will not rain! now go!"

The king walked back down the mountain with his head down and sat on the withered floor. It was the Queens turn to confront the sky. She approached the sky.

"Sky bring Queeny the monsoon!"

"I will not bring the monsoon to those who don't deserve! now leave and don't send anyone else up! you've angered me to much!"

"You will regret your decision sky!"

She slowly went back down the mountain and walked away.

Hidden in the corner of this village was a slave named Jingwa. He'd heard about the monsoon and decided to talk to the sky himself. So at night Jingwa crept up the mountain to face the sky.

"How dare you come and face me!" The sky roared.

Jingwa stood silent...

"do you speak boy?"

"I come here to ask kindly for the monsoon, we need it, not want, need the monsoon"

"But they treat you so bad, they whip you till you bleed, you work until you fall to the floor, why?"

"I would rather suffer myself than watch someone else suffer"

"Well, for you boy I will bring the monsoon not because I've backed down but because theres people like you slave on this earth who deserves, but I want something in return, you walk away from this and live a happy life, promise?"

"I can't promise" he said "but I can try"

The next day the monsoon came and Jingwa walked away...

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human right - freedom from slavery and forced labour.