



Gajapati Kulapati

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Gajapati Kulapati was a big elephant. Gajapati Kulapati was a gentle elephant. One night it rained and Gajapati Kulapati got wet. Gajapati Kulapati caught a cold. Small noses catch small colds. Big noses catch big colds. Gajapati Kulapati had a big nose and he caught a big cold.

When the banana-seller asked Gajapati Kulapati, "Do you want some bananas?" Gajapati Kulapati opened his mouth and said Aaaa. . . Aaaaaaaaachchooooooooooooooooooooo

Hooooosh The bananas flew out of the banana-seller's hands. Pachaak They fell on the postman's head. Damaaal The postman fell on a cow. Mmbaaaaaaa The cow ran with her tail in the air.

Gajapati Kulapati felt very very sad. Gajapati Kulapati didn't like to hurt his friends. Gajapati Kulapati opened his mouth to say sorry. Aaaaachchooooooooooooooooooooo

The banana-seller ran as fast as he could. The postman ran as fast as he could. The cow ran as fast as she could. Gajapati Kulapati felt very sad. Gajapati Kulapati didn't want to hurt his friends. So Gajapati Kulapati hid behind the wall. There he stayed all day.

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Everybody in the village now knew about Gajapati Kulapati's cold. "Gajapati Kulapati has a cold," said the banana-seller to the milkman. "Gajapati Kulapati has a cold," said the milkman to the tailor. "Gajapati Kulapati has a cold," said the tailor to the flower-seller. "Gajapati Kulapati has a cold," said the flower-seller to the postman. "I KNOW Gajapati Kulapati has a cold!" shouted the postman.

That night a loud noise woke everyone up. Was it a dog? It got louder... Was it a lion? And louder... Was it thunder? And louder... Was the sky falling down? Aaaaaachchchhhoooooooooooooooooooo

It was the biggest sneeze anyone had heard. It was Gajapati Kulapati! Everyone shook their heads and went back to sleep. With that sneeze, Gajapati Kulapati's cold disappeared. Next morning he came out bright and cheerful. Everyone gathered around to pat him. Then a wise old grandmother said, "Let's build him a house so he doesn't get wet in the rain again."

So the banana-seller, milkman, tailor, flower-seller, postman and grandmother built a house for Gajapati Kulapati. Gajapati Kulapati was the happiest elephant in the world. From that day people heard. . . Aaachooo. . . and Aaachooo. . . and Aaachoooo. . . and Aaachoooo. . . but never. . . Aaaaachchoooo...

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