The Donkey’s Dream



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Once upon a time, a wealthy merchant owned a very loyal donkey. He took care of it with great affection, providing plenty of food, porridge, and hay. In return, the donkey had immense respect for its master. One day, while grazing, the donkey went onto a path leading into the forest. There, it met a wild donkey.

The wild donkey greeted it and asked, "Hello there! What is that rope tied around your neck?"

The town donkey replied, "I belong to a great master in the town. He loves me so much that he tied this beautiful rope around my neck."

The wild donkey laughed and said, "Oh, you fool! Look at me, how free and 'bindaas' I am. I go wherever I want and graze wherever I please without being beholden to anyone. Why do you stay there, listening to those humans and carrying heavy loads until your back aches? Does he even feed you properly? Does he really look after you well?"

The town donkey replied, "He does make me carry heavy loads, and sometimes he even beats me. But, he never keeps me hungry. He is a good man." The wild donkey urged, "Don't stay with him any longer. Come with me! You are my own kin. Come away, and we can go wherever we like and enter anyone's backyard to graze. No rope will ever hold you back."

The town donkey started to think that the wild donkey made a lot of sense. However, after thinking for a moment, it said, "What you say is right. But I am staying here waiting for one specific hope. If I come with you, that dream will remain just a dream forever."
The wild donkey asked curiously, "What is this great hope of yours? Tell me, I want to hear it too."
The town donkey explained, "The matter is this: My master has a very beautiful daughter. Sometimes, when he gets angry with her, he scolds her saying, 'Look here! If you don't listen to what I say, I will marry you off to my donkey!' When I hear that, I feel so happy. I am worried that if I come to the forest with you and he suddenly gets ready for the wedding... I need to be there, right?"
Hearing this, the wild donkey laughed and said, "Oh you fool, that is just a 'donkey's dream'!" and ran away into the forest.

Moral of the Story:
"In our lives, even when we face hardships, we often endure them by clinging to unrealistic expectations and impossible greeds. We waste our time waiting for things that will never happen, much like the donkey waiting for a wedding that was never meant to be."