



THE PRECIOUS STONE

There once lived a kind woman in a mountain. One fine morning the woman was strolling along the mountain path. On her way, she saw a shiny stone in a stream. It was a beautiful stone, so she took it with her.

After a few days a traveller was walking along the same path, when he felt very weak and exhausted. The woman noticed the traveller and offered him with food and a shelter on her modest hut for a night.

The next day when the man was getting ready to continue his journey, he noticed a shiny little stone in a drawer. At once he knew that the stone was very rare and precious. The traveller offered to buy the stone from the woman. But the woman told him that he could have it for free without any hesitation.

The man then thanked the woman and left rejoicing his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth a fortune to give him security for a lifetime.

After a few days, the traveller came back to the woman and returned the stone. "I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back to you in hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give this precious stone to me.", he said.