

Stories for pre-readers

A SURPRISE FOR MISHU

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Little Mishu,
Saw something in her garden.
Something she had never seen before.
What was it?
What should she do with it?
She thought about it all day
And all night too.





As soon as she woke up the next day,
She ran out into her garden.
There was that something,
Exactly where it was,
The previous day!

She went closer and looked at it.
Oh! She said,
This is a bag.
And it has something inside.





Mishu could think of nothing else.
Early next morning,
She looked and looked again.
I don't think this is a bag, she said.
What could it be?
She wondered,
All day and all night.

When she saw it the next day;
She asked,
Is it a plant?
Is that a leaf?
What could it be?
She wondered and wondered.





Mishu wanted time to fly.
She waited for each day to end
And the next to begin.
To see if the strange thing
In her garden
Looked any different at all.
Finally, one morning,
A plant! It is a plant!
She declared confidently.

Mishu was excited.

She looked up the plant every day.

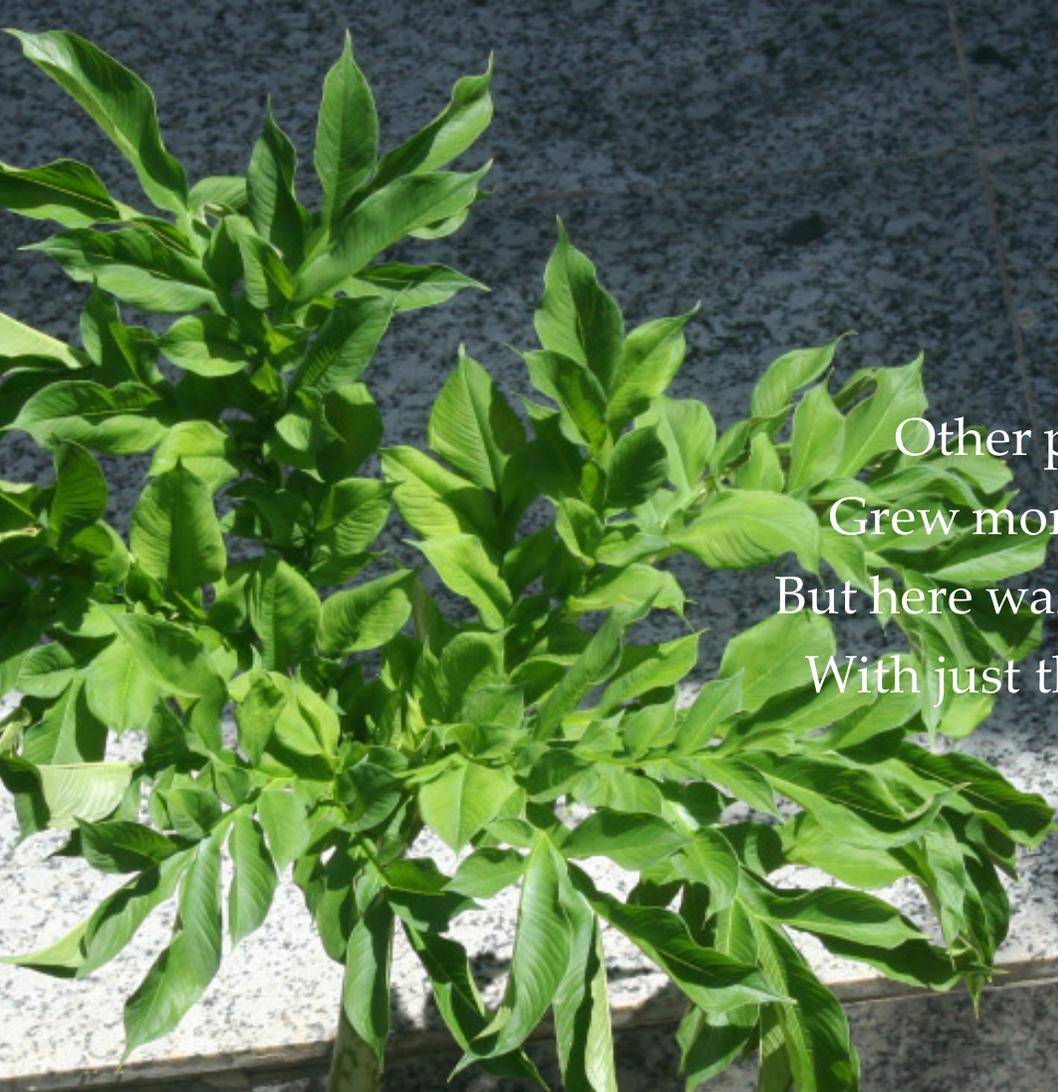
She saw the leaf opening out.

Was it a single leaf or six or twelve?

She thought about it a lot

And decided it was just one.





As days went by
Mishu got worried.
Other plants in her garden
Grew more and many leaves,
But here was this strange plant,
With just the same single leaf.

Seeing the same single leaf,
Day in and day out,
Little Mishu got a bit bored.
She soon stopped thinking
About the strange plant
With just a single leaf.





One cold November day,
Mishu suddenly remembered
The strange plant
With just a single leaf.
When she looked,
She was in for a surprise.
That strange plant had dried up.
Completely!



A single leaf,
From May to November
Nothing more nothing less.
No flower and no fruit either.
A stranger plant than this,
She had never seen before.



Mishu wanted to forget
That strange plant
With just a single leaf.
She made up her mind
To plant, the very next day,
A less strange plant in its place.



When Mishu dug up the soil,
To plant a less strange plant,
Another surprise!
A Suvarnagedde!
From May to November,
The strange plant with a single leaf
Had grown in the soil below
A huge Elephant Yam!



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