

THREE THINGS TO LEAD COMFORTABLE LIFE – A SHORT STORY

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There is a beautiful village, which surrounded by rivers and strong trees. Once upon a time people who lived in that village used to cultivate many crops and through agriculture they lead a wonderful life economically by exporting many vegetables and fruits. Many times passed young generation of that village were highly educated and they moved to cities and towns for jobs and left their agriculture lands. The planted plants were left alone and there is no one to care, only little amount of elderly people living hopelessly and they unable to take care of their agriculture lands.

In that situation, the planted plants grown up by themselves by absorbing the waters from rivers. That made a place more beautiful than before. So near the river various trees were seen tall and strong. They are Mango trees, Sandal wood trees, White teak trees, Banyan trees, Palm trees, Neem trees and so on. These trees are largely branched and strong so they easily survive when storm or air flows fast.

These trees are united and always used to share their feelings and emotion among themselves. One day these trees found that a small Bulrush was showing her on the soil. When we compare the Bulrush with these trees, bulrush are perennials grass like plants and can grow only to 10 feet light grey-green in colour, relatively soft stem that comes to a point with no obvious leaves. When these trees saw Bulrushes struggling to grow, they slander the bulrush and said that they survive even in heavy storm but bulrush cannot and they asked bulrush to die. Bulrush didn't hear their pessimistic words, encouraged itself and started to grow even in its weakness.

After few days storm comes, all trees stood erect not curving on either side and they didn't fear for that storm too. But bulrush moved on four sides and it struggled to live for fifteen minutes storm. By seeing this situation palm trees said to bulrush that "We told you before that you cannot survive in this place. We are strong and heavy branched trees, we can live but you cannot." Mango tree said, "You are not similar to us, you are weaker than us and never compare to us. We won't accept you in this place, so please these leave this place." Neem tree said to whom these trees speaking to and they replied to Bulrush. Neem said light air flows on that bulrush, it fall down and died. They all laughed and started to speak about their greatness. After two days all the trees saw that the bulrush started to erect itself. Again all the trees started to criticize by seeing bulrush's struggle. Mango says "With the great struggle you survived in this world for little storm." Bulrush happily said yes I survived with humbleness.

After few days, again heavy storm came and all trees started fight against the storm and they moved either side to hold on their life. Bulrush also moved on all sides and little branches were broken and fallen down. First Neem tree loses its strength and fall down into Mango tree's branches and both trees broken and fail to sustain itself. Within three hours all trees were fallen

and destroyed. Five days after Bul rush started to gain her strength and cling to life. All fallen trees saw its will power and rising again. They struggle to hold on their life but they unable to succeeded. That time Neem tree asked to Bul rush how you alone survived in this heavy storm. Bul rush said, **“I learnt to be humble in all situations, blunt down myself in hard times to lead a comfortable life, strengthen my will power and never defame anyone.”** After hearing these words all trees understood about life. Physical strength and beauty alone will not help to lead a comfortable life. Loving each other, Humbleness, Strong will power will sure uplift all of them in all struggles and gives happy life like this Bull rush survive by these things.