



# The Rain and the Golden Jackfruit

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In a small village in Kerala, the monsoon arrived with a heavy downpour that turned the world into a shimmering emerald green. Kuttan sat on the wooden porch of his old house, watching the silver rain fall in sheets.



A giant jackfruit tree stood tall in the garden, its branches bowing under the weight of dozens of enormous, spiky fruits. The rain washed the dust from the leaves, making them shine like polished glass.



The wind began to howl, and the walkway leading to the house turned into a small, muddy stream. In the distance, the flickering lights of neighboring houses looked like tiny stars lost in the mist.



A sudden, heavy thud echoed through the yard as a ripe jackfruit broke free from the trunk and landed in the soft mud. It was the biggest fruit Kuttan had ever seen, and it lay there waiting to be rescued.



Kuttan opened his bright red umbrella and stepped out into the cool, wet air, his boots making squelching sounds in the mud. He navigated the narrow path, determined to reach the fallen fruit.



Be careful, Kuttan! The path is very slippery, his grandmother shouted from the dry safety of the veranda. He waved back at her, his eyes fixed on the giant jackfruit ahead.



Just as he reached the fruit, his neighbor Ramu appeared through the rain, wearing a large banana leaf as a makeshift hat. Together, the two friends gripped the heavy, textured skin of the jackfruit.



They heaved and pushed, sliding the heavy fruit along the muddy ground until they reached the stone steps of the house. They were drenched and covered in mud, but they couldn't stop grinning at each other.



Inside the cozy kitchen, the sweet, intoxicating scent of ripening jackfruit filled the air as grandmother began to slice it open. The golden bulbs inside glowed like jewels under the dim light of the lamp.



As the storm continued to drum against the roof, the family gathered around to share the sweet harvest. Kuttan felt a deep sense of peace, knowing that even the stormiest days bring their own special rewards.