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THE CLEVER OLD WOMEN

NOTES:

SUMMARY:

This is a traditional Manipuri folklore wherein a clever and wise old woman used her wit and guile to catch a thief who was hiding behind her “thaomei”. She acted as if she used to talk to her thaomei every day. And on that particular day when she called out her thaomei, the thief believing that it responded everytime she calls out answered back which alerted the old lady of the presence of the thief. So she narrated a story to the thaomei wherein she shouted loudly thief, thief which woke up her neighbours and they succeeded in catching the thief.

Word Meaning:-

Thaomei: Manipuri word for a lamp; here, a wick lamp

Scared: frightened

Responding: answering

Stranger: unknown Person

Rushed: ran

