



Lesson: 2.

The Magic Ring

NOTES

SUMMARY:

The story is a Thadou folk tale retold. There lived once a poor widow with her son who worked hard to help his mother. One day the boy helped a python who was trapped in a net set by the Kabuis to set it free. Later the python turned into a stranger and rewarded the boy through his mother a magic ring. With the help of the magic ring the poor widow and the boy lived happily and later the son could marry the village chief's daughter and they all lived happily. People got jealous of their happiness and the ring was stolen. The master sent his dog and cat to find the ring which they did so but not before going through a number of adventures in pursuit of the ring. Like they had taken the help of a rat in finding the ring and it got lost in the water where a fish swallowed it. Then they took the help of some otters in finding the fish and the ring which was again carried away by a kite which could only be tracked down with the help of a lynx. Finally when the cat and the dog returned home with the ring to their master, they decided they would eat only when their master calls. But the servant served them with such delicious food that the dog forgot his promise and ate his share of the food as well as the cat's. Then they began fighting and it is believed that ever since that day, dogs and cats have continued to fight whenever and wherever they meet.



Word Meaning:-

1. trap - a device, pit or enclosure designed to catch and hold animals.
2. stranger - a person that you do not know.
3. owe - be required to give money or goods to someone in return for something received.
4. dive - plunge head first into water.
5. mansion - a large, impressive house.
6. precious - rare and worth a lot of money.
7. consent - agree to do something.
8. pounced - suddenly spring to seize or attack something.
9. otter - fish-eating animal with a long body, living partly in water and partly on land
10. delighted - very pleased.

