

## Story 12: The Goha and the Sheep



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### The Story:

Once upon a time, Goha had a sheep, and his friends all desired to take it from him. They wanted to slaughter the sheep and turn it into kebabs, but Goha wasn't keen on the idea. "What do you plan to do with that sheep then?" they asked. Goha replied, "I'll hide it away until next year."

"But don't you know?" his friends said, "Judgment Day is coming tomorrow. What will you do with the sheep after that?"

Day after day, his friends came to him, repeating the same warning. One by one, they told him that Judgment Day was just around the corner. Eventually, after hearing it so many times, Goha began to believe them. Resigned, he decided to kill the sheep. After it was done, his friends left him to grill the meat. They stripped off their clothes, asked Goha to watch over them, and headed off to swim, leaving him alone to tend the fire.

As Goha stood by the fire, grilling the sheep, he grew angry. His friends were off enjoying themselves while he was left behind to do all the work. In his frustration, he took their clothes, threw them into the fire, and burned them.

When his friends returned, they were furious. "Goha, why did you burn all of our clothes? What are we supposed to wear now?"

With a shrug, Goha replied, "What does it matter? Judgment Day is coming today or tomorrow, isn't it?"



**Story Moral:** *The moral of the story is that blindly believing everything we hear, without questioning or thinking critically, can lead to unexpected and sometimes unfortunate consequences.*