

Story 15: Sampaguita: Love and Death



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The Story:

Once upon a time, there were two young lovers named Sampa and Guita. Sampa was a man who loved Guita deeply, and Guita was a woman of extraordinary beauty, with long, shiny black hair that flowed like silk. Their friendship blossomed into a deep love, but their happiness was not meant to last.

Their love faced a great obstacle—their families despised each other. No matter how much Sampa and Guita wanted to be together, their parents forbade it. The mothers of Sampa and Guita were especially harsh, and in their bitterness, they placed a curse on the couple. The curse was simple yet cruel: if the two ever united, they would never know happiness.

One fateful day, as the sky darkened with storm clouds, a great rainstorm came. Thunder crashed, and soon the rivers overflowed, causing a flood to sweep through their village. The waters rose higher and higher, washing away all the homes and leaving destruction in their wake.

Amid the raging waters, only Sampa and Guita remained. As the floodwaters surrounded them, Guita saw Sampa struggling and called out to him, "Come here, my love!" She swam towards him and pulled him close, whispering his name. "Sampa, come here," she said, holding him tightly. Together, they called out to each other—Sampa... Guita... Sampaguita.

And so, in the flood, the two lovers perished together. Their love, though doomed by the curse, was immortalized in the name Sampaguita, a symbol of their eternal bond.



Story Moral: *The moral of the story is that true love may face many obstacles, but even in the face of hardship, it remains strong and eternal. Despite the curse and the tragic circumstances, the love between Sampa and Guita was immortalized. It teaches us that love, no matter the challenges or opposition, can endure and leave a lasting legacy.*