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SADHVI TARANGVATI (Roopak)

Stories Of The Sadhviji



Once there existed a couple whose love for each remained unfulfilled for many lifetimes. Upon meeting in this lifetime, they fell in love, stealing away one night in a boat across the river Ganga. But in the morning they woke up, found themselves imprisoned by dacoits (bandits) who were preparing them as human sacrifices to a deity. Tarangavati wept so much that the dacoit watching over them felt remorse and allowed them to leave. After returning home

Tarangvati completed her love story by getting married but the journey of her life was destined to take another turn. One evening, years later on the bank of the Ganga Tarangvati met a saint. In a previous birth the saint had been a hunter who had killed a male love bird. In anguish upon losing her mate, the female bird also died by immolation. In repentance of his mistake the hunter also killed himself on the same fire. In this birth before taking Diksha, he had been the dacoit who had freed Tarangvati and her husband. In doing this, the former dacoit eliminated the deed of his previous birth. After hearing this, Tarangvati also renounced the world.