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This time--

Jacko's teeth gleamed in the darkness. He was planning his surprise. Motionless, Rani tensed, waiting. She turned at the right instant and lunged at the creature in mid-air. Her back hurt terribly but she managed to keep her teeth closed on Jacko's thin neck. She let them grate and the monkey went limp. A spring of blood was moisture to the hot tongue. The pain--oh, the pain. Again the rage. With her teeth and claws she tore the soft body into strips, into tatters. Tore and tore. She took the mop of skin and bone and shook it, snarling. The pain came in a convulsion and she lay down exhausted. Much later she made her slow way to her dish of water and her mat.

What an outcry in the morning! A wild beast had entered the grounds and slaughtered their little pet. They came to pat Rani, glad that she had not been attacked. Poor Jacko. Some of the children said they were glad he would not be there to bite them anymore.

Now there was only Rani to love. Gentle Rani who could not be cured. Who had never hurt anyone, not even a cat.

Helmi Diol

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A great golden fly walks the world on the equator.
On the other side of the earth
A black spider creeps slowly after him.
Around and around they go--
Separated only by morning and twilight.

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