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Chased by Good Deeds

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Once upon a time there lived in a village by the forest, a *Gamarāla*, the village chieftain. One day, he found that the rafters of his roof have become rickety. His wife also told him that it’s high time to replace the old rafters with new ones.
Early in the morning one day, he left for the forest with a packet of rice, and a hatchet on his shoulder, to cut some branches to make rafters for his house.
As he went in search of good wood this way and that way he lost his way. ‘What do I do now?’ he wondered. As he thought thus, a jackal came towards him.