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The Night of a Thousand Lamps

Follow the glowing trail of tiny lamps back home.



The Shining Kingdom

Long ago, in the shining kingdom of Ayodhya, there lived a kind and brave prince named Ram. His wife, Sita, was gentle and wise, and his brother Lakshman was always by his side. Everyone in Ayodhya loved them dearly.





A Little Hut in the Woods

One day, Ram had to leave home and live in the deep, green forest for fourteen long years. Sita and Lakshman went with him. They lived in a little hut among singing birds, gentle deer and tall, whispering trees.

The Golden Chariot

But far across the sea, on the island of Lanka, lived a proud king named Ravana, who had ten heads and a very greedy heart. He saw Sita and wanted to take her away. With a trick and a whoosh of his magic flying chariot, he carried Sita off to Lanka.





Hanuman's Big Leap

Ram was very sad, but he did not give up. A clever monkey named Hanuman came to help. Hanuman could leap over mountains and grow as big as a hill! He jumped all the way across the sea, found Sita in a garden, and whispered, "Don't worry. Ram is coming."

The Bridge of Stones

Then the whole monkey army got to work. They carried stones, one by one, and built a long bridge across the sea. Ram, Lakshman, Hanuman and all the monkeys marched over it to Lanka. There was a great battle, and at last Ram's shining arrow defeated Ravana. Goodness had won!





The Long Way Back

Ram and Sita hugged tightly, and together they set off for home. But the way back to Ayodhya was long, and they would arrive on the darkest night of the year, when there was no moon at all.

A City of Little Lights

The people of Ayodhya wanted to light their way. So everyone, big and small, filled little clay lamps called diyas and set them glowing on rooftops, windows and doorsteps. Thousands and thousands of tiny flames twinkled until the whole city sparkled like the stars.





Brighter Than the Dark

And that is why, every year, we celebrate Diwali. We light our diyas, share sweets, wear bright clothes and hug the people we love, remembering the night Ram and Sita came home, and the light shone brighter than the dark.

THE END

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