



Gold Shoes

The Golden Fiber, or Jute, was once one of the largest industries in Bangladesh, but is slowly disappearing. Jute has many uses and has a very low carbon footprint. This story is about an amazing pair of jute shoes, which has a special power.



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For my birthday Dida gave me gold shoes.



In the card she wrote: "These are magic shoes. They are made of jute, the golden grass that grows in your motherland. They will take you where you want to go and always bring you home. And, wherever you may go, you will leave a beautiful footprint."



I did not like the shoes. They were not colorful and did not make me any taller. The other kids had shoes with lights and bounce. I had jute shoes.



But then one day, walking home from school, I lost my way and had to turn back. As I walked, I saw my footprints on the road, leading me back to where I had taken the wrong turn.



My footprint was a little house with flowers all around. I understood why Grandma gave me these shoes as a gift! My shoes have beautiful soles and they will always take me home. I love my gold walking shoes!



Note Our earth gives us everything we need to live - water, food, air, and materials to make clothes and homes. Jute, known as the Gold of Bengal, has a very small carbon footprint and can be used to make absolutely anything from shoes to boats to tea.

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