

# Gulachi

Gurucharan Murmu



Dedicated to my Sister.



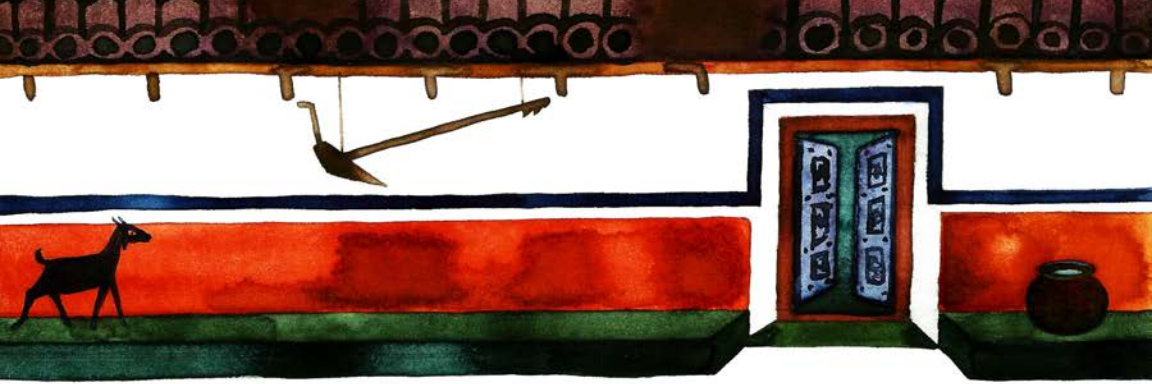
Gulachi is the most beautiful girl of her village. She has enough time to enjoy her life in the open grassland of the village playing with friends. She takes cattle to the field to graze and she sits under the *Gulachi* tree and make a garland of *plumeria* flowers.

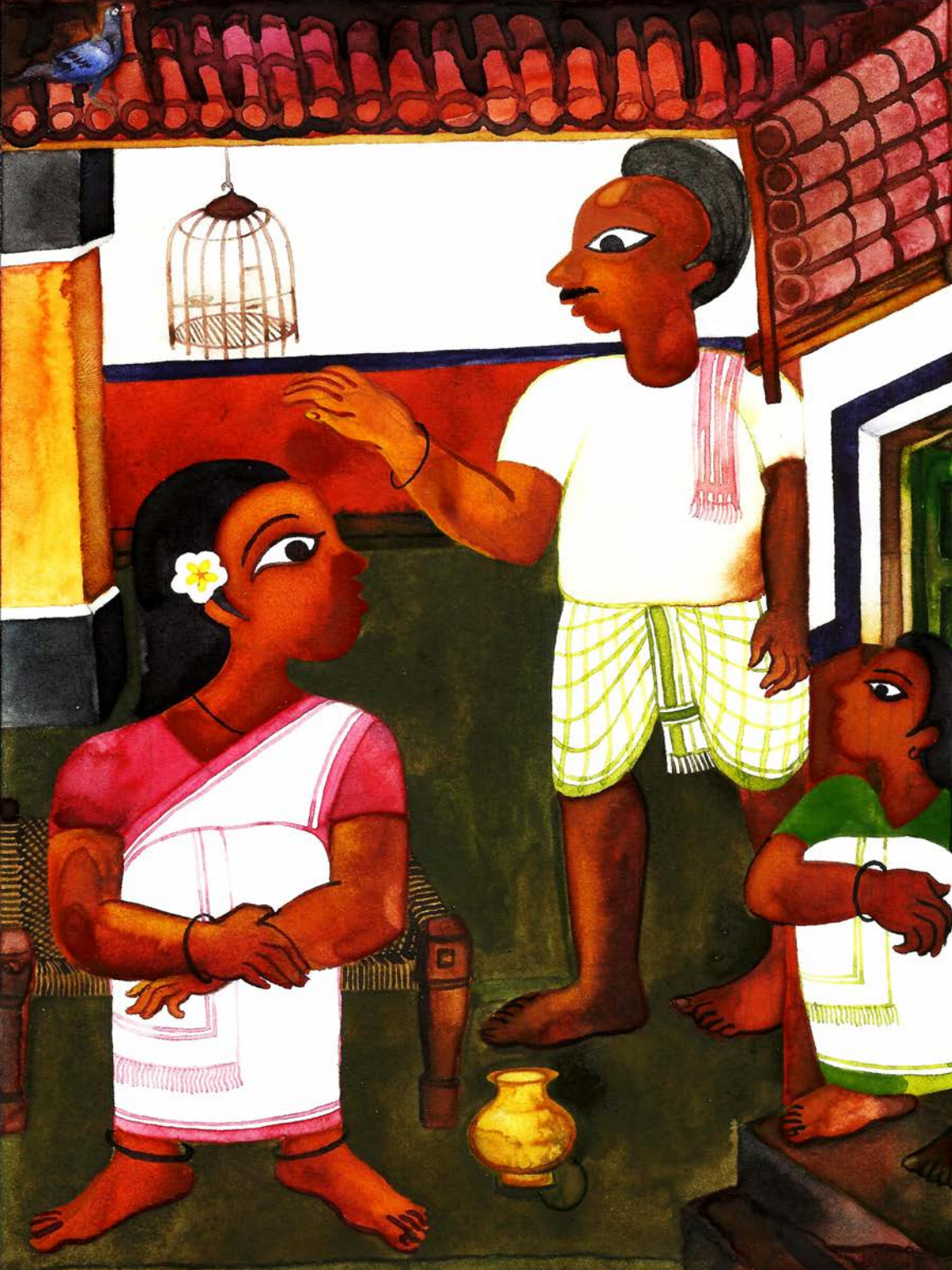


Once there was a fair in the nearby village. Gulachi also went to the fair. In the fair she enjoyed and had lots of fun. She sat in the jhoola with her friends. In the fair one young man named Rengo saw Gulachi and proposed to her.

Gulachi accepted Rengo's proposal and went to his house. Rengo is the only child of his parents and his mother loved him very much. Seeing Gulachi, Rengo's mother was not happy as he has her only child and she wanted him to marry a girl of her choice. She wanted a grand wedding ceremony but now that dream was broken.











The headman of the village came and gave approval to the new couple to marry. Gulachi and Rengo became husband and wife. Gulachi started living happily in her new home. But her mother-in-law always tried to make her life difficult.







One day Gulachi's mother-in-law got a chance to shout at her. It's a bad day for Gulachi. While entering the house she fell and broke the pot of water and then her mother-in-law scolded her very badly. Gulachi felt very bad and she also replied, "It's only an earthen pot, why are you getting so angry?"





On hearing this reply her mother-law become more furious. She called out her son and said, "Throw her out from the house". Rengo always obeyed his mother. He beat Gulachi and threw her out from the house.



Gulachi is in pain and she has only one way where she have a hope and that is her father's house.

By seeing Gulachi's sadness her father  
felt extremely pained. He had a weak  
heart and he died.



The death of her father was a great loss for Gulachi. Her mother felt that Gulachi was the cause for her husband's death and she felt angry.







Gulachi did all the housework and  
tried to make her mother happy.



One day when she was cleaning the house, a blue box fell from the rack.

There was a very beautiful anklet in it which belonged to her mother. She wanted to wear it but she was afraid that if her mother would find out and get angry.

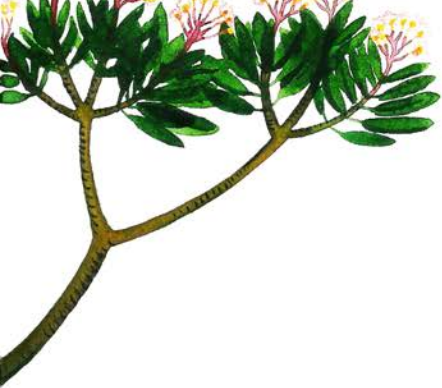




One day while going for her bath to  
the river, she took it with her.

She reached outskirts of the village, wore  
the anklet and went for having a bath.

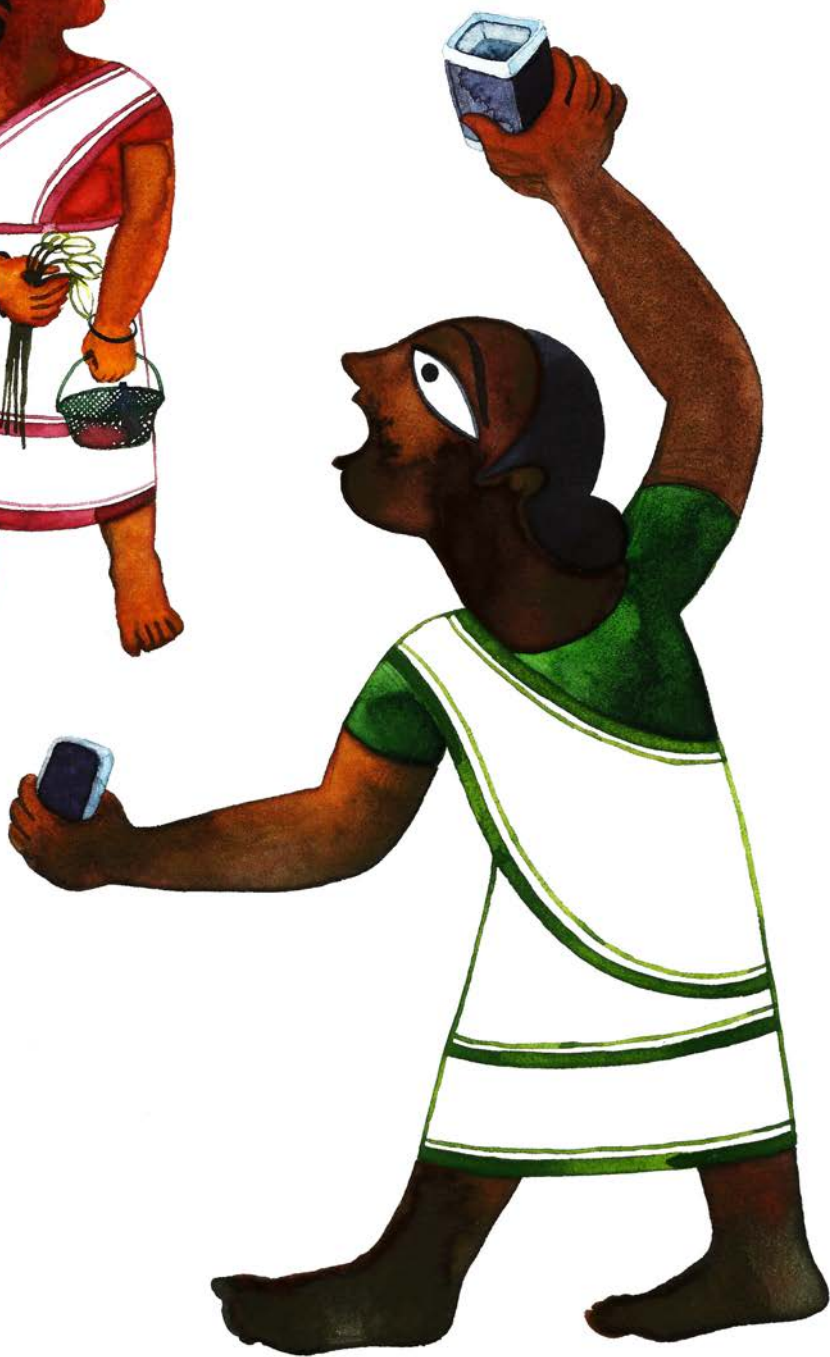




In the water she saw a beautiful lotus flower and wanted to pluck it. She went deep into to pluck the lotus and the anklet slipped out and got lost in the deep.







When her mother found out that her anklet was lost she yelled at Gulachi. “Give my anklet back” she shouted.



To earn money to buy her mother a new anklet, Gulachi went to the town for work.





She got a job from a local contractor  
in the construction site as a daily  
labourer.



One of Worker's named Sirjon feel  
in love with Gulachi but he did not  
express his feelings to her.

One evening when Gulachi was returning home after work some men tried to assault her. But Gulachi was a very courageous girl and tried to fight back. But there were so many of them that she got overpowered.



After a month of hard work a day came  
when Gulachi got her payment.





Gulachi went to the jewellery shop in the market and purchased an anklet for her mother. Feeling very happy she went to give the anklet to her mother.

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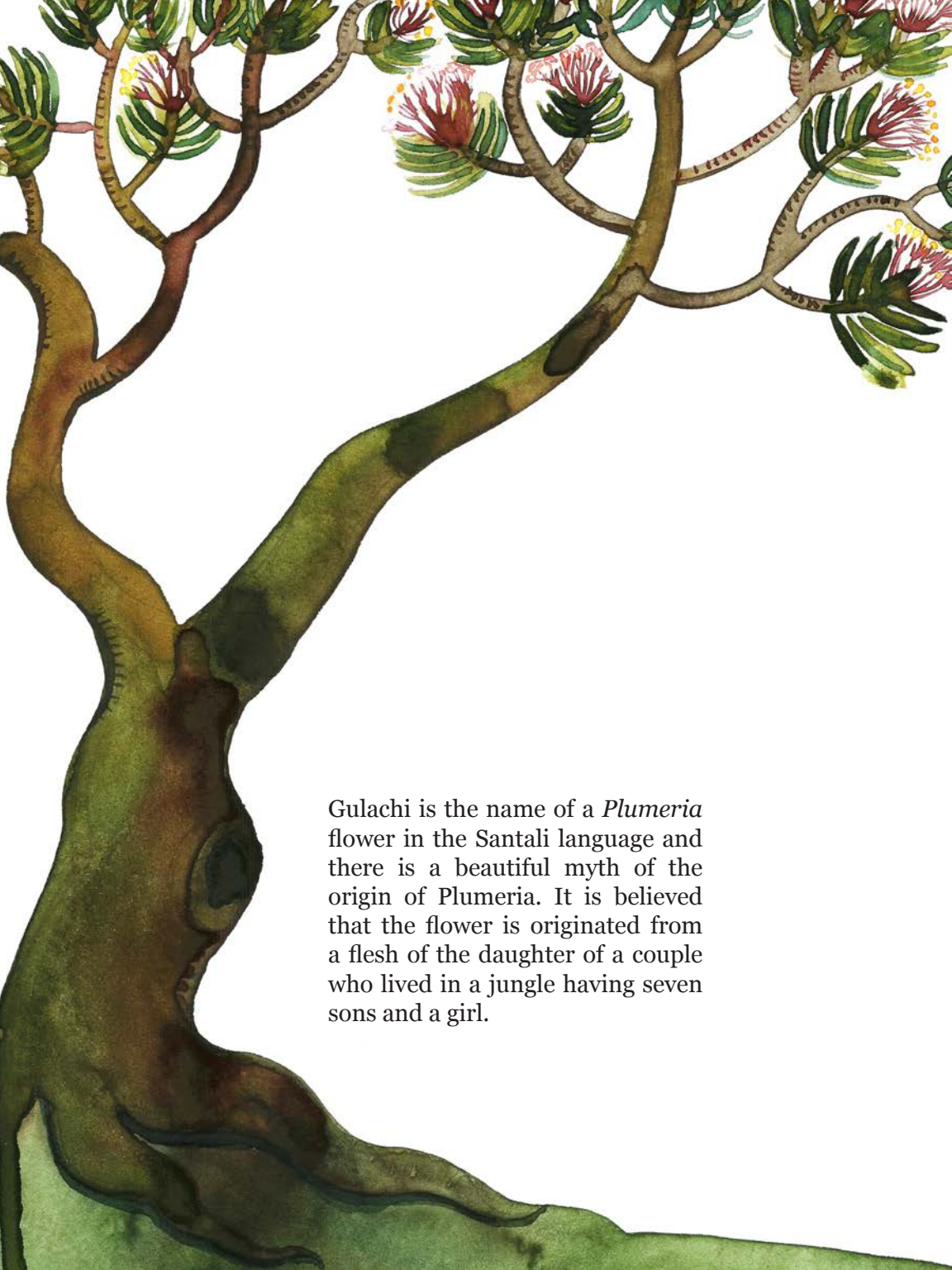
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While returning from the market, she met Sirjon is waiting for her by the roadside. He gave her an anklet that he had bought and expressed his love for her. But Gulachi replied “what do I do with this ?”





Gulachi is the name of a *Plumeria* flower in the Santali language and there is a beautiful myth of the origin of Plumeria. It is believed that the flower is originated from a flesh of the daughter of a couple who lived in a jungle having seven sons and a girl.



