

Jhal!” Then my mom gave him a sweet called rashmalai. Then Karako put another Jhal to Charu’s mouth and Charu again yelled. “Jhal! Jhal! It has Jhal!” again. Then he drank juice that also had Jhal. I laughed so hard that I cried. On this point Charu was so scared and decided to find out the cause. When I went to my room Charu followed me. He saw Karako draw a picture of me as a dancer. At that time, Charu came to know that Karako was a ghost. Then he barged into the room. He grabbed me and tied me to my coat rack and taped my lips. Then he caught up Karako with my blanket and tied him up and put him in a cage. When I looked out the window, I saw my friends were playing out there. Thank goodness my window was open. I started screaming until they climbed up to the window. They untied the rope, and took the tape off. Then we sat in a circle, and said the spells.

In a moment, a very tall woman was appeared in front of us. We told her all about Charu taking Karako. She went in front of Charu and sent him to sleep. She made the cage bigger and put Charu in it. Karako ran to his mom, and hugged her. Then Karako said bye-bye to us and went home.



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ROSE FOR A ROSE

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*The rose petal given to you are
shedding
No place where it’s heading
As the fragrance withers away with the
Wind*

*There are no more ones to send
Into the hands of many loved ones
Shutting down all that sparkled in the
Sun*

*For it is a sign of death amongst all
Till the day you see it completely fall
That we don’t want to blister like its
thorn*

*But that is how it is beautifully adorned
To amuse those starry eyes
As it is on the ground that will eventually
Lie*

*Down as some great creation for us to
See
Until the day for it to break and be free
Out from this cold weather, where it rips
Away*

*Giving us no more, fading away, for us
not to see for another day
That we will not bear its existence in this
world that has been cruel*

*Making its beauty even more fooled
Since no one touched this object that is
foul and bitter
Cause we did not want to make its life
Better*