

# Rani's Best Friend



- Read the story aloud to the group and carefully relate the visuals to the story.
- On the basis of this story, encourage the group to talk and express their views on the issue.
- A good way to begin the discussion is to use the questions given at the end of the story.
- Based on the story, discuss with the group the issue of suppressing women's aspirations and the violence faced by them.



Please turn over for the next part, 2 & 3

What? I have told him many times to consult me before approaching anyone...



What does he know about young men?



Arre, it's not like that! Things must have happened quickly.

And in any case, father must have chosen the right boy.



Why, look at yourself...

Okay, okay! Get the food quickly, I have to leave.

The engagement is next week... I was wondering if I could go...



And who would manage the house? My old mother?



No need to go for the engagement ceremony, just attend the marriage.

But listen to me...



What I've said is final! Got that?

Rani goes around doing domestic chores as her mother-in-law watches...

Rani,  
just come  
here...

Ji Ammu

Are  
you upset?

No, nothing  
like that...

You  
are upset.  
I know!

You know,  
when I came to this  
house after  
marriage...

they stopped  
my tailoring  
classes...

told me since  
I would stay at  
home, that would  
be of no use.

Then,  
when I had children,  
I had no say in their  
upbringing either...

I thought this is  
how it is meant to be...  
after all one needs  
peace at home...

And now  
I see that even  
in this age, nothing  
has changed.

Sometimes  
I wonder why  
we are silent?  
Why do we  
live like this?

What can be  
done...  
this has been  
going on for  
centuries...

But that doesn't  
mean we can't speak  
our mind. You will  
go your sister's  
engagement!

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Please turn over for the remaining part - 4



- Why did Rani's husband get angry?
- Don't you think what Rani's mother-in-law said about herself is very common?
- Should Rani's mother-in-law intervene in this matter?
- Does something like this happen in your home or around you?
- If yes, what would you do?
- **Emphasise the fact that a man and a woman must have an equal relationship and are equally entitled to take their own decisions.**

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**End all Violence Against Women**