



The Cat-Maiden

The gods were once disputing whether it was possible for a living being to change its nature. Jupiter said "Yes," but Venus said "No." So, to try the question, Jupiter turned a Cat into a Maiden, and gave her to a young man for a wife. The wedding was duly performed and the young couple sat

down to the wedding-feast. "See," said Jupiter, to Venus, "how becomingly she behaves. Who could tell that yesterday she was but a Cat? Surely her nature is changed?"

"Wait a minute," replied Venus, and let mouse into the room. No sooner did she see this then she jumped up from her seat and pounce upon the mouse. "See," said Venus,



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Message: "True nature will come out."

Let's Talk:

1. What did Jupiter do to the cat?
2. Why did the maiden jump out from her seat?
3. If you were to change your looks, how would you want it to be?
4. What is meant by the message of the story?
5. Is the message of the story also true to man?
6. Have you encountered friends/people who pretended to be somebody else?