

"Have you played kleddek? Goli?"

"What are you talking about?" said Mayfair.

"Your education not complete," said Goyang. "They never teach you all these things in your school is it? In my school, goli was compulsory. Spiders also was compulsory."

"What on earth are you talking about?" said Mayfair.

"This thing about spiders," Goyang said. "You fight them. No, I don't mean that WE fight against the spiders because let's face it, where the spiders got chance against us? We fight the spiders against one another."

"How cruel!"

"Poh-dah," said Goyang. "If you think it's cruel to fight spiders against one another, how come you like to watch Muhammed Ali fight with other people?"

"But boxers know what they are doing," said Mayfair.

"Hah!" said Goyang. "You think spiders don't know what they are doing?"

"But boxers get paid for what they do!"

"You think we don't give spiders their commission is it? I tell you, Mayfair, when my spider wins, I always give him buah cherry to eat."

"I thought they ate flies," said Mayfair.

"No. Some spiders are vegetarian. Sometimes you must feed them on a bit of spit."

"A bit of WHAT?" said Mayfair in astonishment.

"SPIT," said Goyang very matter-of-factly. "Good for them. Unless of course you have flu or something. Then the spider sure to die. Or sure to lose fight."

"What kind of spiders are these?" Mayfair asked.

"They live in the bushes," said Goyang. "Usually

between two leaf. Damm hard to find. Must bend down a lot to look for them. Also, can't guarantee you always find a strong spider."

"How do you make them fight?" Mayfair wanted to know.

"Easy, you bring your spider. I bring my spider, we make them meet, they fight, one runs away, the other one win."

"I think it's cruel," said Mayfair. "I think the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals should put a stop to this."

"How can?" said Goyang. "This is not animal, this is insect. If the Society stop it, then they must change the name to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Insects Also. Which is a bit too long. Anyway, that means the Society must protect cockroach and white ants also ..."

"Oh, come on," said Mayfair. "Don't be funny. How do you think a spider feels sitting in a tiny little tin like that?"

"Like any lion or tiger or penguin feels sitting in a zoo," said Sag Singh. "Miserable."

"No lah, come on," said Goyang. "Inside the bush, the spider has a very hard time looking for food and they are whole life getting eaten by other animals and insects. But inside the tin they don't have such problems. They get their makan always ..."

"Prisoners get their makan too," said Mayfair.

"Yah but spiders are not prisoners, spiders are spiders ... I say, what's the matter with you fellas, why are you all arguing like this?"

"And how do you think the spider feels when he's