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3	He tried to catch it, but it was too late! He did not have money to buy a new one and cried.	4	The river goddess listened to him. She showed him a gold axe and asked, "Is this your axe?" Rama said, "No!"
5	She showed him a silver axe and asked him, "Is this your axe?" Rama said, "No!"	6	She showed his axe! Rama was happy! He said, "Yes, that is my axe!"
7	The river goddess admired his honesty and said, "All the axes are for you!"	8	Rama went home with all three axes. He told his wife about the river goddess.
9	A man listened to Rama's story, went to the river and dropped his axe into it.	10	The river goddess asked, "Is this gold axe yours?" the man lied and said, "Yes!"
11	The river goddess was angry and said, "Sorry, you lost your axe." and disappeared into the water. The man went home crying.		

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