

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer

retold in snippets of 101 words – 30/62

the Merchant's tale

January, a randy wealthy old knight married the beautiful young May. At their wedding feast, January's squire, Damien, falls for May. May agrees to satisfy his desires. January, now blind, takes May into his garden. She wants a pear and January helps her into the tree, where Damien hides. Pluto, king of Fairyland, shocked, will restore January's sight, while Persephone answers, then "I shal yeve* hir suffisant answe, And alle women after". January looks up and sees May and Damien in flagrante, but May assures him her magic restored his sight but at first he is confused at what he sees.

* give

© Roderick Ramage