

KING AND THE DREAM



Once there was a king sleeping in his palace and in his dream, he was defeated by another king and he was asked to leave the kingdom by evening, if not he would be killed. To save his life he started to run, before he could reach the border, he grew very tired and thirsty, so he saw a hut nearby and he asked for water. Then an old lady came out of the hut and gave him a bowl of water. As the king was about to drink the water, a soldier hit the bowl with his sword. When the bowl of water fell, he was shocked and got up from his dream and was confused about it. At the same time the queen woke up and asked what happened. Then he explained about his dream and asked, “I am a beggar or a king”. Then the queen tried to explain that he is a king but the king did not agree, so the queen called the ministers and asked to explain the dream but the king was not satisfied by their answers. So, the ministers went to the Saint who was popular and asked him to explain the dream. Then the saint came to the king, when the king saw the saint, he went and asked the same question that he had asked the queen “Am I a beggar or a king”. Then the saint said something which solved the king’s confusion. The king was happy with that answer. The saint said, “If you are awake, you are not a beggar, if you are asleep, you are not a king”.

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