

# Harikeshi Munni



Harikeshi Muni was a Jain Sadhu from a lower caste. Through study, hard work, and faith, he became an educated sadhu, and the Jain Sadhus and Sadhvis respected him.



Like all Jain Munis, he used to go and beg for food from houses. Because the people respect the Jain Munis, they did not ask him about his caste and gave him food.



One day, Harikeshi Munni came to a place where a big sacrificial ceremony called Yagna was taking place. Here many animals were to be sacrificed. Harikesh Muni came and stood there calmly.



A proud Brahmin boy saw him and shouted,

, "Get this lower caste person out of here!"

Then all the Brahmins saw Harikesh Munni and began hitting him. One good lady tried to explain that a true Brahmin like Harikesh Muni has good within him, but no one listened to her.



Harikeshi came close to death, but suddenly a Yaksha entered Harikeshi Munni. Yakshas are spirits who usually defend the good people who are in trouble.



He began fighting back in the form of Harikeshi Munni and defeated all the Brahmins. Many of them were very badly hurt. After that, he left the body of the Munni.



When Harikesh Muni came to his senses, he was sad that he had hurt others. He explained to the Yaksha that he was a Jain Muni and could not hurt any living thing.



The Yaksha felt sorry for what he had done and healed every person of their pain. All the Brahmins also felt ashamed because of their pride. They now knew that only a person like Harikesh Munni is closer to God and a true Brahmin.



We must not be proud of ourselves because then we could do the wrong thing.

