

The King's Beard



One day, the king wanted to test his ministers, so he called them and asked a simple question,

"What should you do to the person who pulls a king's beard?"



The young ministers pulled out their swords and shouted,

"We will kill the person who dares to pull the king's beard"

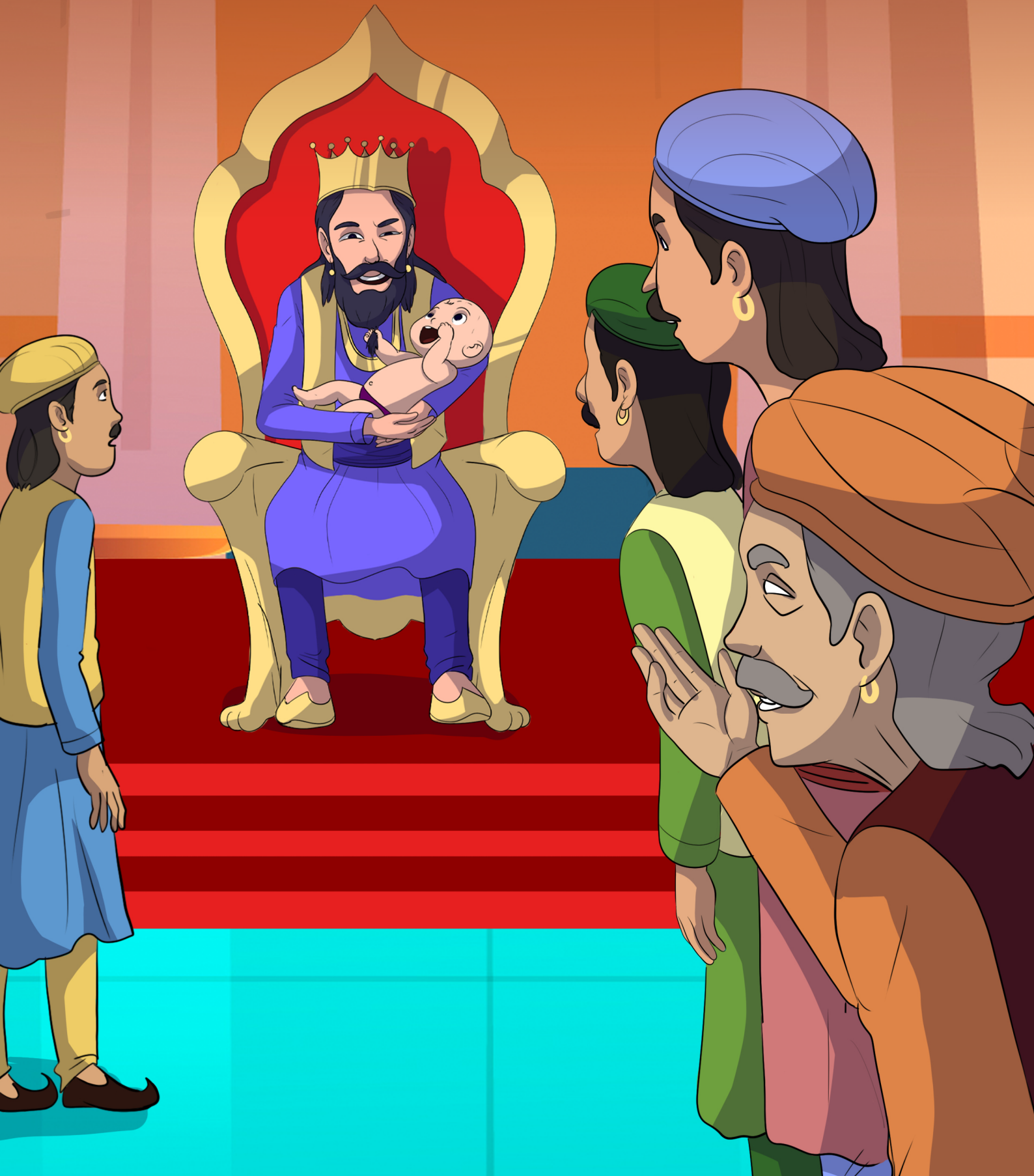


There was one old and wise minister who softly said,

"We must salute the person who pulls our King's beard."



Everybody was shocked, so the old minister pointed to the young prince sitting on the king's lap. He was pulling his father's beard.



The young ministers then understood that they spoke in a hurry without thinking. Seeing that the old man was so clever, the king made him his Prime Minister.



Often, we say
things we do not
mean in a hurry.
We must think
before we
speak.

