



Kalkachariya Teaches a Lesson

Long ago there lived a good and kind king and queen. They had two children, a boy called Kalak and a girl called Saraswati. They were taught everything a prince and princess should know. Yet one day they left everything behind. Prince Kalak became a Jain Sadhu and Princess Saraswati became a Jain Sadhvi. In time because of his hard work Sadhu Kalak became a well-known Acharya. He was called Kalakacharya.

One day Sadhvi Saraswati set out to the famous city of Ujjain. At that time a mean and selfish king called Gardhbhill ruled the city. He was very bad with the people of the city. He used to snatch away whatever he wanted from others and never gave his people justice or happiness. One day, this mean and bad king saw Sadhvi Saraswati. As soon as he saw her he did a terrible thing. He kidnapped her and hid her in his palace.

The people of the city were very worried. The leaders of Ujjain begged to king to free Sadhvi Saraswati. "She is a holy woman, you should not keep her against her will," they said. The king did not care.

When Sadhvi Saraswati's brother Kalakachariya heard about this he was very angry. He was angry because a king had no right to be cruel with his people. A king was like a father to his people, he had to rule them well. Kalakachariya knew he had to rescue Sadhvi Saraswati and teach the cruel king Gardhbhil a lesson. He first tried talking to him but the proud king refused to listen.

Kalakachariya gave up his monkhood and went to king of Sindhu and asked for help. Together they defeated the mean king of Ujjain. In keeping with his faith of Jainism, Kakachariya did not allow anyone to kill king Gardhbhil as he did not believe in causing pain

to anyone. He rescued Sadvhi Saraswati and left.

He once again accepted monkshood.

Kalakachariya showed that you must fight for justice but you must never be cruel and unkind in your fight.

Many years later Mahatma Gandhi taught us this lesson again to us too. He showed us that while we fight for what is right we must never be violent and cruel.

We must do what is right but do not hurt anyone while doing so.