

Chitta Sambhuti



Chitta was the son of a rich merchant from Purimtal, and Sambhuti was the son of King Brahm of Kampilya. Sambhuti, known as Brahmdatt, became a powerful king and ruled over Bharat.



Once, Brahmatt attained Jatismarangnan, where he could see the five lives he lived before. He and his brother were together in all their past lives. Once, they were slaves in Dasharan, antelopes on mount Kalanjar, geese on the bank of Mritganga, and angels in the first heaven.



He made a line of a verse and announced to give half of his kingdom to the person who completed it. Chitta, who had become a monk, came to Kampilpur during his wanderings. He heard about the announcement, finished the verse, and sent it to the king.



King Brahmdatt told Chitta,

"We were brothers during our past lives. How did we become separated in this life?"

Chitta replied,

"You had sinful thoughts of becoming a king, and I had no such thoughts. I was born in a rich family, became a monk, and now I enjoy true happiness and peace."



Brahmdatt said,

"My palaces are the most beautiful, and they contain the best things of this country. Come with me and enjoy this wealth. You shall get the pleasure of life."



Chitta was not attracted by material pleasures and thought of the spiritual welfare of King Brahmdatt. He said,

"All singing you hear is boring. All dancing you see is a mockery. All ornaments are a burden to the soul. All materials produce pain."



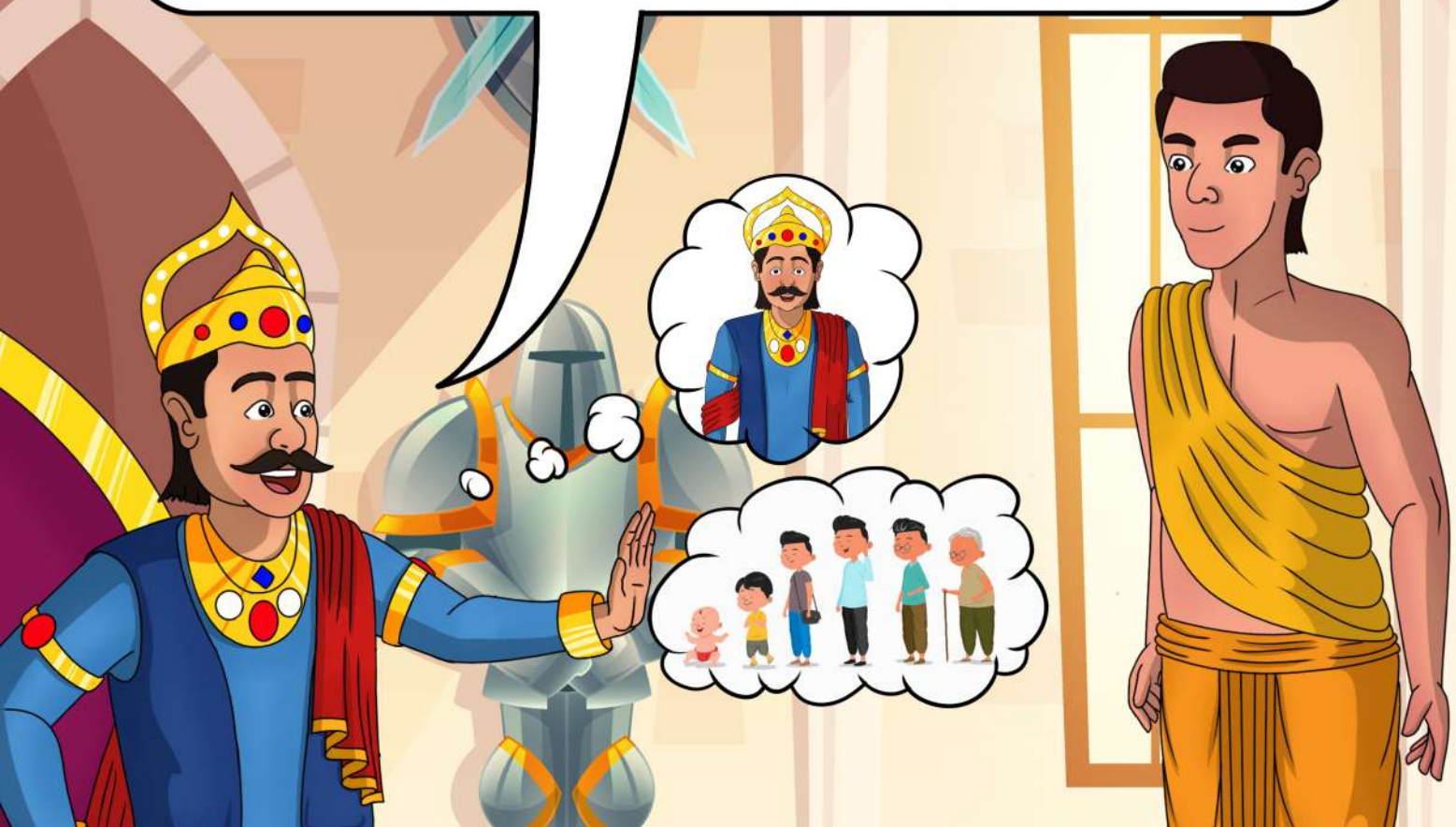
He continued,

"In our earlier life, we were born in a poor family and lived in a small hut. We were hated by the people, but we never became angry. As a result of the good karmas of that life, you have become a king. He who does not do good repents in the next life. As a lion catches an antelope, death catches the person. A person who is a slave to material pleasures repents in their next life. No one can take anything with him to the next life after their death. Only the karmas go with them, and they have to bear their fruit. After death, the dead body is burnt, and the family selects another person to provide for them. One loses strength in old age, and as time passes, death comes nearer."



Brahmdatta said,

"Oh, Chitta, I already know what you said. Pleasures control the man and cannot be ignored. In my earlier life, I had seen Sanat Kumar, the emperor of Hastinapur. I took a promise in my mind to become an emperor and had a keen desire for sensual pleasures. I did not repent before my death and died with these sinful desires. So, I have become an emperor, but I know the law of karma. I still have sensual desires. An elephant stuck in deep mud sees the ground but cannot get there. My condition is the same. I long for material pleasures and do not follow the path of spirituality."



Chitta said,

"Time passes quickly. Pleasures of men are not permanent. They come and leave him just as birds leave the tree when it has no fruit. I understand that you cannot leave sensual pleasures, but you may follow the principle of Ahinsa, nonviolence. You show compassion to all animals, so you can become an angel in your next life."

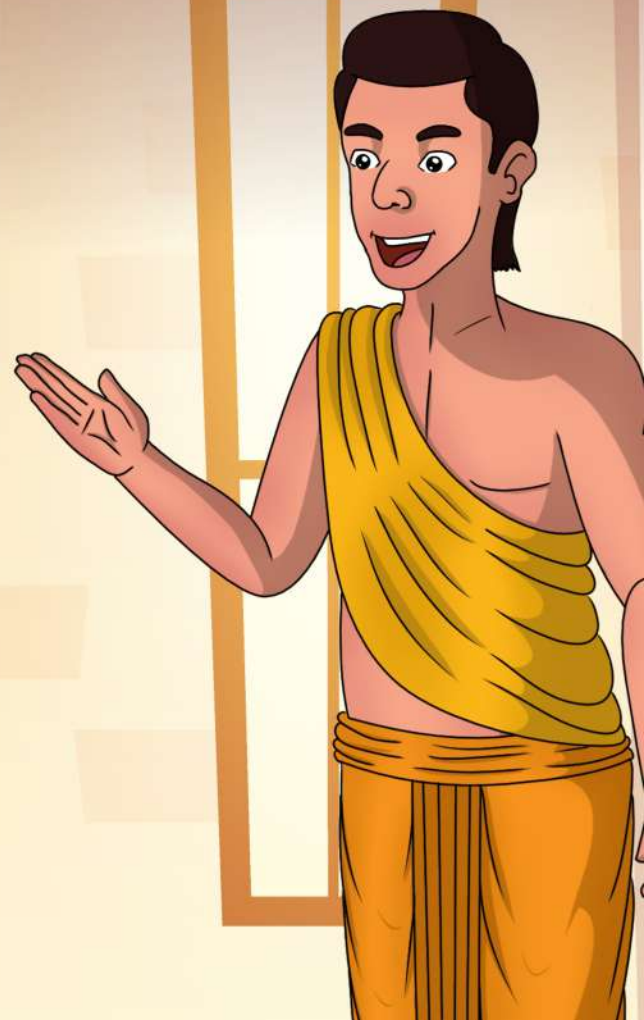
Brahmdatt did not take notice of this advice.



Chitta continued,

"Oh, Brahmdatta, King of Panchal. You have no intention to act upon my advice and still longing for material pleasures. You have a great attachment for women and wealth. My long talk does not affect you, so I shall leave."

King Brahmdatt became so attached to his wealth and sensual pleasures that he was reborn in hell to bear the fruit of his bad karmas.



Chitta went to the forest, where he observed many austerities. He got perfect knowledge, Kevalgnan, and after his death, his soul was liberated.

