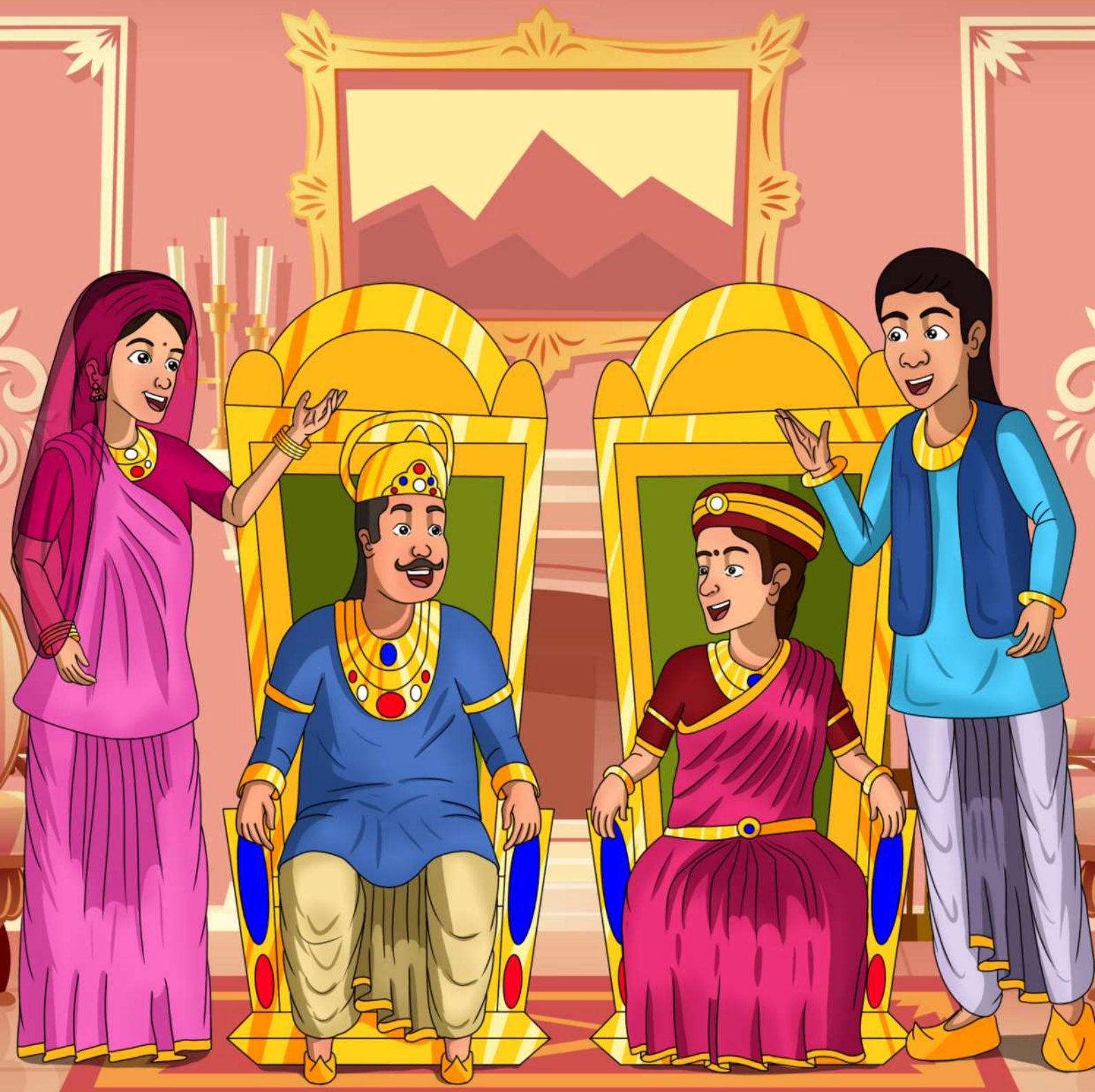


Kalkachariya Teaches A Lesson



Long ago, lived a good and kind king and his queen.
They had two children, a boy called Kalak and a girl,
Saraswati.



They were taught everything a prince and princess should know, but one day they left everything behind. Prince Kalak became a Jain Sadhu, and Princess Saraswati became a Jain Sadhvi.



After some time, because of his hard work, Sadhu Kalak became a well-known Acharya. He was called Kalkachariya.



One day, Sadhvi Saraswati set out to the famous city of Ujjain. At that time, a mean and selfish king called Gardhbhil ruled the city. He was rude with his people, took away whatever he wanted, and never gave them justice or happiness.



One day, this mean king saw Sadhvi Saraswati, and 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 the king to free Sadhvi Saraswati,

"She is a holy woman, and you should not keep her against her will!"

they said. The king did not care.



When Sadhvi Saraswati's brother Kalkachariya heard about this, he was angry. He was furious because a king had no right to be cruel to his people. A king was like a father to his people and had to rule them well. Kalkachariya 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.



Kalkachariya gave up his monkhood and went to the king of Sindhu to ask for help.



Together they defeated the mean king of Ujjain. Keeping his faith in Jainism, Kalkachariya did not allow anyone to kill king Gardhbhil as he did not believe in causing pain to anyone. He rescued Sadhvi Saraswati and left.



He once again accepted monkshood. Kalkachariya showed the people that they must fight for justice but never be cruel and unkind. Many years later, Mahatma Gandhi taught us this lesson again. 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.

