



The Guru  
and  
Disciple

Once upon a time a young disciple arrived with his Guru to a very rich town. A very foolish king ruled it. The people of the town received them very well and gave them very good food to eat. They had sweets everyday. The Guru soon decided that it was time to leave, as the king was not a good ruler. The young student did not want to. So he disobeyed his teacher and stayed on. Over the weeks he got really good food and in time he got very fat.

One day a man got hurt in foot with a nail. He came and complained to the king. "I want justice", he cried. "Who put the nail in your way?" asked the king, "We will push him in the well." Shouted the king!

The carpenter had put the nail in the way, so he was called. "It is not my fault," he said, "the merchant sold me the nail." "Let us push him in the well," said the king

The merchant was called in, "It is not my fault," he said "the blacksmith made the nail and sold it to me." So the blacksmith was called in, "Let us push him in the well," said the king. "It is not my fault; it is the fault of the man who sold me the metal to make the nail." So the metal seller was called in. "Let us push him in the well," said the king. "I am a thin man, how will it help to push me in the well? It will be better to push a fat man in as everybody will hear the splash!" So the king's soldiers were sent to find a fat man. They saw the young disciple walking and they picked him up. The young disciple cried and pleaded for life. The king did not listen to him and was ready to push him in. The young man was now quite sad that he did not listen to the words of his teacher.

Suddenly through the crowds a voice was heard, it was the Guru's. "Push me in!" he shouted. The king asked, "Why do you want to

get pushed in?" "Anyone who gets pushed in," said the Acharya, "will find wealth!" The king did not know that the Guru was making up this story to save his pupil. So now he wanted to get pushed in himself. There was utter confusion and the disciple and his Guru moved quietly away! The young disciple bowed to his teacher and promised to obey him always.

We must obey our teacher they show us the right path.