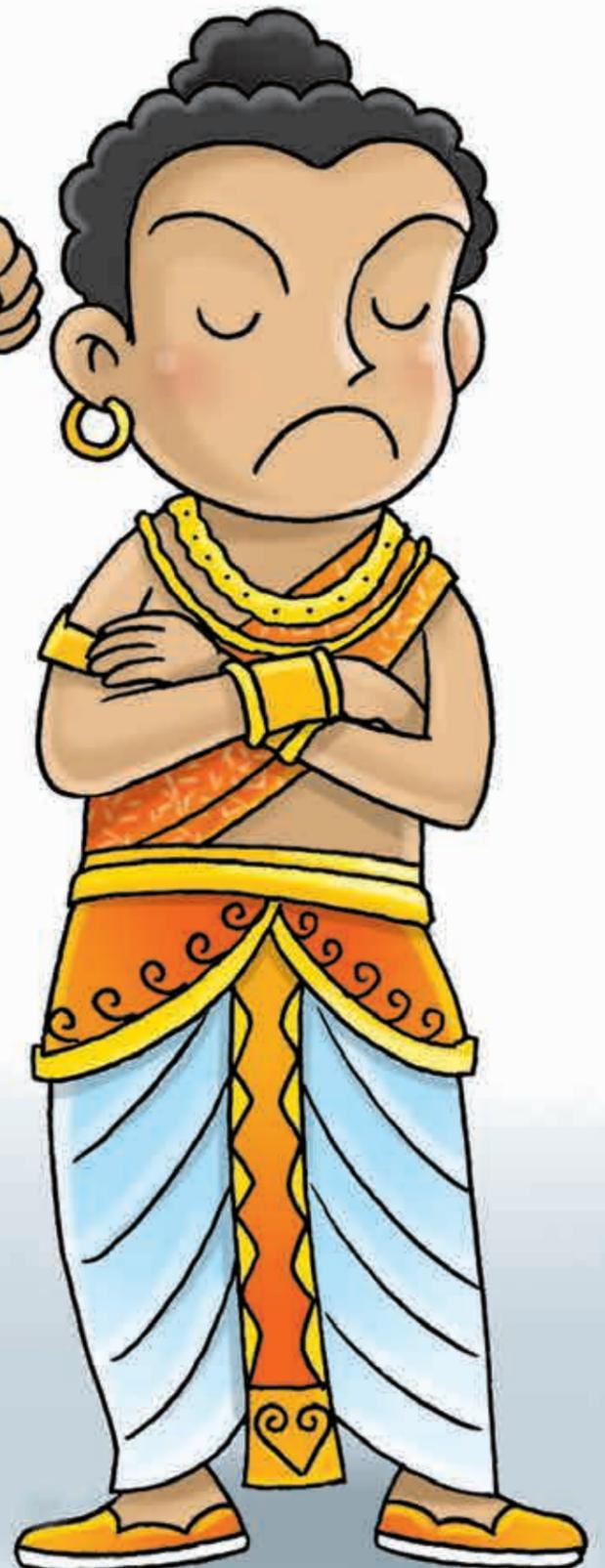


A Parent's Love :



# MEAN PRINCE





Long ago, there lived a king with a very **mean** son who was very naughty.

Nobody liked him.  
Everyone avoided the prince  
because he **behaved**  
**so badly.**



This made the king  
very **unhappy**.





He went to a wise man for help.  
"Please help my son to become  
a **better person.**"  
the king said.

“Bring the prince to me.  
I will **teach** him.”  
said the wise man.





**The wise man took the prince to the garden. "See this young plant, my prince? Please chew one of its leaves," said the wise man.**

**The prince rudely plucked  
a leaf and popped it  
into his mouth.**



Immediately, he spat it out,  
"Ugh! How **bitter!**"



**“If as a seedling, its leaves taste horrible, imagine what it will be like fully grown?”  
asked the wise man.**



**"I will NOT let it grow into a big plant," said the prince and he quickly uprooted it.**



“Likewise, other people will fight to **destroy** you, my prince, if you do not become a better person,” said the wise man.

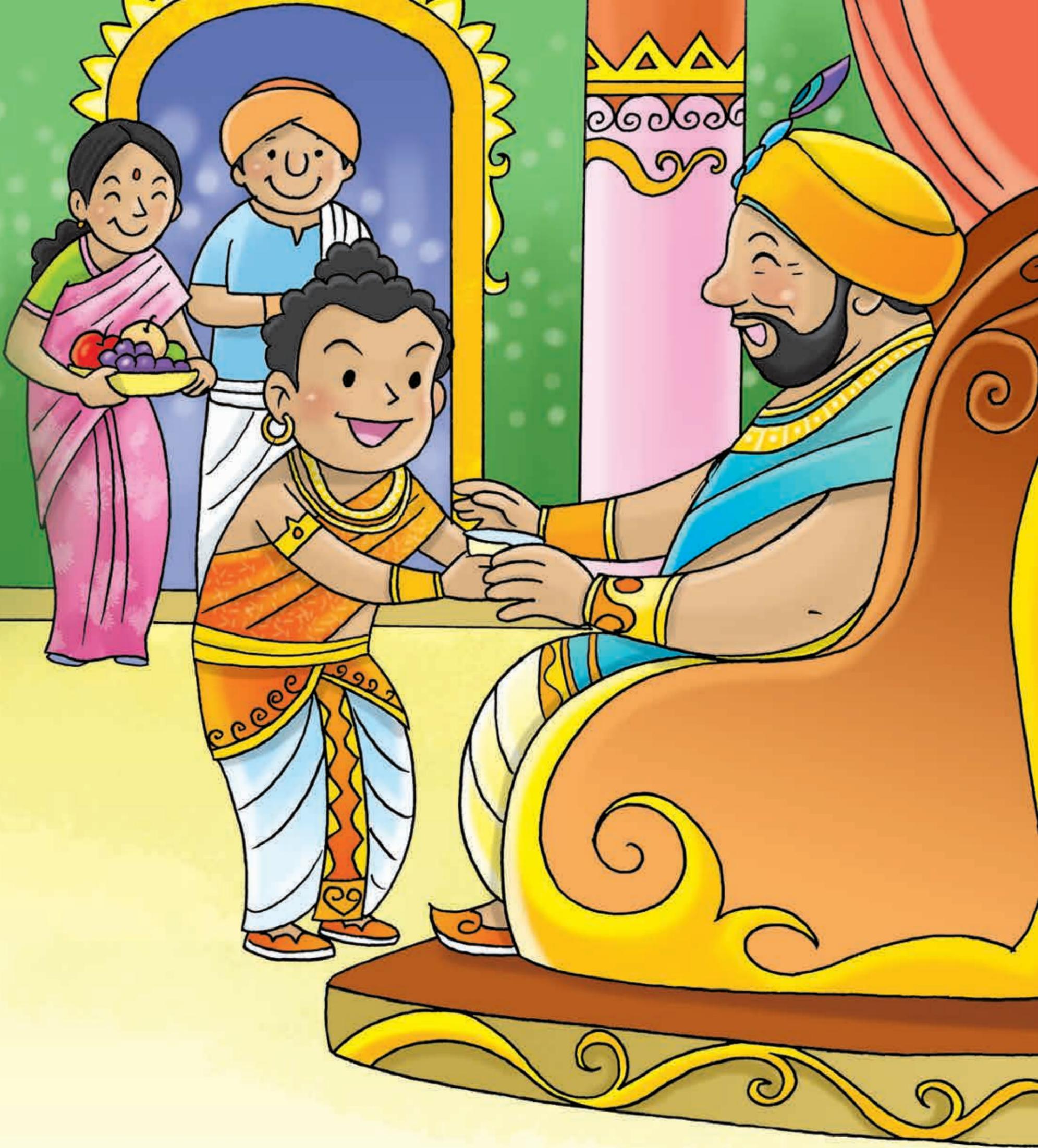


“If as a young boy,  
you can be so mean and cruel,  
what will you be like  
when you become **king**?”



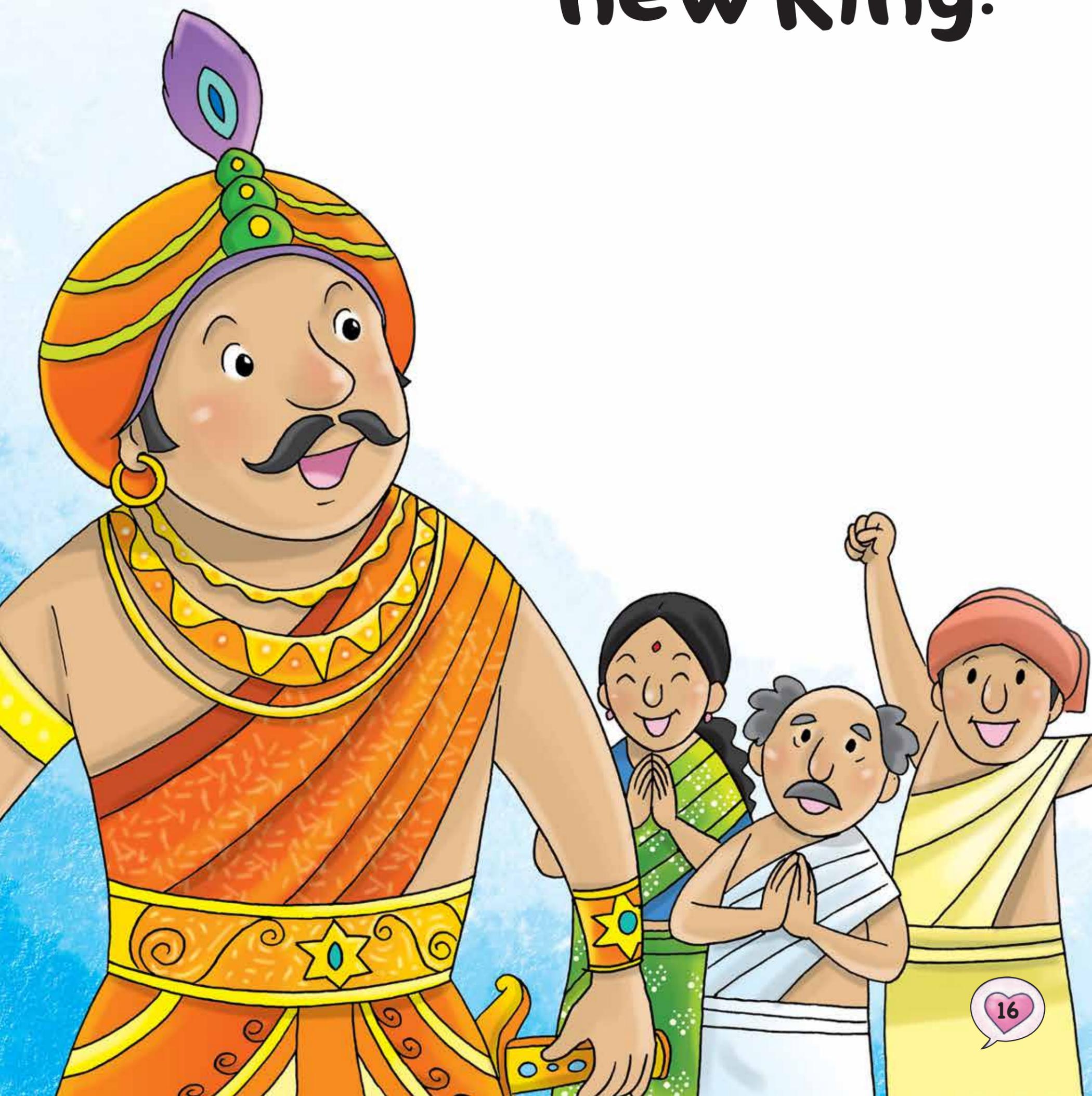
The prince turned silent,  
and then said,  
"Thank you, wise one for  
teaching me this lesson.  
I will **change** my ways."





The prince kept his promise.  
From that day onwards,  
he was always  
**gentle and kind.**

Years later, when the old king died, the people happily welcomed the prince as their new King.



## Moral of the Story:

All parents, fathers or mothers, want their children to grow up to be **good, courteous** and **responsible** adults who can benefit others.



## **BEFORE READING**

*Talk together*

- Read the title and describe the picture on the cover.
- Ask the children to guess what this story is about.
- Ask the children to tell you what will happen when ants saw a cake on the table, and what causes the ants to behave in such a way.

## **DURING READING**

- Read the story to the children. Encourage them to respond to the pictures.
- Ask the children to tell you what is happening in each picture.
- Discuss anything that the picture reminds the children of. to behave in such a way.
- Talk about what other ways their own mother has shown love and care for them.

## **AFTER READING**

- Talk about how they can love their mother.
- Let the children understand that their own mother will always love them no matter how old they are.

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