

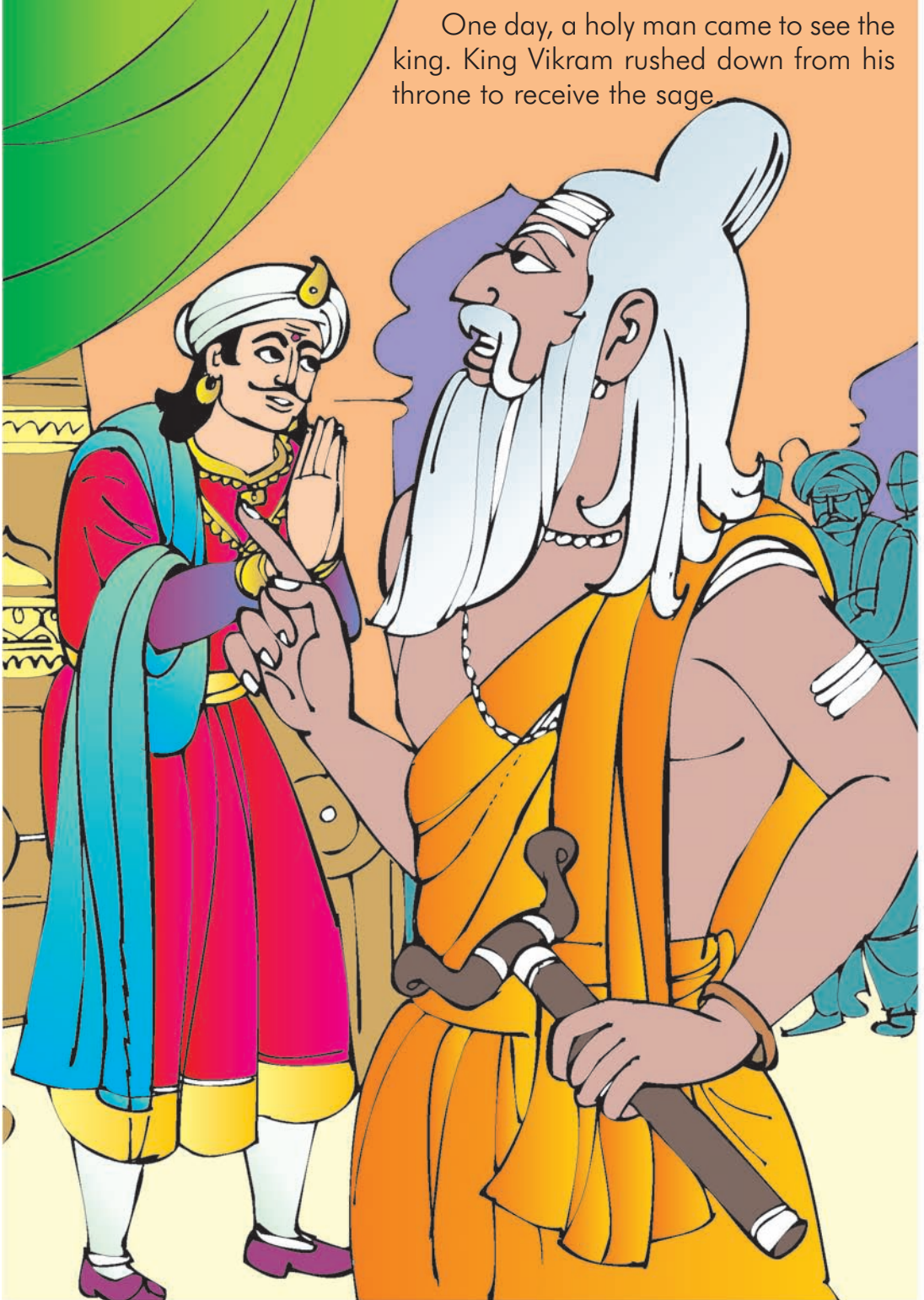
Tales Of
Vikram & Betal



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King Vikram meets the Sage

In ancient India, when courage and honour were considered more important than life itself, there lived a king called Vikramarka. King Vikram was known not only for his extraordinary courage but his wisdom and compassion. He was loved by his subjects and respected by his enemies.

One day, a holy man came to see the king. King Vikram rushed to receive the sage.

“What can I do for you, holy sir?” he asked.

“O King, I have a favour to ask of you. Please don’t refuse me! I know you are the only one who can help.”

King Vikram agreed immediately.

The sage said, “Please meet me alone at the cemetery outside the city on the night of the new moon. I will then let you know what I want you to do.”

When the time came, King Vikram set off to keep his appointment with the holy man. A less courageous man would have been terrified to go to the graveyard on such a dark and silent night. Now and then could be heard the eerie howl of a jackal.

When Vikram entered the cemetery, he found the holy man waiting for him.

“King, you have not disappointed me. Here’s what I want you to do. On an ancient tree in the forest beyond this graveyard you will find a corpse hanging upside-down. Bring it to me.”