

(4) Who is the real culprit according to the king? Why does he escape punishment?

Ans- The merchant's dead father was held responsible for making the wall weak. But according to the king the rich merchant was the real culprit because he had inherited both sins and riches of his father. He escaped the punishment because he was too thin to fit the stake.

(5) What are the Guru's words of wisdom? When does the disciple remember them?

Ans- The Guru was full of wisdom and knew well that the unpredictable behaviour of the fools could create danger anytime. The Guru's words were, "They are all fools. This won't last very long, and you can't tell what they'll do to you next!" The disciple remembered them when he was arrested by the men of the king to execute merely because.

he fitted the stake. It was because of the Guru's words of wisdom that the execution was postponed.

(6) How does the Guru manage to save his disciple's life?

Ans - The Guru arrived on time to save his disciple and created a drama. He told the king that it was not an ordinary stake and whoever went to the stake first would become the king in next life. The second to die would become his minister. The king wanted to avail himself of the opportunity. The Guru and his disciple were released. Thus the Guru managed to solve and save his disciple's life.