

- 4) Who is the real culprit according to the king? Why does he escape punishment?
- d) According to the king, the real culprit was the merchant's dead father. As he was dead, he could not be punished. In place of him, his son who had inherited all his property would be punished.

The merchant escapes the punishment as the minister feels that he is too thin to be killed by the stake.

- 5) What ~~were~~ are the Guru's words of wisdom? When does the disciple remember them?
- an) The Guru had asked the disciple

to leave the Kingdom of fools at once as it was not safe for him. The disciple ^{remembers} ~~reminded~~ the words of a ~~was~~ wisdom of his guru when he lands into trouble. When the courtiers ~~were~~ took him for execution, he prays to his Guru ~~so~~ & asks him to save his life.

Q) How does the guru manage to save his disciple's life?

Ans) The guru ~~is~~ was a wise & intelligent man. He traps the foolish king in his talks. The guru tells the king that he wants to get executed first. Surprised at the wish the king desires to know the reason. He told the king that is was not an ordinary stake & whoever went to the stake first would become the king in his next life. The second to die would become the minister. The king considers the Guru to be genuine ~~to~~ & so, he ^{tells} ~~takes~~ his minister that they should not loose their kingdom in the next birth. The Guru & his disciple were released. Thus the Guru ~~sa~~ managed to save his disciple's life.