Three brothers | Short stories

Three brothers lived in a village. They had a big mango tree and many mangoes were ripening on that tree. They sold the mangoes and earned some money. They were leading their daily life with the money from it. One day a sage came to that village. That sage has the power to give the boon to one who asks for it. So, these three brothers decided to meet the sage and get the boon.

Then the first brother went to meet the sage with a basket full of ripe mangoes. He said to the sage, **"Sage, I have brought you all these delicious mangoes."** The sage happily accepted it and asked **"what do you want?"**. The elder brother said, **"Sage, I want herds of cows and I want to earn money from them."**

The sage also said let it be so. When the elder brother went home, there were many cows in front of his house, and with those cows he earned a lot of money and became rich. After that the second brother also came to meet the sage. He also met the sage with a basket full of mangoes.

The sage asked him **"what do you want?"**. To which he said, **"Sage, all my lands are dry. There should be a lot of paddy in those lands and I want to earn profit from them."** The sage granted the boon for that he wished. When the second brother also went to his land, many grains of paddy grew in those dry lands. The second brother also earned a lot of money through those paddy fields and became rich.

After that the third brother went to meet the sage and asked the sage, **"Sage, I want your grace and blessings."** He blessed him and asked what he wanted, and the third brother said that he wanted to get married. So, **I want a good woman to marry.** The sage also blessed him. When the third brother went home a woman was waiting for him as he wished. He also married that woman.

Days passed and the sage decided one day to go and meet these three brothers. He changed his disguise and went to meet the brothers in the guise of a beggar. He went to the first brother and said, **"Sir, give me food for my hunger."** But he chased him away saying how dare you to come to my house and beg.

The sage immediately returned to his true form and told him, **"It is by my grace that you have become so rich, but you are selfish".** So I will take back the boon. The elder brother returned to poverty again.

The sage again went towards the second brother in the guise of a beggar. He said to that second brother, **"Sir, I am hungry, give me food"** and he also chased him away like the elder brother. The sage returned to his true form and took back the boon given to him. The second brother also became poor again.

Again the sage went to the third brother in the same beggar guise and said, **"Sir it is very cold and I want a place to sleep and food to eat."** The third brother took him into the house and gave him food and said, **Sir, stay here today and he also gave him clothes.**

Seeing that, the sage was very happy. He came in his true form and said, **"You are making very good use of the boon I have given you"** and blessed him and gave him a bag full of gold coins. The third brother and his wife were happy.

Justice: **It is good to live by helping others.**