

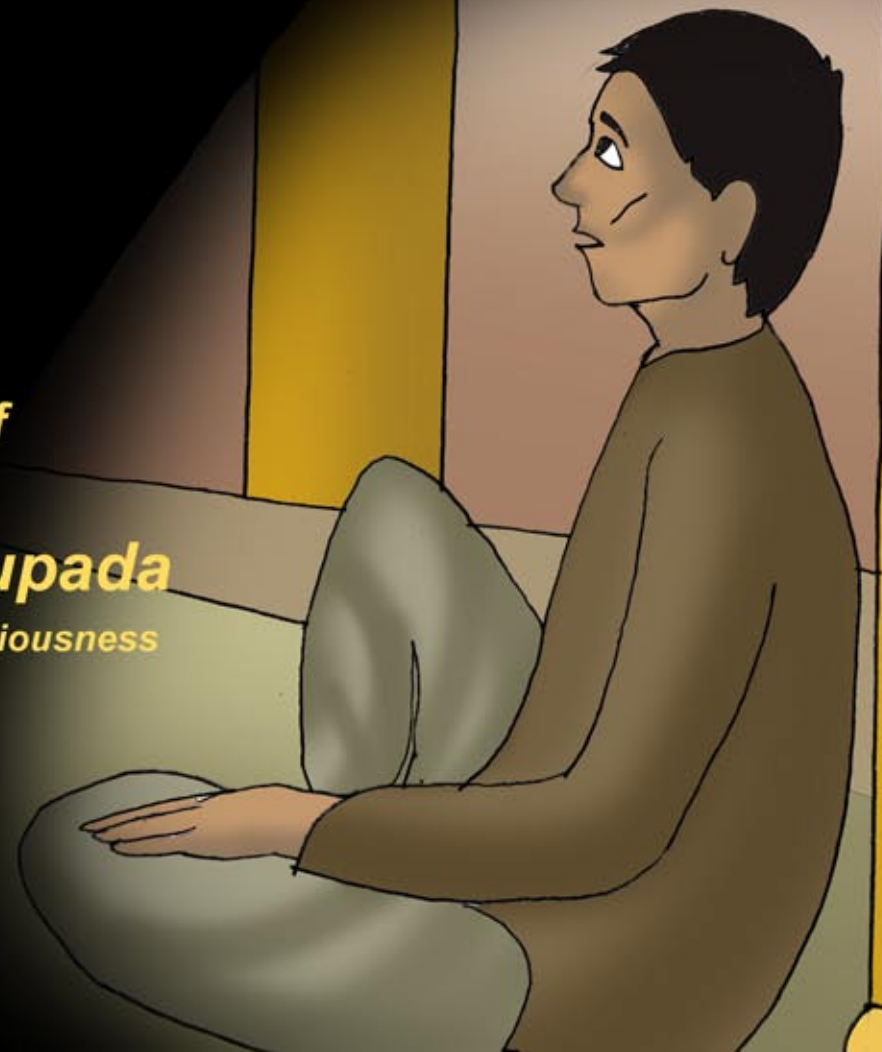
Humble Beggar

*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

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There is a story of a beggar who came to the palace of a king. The king heard the knock on the door and sent his servant to open the door.

***I want some food
or something.***





**It's just
some
beggar**

**All right, let's have
a laugh. Call him
up here.**

The beggar came up to meet the king.

**All right, beggar,
what do you
want ?**

**Some prasad,
a little food or
something ?**

The king said to his servant to pretend to bring him some food. So the servant brought out an invisible plate and put it down.



So just to humour the king, because he didn't want to offend him, he made like he was eating.

Nice rasgulla, samosa, kachori. Fill yourself up, be happy.

Is it good ?

Yes it's good. I like the samosas.



**What else
would you
like ?**


A nice wife

**All right, bring on
the dancing girls !**

**So the servant ushered them in,
the invisible dancing girls.**

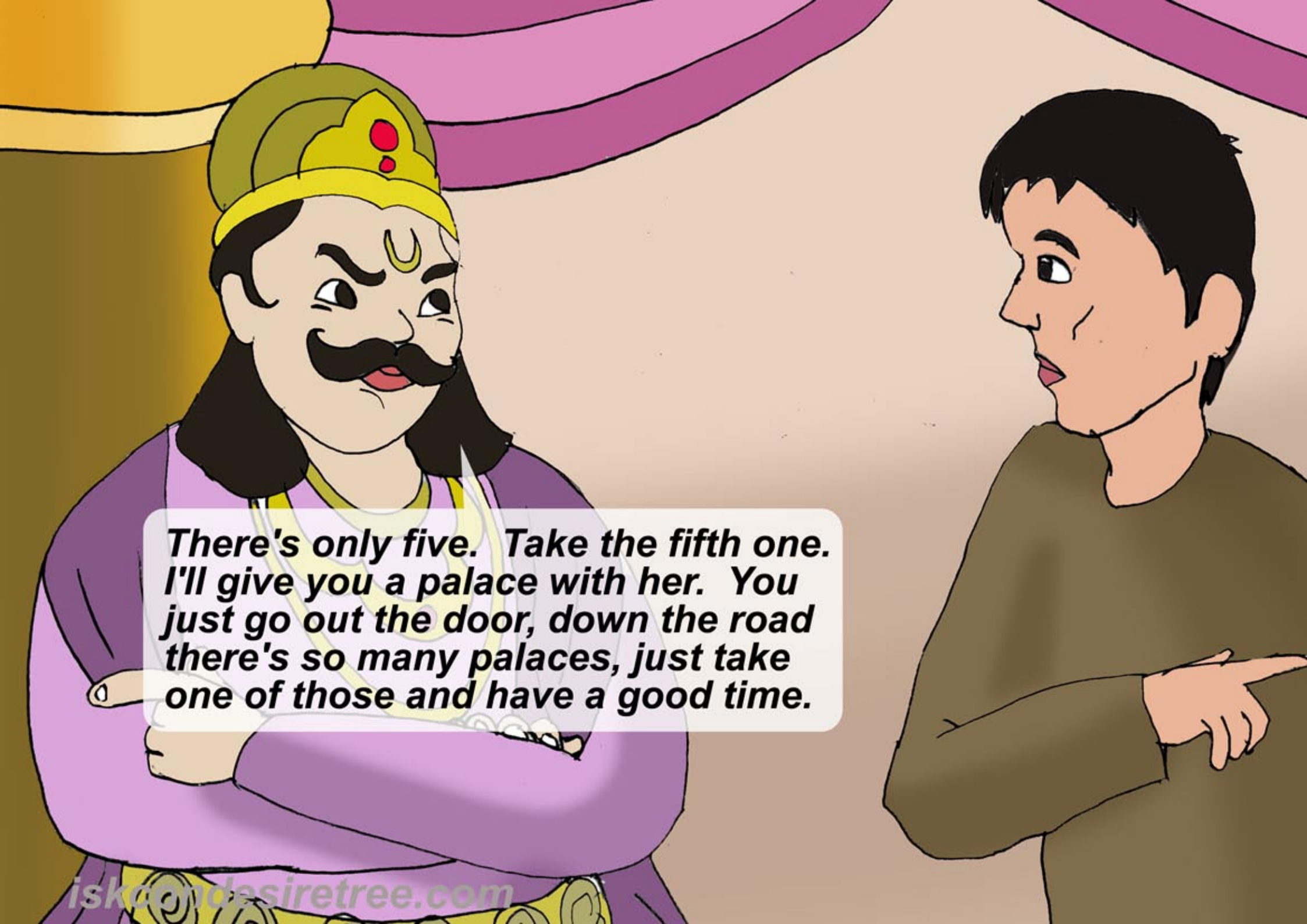
**Aren't they
dancing nicely ?**

Yes, they are.




**Which one do
you want as
your wife ?**

The sixth one



There's only five. Take the fifth one. I'll give you a palace with her. You just go out the door, down the road there's so many palaces, just take one of those and have a good time.

And the King gave him a good slap on the back. So the man was very humble and submissive.



Yes your honour, yes sir, my lord, thank you very much

He went out to the gate, and suddenly the heart of the king was touched by his submissive nature. Although the king was playing a joke on him the man was cooperating and wasn't becoming offensive, so the king had a change of heart.



**The King is
calling you.**



I'm very pleased with your attitude. You've gone along with the joke. So, bring out the real prasad.



They brought out much prasad.





Now take yourself a real queen, and have a real palace.

MORAL:

So in this way, just by his humble nature, and just humoring and cooperating the king, he was blessed with so much opulence.

-Srila Prabhupada