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THE SYAMANTHAKA

Once, long ago, there was a king. His name was Sri Krishna. He was a great king. He ruled over a big country. His capital was Dwaraka. It was a beautiful city.

Sri Krishna loved all good people. But he did not like bad people. All good men and women loved him. But all bad men and women feared him.

Every Hindu knows Sri Krishna's name. Sri Krishna is a Hindu God. He was one of the avatars of Lord Vishnu.

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capital — തലസ്ഥാനം
ruled over — ഭരിച്ചു
every Hindu — ഓരോ ഹിന്ദുവും
feared — ഭയപ്പെട്ടു
avatar — അവതാരം

QUESTIONS

1. Who was Sri Krishna?
2. Where was his capital?
3. Did all men and women love Sri Krishna?
4. What do Hindus think of Sri Krishna?

II

Dwaraka was a big city. Many rich men lived there. The richest of them was Sathrajit. He was a great devotee of the sun. He worshipped the sun every day.

Then one day he went to the forest. There he built a hut. It was on the bank of a river. He lived in the hut.

He worshipped the sun every morning and every evening. He was always thinking of the sun.

"O Sun, bless me," he prayed. He lived all alone in that big forest.

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Sathrajit — സത്രാജിത്ത്
worshipped — പൂജിച്ചു
forest — വനം
built — നിർമ്മിച്ചു (build, built)
devotee — ഭക്തൻ
prayed — പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു

QUESTIONS

1. Who was Sathrajit ?
2. Whom did he worship ?
3. Where did he go one day?
4. What did he do there ?

III

The Sun was pleased with Sathrajit. "He worships me every day," said he, "he is my devotee. So I must bless him. I shall give him a wonderful Jewel."

One day Satrajit sat praying to the sun. Then something fell on to his knee. It was very bright. It was round. Sathrajit took it in his hand.

"What is this?" said he. "How bright it is!"

He looked at it carefully. It was a bright jewel.

"The sun has sent this to me," said he. He called it the

Syamanthaka. Then he placed it in a box. He put fresh flowers over it.

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into his lap — മടിയിൽ
carefully — സൂക്ഷിച്ച്
jewel — രത്നം
Syamanthaka - സ്യമന്തകം
fresh — പുതിയ

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QUESTIONS

1. Was the sun pleased with Sathrajit ?
2. What did he give to Sathrajit ?
3. What did Sathrajit call it ?
4. What did he do with it ?

IV

Next morning Sathrajit opened the box. It was full of gold ! "Ah, gold, gold," cried he. "I am a very rich man now."

Every day the box was full of gold. Sathrajit now worshipped the jewel. He was very much pleased.

"I shall go home now," said he. "I shall keep the jewel in my strong box. I will worship it every day with flowers."

Sathrajit had a gold chain round his neck. He fixed the Syamanthaka on it. Then he set off for Dwaraka.

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gold — സ്വർണ്ണം
gold chain — സ്വർണ്ണമാല
fix — പതിക്കുക
set off — യാത്രതിരിച്ചു

QUESTIONS

1. What did Sathrajit see next morning?
2. What did he do then?

V

Sathrajit came to Dwaraka. His house was in that city. It was close to the palace of Sri Krishna.

At that time Sri Krishna was in the palace. Many people stood outside the palace. They saw a light. It was a very bright light.

"What is that bright light?" asked they. They had never seen such light before. "It is the sun, the sun!" cried they. " The sun is coming to Dwaraka. He is coming to see our great king!"

They ran into the palace. "O king," said they, "the sun is coming to see you."

"The sun?" said Sri Krishna. He came out to see. He saw the bright light. "It is not the sun," said he. "The light shines from a jewel. Sathrajit is coming with a wonderful jewel.

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close to — അടുത്ത്
wonderful — ആശ്ചര്യമായ

QUESTIONS

1. Where was Sathrajit's house ?
2. What did the people say when they saw the bright light ?
3. What did they do then ?
4. What did Sri Krishna tell them ?

VI

Then Sathrajit passed by. People saw the jewel. It shone on the gold chain. The gold chain was round Sathrajit's neck. "Wonderful! Wonderful!" cried the people.

Sathrajit was very proud. He did not stop on the way. He did not talk to anyone. He went at once to his wife. She too saw the jewel.

"This is the Syamanthaka," said he to his wife. He told her all about it. "Take good care of it, dear," said he, "for it is the sun's present. We can get everything from it."

They kept the Syamanthaka in a strong box. They worshippd it every day. They lived in great happiness.

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passed by — കടന്നുപോയി
proud — അഹംഭാവമുള്ള
take good care — നല്ലപോലെ സൂക്ഷിക്കുക

QUESTIONS

1. What did Sathrajit tell hjs wife ?
2. Where did they keep the Syamanthaka?
3- Were they happy ?

VII

Sathrajit became a very rich man. Every day he got a boxful of gold. He became richer than

the king. But he did not give even one piece of gold to others.

He did not use it for the good of others. Then one day Sri Krishna came to him. "Satrajit," said he, "I hear you have a wonderful jewel."

"Yes," said Sathrajit, "It is the Syamanthaka jewel. My friend, the sun gave it to me. It is like the Kamadhenu. It gives me gold every day. I do not know what to do with this gold."

"Then don't keep the jewel. Someone may rob you of it," said Sri Krishna. "Give it to me. I shall keep it safely. I shall use it

for the good of all people. You may ask for it at any time. I will give it to you."

"No," said Sathrajit. "I will not give it to anyone. Please don't ask for it."

"I am sorry," said Sri Krishna. Then he went away.

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use – ഉപയോഗിക്കുക.
Kamadhenu – കാമധേനു
safely – സുരക്ഷിതമായി
will rob – അപഹരിക്കുക
for the god of – നന്മക്കുവേണ്ടി

QUESTIONS

1. Did Sathrajit help others ?
2. Who asked him for the Jewel ?
3. Why did he ask for it.?
4. Did sathrajit give hime the jewel.

VIII

Sathrajit had a brother. His name was Prasena. Prasena was his younger brother.

"Dear brother, please give me the Syamanthaka for to-day," said Prasena to his brother one day. "I very much want to wear it."

"You may wear it. But don't take it outside," said his brother.

"I am going to the forest to hunt," said Prasena. "I want to wear the Syamanthaka and go hunting."

"No," said his brother, "you must not go out with it."

" Please let me wear it for to-day," said the younger brother. "I shall take great care of it."

"Some people are longing to get hold of the Syamanthaka. They may kill you and take the jewel."

"Don't fear that," said Prasena. "Please give it to me. Am I not your brother?"

He asked for it again and again. So Sathrajit gave him the chain. "Be very careful of it," said he.

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want— ആഗ്രഹിക്കുക
wear— ധരിക്കുക, അണിയുക (wear, wore)
hunt—വേട്ടയാടുക
Don't fear– ഭയപ്പെടേണ്ട
again and again– വീണ്ടും വീണ്ടും

QUESTIONS

1. How many brothers had Sathrajit ?
2. What did Prasena ask his brother for ?
3. Did Sathrajit give him the Syamathaka ?
4. What did he tell his brother ?

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Prasena was very glad. "Thank you very much," said he to his brother, "for lending the Syamanthaka." Then he put the chain round his neck. The jewel shone very brightly.

"You are handsome," said Sathrajit, "and the jewel makes you more handsome."

Prasena looked in a mirror. He saw his own image. He saw the chain round his neck. He was very much pleased.

Then he got up on his horse. It was a fine white horse. He rode away to the forest. A hundred men went with him.

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lend – കടം കൊടുക്കുക (lend, lent)
mirror – കണ്ണാടി
handsome – സൌന്ദര്യമുള്ള
image – ച്ഛായ, പ്രതിബിംബം
ride – സവാരിചെയ്യു (ride rode)
hundred – നൂറ്

QUESTIONS

1. What did Prasena see in the mirror ?
2. Where did he go ?
3. How many men went with him?

X

The hunters came to the forest. They rode on. They went deep into the forest. Prasena was not tired. But his men were tired.

Prasena had the chain round his neck. The jewel in it had magic powers. So Prasena did not feel tired.

"We cannot hunt any more," said the servants. They lay down under a tree. They fell fast asleep.

Prasena looked back. He could not see his servants. But he did not stop for them. "Let them

go home," said he to himself. "I will go on alone."

He went deeper and deeper into the forest. It was a big forest. But Prasena was not afraid. The Syamanthaka lit up the whole forest.

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tired – ക്ഷീണിച്ച
deep into the forest – കാട്ടിനു് വളരെയുള്ളിൽ
magic power – മാന്ത്രികശക്തി
lay – കിടന്നു
fell fast asleep – ഗാഢനിദ്രയെ പ്രാപിച്ചു
alone – തനിച്ചു്
lit up – പ്രകാശമാനമാക്കി

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the servants stop on the way?
2. Why was Prasena not tired?
3. Did he stop for his servants ?

XI

Prasena rode on proudly. Now there was a big lion in that part of the forest. It was at that time lying in its den. It saw light coming into the den. It had not seen such light before. So bright it was.

The lion got up and came out of the den. It looked round. It saw a horseman coming up. Then the lion hid itself among the bushes.

Prasena came along. He did not see the lion. He came closer and closer to the bushes. Now he was very near them. Just then the lion sprang upon him.

"Lion!" cried Prasena. "Help! Help!" But there was no one to help him. The lion killed him with one blow. With another blow it killed the horse. Then it tore the jewel from the chain which was round Prasena's neck. It held the jewel between its teeth and ran off.

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proudly – ഉദ്ധതനായിട്ട്
lion– സിംഹം
den– ഗുഹ
held – പിടിച്ചു
sprang — കുതിച്ചു ചാടി
blow – അടി
tore – പൊട്ടിച്ചു
hid – ഒളിച്ചു
bushes – പൊടികയ്യ

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the lion come out of its den ?
2. What did it see ?
3. Then what did it do ?
4. Did Prasena see the lion ?
5. Did the lion kill him ?
6. Did the lion take the jewel ?

XII

Three days passed. Prasena's servants came back to Dwaraka.

"Prasena left us in the forest," said they. "He rode away without us."

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Sathrajit was very angry. "Why did you leave him alone?" he said. "You have done wrong."

Then Sathrajit called his other servants. "Go and search for Prasena," said he to them, "and bring him safe home."

So the men went into the forest. They searched for Prasena. But they did not go deep into the

forest. They were afraid to go there. "Lions or tigers may kill us," said they. So they too came back without Prasena.

"Have you searched for Prasena?" said Sathrajit.

"Yes," said they, "we have searched everywhere in the forest. But we could not find him."

"O my brother!" cried Sathrajit, "O my Syamanthaka! Once Krishna asked me for the jewel. I did not give it to him," said he. "Perhaps Krishna killed my brother. Perhaps he has taken the jewel. Yes, I am sure he has."

He said this to his wife. She told it to her friend. Soon many

people began to talk about it. "Lord Krishna killed Prasena," said they, "and took from him the Syamanthaka."

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without us – ഞങ്ങളെ കൂടാതെ
find – കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുക (find, found)
everywhere – എല്ലായിടത്തും

QUESTIONS

1. What did Prasena's servants tell Sathrajit?
2. Then what did he do?
3. What did Sathrajit think?
4. What did the people say?

XIII

Sri Krishna heard what people said about him. "I must find out the truth," said he to himself. "I shall find out who has taken the jewel."

So Sri Krishna went to the forest. His servants went with him. They went deep into the forst. They were not afraid. They were all brave men.

Then Sri Krishna saw the dead body of a horse. "This is surely Prasena's horse," said Sri Krishna. "Its master is surely close by."

Not far from there they saw the dead body of a man. They

went close to it. They looked at it carefully. It was the dead body of Prasena.

"A lion has killed him," said they. They saw the foot-marks of a lion. "But where is the jewel?" asked Sri Krishna.

They looked for it. But it was not there.

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heard—കേട്ട
truth—സത്യം
master—യജമാനൻ
dead body-മൃതശരീരം
surely—തീർച്ചയായും
foot marks—കാൽപ്പാടുകൾ

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1. What did Krishna do?
2. What did he see in the forest?
3. Could he get the jewel?

XIV

"Let us follow the foot-marks of the lion," said Sri Krishna. So they followed its foot-marks. They could see them well on the ground.

Suddenly they stopped. They saw the dead body of a lion. "Who killed the lion?" they asked themselves.

Then they saw more foot-marks. They were the foot-marks of a big monkey. Sri Krishna and his men followed the foot-marks. At last they came to the mouth of a big cave.

"I will go in," said Sri Krishna. "You stay here." Sri Krishna went into the cave.

It was a deep cave. Inside, there was a house of stone. Sri Krishna went in. He saw several pictures of himself there. Garlands of fresh flowers hung round them.

Then he saw a young girl. She was very beautiful. She was playing with a bright thing. It was the Syamanthaka jewel."

QUESTIONS

suddenly – പെട്ടന്നു് rock – പാറ
monkey – വാനരൻ mouth – ഗുഹാദ്വാരം
garland – പുഷ്പമാല്യങ്ങൾ

QUESTIONS

1. What did they see when they followed the foot-marks of the lion ?
2. What other foot-marks did they see then ?
3. Where did they end ?
4. Then what did Sri Krishna do ?

XV

The girl saw Sri Krishna. She was afraid. She cried, "Father, father."

Then a monkey came from inside the house. He was very big and strong.

He was a great devotee of Sri Krishna. He worshipped Sri Krishna every day. Every day he shut his eyes and thought of Sri Krishna. He was Jambavan.

"Why do you call me?" asked Jambavan. But he did not open his eyes. So he did not see Sri Krishna.

"There is a man in the house," said she.

"Who are you ? What do you want ?" asked Jambavan.

"I want the Jewel," said Sri Krishna. "You have stolen it. You are a thief."

"I got it after killing a lion," said Jambavan. "Don't call me a thief."

"Yes, you are a thief," said Sri Krishna. Give me the jewel or I will kill you."

Still Jambavan did not open his eyes.

They began to fight with each other. They fought for many days.

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Devotee – ഭക്തൻ
Jambavan – ജാംബവാൻ
have stolen – മോഷ്ടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്
fought – യുദ്ധംചെയ്തു

QUESTIONS

1. What did the girl do when she saw Sri Krishna?
2. Who came from inside the house?
3. What did Sri Krishna tell him?
4. What did they do then?

XVI

Jambavan and Sri Krishna fought for many days. At last Jambavan felt tired.

"Who is this man?" said Jambavan to himself. "He is very strong." Then Jambavan opened his eyes. He saw Lord Krishna.

Lord Krishna was smiling at him. It filled him with happiness.

"O Krishna," said he. He fell at Sri Krishna's feet. Sri Krishna blessed Jambavan. Then Jambavan gave the Syamanthaka Jewel to Sri Krishna.

"Please take my daughter too with you. Make her your wife," said he. "Thank you," said Sri Krishna. "May God bless you."

Then Sri Krishna came out of the cave with his new wife. Her name was Jambavathi. But he could not see his men at the mouth of the cave.

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felt tired— ക്ഷീണിച്ചു
smiling — പുഞ്ചിരിക്കുന്ന
blessed — അനുഗ്രഹിച്ചു

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What had happened to Sri Krishna's men?

They had waited for Sri Krishna for some days. But he did not come out of the cave.

"He is dead," said they. So they went back to Dwaraka.

"Where is the king?" asked the people of Dwaraka.

"He is dead," said the men. "He went into a cave, but did not come back."

"Then our king is dead," said the people. They were very sad.

Sathrajit heard it. He too was sad.

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happened – സംഭവിച്ചു waited — കാത്തുനിന്നു

QUESTIONS

1. What did Sri Krishna's servants tell the people?
2. Was Sathrajit glad when he heard it?

XVIII

At last Sri Krishna came back to Dwaraka. The people of Dwarka saw him. They were very glad.

"Sri Krishna is not dead. He has come back," cried they.

Sri Krishna went to the house of Sathrajit. He gave him the Syamanthaka Jewel. "Take it," said he. "It is yours."

"How did you get it?" asked Sathrajit.

"A lion killed your brother and took away the Jewel. Jambavan

killed the the lion and got the Jewel. He gave the Jewel to his daughter. I got it back from Jambavan. This is Jambavan's daughter."

"Forgive me," said Sathrajit. "I spoke evil of you." "I forgive you," said Sri Krishna.

"Please keep the Jewel," said Sathrajit, "and take my daughter too. Let her too be your wife."

So Sri Krishna got the Jewel. He married Sathrajit's daughter. Her name was Sathyabhama.

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forgive — ക്ഷമിക്കുക (forgive, forgave)
evil – അപരാധം Sathyabhama – സത്യഭാമ

QUESTIONS

1. Did Sri Krishna give the Jewel to Sathrajit?
2. Did Sathrajit take it ?
3. Who was Sathyabhama ?

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