

Chapter 12: Foolish Magician

Fill in the blanks

1. The four brothers were orphaned when their greedy relatives tricked them out of their _____.
2. To escape poverty, the brothers decided to learn _____ skills that could earn them money.
3. Each brother went in a _____ to master their skills.
4. The first brother could cover bare animal bones with _____ using his magic.
5. The second brother learned how to add _____ and _____ to the fleshed bones.
6. The third brother's skill was creating proper _____ for the animal.
7. The fourth brother's dangerous ability was to _____ the creature to life.
8. When they tested their powers, they unknowingly created a _____.
9. The animal immediately _____ the brothers, killing them all.
10. King Vikramaditya judged that the _____ brother was responsible for their deaths.

Multiple choice Questions

1. Why did the brothers decide to learn magic skills?
 - a) To impress their uncles and regain their stolen property through displays of power.
 - b) To escape poverty by mastering abilities that could generate steady income.
 - c) To seek revenge on their relatives by turning them into animals.

- d) To fulfill their late father's wish for them to become famous sorcerers.
2. What is ironic about their plan to "earn a steady income" through magic?
- a) Their skills could have brought wealth, but misused, they caused destruction.
 - b) They underestimated the time needed to master magic, leaving them poorer.
 - c) Their uncles secretly knew magic and sabotaged their efforts.
 - d) Only one brother's skill (giving life) had market value.
3. How did their teamwork contribute to the tragedy?
- a) They argued over who deserved credit, distracting them from danger.
 - b) Only one brother knew they were creating a lion but hid the truth.
 - c) Each relied on others' skills without questioning the final outcome.
 - d) They forgot to combine their spells, making the lion incomplete.
4. What was the fourth brother's fatal mistake?
- a) He didn't verify the animal's species before breathing life into it.
 - b) He ignored the lion's roar, assuming it would obey him.
 - c) He used an incorrect spell, making the lion aggressive.
 - d) He rushed to demonstrate his skill without considering consequences.
5. What does the lion symbolize in the story?

- a) The dangers of knowledge without judgment.
 - b) The brothers' hidden rage against their uncles.
 - c) Nature's superiority over human magic.
 - d) A test set by Vetala to trick Vikramaditya.
6. How could the brothers have safely used their skills?
- a) By reviving their parents to seek guidance.
 - b) By testing their magic on plants first.
 - c) By offering healing services to villagers.
 - d) By creating docile farm animals to sell for profit.
7. Why did the king blame only the fourth brother?
- a) The others acted ignorantly, while he knew the risk but proceeded.
 - b) The fourth brother was the eldest and should have been responsible.
 - c) His spell was the most complex, requiring extra caution.
 - d) The lion attacked him first, proving his guilt.
8. What lesson does the story emphasize MOST?
- a) Greed leads to downfall.
 - b) Talent requires responsibility.
 - c) Family bonds overcome adversity.
 - d) Magic is inherently dangerous.
9. How do the brothers differ from King Vikramaditya?
- a) The king seeks power, while they seek survival.
 - b) They rely on magic; the king rejects it.
 - c) They work together; the king rules alone.

d) The king uses knowledge cautiously; they act impulsively.

10. Which modern situation mirrors the brothers' error?

a) A scientist inventing AI without safety protocols.

b) A team winning a competition through cheating.

c) A student relying on luck instead of studying.

d) A company exploiting workers for profit.

