

Story 19

The Power of Education

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one dared to say that the king was wrong. However, the man who learned religion took over the speech. He changed everything that the king said. He made the king look like a fool. The king ordered his soldiers to put the man in prison. They took the man from the mosque, and took him to jail. They put him in a dungeon.

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chose the man who learned politics to be their King. He let his cousin out of jail. He had very tangled and matted hair after being in jail for two years.

Lesson: Any education you gain will help you one day.

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SHEEKADA SAGAAL IYO TOBNAAD
FAA'IIDADA WAXBARASHADA

Beri baa laba nin oo ilma adeer ahi socdaaleen. Iyaga oo doonayey in ay cilmiga diinta bartaan. Waxay socdaanba waxay ku soo baxeen degmo boqor jaahil ahi xukumo. Degmadii ayey u hoydeen habeenimadii, subaxnimadii danbena way ambabaxeen. Waxay socdaanba meeshii cilmiga lagu baran jiray ayey gaadheen. Markaasay tacliintii galeen. Cilmigii diinta markii ay dhameeyen ayaa labadii wiil mid yidhi, "Waar cilmigii dhamaynaye aynu degmadii ku noqono." Markaas ayuu kii kale yidhi. "Waar anigu ilaa aan cilmiga siyaasadda barto tegi maayo." Markaas ayuu iskaga tegay oo degmadoodi ku noqday.

Ninkii sii socodkii ayuu sii maray beeshii boqorka jaahilka ahi xukumi jiray. Salaadii jimcaha oo boqorkii tujinayo ayuu la tukaday. Markii salaadii laga baxay ayuu boqorkii khudbad jeediyey. Ileen waa jaahile wuxuu doono ayuu ku hadley. Ninkii cilmiga diinta soo bartay ayaa is hayn kari waayey oo intuu kacay khudbadeeyey. Wax alaale

wixii uu boqorku ku hadlay ayuu baabah ka dhigay. Boqorkii askar ayuu ku dalbaday. Ninkii inta masaajidkii laga qabtay ayaa lagu riday god madow.

Laba sanadood ka dib ayaa inaadeerkii oo cilmiga siyaasada soo bartay beeshii boqorka, jaahilka ah soo dhex maray, isaga oo aan ogeyn in inaadeerkii la xidhay. Sidii ninkii ka horeeyey ayaa salaaddii jimcaha la tukadey. Markii salaaddii laga baxay ayuu boqorkii sidii oo kale khudbadeeyey. Markuu dhameeyey ayuu ninkii cilmiga siyaasada soo bartay gacanta taagay. Boqorkiina wuu u ogalaaday in uu hadlo. Ninkii wuxuu yidhi. "Maxaa boqorkiina xikmad loo dhiibay." Markaas ayuu boqorkii amaaney oo qurxiyey. Wuxuu amaanaba wuxuu yidhi, "Aduunyada waxa ugu nasiib badan ninka boqorkaa afar jimce la tukada, waxaase ka sii nasiib badan ninka tin madaxiisa ka goosta dadkii intay jiboodeen ayey boqorkii dhakada kaga boodeen oo timihii ka rifeen. Ileen waa masaajid dhane markii dusha looga baxay ayaa boqorkii naftii ka booday. Beeshii ayaa ninkii cilmiga siyaasadda soo

bartey boqratay. Markaas ayuu inadeerkii oo raamaystay
godkii ka soo saarey.



Dulucda sheekada:

Cilmi kastoo la bartaa maalin ayuu ku anfaca.

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A Play

Time: A long time ago

Place: Two towns in Somalia

Characters:

Narrator	Cousin 1
King	Cousin 2
Crowd	

Narrator: Once two cousins were traveling together on their way to a special Islamic school where they would study religion. They stopped to rest on the way at a town ruled by an uneducated king. When they went to pray at the mosque, the king talked on and on about things he didn't know much about. No one dared to say anything because he was the

king, and he would punish anyone who questioned him.

Cousin 1: That king talked on and on about religion. No one believed him, but they didn't laugh at him or tell him that he was wrong.

Cousin 2: I'm sure he'd punish anyone who would try to question him. Let's finish our trip now. We need to learn more about our religion.

Cousin 1: Let's try to forget about this uneducated king making a fool of himself.

Narrator: Both cousins studied the Islamic religion. Finally, they graduated. The first cousin decided to return home, but the second cousin said he'd stay awhile to learn about politics. The first cousin started home, but he stopped in the uneducated king's town to rest. Since it was Friday, he went to the mosque to pray. The king gave a speech. Again, he said anything he wanted. No one dared to say he

was wrong. Finally, the first cousin spoke up to the king.

Cousin 1: This is ridiculous! Everything you say is wrong. You have not studied your religion. You just say the first thing that comes into your head. What will your people learn from you?

Crowd: Sh! Sh! Oh, sh!

King: What! Someone dares to question me? Why, I'm the king.

Soldiers ! Put this man in prison. He will spend the rest of his life in the deepest darkest dungeon! How dare this man!

Narrator: The soldiers came to take him away. He stayed in prison for two years. Then his cousin, who had stayed at the Islamic school to study politics, stopped on his way home to rest in the town. He had heard about his cousin in prison. He went to the mosque to pray. The uneducated king was giving the same old speech. When the king had finished,

the second cousin raised his hand to speak.

The King allowed him to speak.

Cousin 2: Your king is so intelligent. He is a wonderful speaker.

Crowd: Yes, Yes!

Cousin 2: Everything the king says and does is so wonderful. You are so lucky to have him at the mosque. You would be even luckier if you could pray with the king for four Fridays in a row. But the luckiest person of all would be the one who had a hair from the head of our great king.

Crowd: Yes!

Narrator: Everyone started running to get a hair from the king's head. The mosque was full of people, and all these people tried to get some of the king's hair. They climbed all over the king, trying to get some of his hair. The foolish and uneducated king died. The people of the town then chose the man who learned

politics to be their king. He let his cousin out of jail. They both lived happily in their new town.

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New Vocabulary

cousins	politics
dared	prison
destination	religion
dungeon	ruled
education	sleep/slept
intelligent	soldiers
Islam	speech
mosque	tangled
Muslim	uneducated
political	

Background Vocabulary

politics
religion

Suggested Background Information,
Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Discuss the meaning of politics and religion.
2. Discuss the power of a king.
3. How can politeness instead of rudeness help you get something?
Give examples: at home, at school, in church, in a mosque, in a temple, store, etc.
4. Discuss the meaning of dungeon, jail, and prison.
5. Talk about the differences between the life of a king, and the lives of most people in his kingdom.

After Reading

1. What is the main idea of this story?
2. What lesson can be learned from it?
3. Compare the two cousins.
4. Which cousin was the smartest? Why?
5. Which person did the people want as their ruler--the politician or the King?
Why?
6. Dramatize the play.
7. Do the cloz activity.
8. Do the sequencing activity.

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Cloz activity

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