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(However, in the court there were several scholars who could re-recite a poem completely just after having listened to it once.

Then there were others who could re-recite it after they had heard it twice, and yet others who could do it after the third reading.) □□□ □□□ □□□□□ □□□□ □□□□□□□,

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□ (So whenever any poet came and read his new poem, some scholars sad, this is not really new. see, we also know it. Then they recited the whole poem. then those who could remember things after they had heard it twice said the same thinf and recited the poem. Then those who remembered things after they had heard them thrice did the same thing. Hence no poet was able to claim the lakh rupees.) □□□□□□□□□ □ □□□

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are the (greatest) just and true-speaker in the whole world. 99  
Crores of precious stones belonging to me were taken by your  
father. Give them back to me, O king all the scholars in your court  
know that this is true. If they do not, then they do not know my  
poem either. Then give me the lakh!)

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(The poet read this poem in the court. None of the scholars were  
able to say that they knew this poetry. So the poet got one lakh  
rupees. Kalidasa was indeed clever!)

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was indeed kAlIdAsa. Carrying the pAlakhl on his shoulders,  
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lead to my defeat. then he ordered kAlIdAsa, i really do not want  
to go to this extremely cold place. we should go back home."





