

The King's Beard

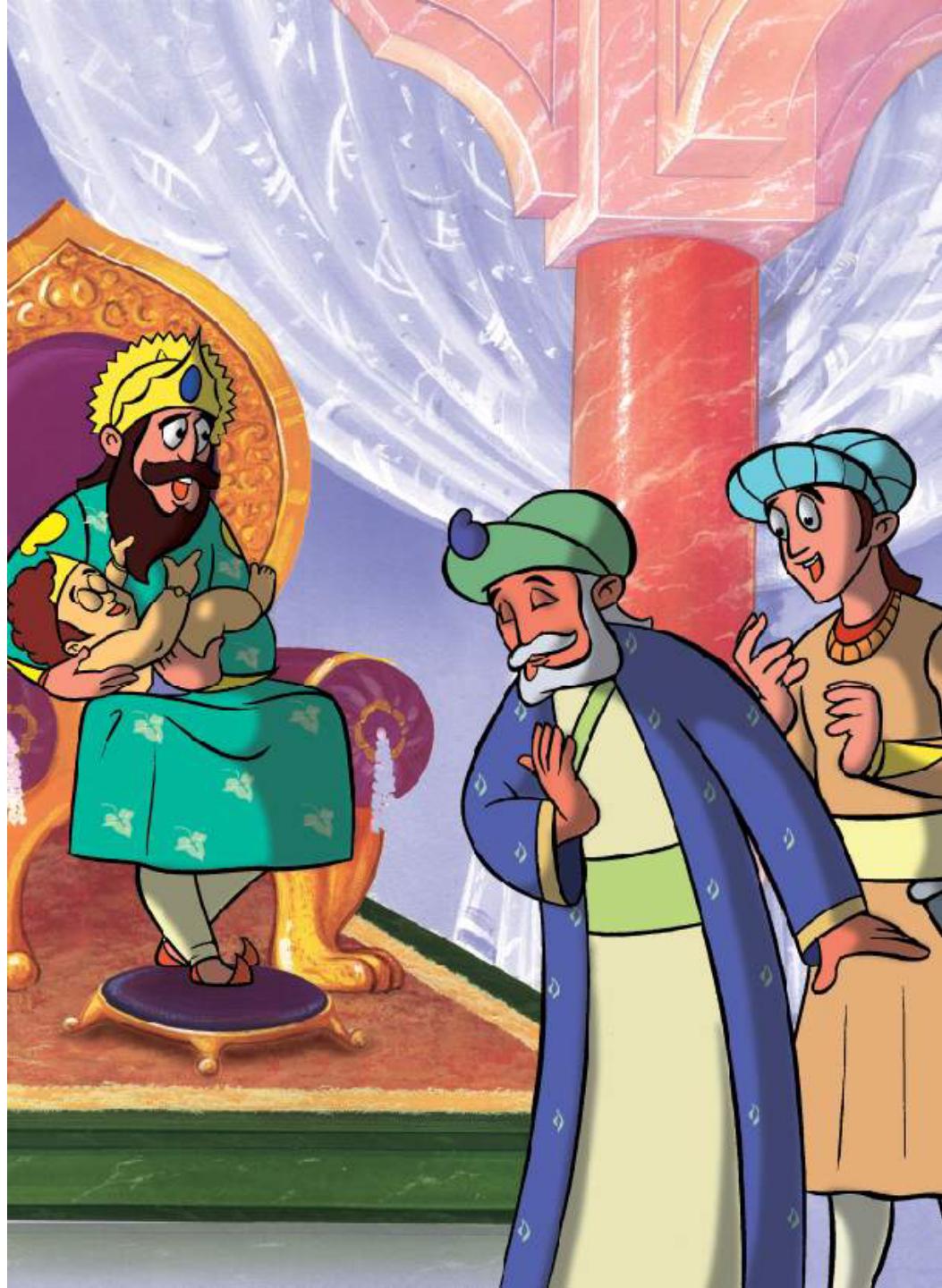
One day the king wanted to test his ministers. So he called them all and asked a simple question, "What should you do to the person who pulls a king's beard?"



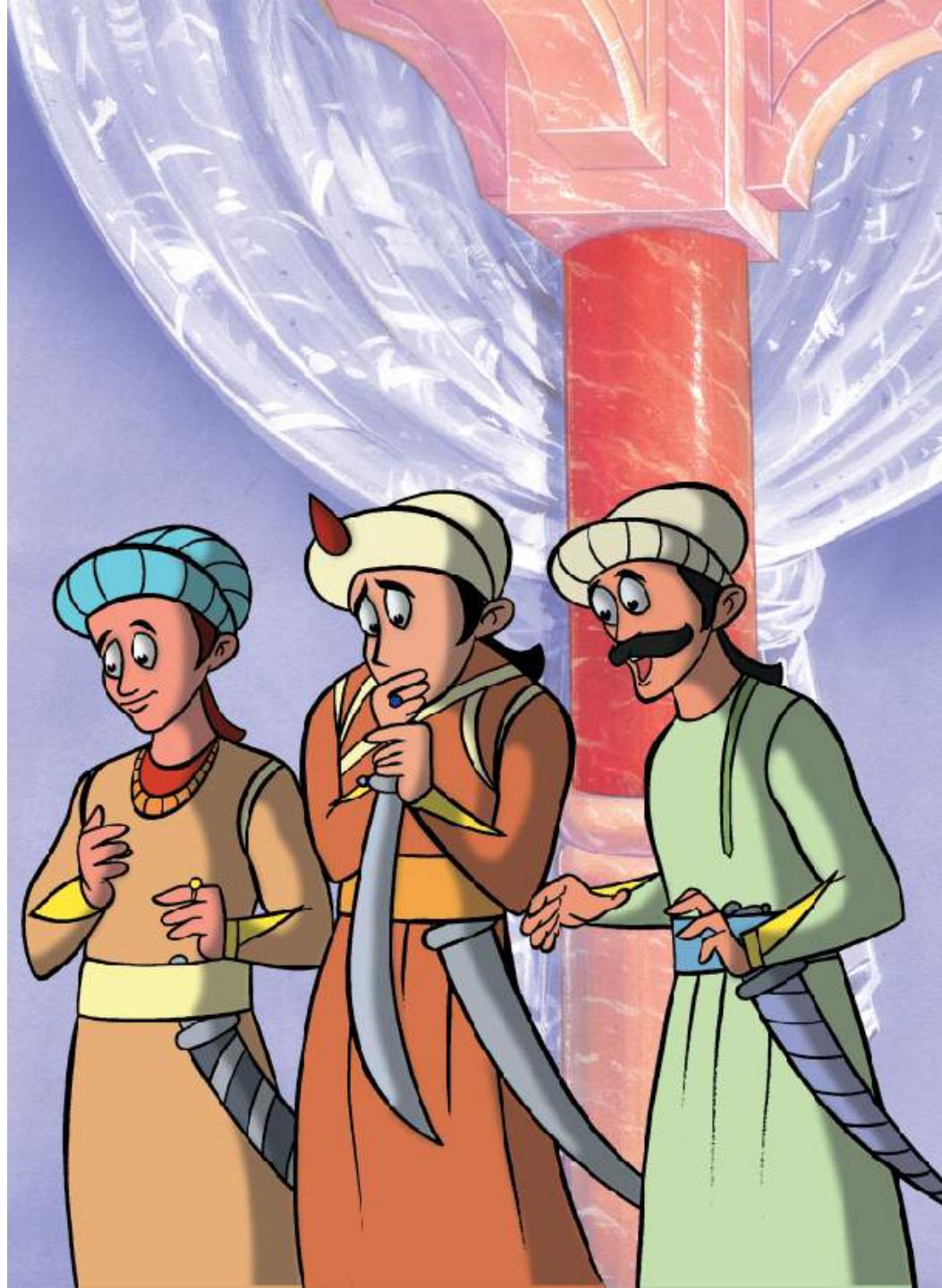
The young ministers pulled out their swords and shouted, "We will kill the person who dares to pull the king's beard."



There was one
old and wise
minister, who
softly said,
“We must
salute the
person who
pulls our
King’s beard.”



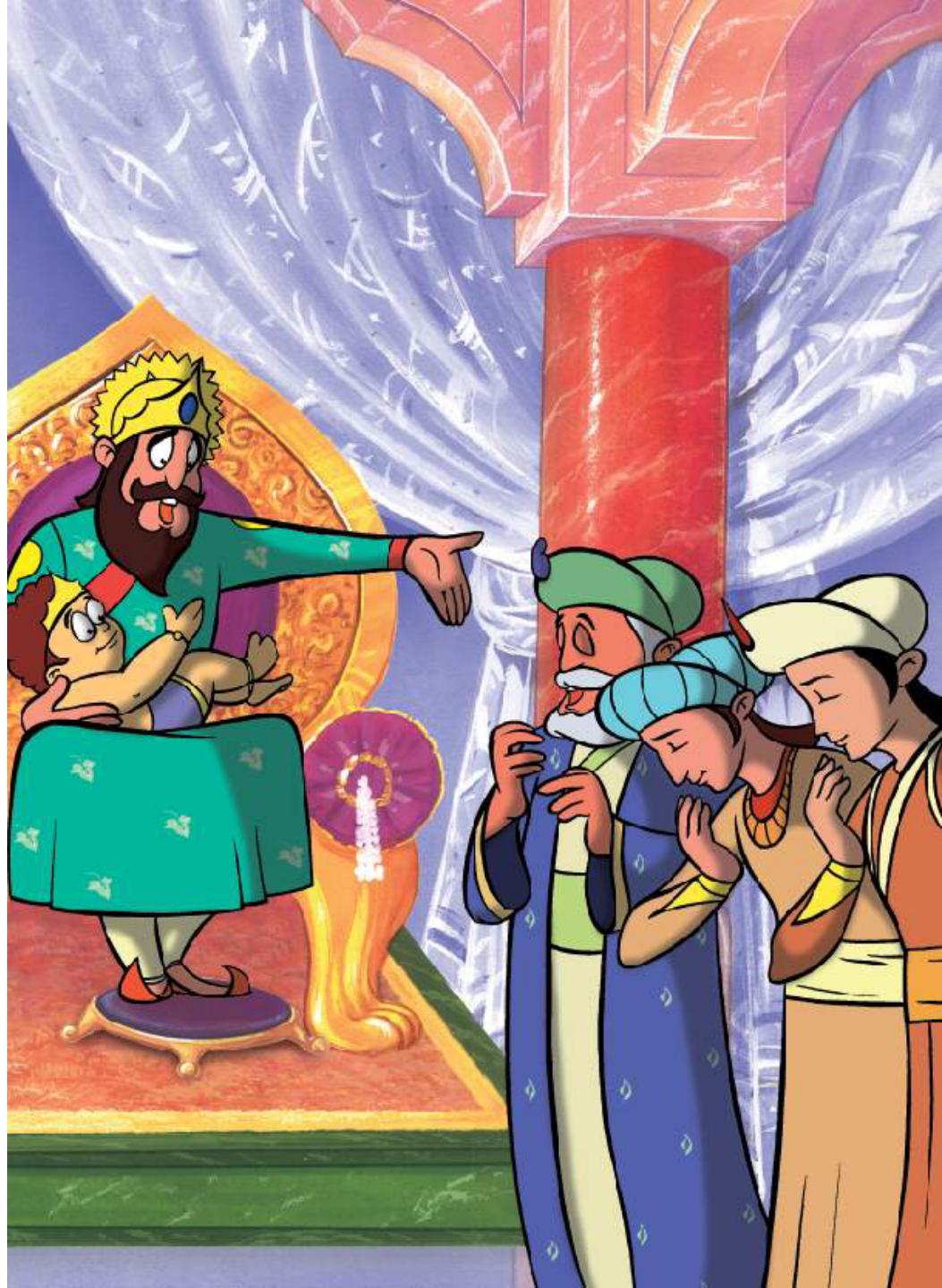
Everybody
was taken
aback.



Then the old minister pointed out to the young prince sitting on the king's lap. He was pulling his fathers beard.



The young ministers then understood that they spoke in a hurry without thinking. Seeing that the old man was so clever the king made him his Prime Minister.



Often we say things
that we do not mean
in a hurry, we must
think before we
speak.