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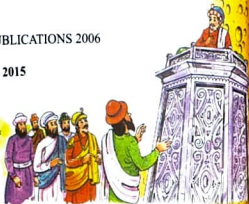


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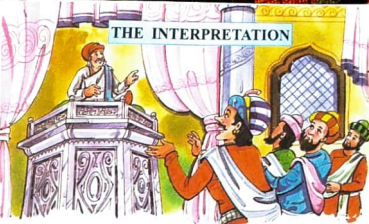
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## THE INTERPRETATION



Once Emperor Akbar was sitting in his court with a gloomy face. Many astrologers were also present there. When Birbal entered the court, he also found the emperor very sad.

Birbal asked the emperor, "What happened, Lord? Why do you seem so sad?"

"Birbal, yesterday I had a very bad dream. I saw that all my teeth had fallen off except one. I have called all these astrologers to interpret my dream," replied Akbar.

"And what do they say, Your Majesty?" asked Birbal.

"Ask them yourself," replied the emperor. Birbal turned to the astrologers and asked them what they thought about the dream.

"We consulted among ourselves and reached the

conclusion that this dream means that all the relatives of the emperor will die before him," replied the astrologers.

The emperor felt very upset and went to his royal chamber. Birbal followed him. He said to the emperor, "Your Majesty, I also have knowledge about astrology. According to me, the astrologers have misinterpreted your dream."

"Is that so?" asked Akbar with a little hope on his face. "Then what is the right interpretation of my dream?"

"Your Majesty, your dream means that you will live longer than your relatives," answered Birbal. Akbar's face lit up with a smile. Birbal had given the dream a new meaning by looking at it from a different point of view. Akbar rewarded Birbal with a bagful of gold coins.

