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Once upon a time a man stole the queen's necklace. After a lot of searching, thief was caught. The king in anger ordered that he be killed. The prime minister of the king was unhappy with this punishment. He thought that the king should have been kinder and more forgiving.





The day of punishment came. Along with the soldiers, the king and the minister came to watch. As the prisoner was being prepared to face his death, he began whispering bad things about the king. The king could not hear him and wanted to know what the prisoner was whispering.

The minister came forward and said a little lie to the king. "Oh king, he was saying that a truly great king should keep a control on his temper. He should try and improve the bad persons, through forgiveness and teaching." The king was very impressed with these words.



He forgave the prisoner and immediately ordered that he be sent to a teacher to learn the right ways of life.



Some of the soldiers told the king that the minister had lied to save the prisoner.

The king just smiled and said, "It was a lie to help me improve as a king. I must learn to control my temper, forgive people and show them the right path.

We must control our anger and learn to forgive those who have wronged us.