

CHAPTER-4 | In the Kingdom of Fools

QUIZ
PART-02

- Who was brought to court after the merchant was accused of murder?
A. The king's minister
B. The bricklayer who built the wall
C. The thief's brother
D. The disciple (B)

Explanation: The king ordered the bricklayer, who had built the wall, to be brought to court since the wall killed the thief.

- Whom did the bricklayer blame for his bad work on the wall?
A. The merchant
B. The king
C. The dancing girl
D. The goldsmith (C)

Explanation: The bricklayer blamed the dancing girl, saying her jingling anklets distracted him from his work.

- Why was the dancing girl walking up and down the street repeatedly?
A. She was meeting her friends
B. She was practicing dance
C. The goldsmith delayed her jewellery, so she kept returning
D. She was selling anklets (C)

Explanation: The girl explained she was forced to walk many times to the goldsmith's shop because he delayed her jewellery.

- Who was identified as the real culprit after the dancer's explanation?
A. The bricklayer
B. The goldsmith
C. The king
D. The merchant's father (B)

Explanation: The king declared the goldsmith guilty because he delayed the dancer, which led to the distraction of the bricklayer.

- Whom did the goldsmith finally blame for the chain of events?
A. The king
B. The dancer again
C. A rich merchant
D. The bricklayer (C)

Explanation: The goldsmith claimed that he was busy with the rich merchant's order, which caused the dancer to keep coming back.

- Who was the rich merchant revealed to be?
A. A new customer
B. The owner of the house where the wall had collapsed
C. The minister's brother
D. The dancer's father (B)

Explanation: The goldsmith named the rich merchant, who turned out to be the original owner of the collapsed house.

- Why did the king declare the merchant guilty in the end?
A. Because his father had ordered the jewellery, and he inherited both wealth and sins
B. Because he had delayed the dancer
C. Because he built the weak wall
D. Because he was too thin to escape punishment (A)

Explanation: The king declared the merchant guilty since he had inherited both riches and sins from his father.

- What punishment did the king announce for the merchant?
A. A fine of one thousand duddus
B. Exile from the kingdom
C. Death by impaling on a stake
D. Imprisonment for life (C)

Explanation: The king ordered that the merchant be executed by impaling him on a stake.

- Why did the minister object to the merchant's execution?
A. The merchant was too thin to fit the stake
B. The merchant was innocent
C. The king had no right to punish him
D. The merchant bribed the minister (A)

Explanation: The minister noted that the merchant was too thin to be properly executed on the stake.

- What foolish solution did the king suggest when the merchant was too thin for the stake?
A. To delay the execution
B. To make the merchant fatter first
C. To find a fat man to fit the stake instead
D. To release the merchant (C)

Explanation: In his foolishness, the king suggested finding a fat man who could fit the stake for the execution.