

The Adventures of Charan and Sehaj!

“Come on Sehaj! Let us go and play!” Charan called out to his little sister.

“Coming!” Sehaj called. The two children then went out into their backyard, running around and screaming with delight.

“Charan! I have an idea! Let us play tag!” Sehaj called out enthusiastically.

“Good idea! I’ll be it!” Charan replied. The two happily played with each other.

“Betcha can’t catch me!” Sehaj called!

Suddenly, Sehaj tripped over a shiny stone.

“Ow!” Sehaj cried.

“Are you okay?” Charan asked. “What did you trip over?”

The children dug under the ground until they uncovered the mysterious object. The object turned out to be a silver khanda, encrusted with a ruby at the midline. The children carefully examined the khanda, and saw that on the back, there was an inscription that read, “Keep away from lust, wrath, greed, attachment, pride, and vicious taste of evil deeds” - Guru Ramdas Ji.

“Is that a real ruby?” Charan asked as he reached out to touch the jewel. As soon as his fingers touched the ruby, a portal formed in the middle of the back yard. “WOW!!!!” Both kids exclaimed. “Let’s go explore!” they yelled as they stepped into the portal. Instantly, they were whisked away to a prairie, with all sorts of flowers sprouting all over the place. Red poppies and yellow pansies dotted the area. Pink and orange tulips covered the ground, and purple carnation flowers had sprung up in every direction.

“Sehaj! Look!” Charan yelled. The khanda that had opened the portal split into two swords, each with a long, silver blade. The hilt of the swords had a ruby, which glowed brightly. When Charan touched the ruby on his sword, a note appeared in his hands, which read,

“The two of you must work together to kill the five evils; Kama (Lust), which is too much longing for something, along with Krodh (wrath), which is

anger, Moh (attachment) which is an obsession with a particular object, Lobh (greed), and Ahankar (Pride), which is high thinking of oneself. When the sun sets, these monsters will come out. You must find a way to overcome the challenges presented to you and defeat the monsters if you want to go home. If you don't slay these monsters, they will take over the world and destroy it. Good luck!"

Charan and Sehaj looked at each other, terrified and confused. How could a ten and eleven year old defeat five powerful monsters? How long would it take for them to do it? And most importantly, will they be able to survive the attacks from the monsters?

With these thoughts in mind, they sat together and tried to plan a strategy on how to defeat the monsters so that they could go home.

At nightfall, the monsters crept out and went toward the field to hunt. They walked towards the prairie in a vertical line, with Lust in front, followed by Wrath, Greed, Attachment, and lastly, Pride. Lust was a huge, green snake, with fangs as big as microwaves. Wrath was a big dragon the size of a house, while Greed was a giant, brown bear. Attachment was a big, beautiful peacock who could breathe poison. Pride was a ferocious lion with razor-sharp teeth.

"We mussssst look for food!" Lust, the snake said.

" I saw two fine looking children in the prairie" Wrath, the dragon, replied. "Lets go feast on them."

And so, all the monsters went to the prairie and devised a strategy to kill the children. Lust and Wrath decided to attack Sehaj, while Pride, Greed, and Attachment would go for Charan. When Lust and Greed reached the prairie, however, Sehaj was nowhere to be seen.

Suddenly, Lust screamed in agony. At his back was a wound where Sehaj had stabbed him. As it turns out, Sehaj snuck behind the two monsters while they were not looking and had stabbed one of them.

Charan followed the same strategy when he was dealing with Attachment, Pride, and Greed, only with them, he managed to slay Greed. The two then fought furiously against the remaining monsters; Sehaj with Wrath, and Charan with both Pride and Attachment. Eventually, Charan managed to slay Pride and Attachment, and Sehaj slayed Wrath. After the

two had slain the monsters, another portal opened, and when Sehaj and Charan stepped into it, they appeared back in their backyard.

Charan looked down at his sword, which had turned back into a khanda. Charan touched the ruby on the khanda, and a note appeared in his hand. It read,

“Congratulations on slaying the five vices! Both of you did a great job. Now that you have slain the monsters, and you are back home, you will notice that it will seem as if no time had passed at all. Both of you are now free to return back to your homes. The world thanks you for having slain these horrific monsters!”

And with that, the two turned and headed home.