

THE CLEVER RUSE



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Once upon a time, in the illustrious court of Emperor Akbar, there lived a witty and intelligent minister named Birbal. Birbal was known throughout the kingdom for his sharp wit and clever solutions to various problems.

One day, Emperor Akbar was feeling particularly mischievous. He decided to test Birbal's intelligence with a riddle. Akbar summoned Birbal to his court and said, "Birbal, I have a challenge for you. If you can answer my riddle correctly, I will reward you handsomely. But if you fail, you must give me your most prized possession."

Birbal, never one to back down from a challenge, agreed to the Emperor's terms. Akbar then posed his riddle, "Birbal, tell me, what is the one thing that belongs to you, yet other people use it more than you do?"

Birbal pondered for a moment and then smiled. He replied, "Your Majesty, the answer to your riddle is very simple. The thing that belongs to me but is used by others more than me is my name. People use my name to refer to me and talk about me far more than I do."

Emperor Akbar was astounded by Birbal's quick and witty response. He realized that Birbal had outsmarted him once again. Acknowledging Birbal's intelligence, Akbar rewarded him handsomely and praised his cleverness.

From that day on, Akbar had even more respect for Birbal and never tired of challenging him with riddles and puzzles. Birbal, always up for the task, continued to impress the Emperor with his sharp mind and quick thinking, solidifying his place as one of Akbar's most trusted advisors and friends.

And so, the bond between Emperor Akbar and Birbal grew stronger through their witty exchanges and clever solutions, making their partnership legendary in the history of India.



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