

The tiger king

Q. Who is the tiger king & why did he get that name?

Tiger king ^{is} ~~was~~ the Maharaja of Prahbandapuram. He got that name because he went ~~of~~ on a tiger hunting spree as the chief astrologer had predicted that he would be killed by 100th of tigers.

Q. What ~~astro~~ astonishing phrase emerged from the lips of ~~ten~~ ten day old Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur?

The following words emerged from the lips of ten days old Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur, "O wise prophets! All those who are born will one day have to die. We don't need your predictions to know that. There would be some sense in it if you could tell us the manner of that death." The royal infant uttered these words in his little squeaky voice.

Q. What did the crown prince

Q. What explanation did the chief astrologer give for the Maharaja's death?

The chief astrologer said, "The prince was born in the hour of the bull. The Bull and the Tiger are enemies. Therefore death comes from the tiger," he explained.

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Q. What did the royal infant grow up to be?

Ans. Crown prince Jung Jung Bahadur grew taller & stronger day by day. No other miracle marked his childhood days apart from the event. The boy drank the milk of an English cow, was brought up by an English nanny, tutored in English by an Englishman, saw nothing but English films exactly as the crown princes of all the other Indian states did. When he became 20, the state, came into his hand.

Q. What did the chief astrologers say that he would do if his prophecy was proved wrong.

Ans. The chief astrologers says, "that he would cut off his wife, chop his hair short & , lay a up all his book set fire on them & become an insurance agent."

Q. Why was it celebration time for all the tigers of prahbandapuram.

Ans. The state banned tiger hunting by anyone except the maharaja. Only one person was there & who was allowed. Order was issued that if anyone dared to fling stone at a tiger all his wealth & property would be taken away.

Q. ~~What~~ what kind of dangers did maharaja face while hunting.

Ans. Maharaja face many dangers. There were times when the bullet missed its marks, the tiger leapt upon him & ~~he~~ he fought the beast with his bare hand. Each time it was the Maharaja who won.

Once he was in danger of losing his kingdom because he had prevented a British officer from ^{fulfilling} his desire of not only hunting a tiger but ~~also~~ also getting him self photographed holding the gun with the tiger's carcass.

Q. Why was the Maharaja in danger of losing his throne & how did he manage to retain his kingdom.

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Q. Why did the Maharaja called his dewan after killing 70 tigers?

The Maharaja called his dewan because he wanted to marry a girl from ranks of human beings. He asked him to draw a statistics of tiger populations in different native state and find a girl from ~~the~~ the Royal family of a state with a large tiger population.

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Q. What happened to the tiger provided by the dewan saheb.

Ans. The tiger provided by the dewan saheb was the 100th tiger brought from the people's park in Madras & kept hidden in his house.

The tiger was not killed by the Maharaja's bullet. It had only fainted from the shock of the bullet whizzing past. Actually one of the hunters took aim from a distance of one foot & shot the tiger. This time ^{killing} he killed it without missing ^{the} mark.

Q. How did the Maharaja celebrate his victory after killing the hundredth tiger?

① After killing the hundredth tiger the Maharaja ordered his men to bring the dead tiger in a procession through the town and buried it.

② Also, he celebrated his son's 3rd birthday by gifting him a wooden toy tiger of rare craftsmanship worth 300 Rs.

[The toy tiger had been actually carved by an unskilled carpenter. Its surface was rough tiny slivers of wood stood up like quills all over it & was worth two annas & a quarter.].

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1. As soon as the maharaja of prahbandapuram was born the chief Astrologer had predicted that he would be killed by the 100th tiger. The maharaja then went on a tigers hunting spree & justified his apt by saying, "You may killed even a cow in self defence there is no objection to kill a tigers in self defence."

The Maharaja became all powerful & so he banned tiger hunting by anyone except himself. He ordered that if anyone dare to throw a stone at a tiger then all his wealth & property would be Confiscated.

He vowed to attend all the other matters of state only after killing the hundred tigers.

He Refused to give permission to a high Ranking British officer from hunting tiger & also being ~~photo~~ photograph with the tiger carcass.

When the tiger population became extinct in his kingdom he ordered his dewan to find a girl whom he could marry from the royal family of a state with a large tiger population.

He announced a three year ^{exemption} ~~exemption~~ of taxes for the village which had found the hundredth tiger. supossedly unable to locate it he became so furious that he order his dewan to double the land tax.

At last finally after killing the 100th tiger he ordered his men to take the death dig tiger in a procession through the town & buried it.

The dramatic irony is that he got killed by a wooden toy tiger that had been carved by an unskilled carpenter. Tiny slivers of wood stood up like quills over it & one of them pierced the Maharaja's right hand & developed into a suppurating sore. Three surgeons operated on him successfully yet but yet he could not be saved.

In this manner the hundredth tiger took its final revenge upon the Tiger King.

Each chapter talks about crime & retribution. Nature took final revenge in the form of wooden tiger. As he was killing innocent tigers mercilessly.