

The Bird of Happiness

- The people of the poor area in Tibet believed that _____
a. happiness must exist somewhere in the world b. happiness will never exist
c. happiness has nothing to do with people. d. happiness is not needed.
- The people offered Wangjia a number of things, because _____
a. to help his journey b. he was a bright boy
c. to wish him a happy journey. d. give him strength fight the monsters
- In what way the bird was guarded? It was guarded by
a. many small birds b. strong lions g. the Strong eagles d. **the three old monsters with a long beard.**
- Wangjia walked eastwards because
a. He believe east is the auspicious direction **b. the Bird of happiness lived there**
c. it was the direction of the rising sun him d. people of Tibet suggested him
- The people would have been happy, if they had _____
a. richness b. property c. good crop d. **rivers, good land, warmth, fresh flowers, trees or green grass**
- Wangjia was sent to find the bird of happiness was in accordance with
a. the custom b. rules that govern **c. wishes of people** d. beliefs of people
- The mountain that Wangjia saw was
a. full of birds b. full of animals **c large snowy shone like silver** d. Small and green
- Wangjia decided not to go back because
a. he knew that the people at home were waiting for him to bring back happiness.
b. he was patient enough to face the difficulties. '
c. he promised the people to come back with the Bird of happiness.
d. he did not know the way.
- Wangjia was able to cover the scree entirely
a. by his vehicle b. by the magic power of the monsters c. by his horse d. **on foot.**
- The first monster made Wangjia suffer by
a. making him walk across the scree b. staving him to death c. gouging his eyes d. giving him troubles
- The second monster made him suffer by
a. making him walk across the scree **b. staving him to death** c. gouging his eyes d. giving him troubles
- The second monster made Wangjia lose his
a. his eye sight b. strength **c. food** d. energy
- The third monster made him suffer by
a. making him walk across the scree b. staving him to death c. **gouging his eyes** d. giving him troubles hardships again.
- When Wangjia reached the third monster he was nothing but
a. God b. Bird of happiness **c. skin and bone** d. happy and joyful
- The statement that brought hope to Wangjia's life was
a. You'll be done for b. Will I ever make it c. I'll gouge your eyesd. My lovely child, have you come here for me?

Answer the following questions in 2 or 3 sentences each.

1. What did the people in the poor area in Tibet suffer from OR How can you say that the people in the poor area of Tibet were unhappy?

Ans.: The poor area had no rivers or good land, no warmth or fresh flowers, no trees or green grass. The people suffered from hunger and cold all year round. so they were unhappy.

2.What did the old folk of Tibet say about happiness?

Ans.: The old folk used to say that happiness was a beautiful bird. It lived far away, on a snowy mountain in the east. wherever the bird flew, happiness went with it.

3."Will lever make it?" Why did Wangjia feel so?

Ans.: In anger, the first monster blew through his beard and the smooth road became a vast scree. Every stone on it was as sharp as a knife. As Wangjia walked on it his boots got torn. His feet got cut. His hands were torn to pieces. The journey was very tough. So, he thought if he would ever make it.

4.How was Wangjia made to suffer by the second monster?

Ans.: The second monster blew through his beard. His bread bag flew into the sky. The blue mountains and green rivers turned into a desert. Wangjia suffered with no food. At first his stomach rumbled with hunger, his head swam and got sharp pain in his guts.

5.What changes came over Wangjia as the Bind of Happiness caressed him?

Ans.: As the bind of Happiness caressed Wangjia, his eyeballs flew back to their sockets, he saw much more brightly than before. All his wounds were healed and he was stronger than ever.

6. Why did Wangjia decide not to go back?

Ans.: Though the journey was very tough, Wangjia decided not to go back. He knew that the people at home were waiting for him to bring back happiness.

7. What did the third monster warn Wangjia?

Ans.: The third monster warned wangia that if he wanted to see the bind of Happiness. He would bring Bhimas eyeball If he failed, the monster, would gouge out wangjia's eye balls.

8. "Will lever make it?"Why did Wangjia feel so?

Ans: when Wangjia started his journey after the first monster made him walk through the vast scree for nine hundred miles. his hands and feet were torn into pieces. Then he felt that he could not continue his journey.

9.what do you understand by happiness after reading the story ‘The Bird of Happiness’?

Ans: one can be happy if there are rivers, forests, flowers, fields, warmth and trees. That is the real happiness lies in the happiness of all. so everyone should work for the happiness of all to be him/herself to be happy

10. What do you like the most in the story “The Bird of Happiness”? Support your answer giving reasons.

Ans: I like the moral of the story and Wangjia’s unselfish nature. One can be happy if there are rivers, forests, flowers, fields, warmth and trees. That is the real happiness lies in the happiness of all. So everyone should work for the happiness of all to be him/herself to be happy.

extracts

1. “Every year people went to look for this bird, but not one of them did ever return”

a. Which bird did the people go to look for?

Ans.: The people went to look for the Bird of happiness.

B . Why did they not return?

Ans.: The bird of happiness was guarded by three old monsters who could kill a man by simply blowing through their long beards.

C .'But not one of them did ever return ' . What does it mean?

Ans- They were killed by Monsters

2. “But I am fond of my own grandpa and I'll never kill another man’s!”

a. When did Wangjia say this?

Ans.: Wangjia said this when the second monster asked him to kill the old man Silong.

b. What do these words show about his character?

Ans.: These words show that Wangjia was not only brave but was also kind at heart.

C . What happened because of this?

Ans- Wangjia had suffered hunger for 900 miles.

3. "This must be the last ordeal" he thought

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans.: Wangjia

b. What was the last ordeal?

Ans.: The third monster blew through his beard .Wangjia's eyeballs jumped out of their sockets and he turned blind.

c. How did he face it?

Ans.: Groping his way with his hands on the ground, he climbed to the peak of the mountain where the Bird of Happiness lived.

4. "I love my own mother; and I'll never kill another person's"

a. Who does Wangjia call as another person's mother?

Ans.: Lousang's mother

b. What made him say these words? Or Why was he not ready to kill another person's mother?

Ans.: The first monster asked Wangjia to kill Lousang's mother. He refused to do so because he loved his own mother very much.

C . What happened because of this?

Ans.: Wangjia had to walk nine hundred miles across the scree.

5 "My lovely child, have you come for me?"

a. Who is the 'lovely child' referred here?

Ans.: Wangjia

b. Why had he gone there?

Ans.: To bring the 'Bird of Happiness' to his village.

c. How was the wish fulfilled?

Ans.: Wangjia brought the Bird of Happiness to his village. Happiness and prosperity returned to his village.

6. Overwhelmed with joy, Wangjia replied "Yes, I have! My people long to see you day and night. Please come back with me!"

a. Who do the people long to see?

Ans.: The people long to see the bird of happiness

b. Why do the people long to see it day and night?

Ans.: The people in the poor area did not know what was happiness. They were waiting for Wangjia to return with the bird of happiness, so that they can be happy.

C. what was the result of the request?

Ans- The bird had gone with him and gave all happiness to the people

7) "Despite this they still believed that happiness must exist somewhere in the world"

A) Who does 'they' refer to?

Ans: 'They' refers to the people of the poor area in Tibet.

B) Why were they could not find happiness there?

Ans: Because there were no rivers or good land, no warmth or fresh flowers, no trees or green grass.

C .How did they think that the happiness existed in this world?

Ans - In the form of bird.

8) "on his departure, the girls of the village offered him barley wine; and the mothers, in accordance with Tibetan custom, spread barley grains on his head to wish him a good journey".

A) Who was departed? Where?

Ans: Wangjia was departed to look for the Bird of Happiness .

B) Why did the girls and the women send him off with such honour?

Ans: It was according to Tibetan custom to wish him happy journey. They did so as he was going to look for the Bird of Happiness

C. Was the girls Wish fulfilled?

Ans- yes

9) How could a little child like you, no longer than an egg dare to set foot here?

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans.: The first monster

b. Who is the little child referred here?

Ans.: Wangjia

c. Why did he go there?

Ans.: He went in search of the bird of happiness.

10) "I'll just make you walk nine hundred miles across scree and you'll be done for".

A) Who does "I" refer to? Who does 'you' refer to?

Ans: 'I' refers to the first monster And 'you' refers to Wangjia.

B) Why was he made to walk across the scree?

Ans: Because Wangjia refused to do his task. So he punished him by making him to walk across the scree.

C. What does the phrase 'you will be done for' mean?

Ans- he would be died of himself

11) Looking him defiantly in the face, Wangjia replied, "You can shout for all you are worth! But I am fond of my own grandpa, and I'll never kill another man's!"

A) Who was Wangjia talking to?

Ans: Wangjia was talking to the second monster.

B) What was the demand of the person he was talking to?

Ans: The second monster demanded him to kill old gaffer Silong.

C) Why did he refuse to kill the person?

Ans: Because Wangjia loved his grandpa and also other's grandpa.

12) "What reckless fool has dared to come here?" he thundered. "My name is Wangjia, and I have come here to look for the Bird of Happiness!"

A) Who thundered? Why?

Ans: The third monster thundered. Because Wangjia had dared to go there.

B) What was demanded to show the Bird of Happiness?

Ans: The third monster demanded Wangjia to gouge Bhima's eyeballs.

C. What was the result?

Ans- Wangjia did not bring eyeball and faced punishment

13) "What is it that you want?" Asked the Bird of Happiness

A) Who asked this question?

Ans: The Bird of happiness asked this question.

B) What did Wangjia asked for him?

Ans: Wangjia did not ask anything for him

C .What did he ask?

Ans- He asked warmth and happiness, forests and flowers, fields and rivers for his people

Answer the following questions in 8-10 sentences:

1. What hardships did Wangjia undergo on his way to find the bird of happiness?

Ans.: Wangjia came across three monsters on his way. The first monster changed the smooth road into a vast scree. walking on this, Wangjia's boots got torn, his feet were cut and hands were torn to shreds. The second monster turned everything into a desert. He had no food at all. As a result, he suffered great pain in his stomach and become so thin.. When the third monster blew through his beard Wangjia's eyeballs jumped out of their sockets and he became blind. He groped the way for

900 miles. Finally after that suffering Wangjia found the Bird of happiness on the white snowy mountain.

2. How did the Bird of Happiness put an end to the hardships suffered by the people?

Ans.: the bird sat on the mountain top, the Bird of Happiness gave three loud cries. At the first cry, a golden sun appeared through the clouds and a warm breeze to blow. At the second cry, the mountains were covered with forests, flowers began to bloom and birds began to sing. At the third cry, green fields and rivers appeared and white rabbits danced happily on the grass. From that day on, the people never suffered

3. Wangjia was face to face with three monsters. Each monster had his own wish. What contrast do you draw between the wishes of the monsters and wish of Wangjia?

Ans.: On the way Wangjia meets three monsters. Each of the monsters wanted Wangjia to perform an evil deed in order to reach the bird. The first monster wanted him to kill Lousang's mother. The second monster wanted to poison the old man, Silong. The third monster wanted him to bring back Bhima's eyeballs. Wangjia wished to make the people of his land happy. He suffered a lot but did not follow the evil path. He proved that good always wins over the bad