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CHILDREN'S CORNER
THE TWO BROTHERS.

A Folk-Tale of Kashmir.
Happily passed the days in the palace, for the King was intensely fond of his wife, who thoroughly reciprocated his affection, while their children, two handsome boys, were clever, good and obedient, thought nobody equal to their parents throughout the wide, wide world. In such a household happiness was obliged to reign.
Every morning His Majesty was accustomed to sit with his wife for a while in one of the verandahs of the palace, during which quiet time together they were often interested in watching a pair of birds carrying food to their younglings. One day they noticed a strange female bird flying with the other towards the nest and carrying some thorns in her bill. Curious to know what has happened, the King ordered one of the attendants to climb the tree and inquire, when it was discovered that male bird had lost his consort and therefore had taken to himself another, and the new bird, not liking to have to work for a nest of younglings which she had not hatched, thought that she would fetch them some thorns to eat and get rid of them, which she did, and the little birds were choked and died. All of them were seen lying over the corpse of their mother.
When the King and Queen heard this they were both very sad.
"Is this the way with us and with the birds?" asked the King.
"Yes," replied the Queen. "But may it never be so in our case. Promise me, my beloved, that if I die first you will never marry again."
"Give me your hand, my darling," said the King. "I promise never to take to myself another wife, lest this same misfortune should happen to our sons that has come upon these poor young birds."
Then was the Queen comforted, and loved the King more than ever before. Strange to say, not long after this little incident Her Majesty died. What a grief it was to the King! People thought for some time that he would also die, so much did he grieve over her death. At length, however, he rallied and again occupied himself in the affairs of the country. When a convenient space of time had elapsed, the wazirs and courtiers and other great men of the place commissioned some of their number to speak about marrying again. As will be imagined, this proved a most difficult and disagreeable task. At first His Majesty would not see them, but they persisted in their request till he promised to reconsider the matter, and at last consented. One of the chief wazir's daughters was proposed and accepted, and the marriage was celebrated.
Unhappy day! As was expected, the new Queen soon became jealous of the

Princess and began to plot against them. They tried hard to please her by anticipating her wants and never crossing her wish in any matter, but all in vain. The Queen hated them and longed for the day when she could secure their ruin and banishment. She bided her time till she saw that the King was exceedingly fond of her and would do anything for her, and then she began to malign the Princess, saying how very disobedient and very abusive they were to her and how she could not have endured their behavior if the King had not been good and kind to her. The King was exceedingly angry when he heard this, and immediately gave orders for the Princess to be secretly taken to a jungle and slain.
Never having been accustomed to question even their father's orders, the two young fellows went gladly with the soldiers. They knew not of their father's cruel order, but thought that he wished them to ride and see the jungle. When, therefore, on reaching the place the soldiers drew their swords and made as if to strike them, they were much surprised, and knew not what to do.
"O God help us!" the cried, and their cry was accepted. The stern hearts of the soldiers were filled with pity, so they dared not slay them, but let them go free.
Full of thankfulness to the Deity for His mercy towards them, the Princess rode off on their horses as fast as they could and determined never to return to their own country again. They rode on far and fast till they came to a spring of water pure like crystal, by which they thought they would dine and rest. They arranged that both should not be asleep at the same time, lest a robber or a wild beast should come and destroy them and the horses. So the elder brother went to sleep first and the younger brother watched. While he watched, two birds named Sudabror and Budabror came and perched on a tree close by and began talking to one another.
"See," said Budabror, "there are two singing birds in that tree overhanging the spring. Do you know what kind of birds they are?"
"Yes," replied Budabror, "they are the most wonderful birds. I have heard say that whosoever eats the flesh of one of them will become King, and whosoever eats the flesh of the other will become a wazir and the wealthiest man in the world, for every morning he will find underneath him in the place where he lay seven jewels whose value cannot be estimated."
The younger Prince was very much excited when he heard these words, and at once shot an arrow at them and killed them. He cooked both the birds, took one himself and left the other for his brother, who ate it as soon as he awoke. The following morning they resumed their journey. On the way the younger suddenly remembered that his whip had been left behind. This whip he valued very highly and therefore went back for it. He found it by the spring, and was going to dismount and pick it up, when a great dragon came out of the water and bit his foot, so that he fell down senseless. In this state, he continued for hours.
Meanwhile his brother got very tired of waiting and therefore went on, thinking his brother would overtake him before evening. He reached a certain city where he heard the King had recently died, and the people were in a state of great excitement concerning his successor. It appears that they had a custom of sending round an elephant to select their kings for them. Whosoever the elephant acknowledged, they acknowledged, be he rich or poor, learned or ignorant, of their own country and speech or of another. This elephant was circumambulating the place when the elder Prince arrived, and on seeing him bowed at once before him. Accordingly he was proclaimed King of the country and conducted to the palace.
The younger Prince was restored to life in the following manner. Living near the spring was a jogi, who was accustomed to visit it once every six months for the purpose of getting a little water thence. When he reached the place and saw the lifeless body of the young man he was filled with pity. He knew that the dragon of the spring had done this, so he muttered an incantation and the waters dried up and the monster appeared.
"Why have you emptied the spring?" said the dragon.
"Because you have slain this young man. Why did you do this thing?" the jogi replied.
"O jogi!" said the dragon, "there were two birds that often visited this

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The younger Prince was appointed chief wazir of the country and the wicked merchant was banished.
In course of a few years some messengers from their father reached the country and said that the old King was longing to see them, as he had discovered his wife's wickedness and had banished her. Accordingly the two brothers started without delay to see their father. They arrived safely and saw the old man and were reconciled. Soon afterwards their father died, when the elder brother succeeded to the throne and the younger went and governed the country that belonged to the other Prince. Both of them prospered exceedingly and were famed for their skill and justice and kindness.
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