

When they arrived at the palace, they saw that one simple man had also come to the meeting.

"Who's that?" one advisor asked. "Does this simple man think that he can become a king?"

Everyone laughed.

"Sh-sh-sh!" someone said. "The king is here!"

Everyone stood up as the king came into the room.

The meeting was short. The king gave everyone a seed to plant.

"Plant the seed and take good care of it," the king said. "After six months, you will all come back here with your plant. Whoever has the most beautiful plant will be the next king."

