

#10 The Seven Wise Men



There once was a King who made all of his decisions by consulting the seven wisest men in the kingdom. When the king was happy, the wise men were happy and so were all of the people of the kingdom. But alas, one day a great cloud covered the entire valley of the kingdom, leaving only the mountain tops in sunlight. Suddenly, flowers were getting sick. Then, people started catching the same sickness. The king called for his seven wise men. He exhorted them, "You are the wisest men in the kingdom. Put your heads together to think of how to make the flowers and people better. Think as hard as you can." For six



days and nights, the wise men formed a tight circle and bent their heads together. They put a flower pot in their tight, dark circle to vigilantly watch the dying flower. But no matter how hard they thought, they could not come up with an idea. On the seventh day, one of the wise men slipped and fell backwards for a moment. The other six men stepped back to help their friend. As the circle opened up, light came streaming in and the flower lifted its head. "That's it!", cried the seven wise men as if they had one voice. They immediately ran to the king and shouted the good news. "Sire, we know what to do! Tell the people of the kingdom to stop whatever they are doing and gather their families and their flowers and go to the mountain tops where there is plenty of light!"



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