Chapter 66

You Cannot Please Everybody!

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The narrative:

This is a story about a father and a son who were journeying to a neighboring city on a mule.

When people saw both father and son sitting on the mule, they said, “Look, how uncaring of both of them to sit on the mule. Poor mule! They will break his back.” The father heard the comment and decided to get off the mule. The people who saw them said: “Look at the insensitive son! While his old father is walking beside the mule, he has the nerve to sit comfortably on the mule.”

Hearing this, the son got off the mule and the onlookers said the same thing about the father.

After hearing this, both decided to get off the mule and started walking beside the mule.

Then they heard the comment, “How foolish! They have the mule and are still walking beside the mule!”

Now the only option that was left for them was to carry the mule on their shoulders!

For reflection points and questions, please see the next story.