

## **Vikram aur Betaal - 4** **(Narration by Soham Shah)**

Namaskar doston! Pichhli baar ki tarah is baar bhi Raja Vikram Betaal ke peechhe dauda aur phir kaafi koshish ke baad usko utar kar peeth par utha kar chalne laga. Aur Betaal ne phir se shuru ki ek nayi kahani.

Bahut purani baat hai. Ujjain sheher mein daanavo aur dakaito ka atyachar bahut phail raha tha. Us hi sheher mein Hariswami naam ka ek rajdarbari apni patni, bete aur beti ke saath rehta tha. Uski beti Somprabha bahut guni aur sundar thi. Wo chitrakari, sangeet aur nritya, sabhi kalaon mein kushal thi. Uski shaadi ki umr ho gayi thi aur parivar wale uske liye ek ache ladke ki talaash mein the.

Ab hua yun ki Ujjain mein hi ek daanav bhi rehta tha jo Somprabha ko pasand karta tha aur usne ailaan kar diya tha ki wo ek din usko utha le jayega. Ye sun kar Somprabha ke parivar wale bahut pareshan the. Unhi dino, Somprabha ke pita ko kisi ke kaam se pados ke rajya mein jana pada. Jab unka kaafila ek jungle se guzar raha tha, achanak kuch daakuon ne hamla bol diya. Sab ghabra gaye.

Us hi samay Vir Singh naam ka ek bahadur naujawan bhi wahi se guzar raha tha. Usne daakuon ka hamla dekha aur fauran madad ke liye pahuncha. Usne himmat se dat kar daakuon ka saamna kiya aur unko maar bhagaya aur Somprabha ke pita ki jaan bacha li. Wo bahut khush hue aur unhone Vir Singh ko damaad banane ka faisla kar liya.

Yahan jungle mein ladai ho rahi thi aur waha Ujjain mein ek kavi inke ghar pahuncha aur Somprabha ki maa se milkar bataya ki usne Somprabha ke liye ek kavita likhi hai. Maa ko ye baat bahut achhi lagi aur usne kavi ko damaad banane ka faisla kar liya.

Achha, ittefaaq se us hi samay Somprabha ka bhai bazaar gaya hua tha. Wahan use ek aadmi mila jo ek bada sa yantra bana raha tha. Wo asal mein ek udne ka yantra yaani vimaan bana raha tha. Bhai uski pratibha se bahut prabhavit hua aur behen ki shaadi us shilpi se karne ka faisla kar liya.

Ab ye ek badi samasya khadi ho gayi. Pita, Ma aur Bhai, sab ne apni apni pasand ka ek ek ladka Somprabha ke liye chun liya. Ladki ek... aur var teen teen. Arre nahi ek chautha bhi to tha...wo daanav!

Shaadi ka din aa gaya. Teeno var apni apni baraat le kar Somprabha ke ghar pahunch gaye. Sabhi asmanjas mein the ki karein to kya karein. Itne mein wo daanav aaya aur Somprabha ko utha kar le gaya. Somprabha zor zor se chillane lagi, "bachao bachao!!" Sabhi hairaan pareshaan.

Turant shilpi ne kaha ki uske vimaan mein ud kar daanav ka peechha karna chahiye. Vir Singh ne kaha ki wo us daanav se ladai kar ke Somprabha ko chhurayega. Kavi ne kaha ki wo janta hai ki Daanav kahan rehta hai. To teeno vimaan mein sawaar hue aur daanav ko dhoondhane nikal pade.

Vimaan ud raha tha aur teeno us mein sawaar ho kar Daanav ko dhoondhane mein lage hue the. Kavi ne bataya ki daanav jaise log dakshin disha mein rehte hain. Shilpi ne badi kushalta se apne vimaan ko us hi disha ki or mod diya. Kuch der udne ke baad achanak Kavi ko daanav dikhai de gaya. Wo Somprabha ko haathon mein uthaye chala ja raha tha. Vir Singh ne turant ek bahut bada pathhar liya aur daanav ke sar par phenka. Daanav ka dagmagaya aur gir pada. Somprabha apne aap ko chhuda kar door bhaagi.

Shilpi ne vimaan ko sthir rakha aur Vir Singh ne ek ke baad ek kai saare teer maar kar daanav ko ghayal kar ke maar daala. Teeno neeche utare aur Somprabha ko sambhala. Phir vimaan mein sawaar ho kar sab wapas Ujjain ki or ud chale.

Wo ghar pahunche. Sabhi bahut khush hue. Ab faisla karna aur bhi kathin ho gaya ki shaadi kis se ki jaaye – Vir Singh, jisne Somprabha ko bachaya, ya phir Kavi jisne raasta dikhaya ya phir shilpi, jiske vimaan mein ud kar sab waha pahunch sake.

Pita ne kaha ki Somprabha ko hi ye faisla karna chahiye ki wo teeno mein se kis se se shaadi karna theek samjhegi. Somprabha ne soch kar ke apna man banaya aur teeno mein se ek ke gale mein mala daal di.

Ab Betaal ne Raja Vikramaditya se poochha, “Bata Raja, Somprabha ne kis yogya var ko apna pati chuna?”

Sawaal tedha tha. Teen var, teeno yogya aur teeno ke mil-jule efforts se Somprabha us daanav ke changul se bach payi. To akhir wo pati chune to kise chune?

Raja Vikram bola ki Somprabha ne Vir Singh ko apna pati chuna. Wo is liye kyon ki koi mushkil, koi pareshani aaye, to ek veer yodha hi apni patni ki raksha kar payega. Is liye, uttar hai Vir Singh.

Raja Vikram ka uttar sahi tha. Betaal ne us ke sar ke tukde to nahi kiye lekin kyon ki Raja bol pada, to Betaal ud chala. Raja phir se uske peechhe peechhe bhaga.

Phir kya hua, bataunga agli kadi mein.