

# Mairavati – Part II

(In part I, Mairavati's father, Ritumardan ordered her to marry a leper. Read first part here: [Part 1](#))

The princess had no hesitation. She slowly got down, and accepted this man as her wedded husband. Everybody in the court was stunned. The king felt satisfied for his actions. The princess was asked to remove her precious clothes, and jewelry, and was ordered to leave the city. Princess and her husband left the city.

The princess was as happy as usual. She never regretted for what she had told her father. She had full faith in her religious belief. They walked the whole day, and later in the evening, they took shelter in a temple. The leper was very compassionate to her. He said to her, "I know what your father did was not right and it is not easy for a royal girl to marry a leper. I free you from this marriage, and request you to find a better person." The princess told him, "Why are you talking like that? I have accepted you as my husband and I am happy with my choice." She continued, "Wealth, health, beauty, and comfort, or discomfort come because of our karmas. We should not feel happy or unhappy by that. The karmas change and their results change. So, let us not worry about that."

The leper was very impressed by her reply and started to admire the princess. He thought, "What a noble woman! How strong her religious beliefs are!!" As the sun went down, the leper fell asleep. The princess was still awake doing prayer. She noticed an old woman with a young man approaching them. The old woman told the princess, "I know what happened to you. I did not like your father's behavior, and I have come to help you. I have brought with me a young man who is handsome, and you should give up that leper and marry this young man. You will be happy with him."

The princess told the old woman, "Madam, I am married to this man with my own wish and with the consent of my father, and I am not backing out. A woman marries only once, and I have done that. He may be a leper but for me, he is the king of the kings, my king." The old woman became angry and said, "If you take my advice, you will be happy, otherwise I will kill you." The princess started uttering the holy Namokar Mantra. At once, a miracle happened. There was neither the leper, nor the old woman. Instead, a divine person stood in front of her. He said, "I am Manichud, the king of the city named Manipur on the Vaitadhyahill. Once I heard someone say,

"Crows are black everywhere,  
Parrots are ever green,  
Happy are happy everywhere,  
Misery, the wretched are in!"

So, I decided to test this. Therefore, I changed myself into a leper to find this out. The king's men picked me up. You proved that real happy person could be happy in any situation. You are truly honorable and praiseworthy. How lucky I am to have you as my wife and my queen."

The princess did not know if this was a dream or if it was for real. She still stood confident in her belief that purity always shines. The princess showed her gratefulness to the divine person, her husband, and accepted that this also happened because of her karmas. They lived happily ever after.