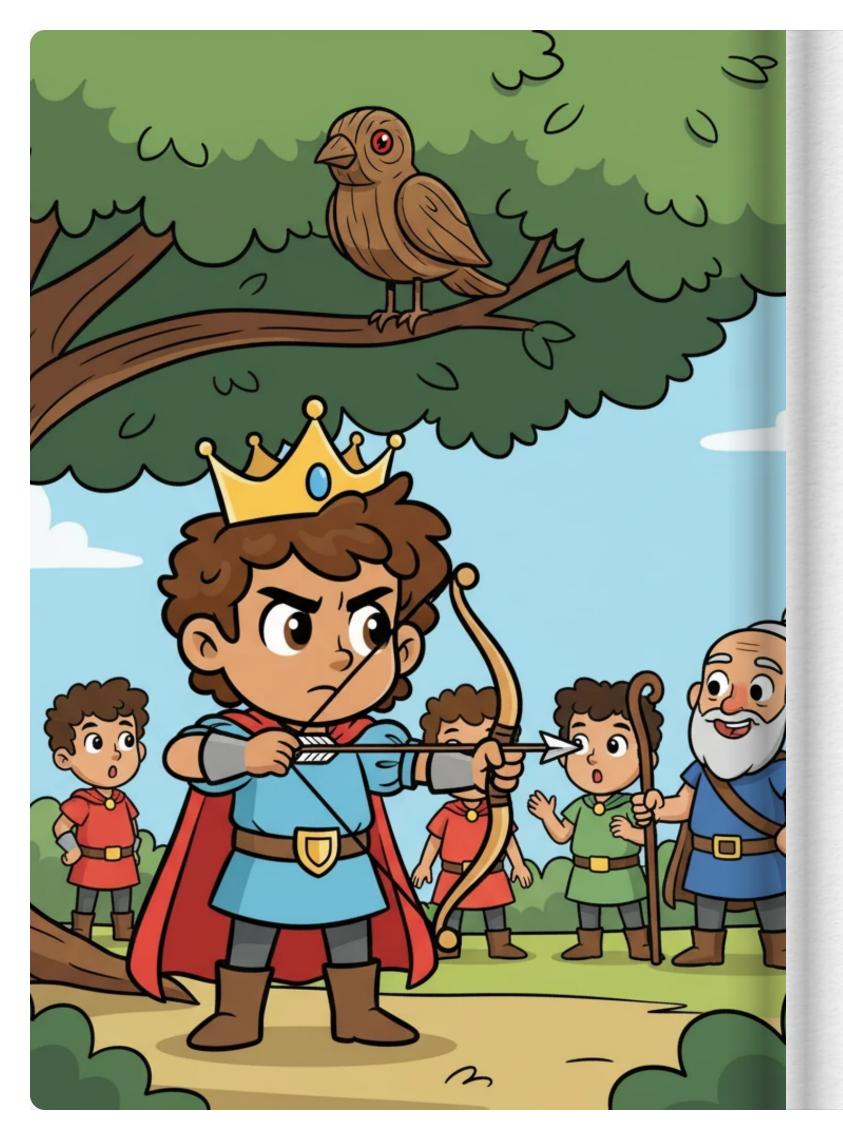


The Brave Archer: The Story of Arjuna

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In the grand kingdom of Hastinapura, five brothers lived, known as the Pandavas. Arjuna, the third brother, was a young prince with bright eyes and a love for learning. He especially enjoyed practicing with his bow and arrow, always striving to improve his skills.



Guru Drona, their teacher, set a challenge: to shoot the eye of a wooden bird. Each brother aimed, but when Arjuna's turn came, he saw only the bird's eye. With a focused breath, he released his arrow, hitting the target perfectly!



Guru Drona explained that Arjuna's success came from his focus. He taught that by concentrating on a single goal, anything can be achieved. Arjuna learned that day that true skill is built on concentration and determination.



One afternoon, while practicing archery, Arjuna saw a tiny squirrel struggling to cross the path. He immediately stopped his practice and gently helped the squirrel to safety. Guru Drona observed Arjuna's act of kindness.



Under the starry night, Arjuna reflected on his lessons. He vowed to always be brave, focused, and kind. From that day forward, Arjuna lived by these principles, growing into the great warrior the world remembers, inspiring everyone around him.