

SARASWATI PUJA One Act
(Collected by S.N. Ray – source unknown)

Introduction: Once upon a time there was a great king who had an intelligent and beautiful daughter of marriageable age. Her only condition of the marriage was that the groom must outperform her wit. Ambassadors were sent to different places in search of such a person but she defeated all of them.

King's Declaration angrily (?????): Ambassadors', I want a groom by the end to day

Disgusted ambassadors decided to pick up a man they consider the stupidest. They saw a man cutting a branch of a tree while standing on it.

Demonstration. Kalidas fixing a chair foot kneeling on the seat himself.

Ambassadors picked up this man for the princess.

Padmabati: In the interview with the princess as a part of the test of intelligence she pointed a finger at him. The person thought she meant to blind him, by one eye and so angrily he pointed his two fingers at her eyes meaning to blind her both.

Padmabati: Dad this is the man.

Interpretation: Meaning of the ONE FINGER shown by Padmasbati was that there is one and only God, Bramah. She interpreted his two fingers to mean that there is no second one confirming her anticipation meaning "There is NO TWO."

The lavish wedding took place. On the first night together:

Padmabati: My dear, would you propose me a dance?

Kalidas: Of course my love. (Oddly dancing)

Padmabati: Stupid, get out of my house immediately. This is the most disgusting guy in the world. AND Padmabati leaves

Kalidas: Wonder around a little and sit down and start chanting Hey Ma Saraswati hey Brammah, Bistnu. Again Saraswati, Saraswati....give me the learning to defeat this princess.

Saraswati: Hello what do you want?

Kalidas: Please save my life. Give me the learning power to defeat my wife, the princess.

Saraswati: I have a very difficult problem to solve. Your learning is at such a low level that I myself have to re-birth you 7 times. Do you agree?

Kalidas: Ma Ma please do whatever save my life.

Saraswati: Gives hi birth 7 times.

Kalidas: Recitation. Kajala Purita.....

Saraswati: Idiot, you still did not achieve the full learning level. Instead of looking at my feet first as one should do to a mother, you instead looked at my face and body as one would to a lover. As a result I curse you that while you can defeat any learned person anywhere in the world, you will always be defeated in one town, Varanasi.

VOICE: Pandit Kalidas became the Greatest poet ever being the author of Meghaduta a Sanskrit masterpiece. But he was always defeated in the town of Varanasi. There are many great anecdotes how he used to be embarrassed in Varanasi though.

Now may we invite the great poet and Mrs. Kalidas to continue dancing??????