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The King and the Painter

There was a king who thought he could paint very well. His pictures were very bad but the people to whom he showed them were afraid to tell him the truth. They all said that his pictures were wonderful and they liked them very much.

One day the king showed his pictures to a great painter who lived in his country and said, "I'd like to know what you think of my pictures. Do you like them?"

The painter looked at the king's pictures and said, "My king, I believe that your pictures are bad and you will never be a good artist."

The king got very angry and sent the painter to prison. Two years passed and the king wanted to see the painter again.

"I was angry with you," he said, "because you didn't like my pictures. Now you are a free man again and I am your friend." The king talked with the painter and invited him for dinner. The dinner was wonderful. And they enjoyed it very much.

After dinner the king showed his pictures to the painter again and asked, "Well, how do you like them now?" The painter turned to a soldier who was standing behind him and said, "Take me back to prison."

I. Was the King a good painter?

1. Yes, people liked his pictures very much.
2. No, his pictures were bad.
3. He didn't paint pictures at all.

II. Why were people afraid to tell the King the truth about his pictures?

1. Because they were afraid of him.
2. Because they enjoyed the dinner.
3. Because the King could paint very well.

III. Did the painter like the King's pictures?

1. Yes, he liked them very much.
2. No, he said that the King was a bad artist.
3. The King didn't show the pictures to the painter.

IV. What happened to the great painter who told the King the truth?

1. The king invited him for dinner.
2. The king sent him to prison.
3. The king talked with the painter.

V. Why did the painter asked the soldier to take him back to prison?

1. Because he didn't like the king's pictures.
2. Because he enjoyed the dinner.
3. Because he liked to be in prison.