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Change of Heart

Once in the famous city of Champa, lived Palit, a renowned Jain scholar. He had great faith in Lord Mahavir. He was a tradesman. Once he went on for a sea voyage in connection with his trade.

He reached the city of Pihandu and decided to stay there for some time to sell his goods. Impressed by his intelligence and good behaviour, a trader of Pihandu got his daughter married to him. He stayed there for a while and then returned to his country. His wife gave birth to a lovely boy child named Samudrapaal.

The boy grew up in great comfort and learnt dexterity in every sphere of life. When he grew up he was married to a beautiful girl named Rupini. He began to lead a very enjoyable and satisfactory life with his wife.

Once, he was sitting by the small window of his palace, admiring the beauty of the city. He suddenly saw a man dressed for execution, being led by the soldiers. Agitated by this sight, Samudrapaal uttered, "Is this the result of his bad deeds?" He then began to think about his own good and bad actions. This analysis about his actions enlightened him.

He practiced meditation, which helped him to destroy his karma and become emancipated.



Write the names of all the characters in the story

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Why did Palit travel to Pihandu?

In whom did Palit have great faith?

What did Samudrapaal analyse about himself?

What did Samudrapaal see from his window?

What did Samudrapaal do to become emancipated?
