

How to Inherit the Kingdom

A King had 2 sons and each was anxious to inherit the kingdom. They frequently asked their father to decide which of them was to be the lucky one.

The king determined to decide the matter as follows. The two boys were keen horsemen and the King said the inheritance would go to the winner of a horserace between the two sons from the castle to a distant city. He further stipulated that the winner's horse should cross the finish line last.

The 2 boys set out on the race, each moving at a snail's pace. A short distance down the road they came on their mother, the Queen. The Queen asked what they were about and they explained the matter to her. She listened carefully and then spoke briefly to the boys. After listening to the Queen, the two boys resumed the race, but now they pushed the horses to the limit.

What advice had the Queen given the two boys?