

A FOOL'S STORY

Who is the Real Fool in Life”?

It is reported that in one Village, some unkind men were making sport of a poor, simple and illiterate fellow who lived of running errands for others and of charity. They used to rag him, and play all sort of tricks and jokes on him

Daily, they called him to the village bar and there in front of all customers asked him to choose between two coins; one, a peso, that was small in size, and the other of 50 cents that was much bigger in size.

They and the bystanders were highly amused when our poor simpleton regularly chose the bigger coin that was of lesser value.

One day, an outsider that saw how those unkind people were fooling the poor and simple man, called him apart and asked him: "Have you not realized that the bigger coin is of less value than the smaller one?"

Our simpleton replied: "Of course, I realized it, I am not so foolish!" "Then", he outsider asked him: "Why do you not choose the smaller coin?" "I am just fooling them. You know.... If I would choose the smaller coin, their fooling would stop, and so, the source of my daily income!"

The story could end here, just like a mere joke, but it is not. Note the lessons the story teaches us:

- Not all foolish-looking people are really so.
- Who were the real fools of the story?
- Greed may block our true source of income.
- We may be wise, though others think us to be foolish.
- In life who is fooling whom,?
- Fooling others we may be fooled ourselves.
- The wise man pretends to be foolish before the foolish people who pretend to be wise