

The Story of Mula and the Miserable Man

A wise old man called Mula was walking along the road through the woods, when he saw a man walking towards him.

The man was carrying a dirty, old sack. He looked very unhappy, and when Mula asked him why, the man told him his story.

He was all alone, (1) and he was also poor and homeless (2) .

‘Everything I own is in this old sack’, he said. ‘My life is miserable.’ And he walked off.

(3) Mula ran past him, took his sack, and ran into the woods. The man was afraid to follow (4) .

‘Now my life is even more miserable!’ he said. And he sat down and cried.

Meanwhile, further down the road, Mula came out of the woods and put the man’s sack in the middle of the road. Finally, (5) the man set off again, walking slowly and sadly. Suddenly, he saw his sack. ‘My sack!’ he shouted. He picked it up – everything was still inside it! He was overjoyed, and walked happily on towards the city, singing as he went.

‘Well’, said Mula. ‘That’s one way to make someone happy.’

The moral of the story is ...

