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*Vikram and the Vampire* Natasha Sharma,2015-12-22 A vampire piggybacking on a king s back while spinning stories and riddles Poor King Vikram Tasked by the sorcerer Shaitanish to bring him a corpse he finds that a vampire named Betal has taken residence in it He ll come along only if King Vikram lends a willing ear to a series of riddling tales There s the one about the world s most sensitive ladies Queens Touchmenot Itsratherhot and Oohmyhead There s the tale of the four foolish brothers Nin Com Poo and Oops Each tale is crazier funnier madder than the last and even if King Vikram doesn t enjoy the journey you sure will The story of Vikram and Betal is over a thousand years old See this much loved traditional tale come alive with Priya Kuriyan s fabulous illustrations Published by Zubaan [Vikram and the Vampire, Or, Tales of Hindu Devilry](#) Sir Richard Francis Burton,1893 11 tales translated by Burton from the Sanskrit Baital Pachisi or 25 Tales of a Baital hung on the thread of the laughable difficulties faced by King Vikram the King Arthur of the East as he and his son attempt to bring a baitel vampire to a magician p xi **Vikram and the Vampire** Richard F. Burton,2006-06 Vikram and the Vampire Tales of Hindu Devilry consists of tales of the history of a huge bat vampire or evil spirit which inhabited and animated dead bodies It is an old and thoroughly Hindu legend composed in Sanskrit and is the germ which culminated in the Arabian Nights and which inspired the Golden Ass of Apuleius Boccaccio s Decameron and the Pentamerone The story turns chiefly on a great king named Vikram the King Arthur of the East who in pursuance of his promise to a Jogi or Magician brings to him the Baital Vampire who is hanging on a tree The difficulties King Vikram and his son have in bringing the Vampire into

the presence of the Jogi are truly laughable and on this thread is strung a series of Hindu fairy stories which contain much interesting information on Indian customs and manners **Vikram and the Vampire**, 1870 11 tales translated by Burton from the Sanskrit Baital Pachisi or 25 Tales of a Baital hung on the thread of the laughable difficulties faced by King Vikram the King Arthur of the East as he and his son attempt to bring a baitel vampire to a magician Cf Isabel Burton's Preface to the 1893 Memorial Ed p xi **King Vikram and the Vampire** Captain Sir Richard F. Burton, 1993-02-01 Translated by the noted Victorian Orientalist Sir Richard F Burton from the original Sanskrit these ancient Indian folk tales influenced such later works as 1001 Arabian Nights and Boccaccio's Decameron First published in 1870 these stories will entertain and delight modern readers while illuminating the life and customs of classical India *Vikram and The Vampire: Classic Hindu Tales of Adventure, Magic, and Romance* Richard F. Burton, 2010-01-01 **Vikram and the Vampire** Classic Hindu Tales of Adventure Magic and Romance by Richard F Burton In this collection of classic Hindu tales Sir Richard F Burton presents the adventures of King Vikramaditya and the Vetala a vampire like being Through a series of captivating stories the book weaves together themes of adventure magic romance and moral lessons offering readers a glimpse into the rich folklore and storytelling traditions of ancient India Key Aspects of the Book **Vikram and the Vampire** Indian Folklore The book showcases a diverse array of Indian folktales drawing from ancient myths and legends Storytelling Tradition Richard F Burton's retelling of these classic tales exemplifies the captivating storytelling style of ancient India Moral Themes **Vikram and the Vampire** imparts moral lessons and philosophical reflections through its captivating narratives Richard F Burton 1821 1890 was an English explorer linguist and author known for his travels to remote and exotic regions and his ability to speak multiple languages His literary works covered a wide range of subjects from travel narratives and translations of ancient texts to ethnographic studies and collections of folklore **Vikram and the Vampire** is among his significant contributions to the preservation and dissemination of Indian folklore and literary heritage *Vikram and the Vampire* Sir Richard F. Burton, *Tales of King Vikram and Betaal the Vampire* Razzab Ali Shaikh, 2014-10-20 TALES OF KING VIKRAM AND BETAAL THE VAMPIRE Once upon a time there was a king named Vikramaaditya who ruled Pratisthana on the river Godavari He was a mighty and glorious king Everyday when he used to hold public court a beggar used to come along and present a fruit to the king and this went on for a couple of years when curiosity got the better of the king The king used to pass on the fruit to his treasurer who used to throw them all in the storage On hearing of the king's curiosity the treasurer was surprised to see the storage full of emeralds and pearls and the fruit had disintegrated Hereported this to the king The king questioned the beggar the next day about this On hearing this the beggar requested the help from the king for a magic spell he was going to perform The king was asked to meet him at nightfall of the fourteenth night of the dark moon near the cremation ground The king did as told and found the beggar there The beggar was drawing a magic circle and all around were the howling noises of vampires ghosts and other nightly creatures The beggar asked the king to go further deep into the woods and bring the corpse

which was hanging upside down on a tree The king found the corpse for sure but as he started lifting it and taking it down he realised that it was possessed by a vampire Everytime the king talked the vampire jumped back the tree In the end the king jumped up silently and brought the corpse down The vampire then started telling him a story In the end of the story he asked a puzzle to the king related to story As soon as the king finished his answer he fled back to the top of the tree This happened 24 times But for the 25th time the question was so tough that the king could not answer These 25 stories are very famous in Indian literature known as Vikram Betaal tales On the end of the 25th tale the vampire cautioned the king that the beggar would ask him to rest on a piece of wood when he would be sacrificed In that situation the vampire asked the king to let the beggar show the way and asked the king to get rid of the evil beggar So did the king And the vampire granted the king for a boon The king requested that the stories whichever were told to him be told time and again in history and wherever these stories are told vampires would not dare Hence the famous Vikram Betaal stories As a sample here we present the last of the stories which the king could not answer Betaal said Once there was a king in the South who had lot of relatives The relatives were always hungry after the throne So once they usurped the throne and the king had to flee the kingdom with his wife and daughter They travelled through dense forests In one area which was occupied by barbarians he advised his wife and daughter to hide behind a bush while he fought the robbers but died a tragic death The queen and the daughter wept for their king In the meantime a peasant and his son came to the forest on horses They saw the footprints of the ladies and were impressed The son decided to marry the lady with the smaller feet while the father decided to marry the lady with the bigger feet Upon a distance they saw the queen and the daughter The peasant talked smoothly with the ladies and consoled them and heard their story after convincing them that they were not robbers The peasant and the son then brought the two ladies home and told them of the plan of marriage They consented But alas the bigger feet belonged to the daughter and the smaller feet belonged to the mother So the son married the mother and the father married the daughter Betaal then asks this question How are the children born on both the sides related to one another Vikram was speechless as he could not get any satisfactory answer So the Betaal could not escape this time The stories of TALES OF KING VIKRAM AND BETAAL THE VAMPIRE is an icon of Indian story telling **Vikram and the vampire, or Tales of Hindu devilry, adapted [from the Baitāl-Pacīsī, the Hindi version of the Vetālapañcaviṃśati] by sir R.F. Burton. Memorial ed., ed. by I. Burton. (Memorial ed. of the works of sir R.F. Burton, vol. 5). Vetālapañcaviṃśati, 1893** **Vikram and the Vampire** S. I. R. Richard F. BURTON, 2015-07-15 O King Vikram listen to the true story which I am about to tell thee Thus begins Vikram and the Vampire British Orientalist Richard F Burton's classic retelling of the Sanskrit Vetala Panchavimshati Twenty five Tales of the Betal the ever popular tales about the legendary king Vikramaditya and the vampire or Betal who vexes the king with stories that pose searching questions about the morals of life in ancient India Although based on earlier oral traditions one of the stories first retelling is found in the eleventh century Kathasaritsagara Ocean of the Stream of Stories

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*Vikram and The Vampire; Or, Tales of Hindu Devilry* Sir Richard Francis Burton,2023-10-01 Vikram and the Vampire or Tales of Hindu Devilry by Sir Richard Francis Burton First published in 1870 this collection of folk tales from India features a witty and irreverent demon named Baital who tells stories to the mythological King Vikram The tales are known for their humor wit and complex moral themes Key Aspects of the book Vikram and the Vampire or Tales of Hindu Devilry Folk Tales The book is a collection of traditional folk tales from India offering readers a window into the rich cultural heritage of the region Witty and Irreverent The tales are known for their witty and irreverent tone with the demon Baital often poking fun at human foibles and weaknesses Complex Moral Themes The tales also explore complex moral themes highlighting the ways in which human actions can have far reaching consequences for individuals and communities Sir Richard Francis Burton was a British explorer diplomat translator and writer who is best known for his adventures in Africa and Asia and his translations of

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