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In a village near Benares
lived an ascetic.
His matted hair was tied into a knot
on the top of his head.
His long beard covered half his face.
A rough cloth covered his body.

The chieftain of the village
built him a small abode near the forest.
He provided food and drinks
and everything necessary to
lead a good ascetic life.

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The chieftain had thousand gold coins collected over a long period.

He wanted to protect this wealth from robbers. He went to see the ascetic with his bag of coins. He dug a pit on the floor of the ascetic's abode, buried the treasure and asked the ascetic to protect it.