

Questions related to The Contest of the Three Bodyguards

1. The first bodyguard argues that wine is the strongest thing in the world. Does he characterize wine's impact on individuals and society as mostly positive or negative?
2. The second bodyguard argues that the king is the strongest thing. Does the type of king referred to here have limited or unlimited power with respect to his subjects?
3. The third bodyguard speaks about women and truth, claiming that women are stronger than both wine and the king, but truth is stronger than any of them. First, how are women stronger than wine and the king? And second, how is truth "stronger than all"?
4. What do you think is "the one thing that is strongest," and why? You may choose from one of the four items in the story, or you may choose your own strongest thing that didn't come up in the story. Fill up the space below with your response.