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Truth in the Telling



In a far off land each resident either always tells the truth or only sometimes does so.

A visitor to the land wishes to meet the most kind and truthful king, but upon arrival at the audience chamber she meets two people, one cloaked in red and the other in black.

It is essential that she correctly identifies the king. The other is the grand vizier, who is really a knave!

She is in luck, for she asks the red-cloaked individual

"Does the king tell the truth?"

and gets the answer "yes" or "no".

From the answer she gets, she correctly identifies the king.

Which was the answer that she received?

Which is the king, and which is the vizier?