

The Astrologer who fell into a well

Those who love [Aesop's Fables](#) might know the story of the "[The Astrologer who fell into a well](#)". It is the story of an astrologer who was too much into himself. It is a fable which is numbered 40 in the [Perry Index](#). During the scientific attack on [astrology](#) in the 16th–17th centuries, the story again became very popular.

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Story:

Once upon a time, there was a man who lived in a tiny village.

The man used to say, "I am an astrologer. I can read anyone's fortune in the stars."

He used to stare at the night sky and always thought, "This is what this means.... Ah.. So that is what this means..."

One day, he was walking to the forest when he saw the stars above.

He thought, "Ah the stars look very different today. It must mean only one thing. The world is going to end. I must warn everyone."

He stared at the sky and kept walking. He was so engrossed that he did not see a large well in front of him. He fell into the well.

The man could not swim and started to scream. The villagers came and saved him.

One man said, "You pretend to read the stars. However, you did not see what was right in front of you. You should pay attention to what is in front of you. The future will take care of itself."

Moral of the story:

The moral of the story The Astrologer who fell into a well is *"Take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves."*

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Questions on "The Astrologer who fell into a well"

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
2. What did the man think he was?
3. How did the astrologer fall into the well?
4. What happened at the end of the story?
5. What is the moral of the story?

Answers:

1. The main character of the story is an astrologer.
2. The man used to say that he was an astrologer and that he could read anyone's fortune in the stars.
3. He stared at the sky and kept walking. He was so engrossed that he did not see a large well in front of him. He fell into the well.
4. The man could not swim and started to scream. The villagers came and saved him.

5. The moral of the Aesop's Fable "The Astrologer who fell into a well" is that *"Take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves."*