

13.1 - Tale of the man and the sage

A man begins a journey down a road, this road is a series of branching paths that lead to every location in the world. The man doesn't know where to go, nor does he stop to read the signs. At every branch, there waits a sage who knows every destination simply by looking down a path.

The man has become frustrated after walking down random paths and finding nothing, so he stops to ask the sage, "why haven't I found a city, or a castle, or a cliff?" To which the sage says, "Down this road is a city, that one leads to a castle, and if you take your next right, you will find a cliff."

The man begins to walk down the road to the city, but the sage stops him, "So you will end your journey? This city's name is Temptation, it will not be as lavish as you've always dreamed a city to be, you will be disappointed." The man responds, "I do not care, it's a place I can rest, I will be happy."

The sage chuckles, "Perhaps you will be happy, but you will not be satisfied, for you have given up your journey. If I had not told you where you were going, you would have found a city with no known name, it will have been everything you have dreamt it would be, and your journey would have been fulfilling, either way you would be happy."

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