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CAT. 32. GUDARZ SENDS GIV OUT AFTER KAY KHUSRAW

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The slaying of Siyawush had to be avenged, but despite many battles and heroic deeds, it still proved impossible to kill King Afrasiyab. Then a notable named Gudarz had a dream vision about how the war could be won: young Kay Khusraw, Siyawush's son, had to be found and made to take part on the side of the Iranians.

Gudarz sent off his son Giv to find Kay Khusraw. After wandering around for seven years in enemy territory, where Kay Khusraw had grown up, Giv finally reached the prince.

On the miniature, we see Gudarz on his throne, his face turned toward his son Giv, clad in a yellow caftan, whom he informs of the mission.