

The model kshatriyas

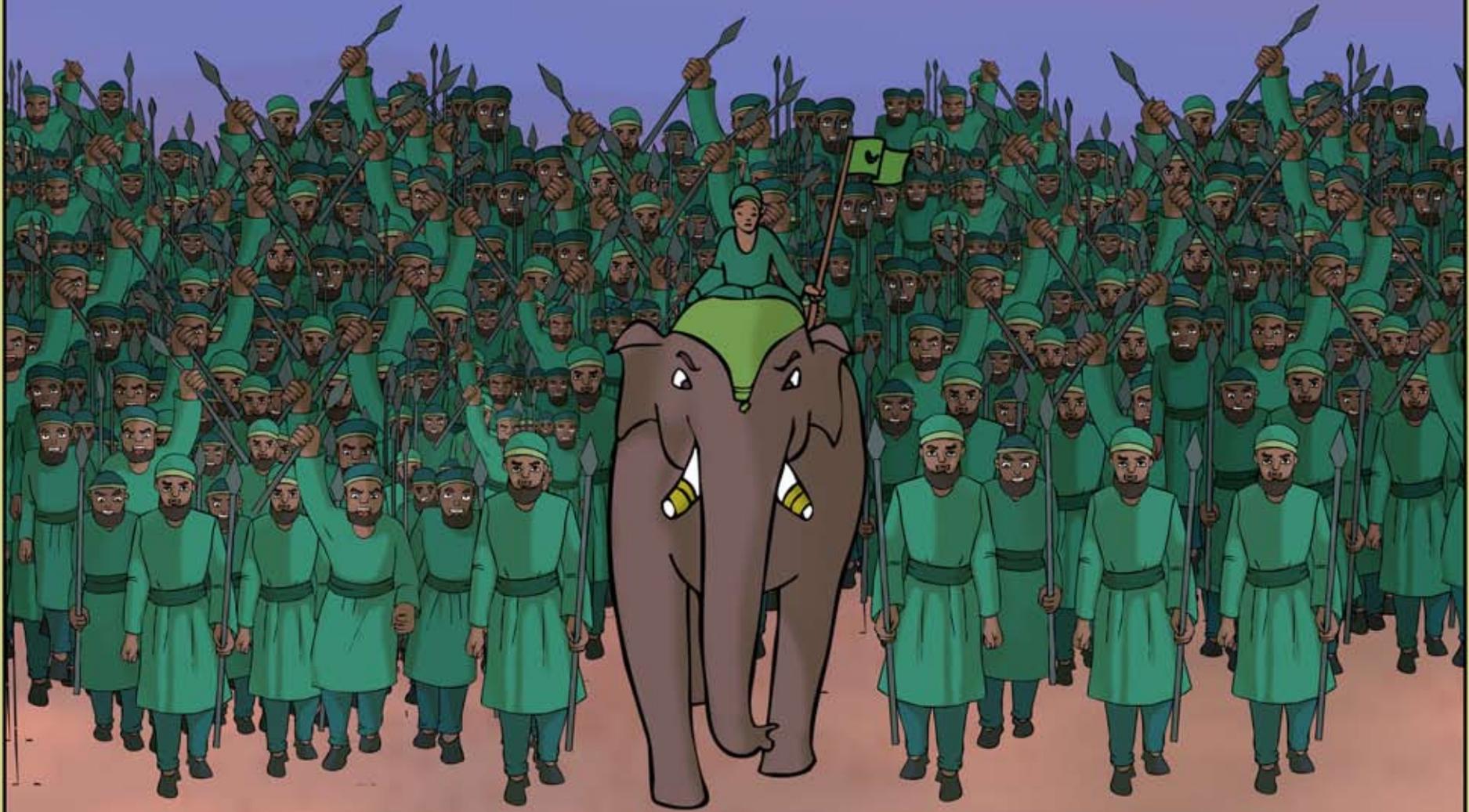
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There was one very famous Hindu king.
He was a very powerful king, devoted to God



When the Muslims first came to India...



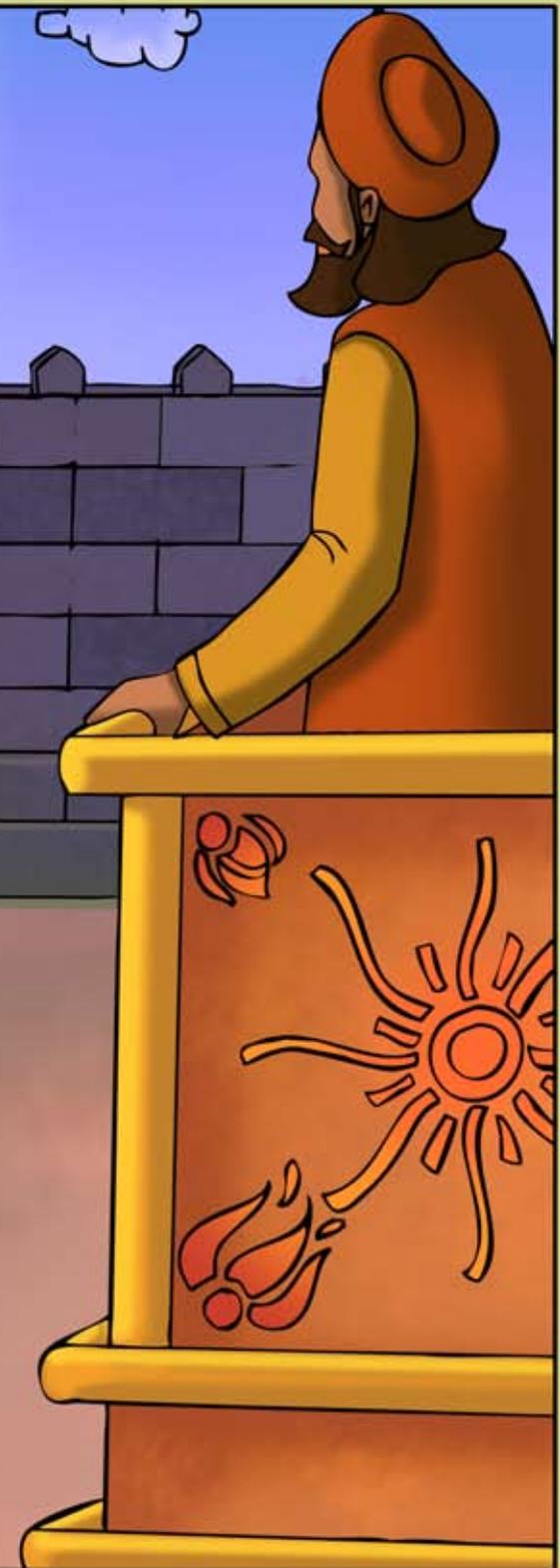
..he stopped them



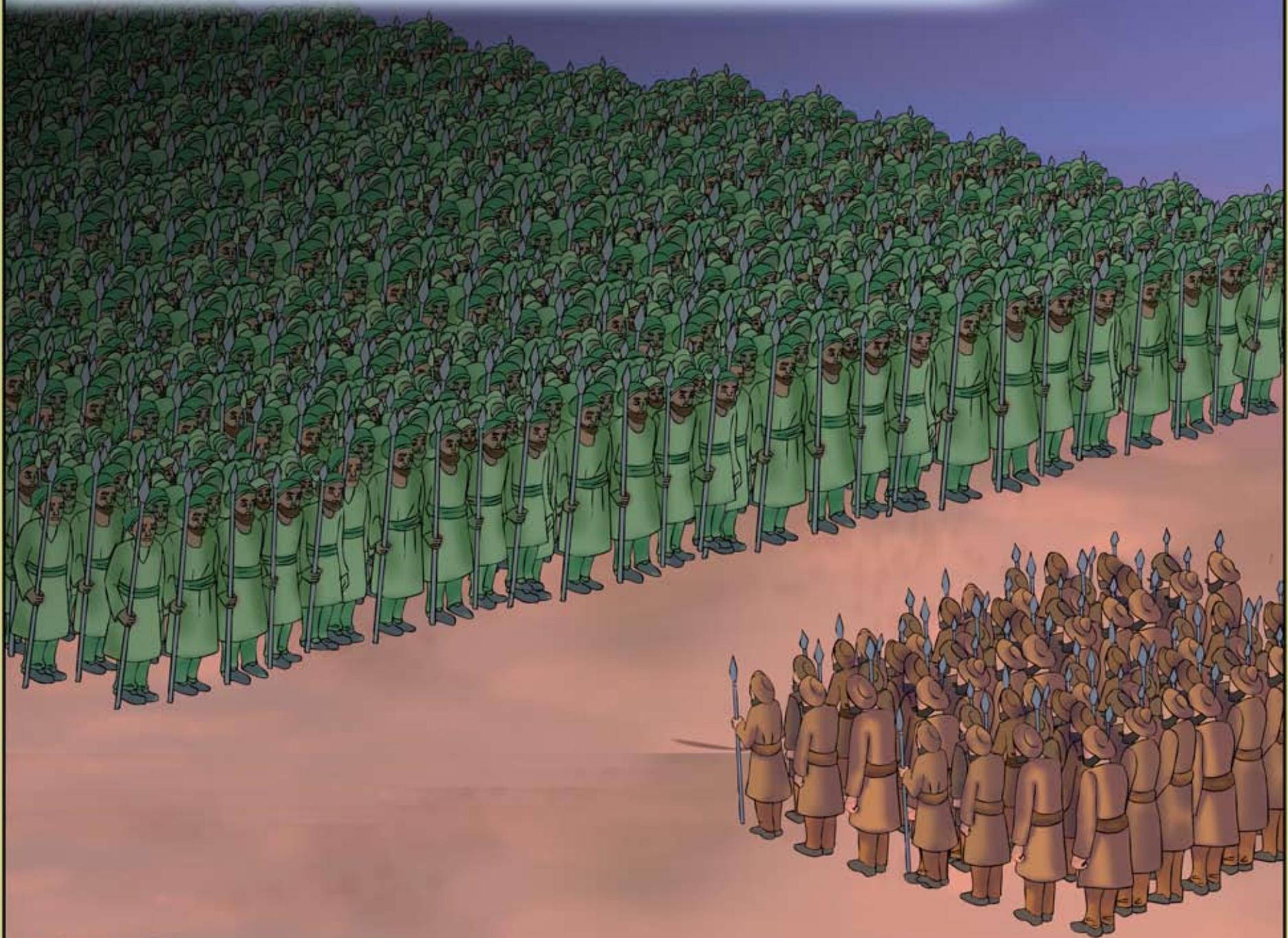
About 1000 years ago, the first Muslim emperor invaded India with a huge army, hundreds and thousands of men. He invaded North India from Persia.



What is now called Punjab there lived one king with a very small army. But these Kshatriyas were so powerful and devoted to God, that they stopped the Muslim king seventeentimes



The Muslim army was huge and the Hindu army was very small



But the Hindu army were such determined Kshatriyas that every time they pushed back the Muslim king seventeen times



Every time they caught the Muslim emperor, and every time they let him go. The Hindu king was very compassionate, and every time he would say...





All right,
I will not kill you.
You can go.

The Muslim king made a pact with another Hindu king



Together they overthrew the first Hindu king



So the Muslim king captured the Hindu king





I'm not going to make the same mistake that you made. I'm not going to let you go, I'm going to cut off your head



But first, I've heard that you are a very expert bowman. I've heard that you can shoot a dove at 100 metres blindfolded. Just by the sound of the wings of that dove, you can shoot him from 100 metres away



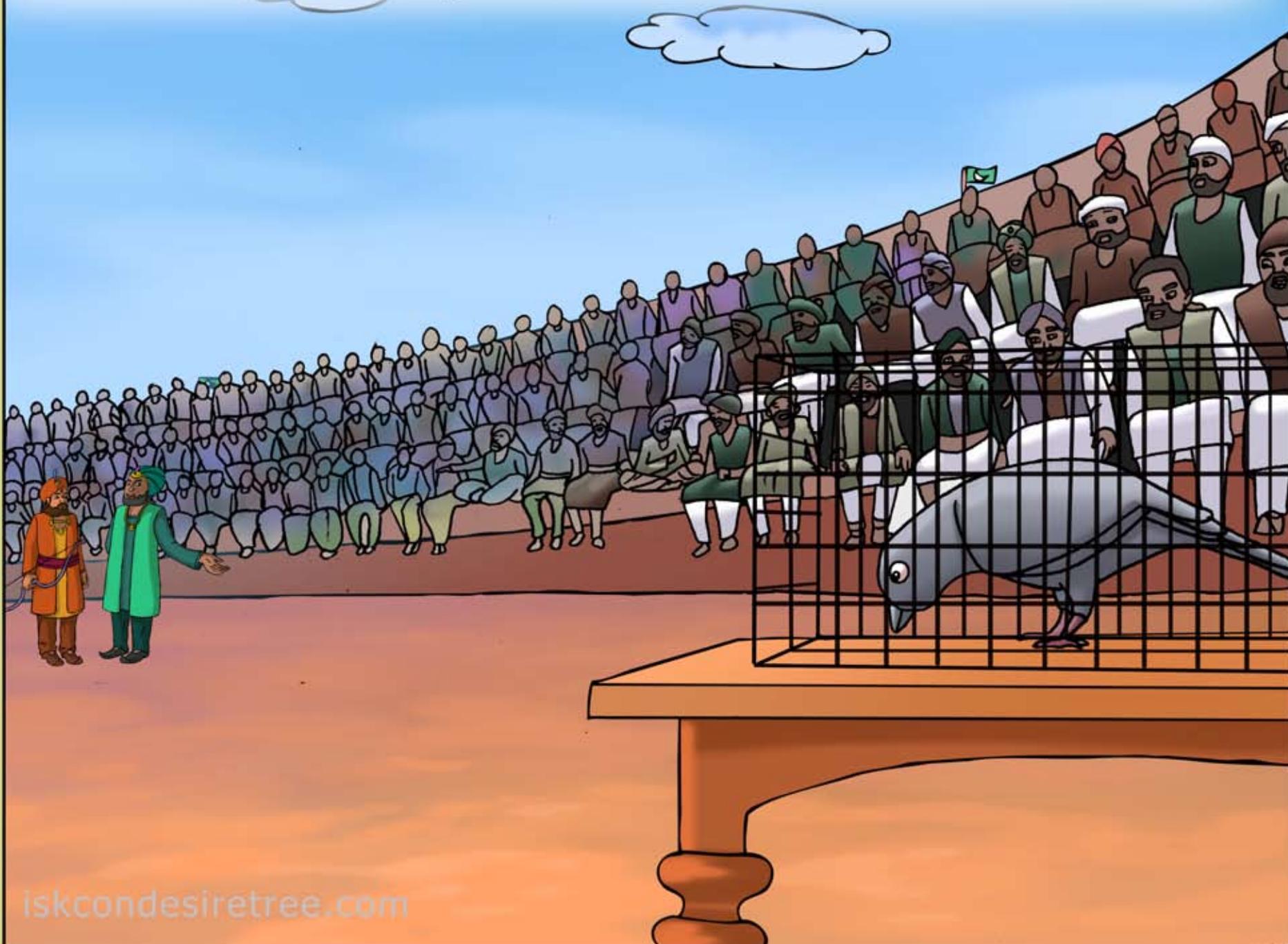
If you can prove to
me that you can do this, I will spare
your life

The Hindu king didn't trust him, but he said...

All right



So they went to this huge arena with a stadium, and there were thousands and thousands of people. That Hindu king stood at one end of the stadium. There was a dove in a box 100 metres away



They were going to let that dove out and by the sound of the wings flapping, even though he was blindfolded he was going to shoot the bird



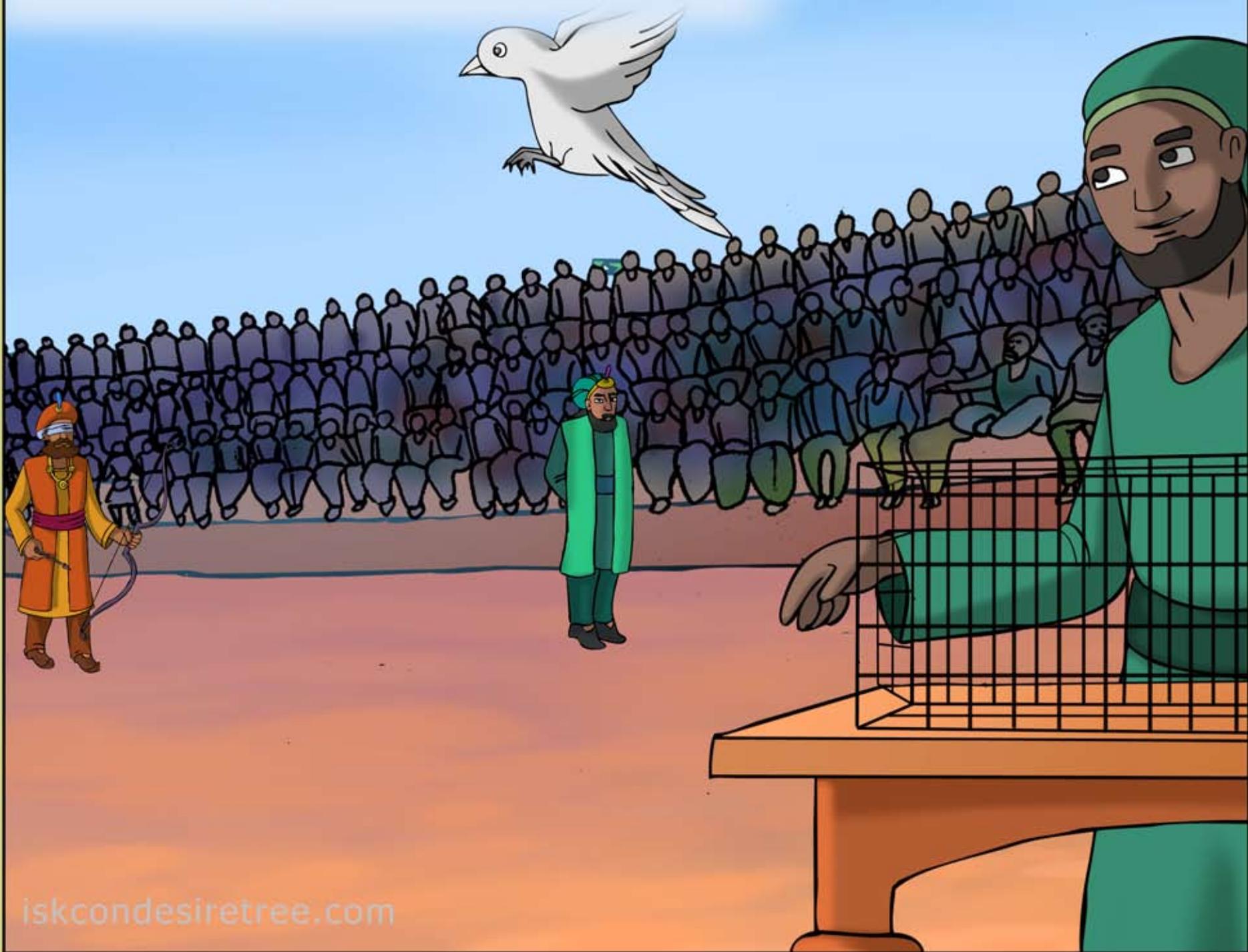
All right,
I'll do this, but just one thing
you have to tell me when the
box is opened.





You stand there and tell me,
when the box is opened
and I'll be able to shoot the dove

The Muslim king agreed and then at the other end of the field they opened the box and the dove flew out

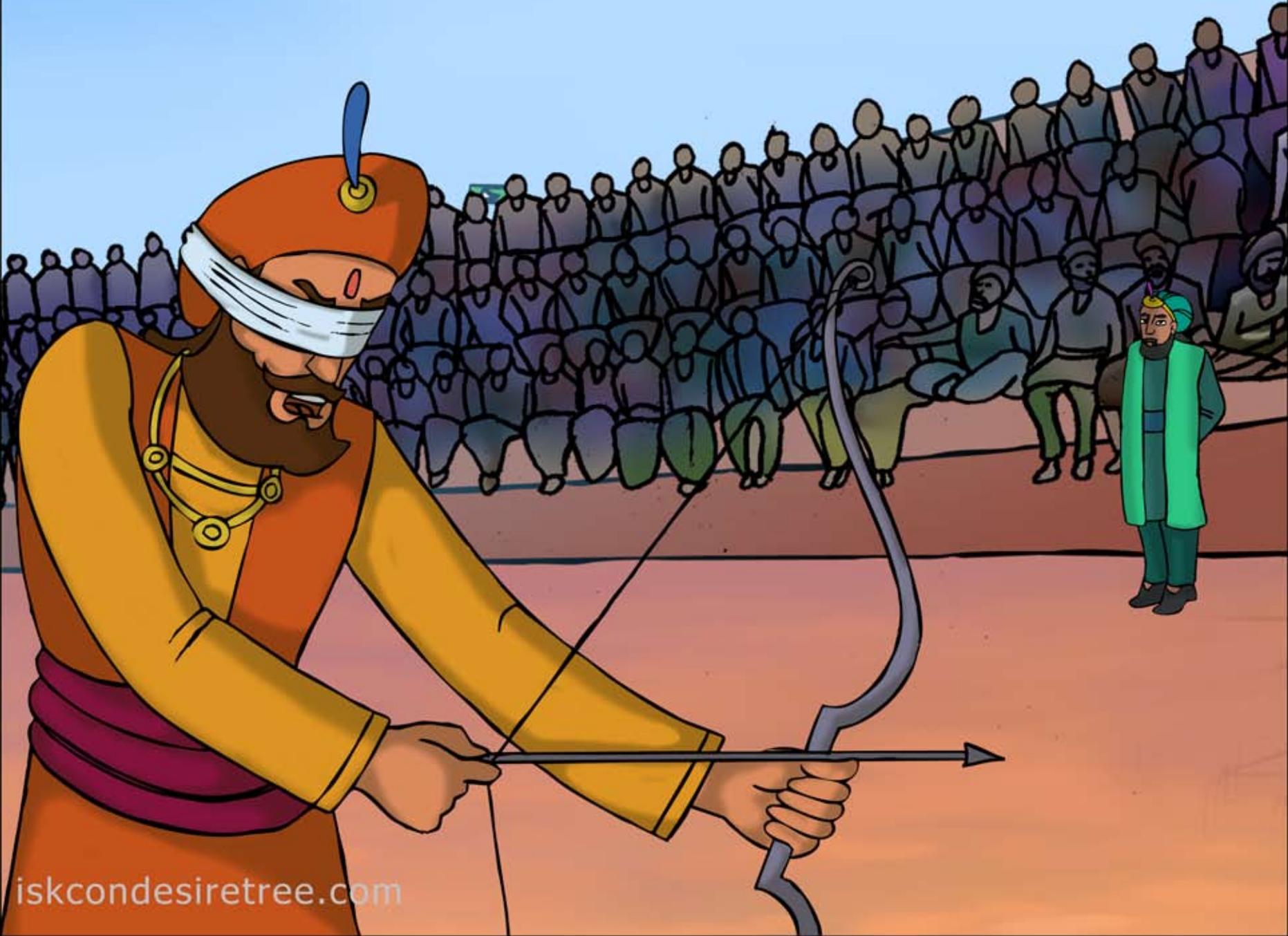


So the Muslim king said...

Yes, now the dove is out



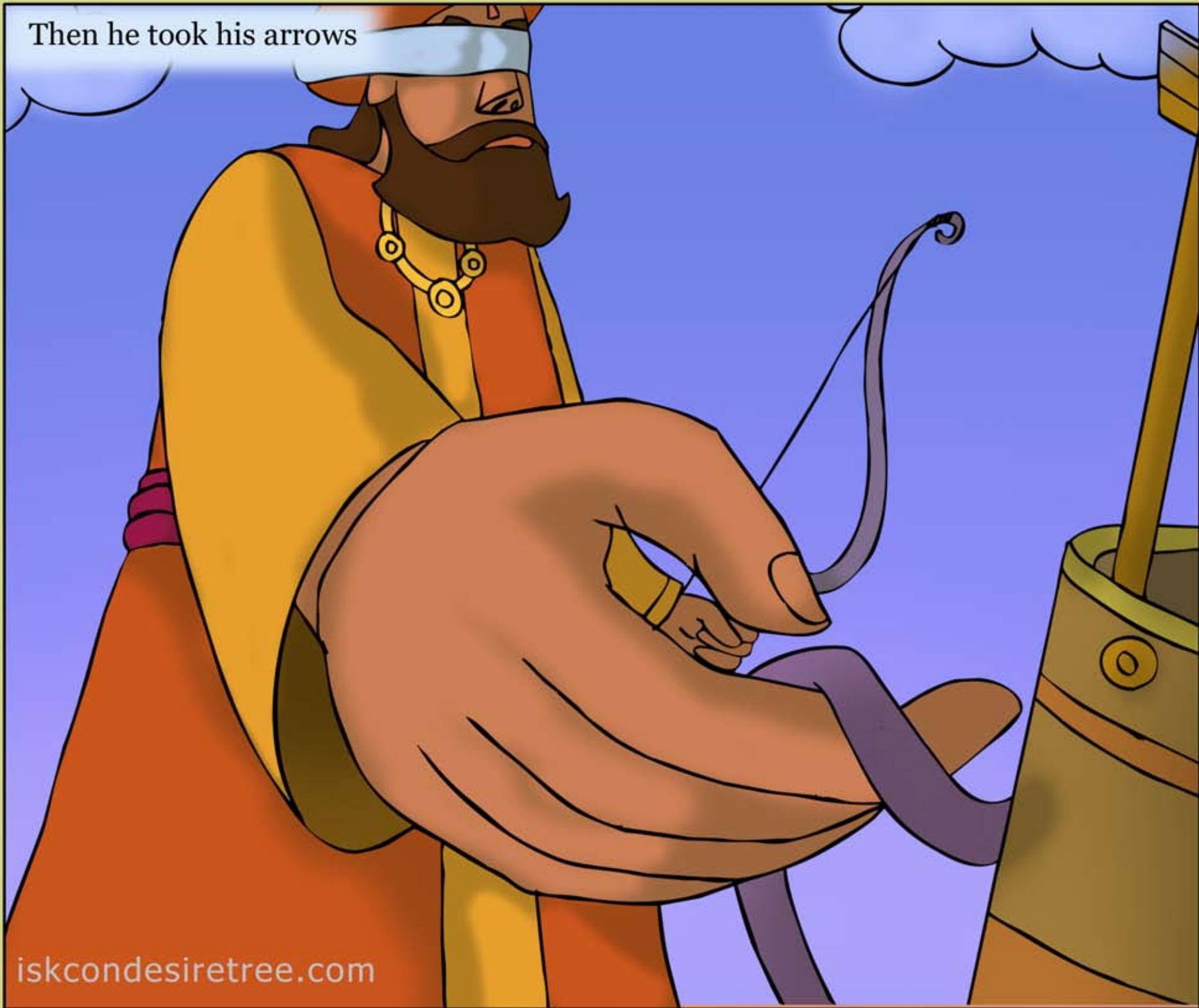
The Hindu king who was blindfolded, when he heard the Muslim king



He turned and shot the Muslim king through the heart. The Muslim king made the mistake of making a noise, so then just by hearing the noise, the Hindu king shot him through the heart



Then he took his arrows



Muslim soldiers were shouting

You rascal!



And just by their voices the Hindu king was shooting all the Muslim soldiers dead



He was all alone, fighting hundreds of men blindfolded



This is a soldier. He didn't run away and hide in fear, or start crying, please, spare my life. It was an honour to die in battle for the glory of God



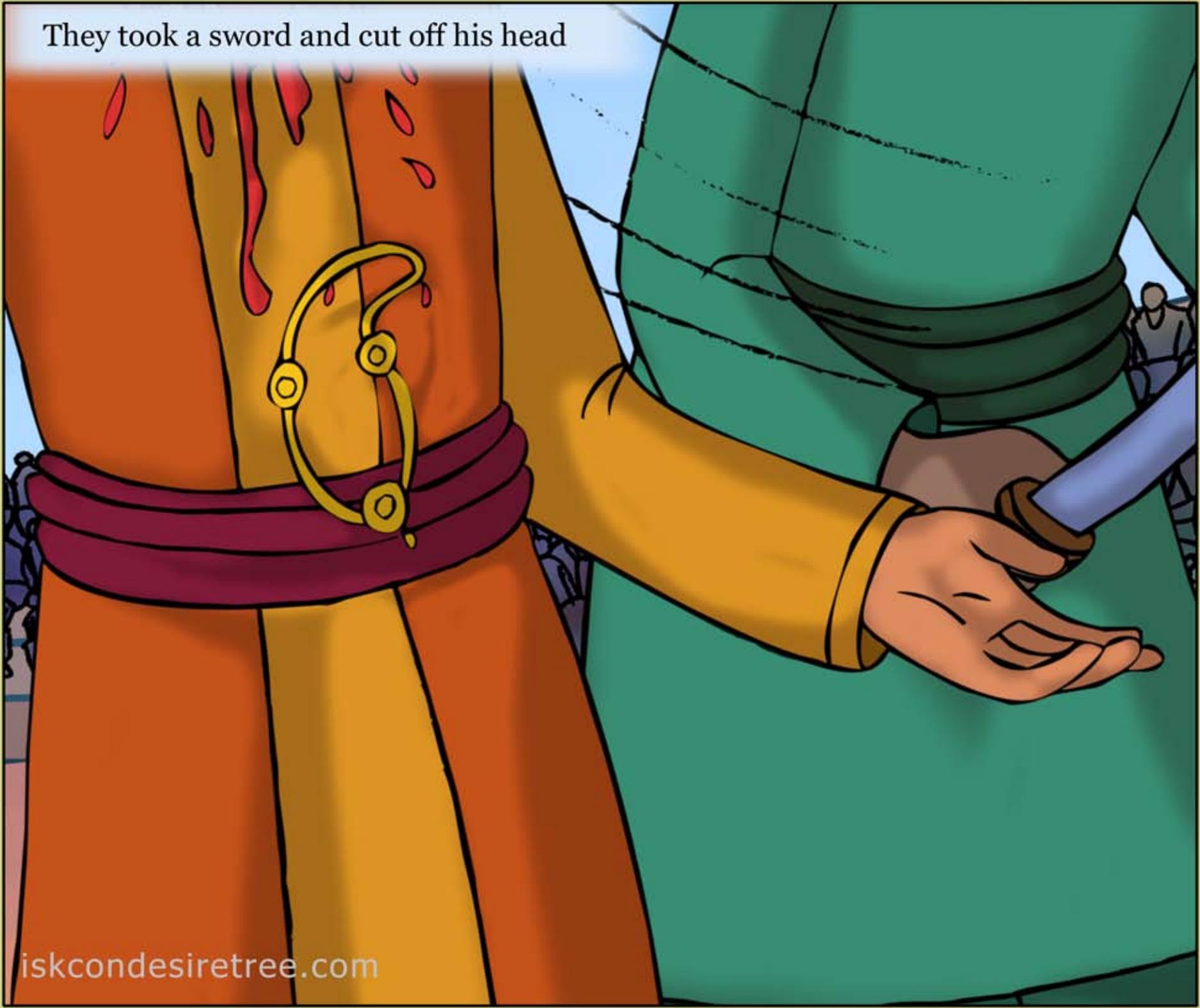
When he ran out of arrows he simply prayed to Krsna with his hands folded, meditating on the Lord



Some Muslim soldiers were left



They took a sword and cut off his head



So these are glorious men, dying for the glory of God. Also to get an injury on sankirtana is a great glory

