

# THE THREE BROTHERS

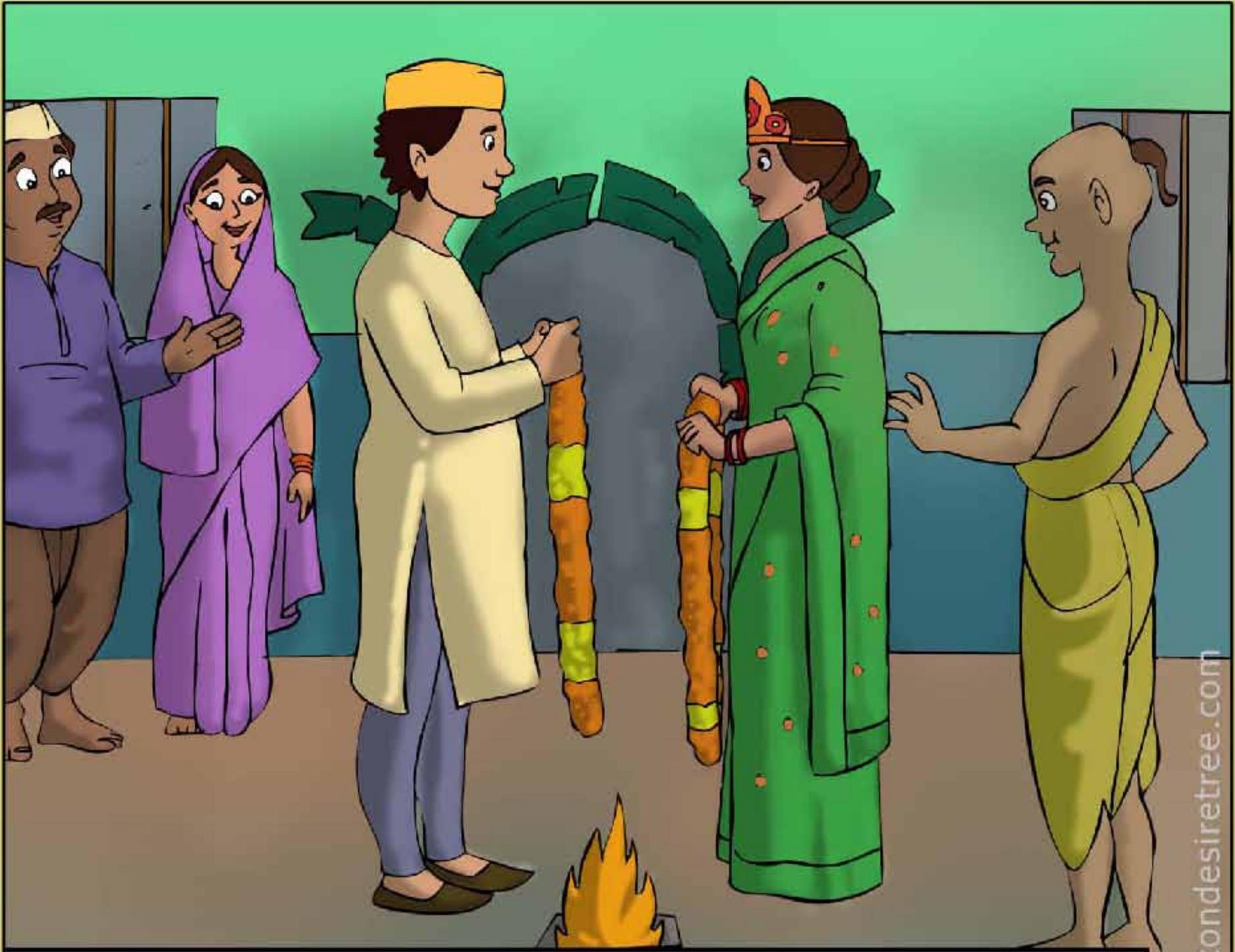


The wife of the headman of a village died soon after giving birth to a baby boy

Oh! How will i take care of my baby

We should get him remarried





The headman was inconsolable but was persuaded by his family and friends to marry again so that the child would have someone to look after him.



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Fortunately, his second wife turned out to be a large-hearted and sensible woman who gave the child all the love and care he would have received from his own mother

In the course of the years she presented the headman with two more sons, but her affection for the oldest never diminished. She treated all three boys alike and the two younger ones never realised they had a stepbrother



Mom let me take care of my two younger brothers

One day the headman passed away

Mom dont worry i will take care of everything

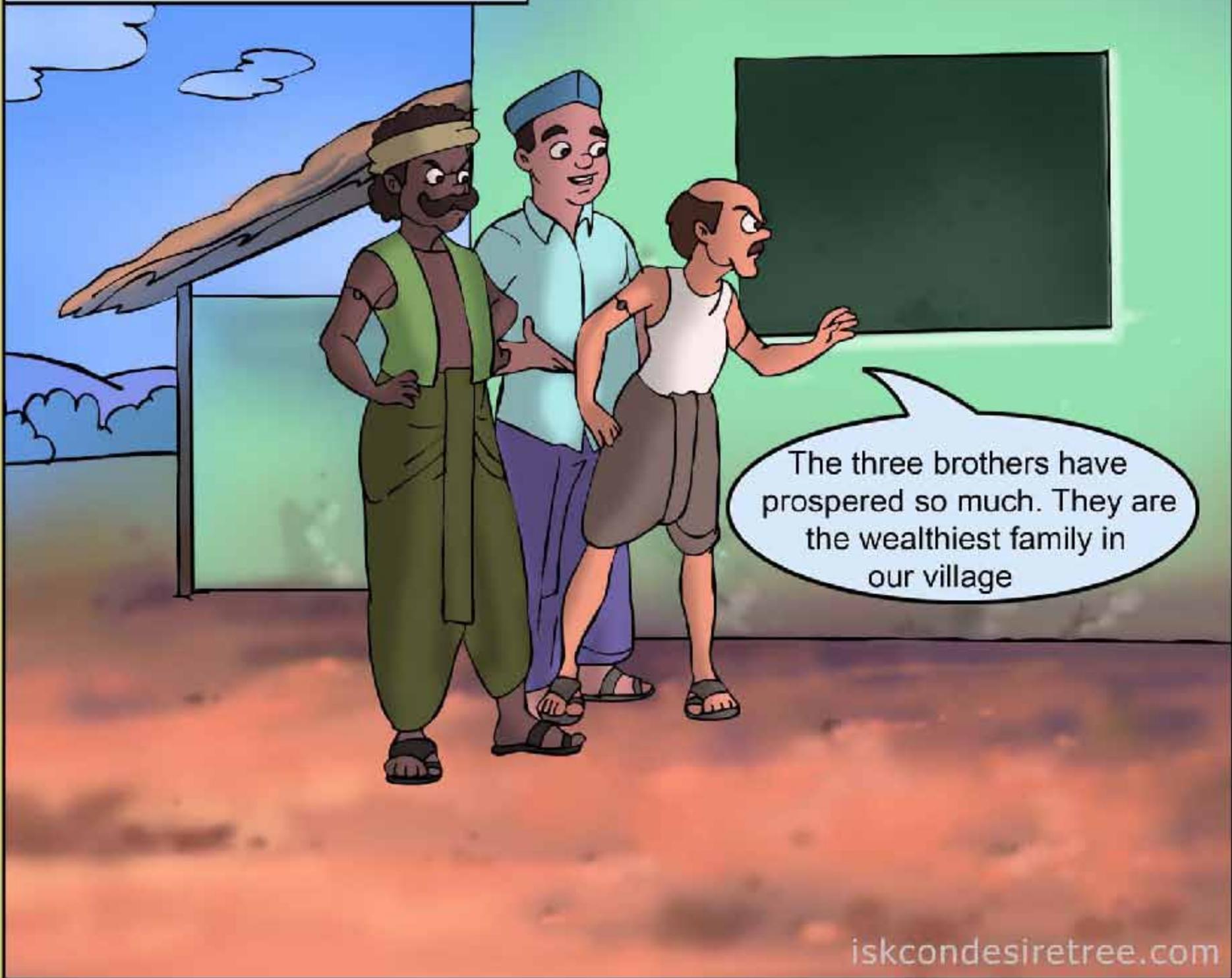


The widow entrusted the responsibilities of the household and the fields to the eldest son and he managed them so well that the family prospered...

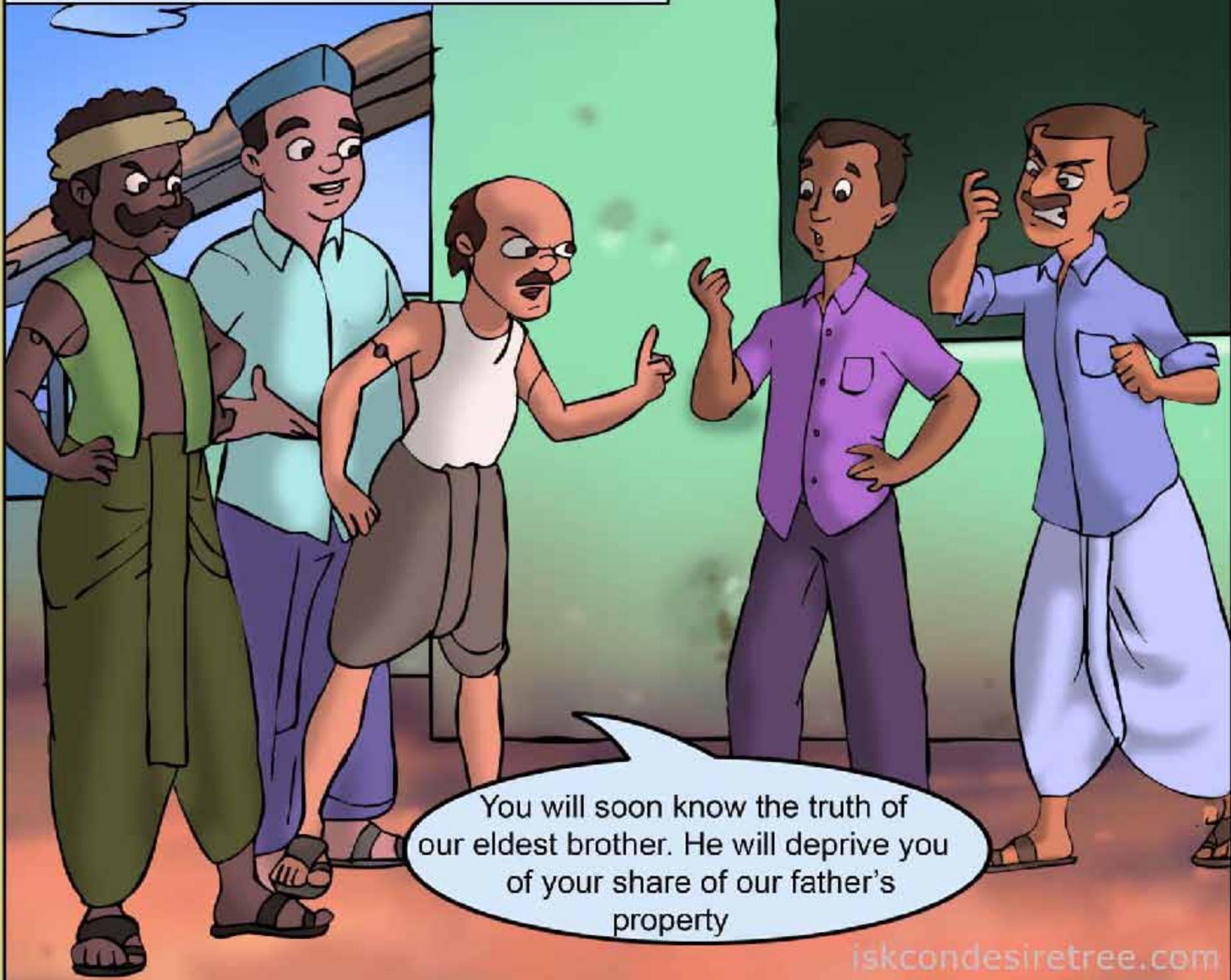


He is very hardworking and intelligent

...this made the neighbours envious



One day, one of them told the widow's sons....



You will soon know the truth of our eldest brother. He will deprive you of your share of our father's property



He will drive you away from the house

The boys were shocked at the revelation and frightened by the prospect of losing their share of the property,



Lets kill him

Good idea

They convinced their mother that their elder brother is becoming very strong and soon would deprive them



So we are planning to kill him

Oh! Now i understand why he is working so hard. He is a cheater



Don't bloody your hands,  
i will get rid of him for you

That night when everybody was asleep, she suddenly jumped out of bed and started shouting



The eldest son asked...

Where? Where did you see it, mother?



The mother said...

Alas, I saw it disappearing  
into your stomach



The elder brother really believed his mother. He was very shocked and thought he would die very soon



He became very mentally disturbed by the thought of his imminent death and became psychologically affected

You should only drink water so the snake dies

I hope he starves to death soon



The neighbours rejoiced and took advantage of the situation. They built a wall across the widow's courtyard and claimed a part of the house as their own





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In the fields they shifted their boundaries to enclose large portions of the widow's lands

The younger sons could not deal with the situation and one day they said...



Yes we need him

If our elder brother was not bed-ridden, such terrible things would not have happened to us

In the dead of the night she again started shouting. Everyone woke up

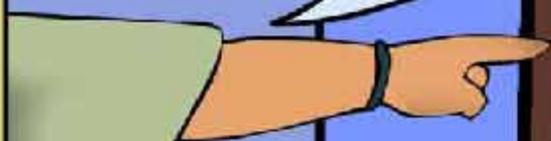
Snake! Snake!



The eldest son asked weakly

Where...where did you see it mother?

Son, I saw it coming out of your stomach. It disappeared into the darkness



From that day on the condition of the eldest son started improving

I am saved. The snake is out now i can eat again

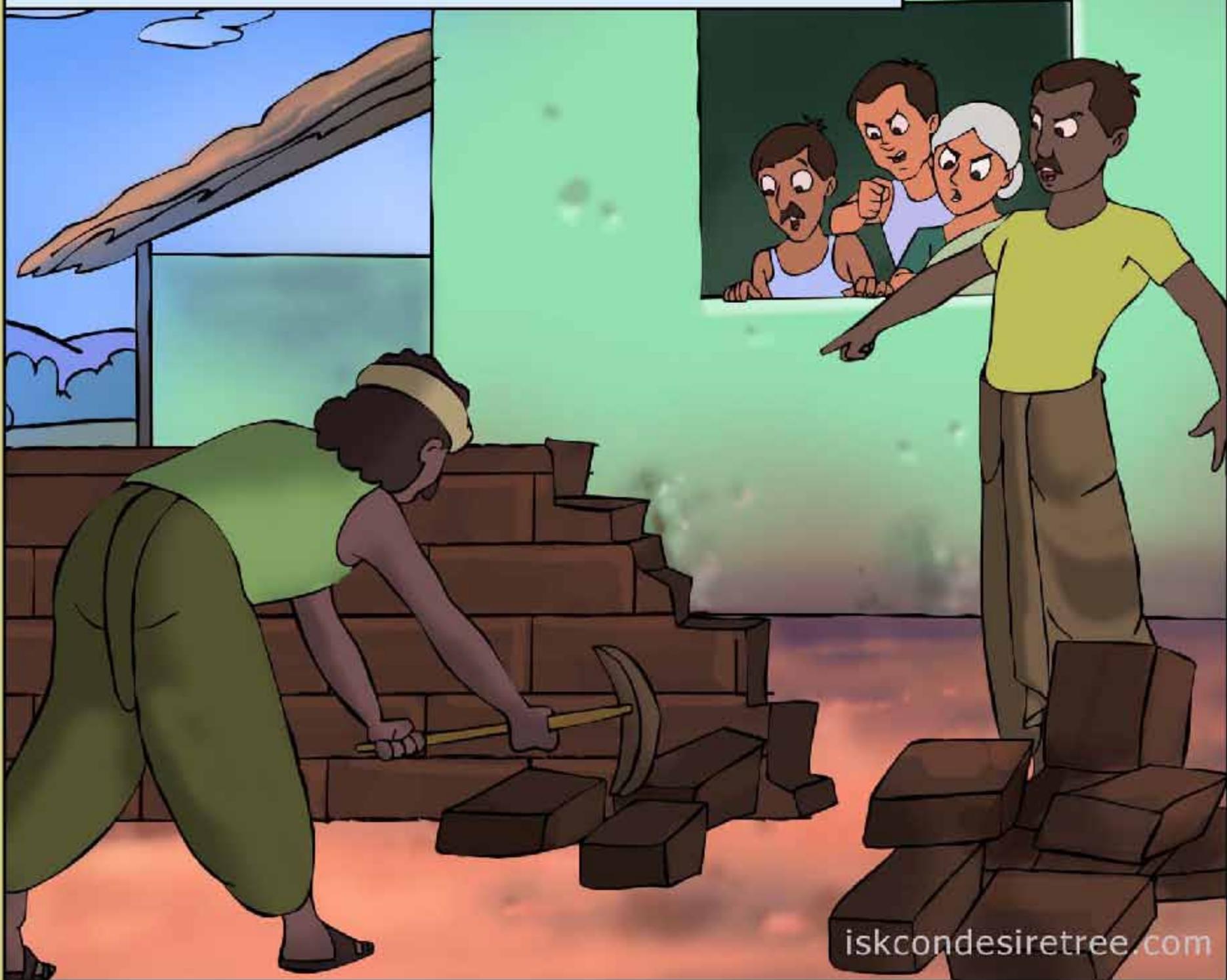


Soon he was able to walk into the courtyard where he saw the new wall



Who has built this!

The neighbours came running and meekly pulled down the wall



The following week he went to the family fields and seeing the new boundaries he shouted



The neighbours trembled in fear and quickly vacated the land they had grabbed



The widow and her three sons lived in peace and harmony ever after



**MORAL :**

**Greed can destroy your unity**