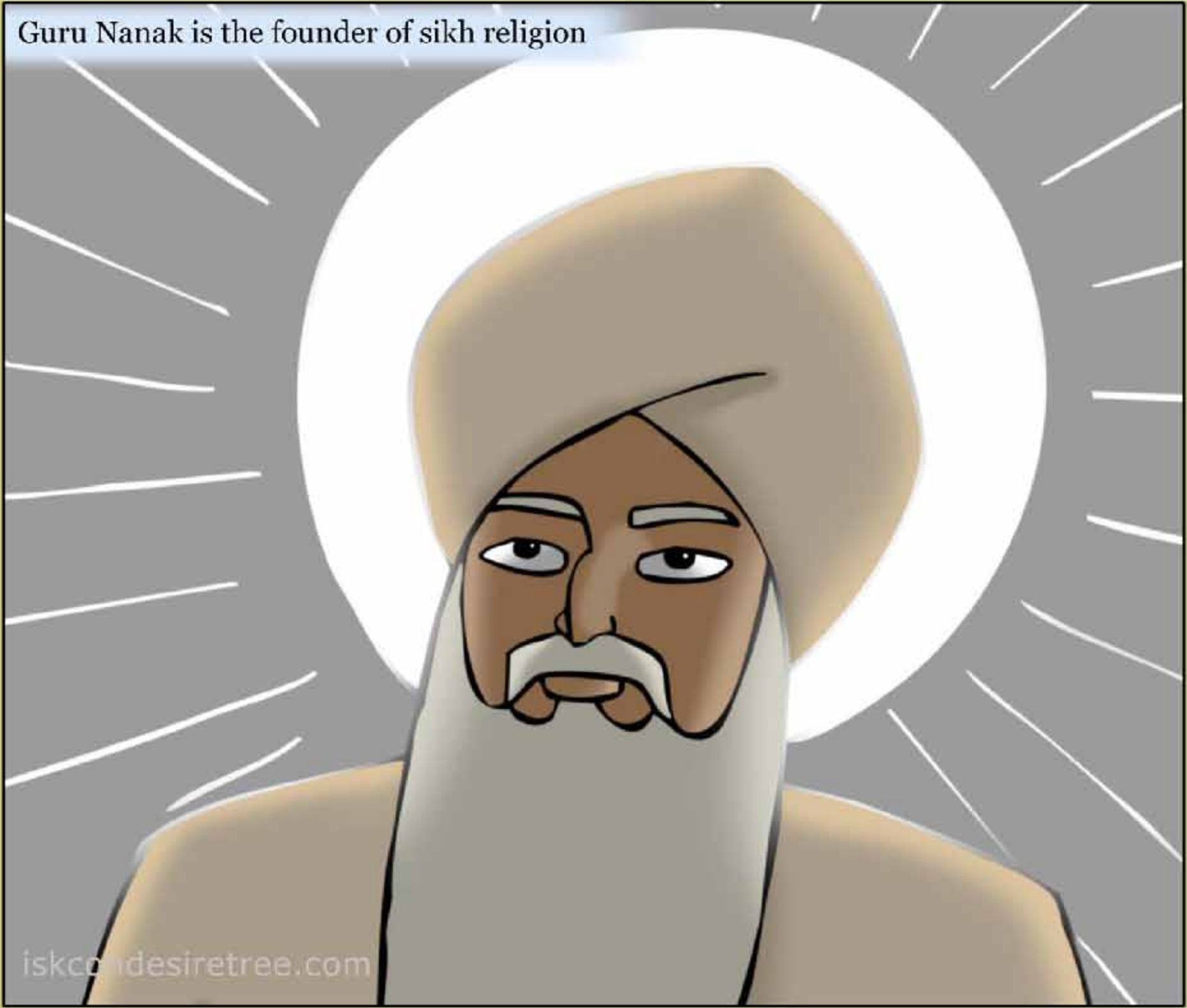


# GURUNANAK

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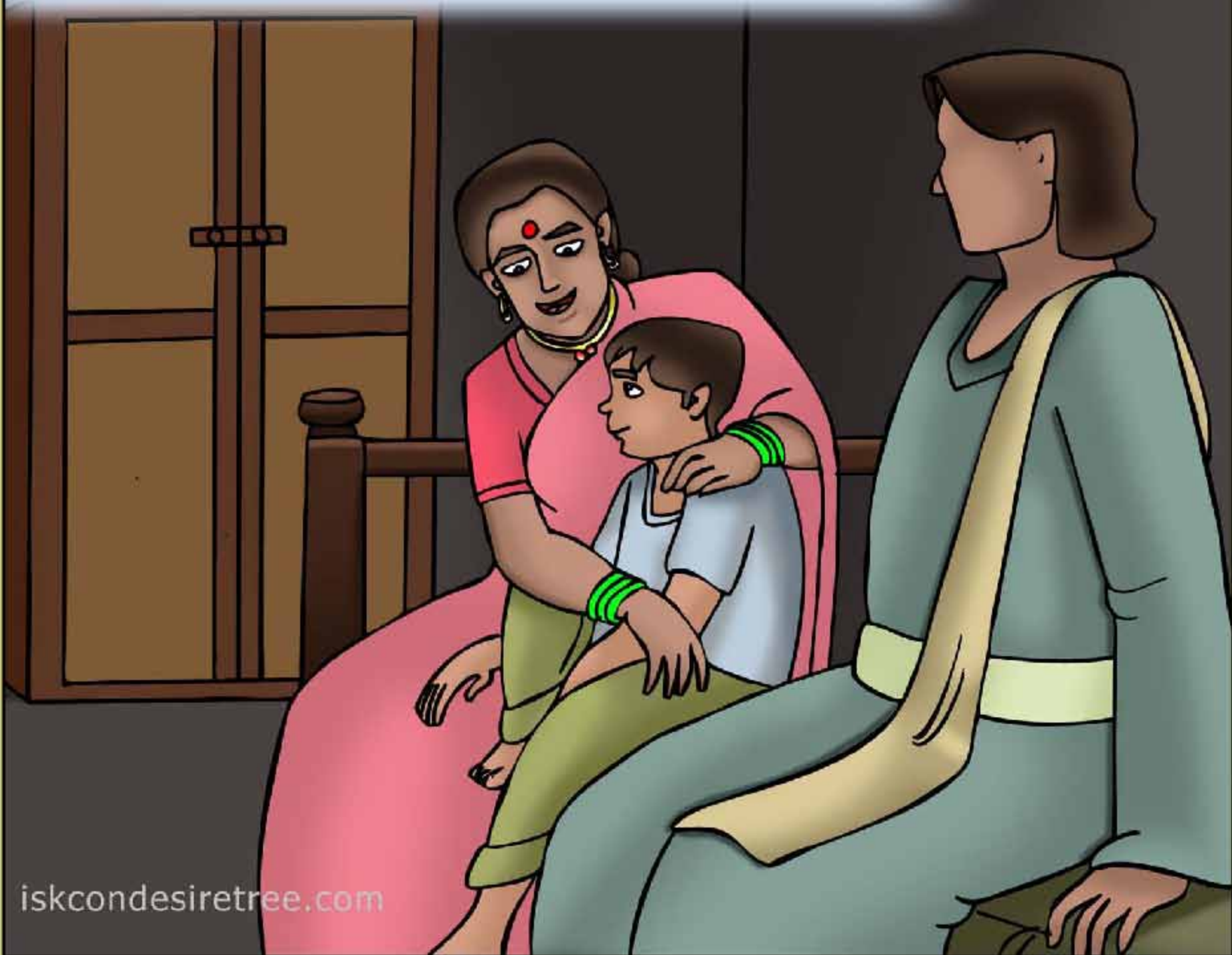
Guru Nanak is the founder of sikh religion



He was born in a brahmin family



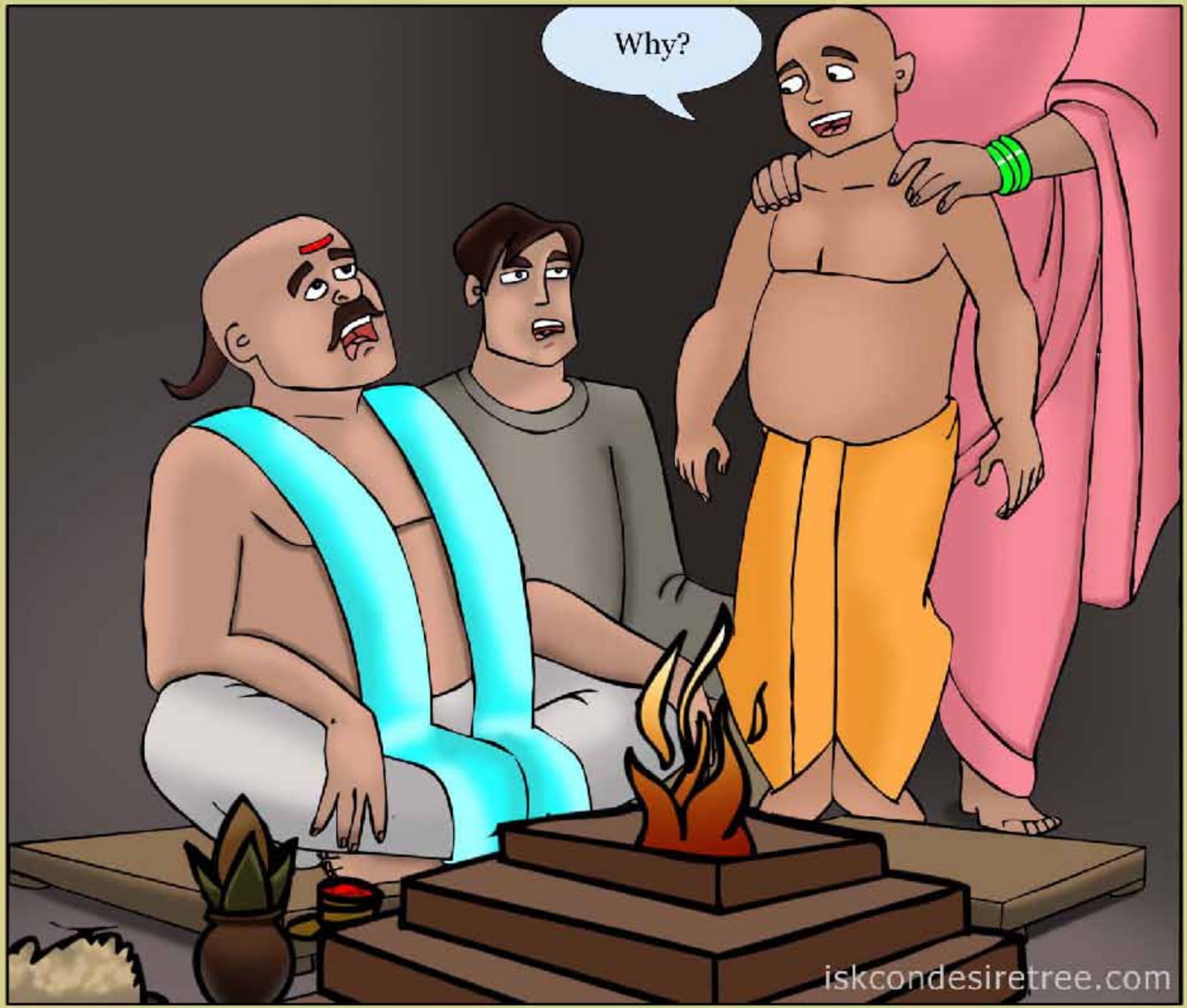
As he was from a Brahmin family the father wanted to give him a sacred thread in ceremony




Everything was arranged and then he was brought to the priest

Sit down child. I will give you a sacred thread



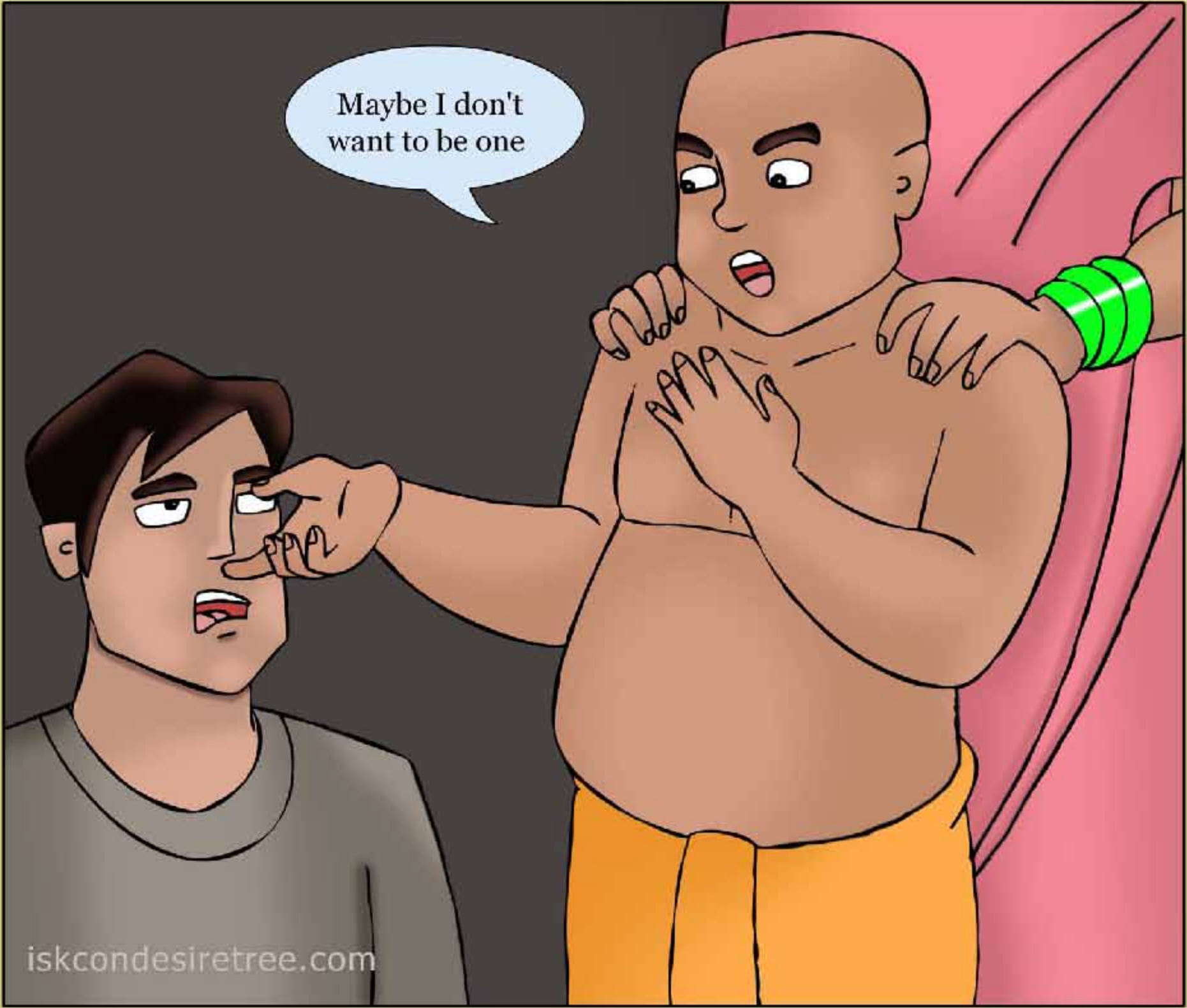


Why?




Because you are a brahmin

Maybe I don't want to be one

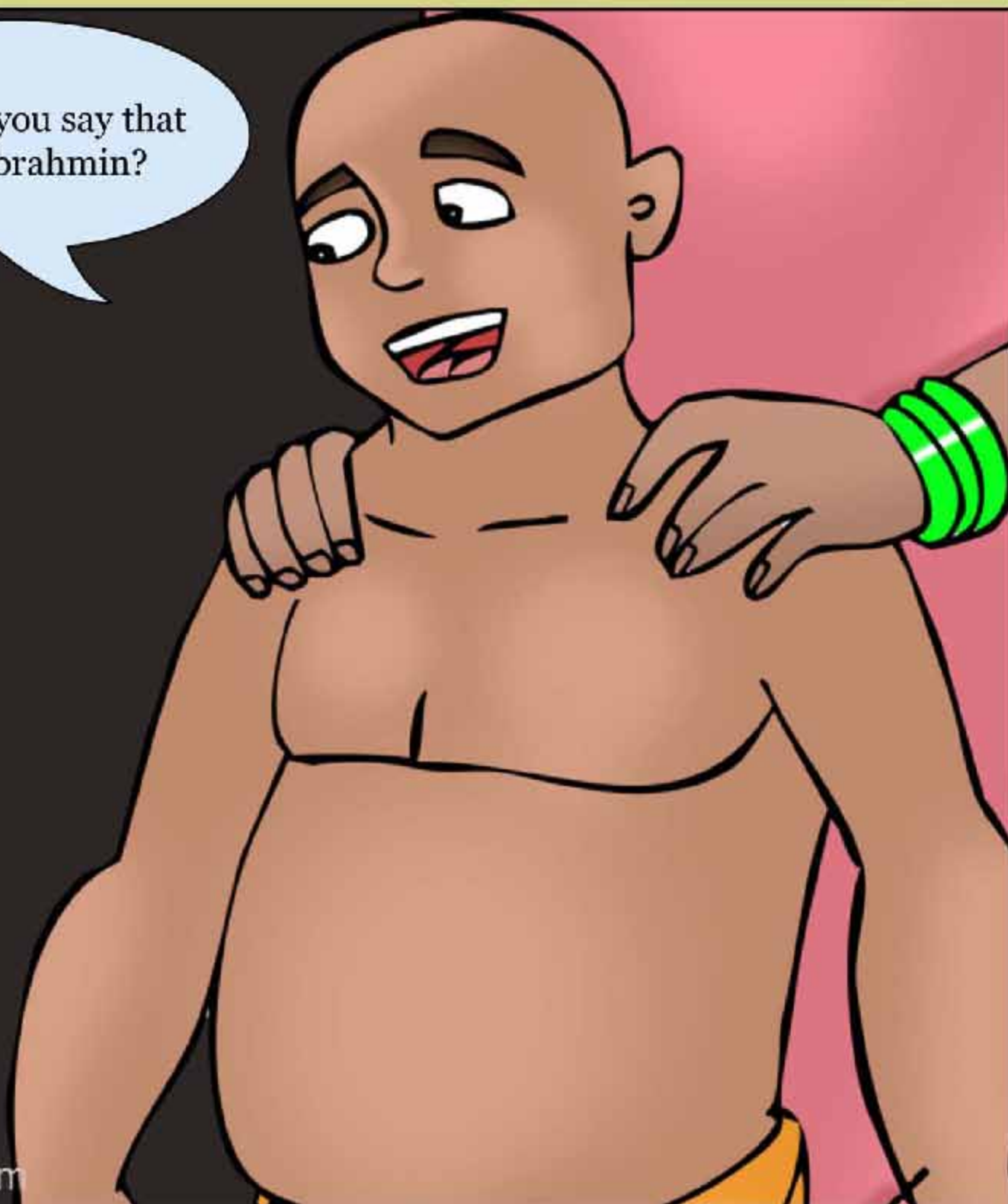






What? This is crazy!  
How can you say that?

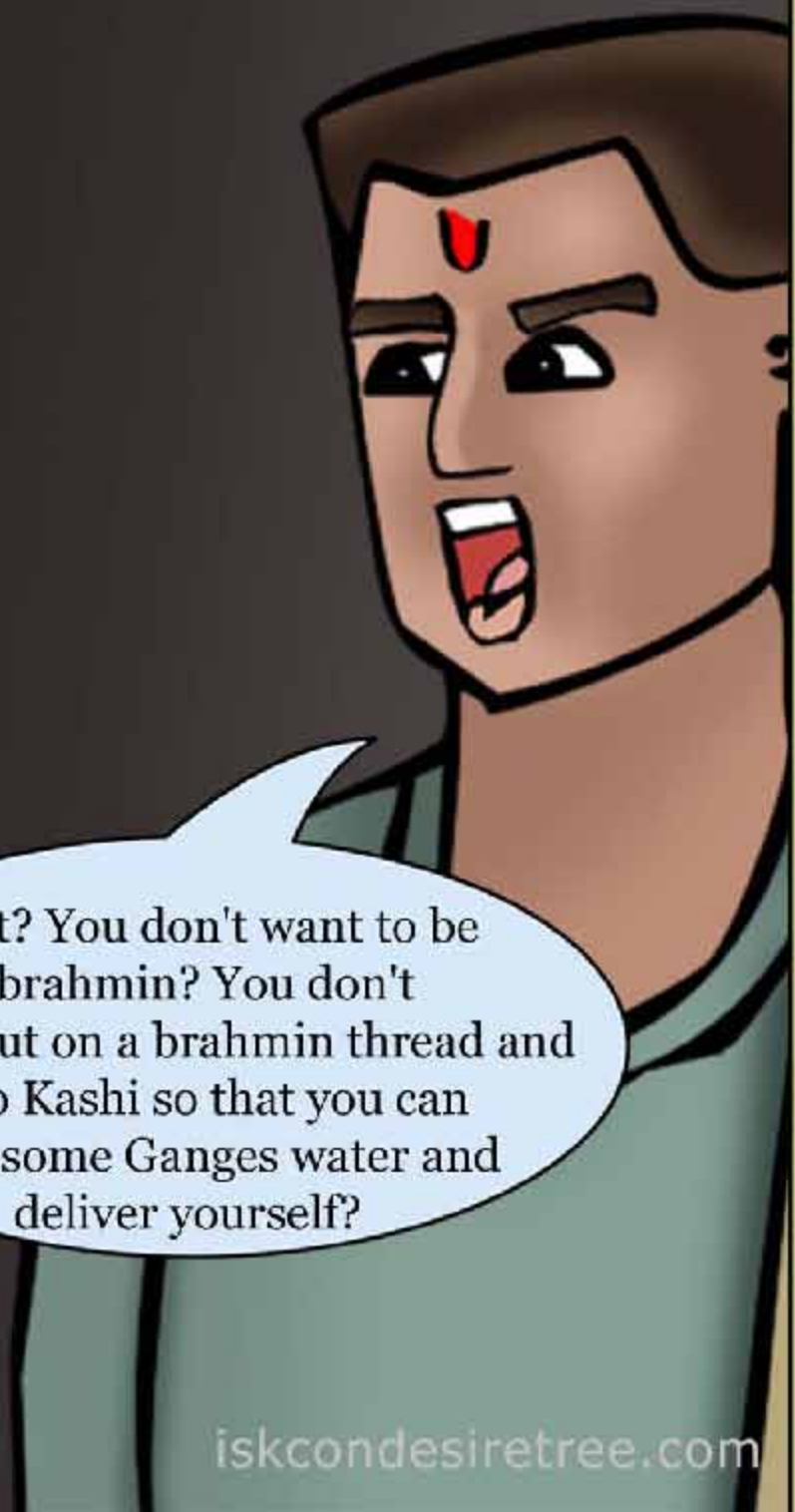
How can you say that  
I am a brahmin?



They were astonished



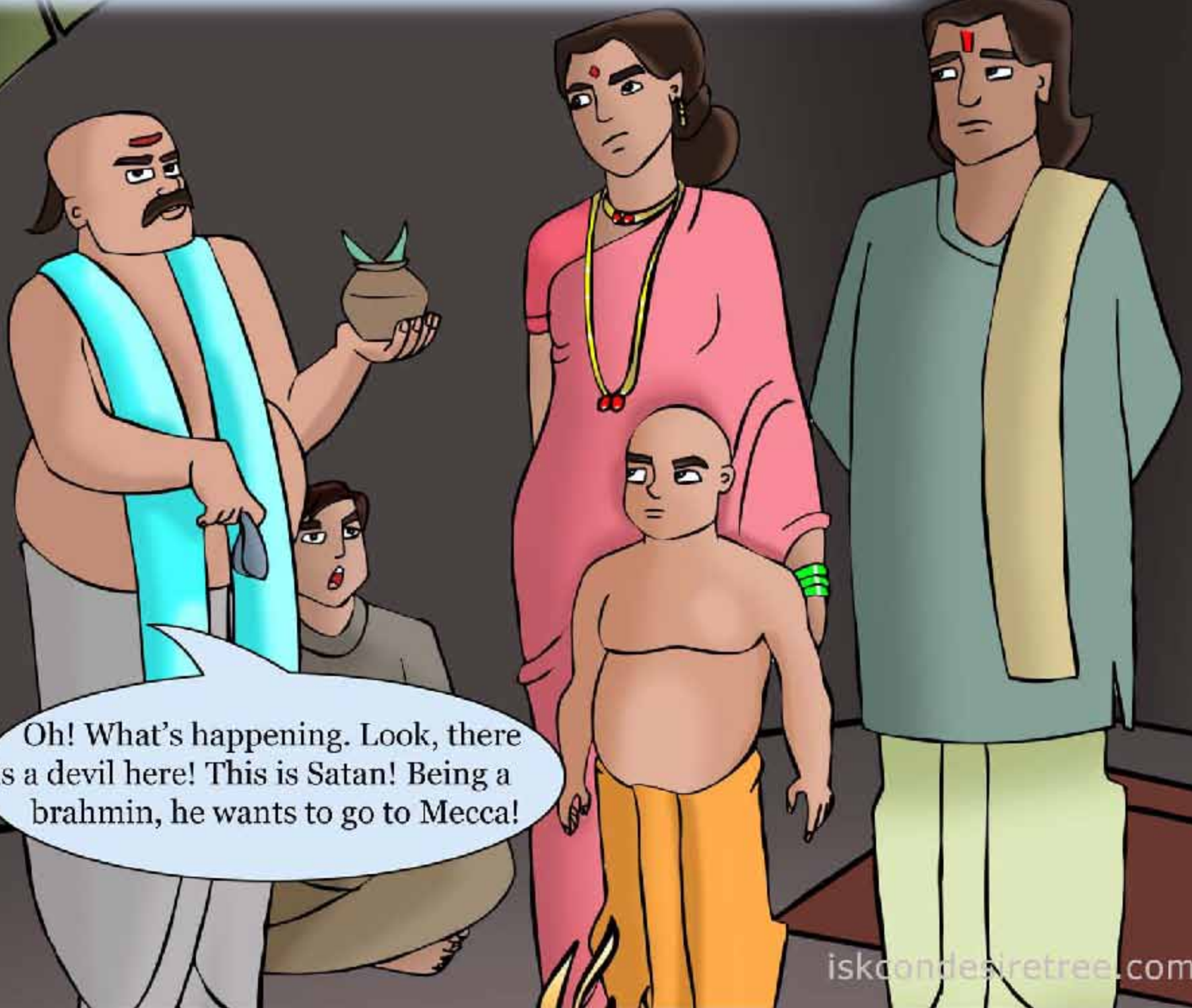
What? You don't want to be a brahmin? You don't want to put on a brahmin thread and go to Kashi so that you can drink some Ganges water and deliver yourself?





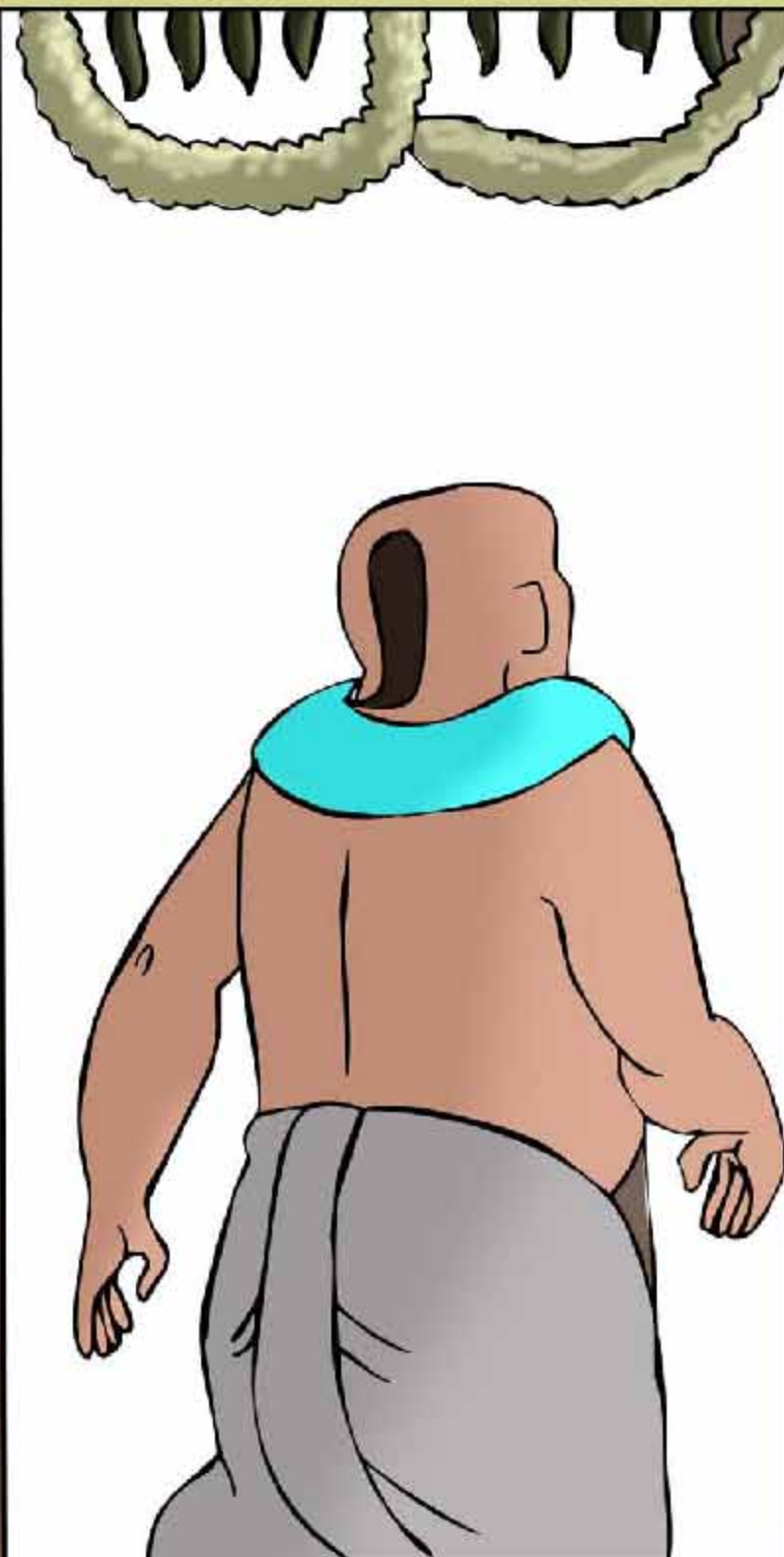
I dont want to wear a brahmin thread. Instead I will go to Mecca

Immediately the priest got up and sprinkled water around himself.



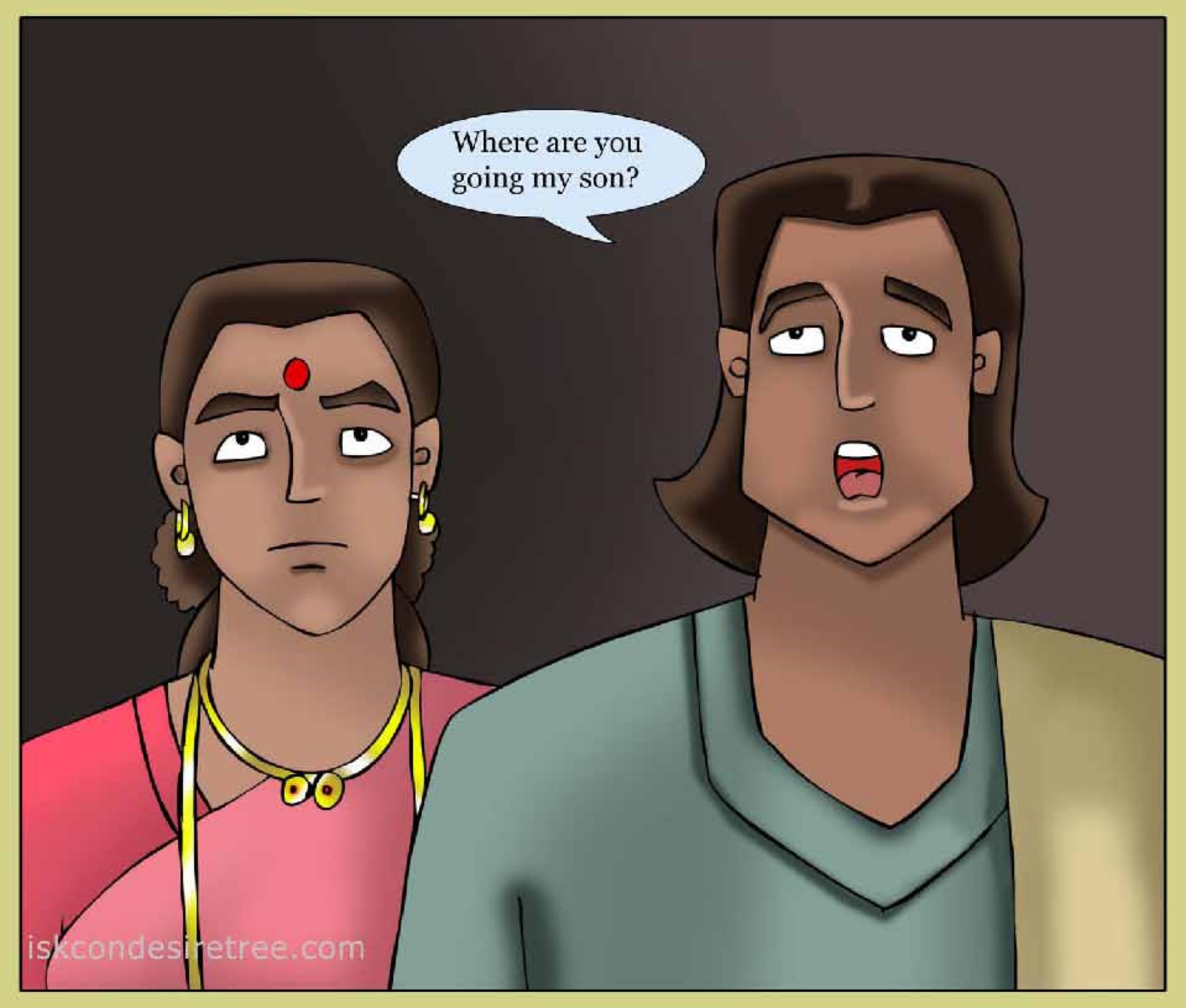
Oh! What's happening. Look, there is a devil here! This is Satan! Being a brahmin, he wants to go to Mecca!

He purified himself and walked out



As the priest went out the door and walked one way,  
the boy went out the door and walked the other way





Where are you going my son?



The boy turned around and said...

I'm going to Mecca

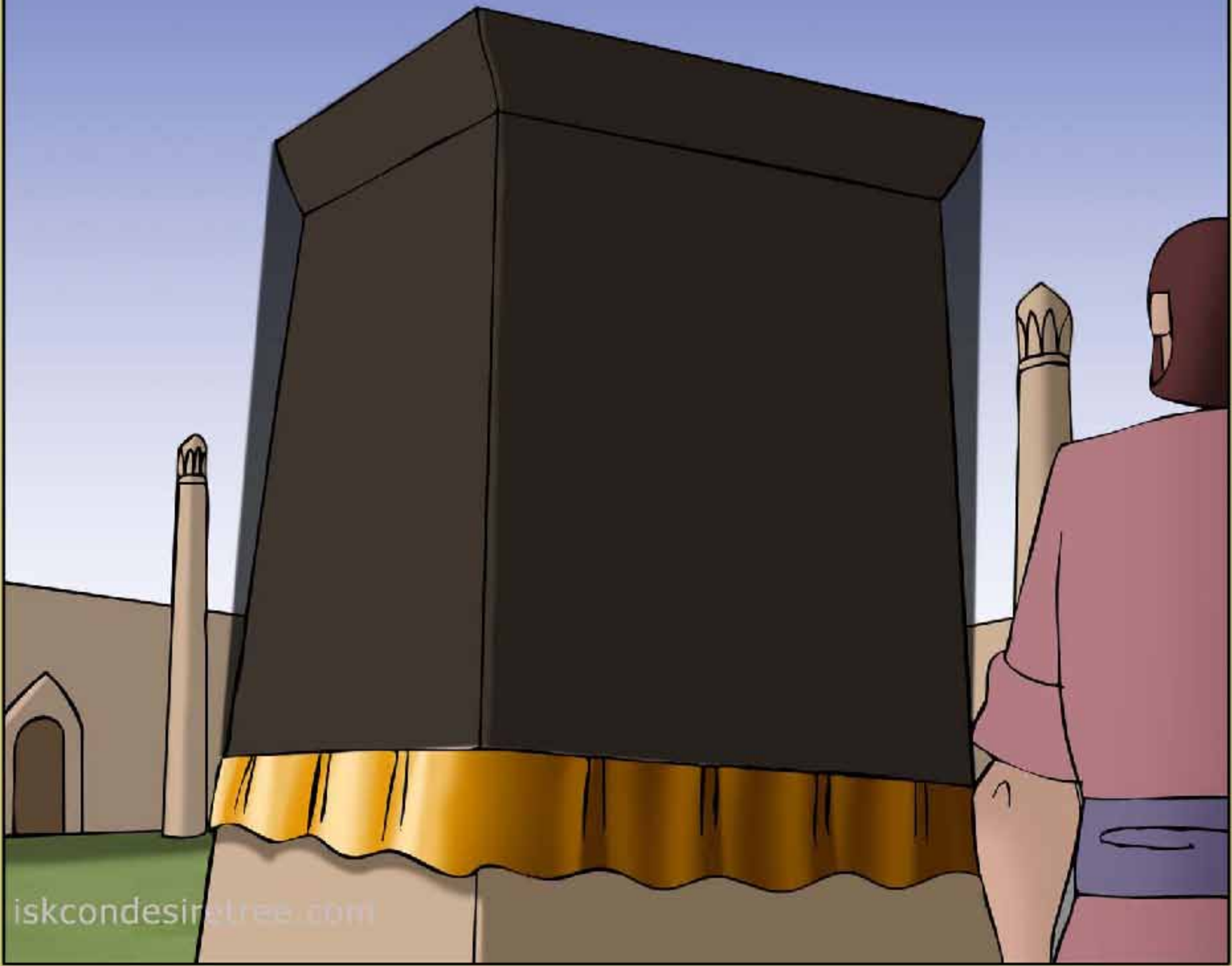
It took him several years to reach Mecca



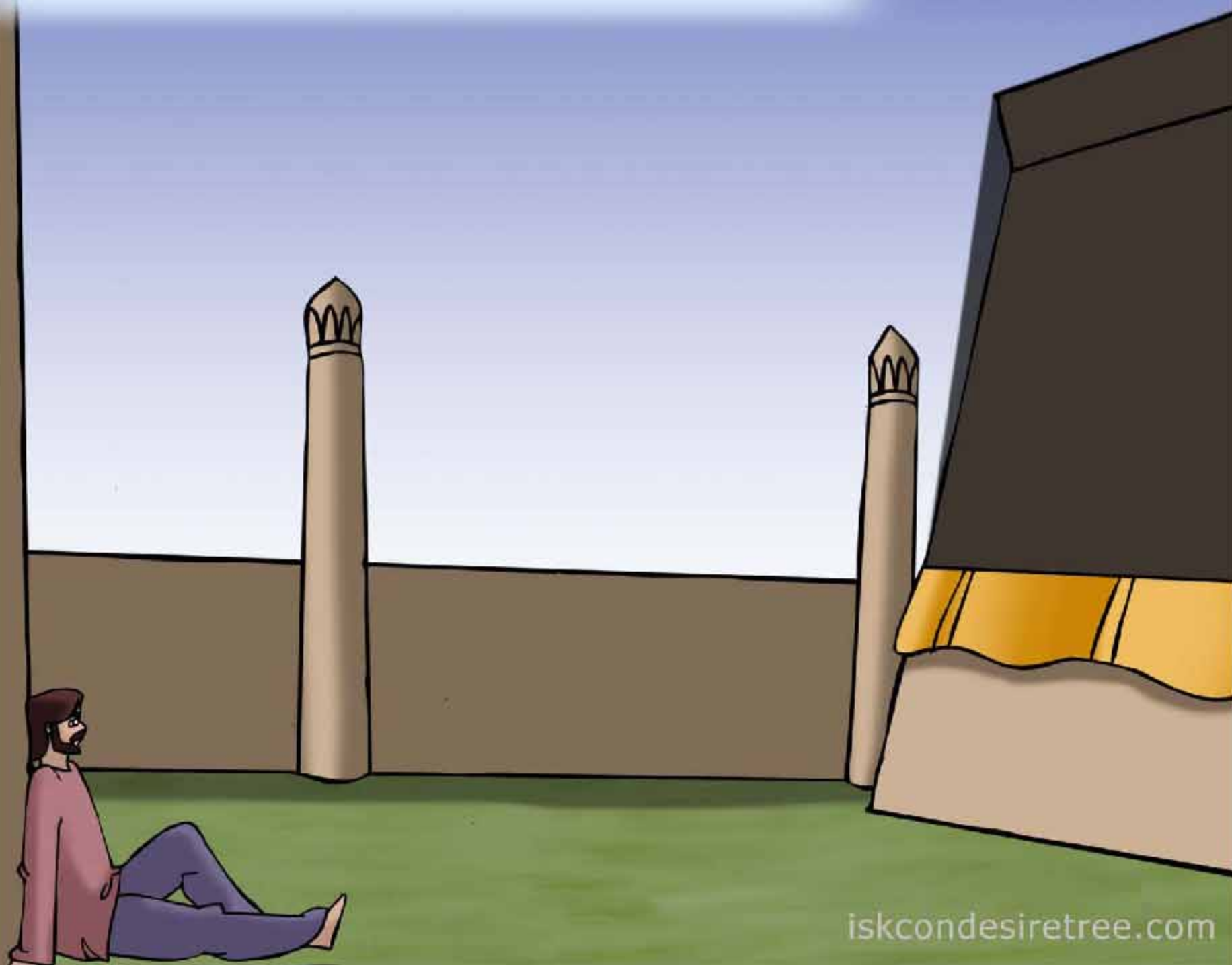
He became a young man when he reached there



Then he went to the Kabba, the big black, curtain covered, mystic place



But it was too late in the evening, so he laid down with his legs towards the Kabba...



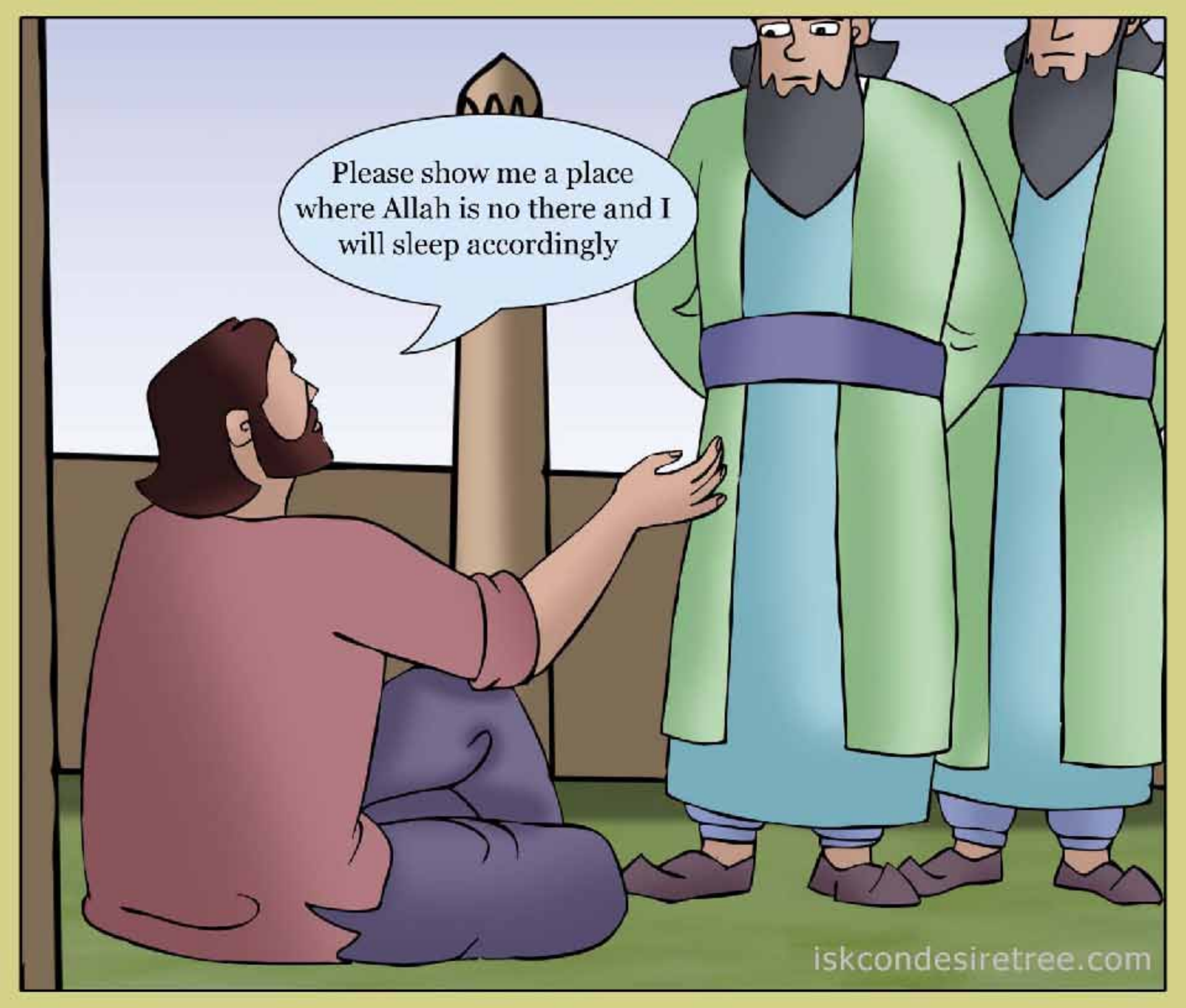
...and fell asleep. The mulas noticed



One mula woke him up and said...

Hey, why are you pointing your feet towards Allah?

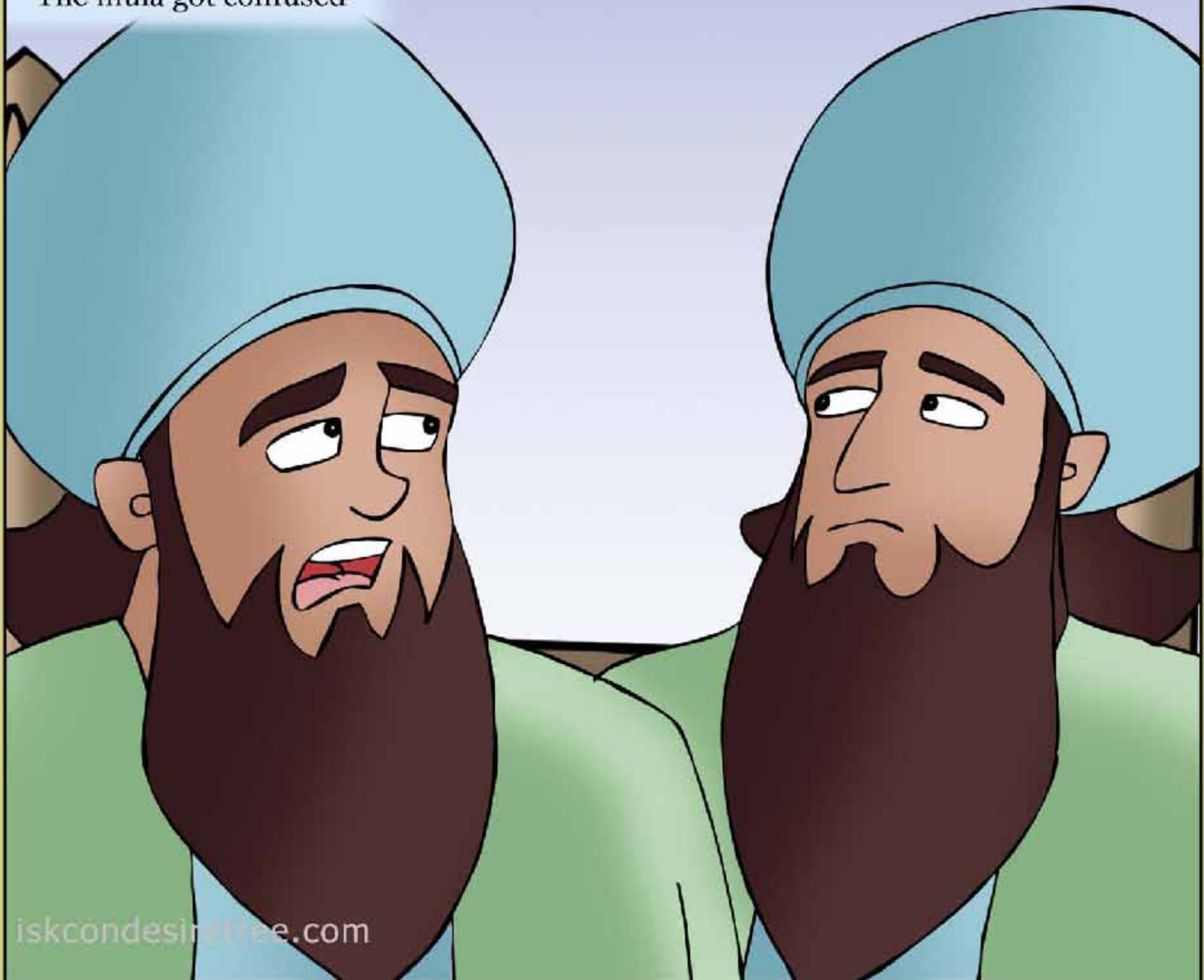





Please show me a place  
where Allah is no there and I  
will sleep accordingly



The mula got confused

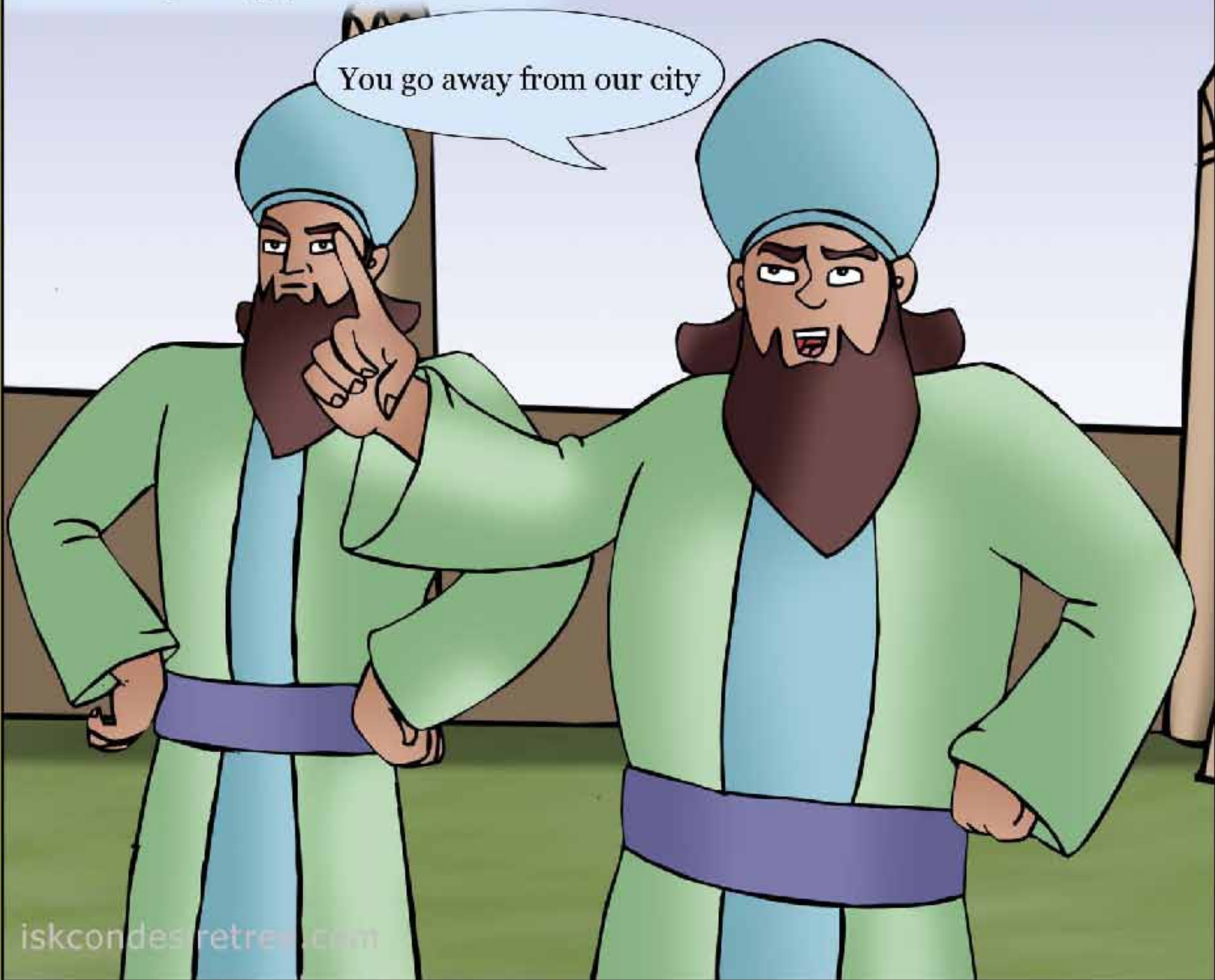




Allah is everywhere  
so where should I keep  
my feet?

The mulas got angry. They told him...

You go away from our city

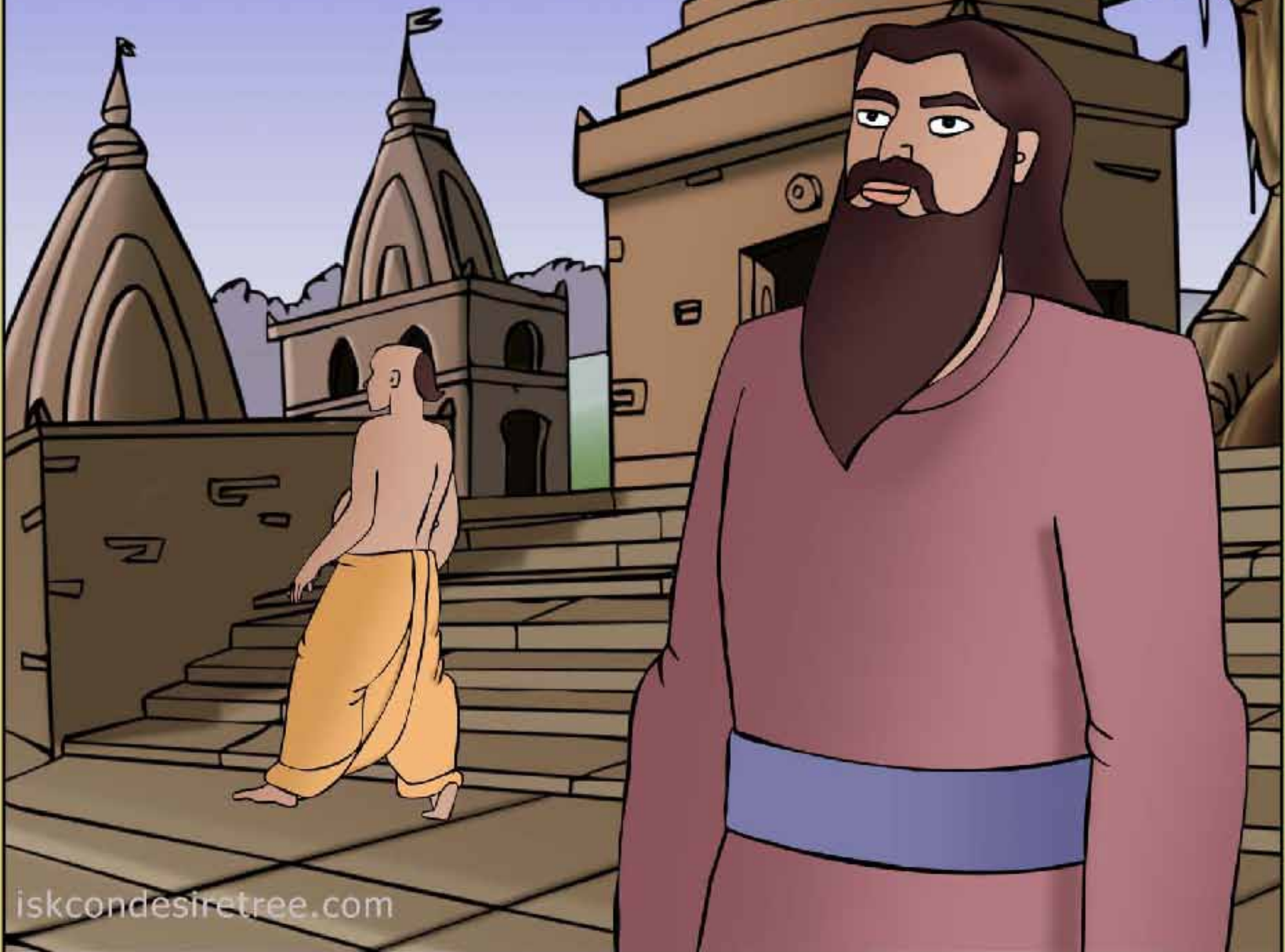


So he left Mecca.

Get out



From Mecca he went to Baghdad and from there he continued his travelling and came to Haridwar. By this time he was a middle aged man



In Hardwar he saw some brahmins offering water towards the sun,  
looking towards the east



It was early morning.

Oh,  
this is nice. I will  
do something different



So he turned towards the west and he started offering water



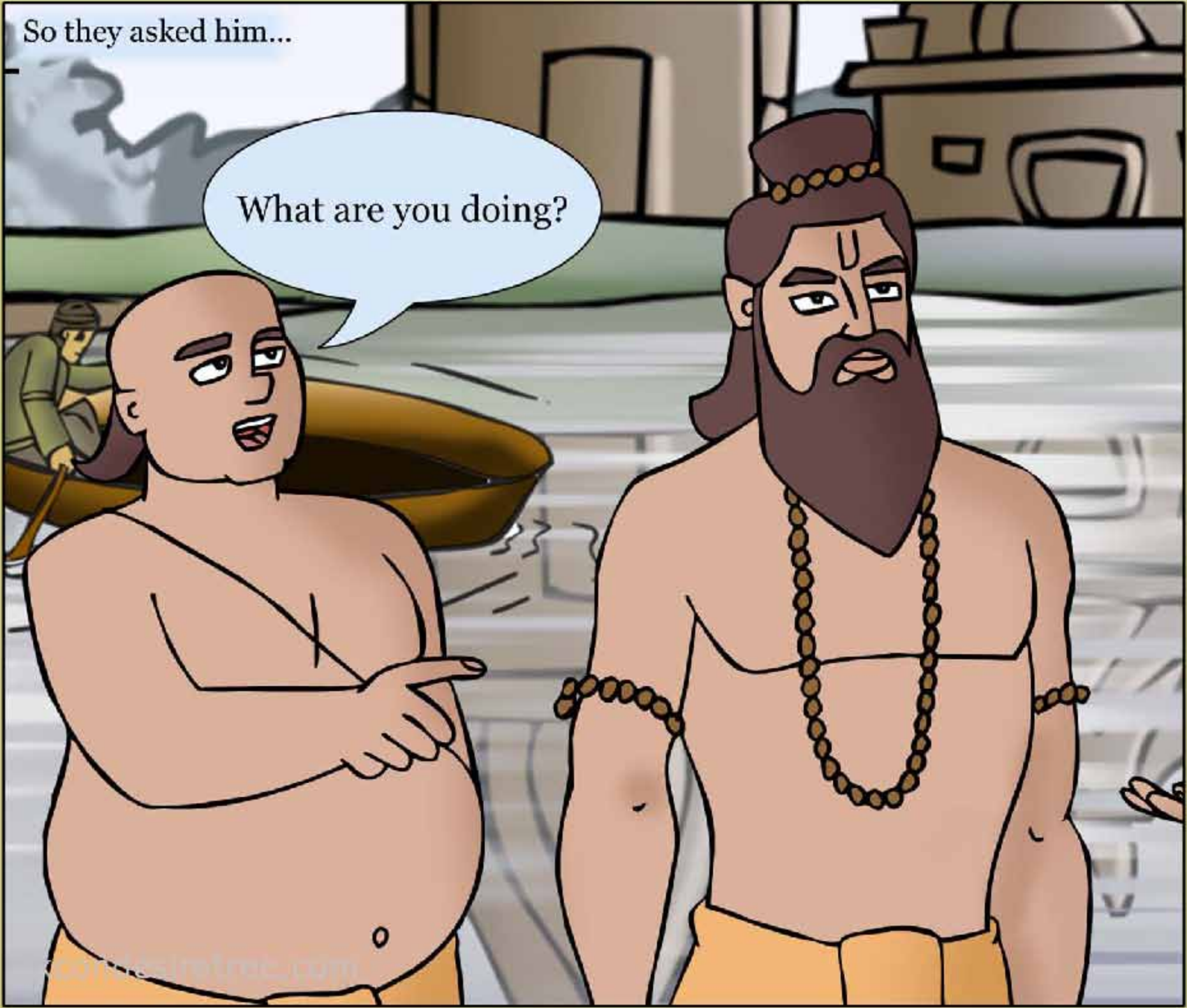


These brahmins tolerated it for some time. After that, it looked very funny.  
Everybody was offering water in the east and he was offering in west



So they asked him...


What are you doing?




He retorted

What are you doing?





We are offering water  
to the sun

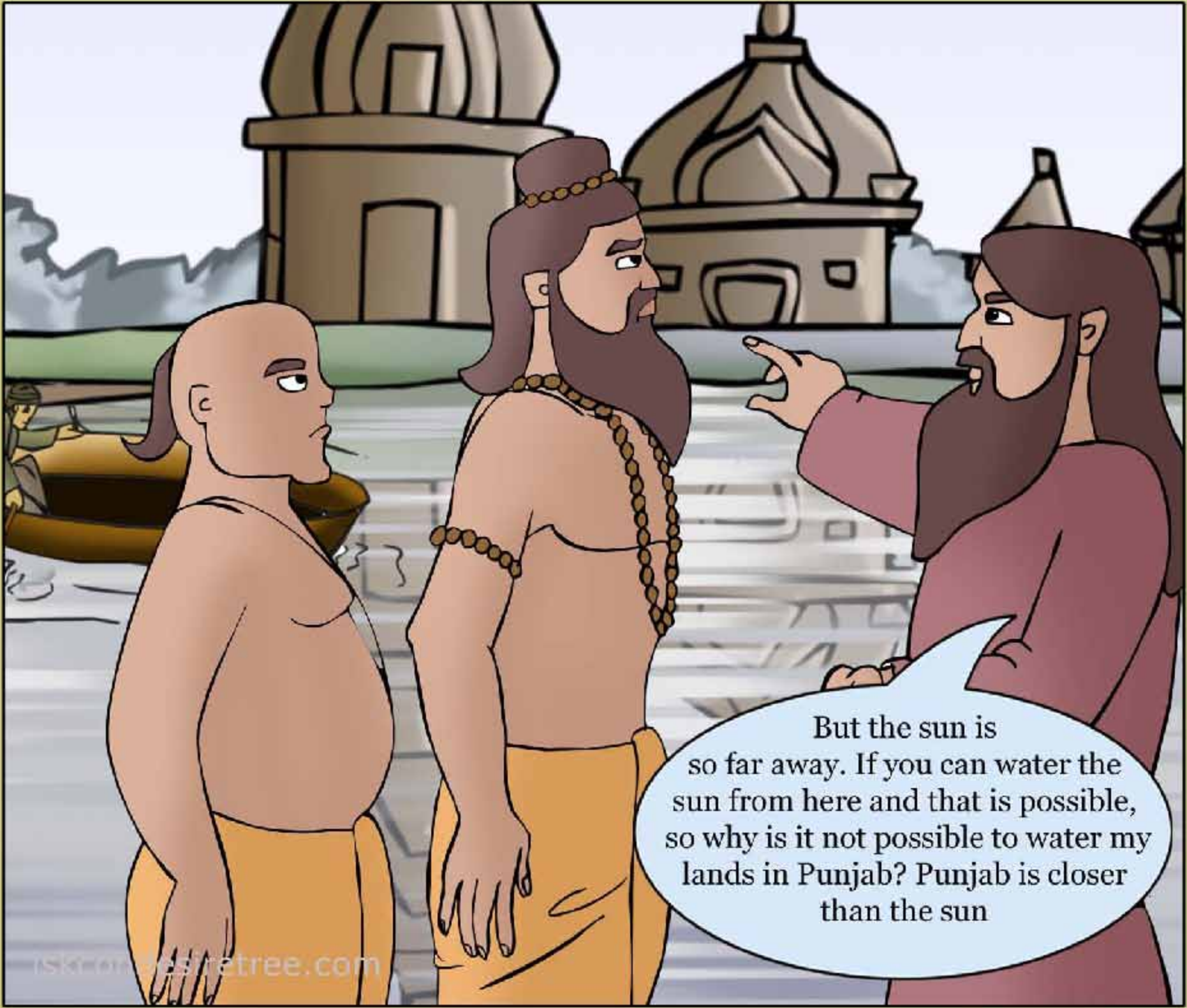


Well I have some land  
in Punjab and I am  
watering it

Hey fakir, are you crazy?  
How can you water the  
lands in Punjab from Hardwar?

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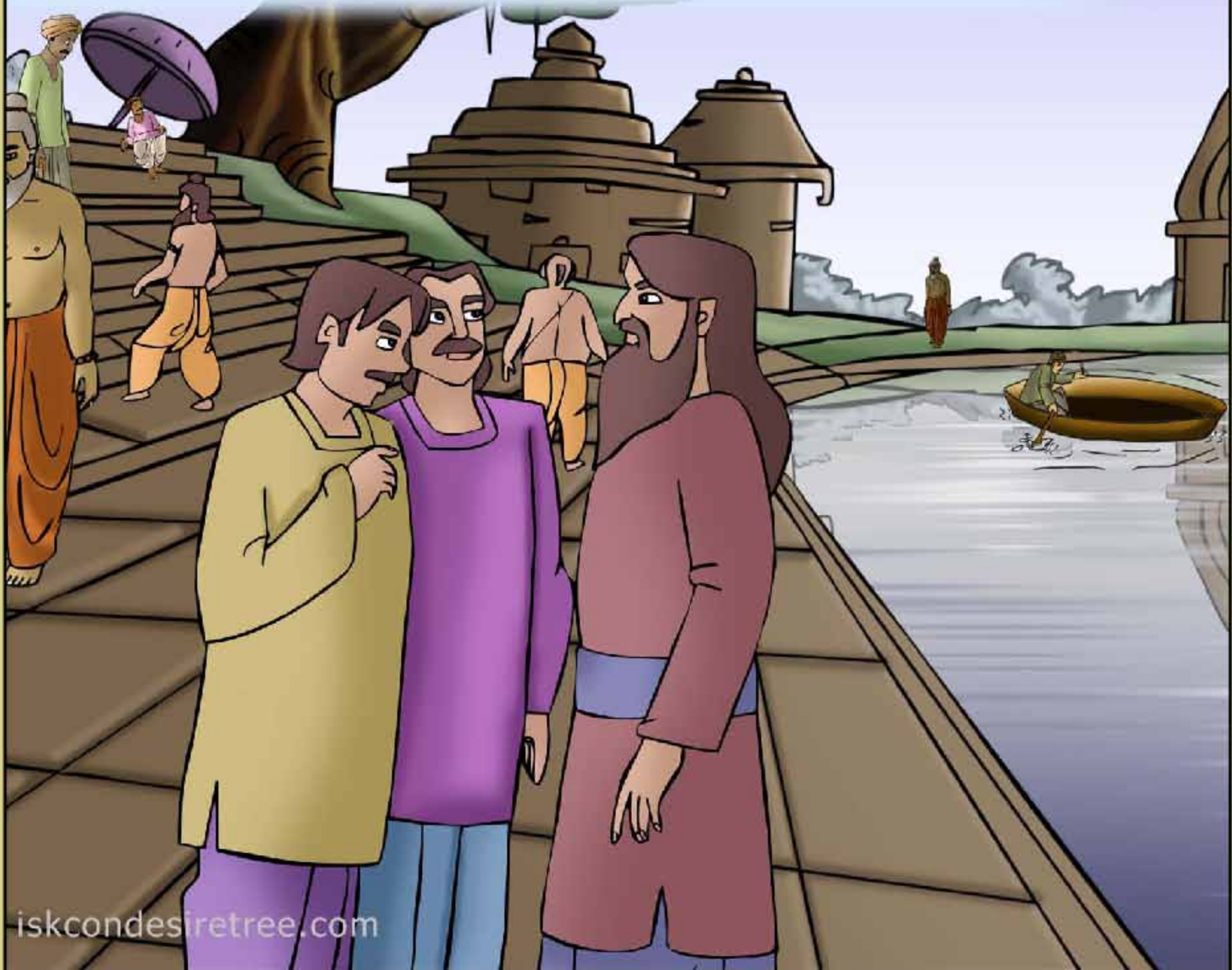
But the sun is so far away. If you can water the sun from here and that is possible, so why is it not possible to water my lands in Punjab? Punjab is closer than the sun

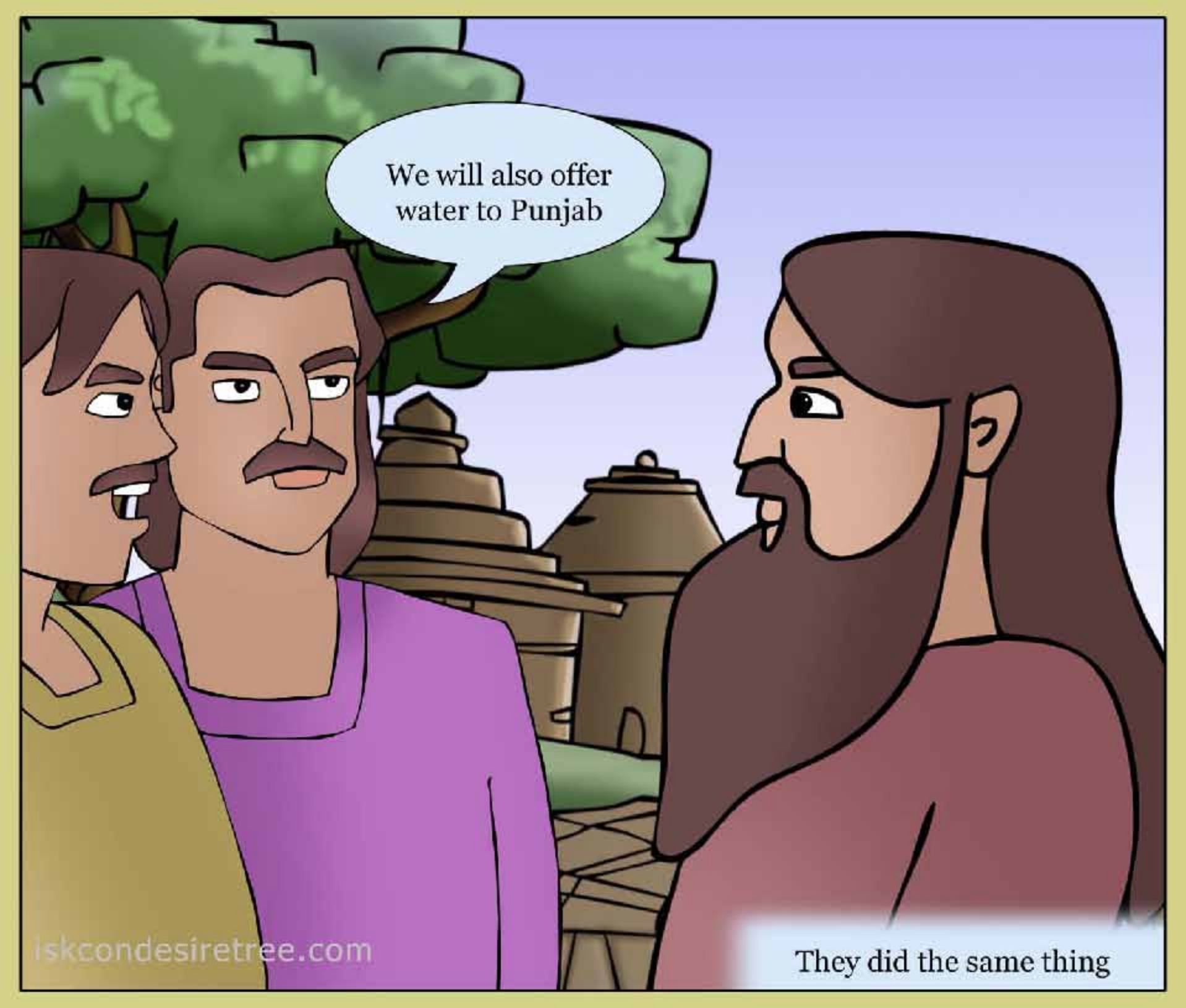
The brahmins could not argue with him





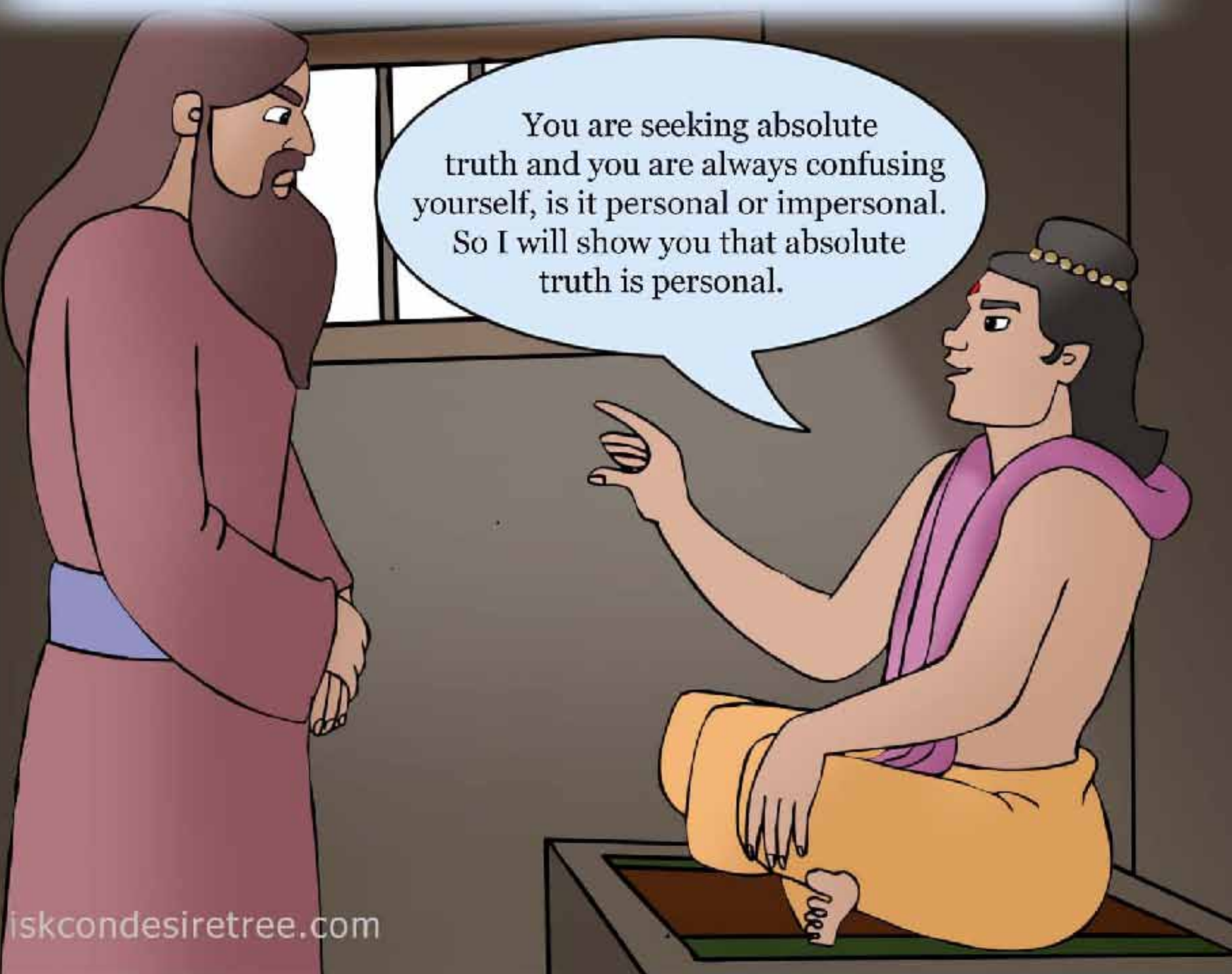
They just left the place. Many young men who came there joined Guru Nanak






We will also offer  
water to Punjab


He also did one good thing, he came to Jagannatha Puri and he met one great personality, Swarupa Damodara Goswami



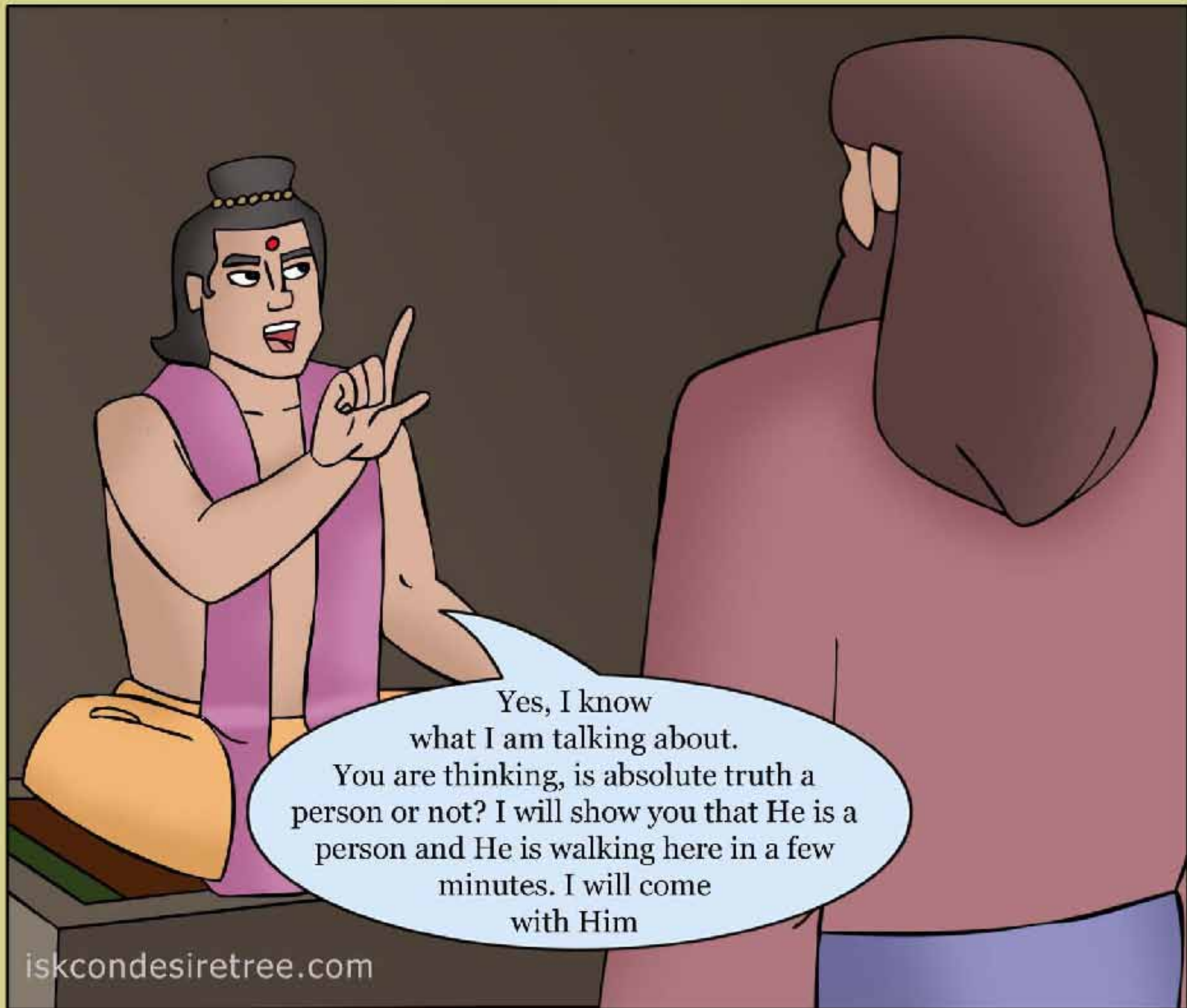
You are seeking absolute truth and you are always confusing yourself, is it personal or impersonal. So I will show you that absolute truth is personal.



You wait here at  
Simha-dvara. He will be  
walking this way

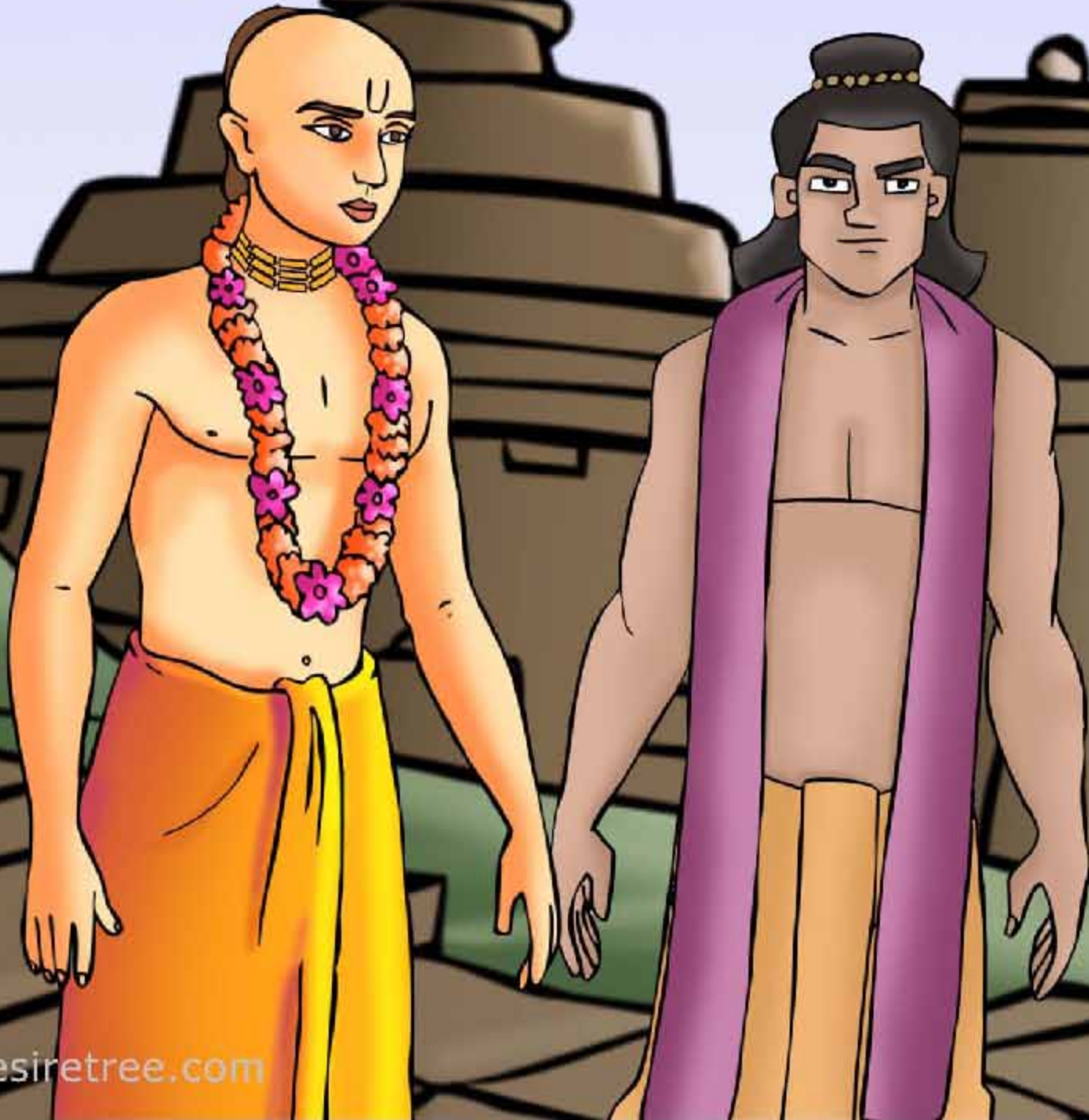


What? Absolute truth  
Walking? Do you know  
what you are talking  
about?

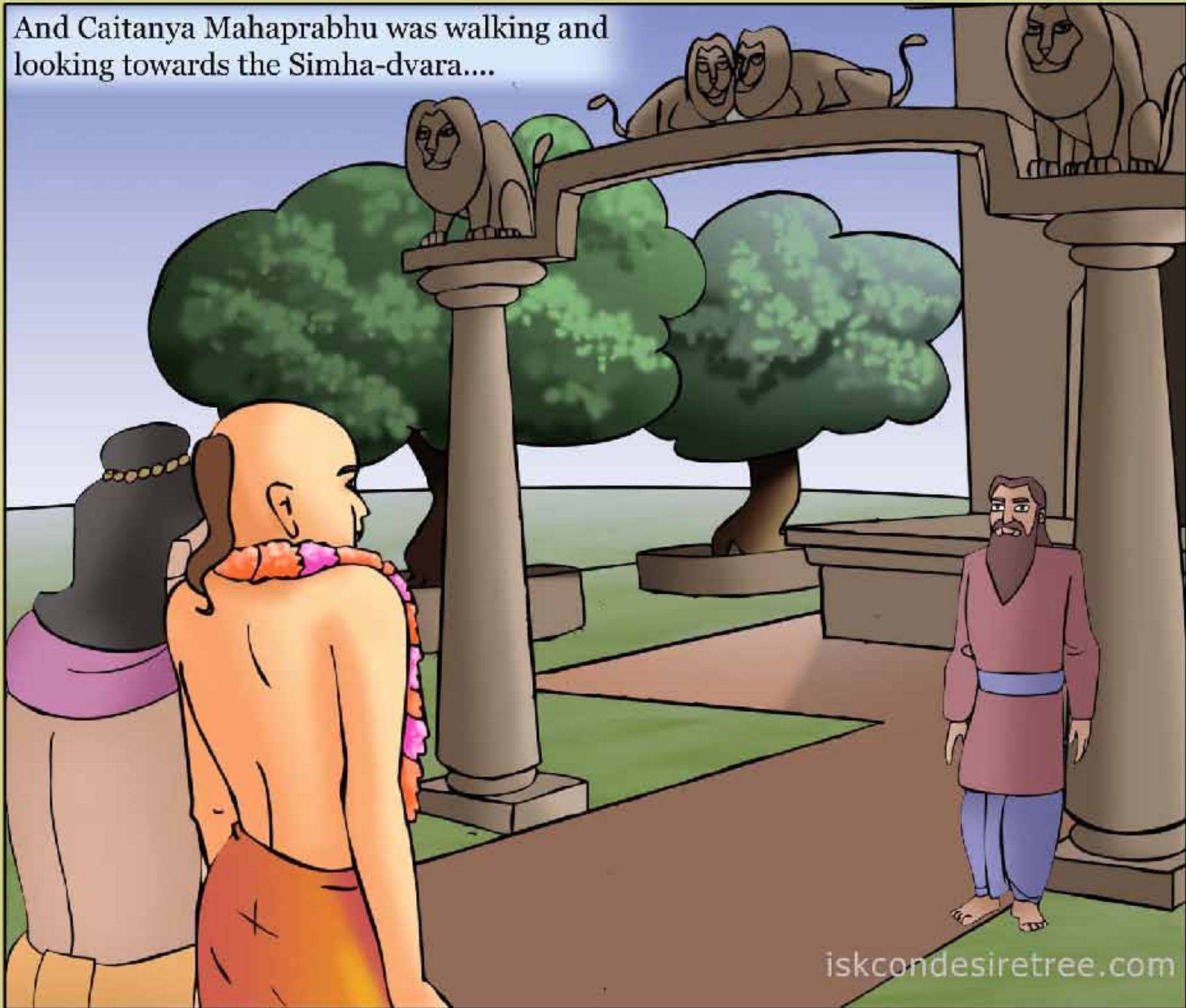


Yes, I know  
what I am talking about.  
You are thinking, is absolute truth a  
person or not? I will show you that He is a  
person and He is walking here in a few  
minutes. I will come  
with Him

So he went and brought Caitanya Mahaprabhu



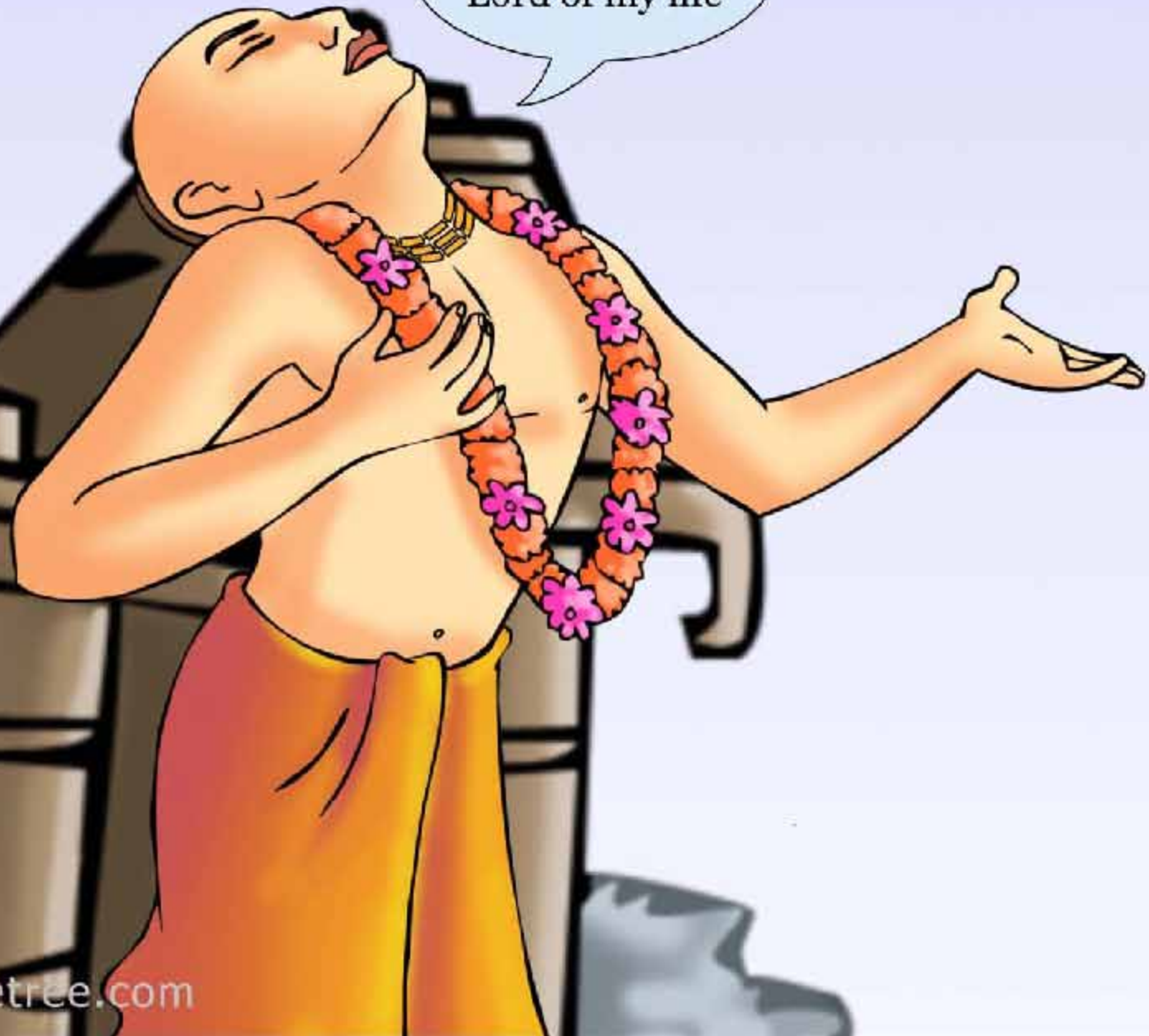
And Caitanya Mahaprabhu was walking and looking towards the Simha-dvara....






...His eyes were looking up, His arms were raised and he was chanting...

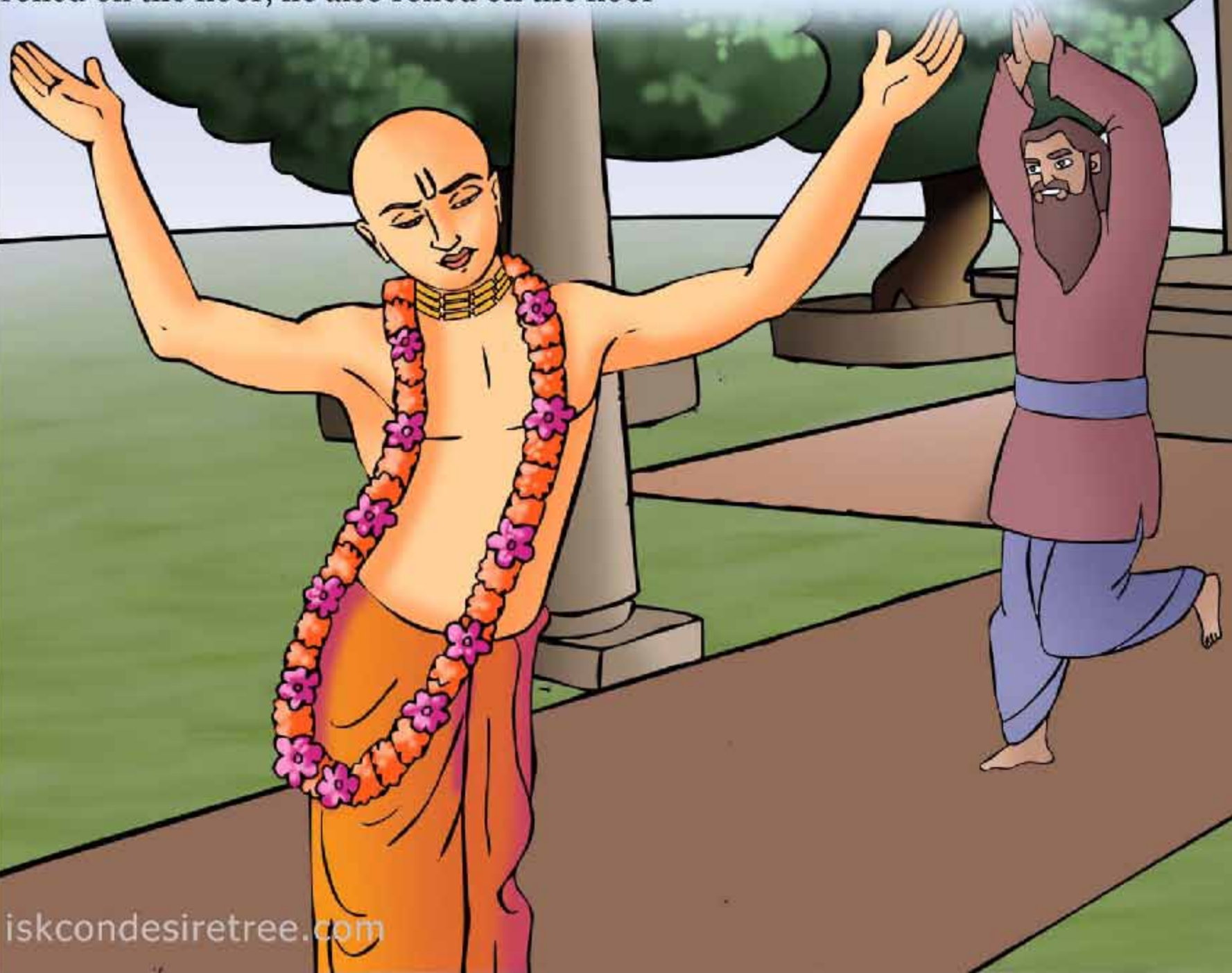
Oh Prananatha,  
Lord of my life



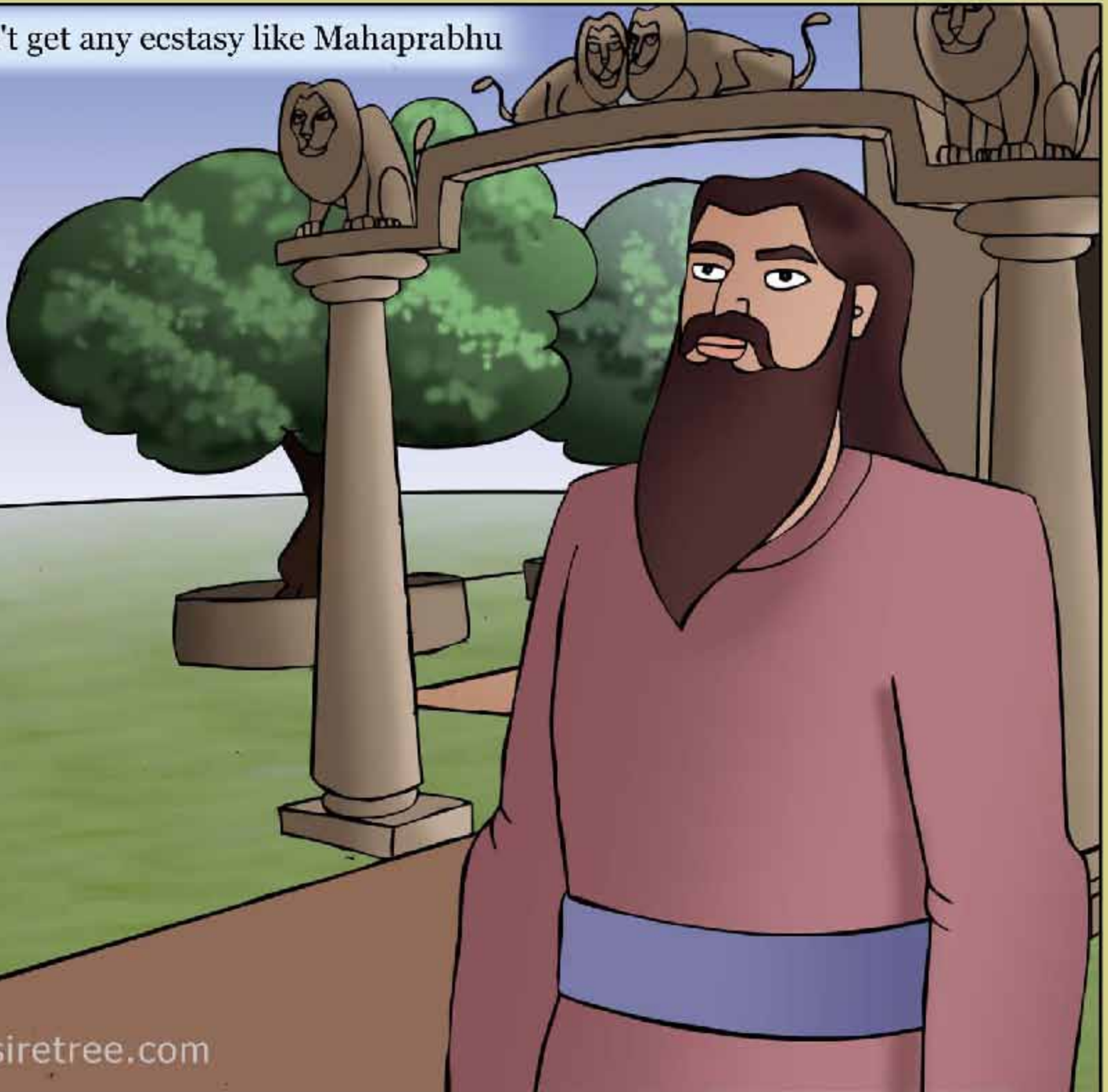


I have never seen such  
a high level of bhakti

He did everything that Mahaprabhu did. When Mahaprabhu jumped, he jumped and when Mahaprabhu danced he danced, when Mahaprabhu rolled on the floor, he also rolled on the floor

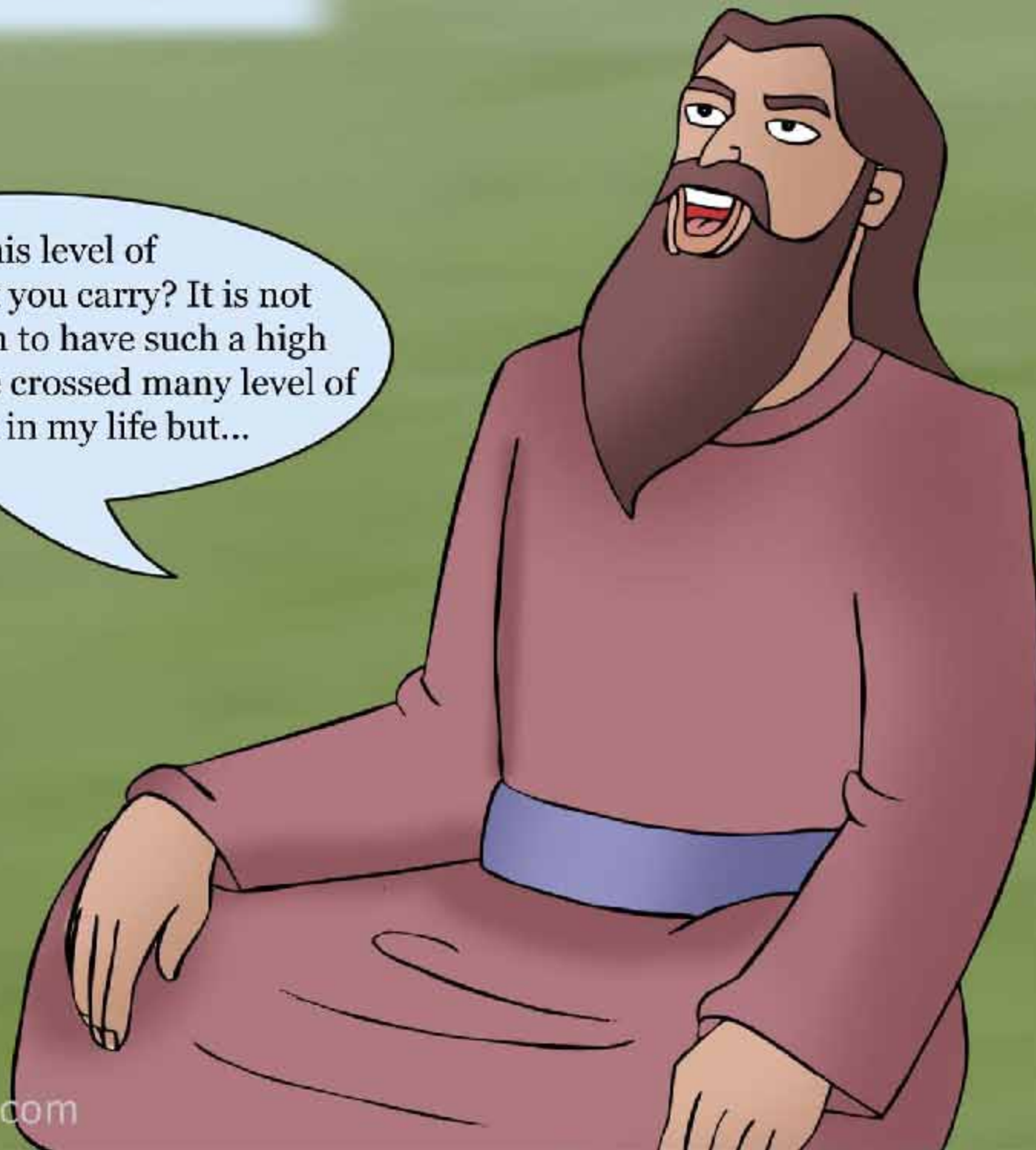



But he didn't get any ecstasy like Mahaprabhu



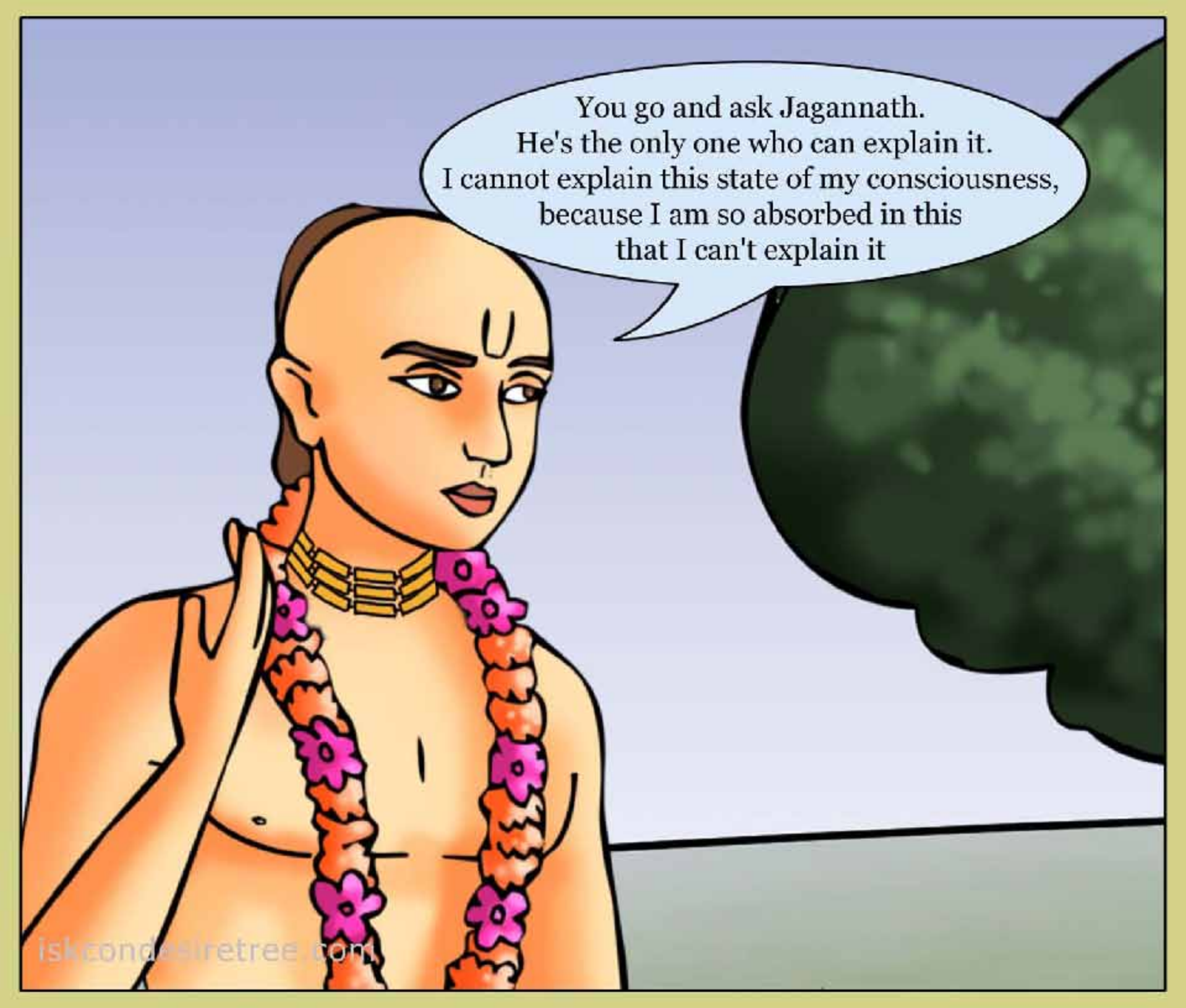
He sat down and asked Mahaprabhu...

What is this level of consciousness that you carry? It is not possible for a human to have such a high consciousness. I have crossed many level of consciousness in my life but...



A cartoon illustration showing two men in conversation. On the left, a man with a shaved head and a pink and orange sash is shown in profile, looking towards the right. On the right, a man with a long brown beard and hair, wearing a purple tunic, is speaking with an open mouth. A speech bubble above him contains the text. The background features ancient Egyptian-style architecture with columns topped by lion statues and a green landscape.

What is this level  
of consciousness  
that you have?



You go and ask Jagannath.  
He's the only one who can explain it.  
I cannot explain this state of my consciousness,  
because I am so absorbed in this  
that I can't explain it

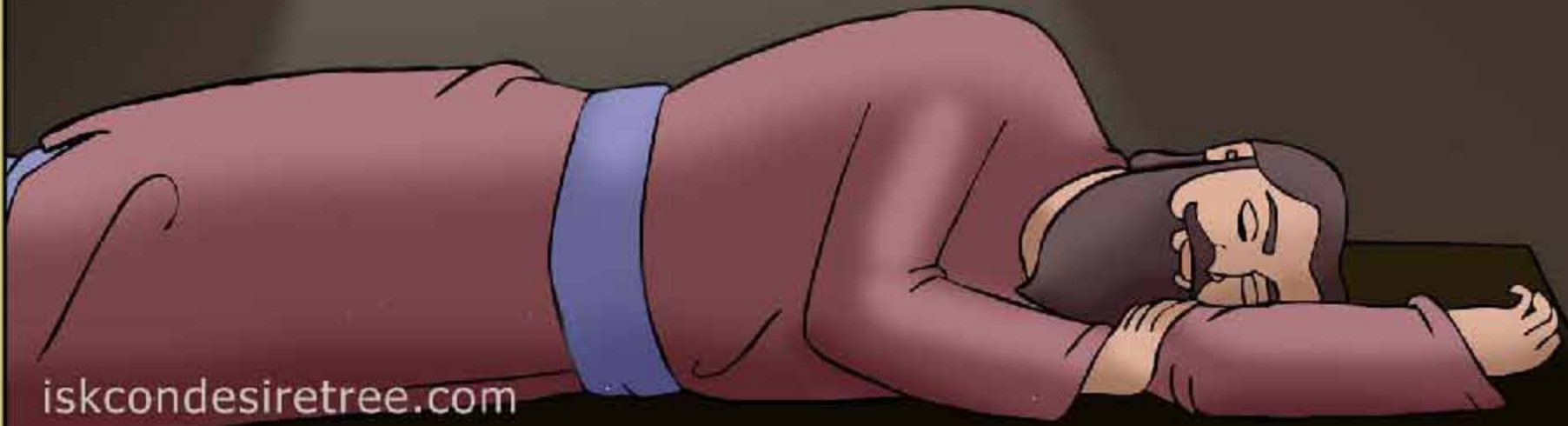
So he went to Jagannatha and prayed





So that night in a dream, Lord instructed him

You engage in  
kirtan.



With that, he completed his whole quest of travelling. He went back and engaged in kirtan



This kirtan was main message of Gurunanak to every living entity

