

# *Kite Flying on unwallled roof*

*Instructive Stories from teachings of  
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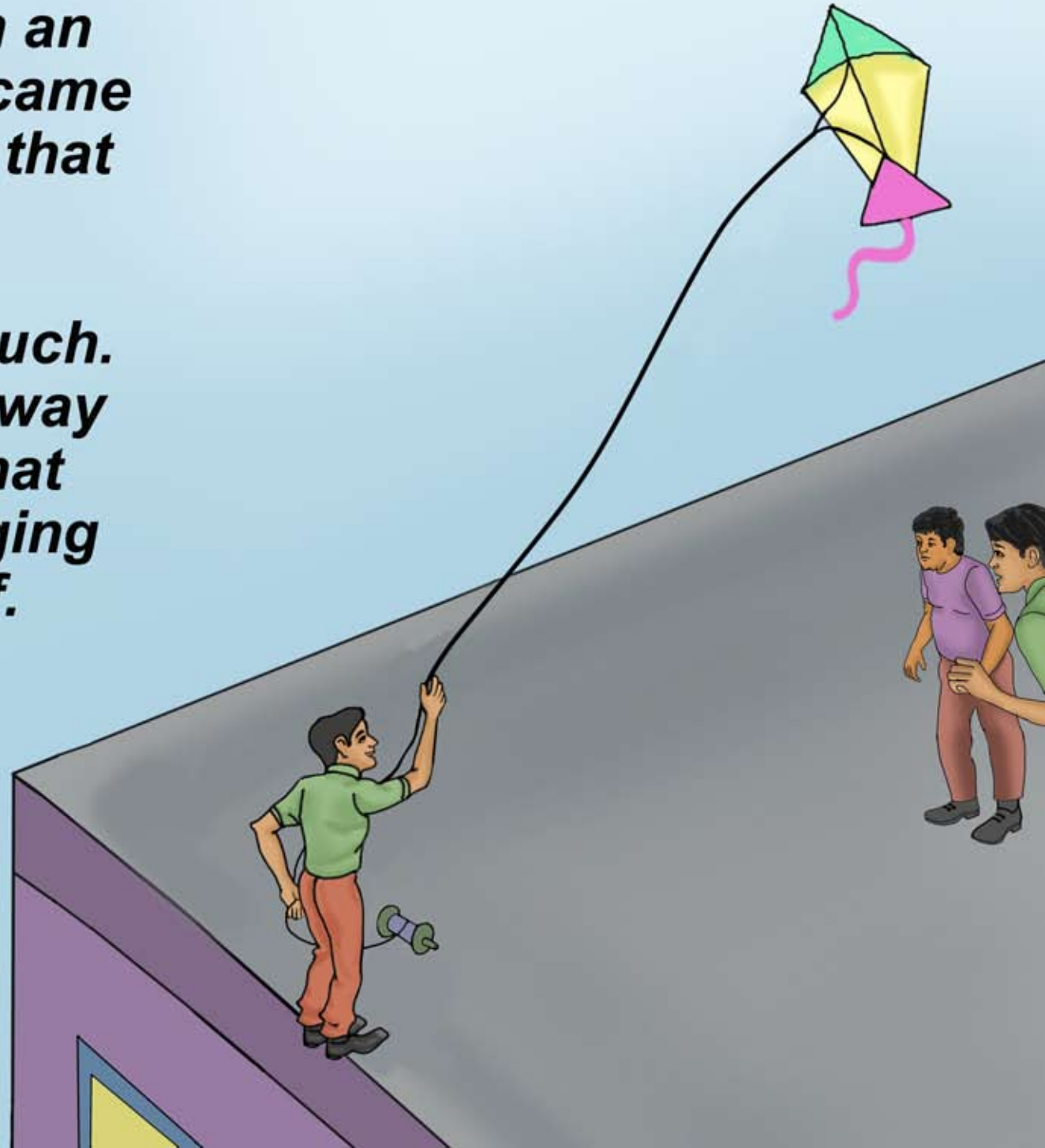


***A dull headed boy was once happily flying a kite from an unwallled rooftop. He became so engrossed in playing that he lost his awareness.***

***His playmates were also encouraging him very much.***

***The boy got so carried away that he failed to notice that one of his legs was hanging over the edge of the roof.***

***None of the other boys alerted him rather they continued to encourage him to fly the kite.***

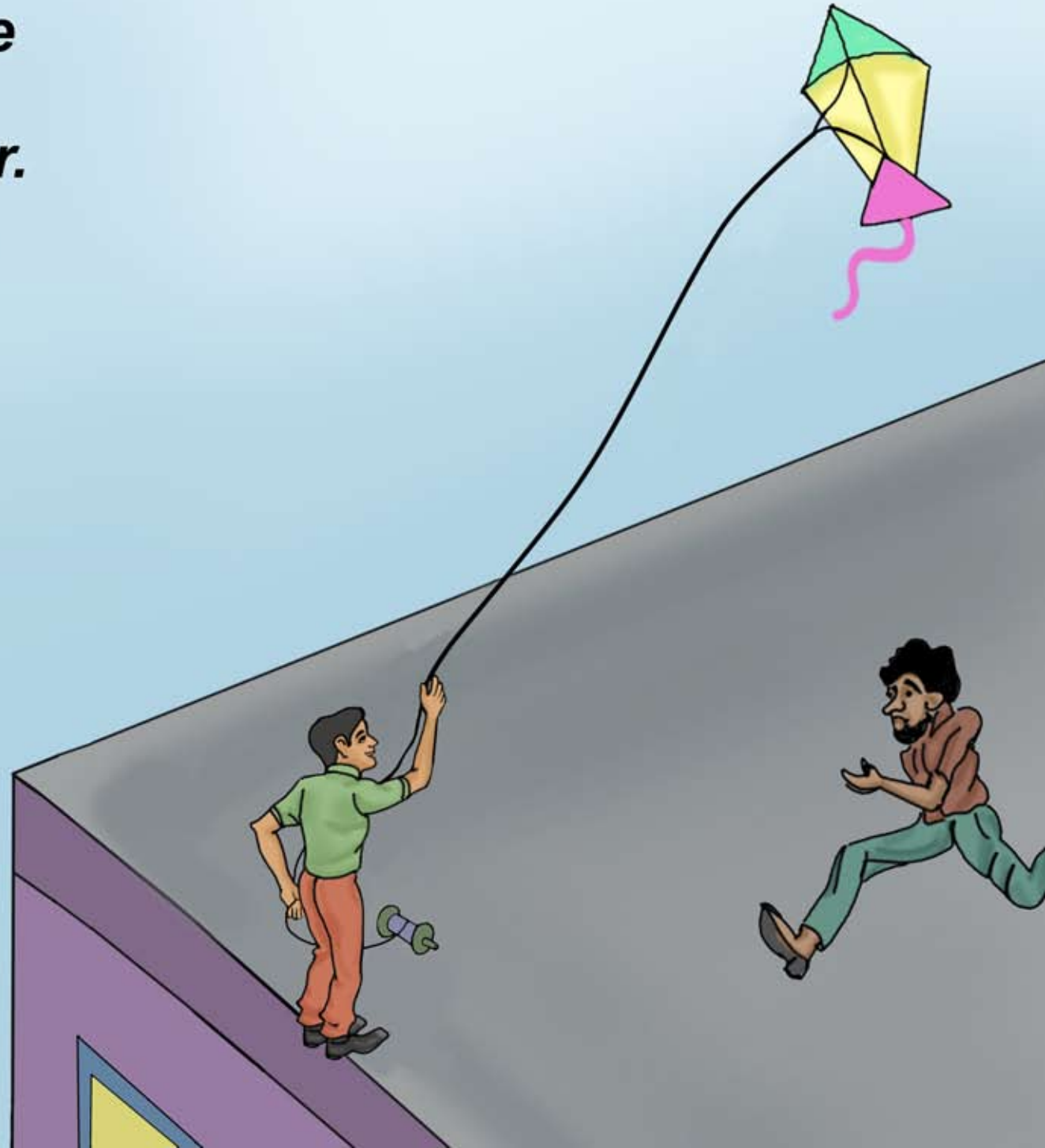


***At that critical moment, a wise man happened to pass by.***

***Oh my God !  
This boy is in  
imminent  
danger of  
falling from  
the roof. I  
should help  
him at the  
earliest.***



***He immediately  
rushed up to save the  
boy although the  
others saw no danger.***



**He pulled the boy  
away from the edge  
and tore off the thread  
of the kite**





***But the foolish boy and his friends, rather than feeling thankful, began to curse the well-meaning gentleman.***

***Hey ! You thief !  
Rascal ! Trespasser !  
Gunda !***

***They even threatened to take the gentleman to court after complaining to their parents. Some even tried to physically assault him. Bearing all this, the kind-hearted gentleman saved the boy from imminent death.***



## **PURPORT**

**Materialistic persons embrace their certain death by accepting whatever is apparently palatable to them. By no means are they prepared to accept anything which is apparently bitter but ultimately pleasant. Many of our so-called friends in this material world also encourage us in sense gratificatory activities that lead us to certain death and destruction.**

**By chance if one comes across a benevolent saintly person, he preaches to us out of his sheer mercy some real truths although in an unpleasantly stern exposition (like a dose of strong medicine) in spite of our unwillingness to accept it. Therefore we should accept all good sermons from saintly persons delivered in the cause of our eternal welfare, even if those words appear utterly bitter and heart rending.**