



Mercy for Earnest Only

*Instructive Stories from teachings of
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***By chance a
person slipped
and fell into a
deep well***

**HELP!
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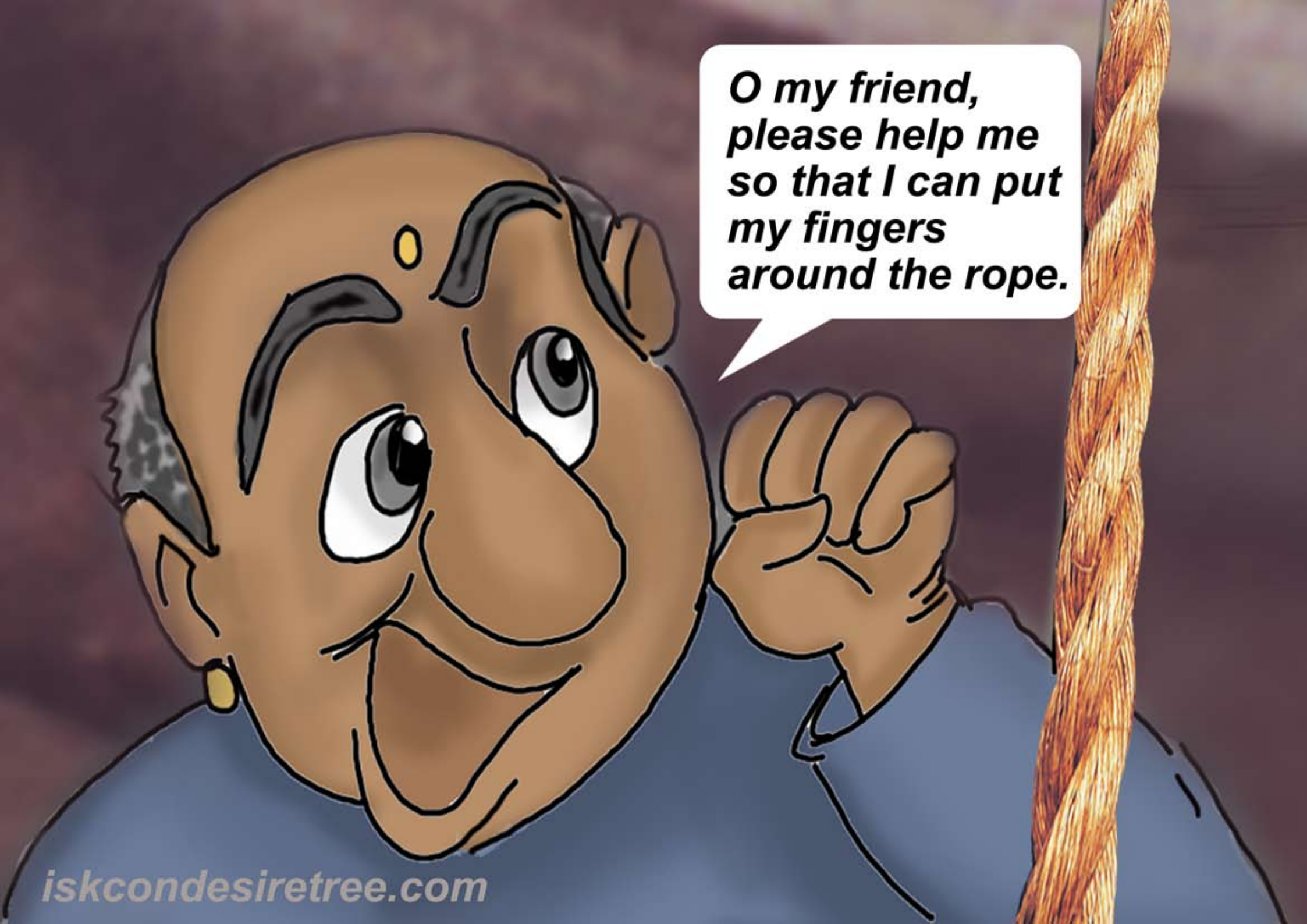


In spite of all his efforts he could not get out.

Being merciful, a very kind-hearted passerby brought a piece of long rope which was lowered down in the well

By grabbing this rope you might get out. Catch hold of the rope and try to climb up so that I could pull you up.





*O my friend,
please help me
so that I can put
my fingers
around the rope.*

PURPORT

Such a kind-hearted person is like the spiritual master or the Supreme Godhead Himself. He has already lowered a rope of rescue into the deep darkness into our ignorance. It is only by our earnest effort in catching hold of that mercy that we can be delivered and liberated from material agonies.

Unless we extend out best efforts earnestly, and qualify ourselves for the Lord's mercy, it is next to impossible that we can be rescued from our fallen condition.