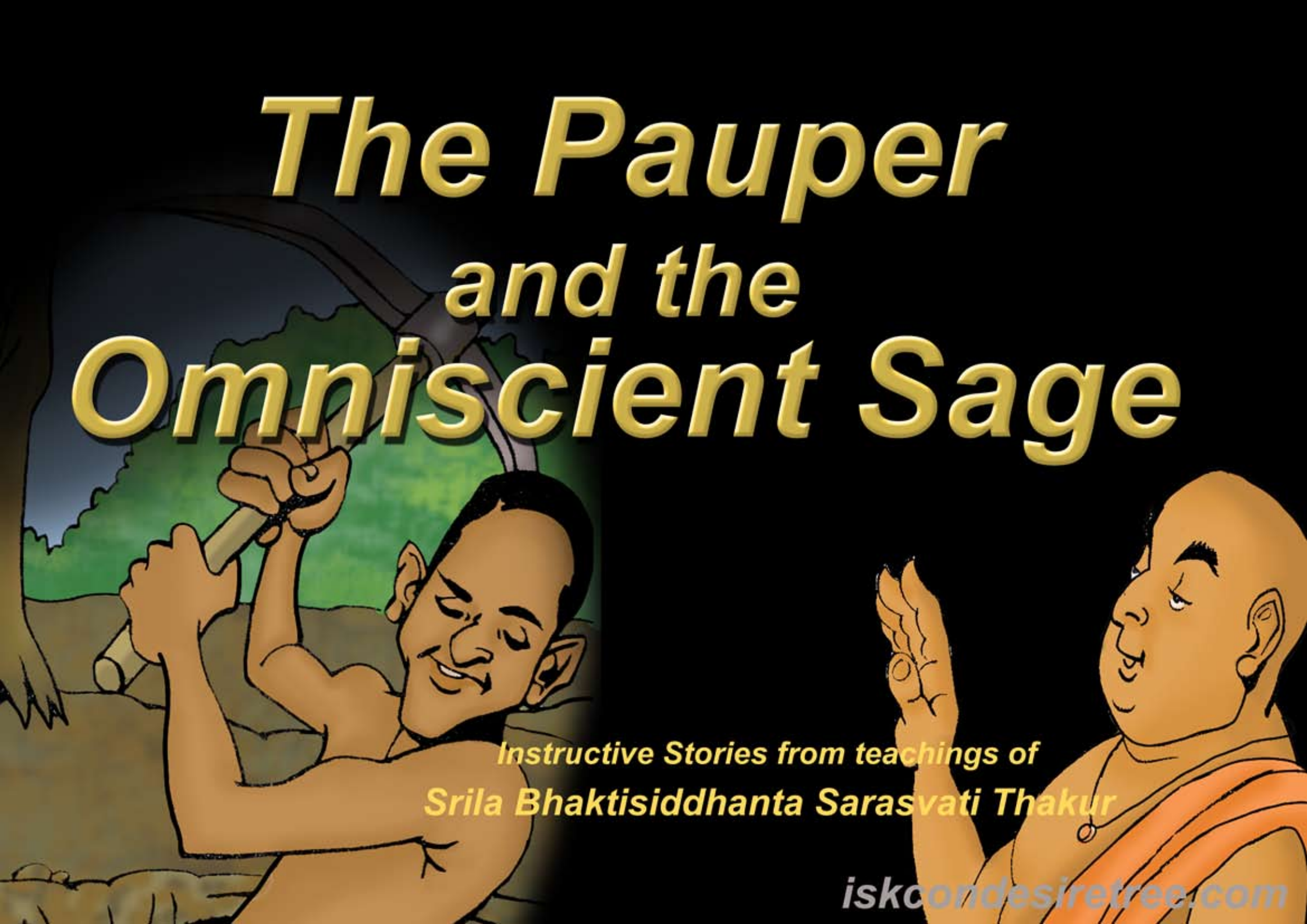
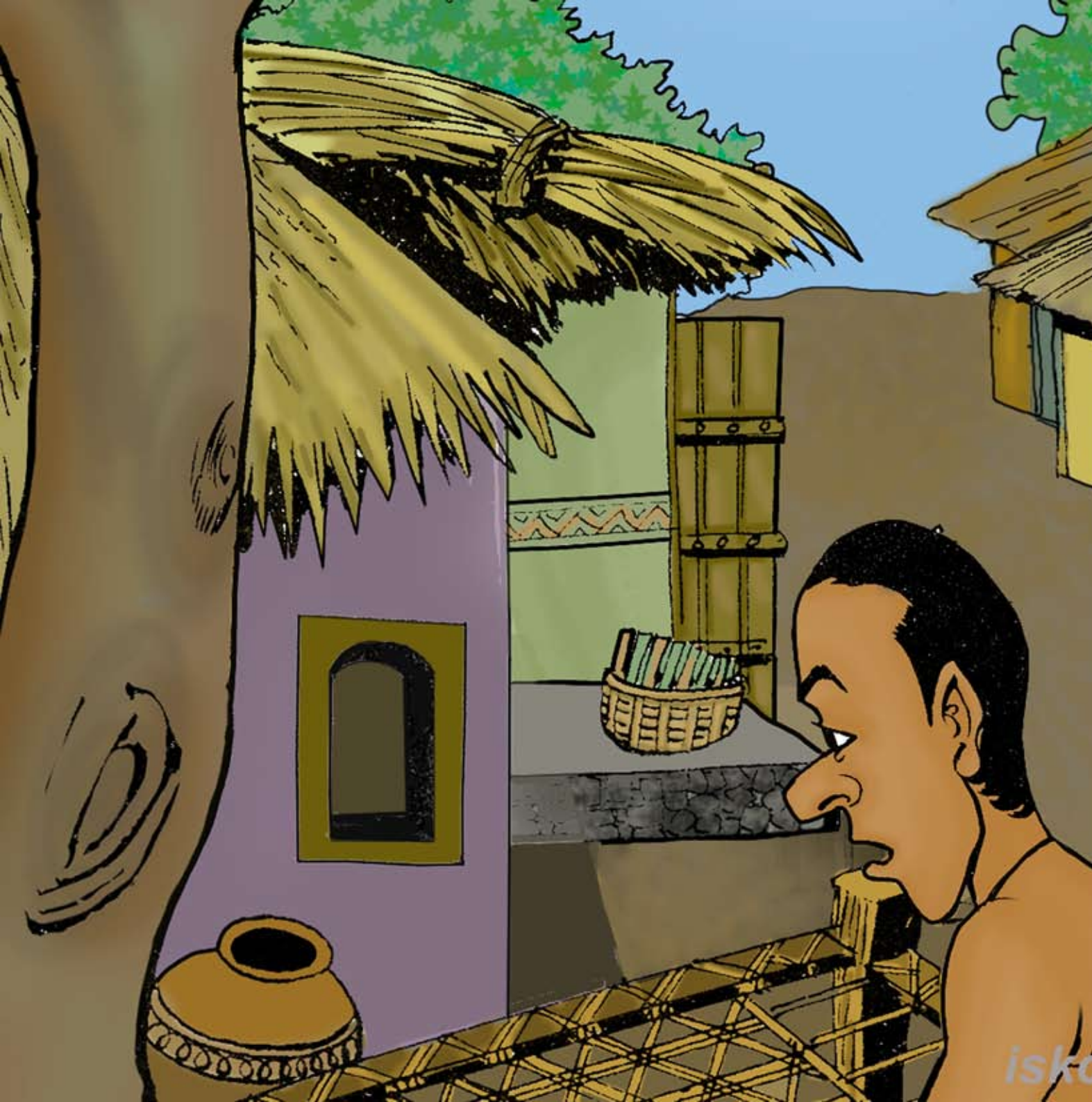


The Pauper and the Omniscient Sage

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A very poor householder brahmana had to maintain a large number of children. The brahmana was almost a pauper and he lamented his prolonged poverty.

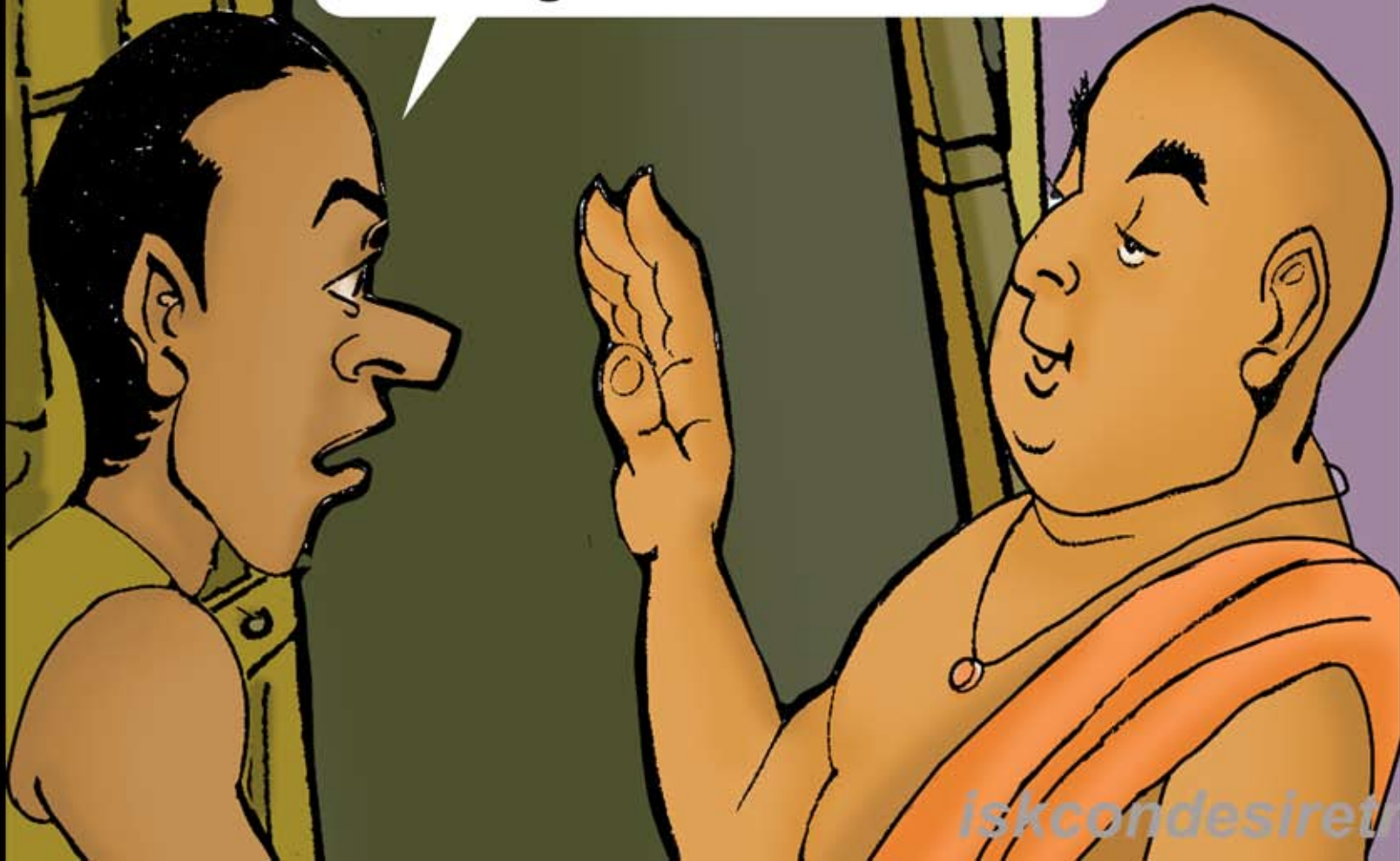
We should not care for this brahmana actually he possesses huge wealth and pretends to be a pauper with a motive to misappropriate money from others.

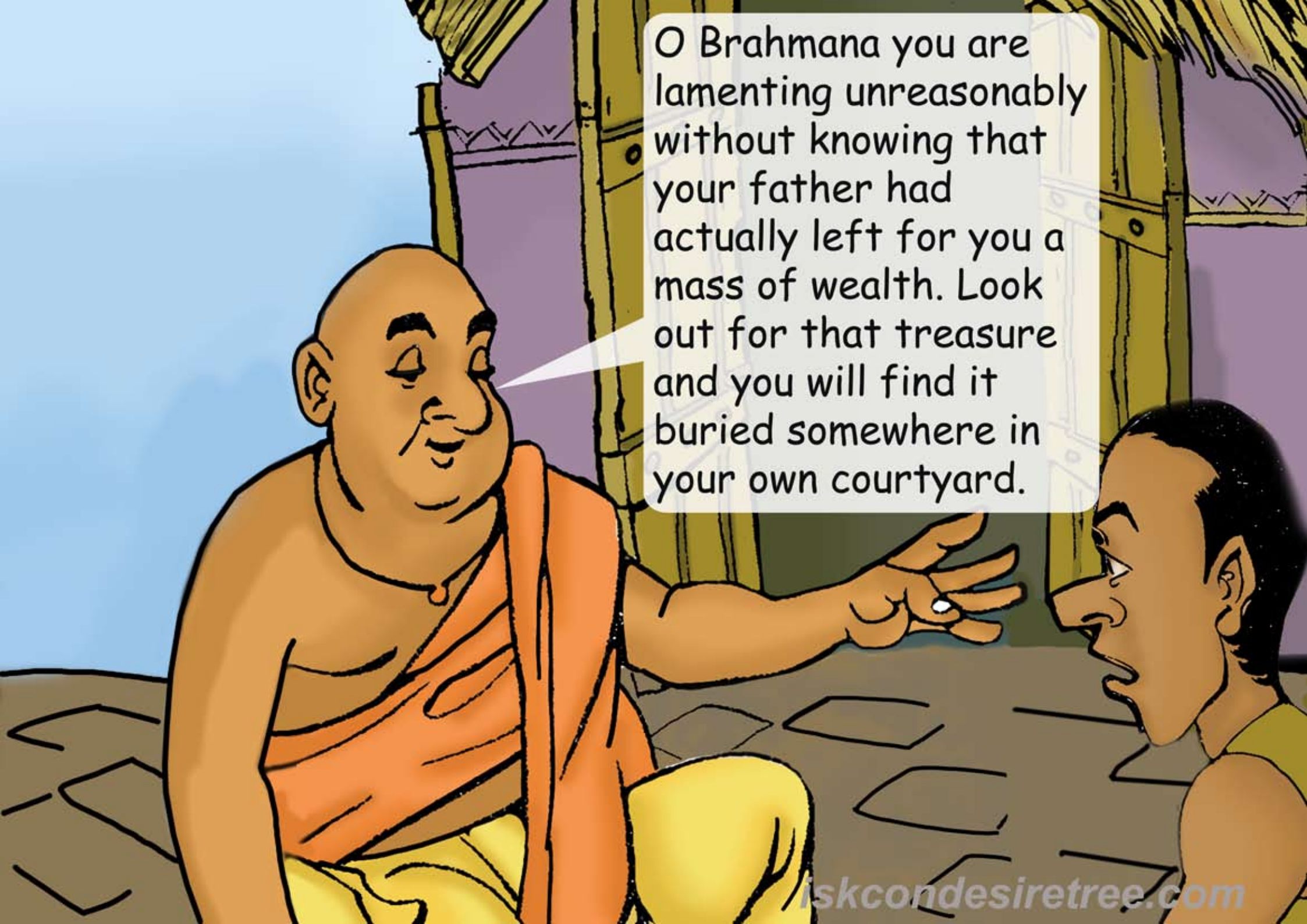
Oh! What a misfortune I have, I don't even get a slightest sympathy from anybody



It just happened that an omniscient saintly person once came to the brahmana and listened to his problems

O Saint, I am very much depressed by my problems. Please give me a solution





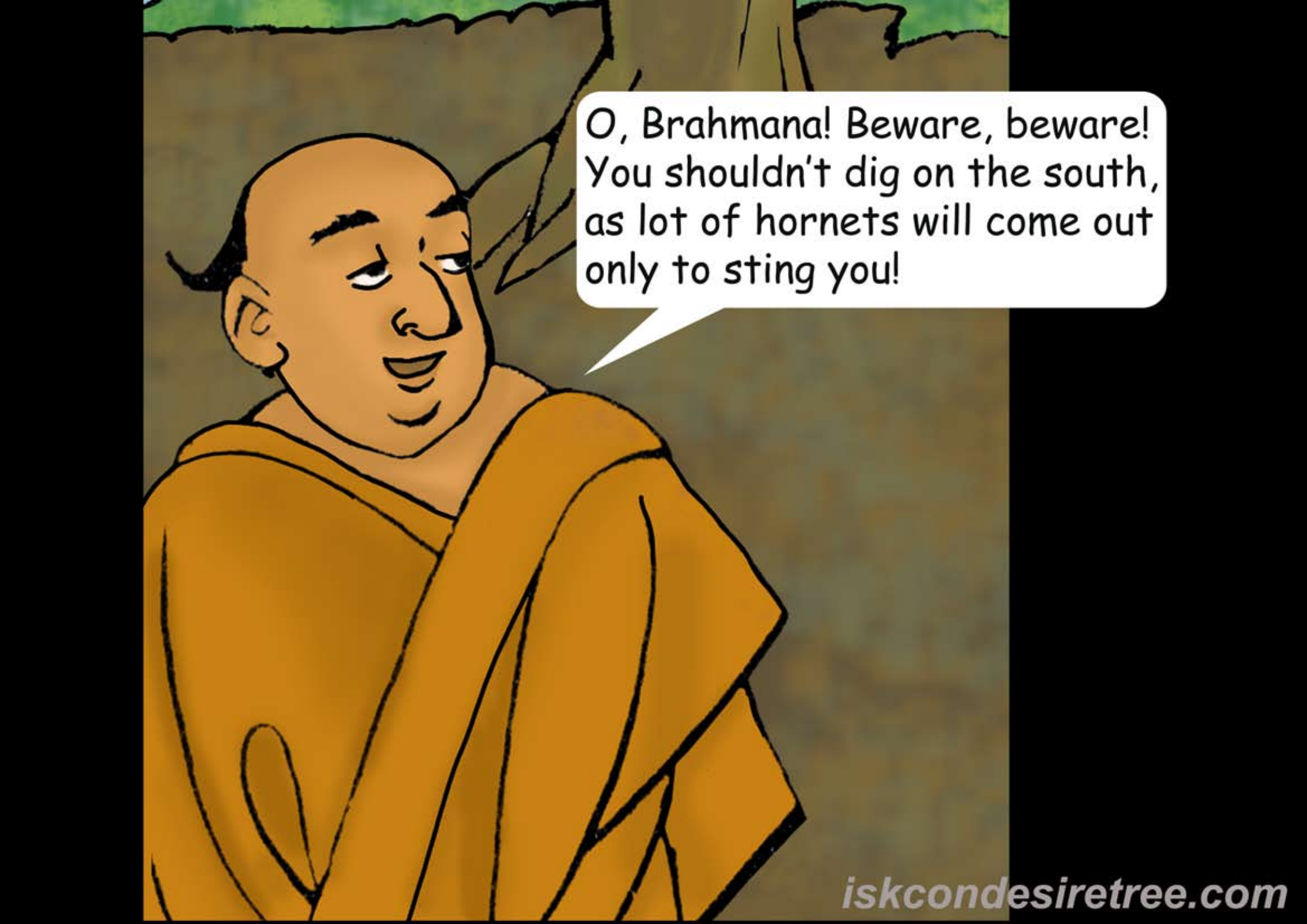
O Brahmana you are lamenting unreasonably without knowing that your father had actually left for you a mass of wealth. Look out for that treasure and you will find it buried somewhere in your own courtyard.

Let me start
digging and search
my wealth so that
I will be relieved
of my miseries



He started digging on a
place on the southern side

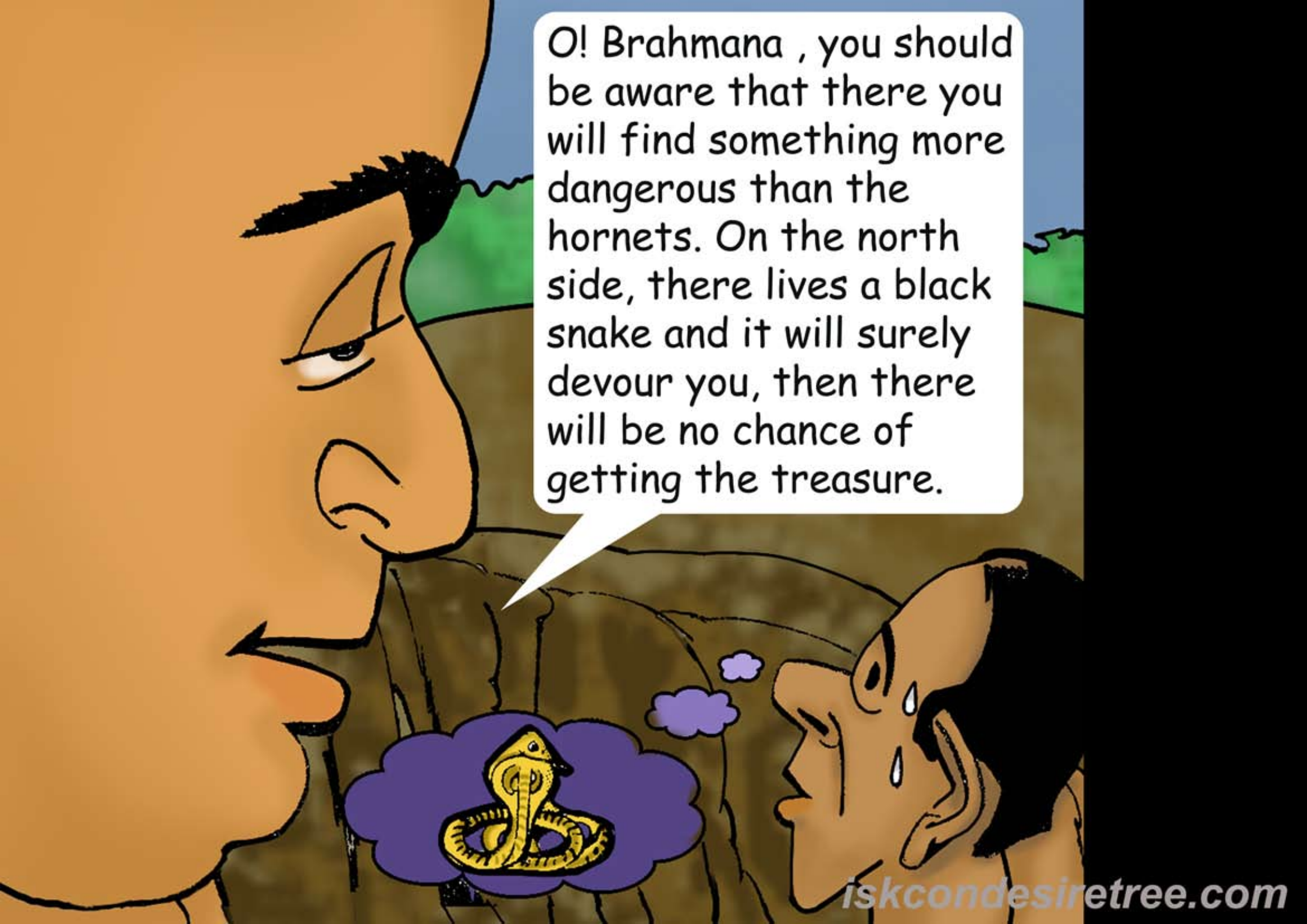





O, Brahmana! Beware, beware!
You shouldn't dig on the south,
as lot of hornets will come out
only to sting you!

Then he started digging the North side

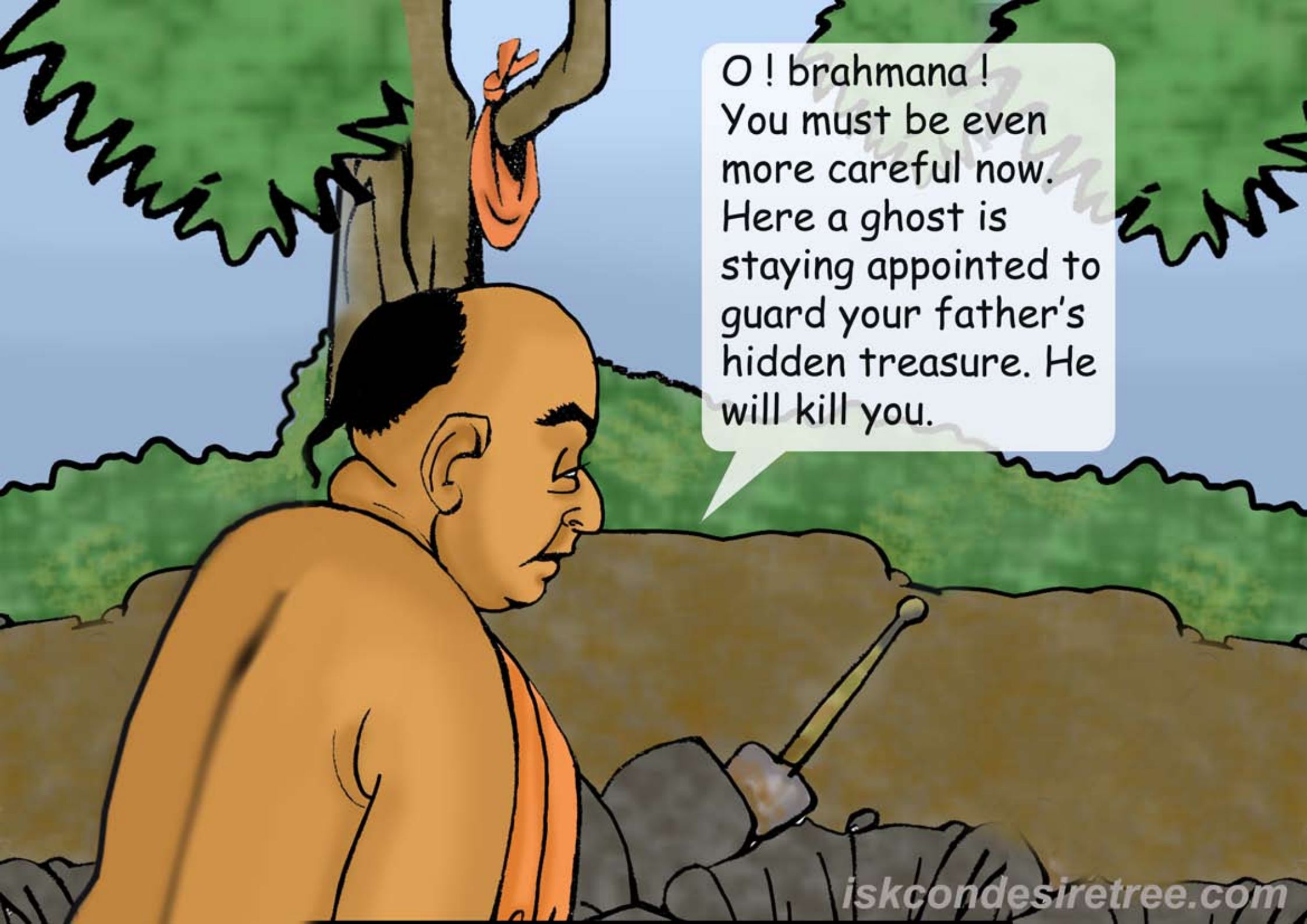




O! Brahmana , you should be aware that there you will find something more dangerous than the hornets. On the north side, there lives a black snake and it will surely devour you, then there will be no chance of getting the treasure.

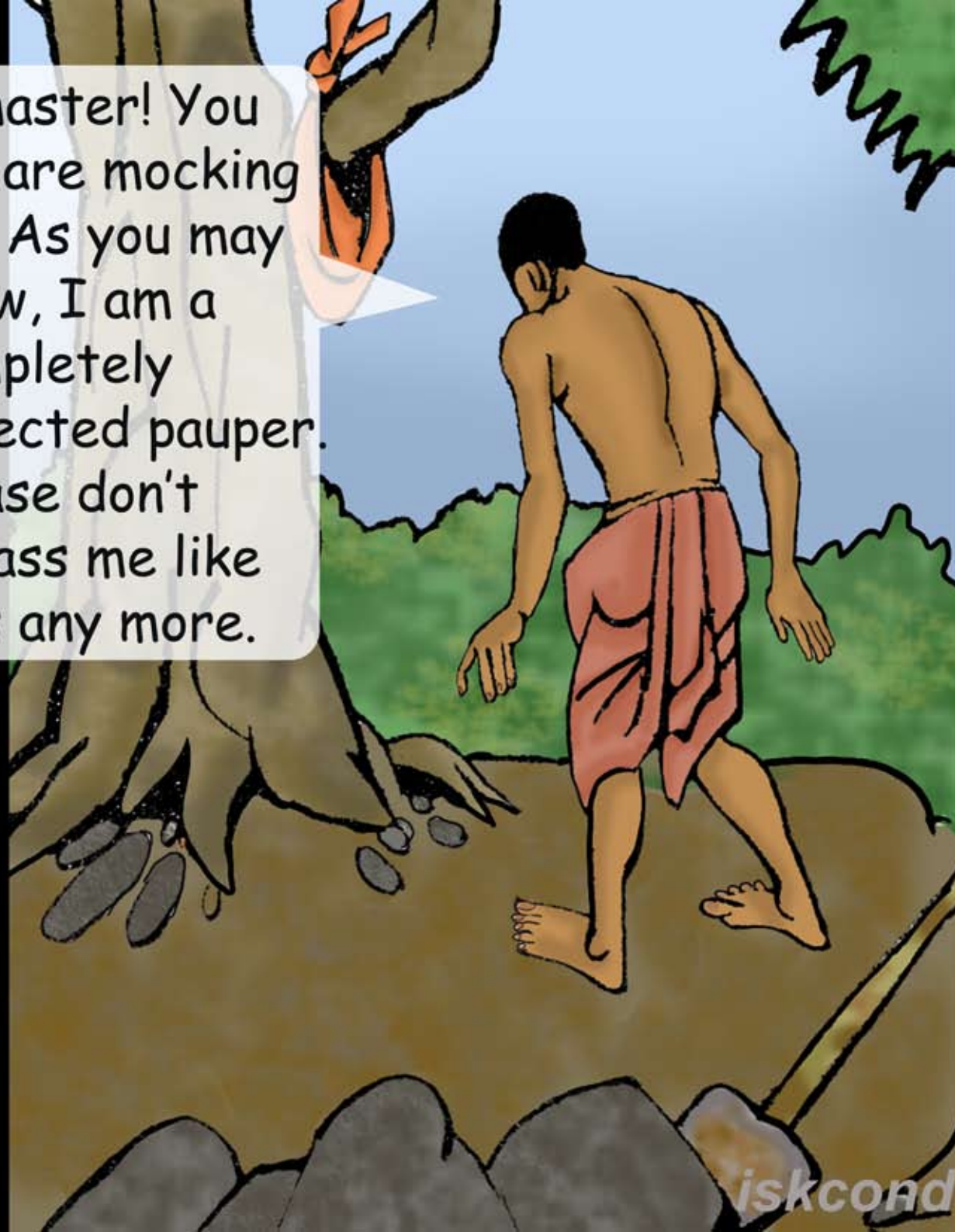


May be
I should try on the
West side....



O ! brahmana !
You must be even
more careful now.
Here a ghost is
staying appointed to
guard your father's
hidden treasure. He
will kill you.

O master! You too are mocking me. As you may know, I am a completely dejected pauper. Please don't harass me like this any more.



Don't get impatient. You should know very well that there must be a lot of hindrances before arriving at the ultimate goal. Your father had possessed great intelligence and so he buried the treasure on the East side, while keeping several unusual sentries on all other sides for protecting the wealth. Have a little more patience and just start digging at the east side of the courtyard where you will reach the fortune



The brahamana was encouraged to dig on the East side as advised



Hey! I got the treasure.



Thereafter he was wealthy for the rest of his life.

Purport :

Narrated by Sri Caitanyadeva, this story confirms that our Supreme Father has left enough hidden treasure for us and our spiritual master comes into our life to lead us perfectly to obtain that treasure . But we should be very careful to avoid going in the wrong directions. In case our efforts are directed towards fruitive activities with a material motive then we suffer from unending desires. On the other hand, if we are inclined to renounce everything then it will be suicidal in the field of the transcendental way of living.

And, at the last, if we are interested in the yogic practice, it will simply pollute our spiritual lives. So, the best method is to take up the devotional aspect of living, which surely helps us in achieving the real wealth without any danger.