

# *Physician's Knife*

*Instructive Stories from teachings of  
Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur*

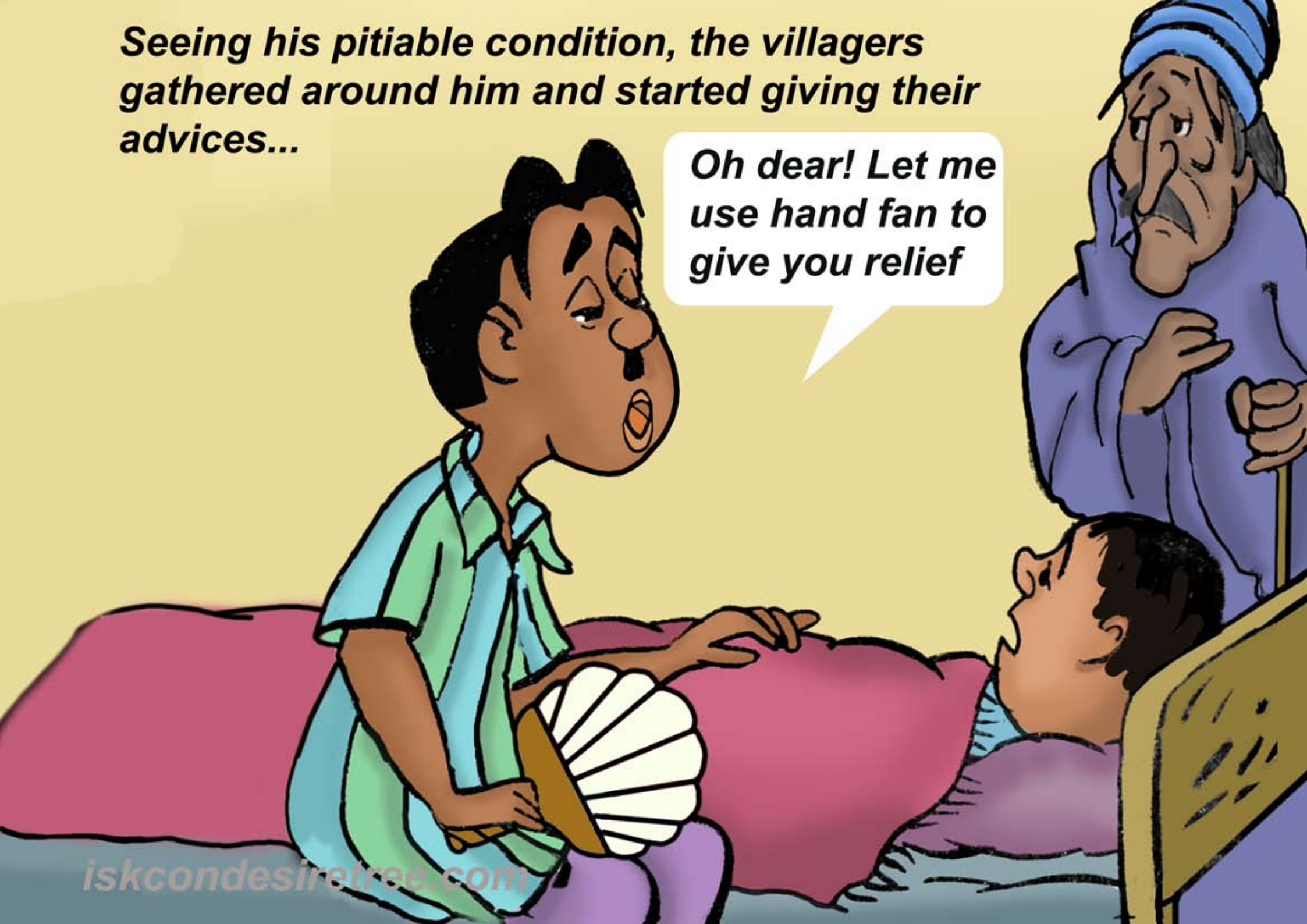


***Amar had a boil on his back. Due to the pain, he was suffering too much !***



**Seeing his pitiable condition, the villagers gathered around him and started giving their advices...**

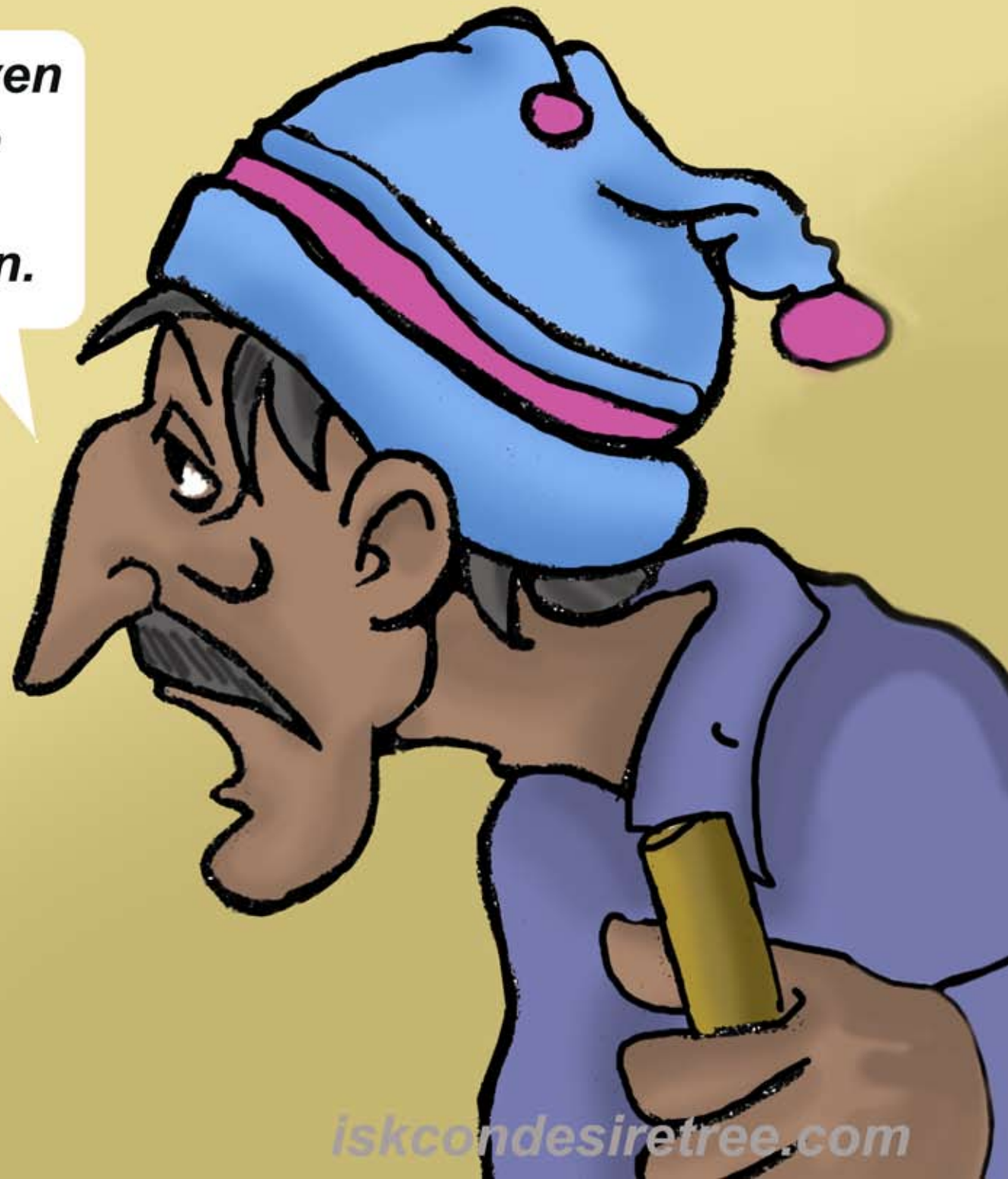
**Oh dear! Let me use hand fan to give you relief**



***Let me blow my  
cool breath to  
give you relief***



***May be he should be given  
some anesthetic drug to  
save him from such an  
unbearable physical pain.***

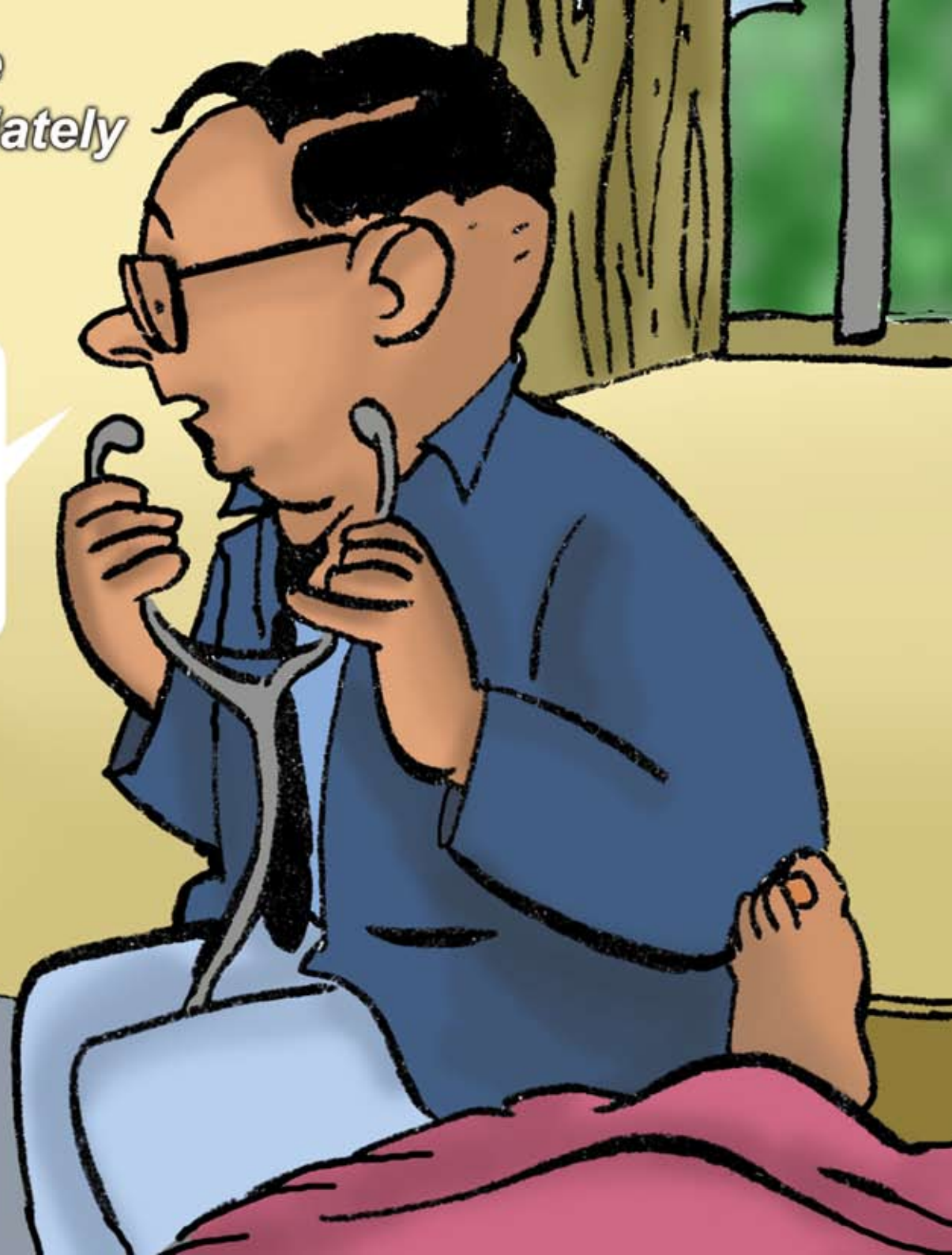


***He is suffering so much! Better to kill the poor child and relieve him of pain eternally***



*Unnerved by such advice, the wise father of the boy immediately sent for an experienced physician.*

***Your child needs a minor surgery***



***The boy's mother,  
grandmother and others  
started weeping all in a row.***

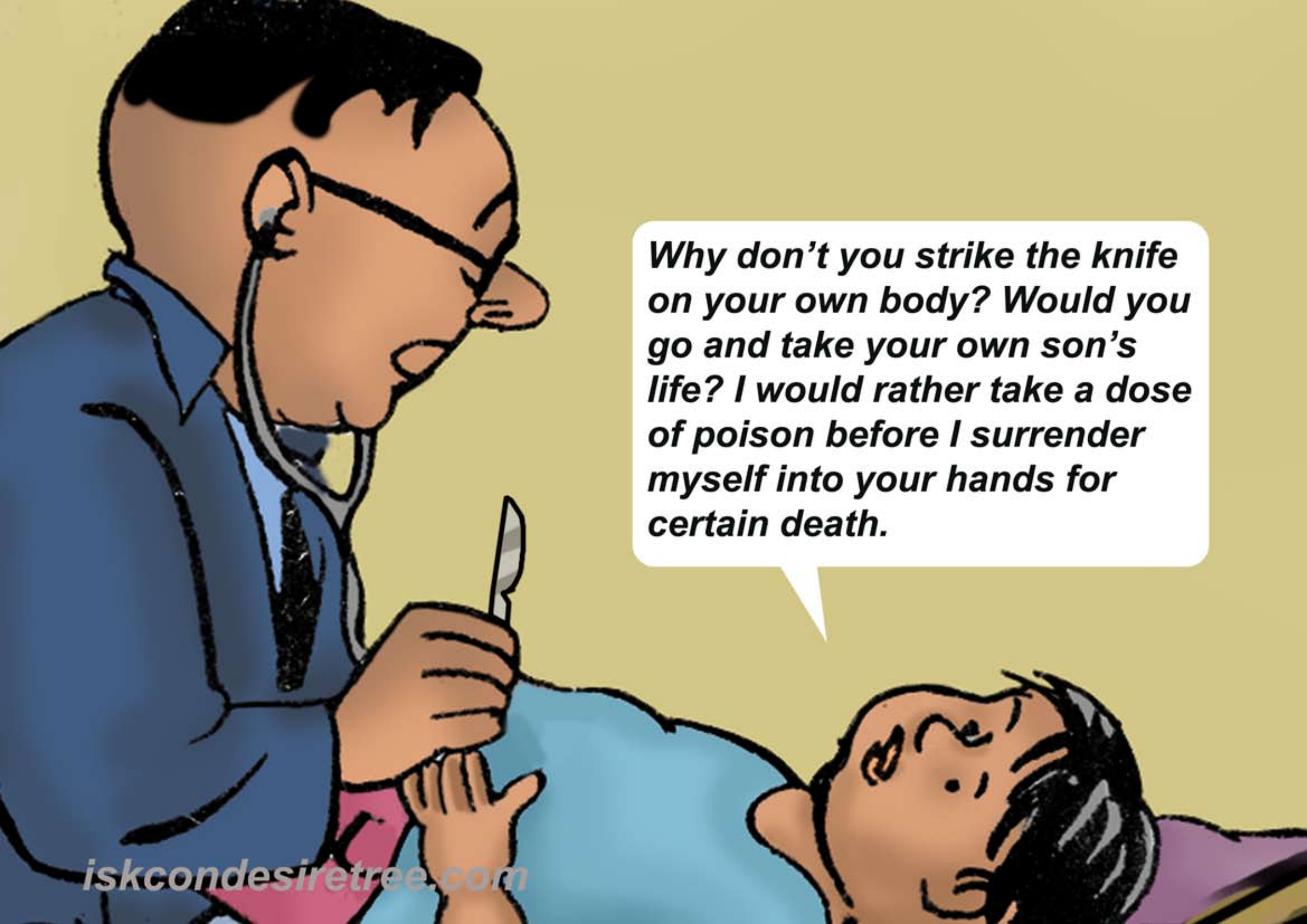
***Oh my  
son !***



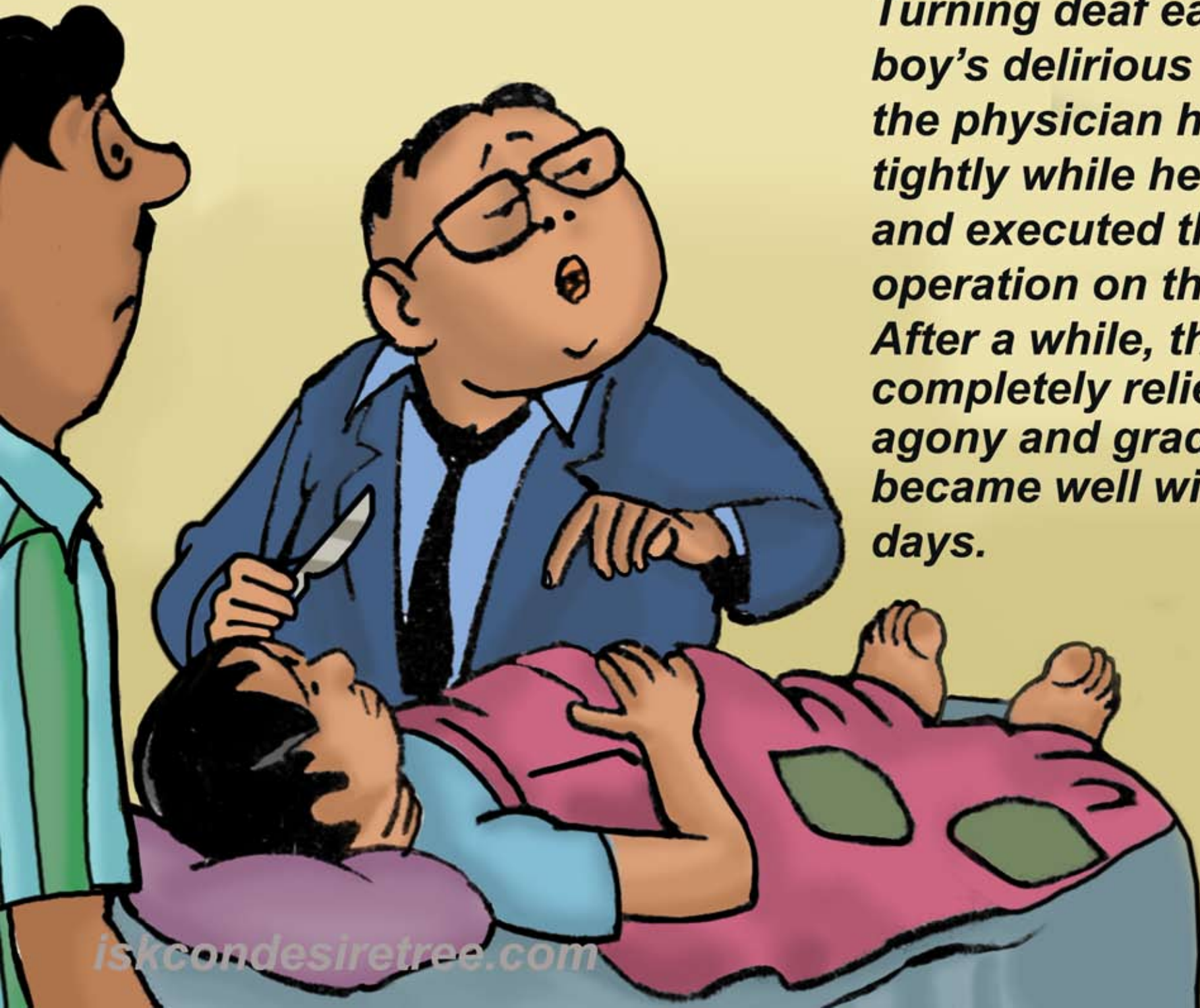




***You have come to kill me.  
Leave me alone right now  
or I must send for the police  
to arrest you !***



*Why don't you strike the knife on your own body? Would you go and take your own son's life? I would rather take a dose of poison before I surrender myself into your hands for certain death.*



***Turning deaf ear to the boy's delirious outburst, the physician held him tightly while he pressed and executed the surgical operation on the boil. After a while, the boy was completely relieved of all agony and gradually became well within a few days.***



***Thank you !  
Now I am  
relieved !***



**Purport :**

***Just like a real physician, quite often the real spiritual masters and saintly persons also dissect some of the knots in the obstinate mind of living entities by way of apparently distasteful injunctions and instructions varying on the degrees of entanglement. But the suffering entity is hardly inclined to agree with such injunctions and instead, misapply a lot of harsh words to those saintly persons blaspheming them as their enemies and extremely merciless executioners. So-called relatives and friends of such suffering entities strongly advocate against such a surgical operation to avoid the apparent pain and uneasiness. Some such pseudo-friends even in the name of impersonalism advise one to commit suicide to get rid of the root.***

***In fact, none of these ways can be fruitfully undertaken for eternal welfare of an entity. The constitutional position of a living entity is only realized after disentanglement from all unworthy mundane attachments with the help of saintly injunctions sincerely followed. This enables one to enter into the province of devotional service which is the only way to eternal bliss and peace of mind.***