



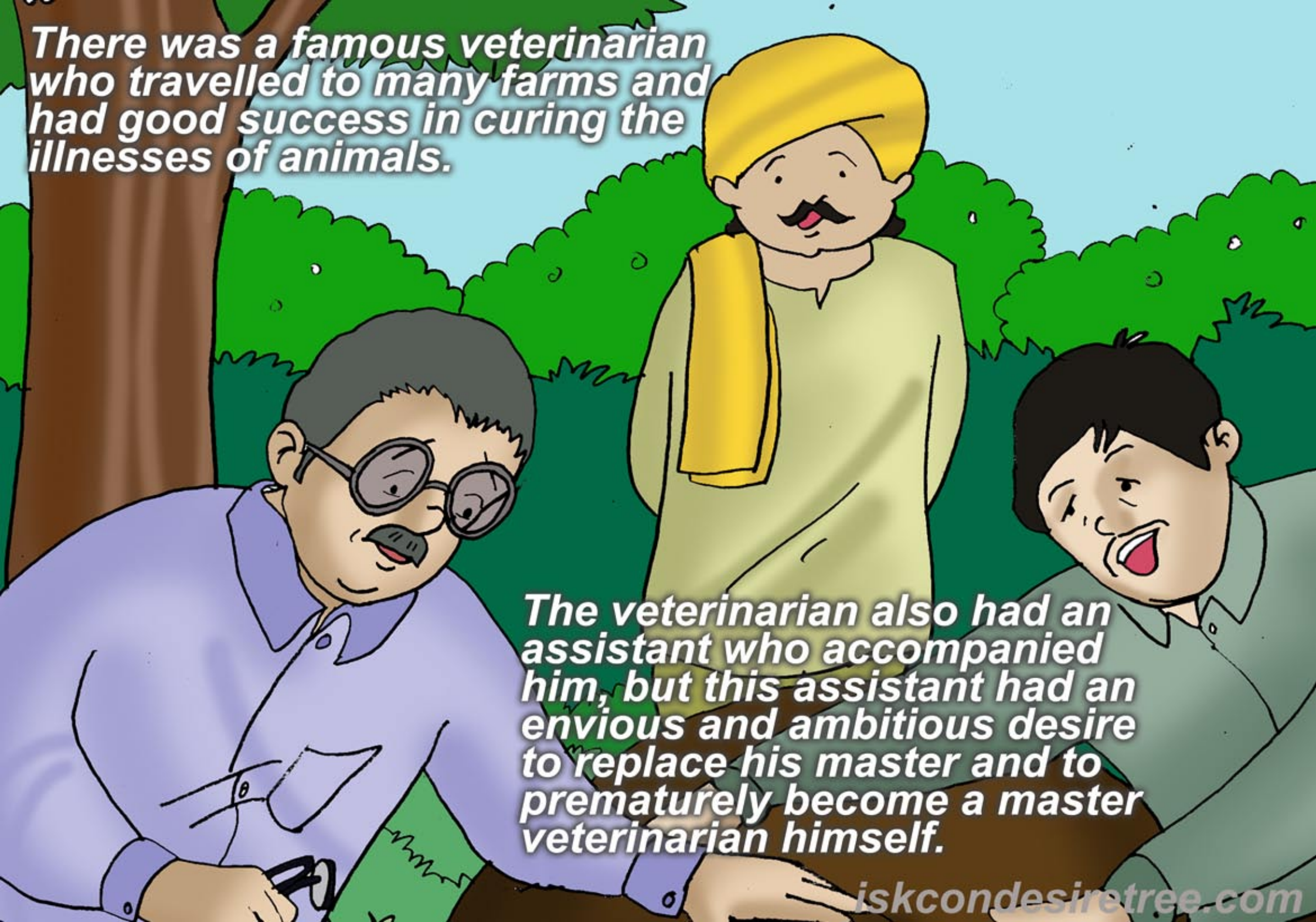
Rascal Veterinarian

*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

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There was a famous veterinarian who travelled to many farms and had good success in curing the illnesses of animals.



The veterinarian also had an assistant who accompanied him, but this assistant had an envious and ambitious desire to replace his master and to prematurely become a master veterinarian himself.

On one occasion the veterinarian was called to a farm where he discovered a valuable horse whose neck was greatly swollen. The veterinarian opened the mouth of the horse, examined inside

Hand me my work bag.



Taking out his hammer, the veterinarian proceeded to smash at the horse's neck. Very soon after this unusual action, the horse's swelling subsided



The farmer thankfully praised and paid the veterinarian for his work.



Almost immediately after this incident, the apprentice deserted the doctor and decided to become a veterinarian himself.



Word soon reached the master veterinarian that his apprentice was running around presenting himself as a genuine veterinarian but was causing havoc wherever he went.





He was actually killing animals whenever he attempted to treat them.

Hey. My bull is dead.

Finally, the master veterinarian caught up with his rascal apprentice and challenged him...

What do you think you're doing? I hear that you are imitating my practice, but as a result you are killing animals wherever you go.

But I am only doing what I had seen you do on our last visit. Whenever I went to see an ailing animal, I would smash on that animal with a hammer, but unfortunately I did not get good results.

You fool ! What you saw was a very special case. That horse had swallowed a watermelon, and so I had to break the watermelon by hitting him from the outside. That was not a practice to be repeated in every case.



MORAL:

Sankaracarya is accepted by the Vaisnava sampradaya as an incarnation of Lord Siva, and therefore Sankara is exalted. But Sankara's deceptive teachings of the Mayavadi philosophy were intended for a particular time and place and were not intended to be perpetuated as eternal dharma, as is done by his so-called Mayavadi philosophers.

-Srila Prabhupada