



The Right Whip *for the* *Right Dog*

*Instructive Stories from teachings of
Srla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur*

Once Samba son of Sri Krsna kidnapped Laksmana, the daughter of Duryodhana, from the assembly of her probable suitors (svayamvara-sabha).



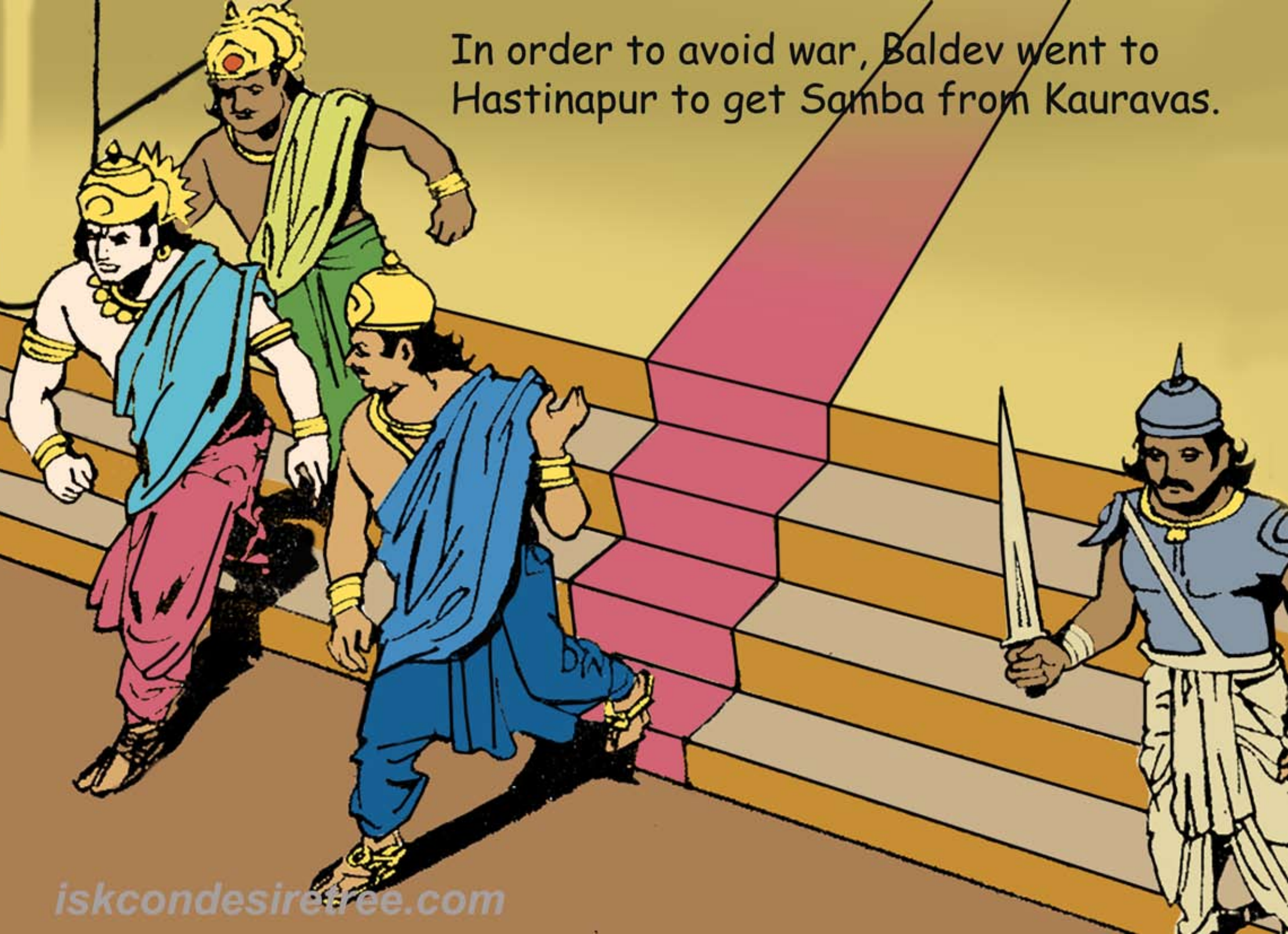
However, Samba got captured,
chained and imprisoned in
Hastinapur by the Kauravas



In revenge, the Yadavas prepared themselves for a battle against the Kaurava.



In order to avoid war, Baldev went to Hastinapur to get Samba from Kauravas.

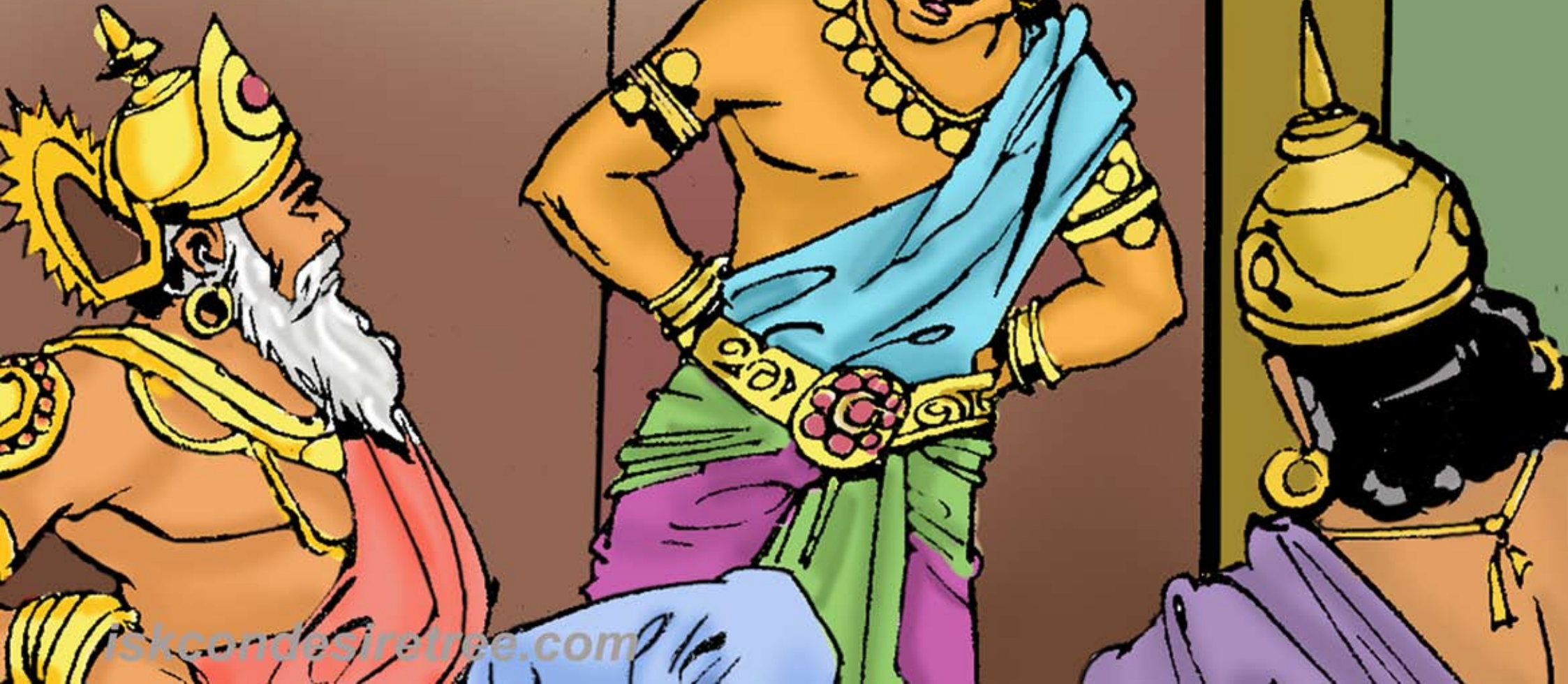


Baldev spoke to Kauravas...

I hereby request you to kindly release Samba or otherwise face the consequences of war

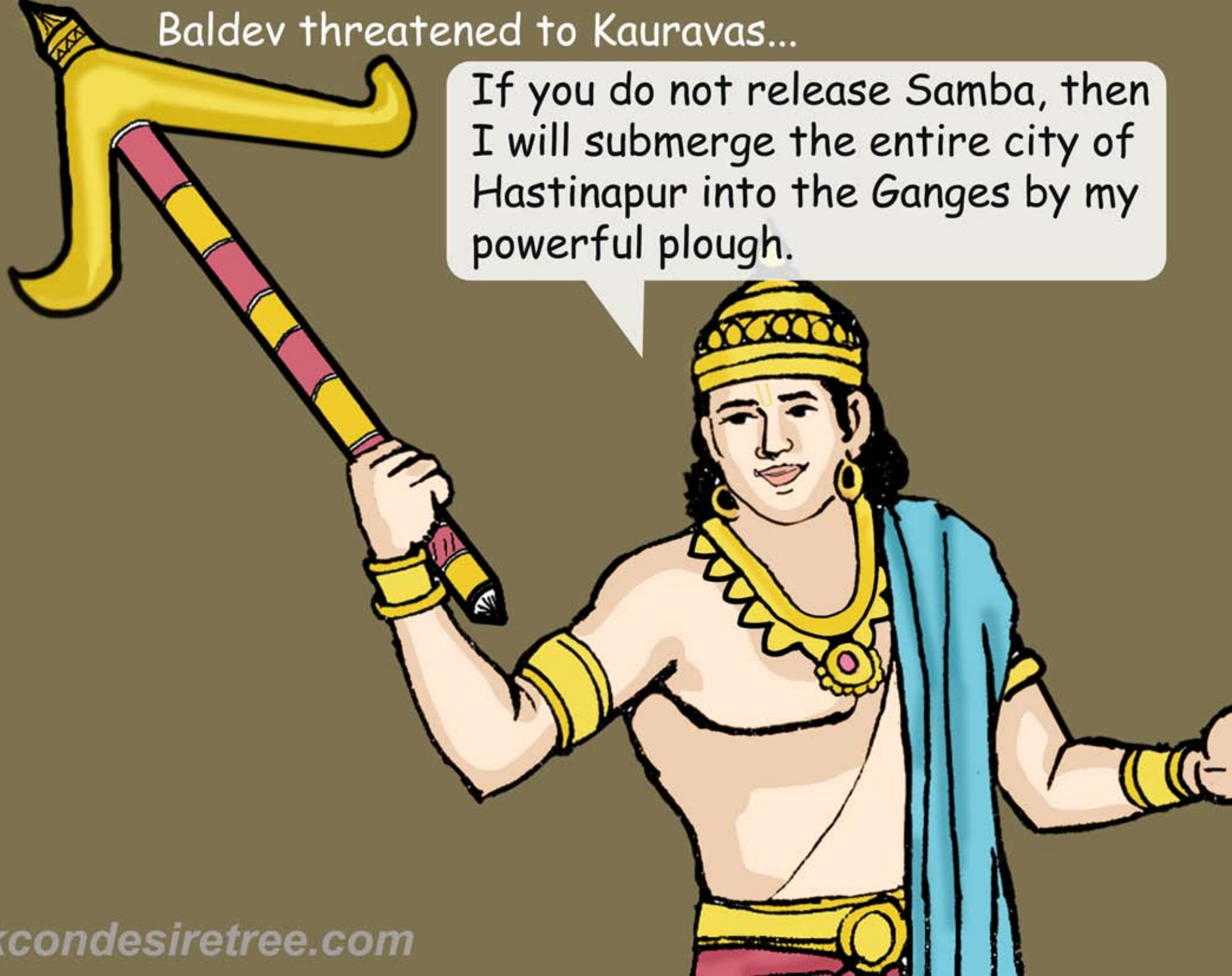


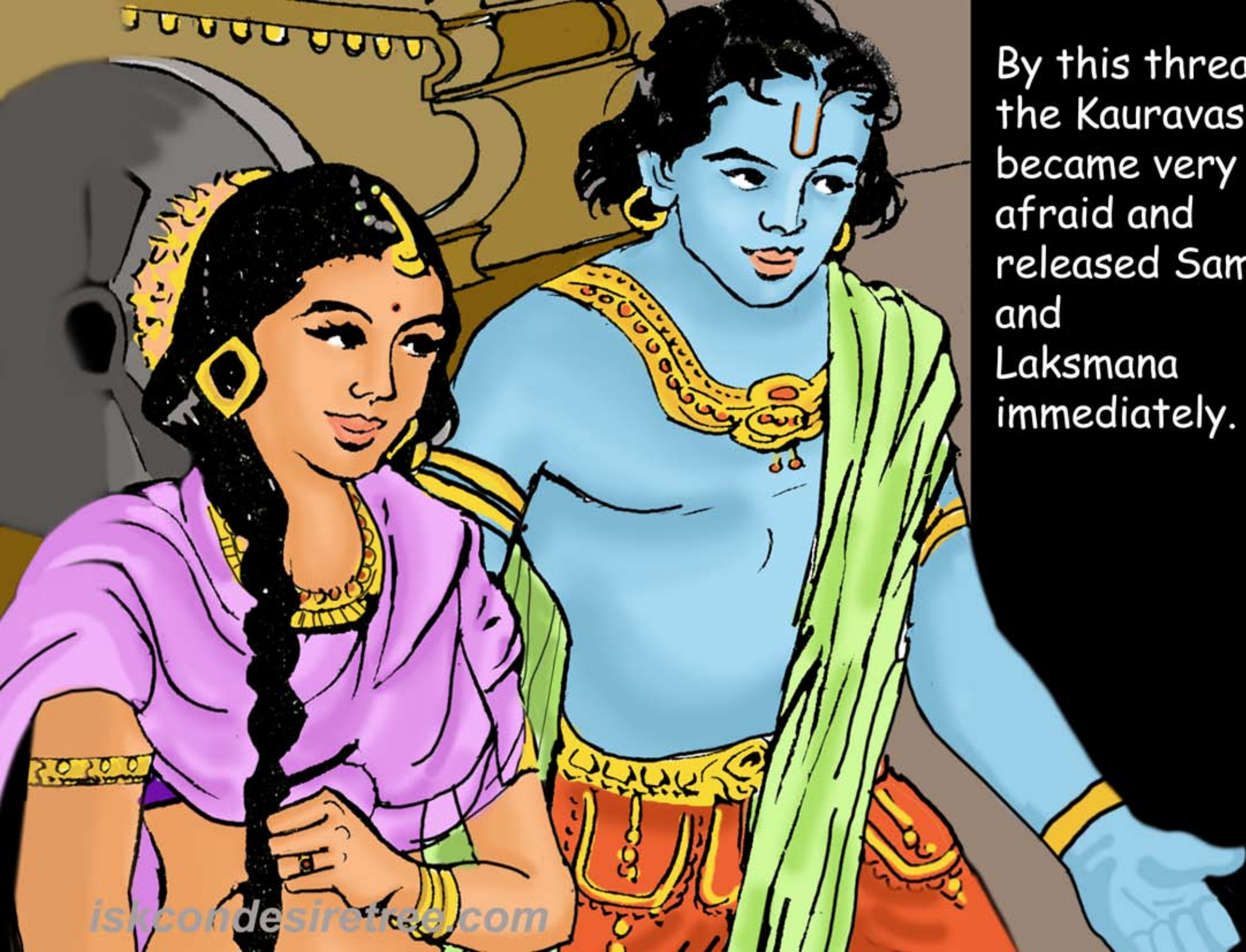
Upon hearing this order, the Kauravas became greatly agitated and started arrogantly making insinuations against the Yadavas and they even indulged in hurling many rude comments against Sri Krsna and Baldev as well.



Baldev threatened to Kauravas...

If you do not release Samba, then I will submerge the entire city of Hastinapur into the Ganges by my powerful plough.





By this threat
the Kauravas
became very
afraid and
released Samba
and
Lakshmana
immediately.

Purport :

In this respect Sri Sukadeva Goswami said,

nunam nana-mdonnaddhah

santim necchanti asadhavah /

tesam hi prasamo dandah

pasunam lagudo yatha //

Clearly as many as passions of these scoundrels have made them so proud that they do not want peace. Then let them be pacified by physical punishment, as animals are with a stick.

(Srimad Bhagavatam 10.68.31)

Evil-minded persons who are mad with wealth, followers and the like, obviously are unwilling to make peace. As brute animals are subdued only with the use of the right whip or stick, so these animal-like beings deserve no other treatment than beating with a club. Such rogues are not qualified to pay any heed to good advice whatsoever. So beating with a whip is the only true lesson for them.

NOTE :

Quite often Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Prabhupada used to quote the above-noted verse, strongly advocating appropriate punishment instead of good advice to such critics of Lord Sri Hari, the spiritual masters, and the Vaisnavas, as those people are deemed to be demoniac atheists only.