

THE GOOD AND THE BAD VILLAGES



Once Guru Nanak the Sikh teacher, was traveling accompanied by a disciple by the name of Mardan.



They came across the village where people were very inhospitable.







Oh you go to that house, we don't have anything



Please
go from
here we
don't have
anything



In this
village people
are so miser that
they don't give
anything to
sadhus



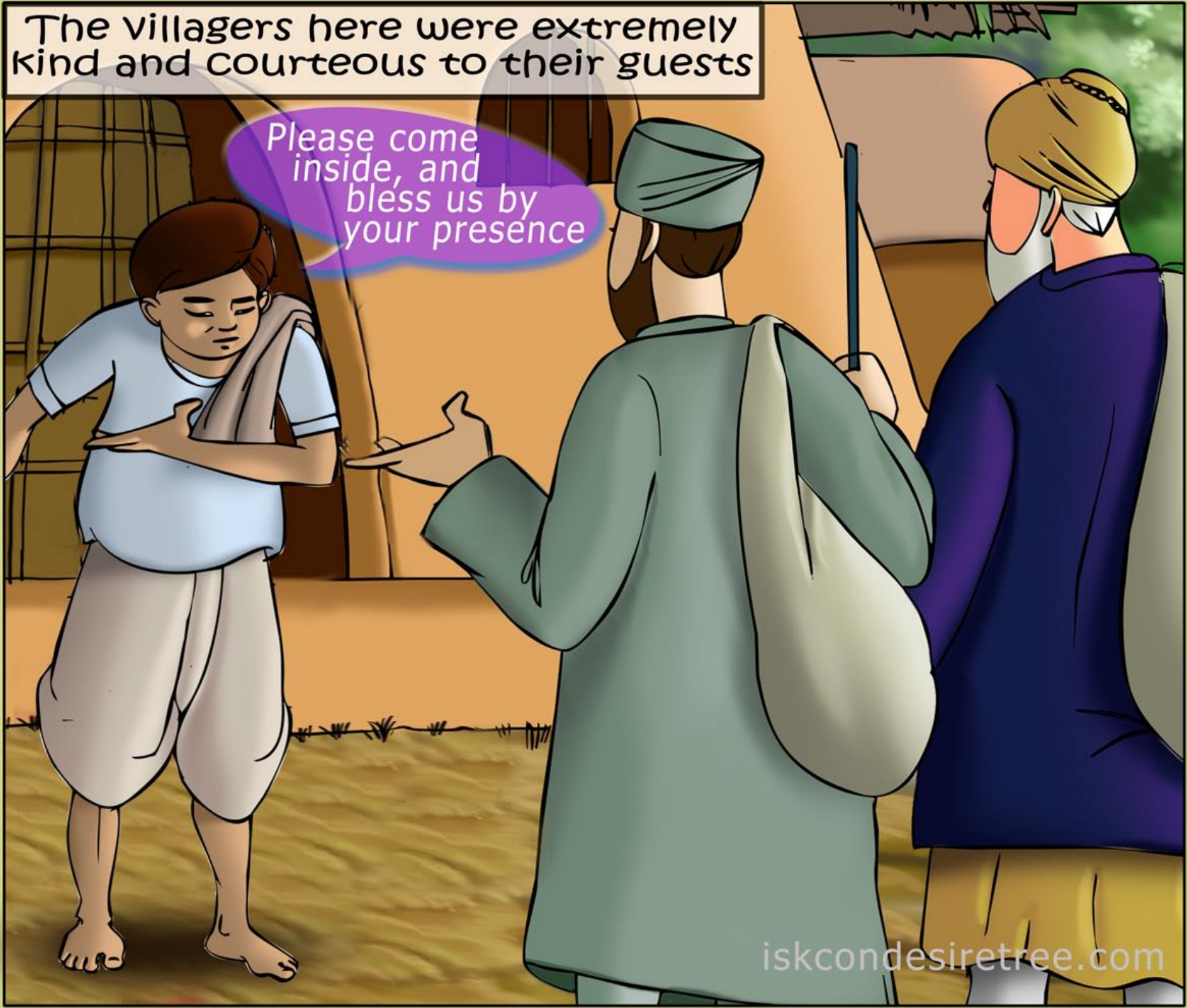
May this
village always
be here!

Soon after they left to another village



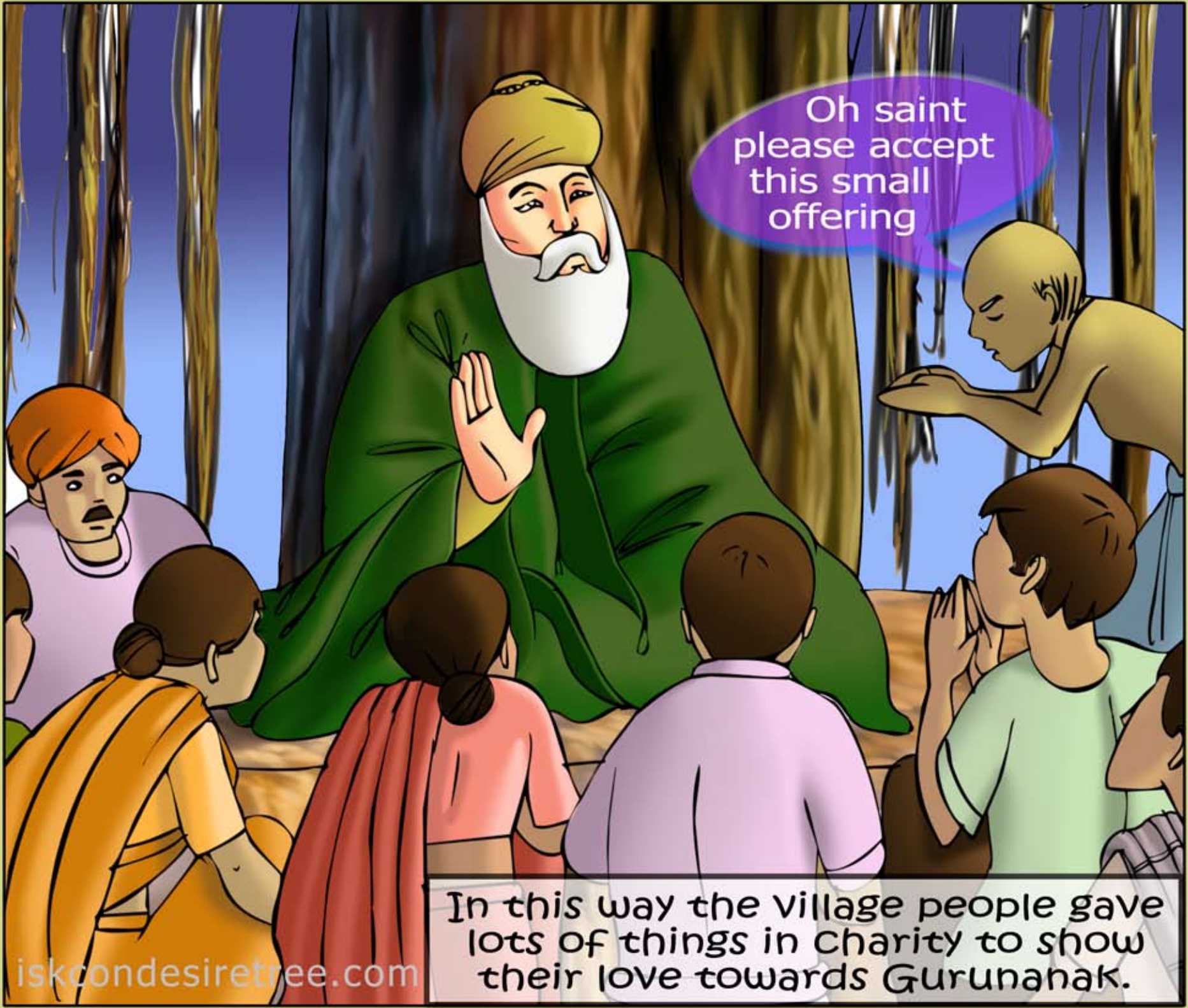
The villagers here were extremely kind and courteous to their guests

Please come inside, and bless us by your presence



Please accept this offering, oh saintly person, make yourself comfortable and bless us.






Oh saint please accept this small offering

In this way the village people gave lots of things in charity to show their love towards Gurunanak.

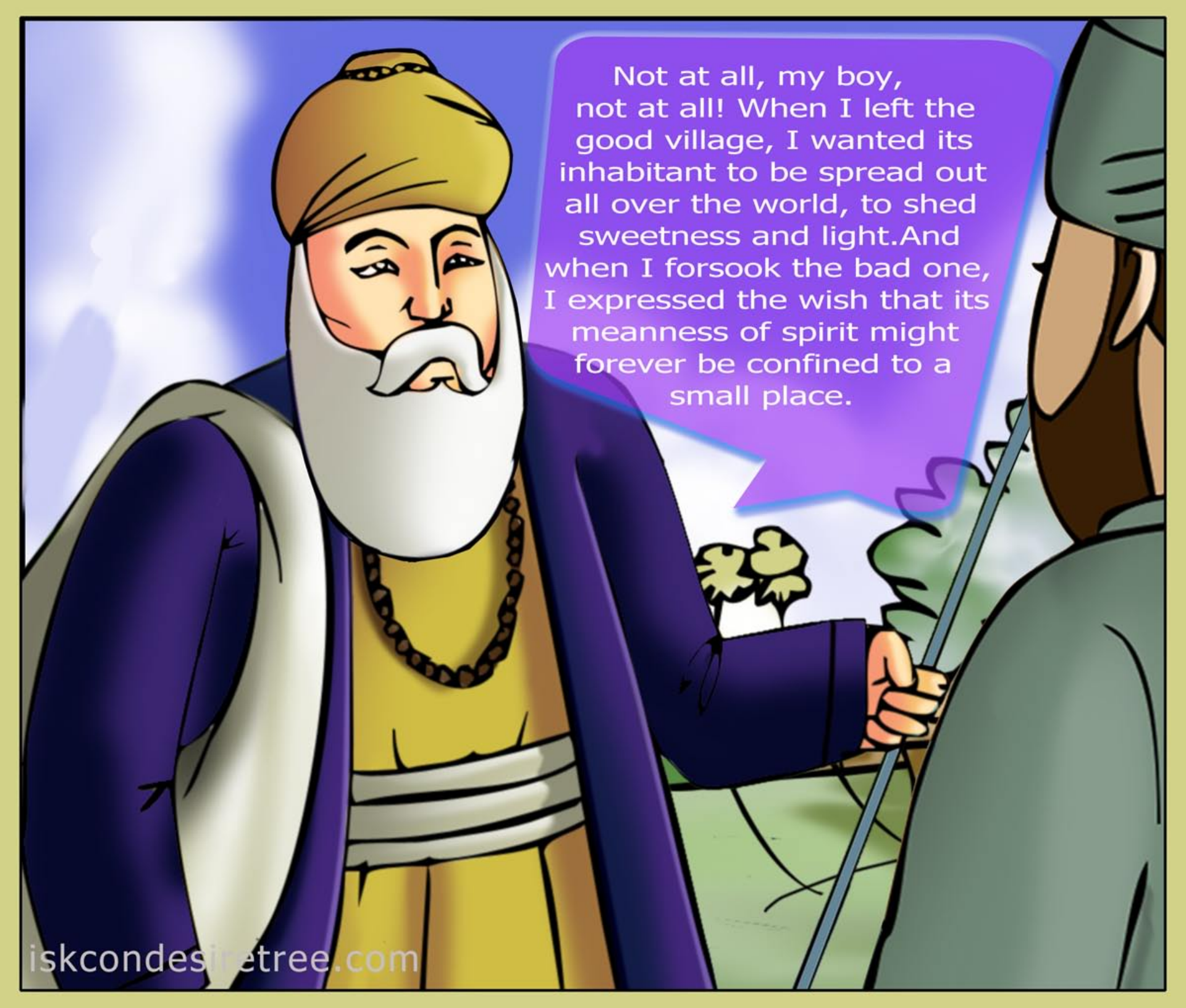
Gurunanak and his disciple were about to leave the village

May this village be destroyed and these people get scatter all over the earth





My dear master, when you left the bad village, you wished it well. Now when you leave this good village you wish that it be destroyed! Isn't that very strange?



Not at all, my boy,
not at all! When I left the
good village, I wanted its
inhabitant to be spread out
all over the world, to shed
sweetness and light. And
when I forsook the bad one,
I expressed the wish that its
meanness of spirit might
forever be confined to a
small place.



My spiritual master is
so wise and I am
fortunate to take such
good lessons.