

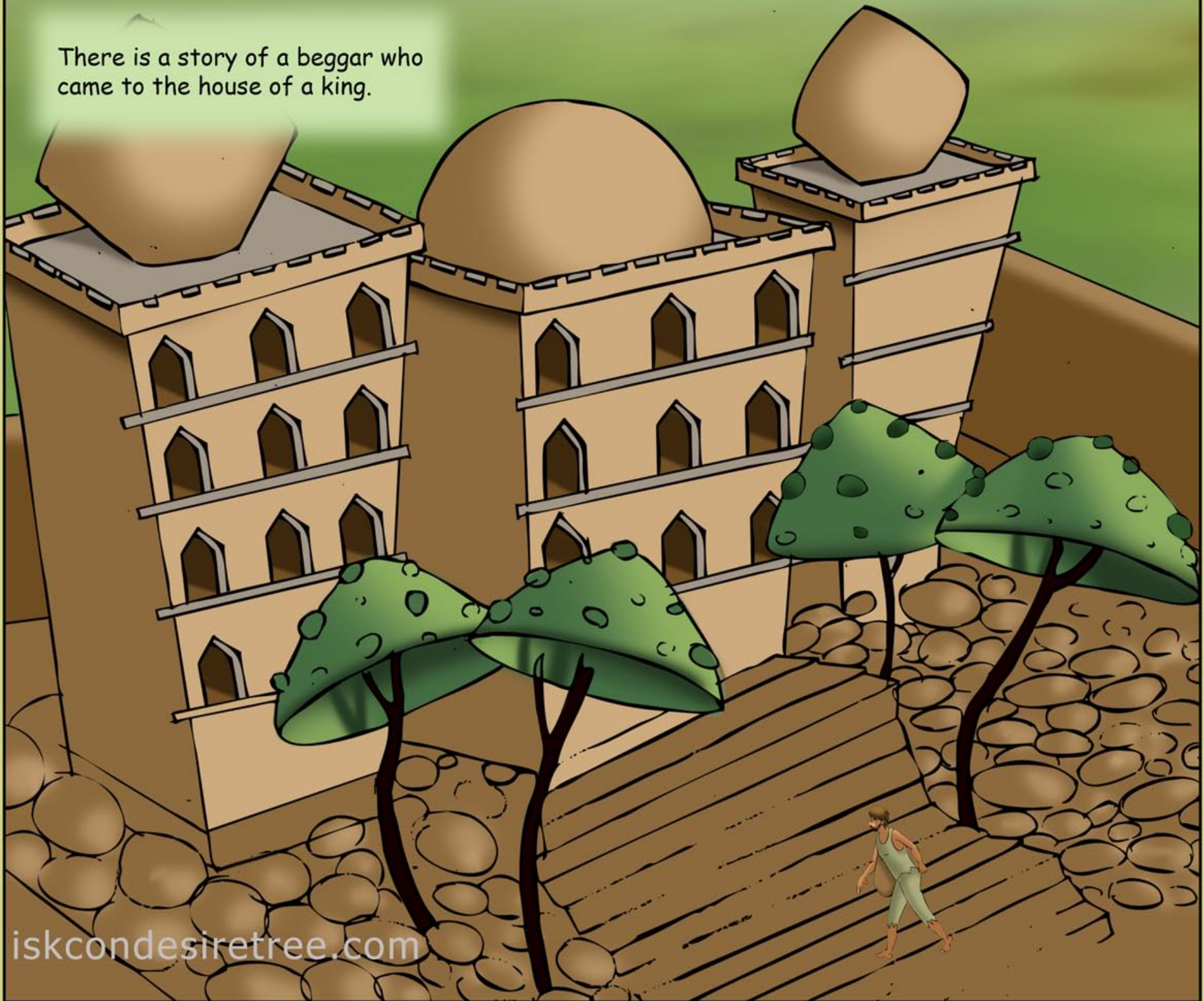
The humble beggar

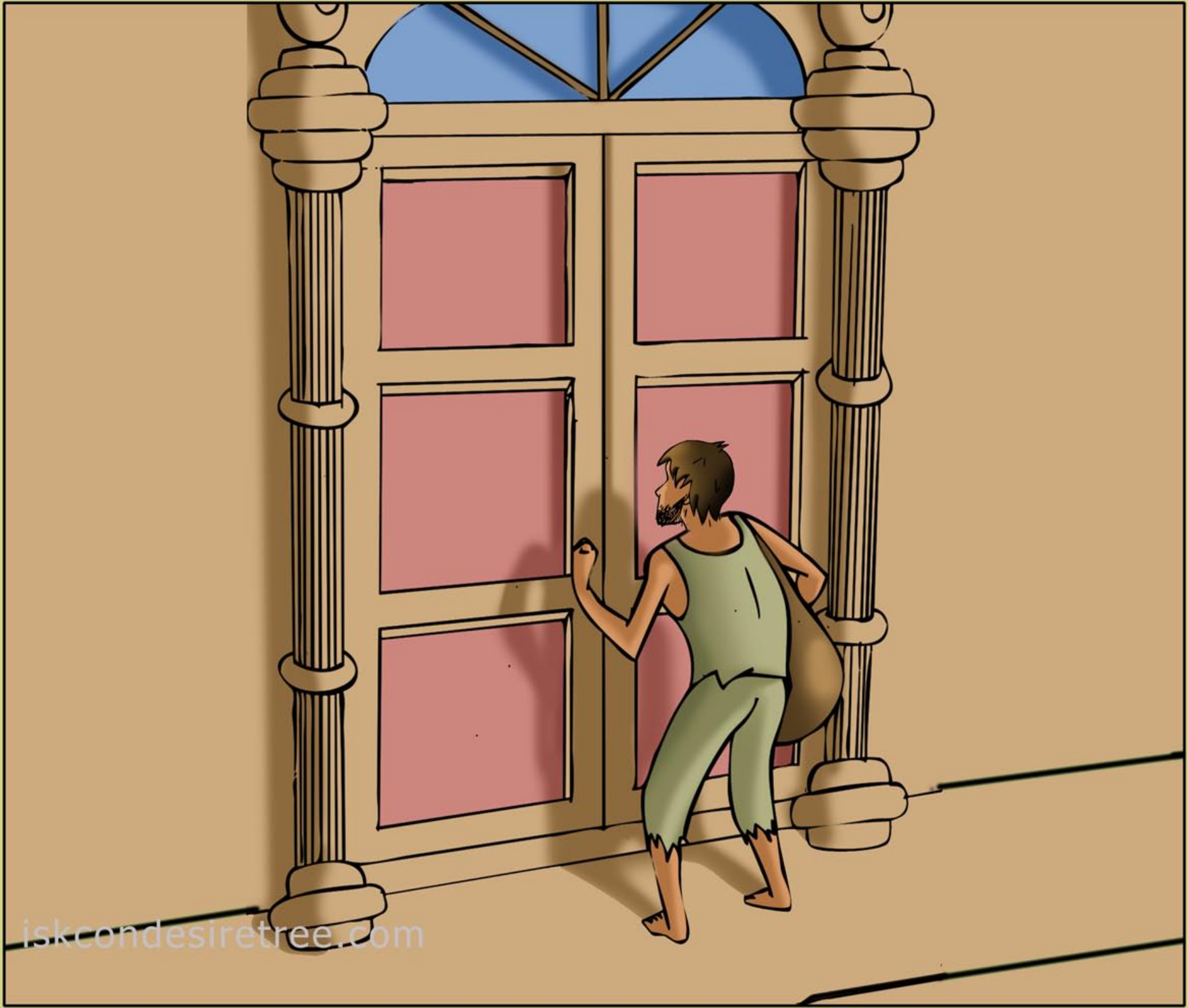


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There is a story of a beggar who came to the house of a king.





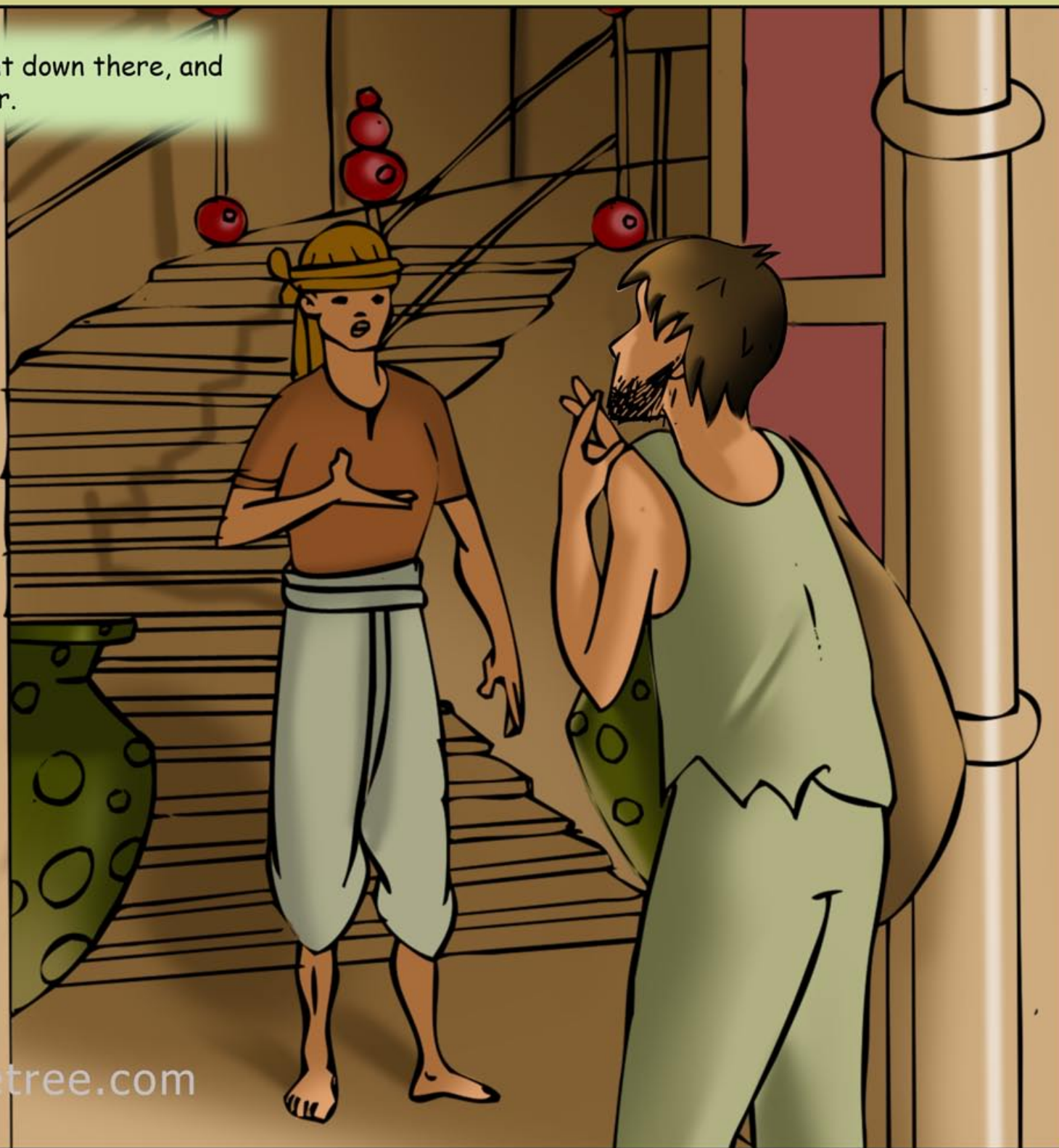
The king was looking from his window,
and he heard this knock on the door.






Go and see who it is.

So the servant went down there, and opened the door.





Who is it?

It's just some beggar, He wants
some food or something.


All right, let's have a laugh.
Call him up here.




The beggar came up, and
sat in the court of the king.



All right, beggar,
what do you want?

A cartoon illustration showing a man with a beard and a crown sitting on a throne, talking to a man in a red robe. The man on the throne is wearing a green tunic and has a speech bubble above him. The man in the red robe is wearing a crown and has a red sash with a 'B' on it. The background is a simple brown wall with a blue border at the top.

Some prasad, a little food
or something?



Pretend to bring him
some food.

So the servant brought out an invisible plate and put it down.




Nice rasgulla, samosa, kichori. Fill yourself up, be happy.



So just to humour the king and not offend him, beggar pretended to eat.



Is it good?


A cartoon illustration showing a man with a beard and a crown. The man on the left is wearing a green tunic and is gesturing with his right hand while speaking. The man on the right is wearing a yellow crown and a red tunic, and is looking towards the first man. The background is a plain, light brown color.

Yes it's good.
I like the samosas.

What else would you like?

A nice wife,





All right, bring on the dancing girls!

So the servant got invisible
dancing girls.





Aren't they dancing nicely?


Yes, they are.

Which one do you want as your wife?



The sixth one.





There are only five.
Take the fifth one. I will present
you a palace along with her. Just go
out of the door, take any of my palaces
and stay happily with her there for
rest of your life.

The king gave him a good slap on the back.



So the man was very
humble and submissive.

Yes your honour, yes sir,
my lord, thank you very
much.




He went out to the gate, and suddenly
the heart of the king was touched by
his submissive nature.



Although the king was playing a joke on him the man was cooperating and wasn't becoming offensive, so the king had a change of heart.

All right, call him back.



I'm very pleased with your attitude. You've gone along with the joke. So, servants, bring out the real prasad, take ourself a real queen and have a real palace.

MORAL :

So in this way, just by his humble nature, and just humouring and cooperating the king, he was blessed with so much opulence.

- Srila Prabhupada.