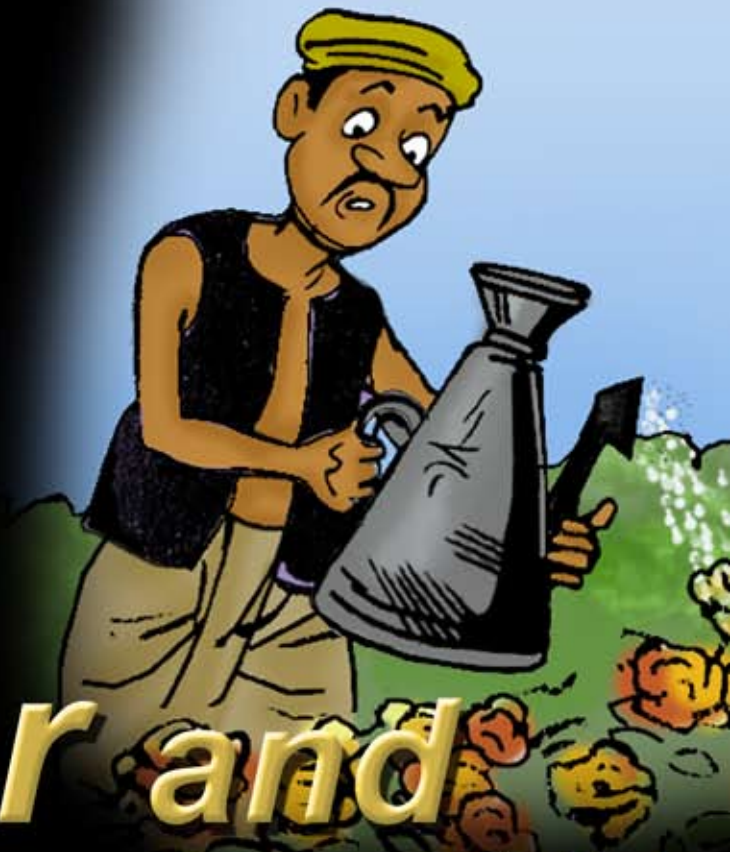




The Idiot Gardener and Stupid pundit



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A King had one gardener for tending his garden and one pundit in his court. Both were short of common sense.



One day while the landlord was taking a walk in his garden, he saw by chance that the gardener was pretending to work with difficulty in watering the plants.






I feel that the leaves, branches and flowers should better be watered liberally because those are the products of a tree. I should water very carefully each and every flower, every leaf and every branch one by one.



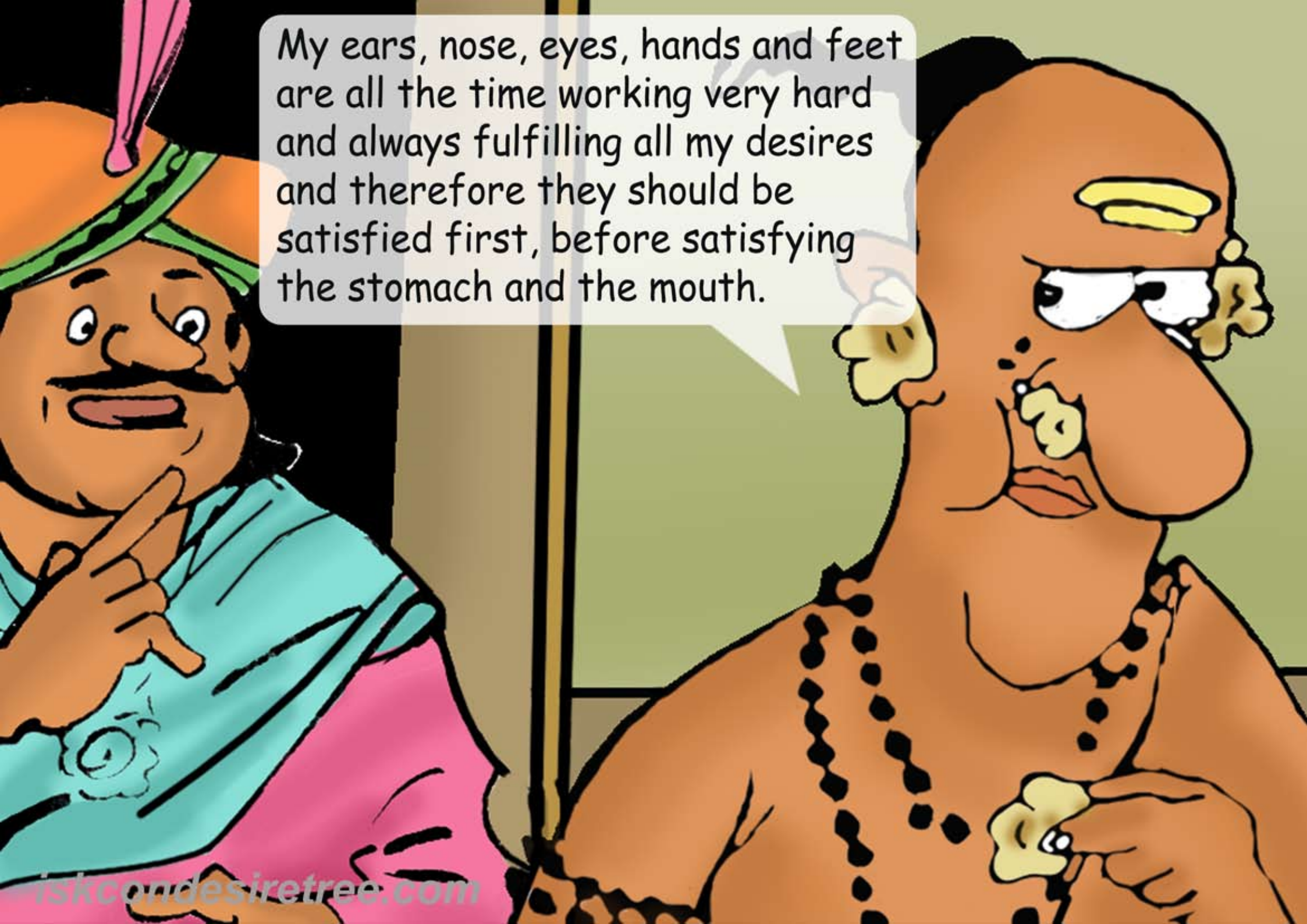
What are you doing? Watering each and every flower, leaf and branch will not nourish the entire plant, rather it will die soon as the flowers and the leaves will go rotten from such direct watering. You'd better pour the water at the root, so that the entire plant will get water with less effort, and then it will grow nicely.

The King then visited the pundit.

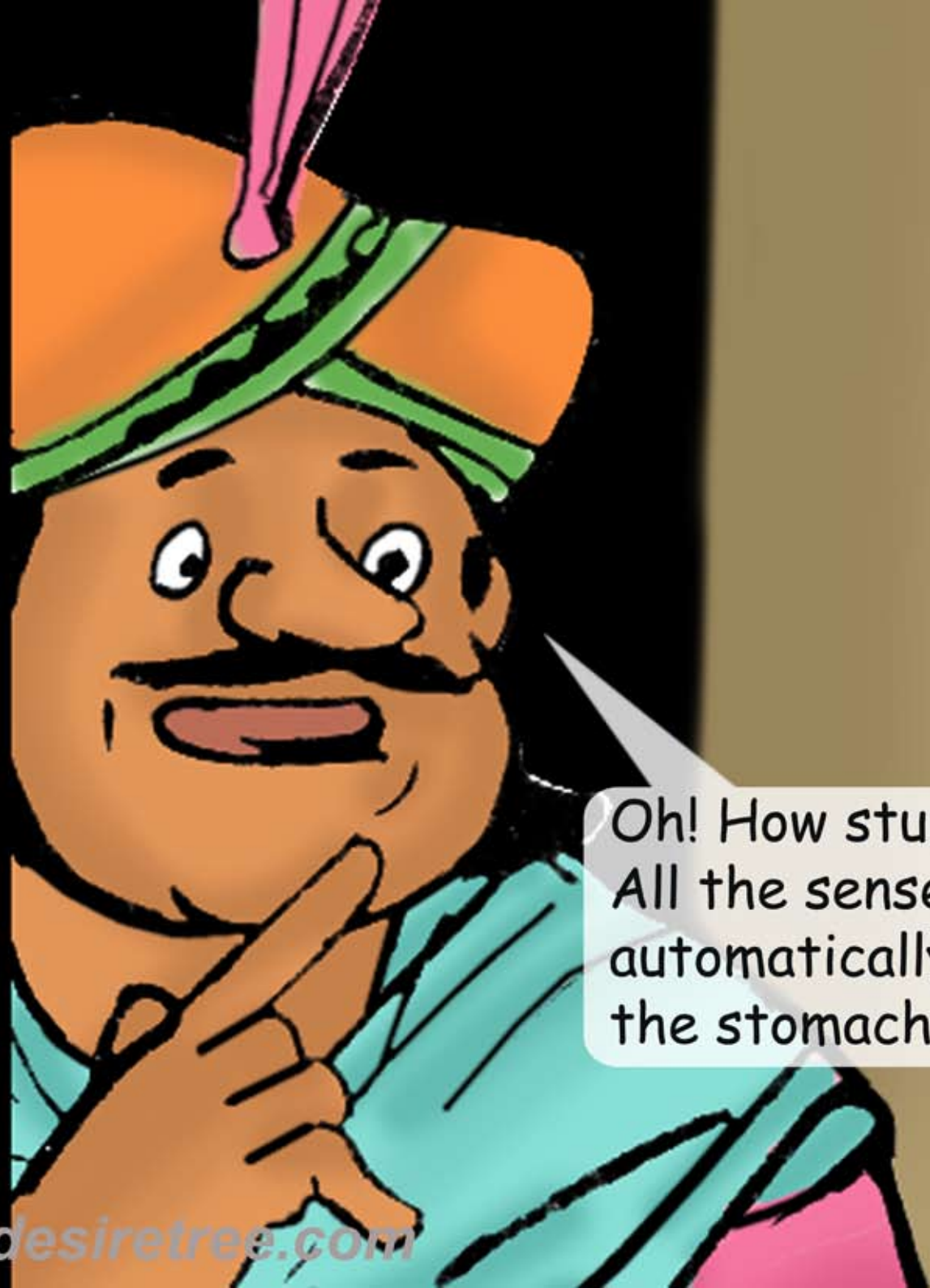
Om karmabhyam svaha !
Om nasikabhyam svaha !
Om caksurbhyam svaha !



Oh learned pundit! What are you doing? Why are you putting food in you ears, nose, eyes, hands and feet?



My ears, nose, eyes, hands and feet are all the time working very hard and always fulfilling all my desires and therefore they should be satisfied first, before satisfying the stomach and the mouth.



Oh! How stupid you are?
All the senses are nourished
automatically if you feed
the stomach.

Purport :

Srimad Bhagvatam says :

**yatha tarormula nisecanena
trpyanti tat skandhobhujopasakhah
prinopaharac ca yathendriyanam
tathaiva sarvarhanam acyutejya**

As pouring water on the root of a tree energizes the trunk, branches, twigs and everything else, and as supplying food to the stomach enlivens the senses and limbs of the body, simply worshipping the Supreme Personality of Godhead through devotional service automatically satisfies the demigods, who are parts of that Supreme Personality.