

The man who lost his hat

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A man in California was driving to his wedding



Suddenly his hat blew off onto the highway



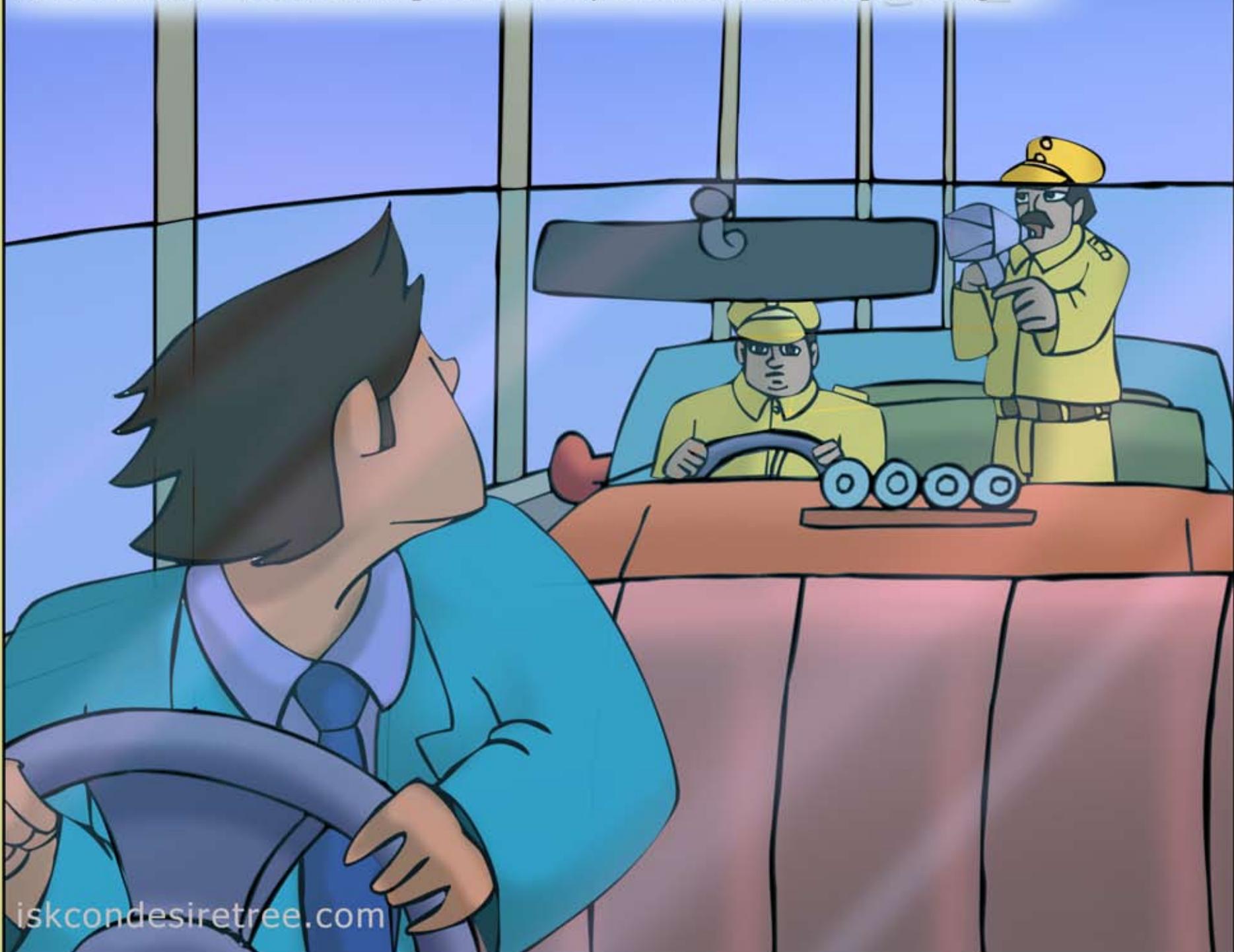
Tucked into the brim of the hat was a one hundred dollar bill



So, in the middle of traffic the man tried to brake his car and jump out to receive his hat



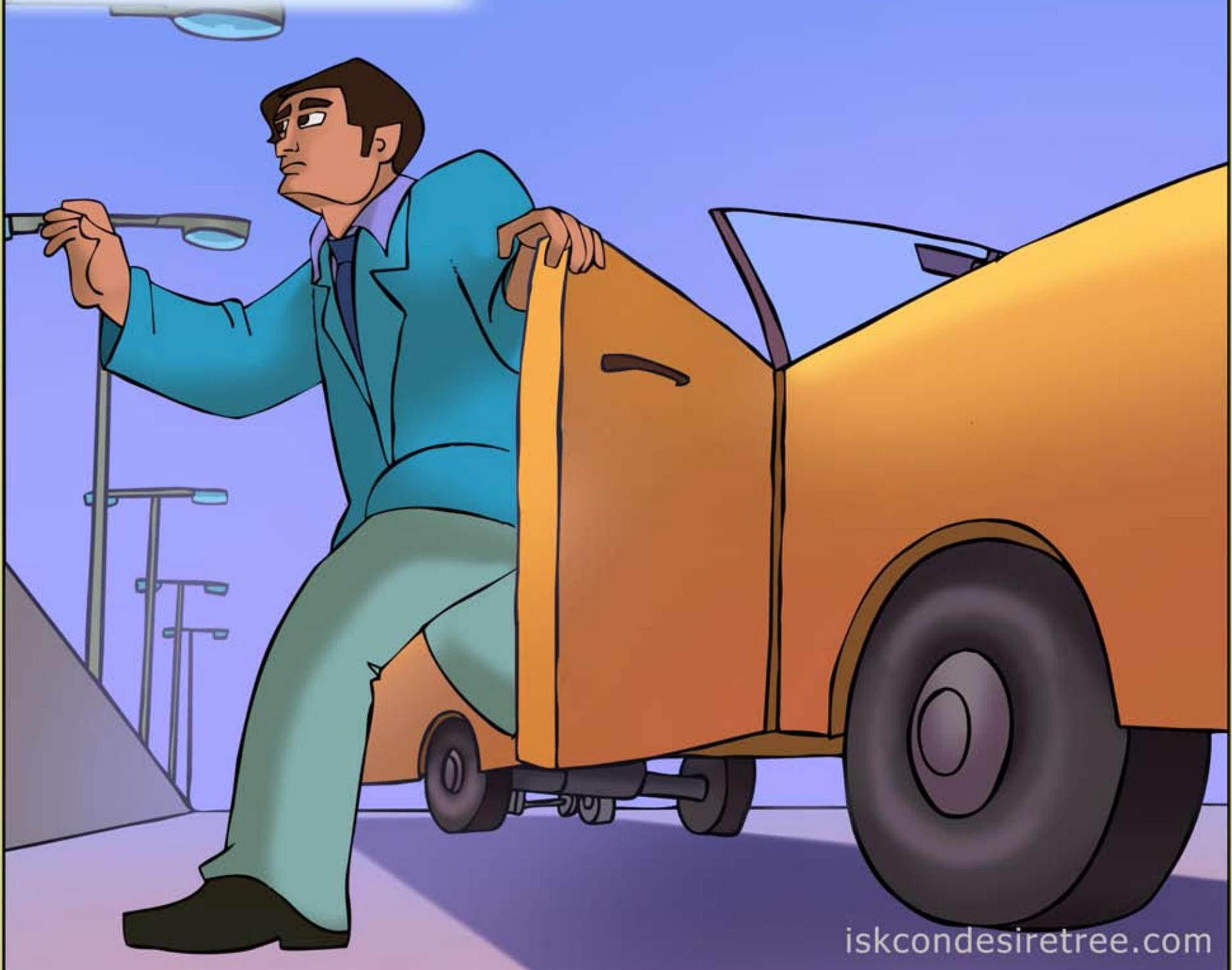
But cruising behind him was a highway patrol car, and the officer inside blared to him over the loudspeaker to stay in his car and keep moving



The man obeyed, but at the next exit he turned off to a roadside motel



There he dashed out of his car...



...climbed a fence



Tore across the highway braving four lanes of traffic



Plucked up his hat



Mission accomplished



He dodged the next oncoming car, only to be hit by another one and killed.



MORAL :

In human life we're meant to move straight on the road back to Godhead, but maya, illusion, is so strong that she diverts us. She grabs us by our senses and pulss. Maya's "hat trick" is fairly simple. Get you thinking about something until you're stuck on it, then reel you in. Once the eyes or the tongue or any of the senses gets fixated on something, that sense starts lugging at the mind, absorbing it in whatever maya's offering at the moment. Then she can carry away our intelligence, and once our intelligence is towed away, that's it - we're lost.

Dhyaya to visayan pumsah.

- Srila Prabhupada.