



Thief
who became
Sadhu

Once, a king invited all the sannyasis, sadhus and ascetics for a big meeting.



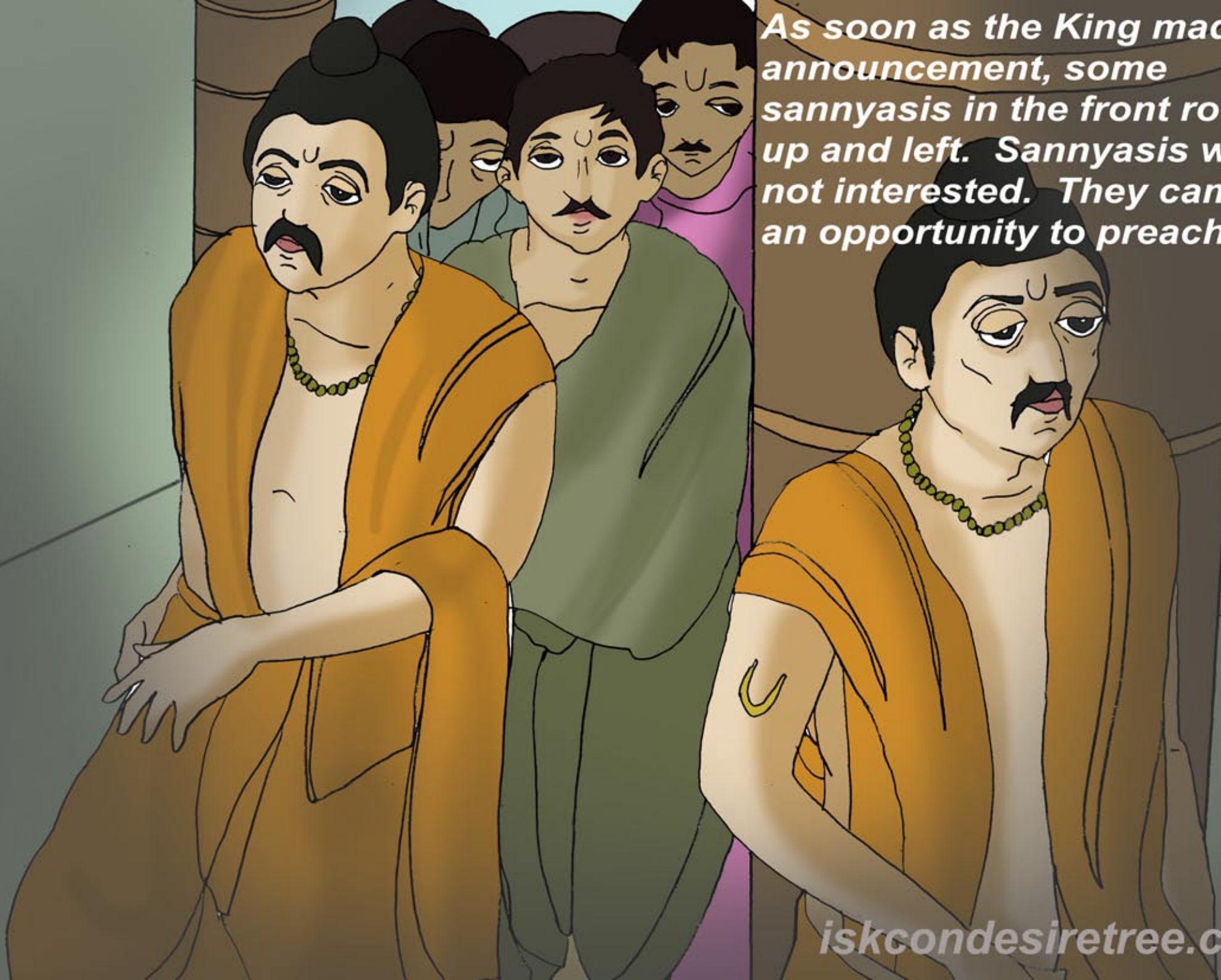
O great sadhus, I have a daughter and she is very inclined to marry a saintly person. So I am offering half of my kingdom with my daughter.

There was thief within this meeting.

*Maybe the king
will be giving help
to saintly person
and I will get an
opportunity to
rob someone and
get some money.*

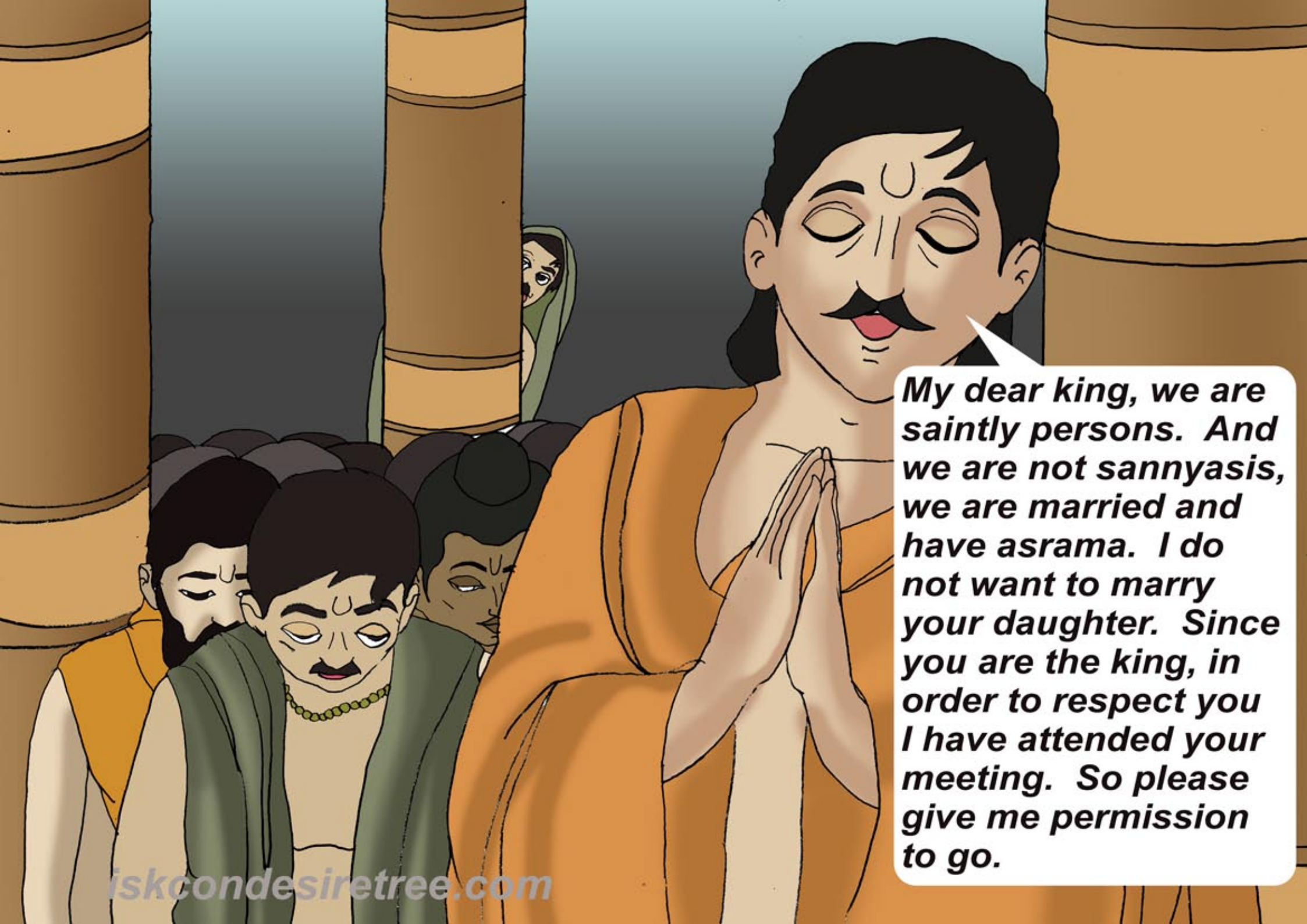


As soon as the King made announcement, some sannyasis in the front row got up and left. Sannyasis were not interested. They came for an opportunity to preach.



And then next row came forward.

***Look, I will give 75%
of my kingdom. I will
only keep a little part
for myself. Please
accept my daughter.***



My dear king, we are saintly persons. And we are not sannyasis, we are married and have asrama. I do not want to marry your daughter. Since you are the king, in order to respect you I have attended your meeting. So please give me permission to go.

The thief in the back was hearing this and he was thinking...

This is a good chance. I don't have to do any hard work and I can get 75% of the kingdom.



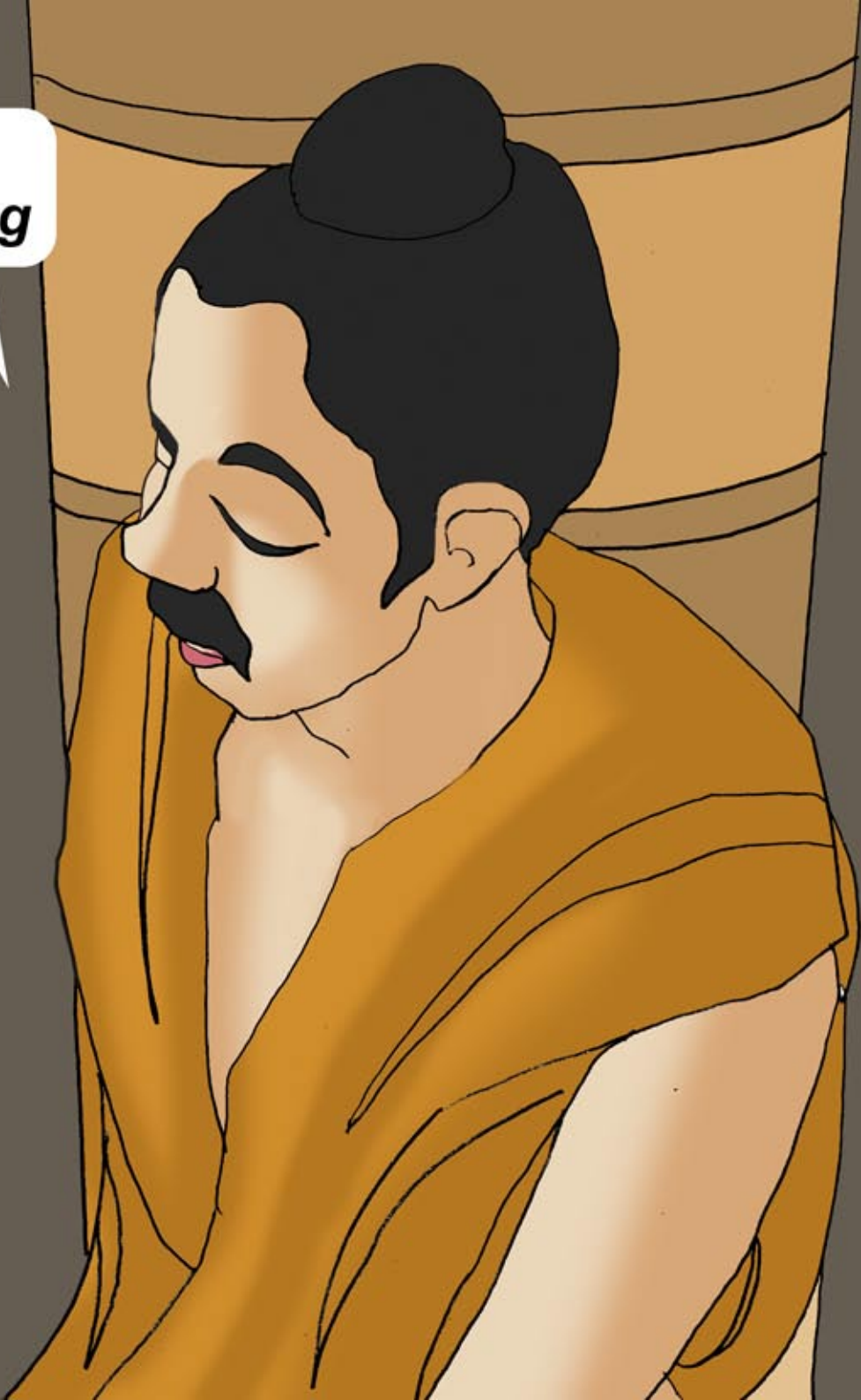
So the thief disguised himself, covering himself with tiger skin and he went and sat with the others.





What will we do with the country? We are not here for ruling, we are trying to rule over our senses. Let us do this first, and if I make it then I will come and rule over the world.

***And I am
also going***

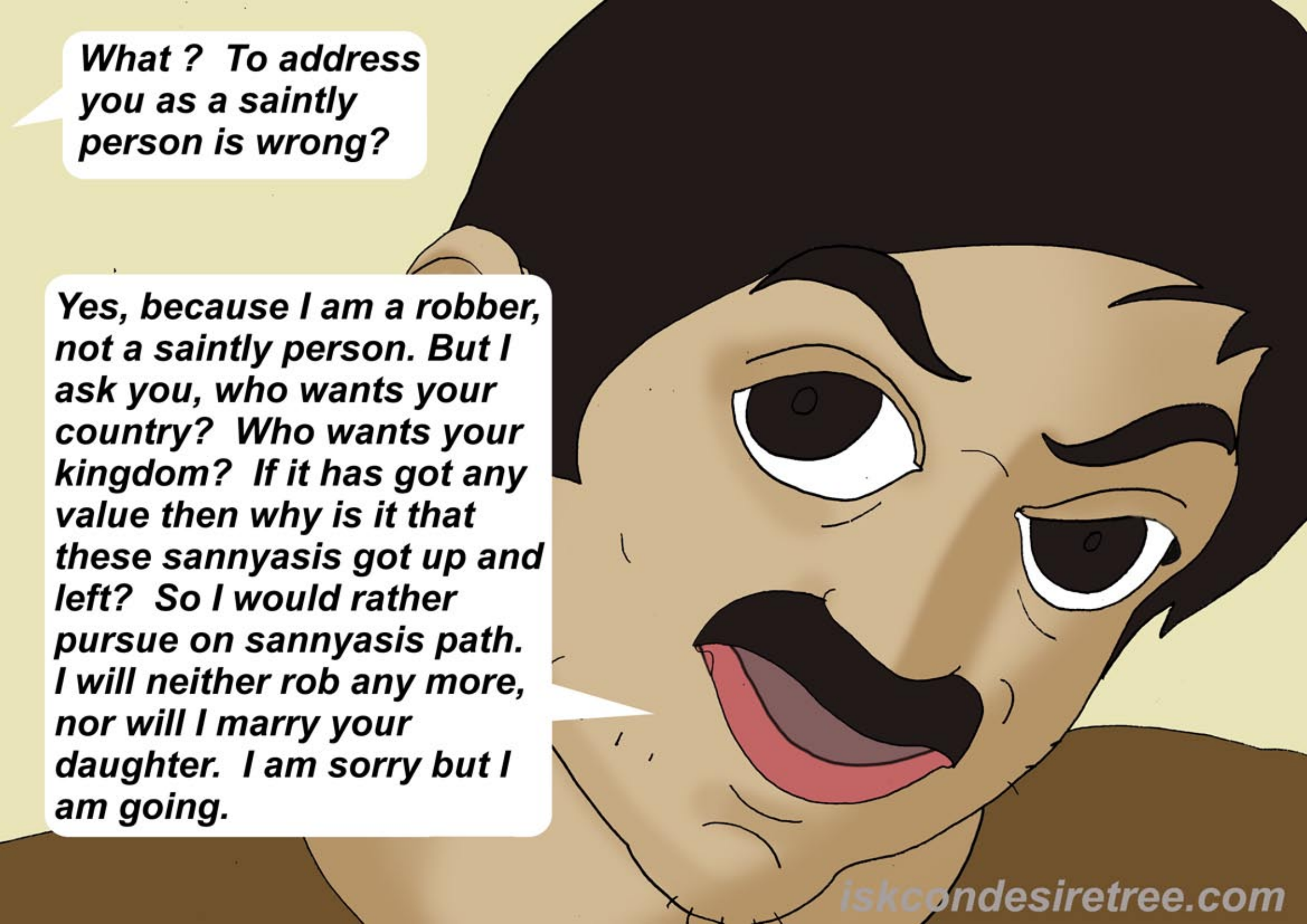




So then the king came to the next person, who happened to be the thief disguised as sadhu

O great saintly person...

You are wrong



What ? To address you as a saintly person is wrong?

Yes, because I am a robber, not a saintly person. But I ask you, who wants your country? Who wants your kingdom? If it has got any value then why is it that these sanniyasis got up and left? So I would rather pursue on sanniyasis path. I will neither rob any more, nor will I marry your daughter. I am sorry but I am going.

MORAL :

The thief had acquired the nature of a thief by his previous activities, but by association of sannayasis he developed the nature of a sadhu, in just a very short time.

***Lava matra sadhu sanga sarva siddhi haya.
Just a moment's associaton brings all perfection.***