

Two Holy men and the Woman

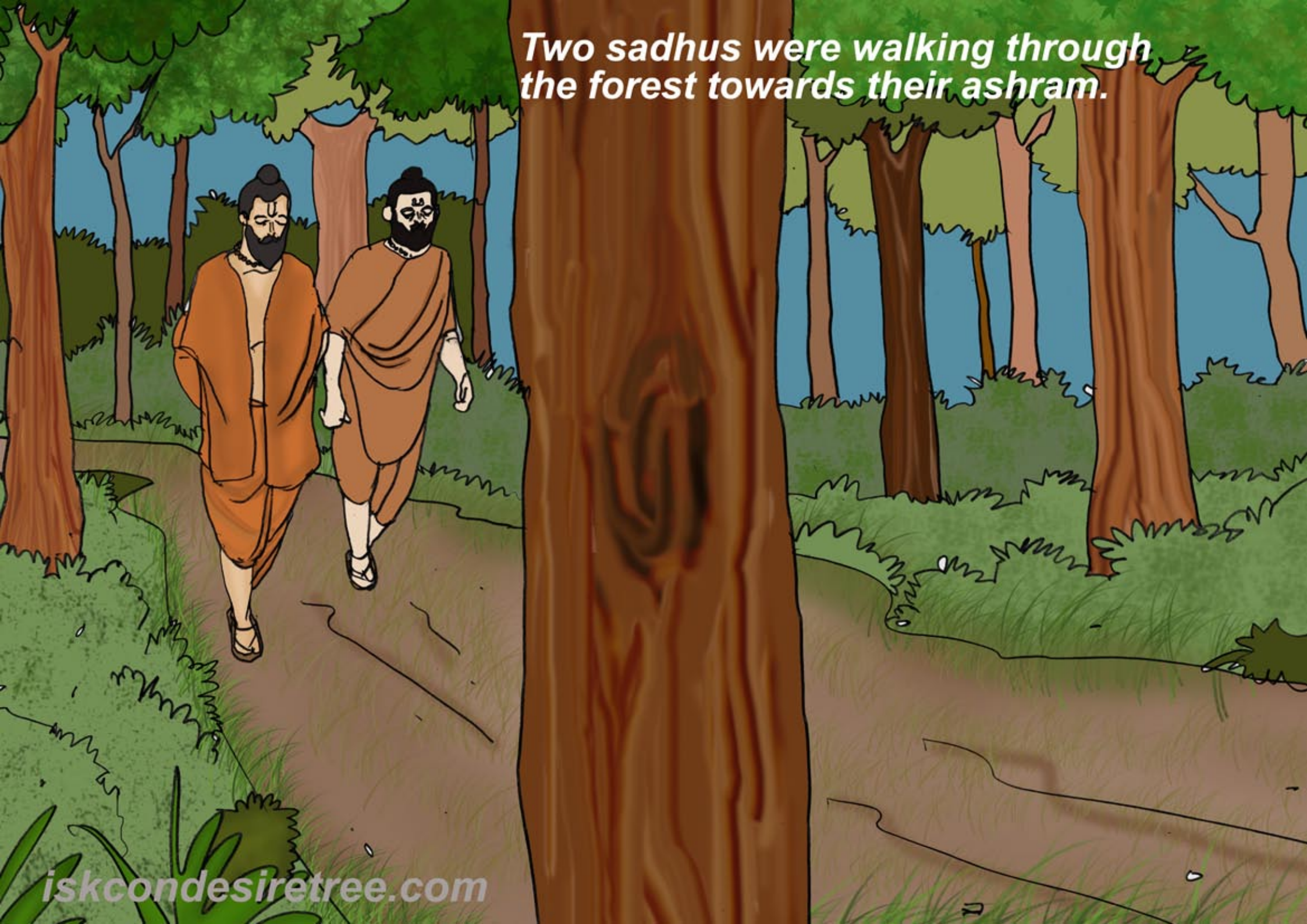


*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

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Two sadhus were walking through the forest towards their ashram.




They came to a river which had no bridge. As they were about to wade through, a pregnant woman came...

Sadhuji, please carry me across to the other side of the river, I have to go home

So the sadhu looked at the other sadhu...

Oh! Don't do it. We are sadhus, what do we have to do with women?

That's right, but this poor lady is pregnant



Pregnant or not, it is no business of ours.

Anyway, I will help her

Well if you want to fall into maya then don't let me stop you

So the sadhu carried her across the river on his shoulders.



They crossed the river and put her down and they went their separate ways.



For about two miles they walked without talking.

It was very bad that you carried that lady across the Ganges on your shoulder. Very bad.

I only carried her across the river, but you are still carrying her. Why don't you drop her? It is two miles already. I forgot her when I put her down, but all this time in your mind it's just been, "Lady, lady, lady."