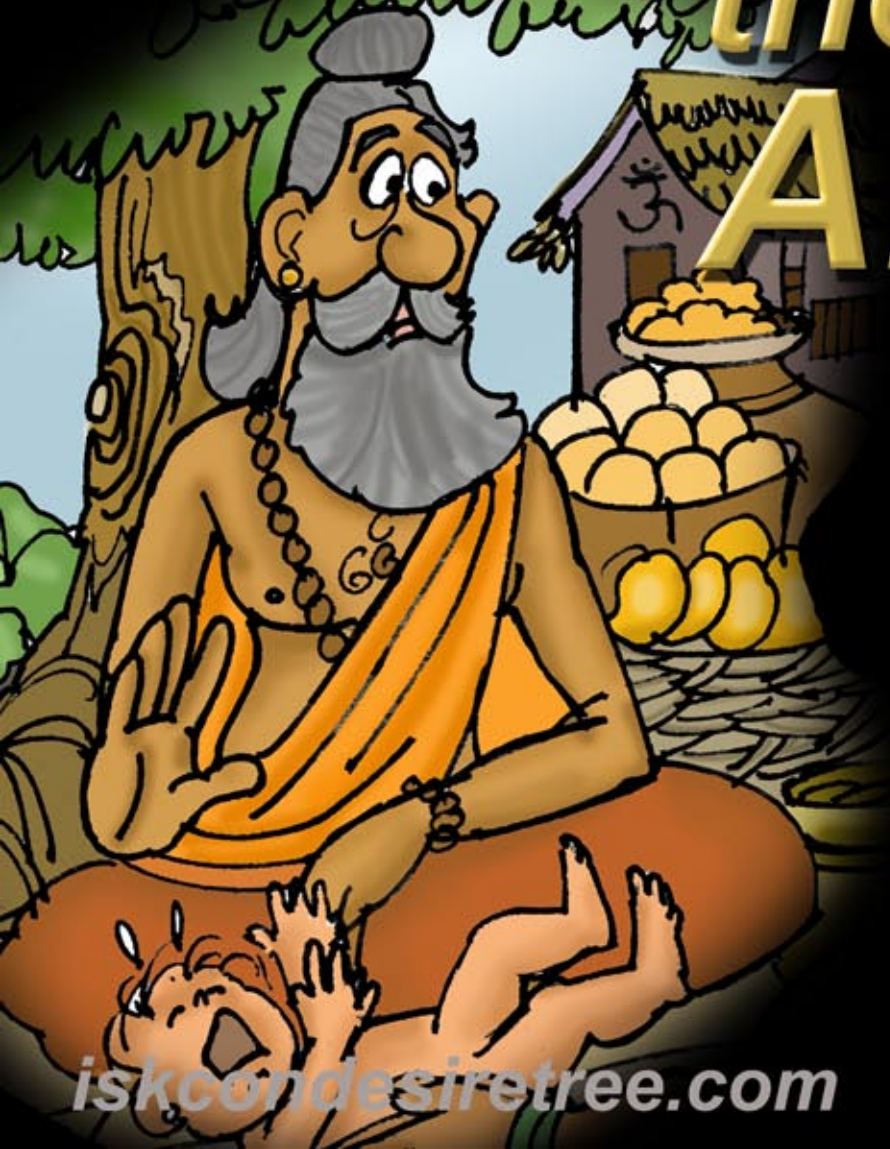
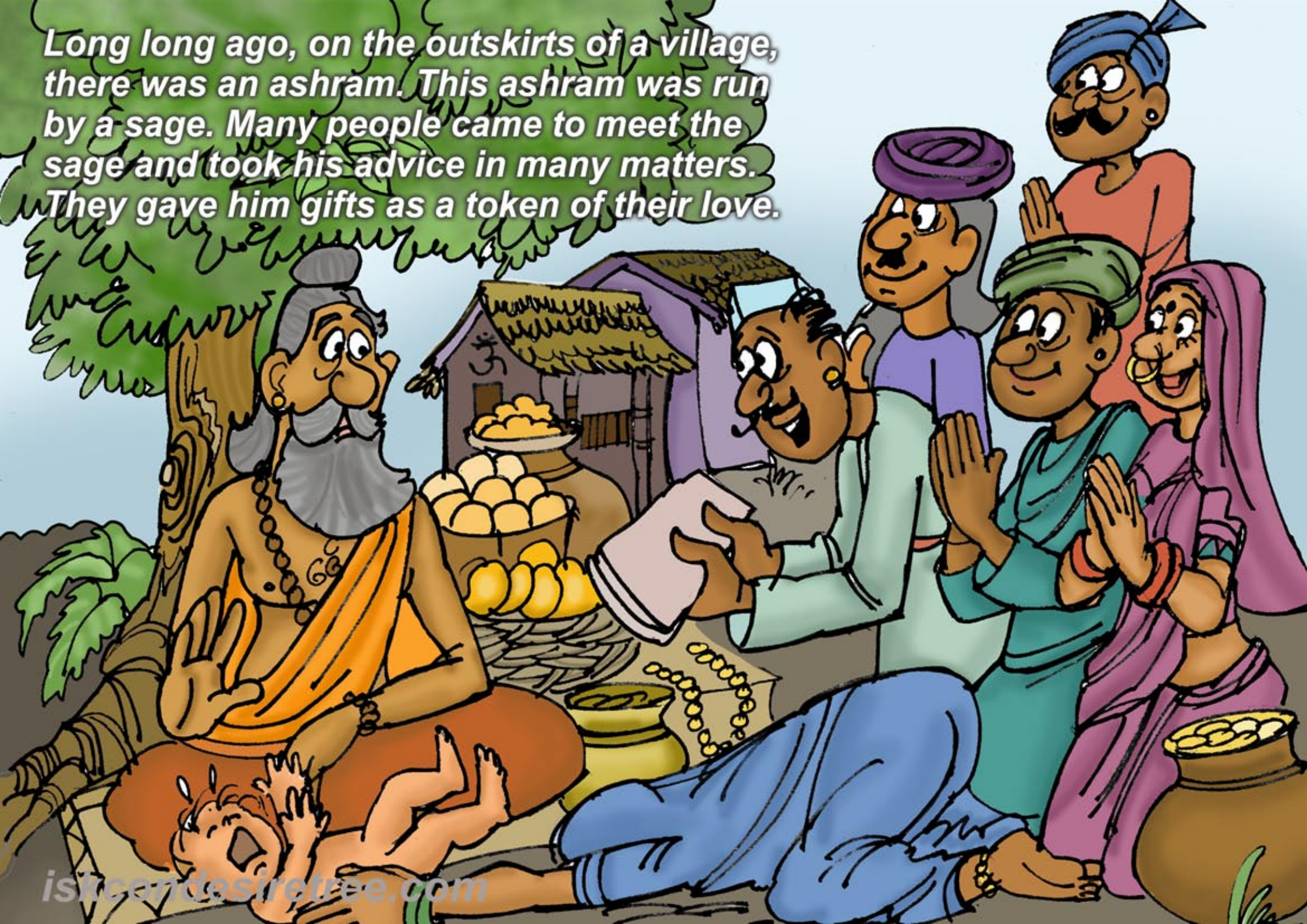


# Wealth the cause of All Troubles





Long long ago, on the outskirts of a village, there was an ashram. This ashram was run by a sage. Many people came to meet the sage and took his advice in many matters. They gave him gifts as a token of their love.





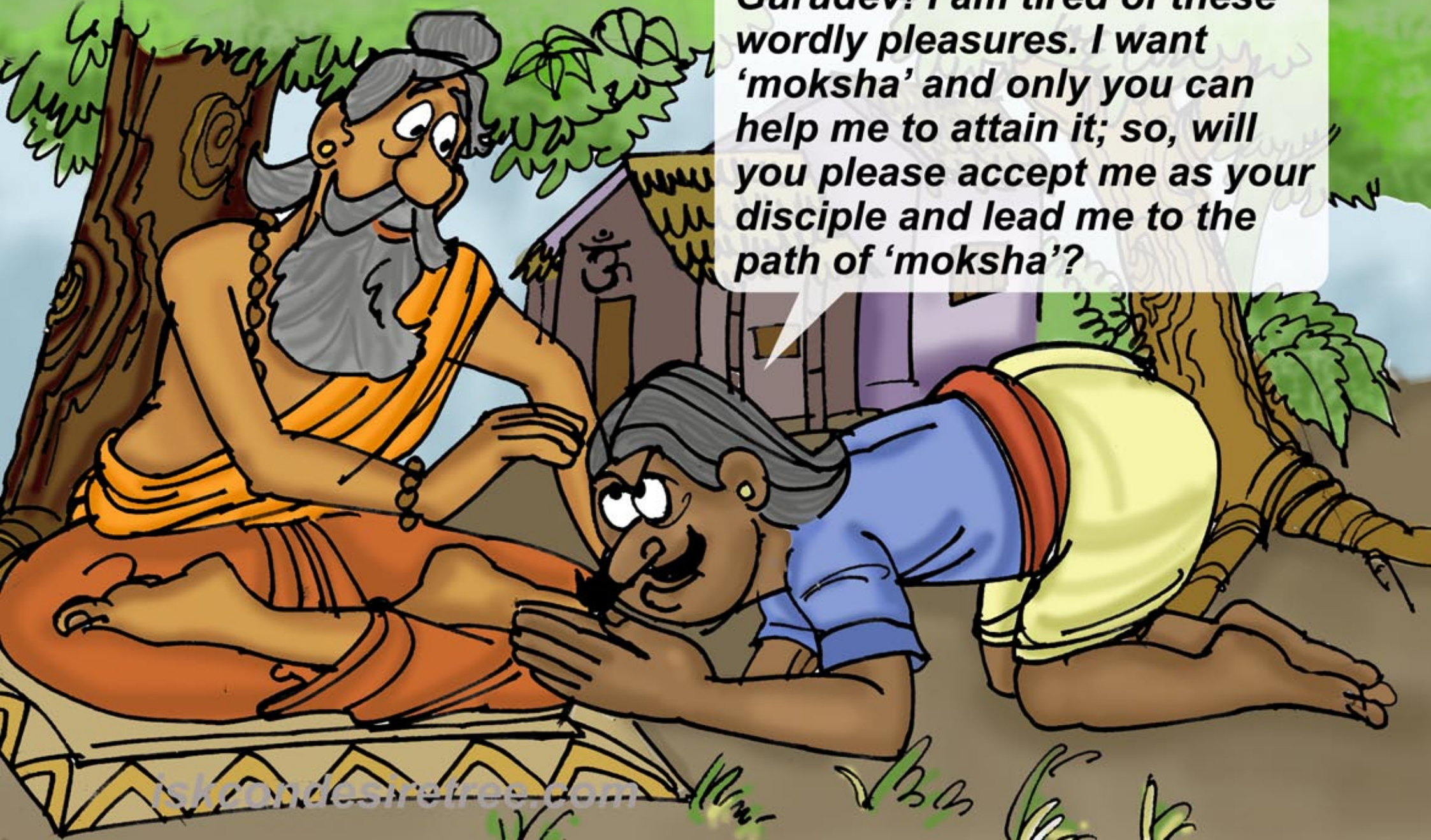
*The sage sold all the gifts and collected a lot of money.*





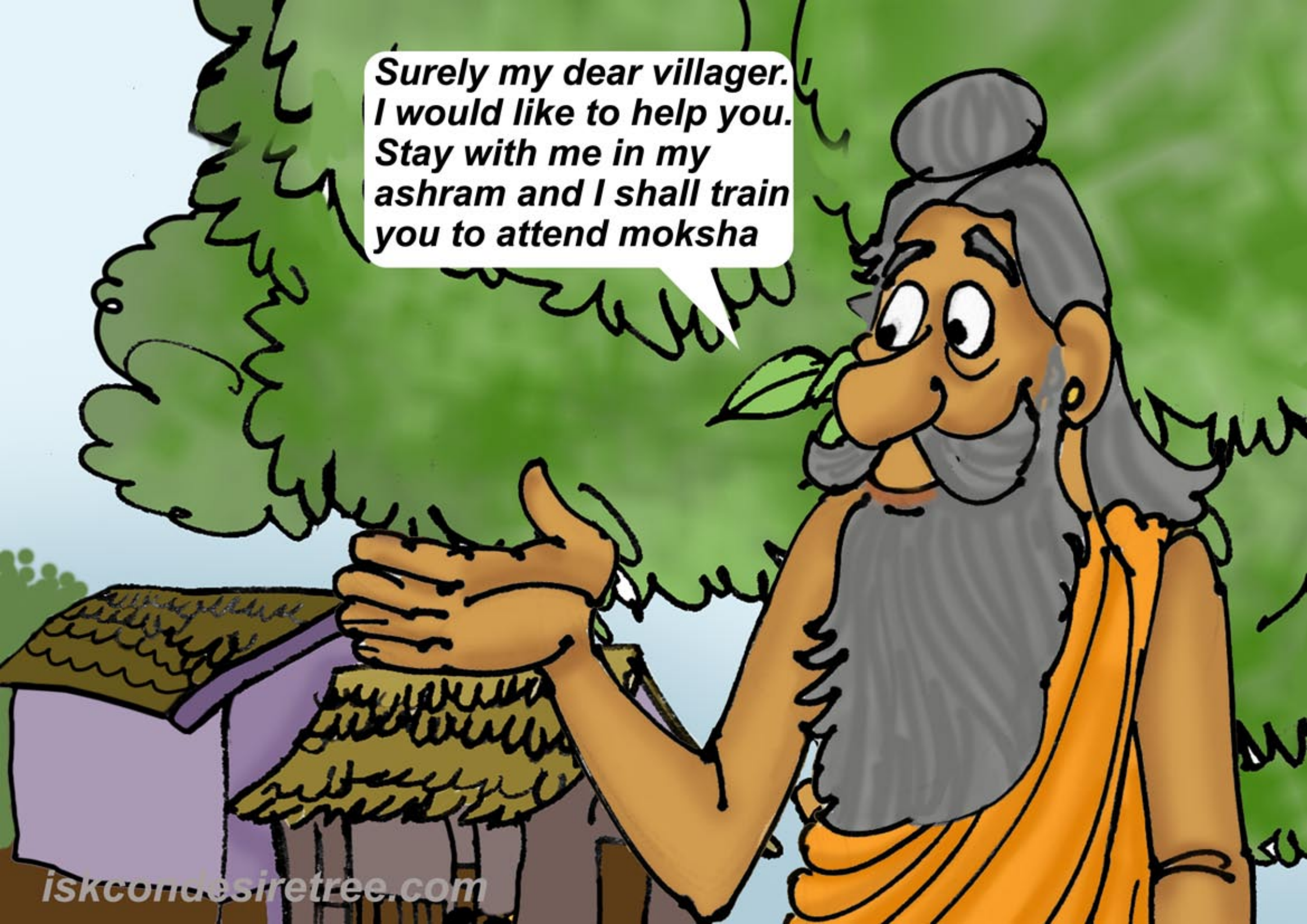
Once, a thief got the news of the sage's wealth. He decided to steal it. So, he went to the sage...

**Gurudev! I am tired of these wordly pleasures. I want 'moksha' and only you can help me to attain it; so, will you please accept me as your disciple and lead me to the path of 'moksha'?**

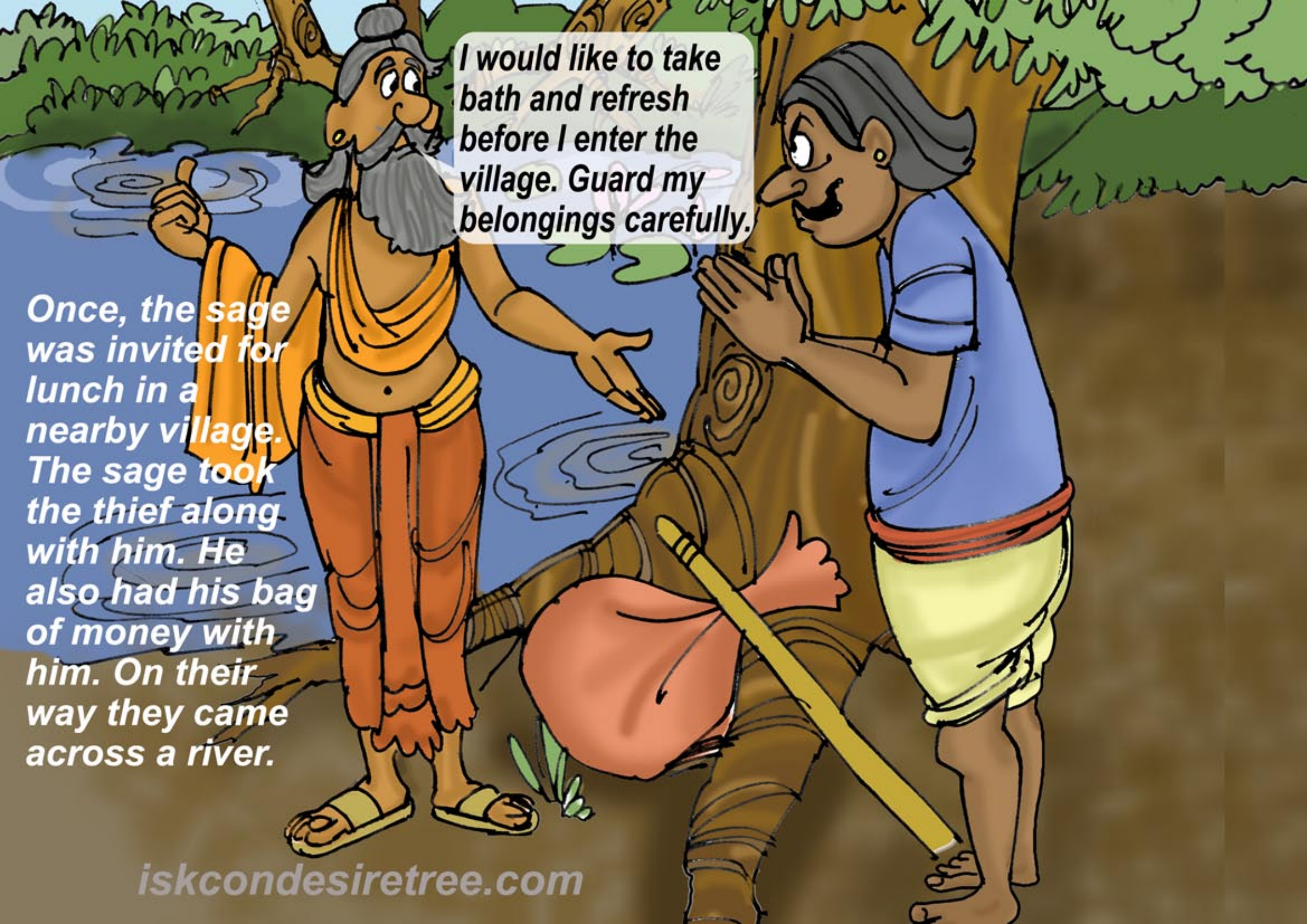




*Surely my dear villager.  
I would like to help you.  
Stay with me in my  
ashram and I shall train  
you to attend moksha*



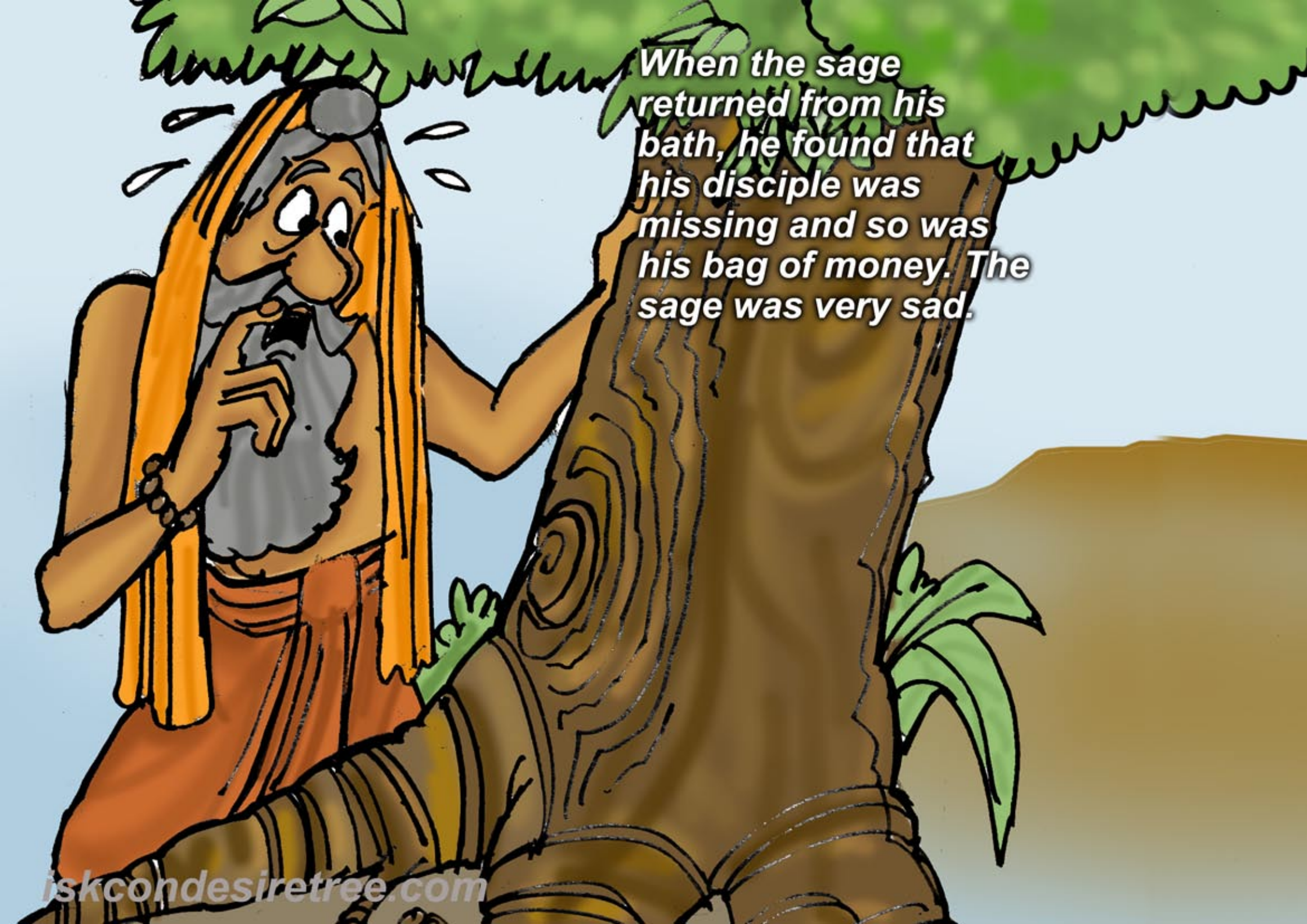




I would like to take bath and refresh before I enter the village. Guard my belongings carefully.

Once, the sage was invited for lunch in a nearby village. The sage took the thief along with him. He also had his bag of money with him. On their way they came across a river.

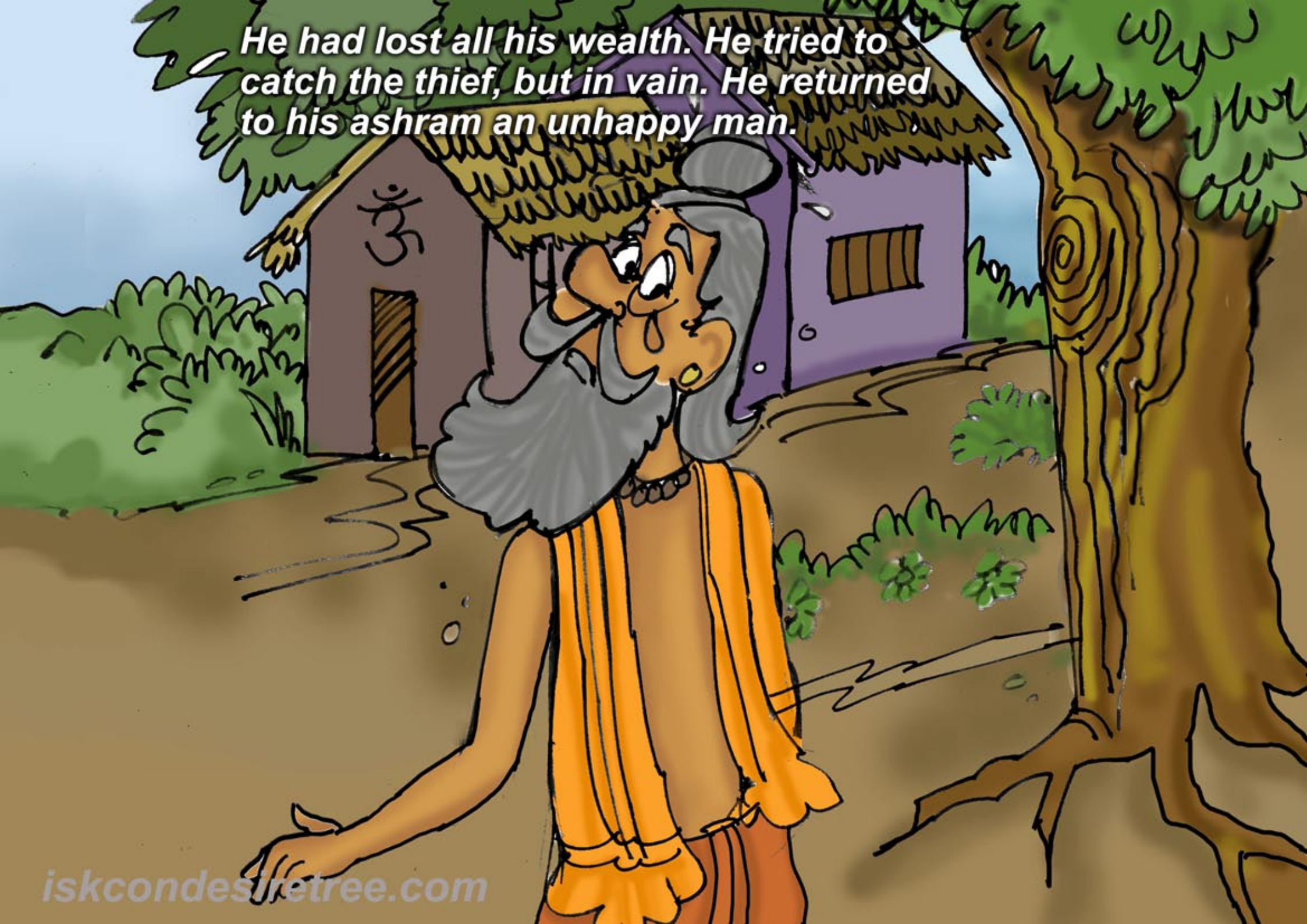




When the sage returned from his bath, he found that his disciple was missing and so was his bag of money. The sage was very sad.



He had lost all his wealth. He tried to catch the thief, but in vain. He returned to his ashram an unhappy man.





**MORAL :**

***To earn wealth, you have to face hardships; to safeguard it, you have to face hardships, if you have wealth you are unhappy; if you lose it, still you are unhappy.***

***However, instead of accumulating, if one uses the wealth in the service of the Lord than a person receives eternal happiness.***