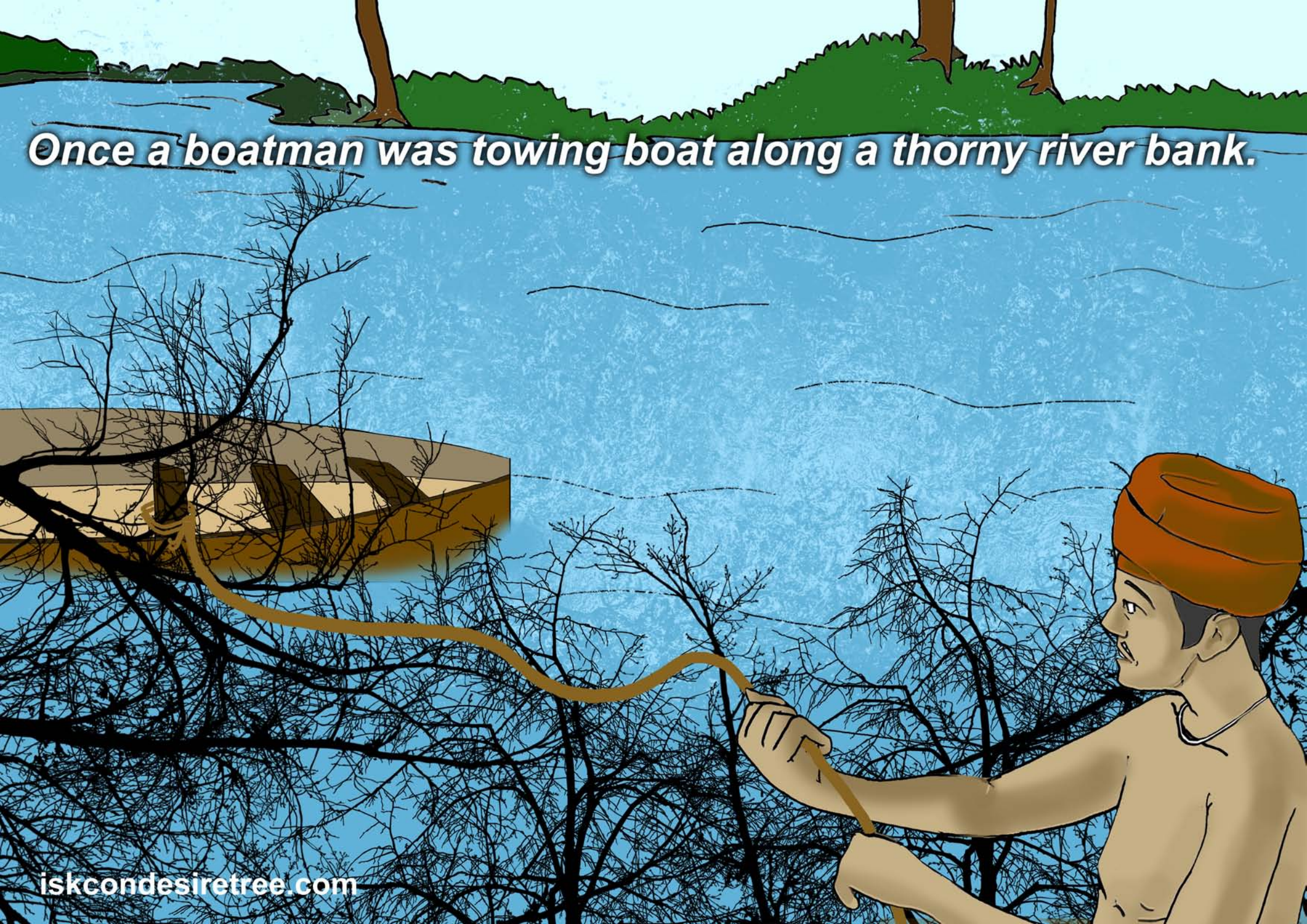


Boatman's Dream

*Instructive Stories from the teachings of
Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur*



Once a boatman was towing boat along a thorny river bank.





***The soles of his feet
were getting cut all
over due to the
thorny river bank.***

The boatman was brooding...

I am not able to walk properly because of the cuts by the thorns.



If I could spread a long foam cushion all along the river bank, I would be able to walk more comfortably & can be be more efficient.



***Thus I could make
lots of money by this
towing business.***



Purport :

Many people speculate like this boatman.. They tend to ascribe anthropomorphic or zoomorphic proclivities on the Supreme Lord. What would be the need for the boatman to pull along the riverside when the boatman becomes rich and wealthy? It simply reflects one's ignorance in tugging a boat along with a foam-covered river bank, just as it is in attributing material imperfection and deficiency to Vaikuntha, the transcendental abode of the Supreme Lord. The existence of para-brahma or the Absolute Supreme Being anywhere should eventually confirm the non-existence of all sorts of shortcomings, objections or material wants whatsoever.