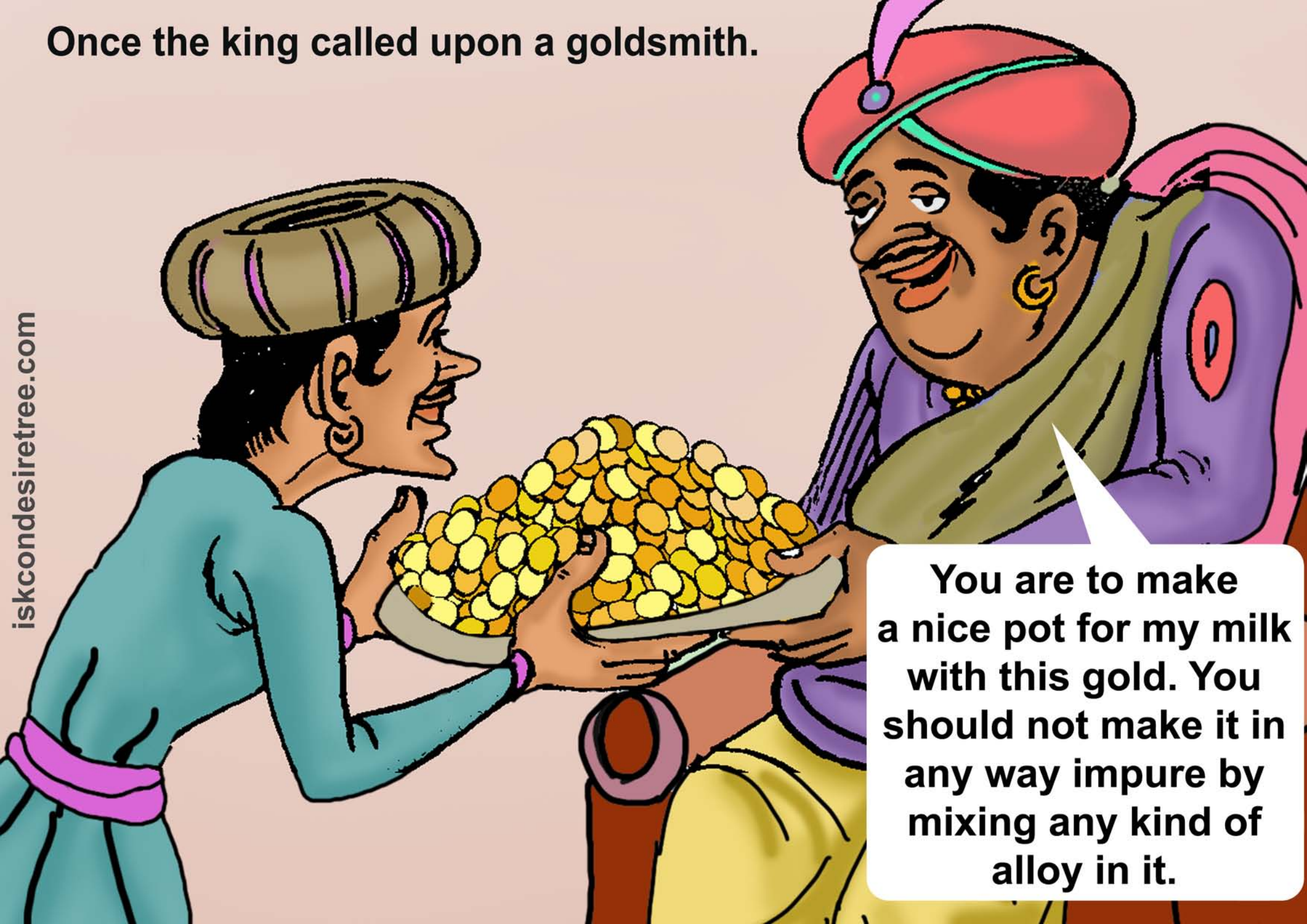


Golden Stone Pot



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

Once the king called upon a goldsmith.



You are to make a nice pot for my milk with this gold. You should not make it in any way impure by mixing any kind of alloy in it.

***Surely my Lord.
I will make a golden pot
for you without mixing it
with any other metal. I
will maintain the purity
of gold.***



However, the Goldsmith
was tempted to cheat.

Ah! My wife
always wanted gold
ornaments. Surely I will
make a "golden" pot for
the king.





**The king has asked
me not to mix any other metal.
I have to devise some method
to give him "pure gold"
pot.**

Thus he devised a plan.
He took a stone pot...



..and covered it with
a thin film of pure
gold.





**Ah! I have saved
so much gold. I shall use
this for making my wife's
ornaments.**

**My dear king
I have made your “pure”
Golden pot.**



**What is this
thing that you have
brought? There is
something wrong.**




**O sir! This is
a golden pot. I have
made it with hard
labour.**



**Are you joking?
This is a stone pot.**





O sir, this is
a 'golden' stone
pot.

PURPORT

Those who consider casteism among the Vaisnavas, classifying them as brahmana-Vaisnavas, satriya-Vaisnavas, vaisya-Vaisnavas, sudra-Vaisnavas, or as candala-Vaisnavas, simply indulge in a speculative inference as “golden” stone pot. Either one should be considered as ‘Vaisnava’, or as brahmana, ksatriya, vaisya, or sudra. Either one should call it a ‘golden pot’, or a ‘stone pot.’ Mango-cake (amsatva) must be prepared from mango itself, and no one can call something ‘mango cake’ if it is made of ‘jackfruit’ (knathaler amsatva). Similarly, it would be wrong terminology to ascribe the quality of a sudra to a Vaisnava. Whenever one is accepted to be a ‘Vaisnava’, then it is confirmed that he does not belong to any mundane social classification such as brahmana, ksatriya, vaisya, sudra or low-born candala and the like, nor even Hindu or non-Hindu. Any terminology such as ‘Hindu-Vaisnava’ or ‘Yavana-Vaisnava’ is utterly absurd and also offensive.