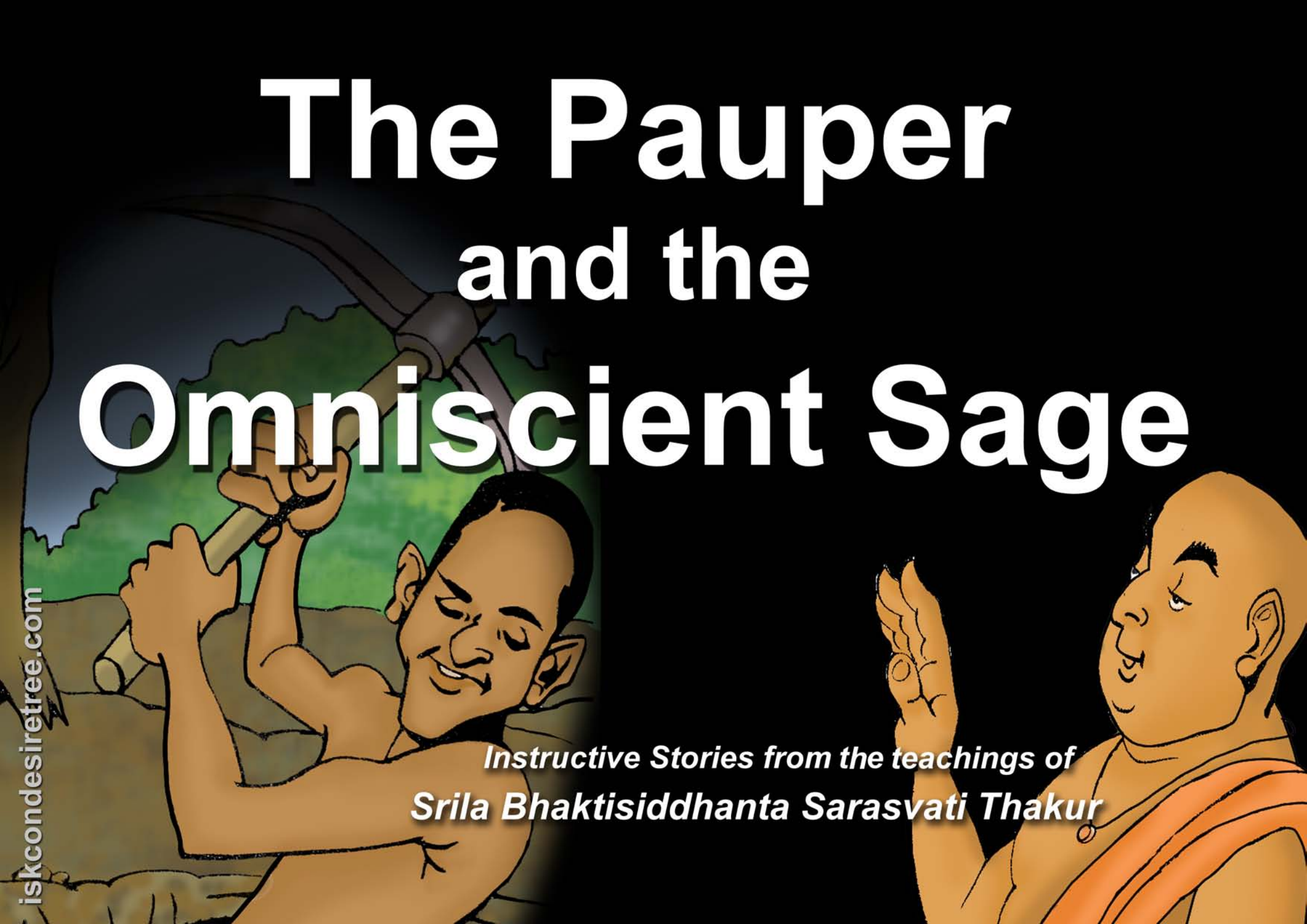
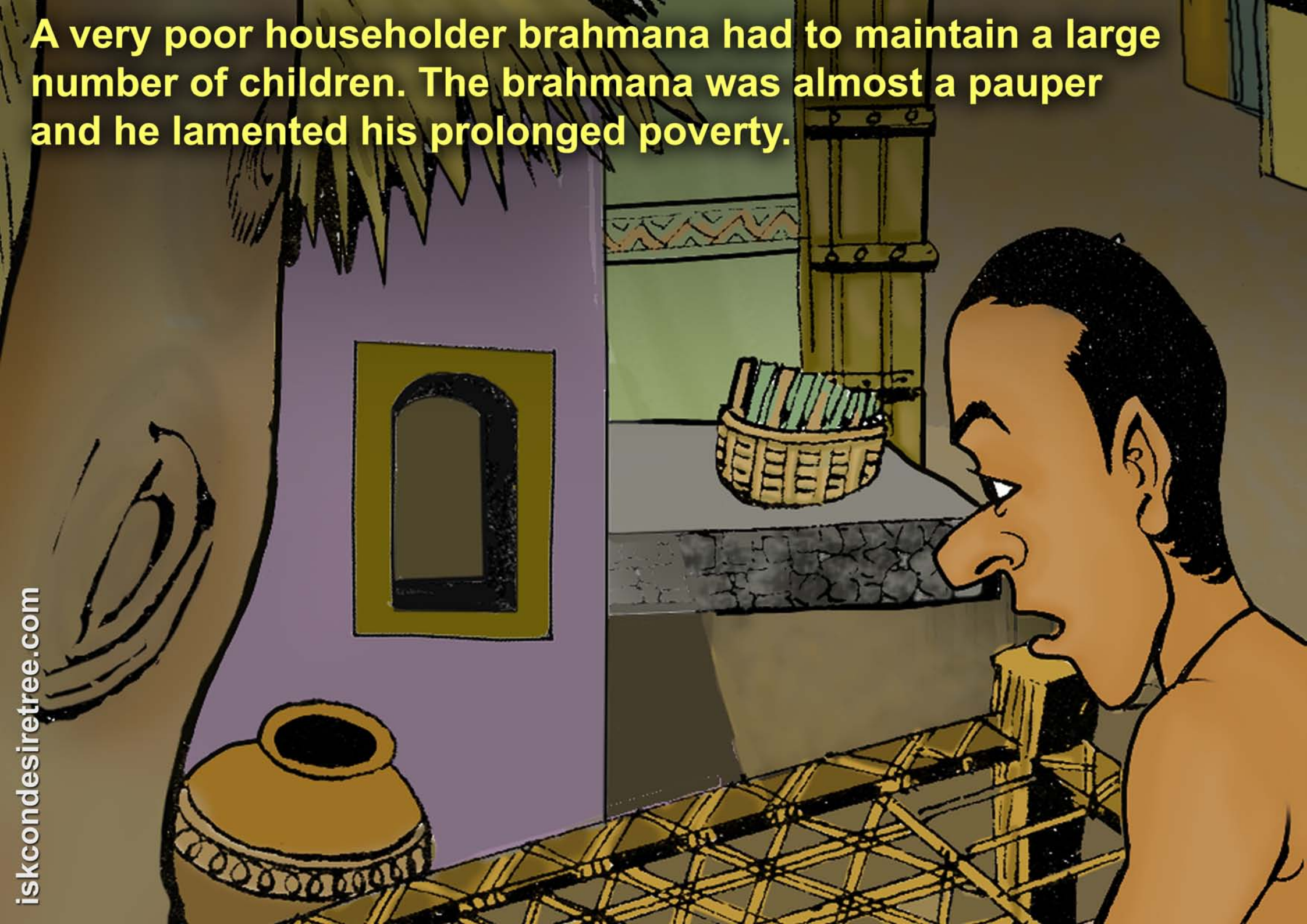


# The Pauper and the Omniscient Sage

*Instructive Stories from the teachings of  
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**A very poor householder brahmana had to maintain a large number of children. The brahmana was almost a pauper and he lamented his prolonged poverty.**





The local people never cared to help him but used to ridicule him in many ways, saying...







**We should not care for this brahmana actually he posses huge wealth and pretends to be a pauper with a motive to misappropriate money from others.**

**Oh! What a misfortune  
I have, I don't even get a slightest  
sympathy from anybody.**





**It just so happened that an omniscient saintly person once came to the brahmana and listened to his problems. The saintly person was in fact a omniscient sage and told the brahmana,**



**O Brahmana you are lamenting unreasonably without knowing that your father had actually left for you a mass of wealth. Look out for that treasure and you will find it buried somewhere in your own courtyard.**





**Let me  
start digging and  
search my wealth so  
that I will be relieved  
of my miseries.**





He started digging on a place on the southern side.





**O brahmana!  
You must be aware that  
there you will find something  
more dangerous than  
the hornet.**



Then he started digging  
the north side.



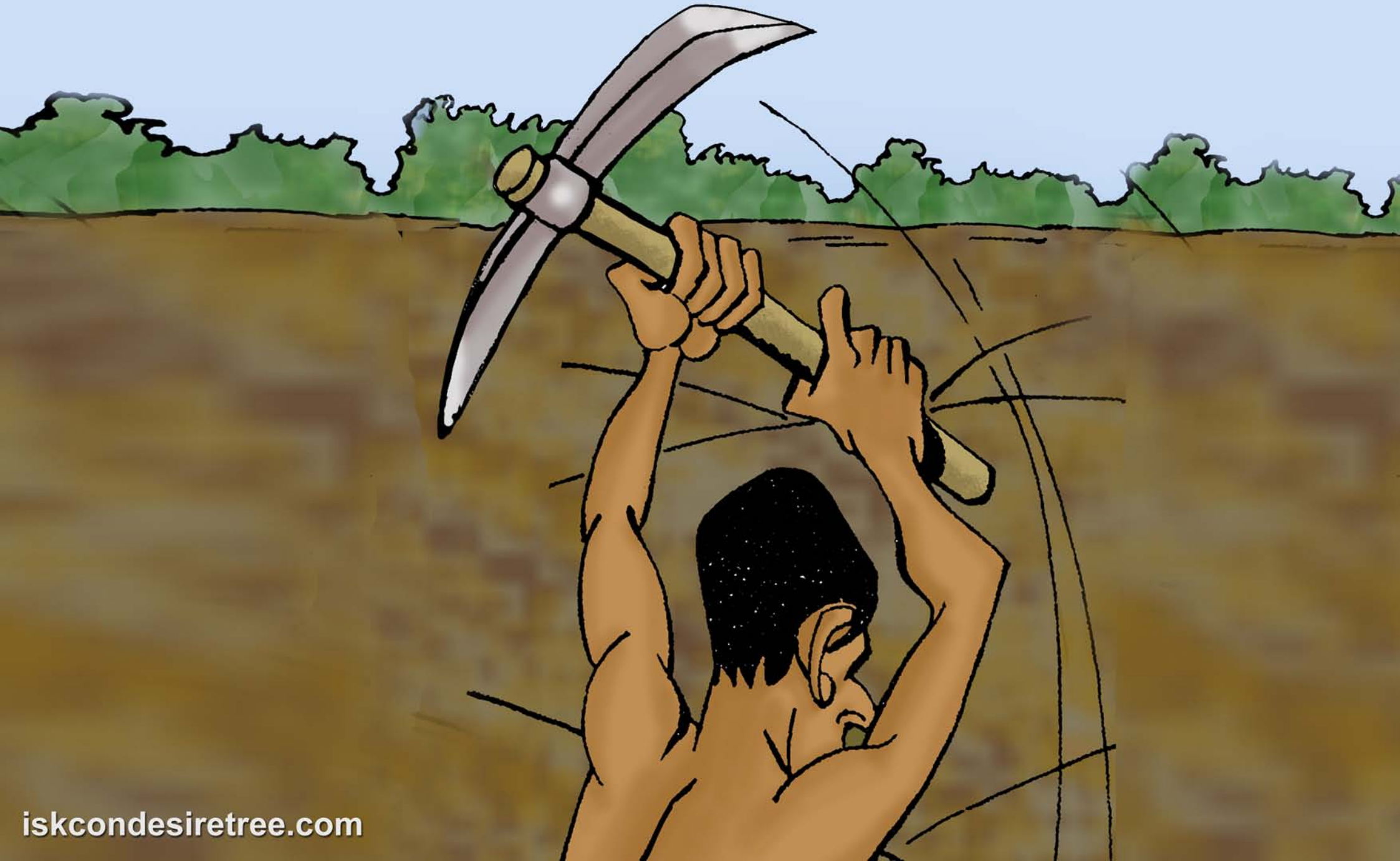
The omniscient sage warned him saying,

On that north side, there lives a snake and it will surely devour you, then there will be no chance of getting the treasure.





**Then the brahmana turned to the west side and just started digging in search of the hidden treasure.**



**The enlightened sage advised him saying,**

**O brahmana!  
You must be even more  
careful now. Here a ghost is  
staying appointed to guard  
your father's hidden treasure.  
He will kill you.**



**Now the brahmana  
came to his wit's  
end and entreated  
the sage,**

**O master!  
You to are mocking  
me. As you may know,  
I am a completely  
dejected pauper.**

**Please  
don't harass me like  
this any more.**







The kind-hearted sage told him at last,

**Don't get impatient. You should know very well that there must be a lot of hindrances before arriving at the ultimate goal. Your father had possessed great intelligence and so he buried the treasure on the east side, while keeping several unusual sentries on all other sides for protecting the wealth. Have a little more patience and just start digging at the east side of your courtyard where you will reach the fortune.**



The brahamana was encouraged to dig on the east side as advised.





**He got the hidden treasure in no time. Thereafter he was wealthy for the rest of his life.**





## ***Purport :***

**Narrated by Sri Caitanyadeva, this story confirms that our Supreme Father has left enough hidden treasure for us and our spiritual master comes into our life to lead us perfectly to obtain that treasure. But we should be very careful to avoid going in the wrong directions. In case our efforts are directed towards fruitive activities with a material motive then we suffer from unending desires. On the other hand, if we are inclined to renounce everything then it will be suicidal in the field of the transcendental way of living.**



**And, at the last, if we are interested in the yogic practice, it will simply pollute our spiritual lives. So, the best method is to take up the devotional aspect of living, which surely helps us in achieving the real wealth without any danger.**