

Narada Muni and Snake



*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

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Once in a village there use to be a huge venomous cobra. The cobra took great pleasure in harassing the villagers.

**Run! Run!
Run! The
great cobra
has come !**



Once Narada Muni was passing by the village.

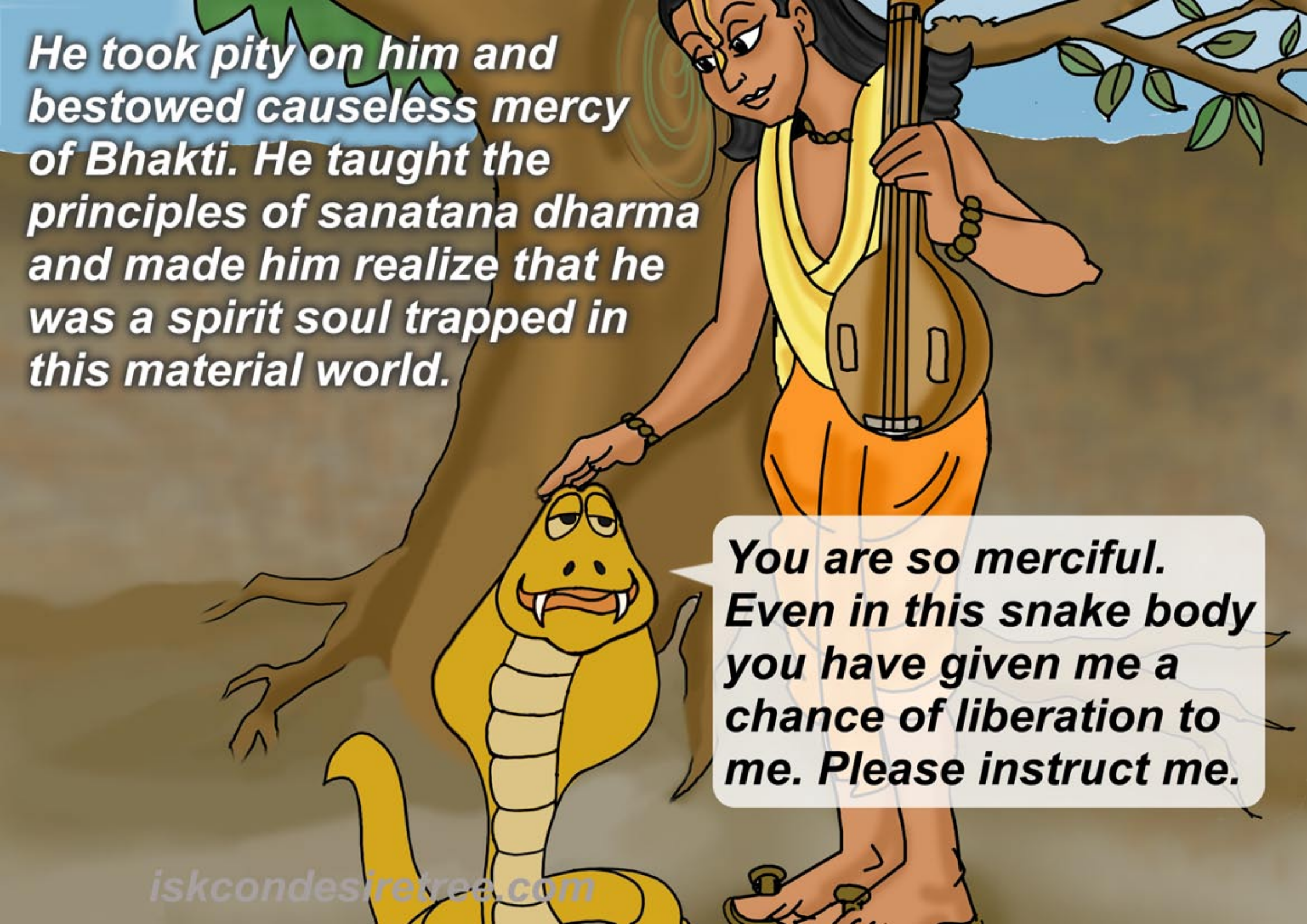


*He saw the huge
venomous cobra*


*Hiss!
Hiss!
Hisssss!*




He took pity on him and bestowed causeless mercy of Bhakti. He taught the principles of sanatana dharma and made him realize that he was a spirit soul trapped in this material world.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow and orange sari, is playing a veena. She is looking down at a yellow cobra snake that is standing upright and looking up at her. She is touching the snake's head with her right hand. The background shows a tree and a blue sky.

You are so merciful. Even in this snake body you have given me a chance of liberation to me. Please instruct me.



***From this day
onwards chant the
holy names of Lord
Krishna constantly.***

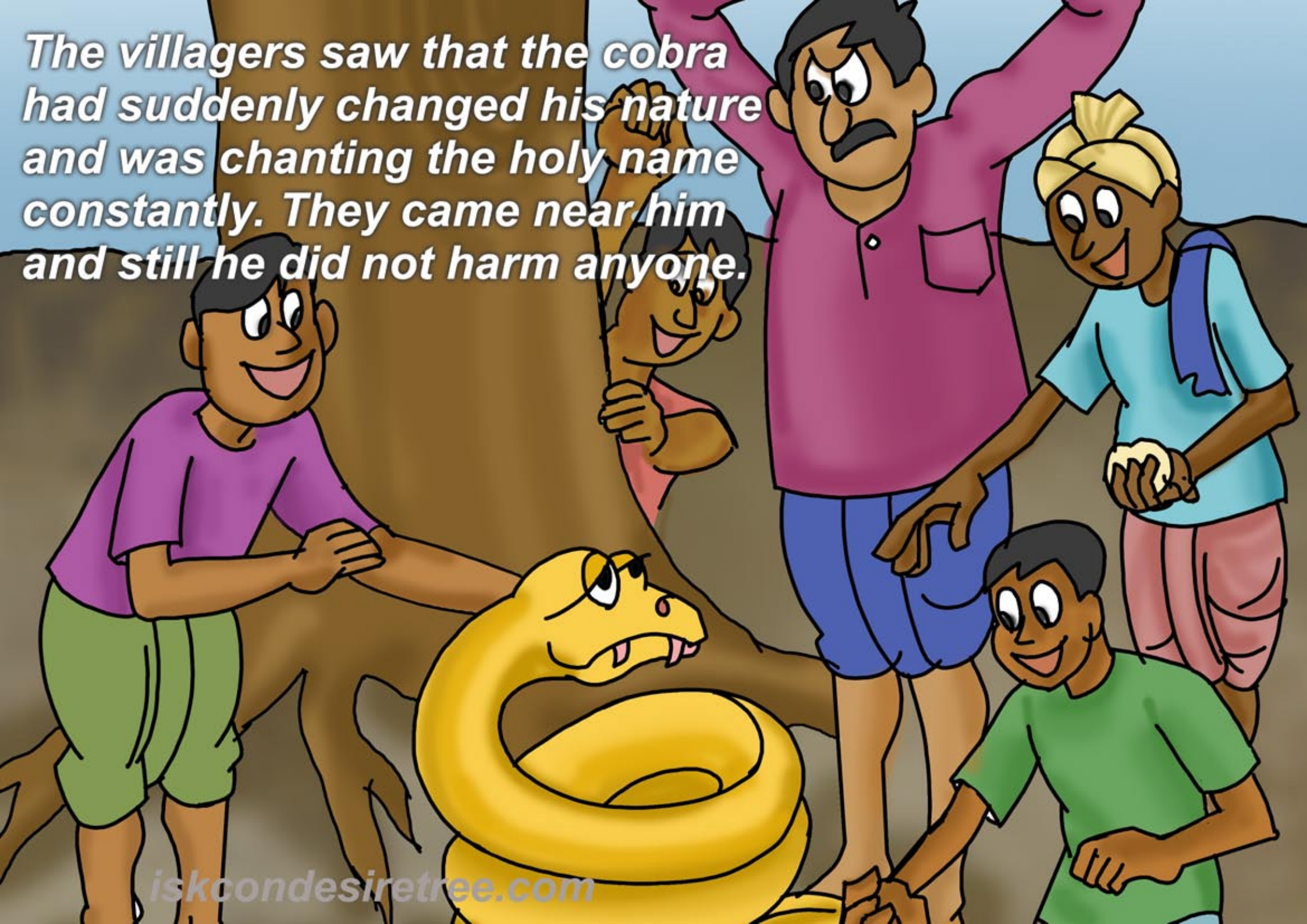


***Please accept me
as your disciple***

The cobra returned to his home in the village and started to practice devotional service.



The villagers saw that the cobra had suddenly changed his nature and was chanting the holy name constantly. They came near him and still he did not harm anyone.



Seeing this the villagers started troubling the cobra. They would attack him with sticks and stones.




*The cobra escaped to the forest
in search of Narada Muni*

**Oh my
spiritual
master !
Please
help me !**

**At last he
meet Narada
Muni**

**What's
wrong
with you?**





***By chanting the
holy names my
nature has changed
and I don't feel like
troubling anyone.
Seeing this, the
villagers have
started to beat me.
Please help me!***

Whenever the villagers come to harass him, you should expand your hood and raise your head as if prepared to strike.



MORAL :

It is sometimes not necessary that devotees retaliate if the atheists are harassing, but one can just scare them off. However, if they attack then one should defend Krishna's temple and His devotees properly.

-Srila Prabhupada