

Scholar and Boatman



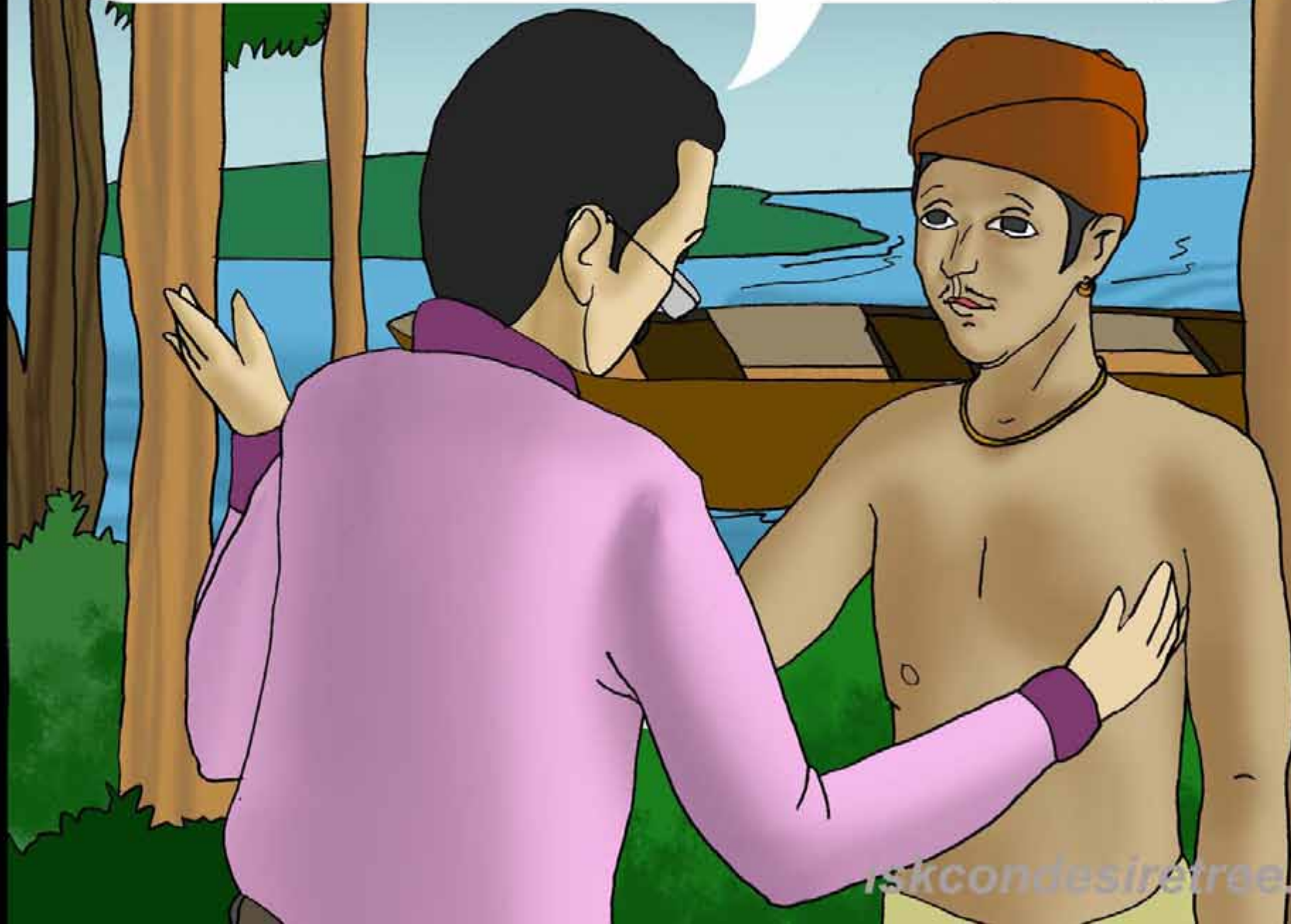
*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

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One day, a man, who was very scholarly was returning from the city and he wanted to cross the river.

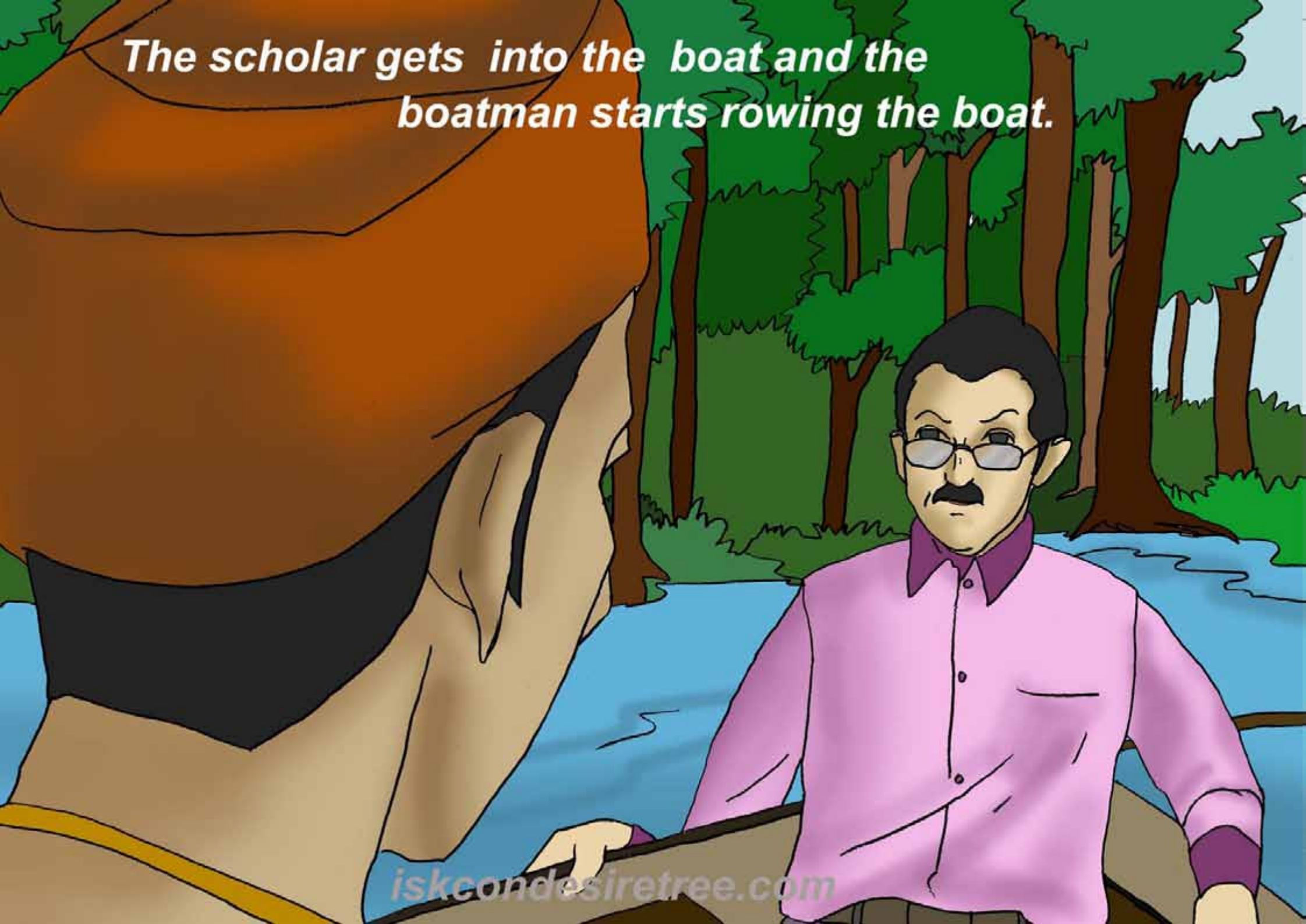


Hey ! Boatman, will you take me to the other side of the river to my village?



**Yes, sure, I am waiting here
for taking passengers
to the other side only.**

*The scholar gets into the boat and the
boatman starts rowing the boat.*



The scholar was very happy returning after a long time and he starts talking with the boatman.

**My dear boatman,
do you know what is astronomy,
how these stars are moving ?**

**None at all, sir. I just row
this boat across the river.**



They proceed on for a few moments



Oh! Your life is twenty five percent wasted. You do not know anything.



“You know the meteorology, do you know standard temperature and pressure - to forecast wind velocity in a storm center?”




**No, sir, I am poor man.
I don't know what you mean.**



**Oh, fifty percent of
your life is lost.**



You know the advanced mathematics. With all these dark clouds coming in over us, do you have any idea what a graph of storm probability would look like?



**None at all, sir. I just row
this boat across the river.**



***Oh, seventy five percent
of your life is lost.***

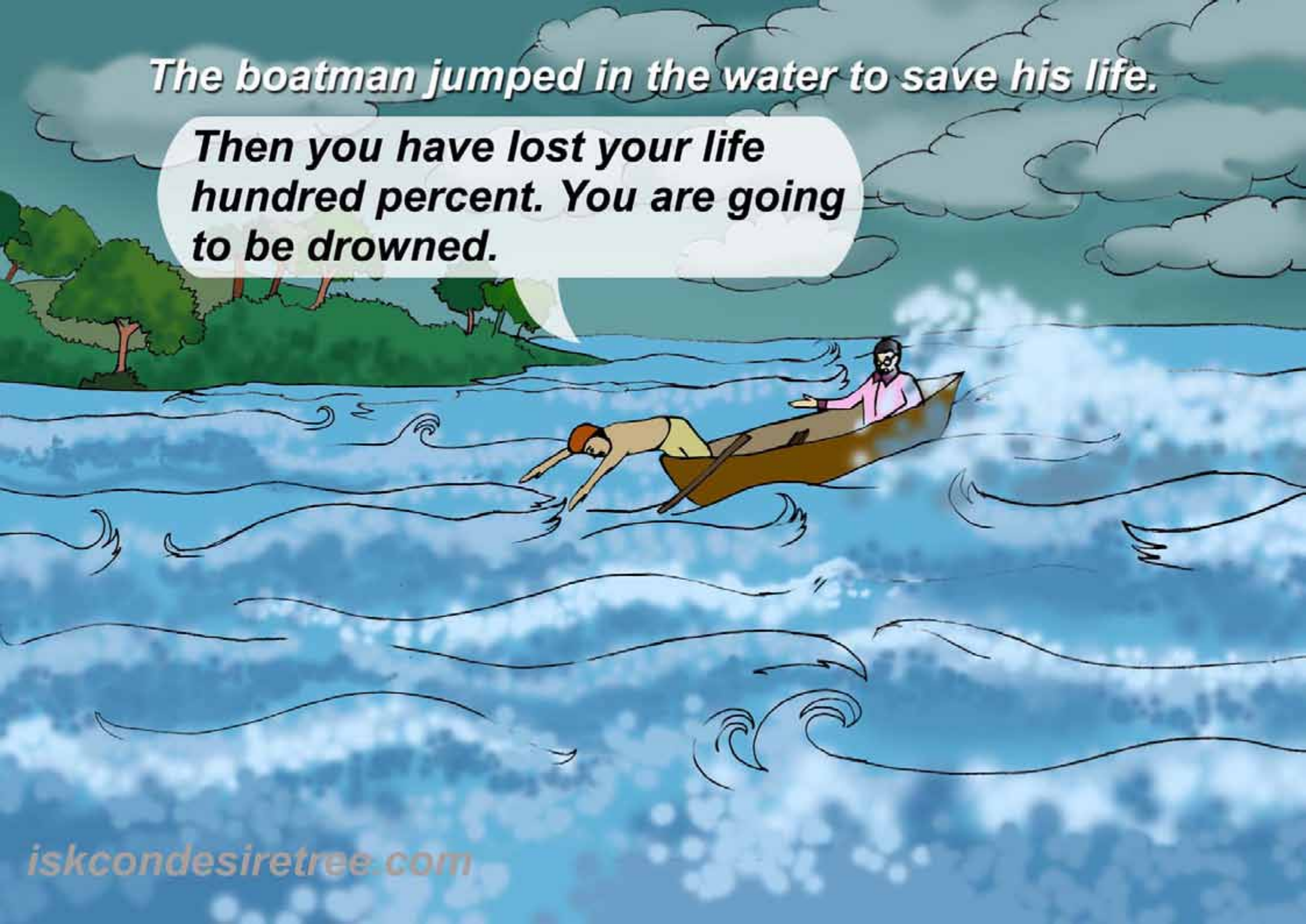
*Then all of a sudden there was a cloud,
black clouds on the sky, and there was storm.*

**Sir, do you know
how to swim?**

**No, I don't know
how to swim.**

The boatman jumped in the water to save his life.

**Then you have lost your life
hundred percent. You are going
to be drowned.**





Sir! We'll have to swim the rest of the way to save our lives!

*The scholar started drowning
and shouted for help.*



The boatman swam across to the river bank.



MORAL:

***Whatever else we may learn in our life's journey,
there's one thing we all need to know:***

***how to cross safely to the spiritual world
when our material body "capsizes."***

***Therefore, while the West's technological science
can analyze things and perhaps make our voyage
more comfortable, we need the East's spiritual science
to make it more successful.***