


The Three Sages

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Once there were three sages, and these sages were discussing what is the best age to be delivered from material existence





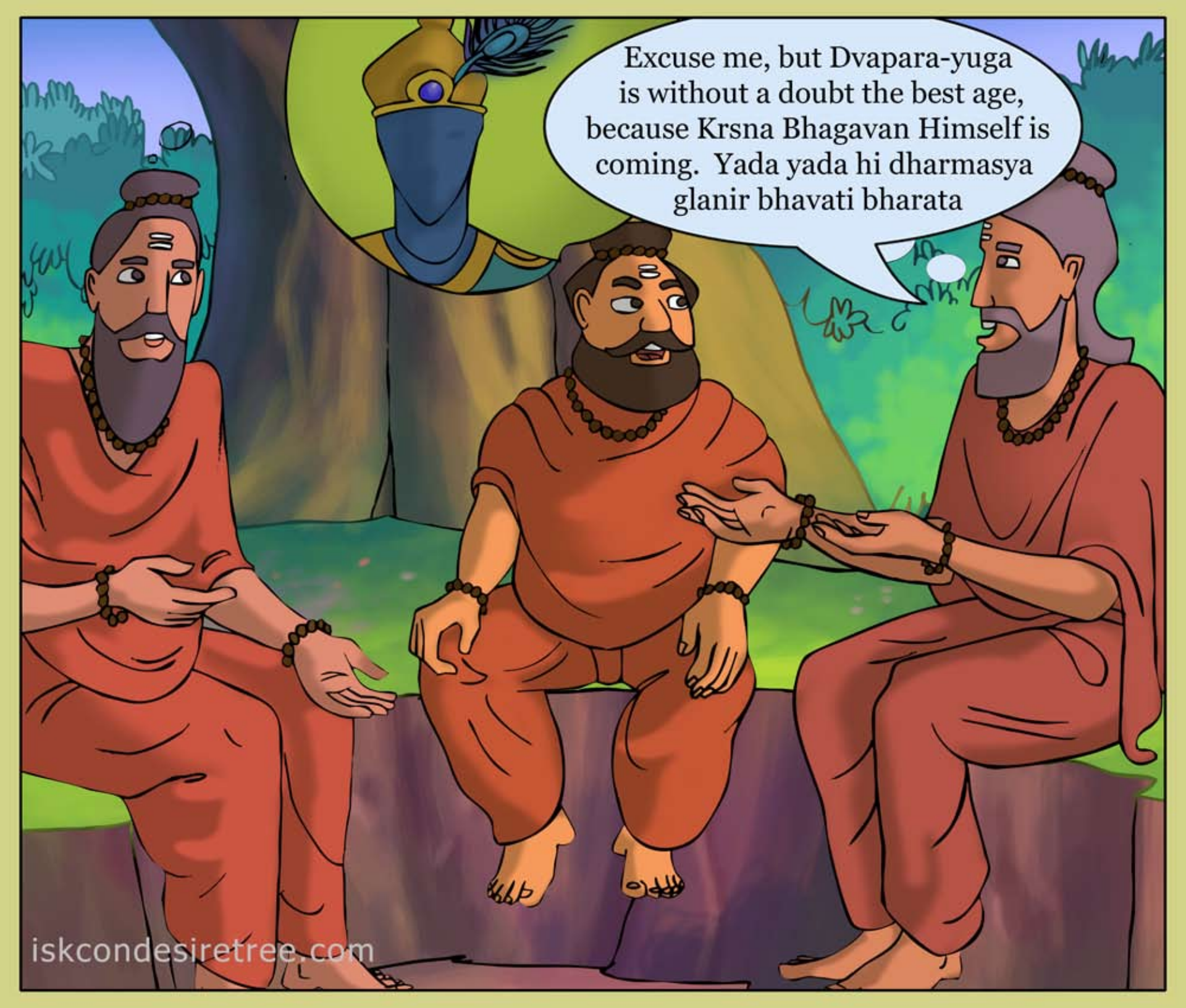
I propose that Satya-yuga
is the best age, because it
is the golden age, the age of
enlightenment




Just by a few hundred thousand years of meditation one can go back to Vaikuntha. That is my proposition

No, Treta-yuga is the age. We can do agnihotra, and just by offering grains and ghee into the fire, distributing gold to the brahmins, by this simple process we can get moksa and leave this world



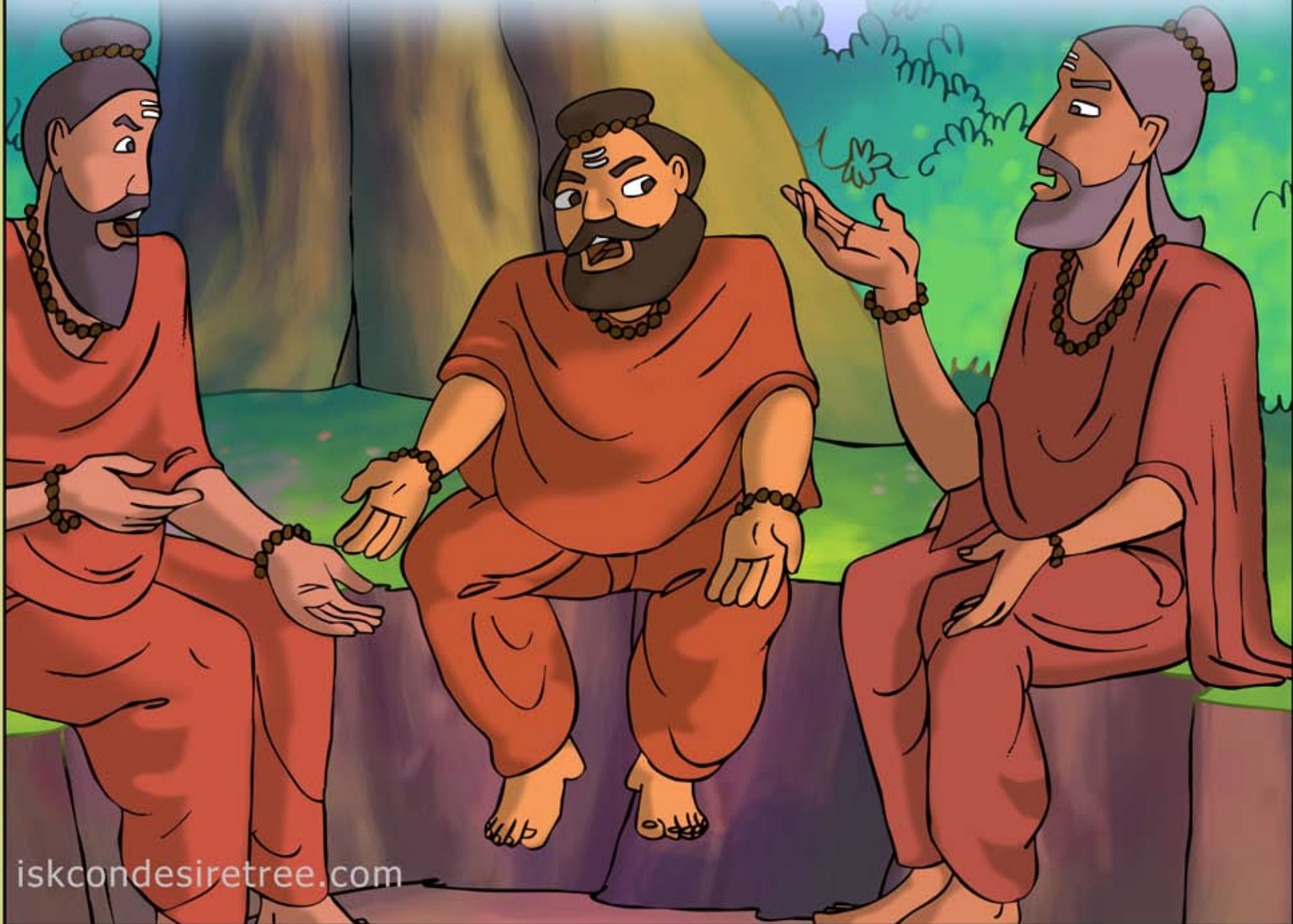


Excuse me, but Dvapara-yuga
is without a doubt the best age,
because Krsna Bhagavan Himself is
coming. Yada yada hi dharmasya
glanir bhavati bhārata



He comes in His original form and those who take birth in that Yuga can get the opportunity of the Lord's personal association

So back and forth they were arguing, Satya, Treta, Dvapara, Satya, Treta, Dvapara. But there's four ages, Satya-yuga, Treta-yuga, Dvapara-yuga and Kali-yuga. However, these sages would not even say the name of Kali, because it's so inauspicious. What to speak of discussing it's ill effects, they wouldn't even mention the name



So after many years of discussion they came to no conclusion



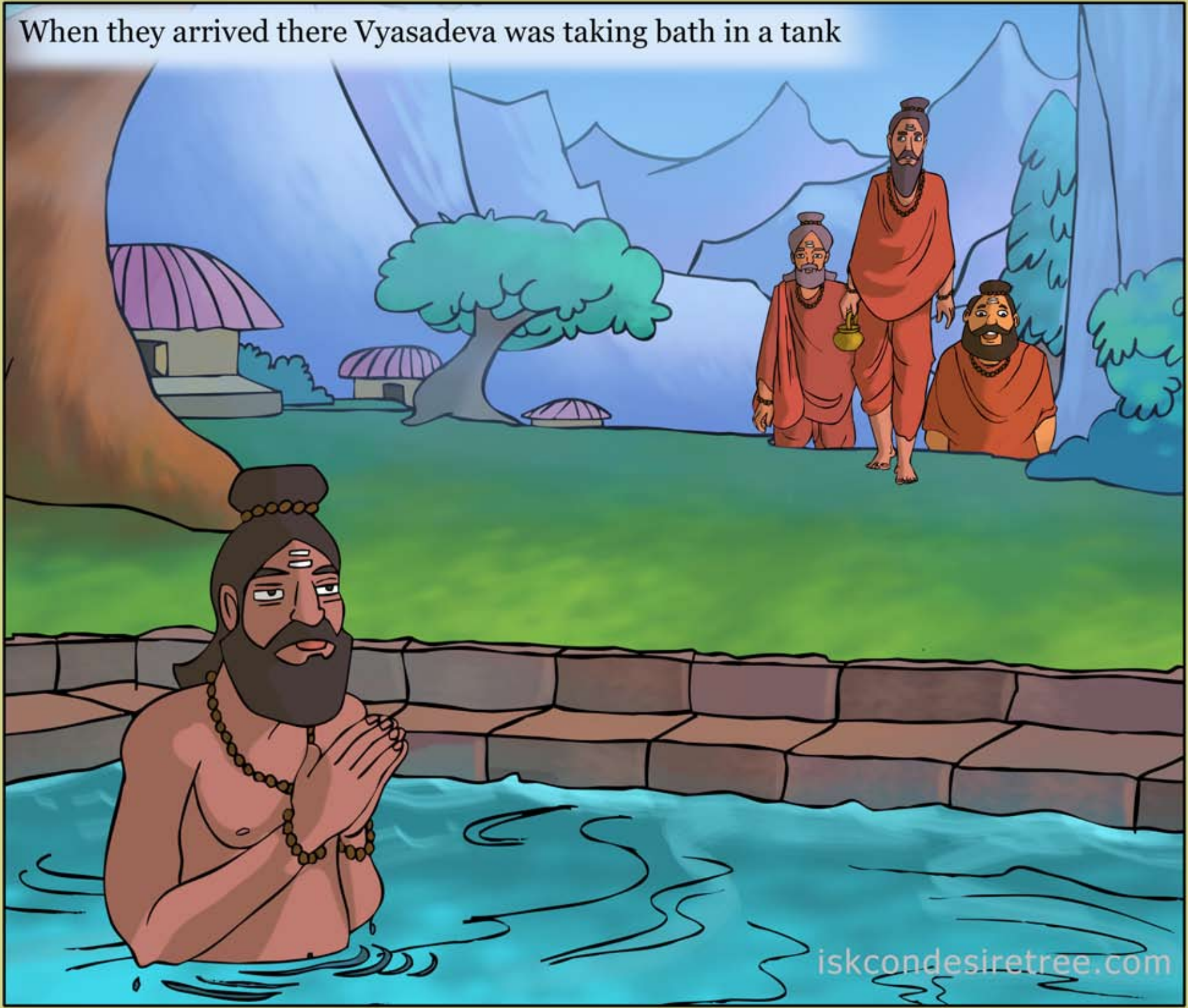
Well, let us go to Srila Vyasadeva,
the greatest of all sages.
He lives in the Himalayas,
so lets go there and get his opinion



So they went to Badrikashrama



When they arrived there Vyasadeva was taking bath in a tank



O great sage
Of Satya, Treta and Dvapara,
what is the best
age for making spiritual
advancement?



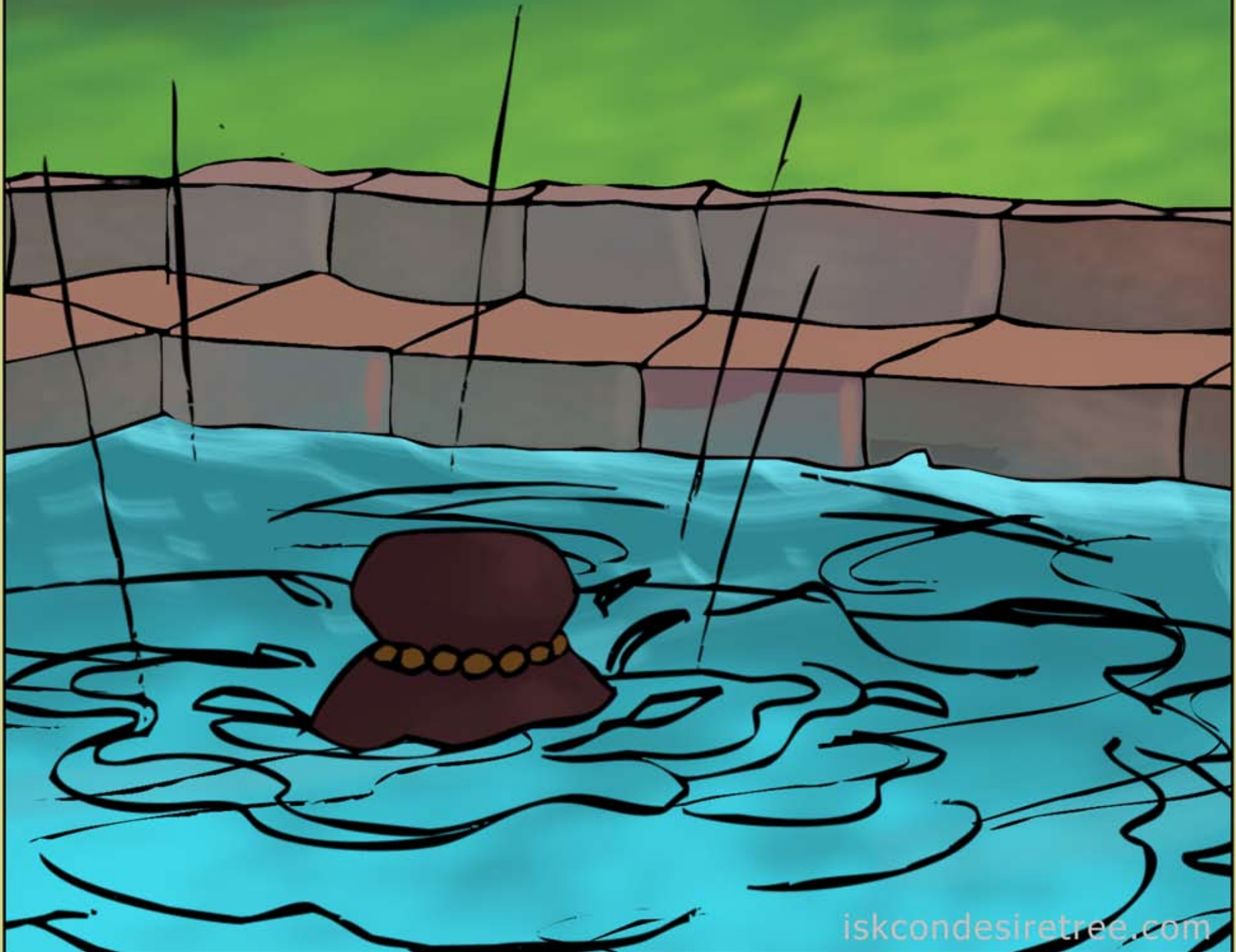
They pleaded and pleaded

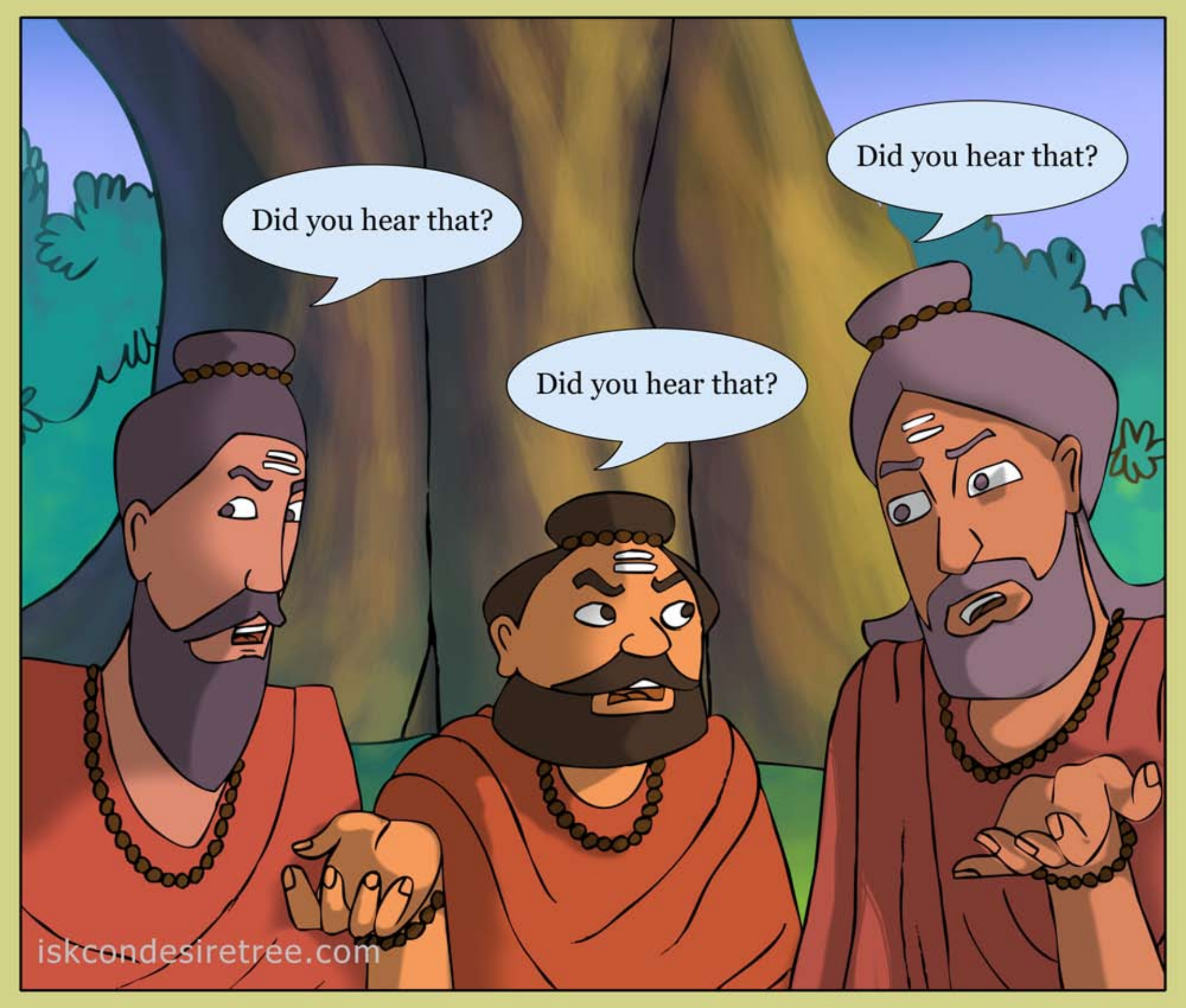


Then he came out and spoke

Satyam satyam param satyam,
kaler dosa-nidhe rajann asti
hy eko mahan-guna
kirtanad eva krsnasya
mukta-sangah
param vrajet

And then splash, back under the water he went







Did you hear that?

Did you hear that?

Did you hear that?



I blocked
my ears as soon as I heard
the name of Kali



Ask him again

O great Srila Vyasadeva,
could you please repeat yourself?

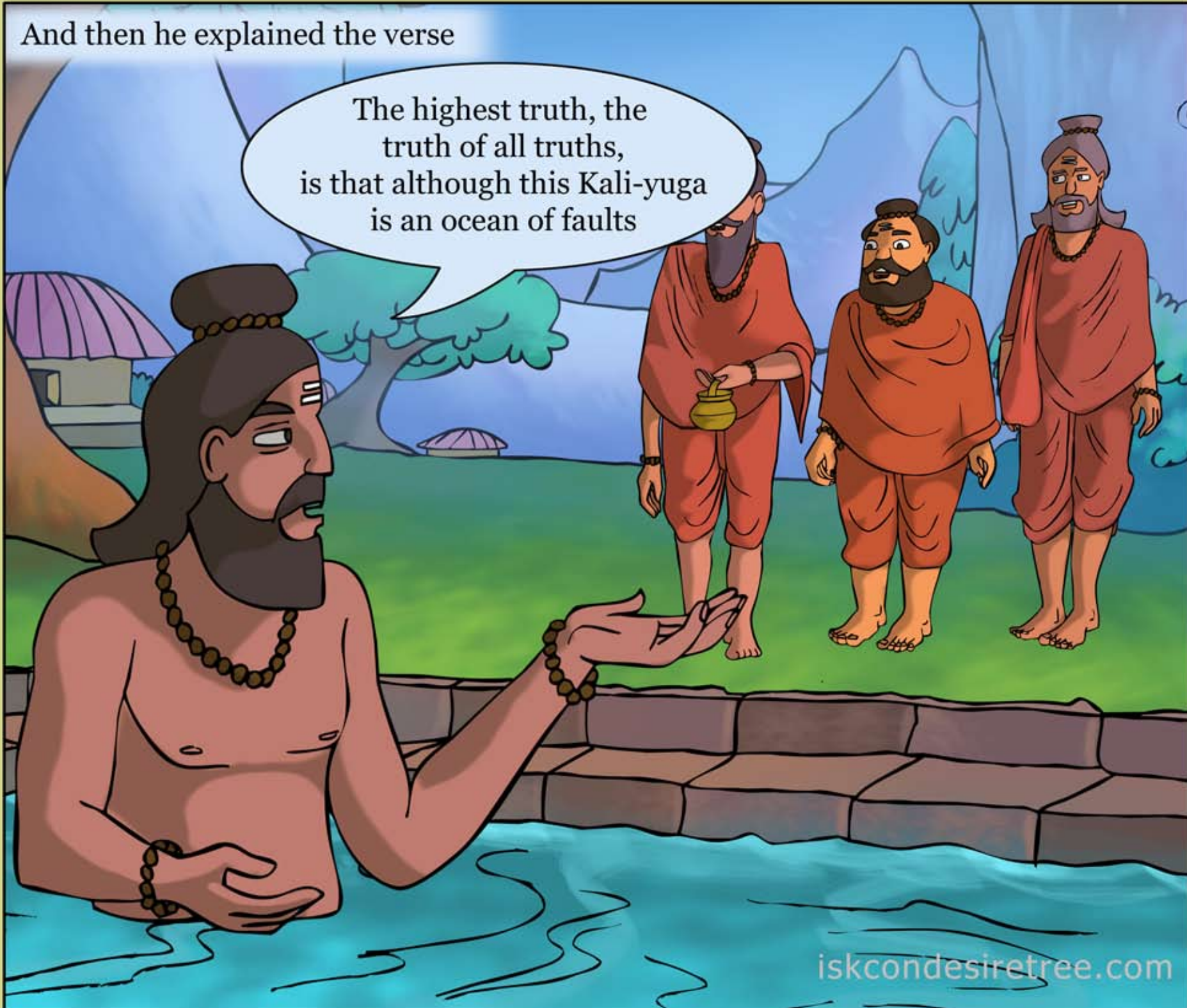


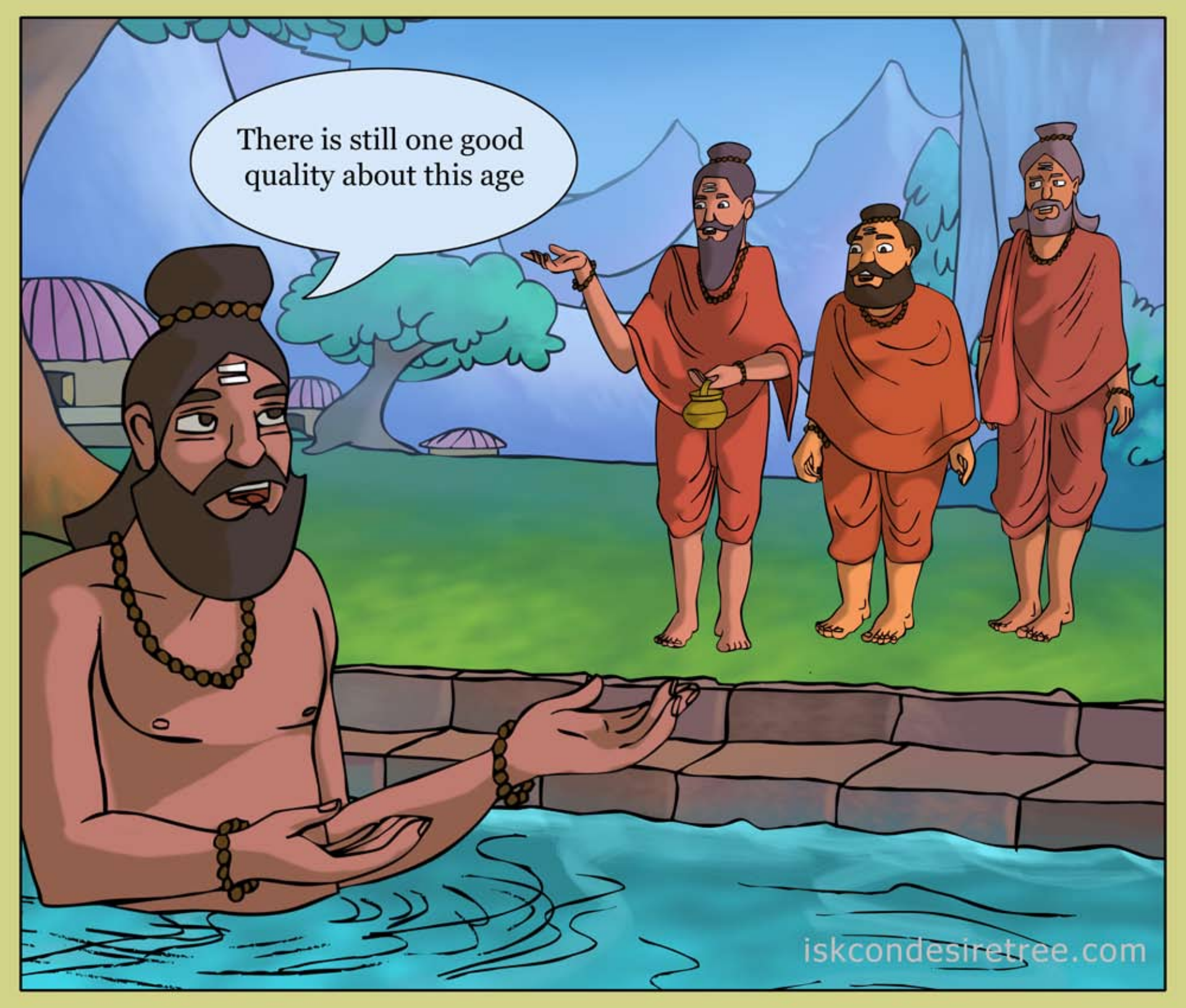
So out he came again

Satyam satyam param satyam,
kaler dosa-nidhe rajann...

And then he explained the verse

The highest truth, the
truth of all truths,
is that although this Kali-yuga
is an ocean of faults





There is still one good quality about this age

Simply by chanting the Hare Krsna mahamantra, one can become free from material bondage and be promoted to the transcendental kingdom

