

Guru Nanak



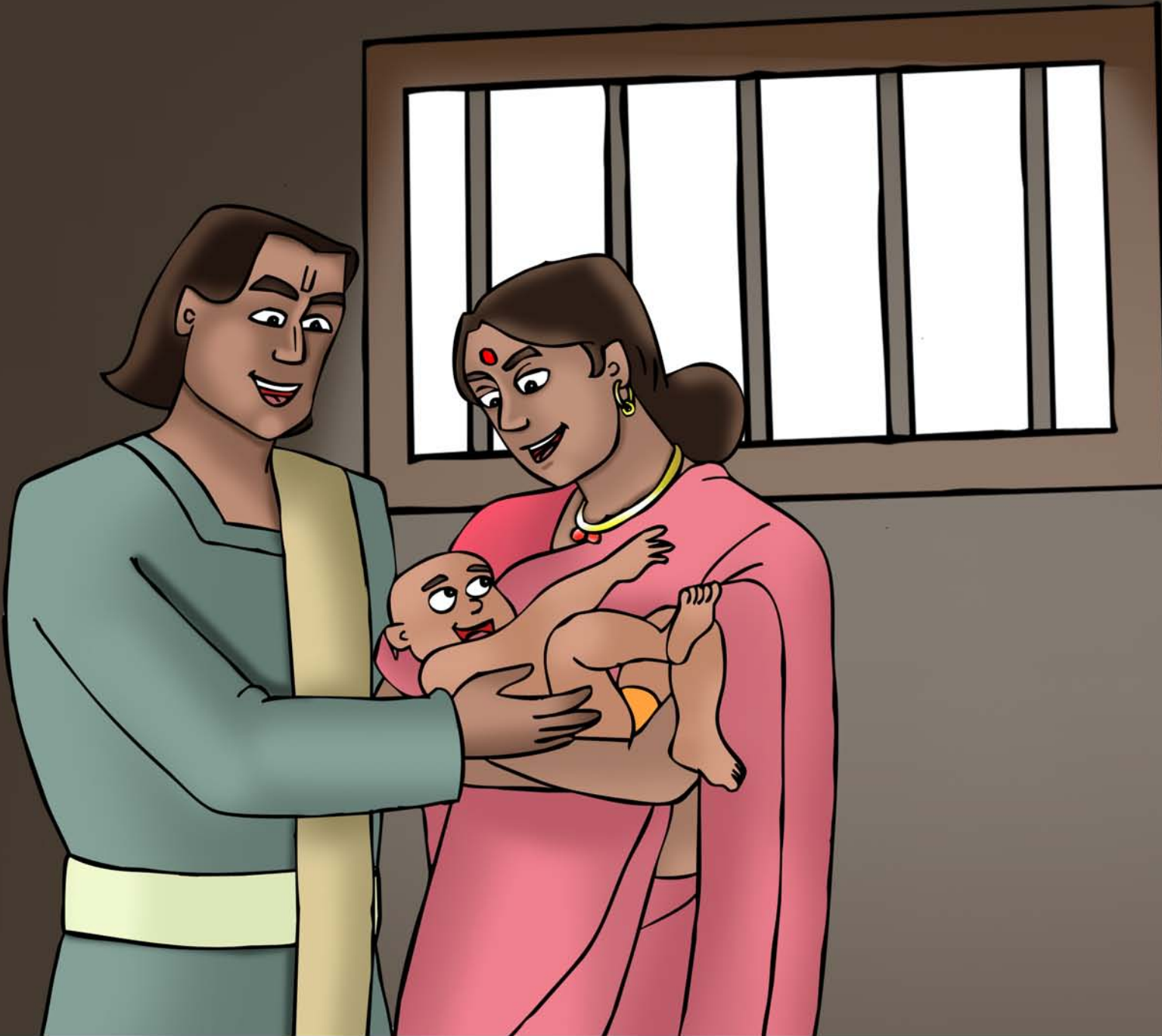
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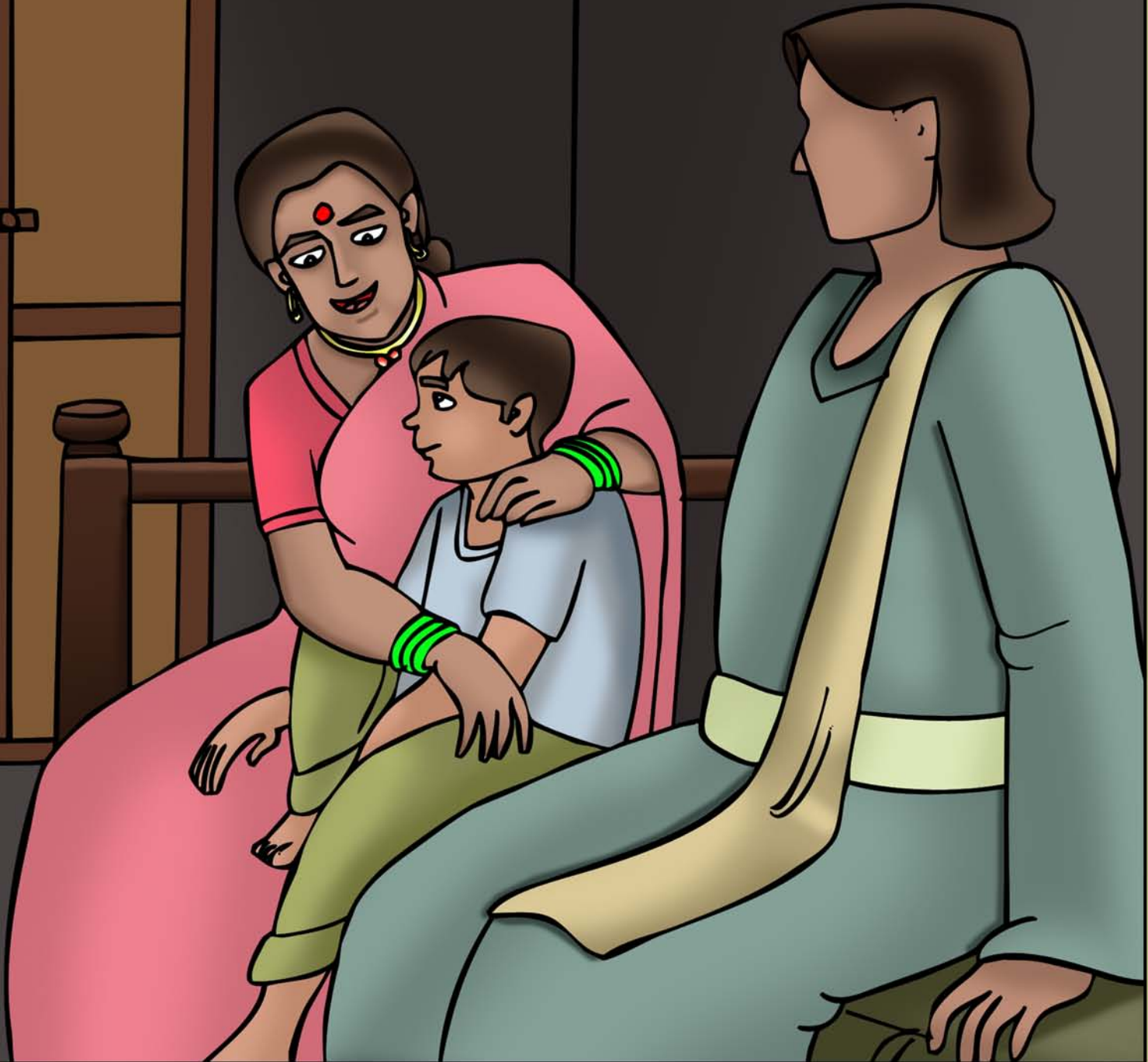
**Guru Nanak is the founder
of the sikh religion.**



He was born in a brahmin family.



As he was from a Brahmin family, his father wanted to give him the sacred thread by performing a ceremony.



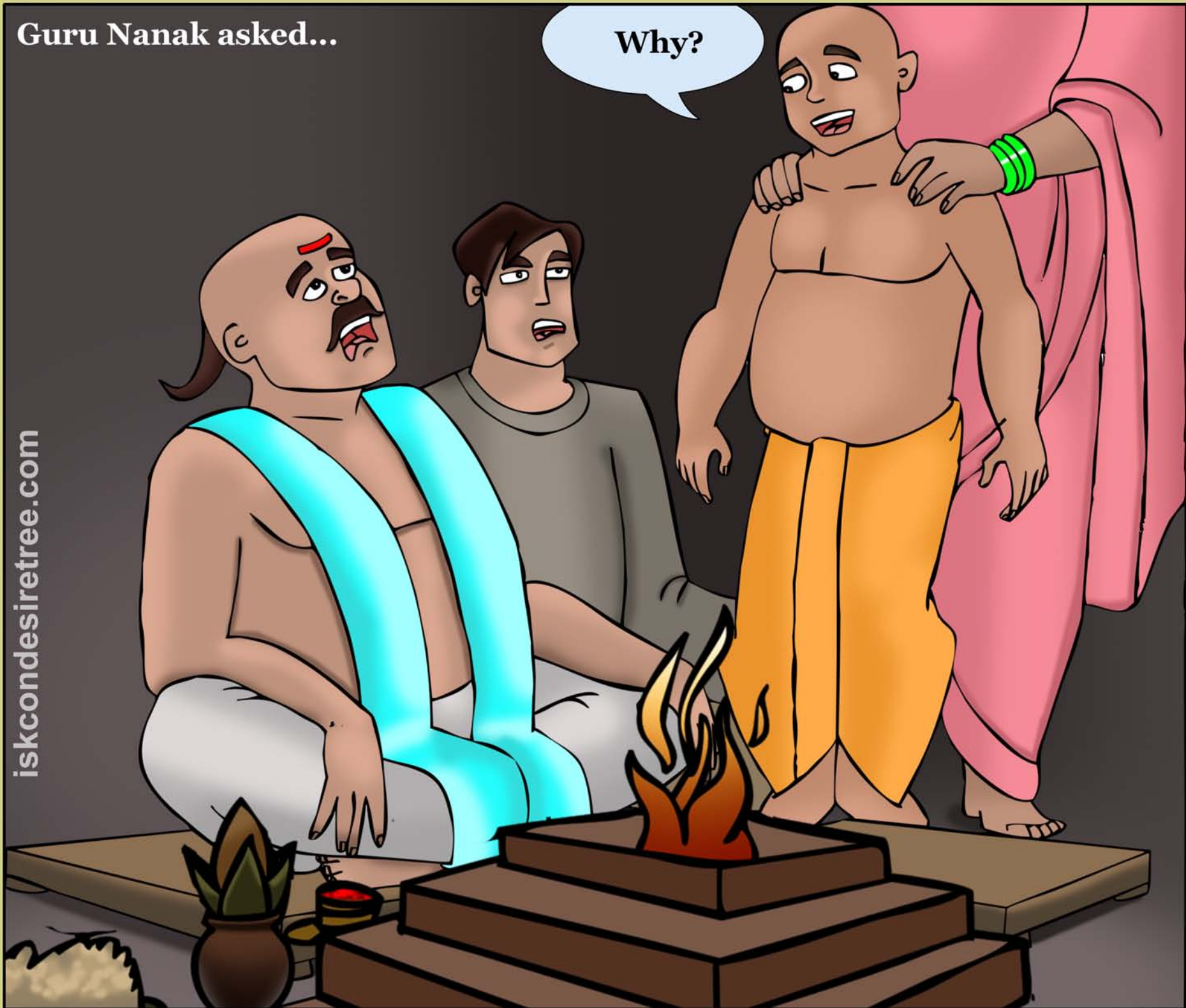
Everything was arranged and then he was brought to the priest.

Sit down child.
I will give you a sacred
thread.



Guru Nanak asked...

Why?



The priest replied...

Because you are
a brahmin.



To this Guru exclaimed...

Maybe I don't
want to be one!



The priest bristled with anger and said...

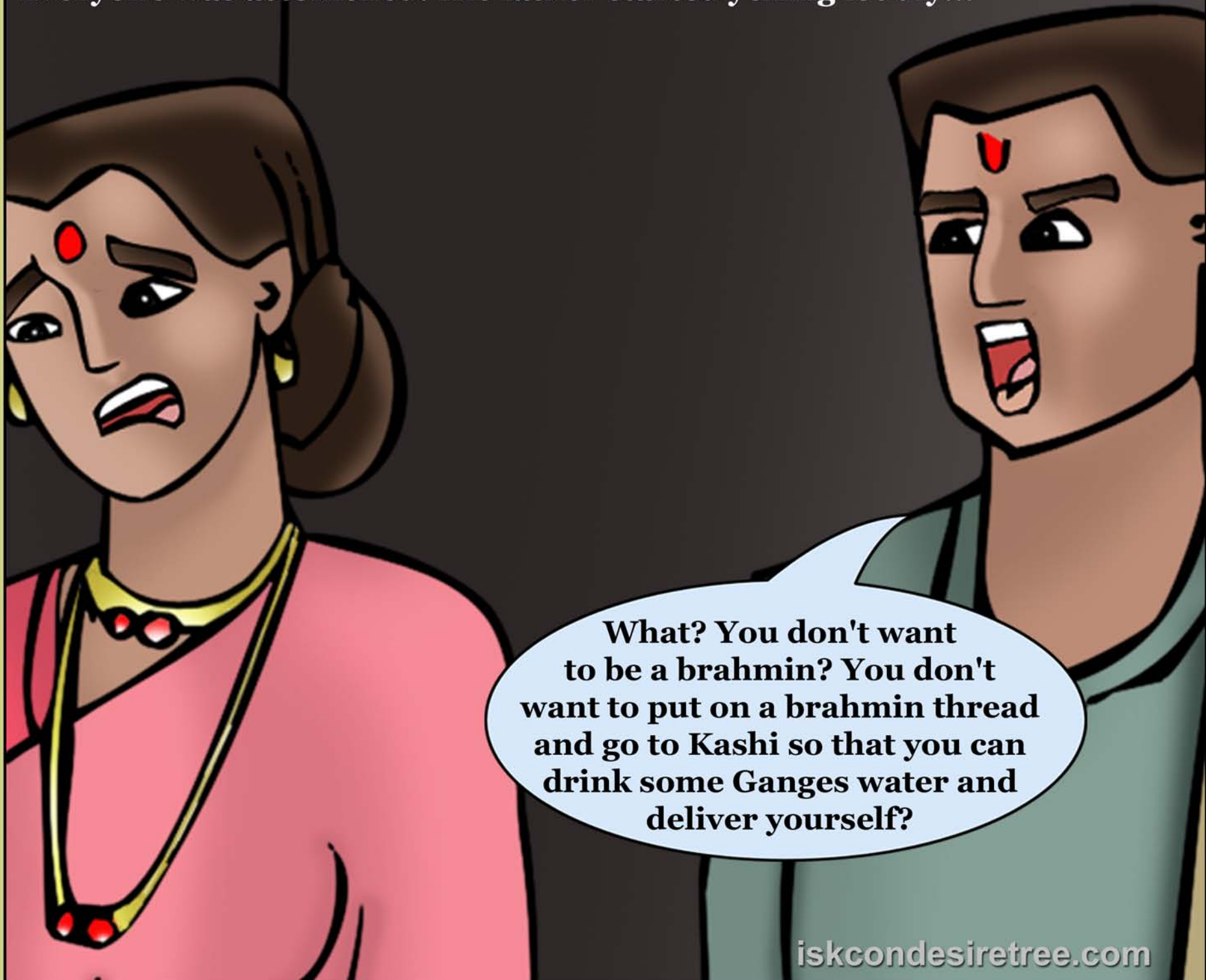


Guru Nanak calmly asked...



**How can you say that
I am a brahmin?**

Everyone was astonished. His father started yelling loudly...



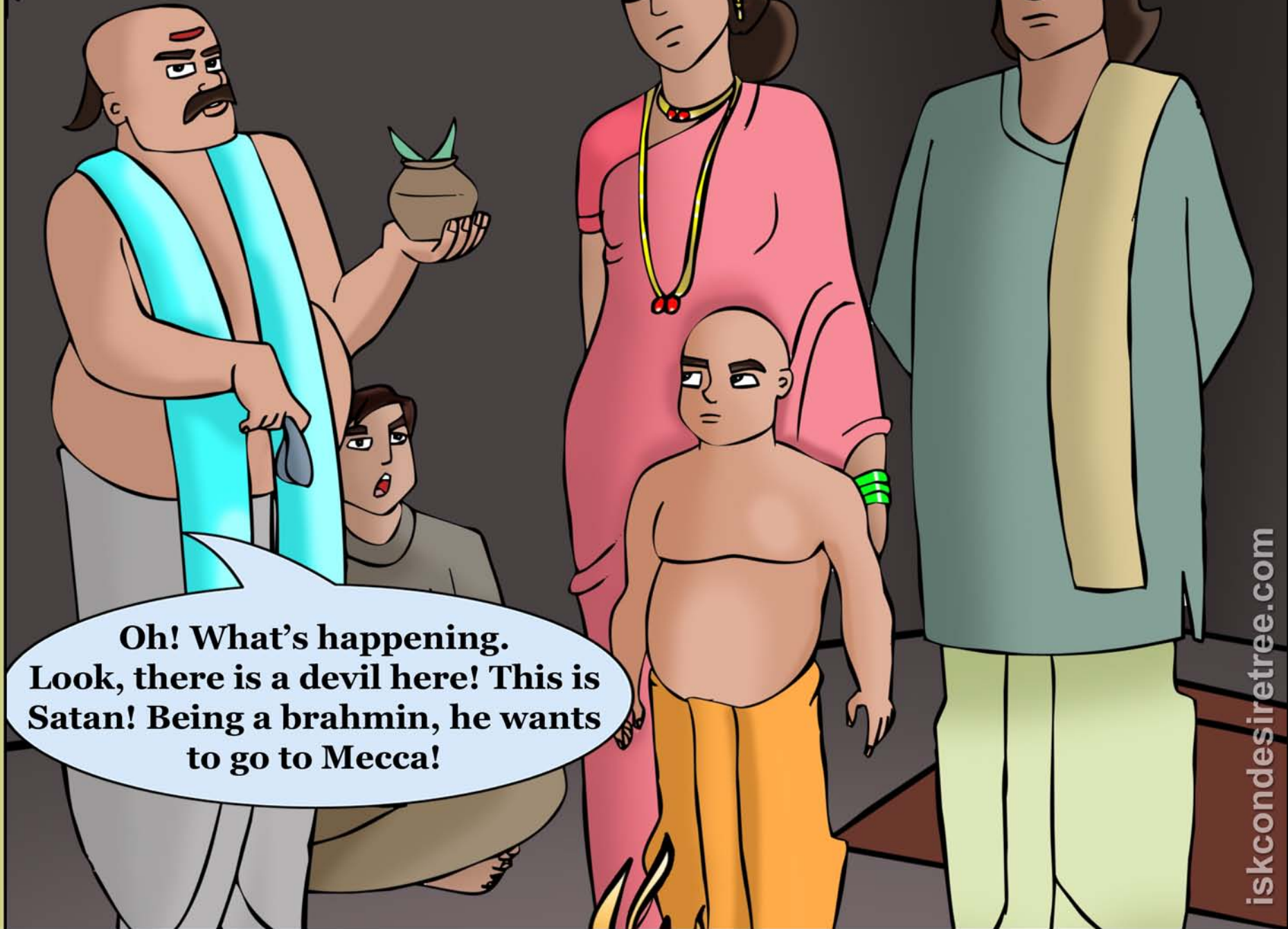
To this, the boy replied...

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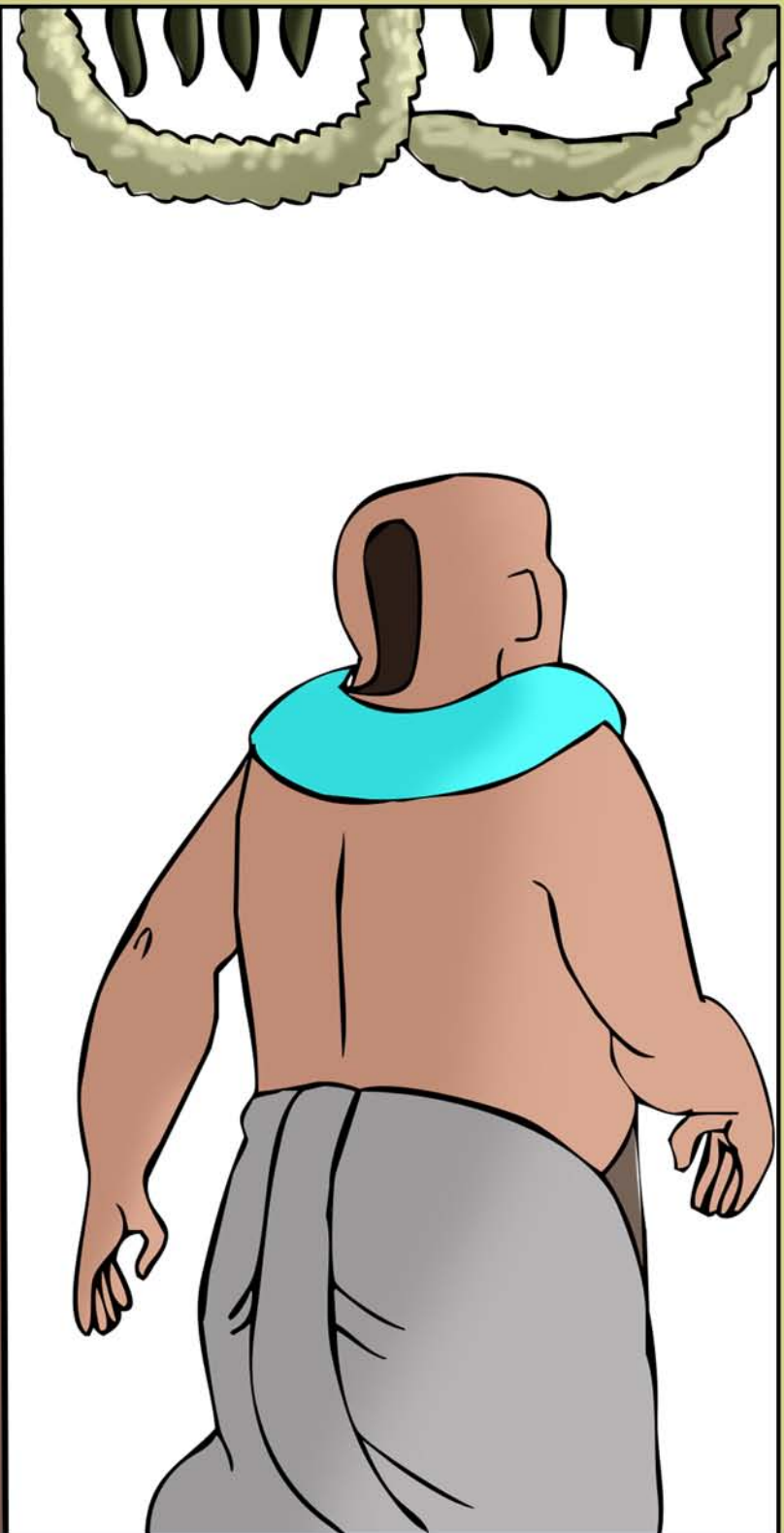


**I dont want to
wear a brahmin thread.
Instead I will go to
Mecca.**

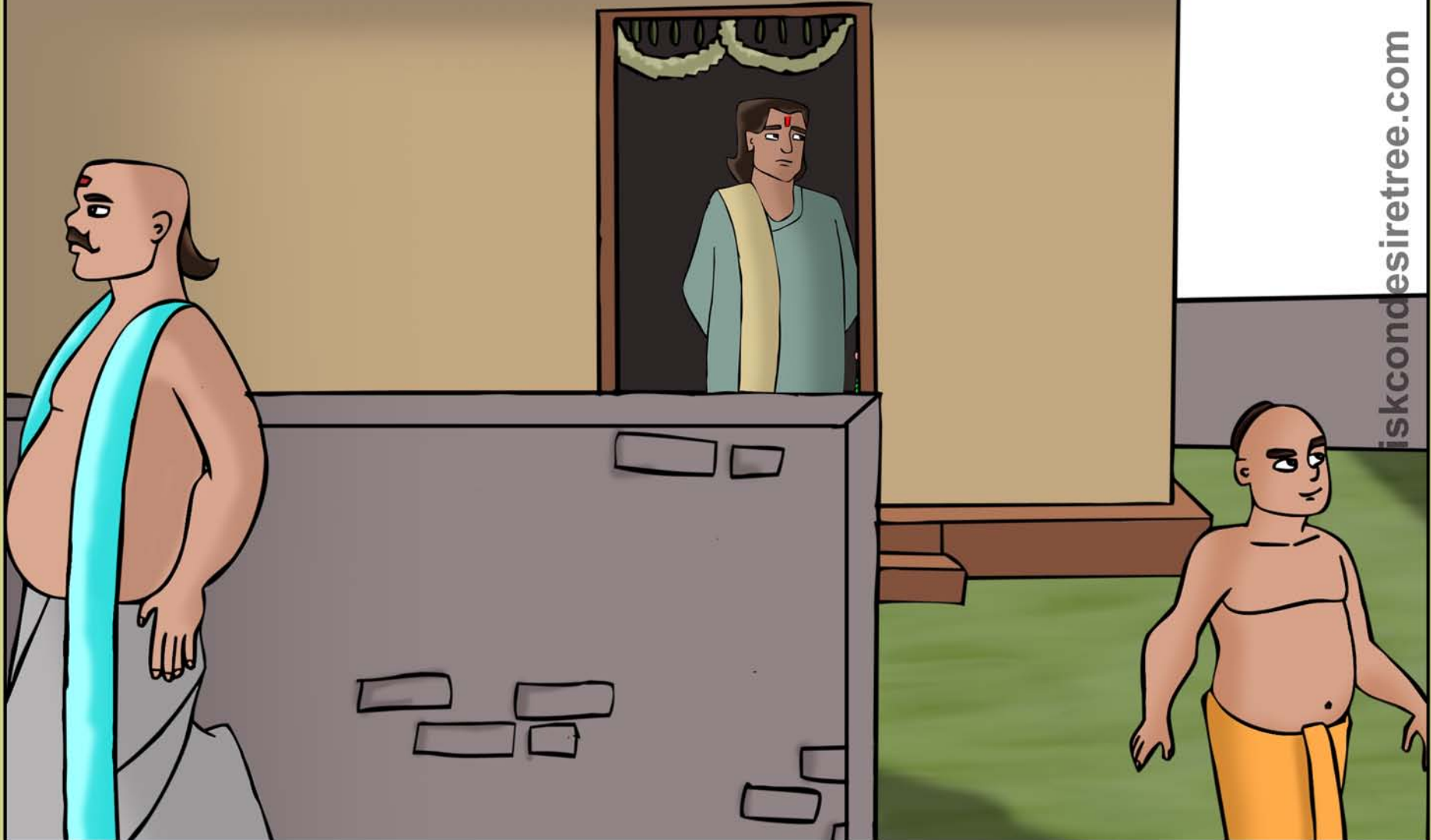
Immediately the priest got up and sprinkled water around himself.



He purified himself and walked out.



As the priest went out of the door and walked one way,
the boy went out of the door and walked the other way.



Seeing this, the boy's father asked...

Where are you
going my son?



The boy turned around and said...

I'm going to Mecca!



It took him several years to reach Mecca.

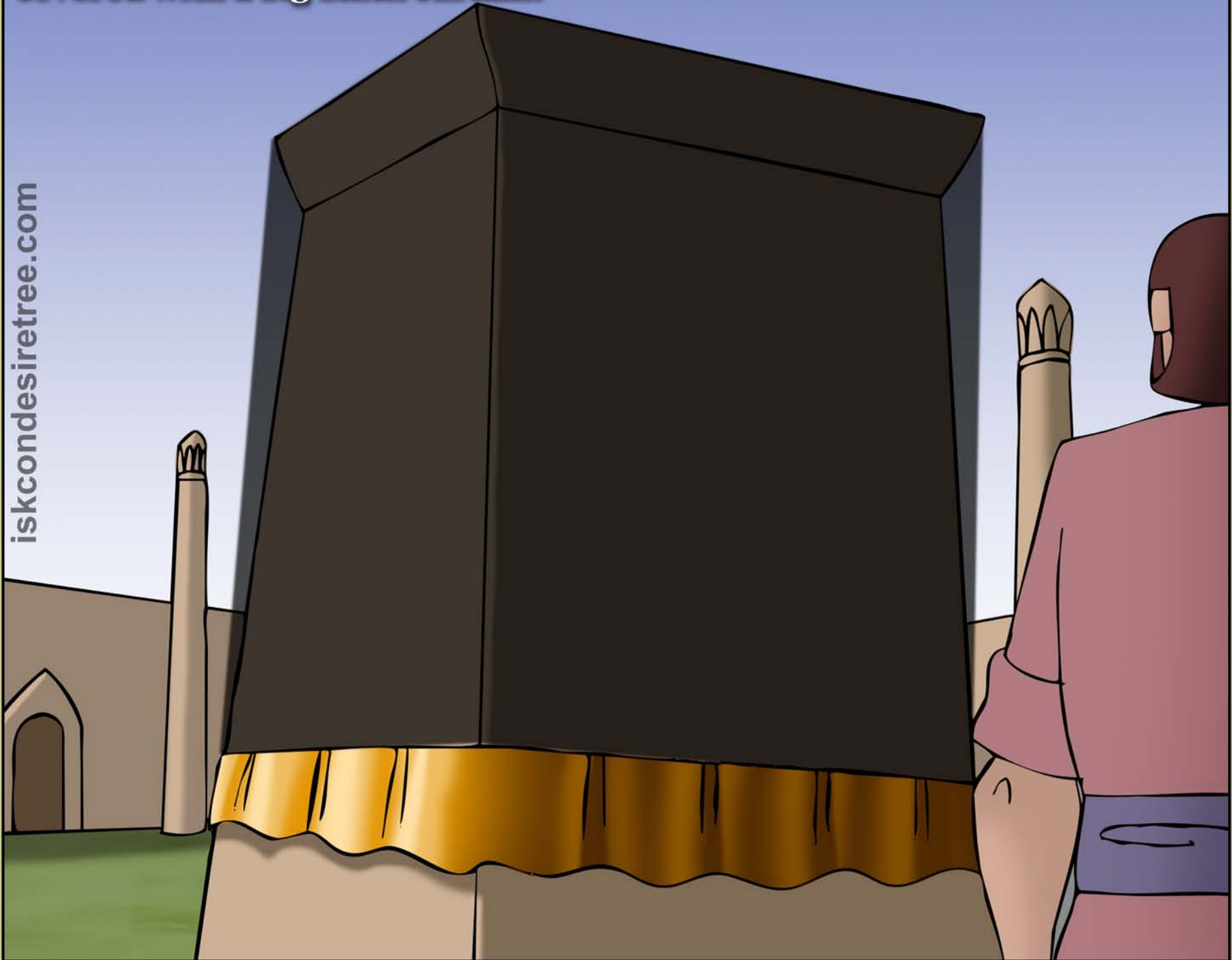


He became a young man when he reached there.

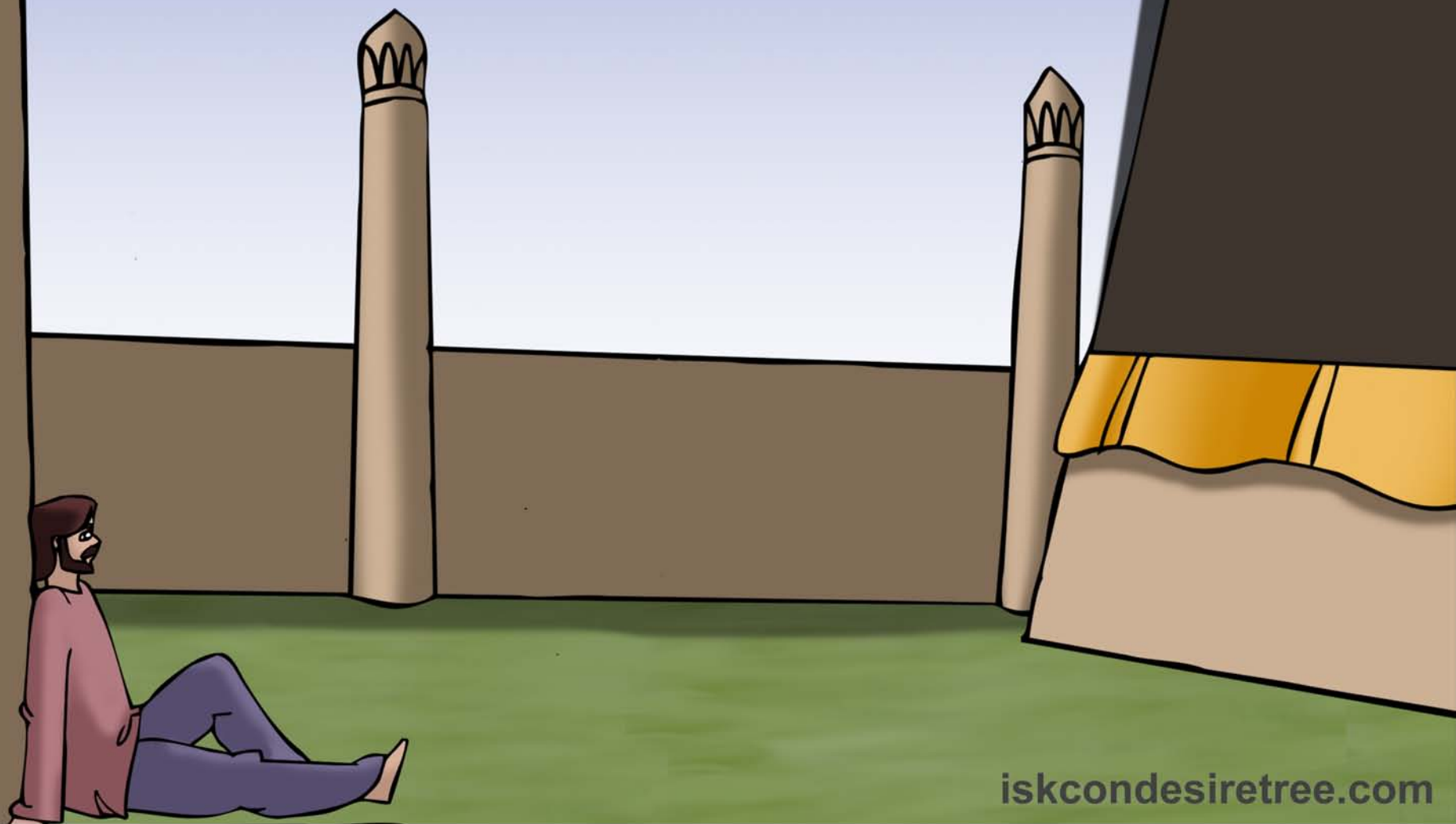


**Then, he went to the Kabba - the mystic place
covered with a big black curtain.**

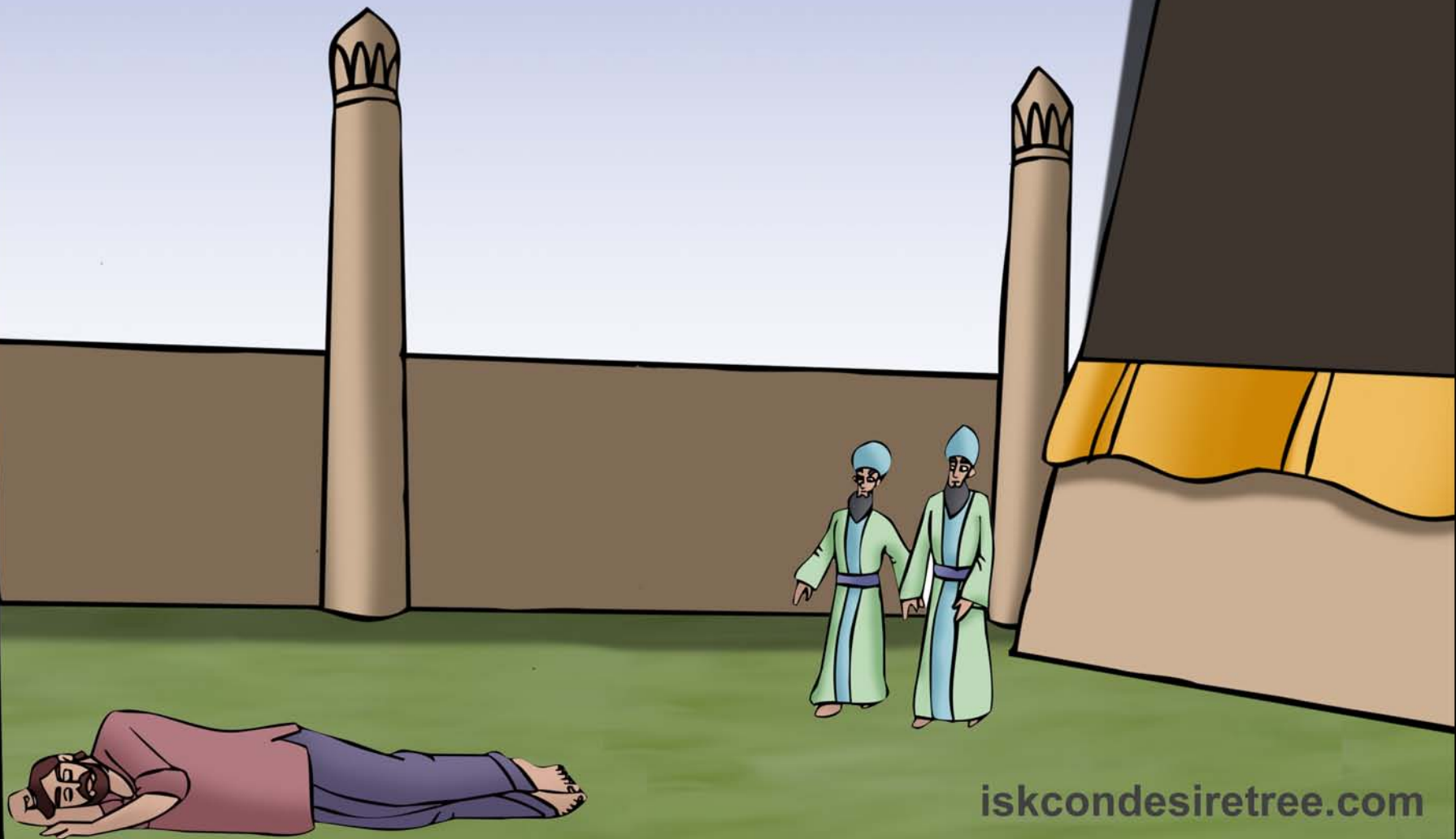
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But it was too late in the evening, so he
laid down with his legs towards the Kabba...

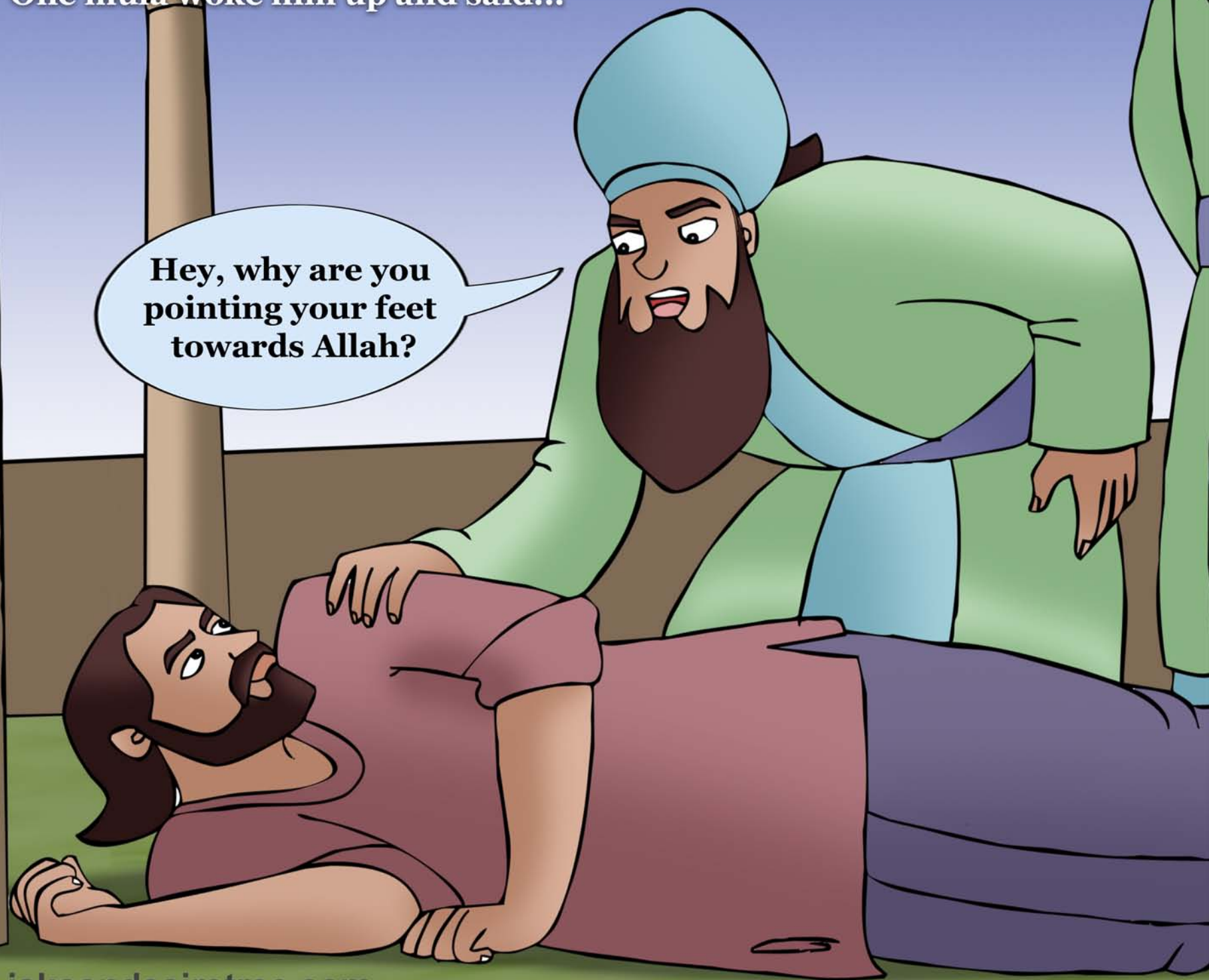


...and fell asleep. The mulas noticed.



One mula woke him up and said...

Hey, why are you
pointing your feet
towards Allah?



Guru Nanak replied...

**Please show me
a place where Allah is not
there and I will sleep
accordingly.**

The mulas got confused.



He continued...

Allah is
everywhere! So
where should I
keep my feet?



**The mulas got angry.
They told him...**

**You go away
from our city!**



Get out!

So he left Mecca.



From Mecca he went to Baghdad and from there he continued his travelling and came to Haridwar. By this time he was a middle aged man.



In Haridwar, he saw some brahmins looking towards the east and offering water to the sun.

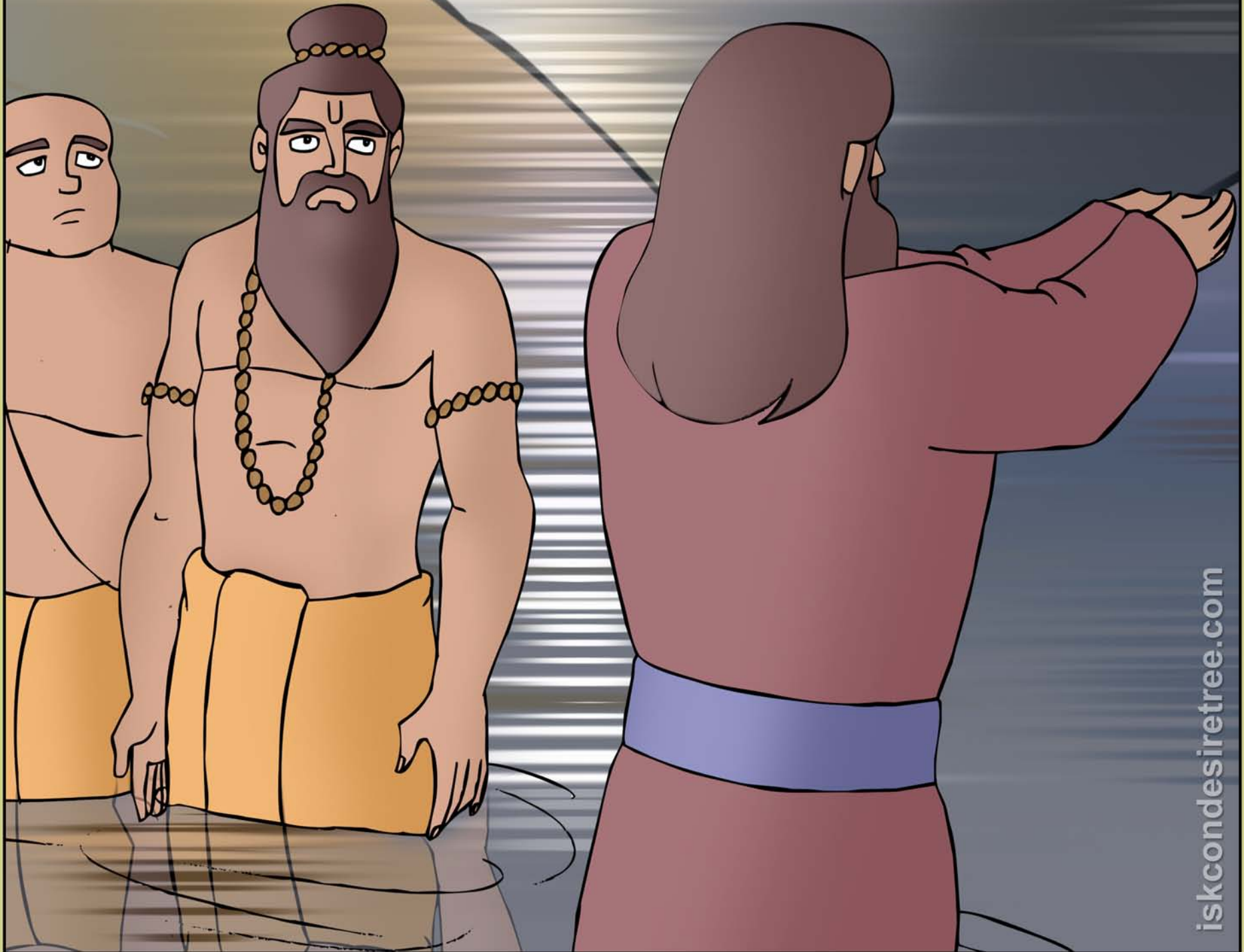


It was early morning. He thought...

**Oh,
this is nice.
I will do something
different.**



So he turned towards the west and he started offering water.



These brahmins tolerated it for some time.
After that, it looked very funny. Everybody
was offering water in the east and he was
offering in the west.



So they asked him...

What are you
doing?



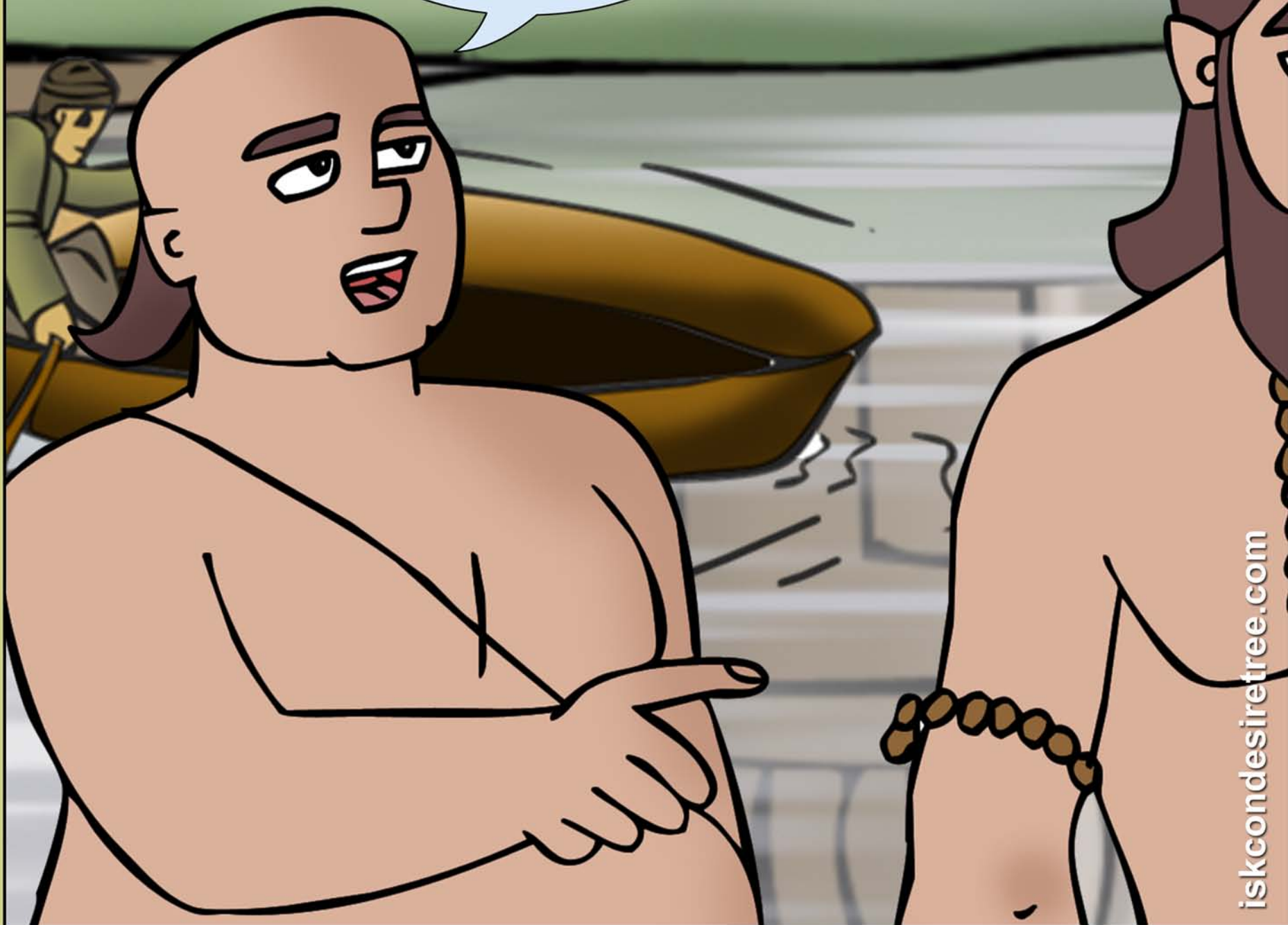
He retorted...

What are you doing?




They answered...

We are offering
water to the sun.



He then replied to their question..

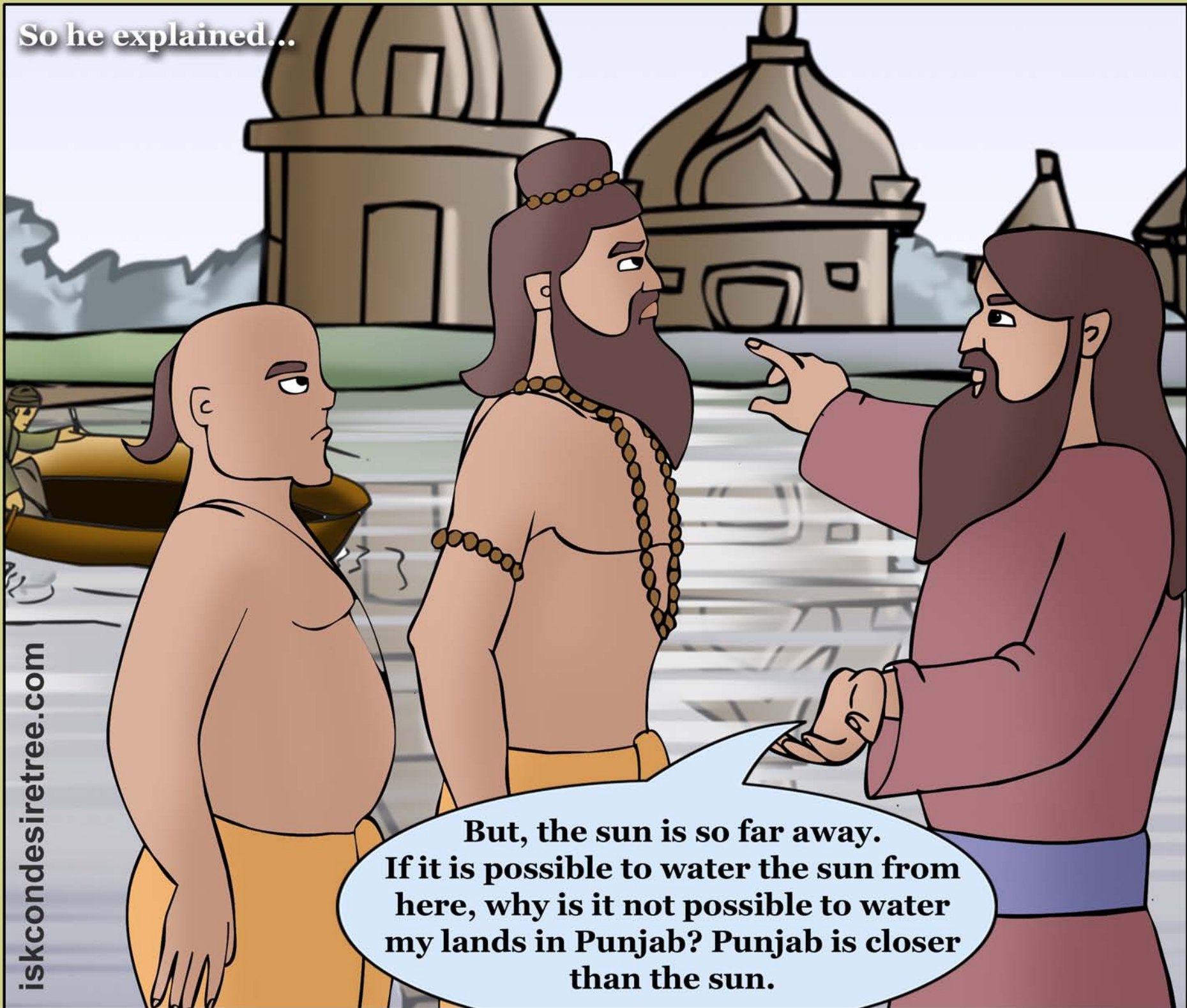


**Well, I have some land
in Punjab and I am offering
water to my land.**

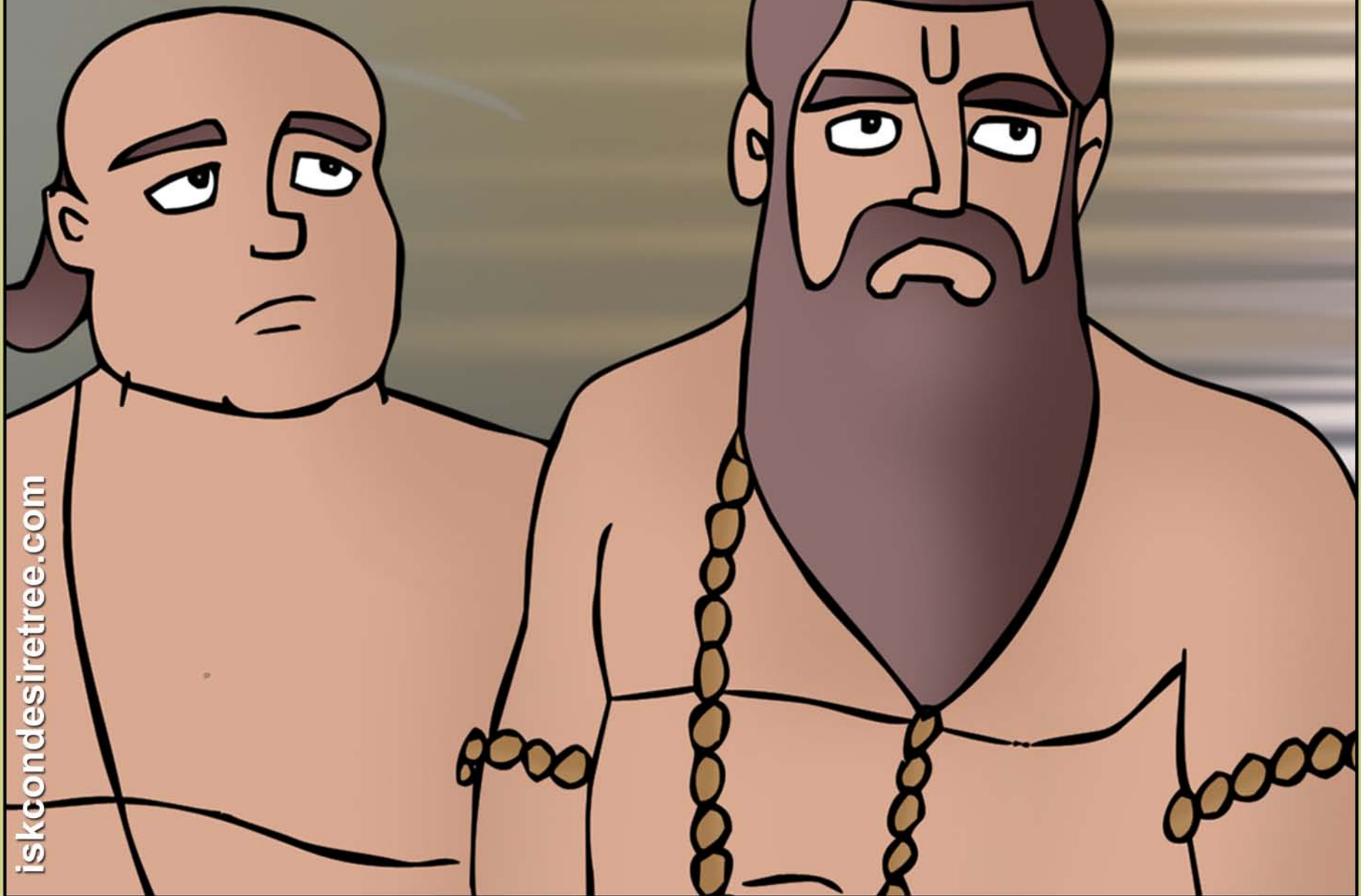
They started laughing...



So he explained...



The brahmins could not argue with him.



They just left the place. Many young men
who came there joined Guru Nanak.

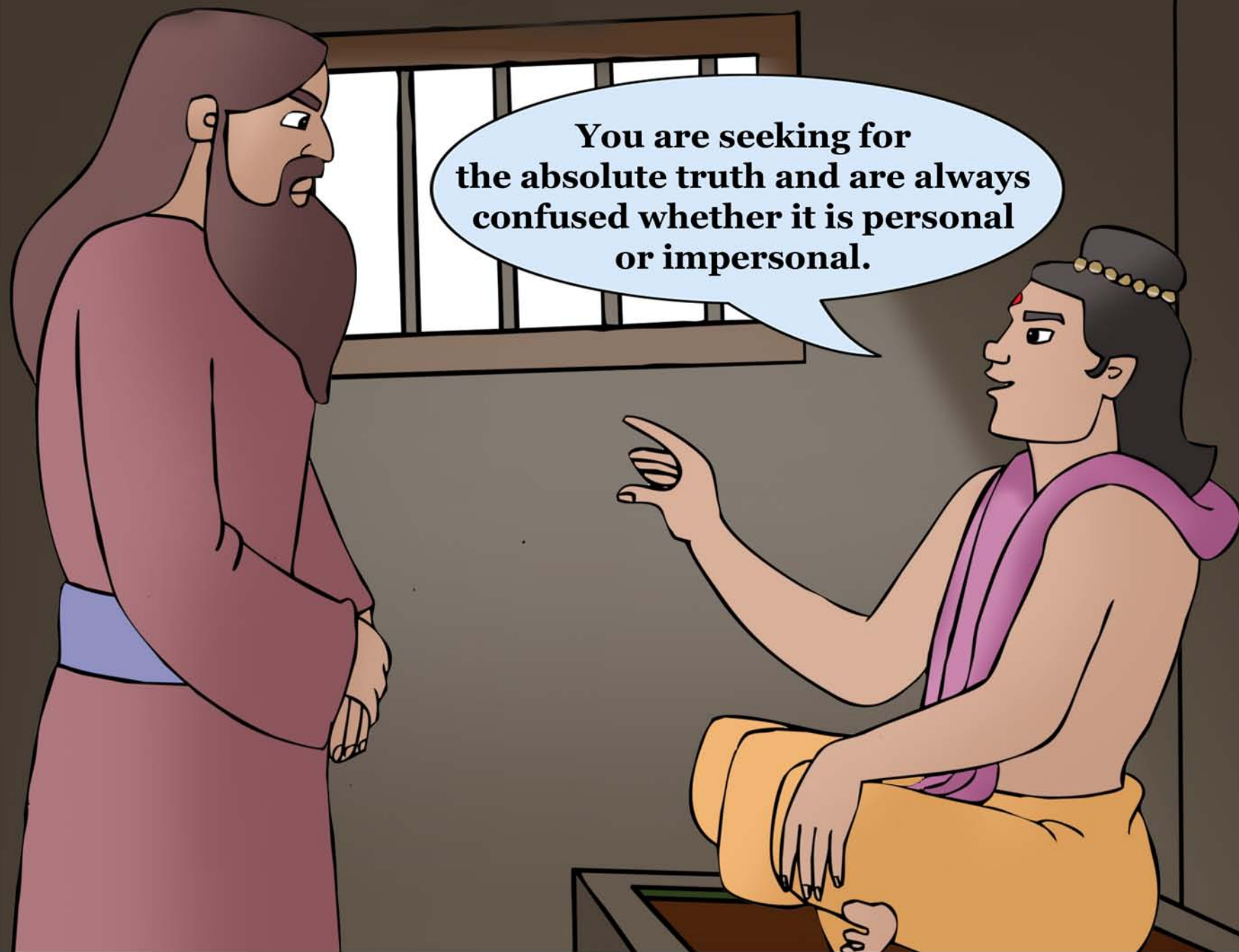



They all said...

We will also offer
water to Punjab.

While he continued his travelling, he did one good thing. He came to Jagannatha Puri and met a great personality - Swarupa Damodara Goswami. The Goswami told him...

**You are seeking for
the absolute truth and are always
confused whether it is personal
or impersonal.**





**You wait here at
Simha-dvara. He will be
walking this way.**

Guru Nanak was confused. He asked...



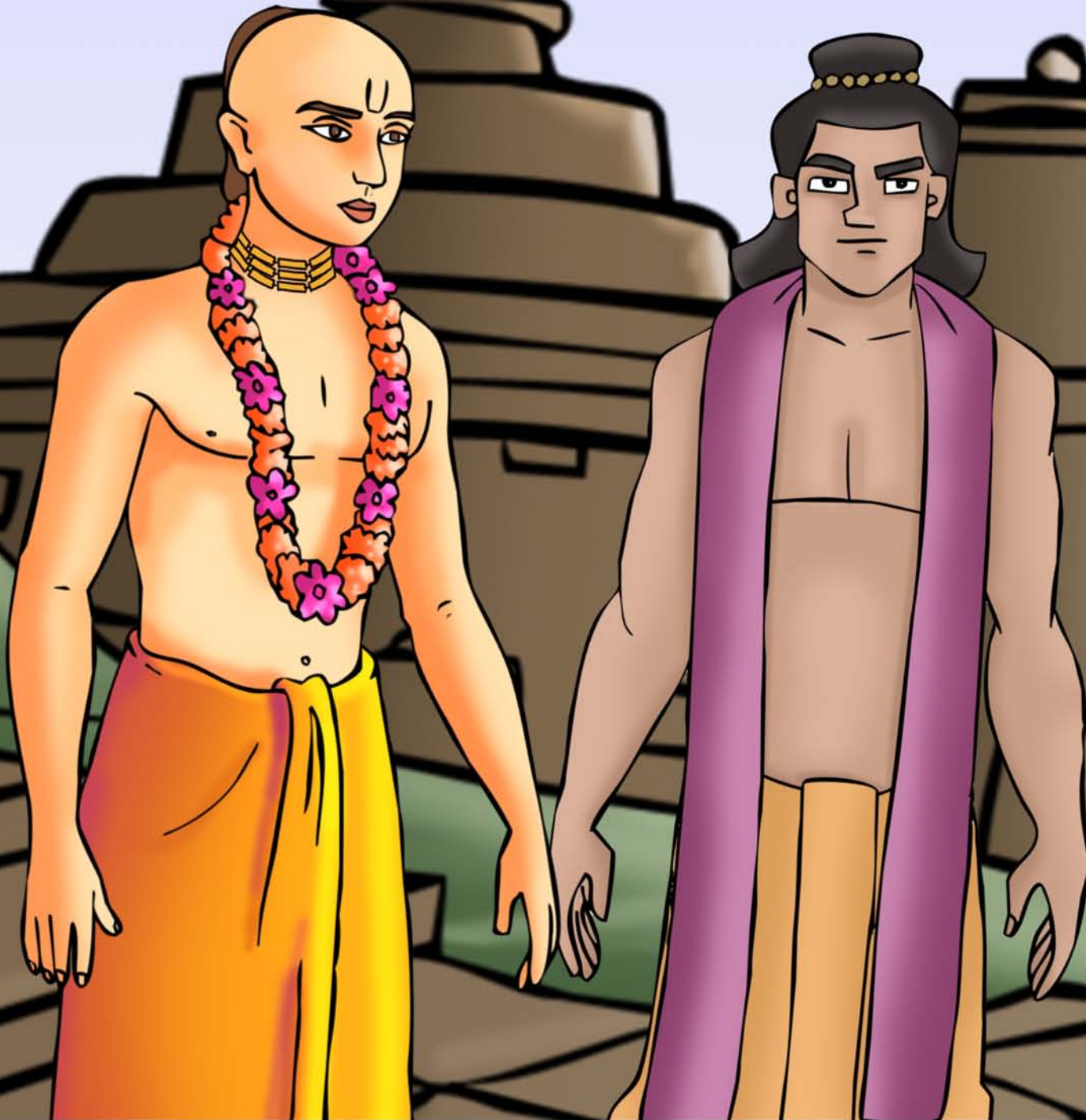
**What? Absolute
truth Walking? Do you know
what you are talking
about?**

Swarupa Damodara Goswami replied...

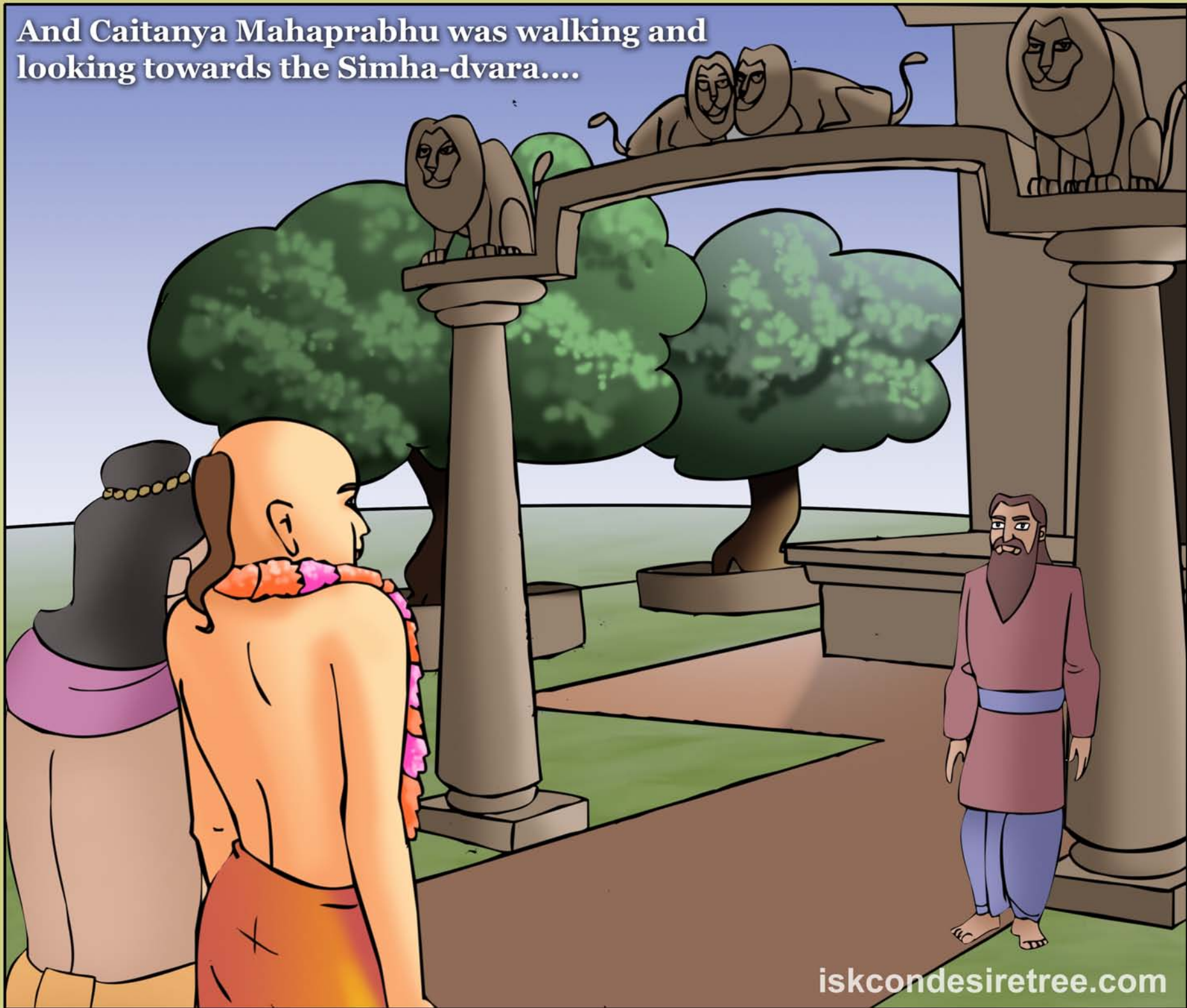


**Yes, I know
what I am talking about.
You are thinking, is absolute truth
a person or not? I will show you that
He is a person and will walk in here
in a few minutes. I will get
Him here.**

So he went and brought Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

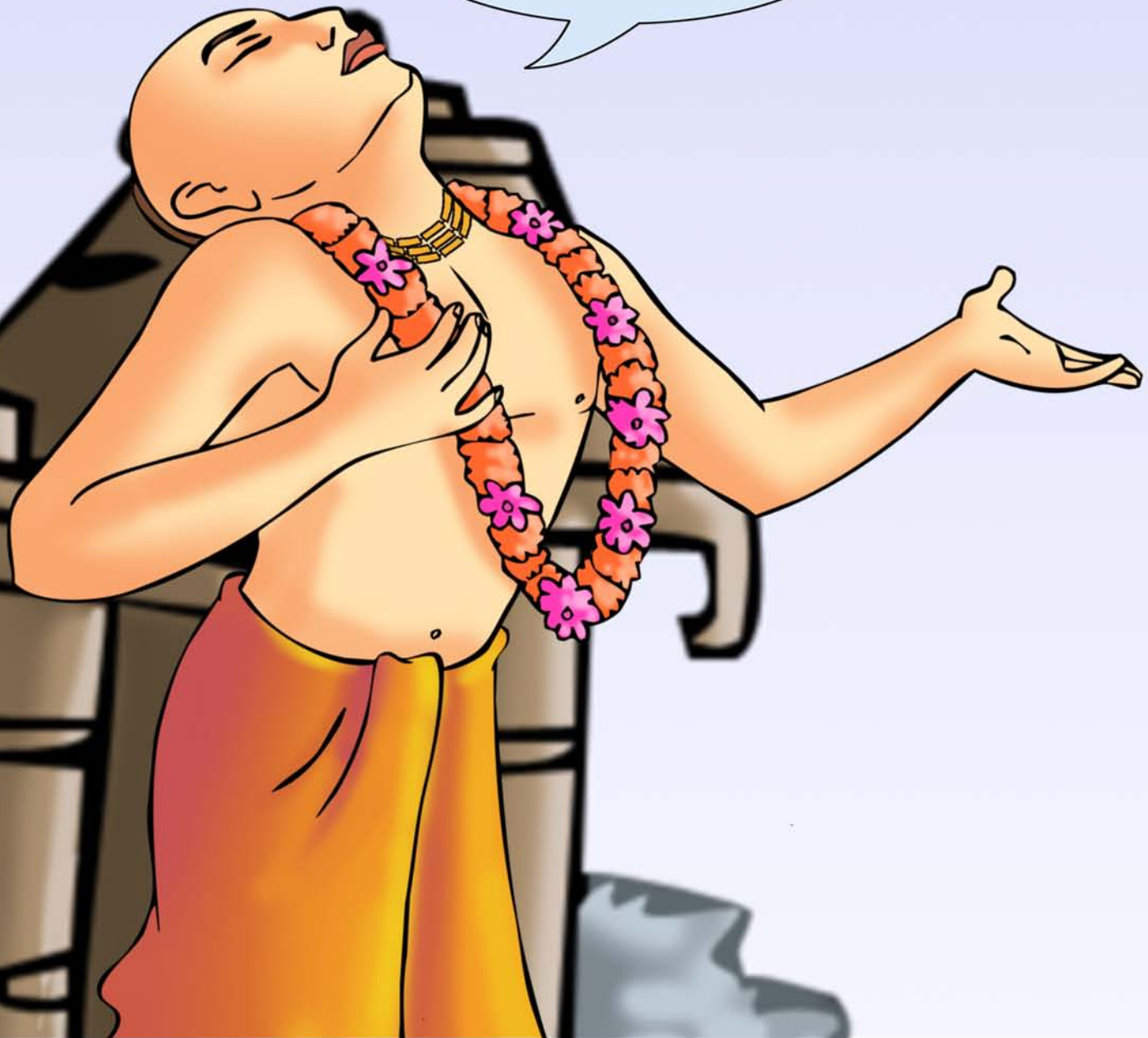


And Caitanya Mahaprabhu was walking and looking towards the Simha-dvara....



...He was looking up, His arms were raised and He was chanting...

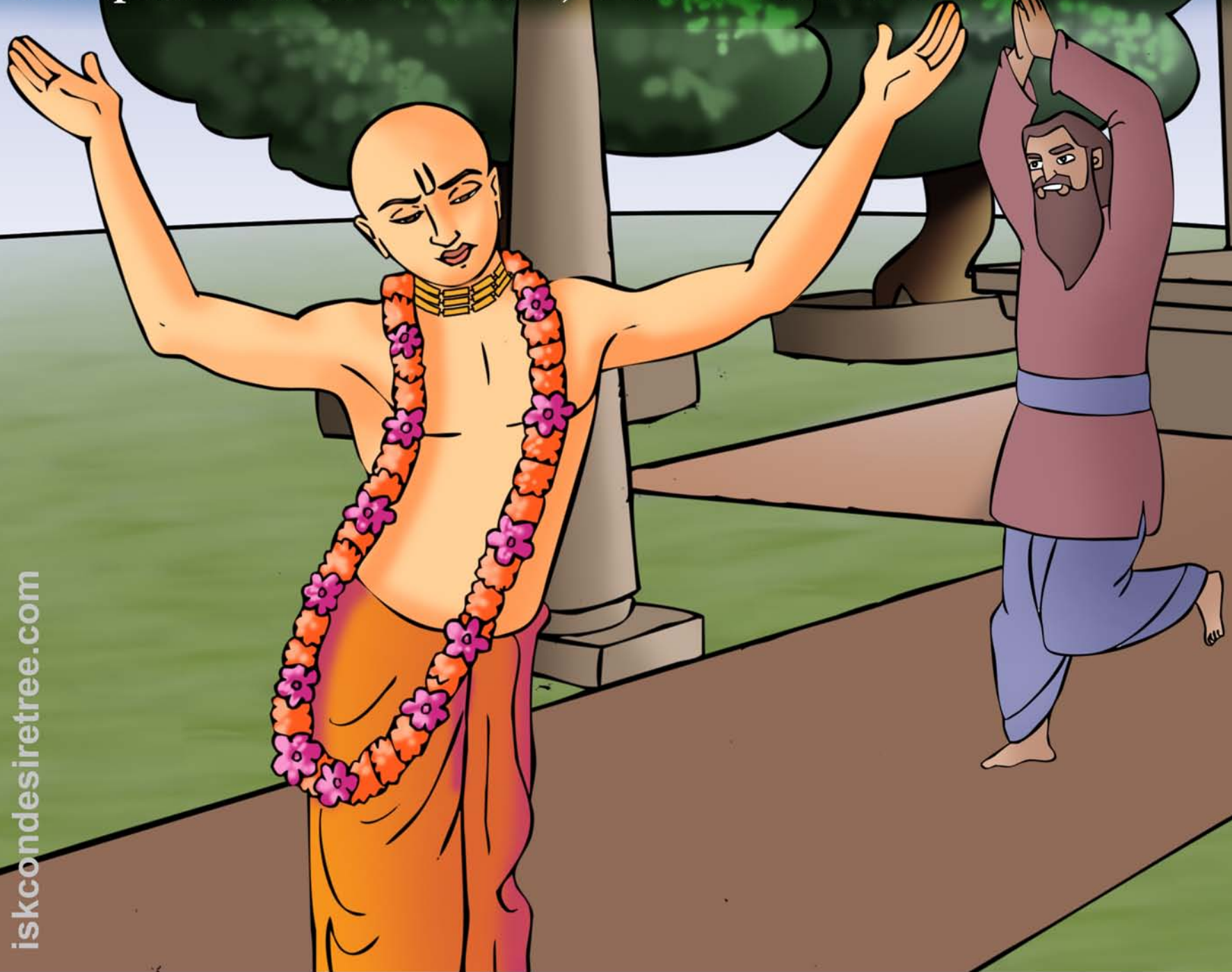
**Oh Prananath,
The Lord of my life!**



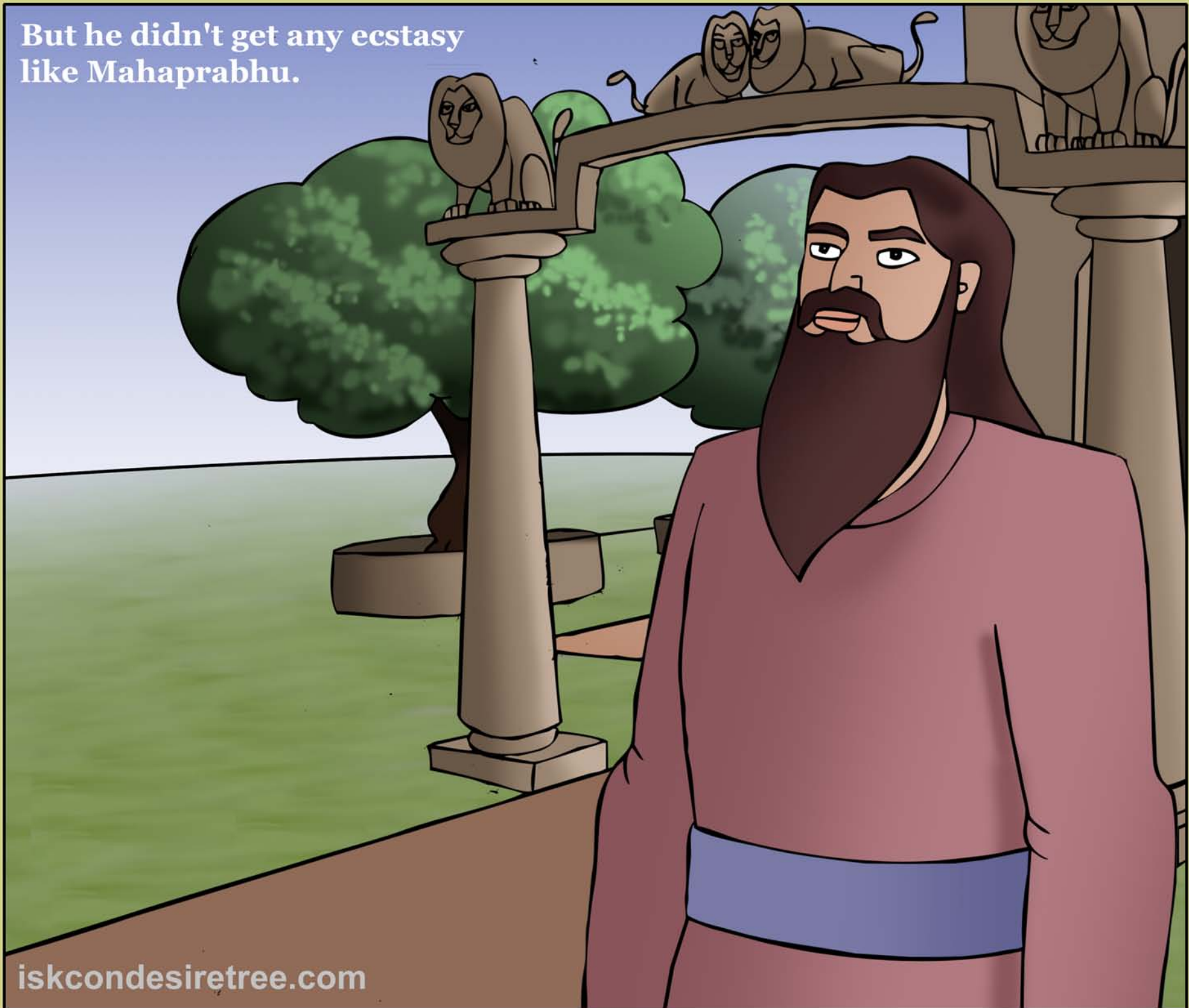
Guru Nanak thought...

**I have never seen such
a high level of bhakti.**

He did everything that Mahaprabhu did. When Mahaprabhu jumped, he jumped and when Mahaprabhu danced he danced, when Mahaprabhu rolled on the floor, he also rolled on the floor.




But he didn't get any ecstasy
like Mahaprabhu.



He sat down and asked Mahaprabhu...

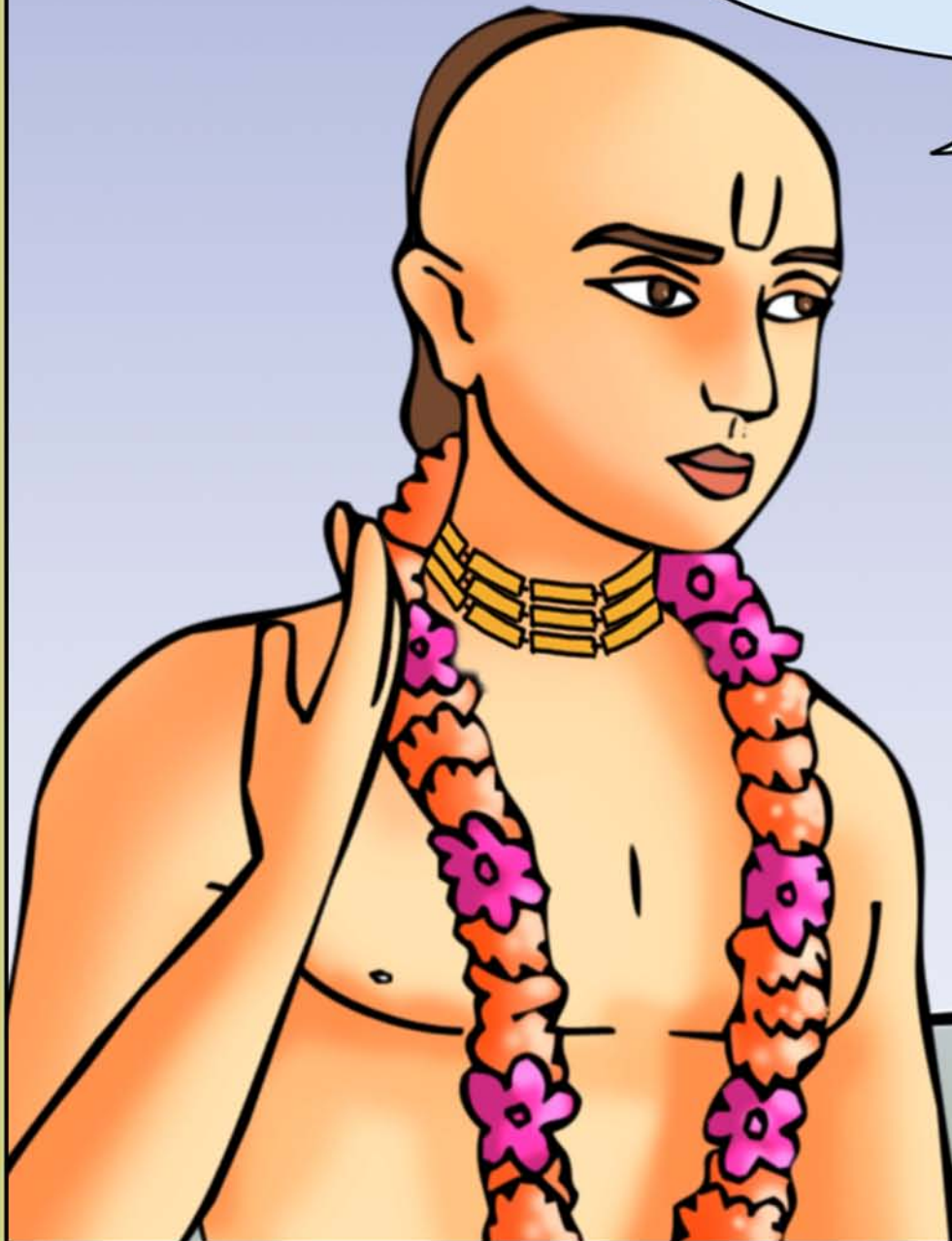
What is this level of consciousness that you carry? It is not possible for a human to have such a high consciousness. I have crossed many level of consciousness in my life but...



A cartoon illustration featuring two characters in an ancient setting. On the left, a man with a shaved head and a pink and orange beaded necklace is shown from the back, looking towards the right. On the right, a man with a long brown beard and a purple robe is speaking with an open mouth. A speech bubble above him contains the text. The background includes stone pillars topped with lion statues and green foliage.

**What is this
level of consciousness
that you have?**

**You go and ask
Jagannath. He's the only one who can
explain it. I cannot explain this state of
my consciousness, since I am so
absorbed in it.**



So, he went to Jagannatha and prayed.



**So that night in a dream,
Lord instructed him.**

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**You engage
in kirtan.**



With that, he completed his whole quest of travelling. He went back and engaged in kirtan.



**This kirtan was
the main message
of Guru Nanak to
every living entity.**



MORAL:

With the help of kirtan, one can receive the love of God, which is every living entity's "ultimate Goal". Hence, Guru Nanak gives the message of kirtan to every living entity.