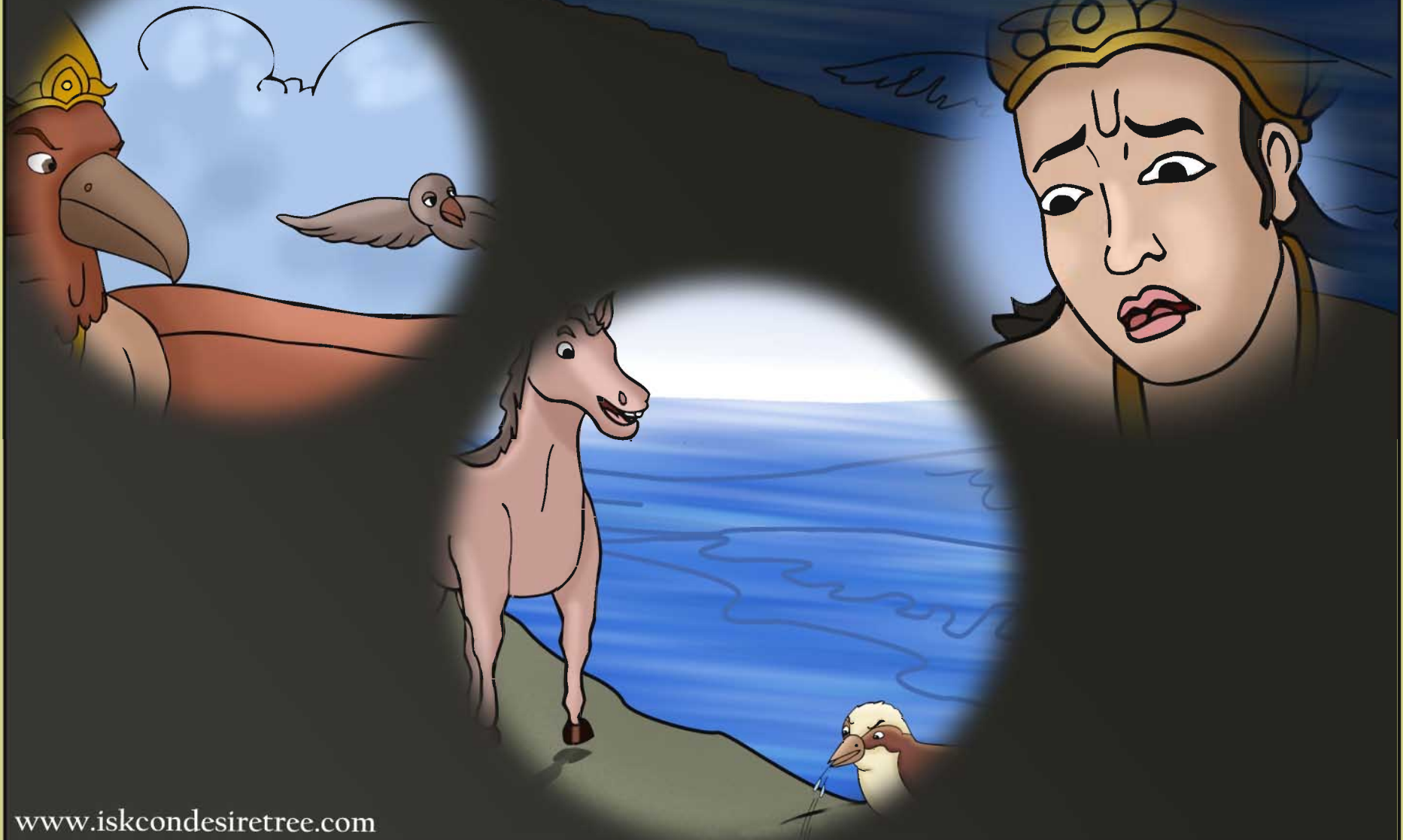


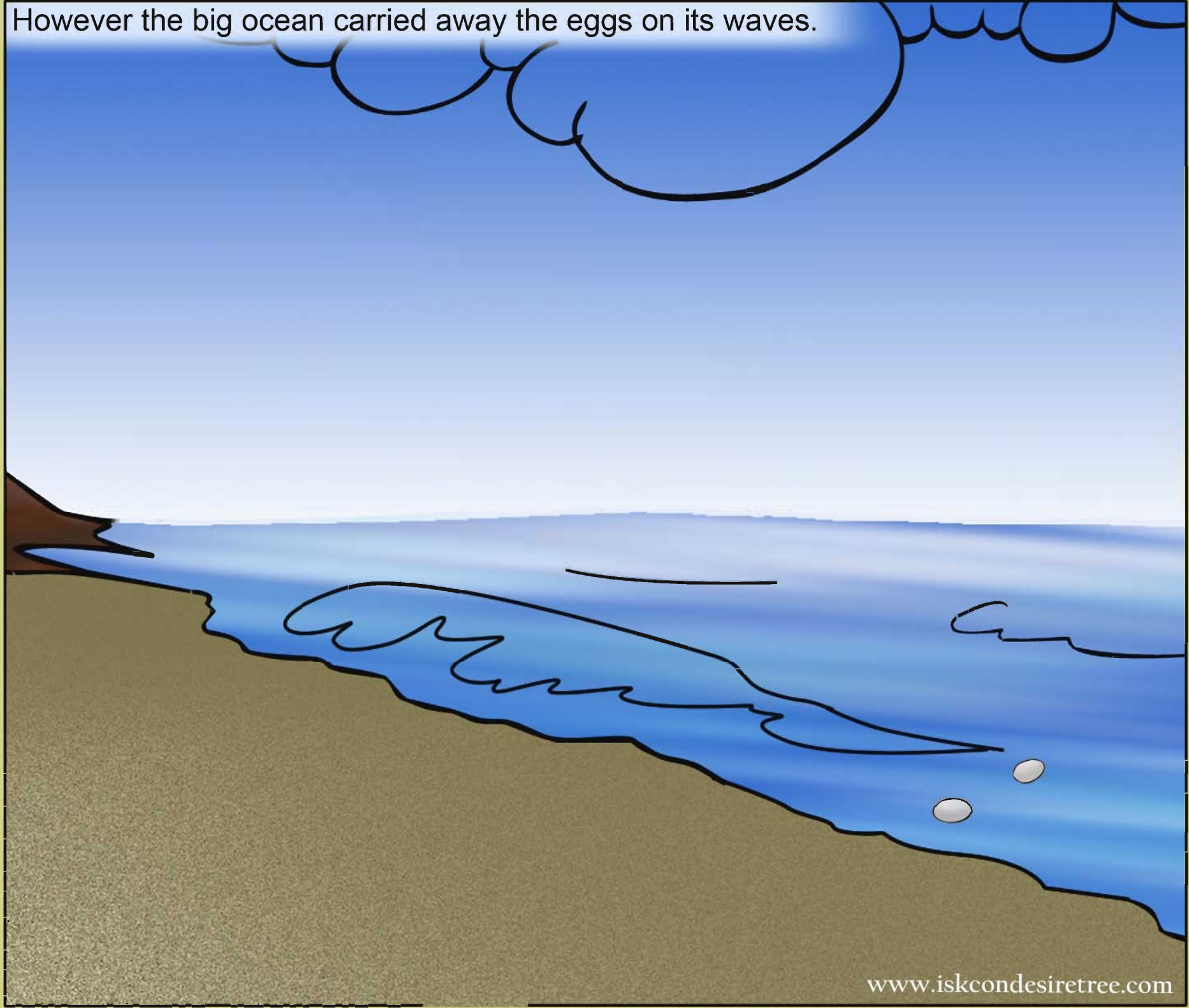
# THE SPARROW AND THE EGGS



Once a sparrow laid her eggs on the shore of the ocean.




However the big ocean carried away the eggs on its waves.



The sparrow discovered that the eggs were missing and was in great pain.


My eggs must have  
been carried away  
by the ocean





Oh my dear ocean, please  
give me back all my eggs which  
were carried away by the  
big waves

The mighty ocean did not bother about the sparrow's plea. The sparrow kept requesting. After a while when the ocean did not respond, the sparrow became very angry.....



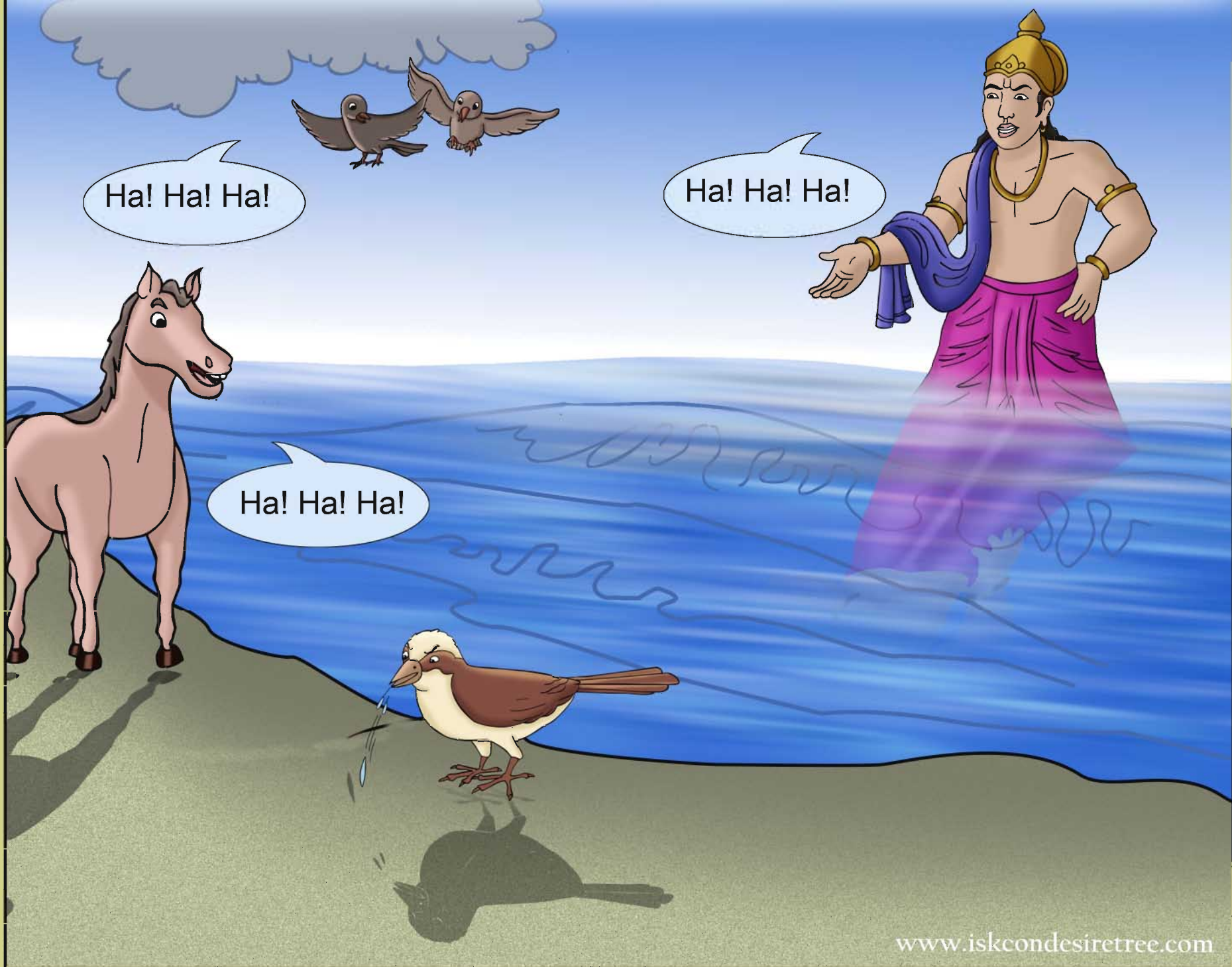
If you do not return  
my eggs then I will  
dry you up!!!

On hearing the sparrow repeatedly threatening, finally the ocean appeared.....

Ha! Ha! Ha!  
These eggs have now  
become my property.  
You want to dry me up?  
Go ahead!  
Ha! Ha! Ha!



So the sparrow decided to dry up the ocean. She began to pick up the water in her small beak and throwing it out. Everyone laughed at her impossible determination.






The news of her activity spread all over the world and it reached Garuda, the gigantic bird of Lord Vishnu. He became compassionate towards her.....




What an amazing determination! I must help this poor sparrow.



My dear sparrow, I am very pleased by your determination. I will definitely help you to retrieve your eggs.

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Thank you so much!

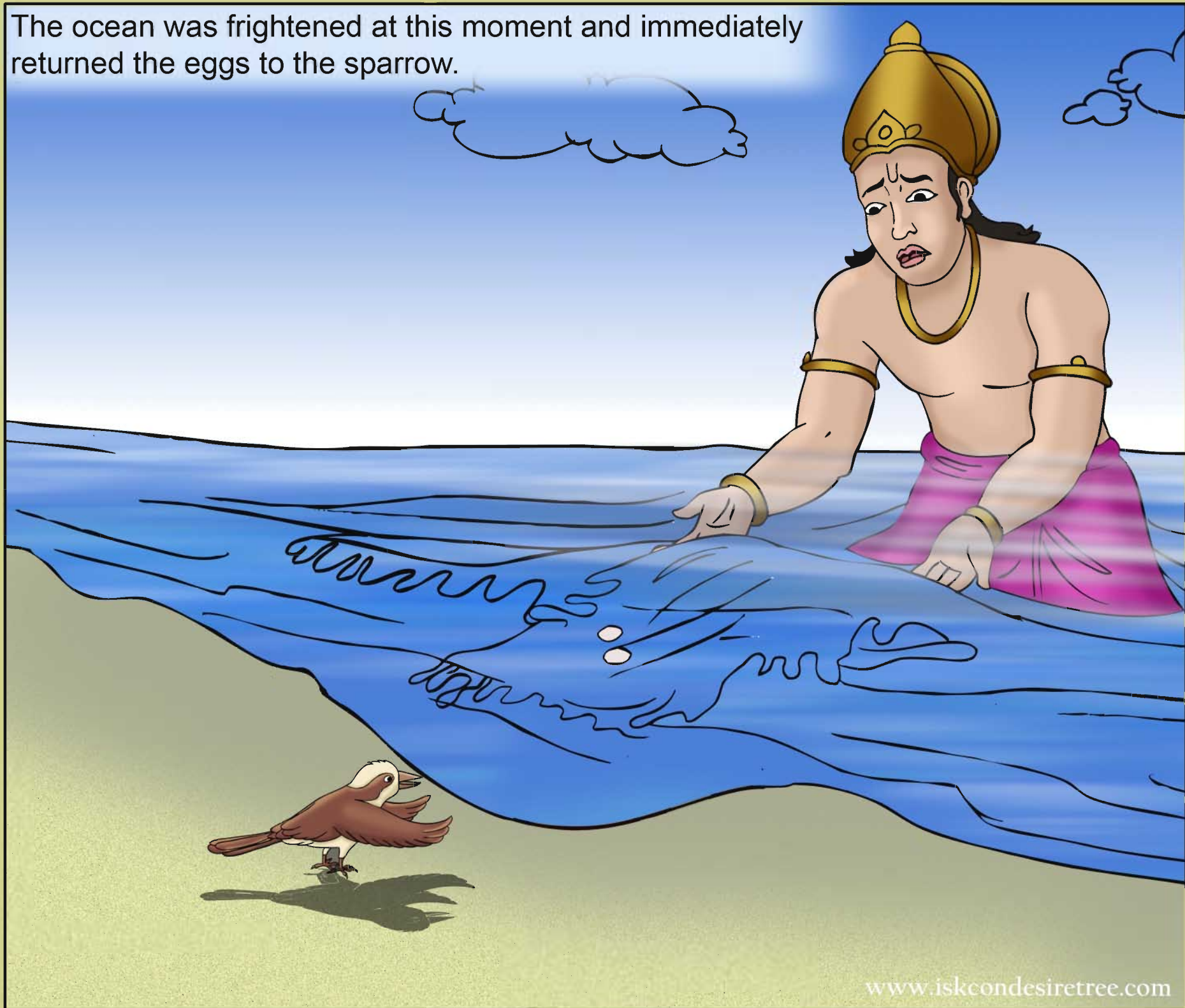


Return the eggs to the sparrow or I myself will take up the work of the sparrow.

Sri Garuda is a dear servant of the Lord and he could easily help the small bird in her daunting task. I am helpless against a servant of Sri Vishnu



The ocean was frightened at this moment and immediately returned the eggs to the sparrow.



Thus the sparrow became very happy by the grace of Garuda.



## **MORAL :**

The small sparrow by herself had no capacity to retrieve her eggs from the ocean. It was indeed an impossible task. Nevertheless, she did not give up her determination. By her determination, she attracted the attention of Sri Garuda who is a dear servant of the Lord and could easily help the small bird in her daunting task.

Similarly, even we on our own cannot reach Krishna but if we try with all determination to render devotional service, then Lord will send us help to achieve success.