

# Crossing the River When It's Dry

*Instructive Stories from the teachings of  
Srla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur*

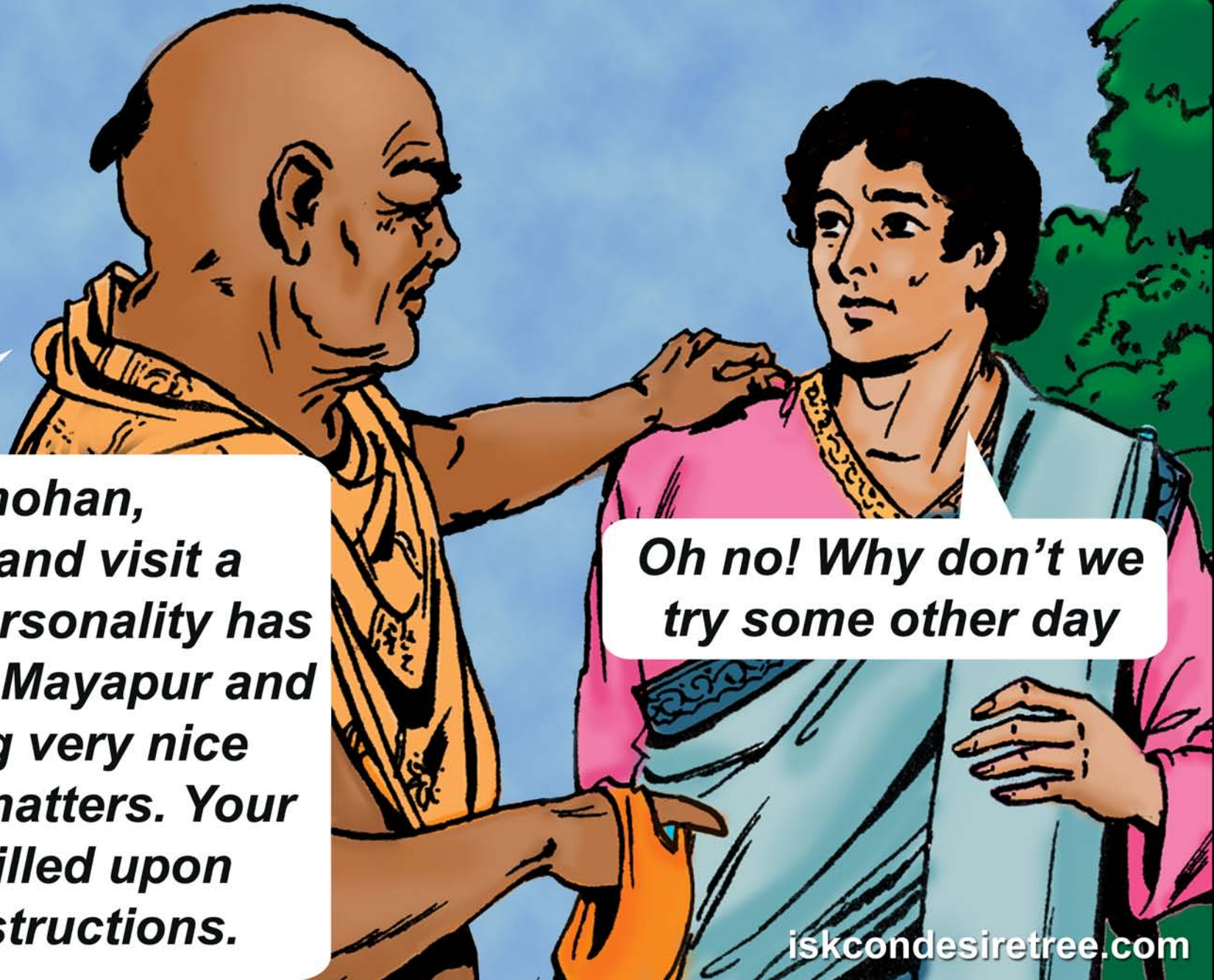


***Kaminimohan was very much attached to comforts & material enjoyment.***





***There was a sadhu who wanted Kaminimohan to change his life & become spiritual***

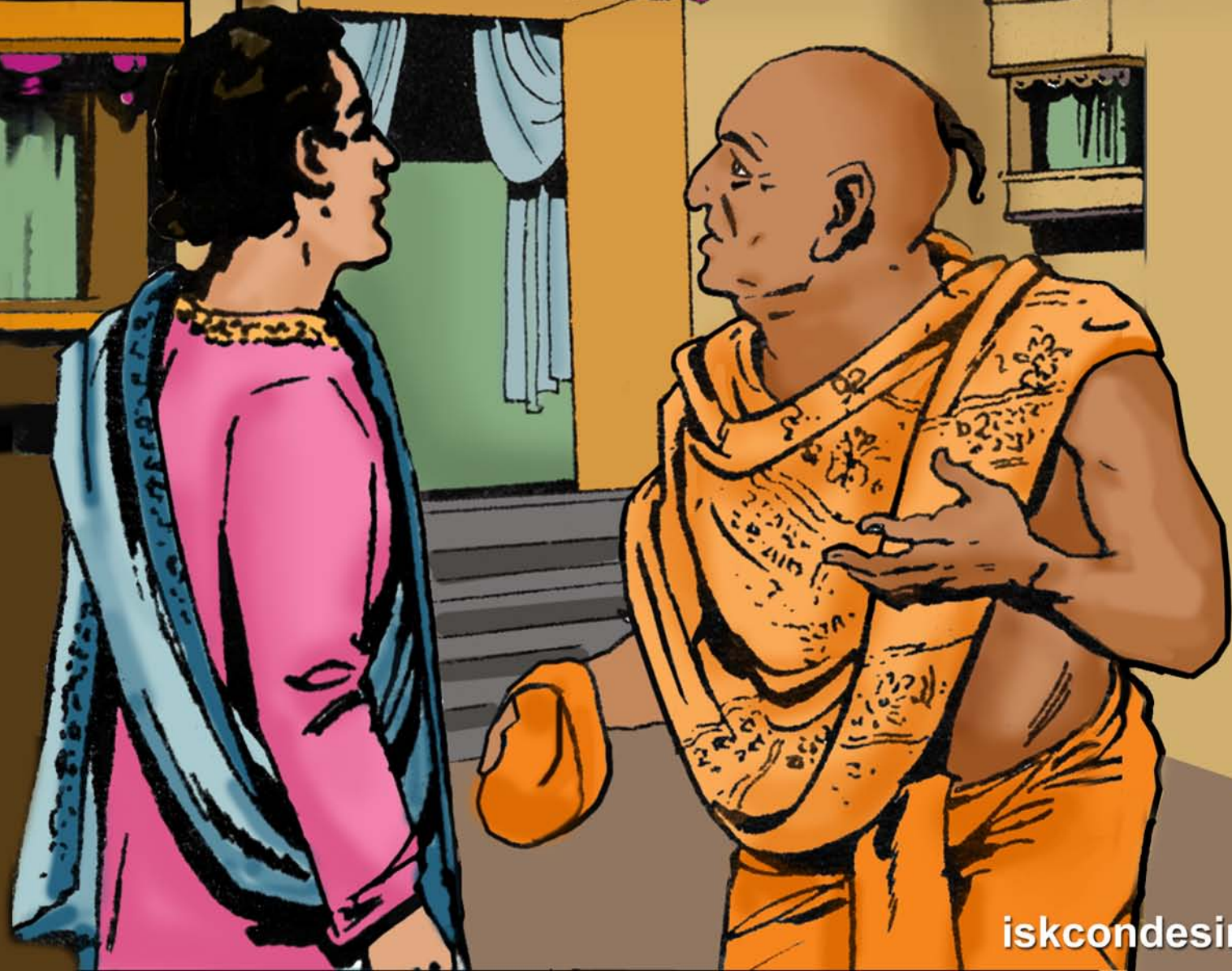


***O Kaminimohan,  
let us both go and visit a  
sadhu. A great personality has  
come to Sridham Mayapur and  
he is preaching very nice  
transcendental matters. Your  
life will be fulfilled upon  
hearing his instructions.***

***Oh no! Why don't we  
try some other day***



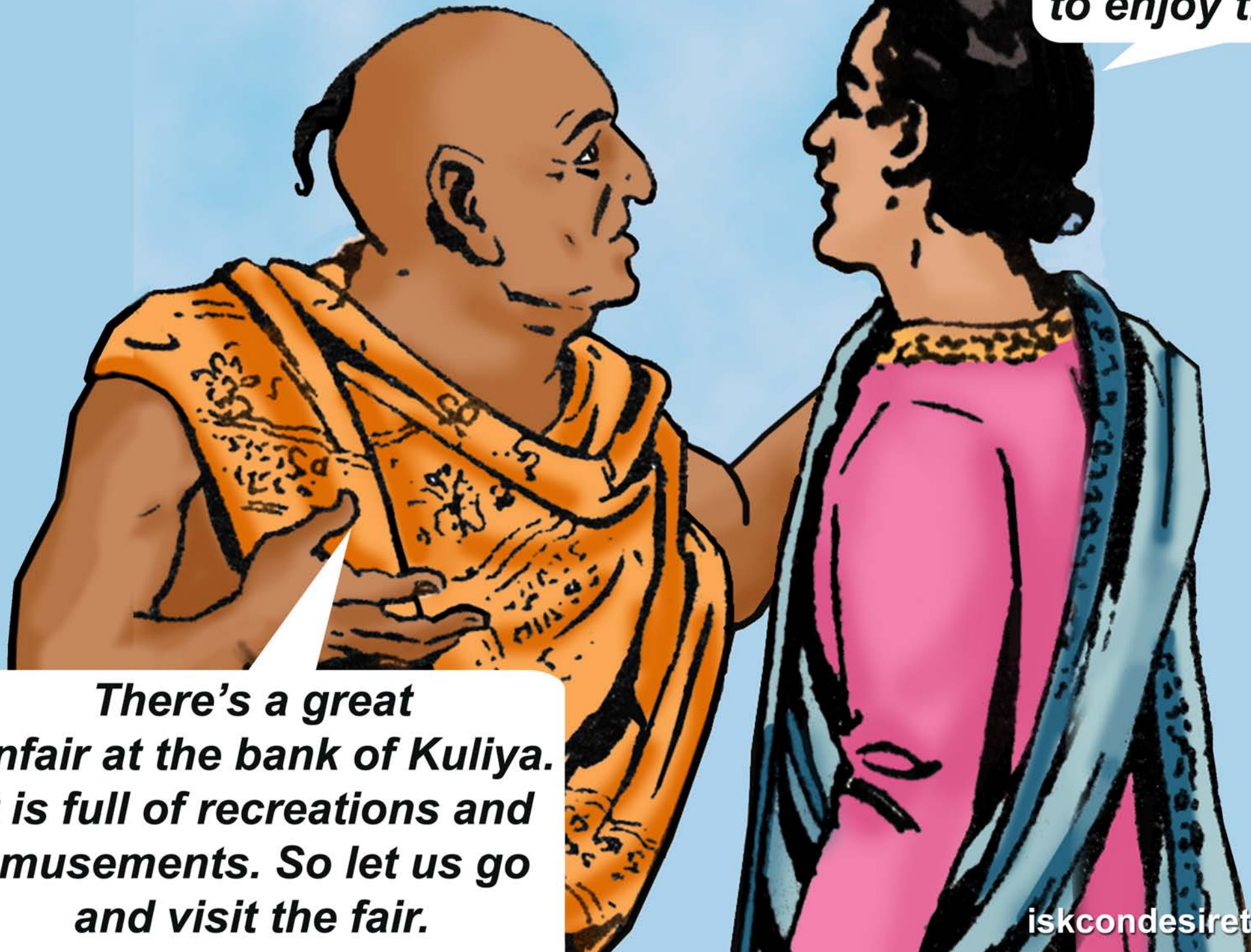
*Although Kaminimohan was very reluctant to leave the comfort of his home, his sadhu friend would always try to make him spiritual.*





***So the Sadhu devised the plan***

***Wow! Let us go to enjoy the fair***



***There's a great funfair at the bank of Kuliya. It is full of recreations and amusements. So let us go and visit the fair.***

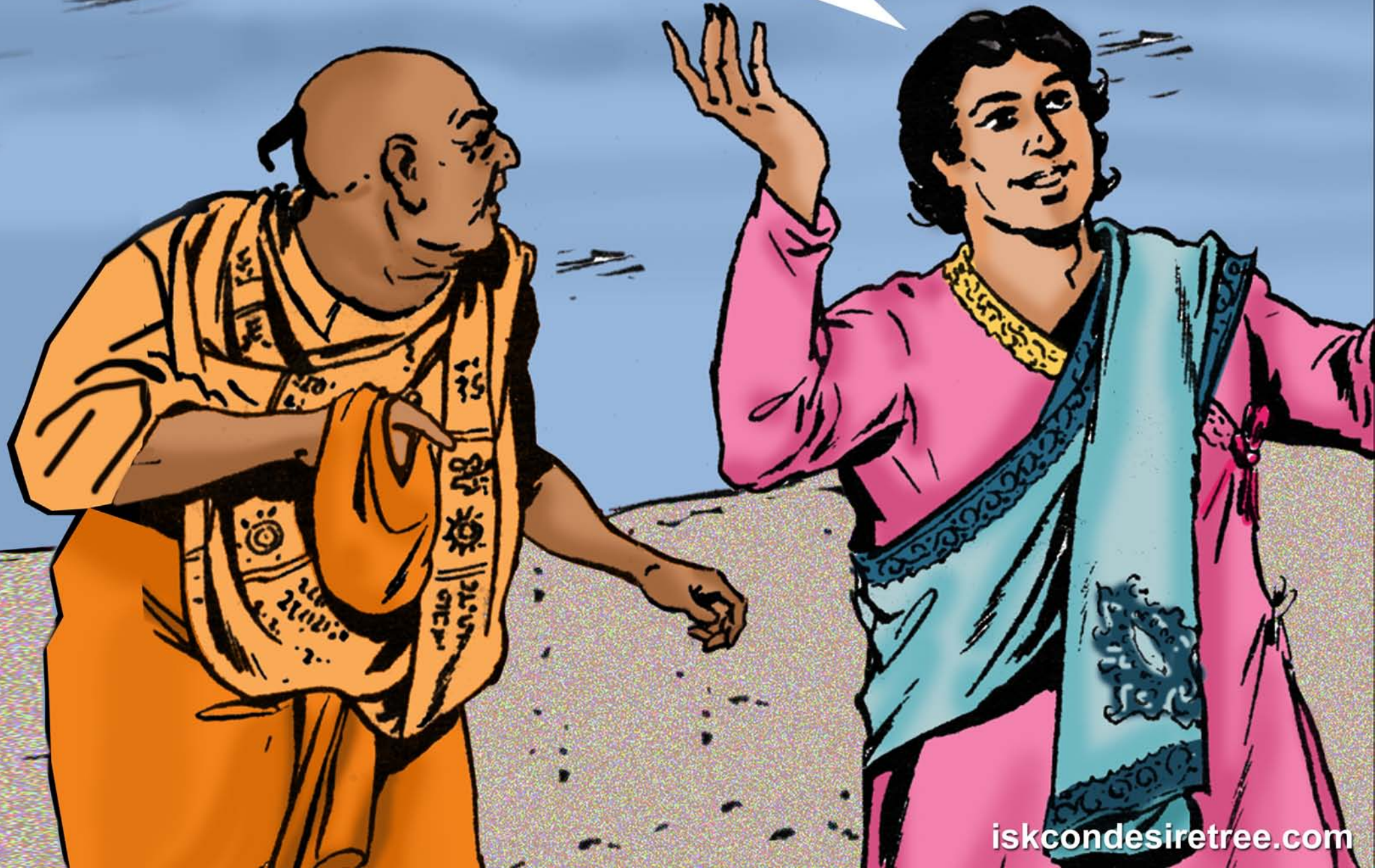


***Somehow by taking to the bank of Kuliya, it would be possible for me to take Kaminimohan across the Ganges to reach Sridham Mayapur.***





**Oh! Great fun  
being in the fair.**





*Standing on the  
banks of Kuliya...*

*Just across the river  
is Sridham Mayapur. Let us go and  
visit the holy dham. There you will  
find the birthplace of Lord Caitanya  
dev. There we can meet the great  
personality who is preaching nice  
transcendental matter. Your life will  
be fulfilled upon hearing his  
instructions.*







***Hey, he is very determined to take me across the river to visit the holy dhama & the great preacher. I should make a counter plan***



***My dear friend, I am very afraid of crossing a river. I am in fact, not at all used to boarding a boat, it gives me nausea, dizziness. I become extremely afraid of drowning, and palpitations start immediately. This is rainy season. In summer, when the river becomes dry we can go there without the help of any baot. At that time I will definitely visit Sri Mayapur and all its interesting places.***





***O, my dear friend,  
you say you'll cross the river  
when it will be dry. This is  
nothing but your insincerity  
and hypocrisy. The river will  
never be dry.***





## **PURPORT**

***Many of us think that we may devote enough time for listening to the transcendental preaching from some saintly person after completing our business in the field of our domestic material entanglements concerning our family members, their desires and wants, diseases and other things. But in fact, these entanglements will never go. Devotional practices will never be undertaken, unless we make it a point to start devotional practices immediately.***