

Physician's Knife

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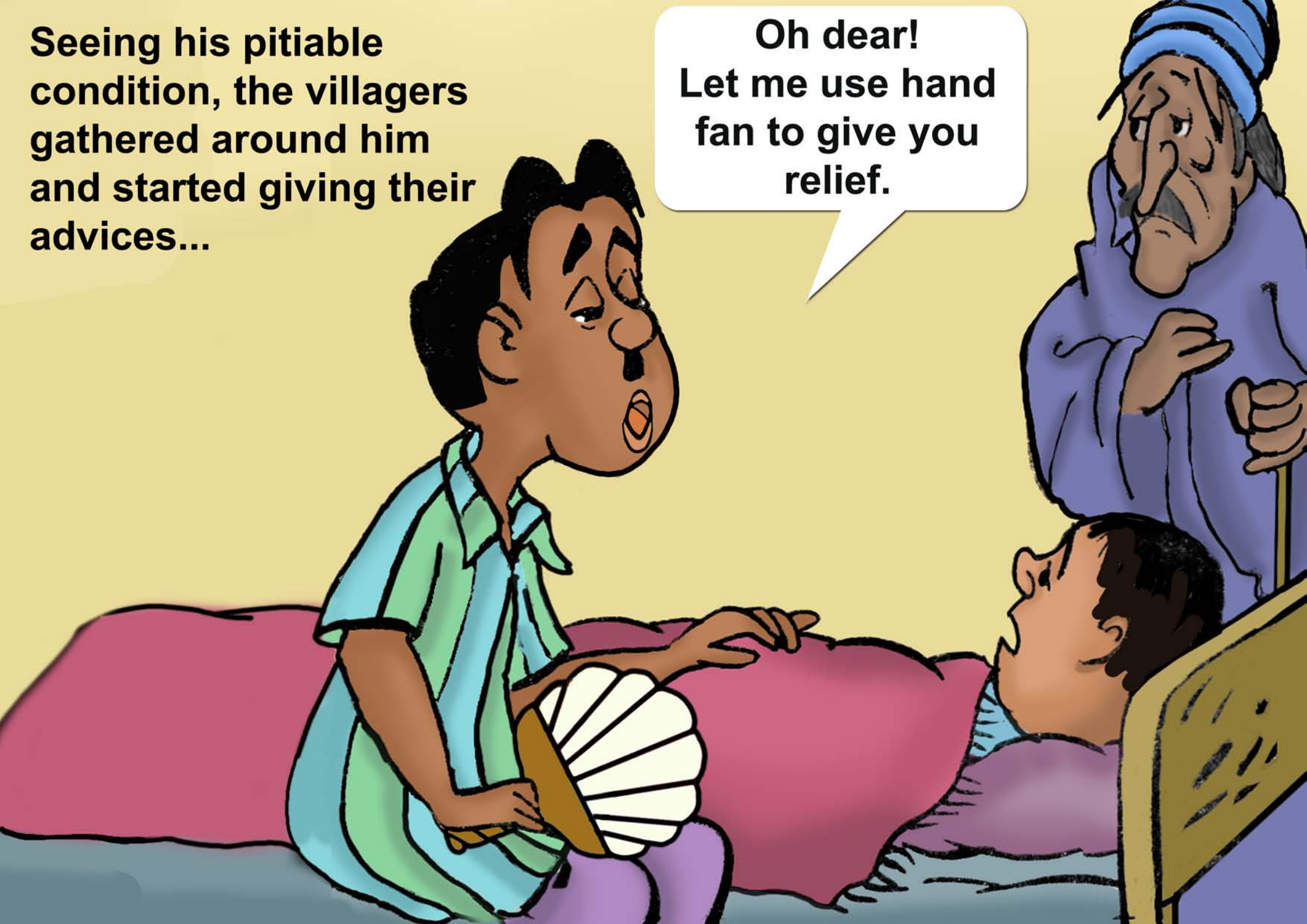


Amar was a village boy who had been suffering so much from a boil on his back that he attempted suicide.



Seeing his pitiable condition, the villagers gathered around him and started giving their advices...

Oh dear!
Let me use hand fan to give you relief.





**Let me
blow my cool
breath to give
you relief.**

May be he should be given some anesthetic drug to save him from such an unbearable physical pain.



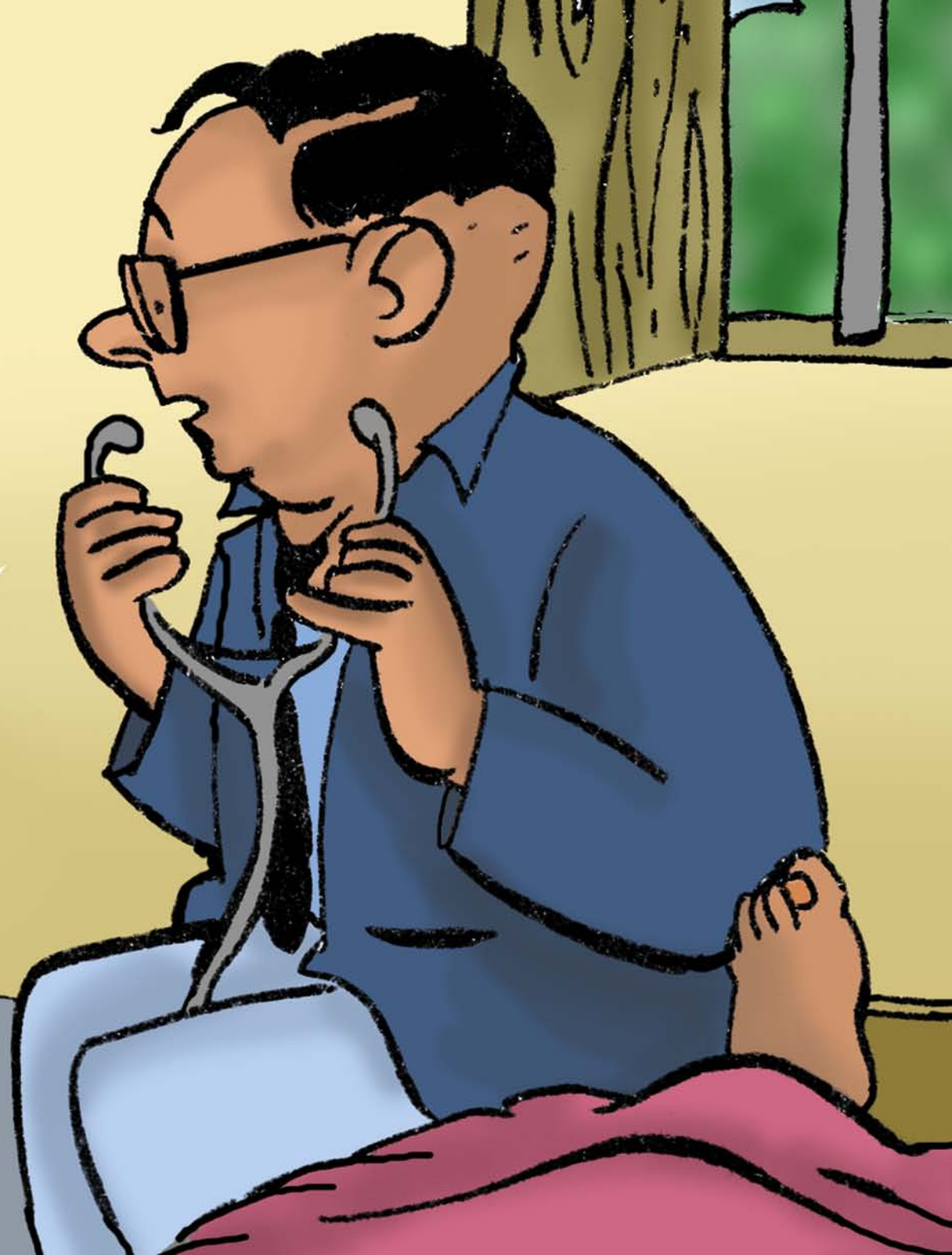
He is suffering so much!

Better to kill the poor child and relieve him eternally from such a painful experience. If he were dead he wouldn't be in pain anymore. The result would be complete solace to both the disease and patient.



Unnerved by such advice, the wise father of the boy immediately sent for an experienced physician, disregarding his son's so called well-wishers.

Your child needs a minor surgery.

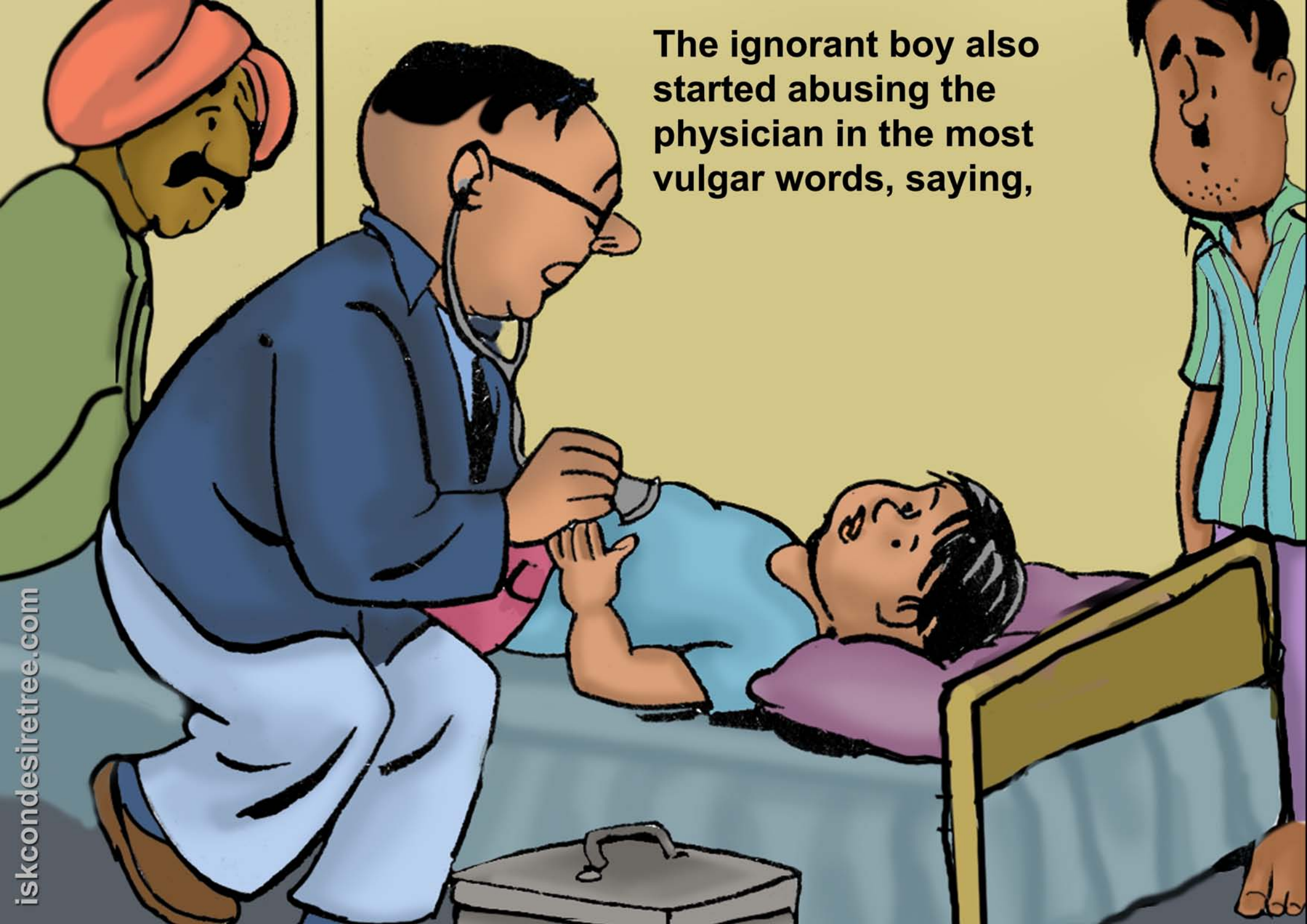


The boy's relatives including the boy's mother, grandmother and others started weeping all in a row.

Oh my son!



The ignorant boy also started abusing the physician in the most vulgar words, saying,



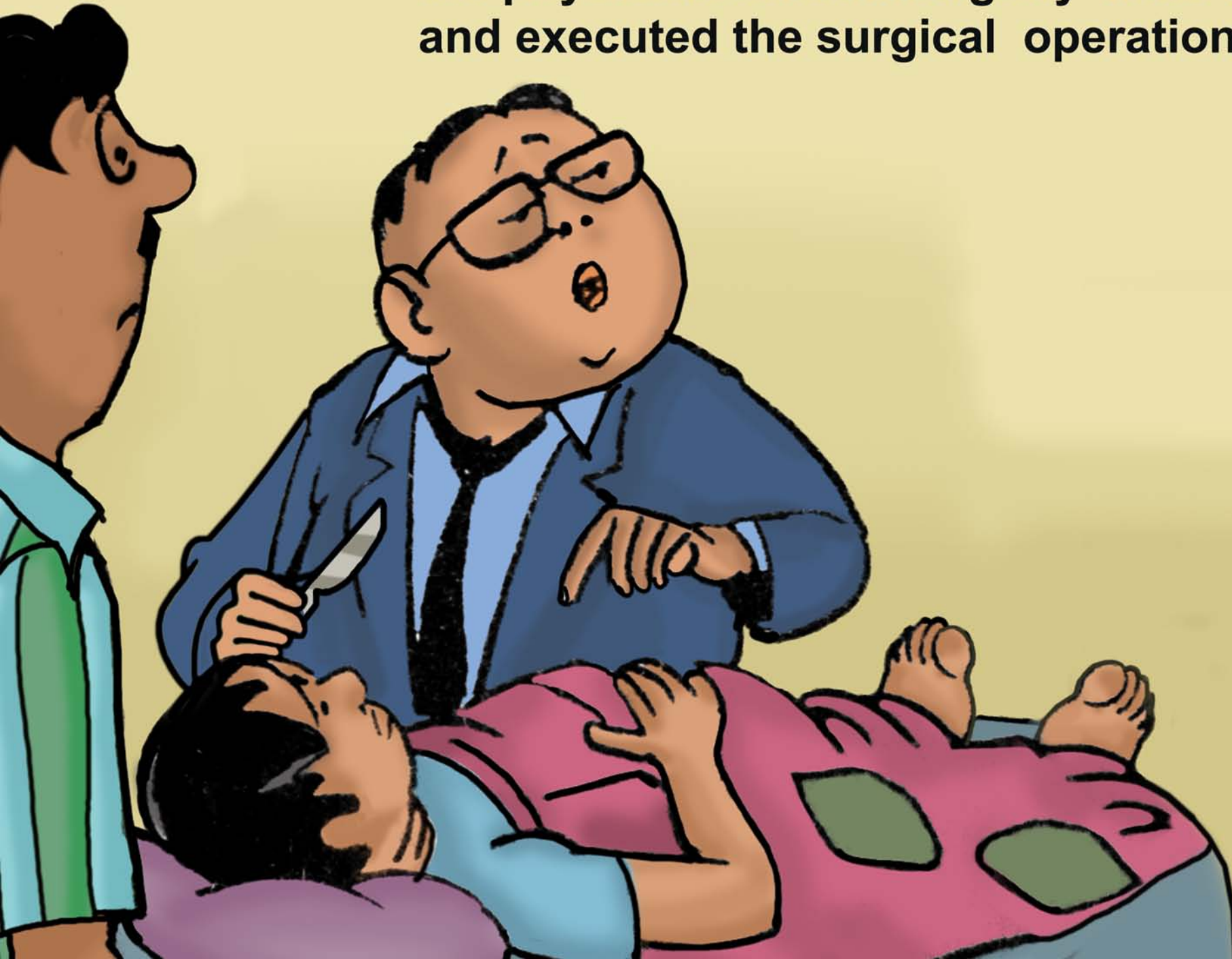


**You have come to
kill me. Leave me alone right
now or I must send for the
police to arrest you!**



Why don't you strike the knife on your own body? Would you go and lynch your own son? I would rather take a dose of poison before I surrender myself to your hands for certain death.

Turning deaf ear to the boy's delirious outburst, the physician held him tightly while he pressed and executed the surgical operation on the boil.



After a while, the boy was completely relieved of all agony and gradually became well within a few days.

**Thank you!
Now I am relieved!**

Purport :

Just like a real physician, quite often the real spiritual masters and saintly persons also dissect some of the knots in the obstinate mind of living entities by way of apparently distasteful injunctions and instructions varying on the degrees of entanglement. But the suffering entity is hardly inclined to agree with such injunctions and instead, misapply a lot of harsh words to those saintly persons blaspheming them as their enemies and extremely merciless executioners.

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So-called relatives and friends of such suffering entities strongly advocate against such a surgical operation to avoid the apparent pain and uneasiness. Some such pseudo-friends even in the name of impersonalism advise one to commit suicide to get rid of the rut.

In fact, none of these ways can be fruitfully undertaken for eternal welfare of an entity. The constitutional position of a living entity is only realized after disentanglement from all unworthy mundane attachments with the help of saintly injunctions sincerely followed. This enables one to enter into the province of devotional service which is the only way to eternal bliss and peace of mind.