



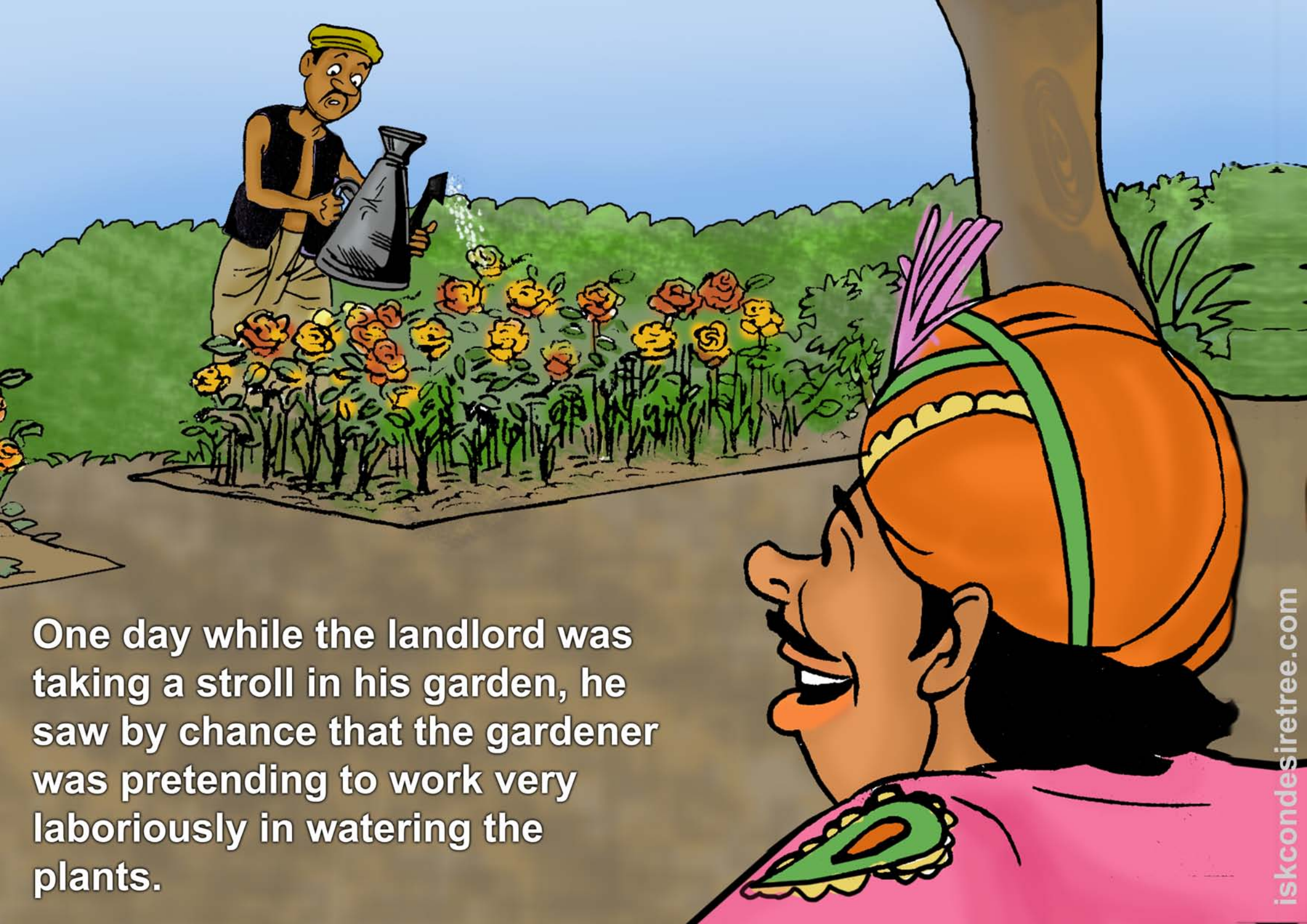
The Idiot Gardener and Stupid pandit



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




A landlord had one gardener for tending his garden and one pandit in his court. Both of them were in the same in as much as one was a gardener knowing very little about plantcare, while the other one, although well-versed in letters, were short in common sense.



One day while the landlord was taking a stroll in his garden, he saw by chance that the gardener was pretending to work very laboriously in watering the plants.

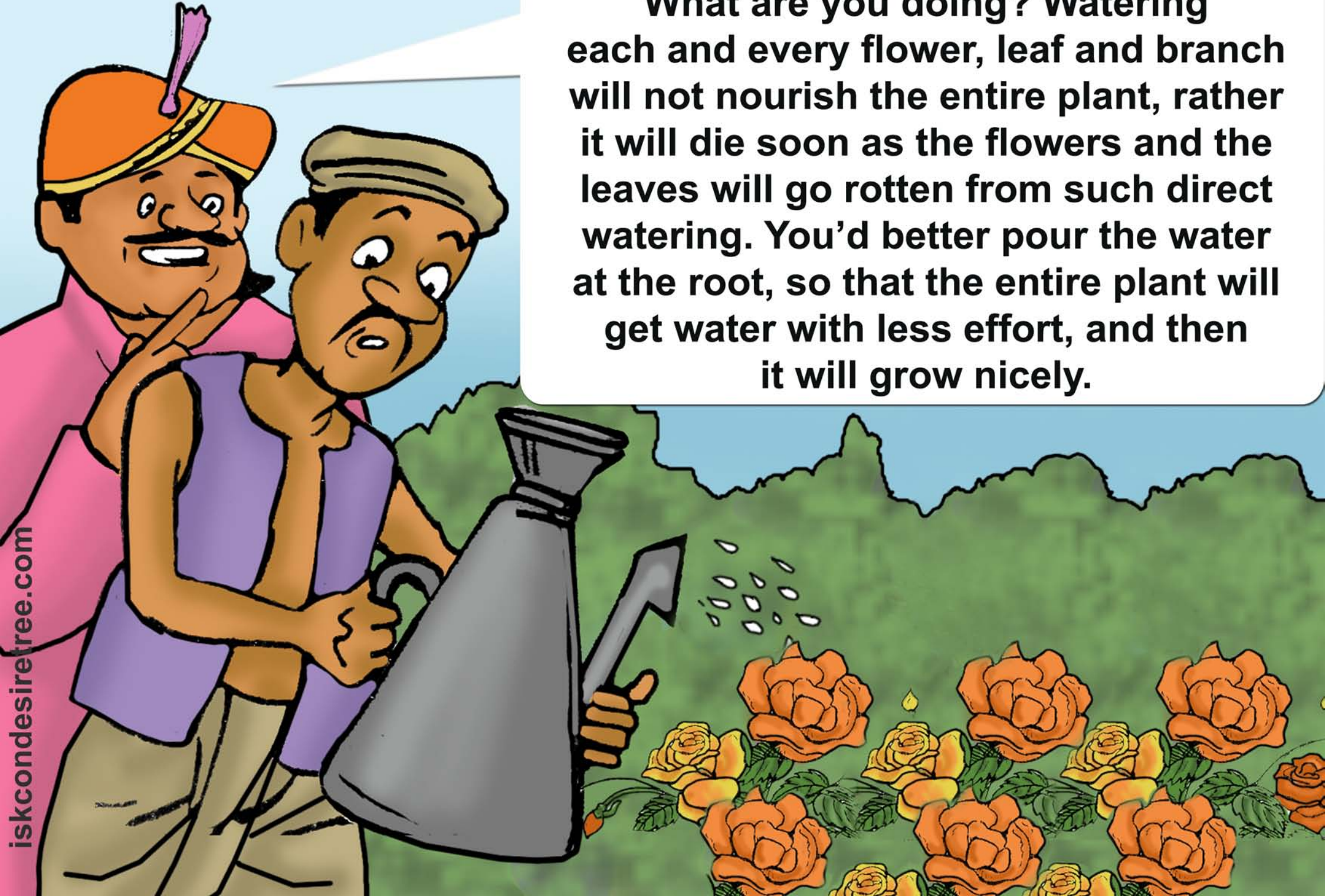
He was watering very meticulously each and every flower, every leaf and every branch one by one.





**The leaves, branches
and flowers should better be
watered profusely because
those are the products of
the tree.**

What are you doing? Watering each and every flower, leaf and branch will not nourish the entire plant, rather it will die soon as the flowers and the leaves will go rotten from such direct watering. You'd better pour the water at the root, so that the entire plant will get water with less effort, and then it will grow nicely.




After advising the stupid gardener, the landlord happen to meet the pandit in his room and found that he to was committing a great blunder.




As the gardener was as illiterate as a fool, the pandit, on the other hand, although apparently learned, was a greater fool. The pandit was sitting in front of several dishes of delicious foods and was making small lumps out of the food putting those lumps one after the other into the cavities of his ears, nose, eyes, and on his hands and feet.





Oh learned pundit! What are you doing? Why are you putting food in you ears, nose, eyes, hands and feet?



**My ears, nose, eyes,
hands and feet are all the time
working very hard and always
fulfilling all my desires and
therefore they should be satisfied
first, before satisfying the stomach
and the mouth.**



**Oh! How stupid
you are? All the senses are
nourished automatically if
you feed the stomach.**

Purport :

Srimad Bhagvatam says :

*yatha tarormula niseceanena
trpyanti tat skandhobhujopasakhah
prinopaharac ca yathendriyanam
tathaiva sarvarhanam acyutejya*

“As pouring water on the root of a tree energizes the trunk, branches, twigs and everything else, and as supplying food to the stomach enlivens the senses and limbs of the body, simply worshipping the Supreme Personality of Godhead through devotional service automatically satisfies the demigods, who are parts of that Supreme Personality.”

(SB 4.31.14)