


# THE SNAKE AND THE MOUSE




A snake and a mouse were once caught in a basket.




A cartoon illustration of a green snake with a yellow underbelly, coiled in a stone-walled enclosure. The snake has large, expressive eyes and is shown with its mouth open, revealing its tongue and sharp fangs. A speech bubble above the snake's head contains the text "Look, I could eat you very easily". The background consists of grey and brown stone blocks.

Look, I could eat you very easily



But it's more important for me  
to get out of this basket.



Why don't you make a hole  
so that we can both escape?

The mouse agreed.

Good idea!



The mouse started working. But as soon as the hole was big enough....

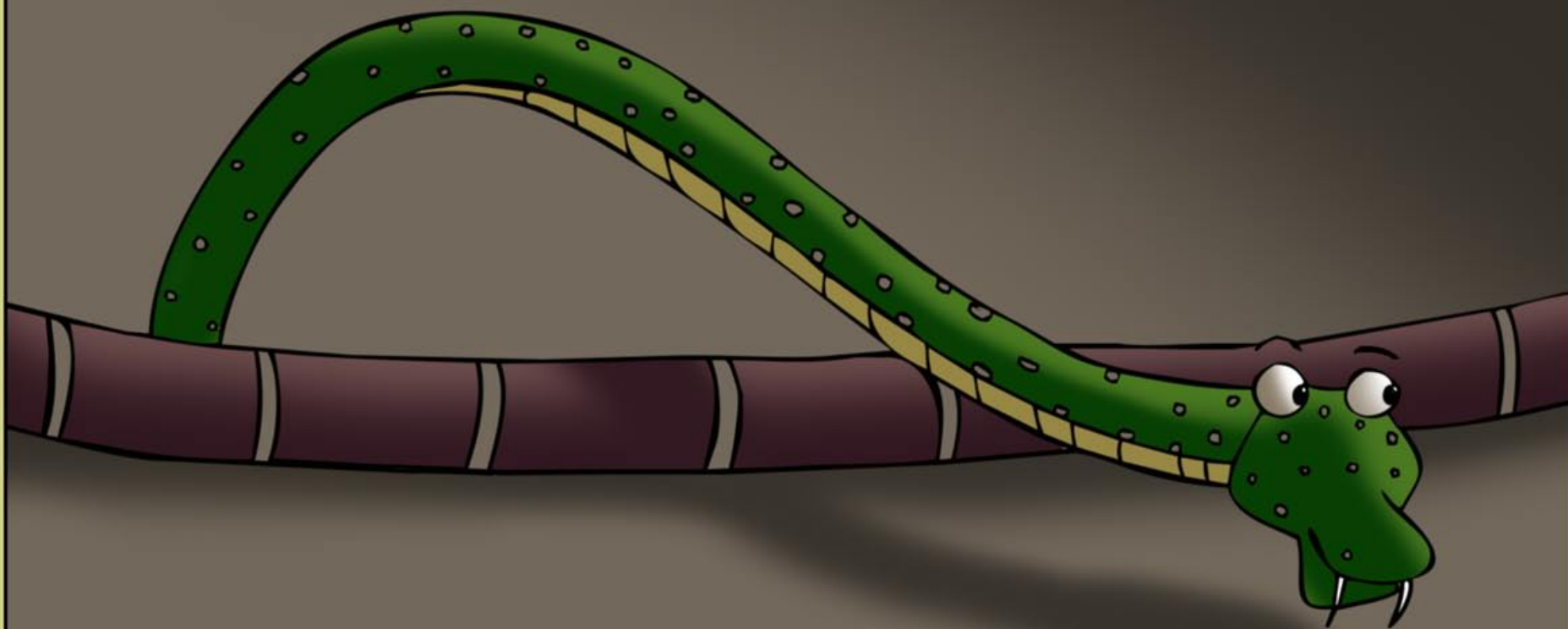


.....the snake ate the mouse





And came out o f the basket.



MORAL :

This is just like the impersonalists who use the guru in order to come to a level of spiritual understanding, but then reject him or try to become better than him.

- Srila Prabhupada.