

**EVERY MAN
IS TOO MUCH
ATTACHED**



Once Birbal and Akbar were doing sikhara rounds to learn about the condition of people in the country. They were dressed in civilian clothes so that no one could recognize them.



On their way, they saw a wife and husband arguing.

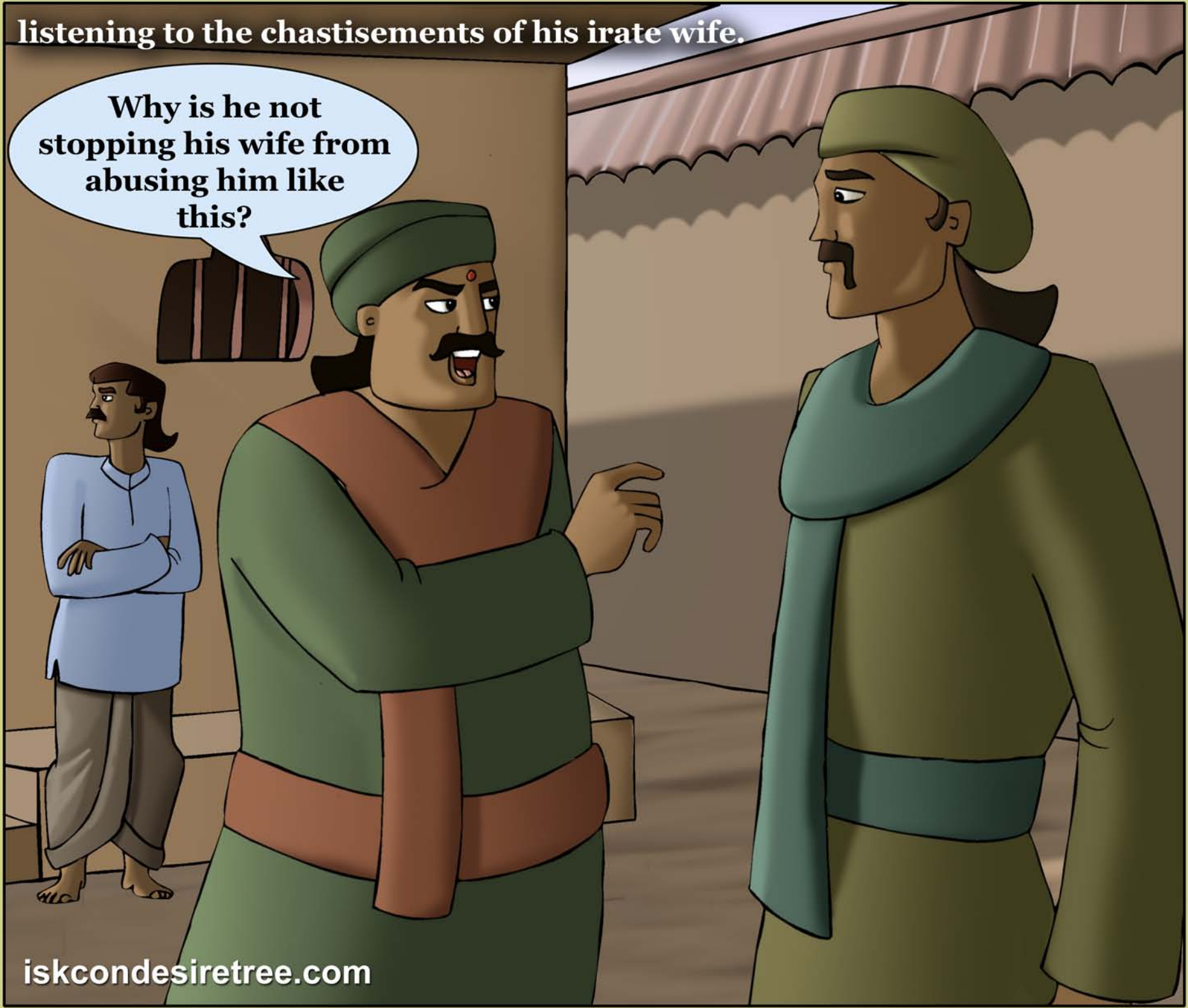



At one point, the wife, who was considerably shorter than her large husband, slapped his face while the man tolerated it and stood there.



listening to the chastisements of his irate wife.

Why is he not
stopping his wife from
abusing him like
this?





**Sir,
this is because every
man is too much attached
to his wife.**

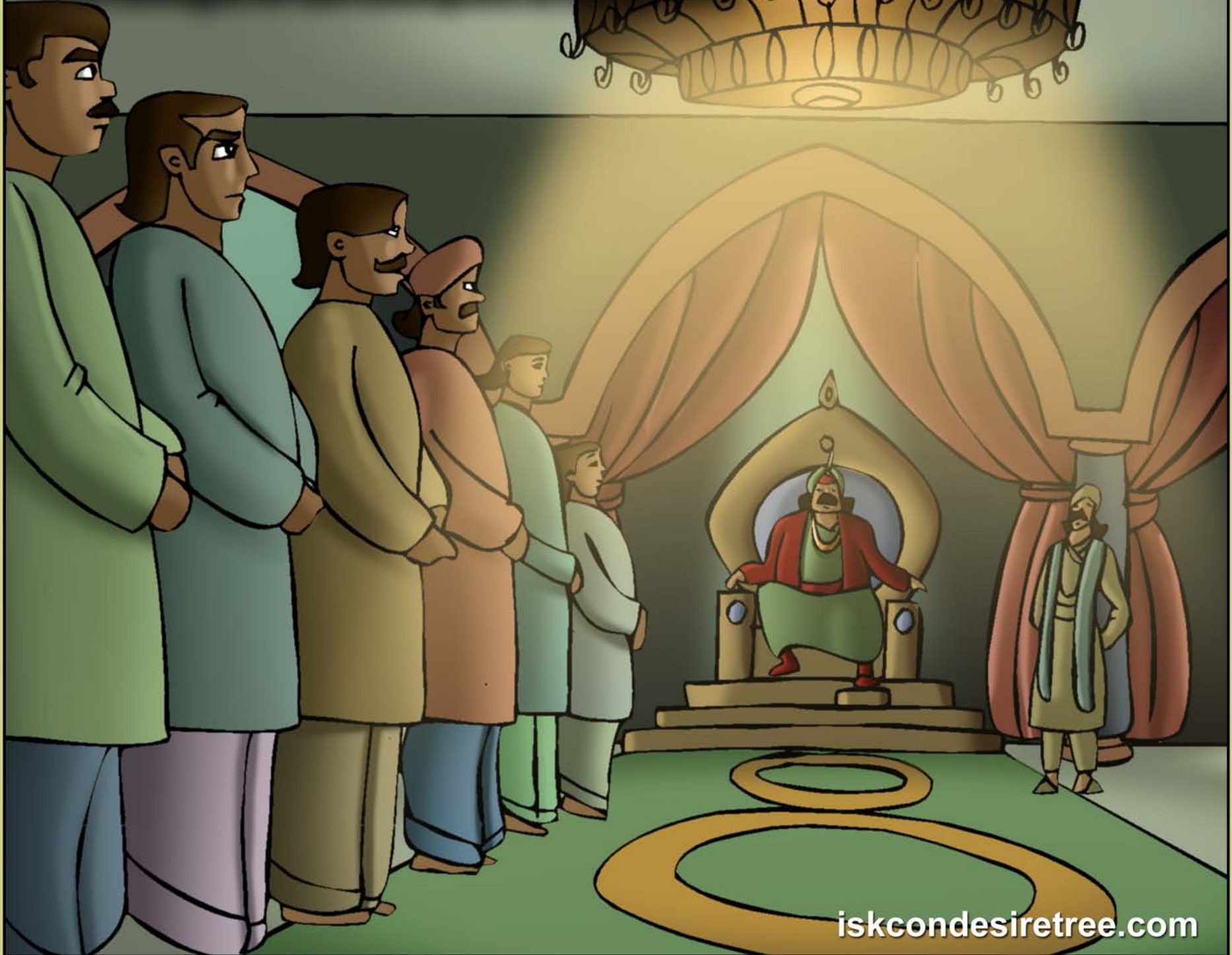


**I don't believe
this! Prove it.**

**Very well, Sir.
Let us gather all the married
men in the country and
conduct a survey.**



So all the married men in Akbar's kingdom were brought to the courtyard of the palace.



My dear fellows, the great emperor Akbar wants to know how many of you follow the commands of your wives. All those who obey their wives' instructions move to the other side of the courtyard.



Immediately there was a huge exodus of men to the other side of the courtyard. Only one man remained where he stood.




Akbar expressed his relief at this.

At least there is
one man who does not obey his
wife like a fool.



Birbal called the man over and questioned him.

**When I called for
all those who obeyed their wives'
commands to move to the other side
of the courtyard, why did you
not move?**



Because my wife
told me to stay away from
the crowd.

MORAL :

**One must take care of his wife and family
but not be over attached to them.**