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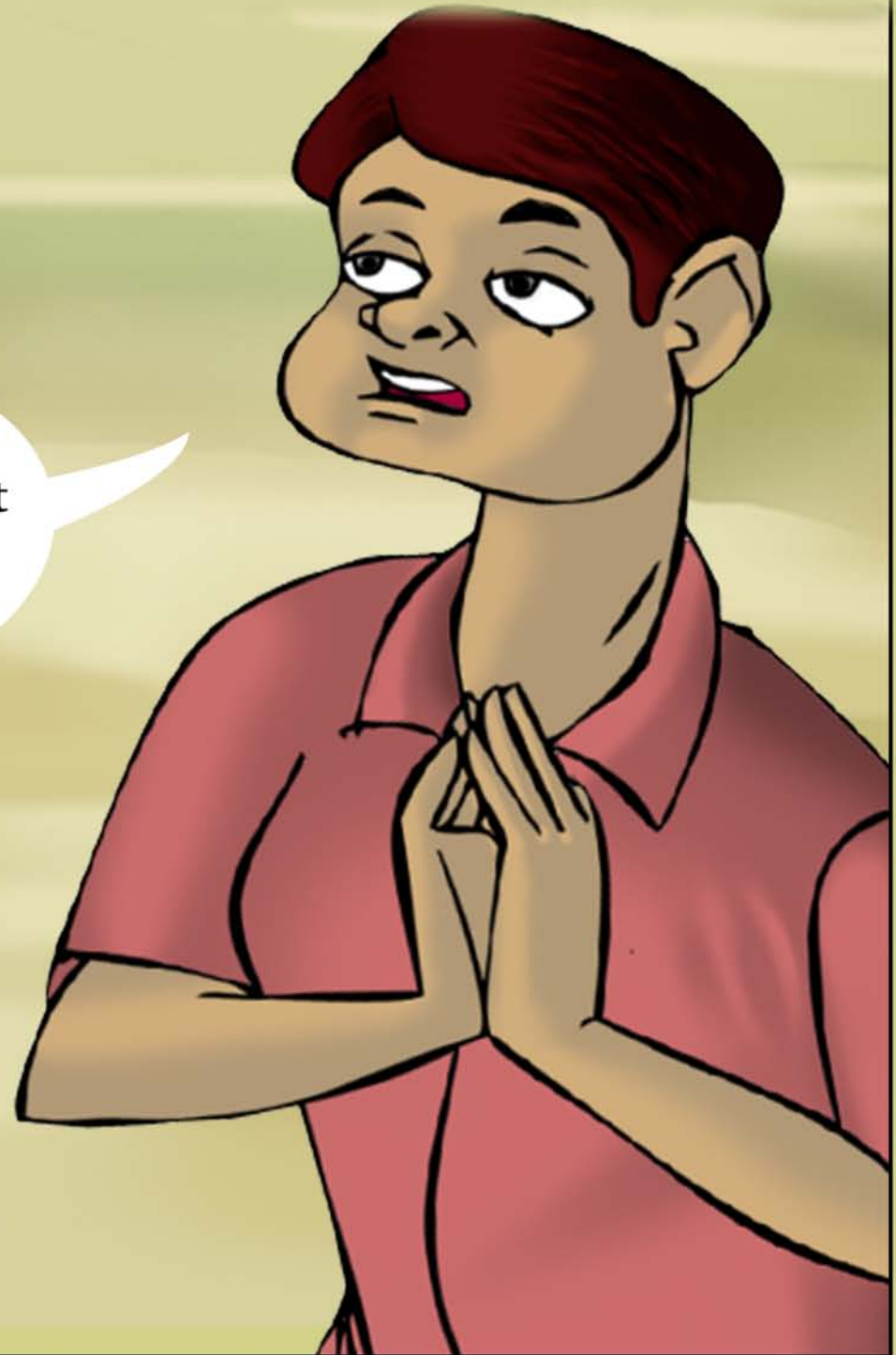
Gautama Muni

Once there was a boy named Jabala
who was a prostitute's son.



He went to Gautama Muni and asked...

**Will you
kindly accept
me as your
disciple?**



Gautam Muni asked the boy...

Who
are you?



The boy replied,

**I am
my mother's
son.**



Hearing his answer Gautam Muni asked...

**Then who
is your father?**



The boy politely replied...

**That
I do not
know.**



Gautam Muni said...

**Ask your
mother.**



**Jabala goes to his house
to meet his mother.**

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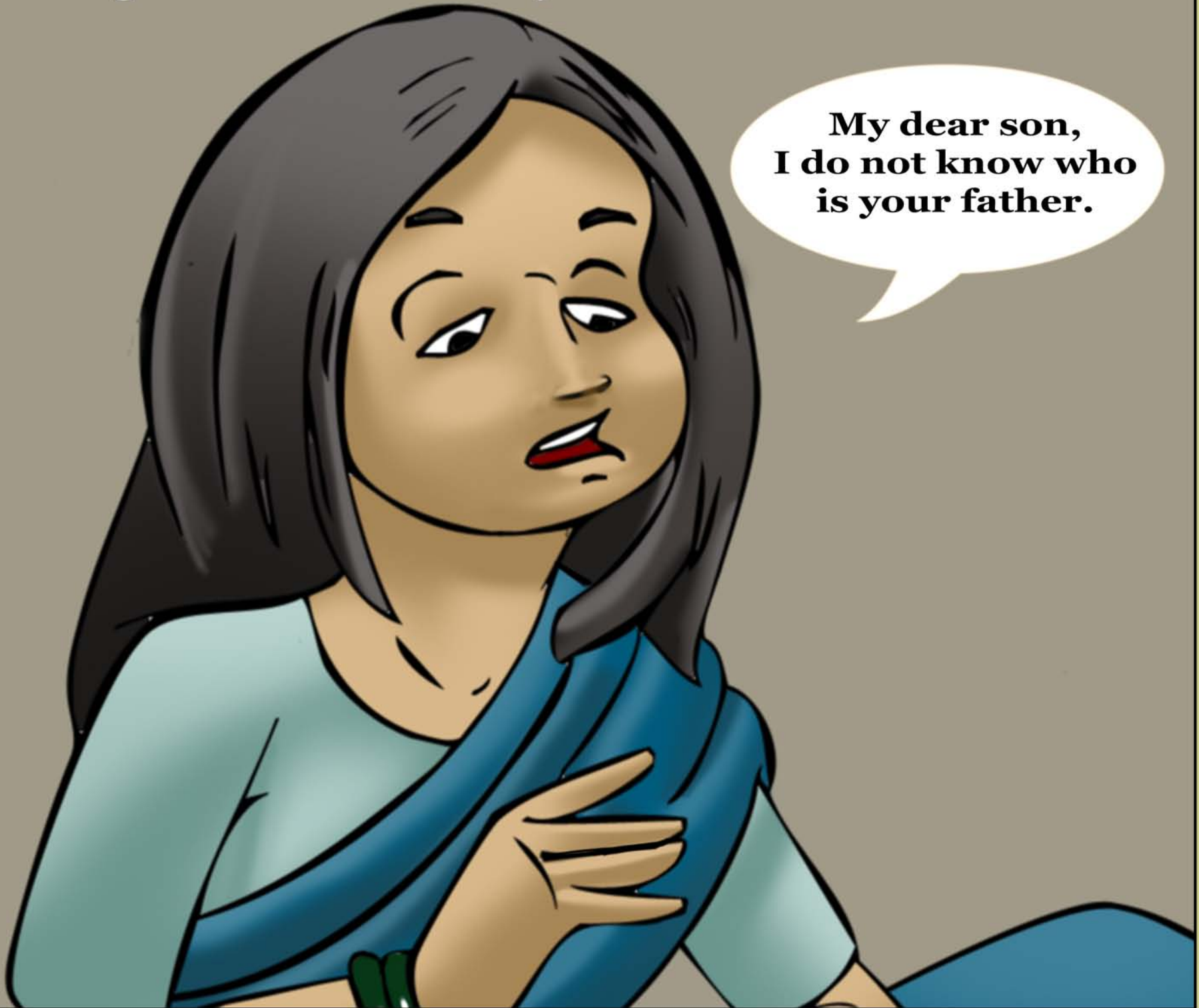


**Mother, I went to Gautama
Muni asking him to accept me as his
disciple. He has asked me to ask you who
my father is. Mother, can you tell me,
who is my father?**



Hearing this his mother sadly told Jabala...

**My dear son,
I do not know who
is your father.**



Jabala went back to Gautama Muni...



And replied to him in a humble way...

**My mother
also does not know who
my father is.**


Hearing Jabala's sincere answer, Gautam Muni happily said...

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**Yes, yes,
you are a Brahmana.
Come on, i accept you as
my disciple as you are
speaking the truth.**





**Since you have the
quality of truthfulness,
I will take you as my
disciple.**

MORAL

Gautama Muni took Jabala as his disciple as he had the qualities of brahmana truthfulness. Honesty is a true quality of a Brahmana. In this story, Jabala could have easily lied, since not knowing about one's father is considered a social scandal even in today's date. But he was truthfull without worrying about what others would say. Therefore, we must always be honest regardless of the immediate consequences.