

The Dancer

who did not

Perform



Once, there was a dancer who used to boast about his dancing skills. He normally held performances only in his village.



One day, his friend gave him a suggestion...


**You should go to
the capital and show
your skills.**





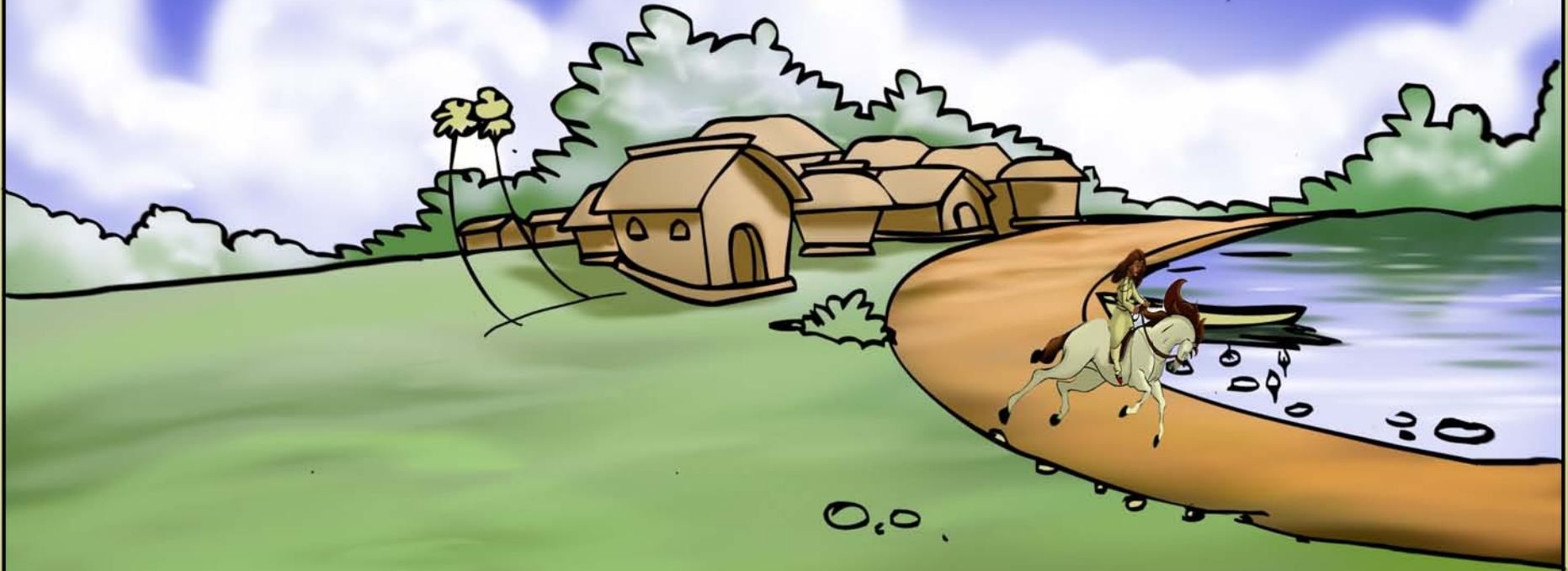
I have heard that the king is holding a competition tomorrow, where he has invited all the dancers of the kingdom to come and show their dancing skills.

The dancer was very excited....

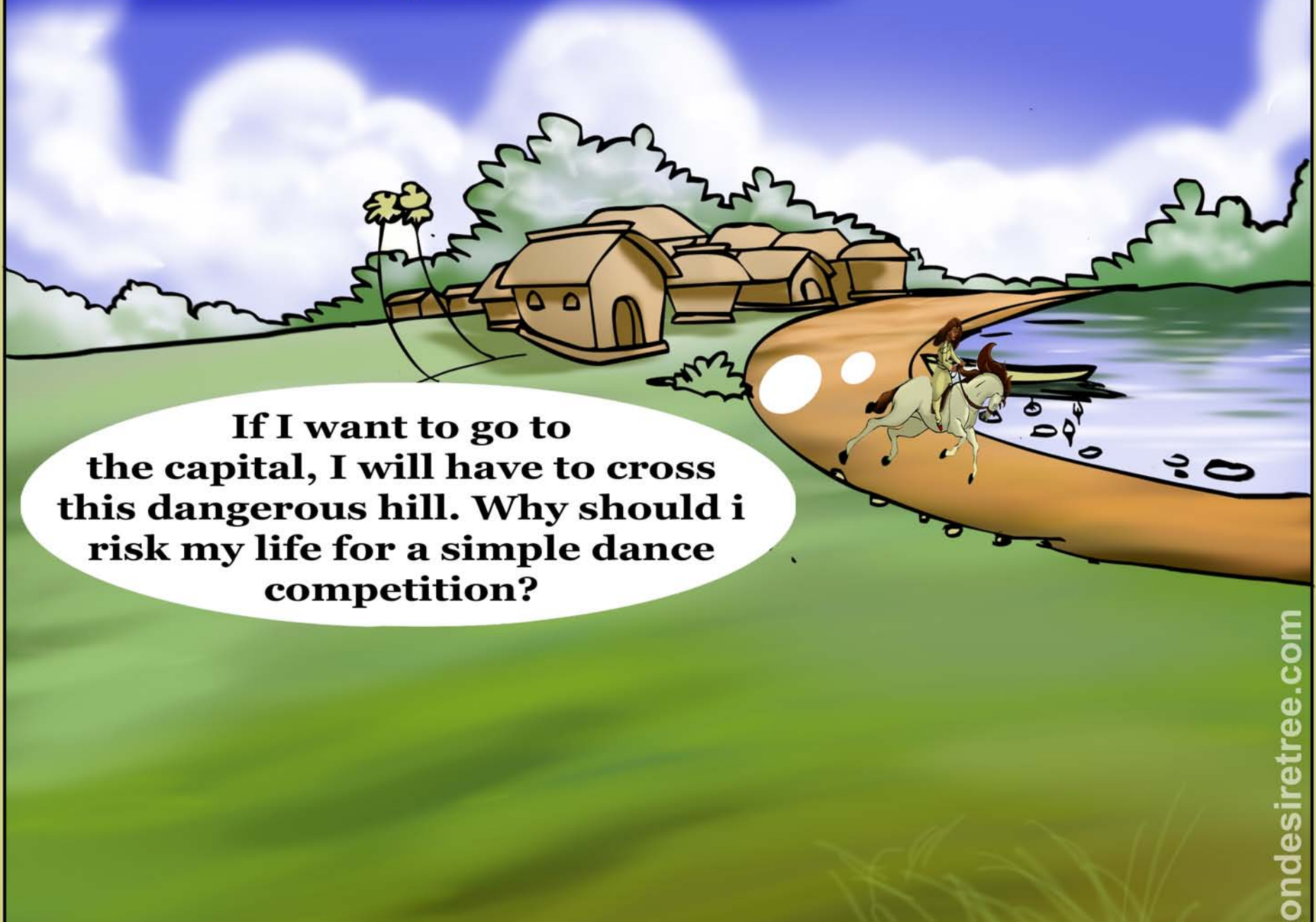


Oh really! I should go to the competition and win the title of the best dancer of the kingdom.

So, the dancer left for the capital...



On his way, he saw a big hill. Looking at the hill, he thought to himself...



If I want to go to the capital, I will have to cross this dangerous hill. Why should I risk my life for a simple dance competition?

...And so he turned around to go back to his village.

Next day he returned to the village and his friend asked...

**So, how was
your performance last
night?**

Disappointed by the question, he sadly replied...

No, I could not....



His friend was surprised....

Why not?



The dancer exclaimed...

**There was a
hill in the dancing
arena!**



MORAL:

Just because the situation wasn't favorable for the dancer, he did not perform. This shows that he lacked determination because a true dancer would have danced under any circumstances. Similarly, a dedicated disciple performs his or her duty even if the facilities are lacking. That is true determination.