

# *The Devotee*

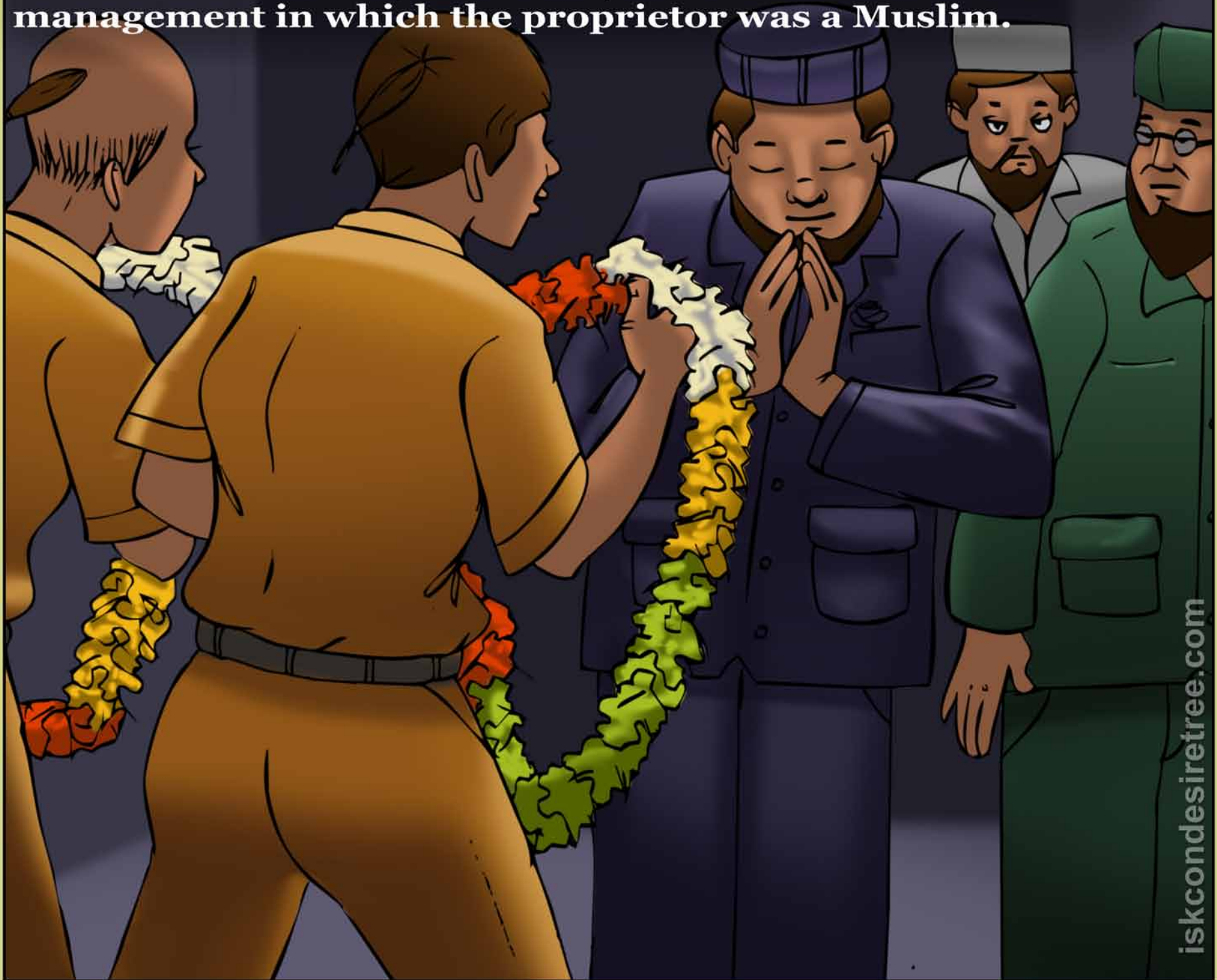
*who kept his Tilaka*



**Once, there was a factory where all the workers were Vaishnavas. They all had the freedom to wear their Vaishnava Tilaka, and they also displayed the other Vaishnava paraphernalia.**



**But after some time, the factory was handed over to a new management in which the proprietor was a Muslim.**



**On taking over  
the business,  
the Muslim  
owner made  
his own rules.**

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**Most of the workers obeyed, and on the given date announced by the owner, they appeared at the factory without their tilaka.**

**We have to obey the management!**

**What else can we do?**

**We have no choice!  
It is better to come without a Tilaka.**

**One employee thought that he should take a chance. So he went to work wearing a very clear, white vaishnava tilaka.**

**It is better  
that I should just depend  
on the Lord and wear my  
tilaka as usual.**




**The Muslim proprietor saw  
all the assembled workers.**

**Ah! this person  
is so bold and courageous.  
So he should be rewarded  
accordingly.**



**He talks to his secretary.**



**That one devotee who has worn the Vaishnava tilaka is very courageous. He may be permitted to continue wearing the tilaka at work. But all the others are forbidden to wear it any more.**



## ***MORAL:***

***We should not unnecessarily abandon our Vaishnava culture. Whenever there are times of crises, we must simply have faith in Krishna and continue our regular paraphernalia.***