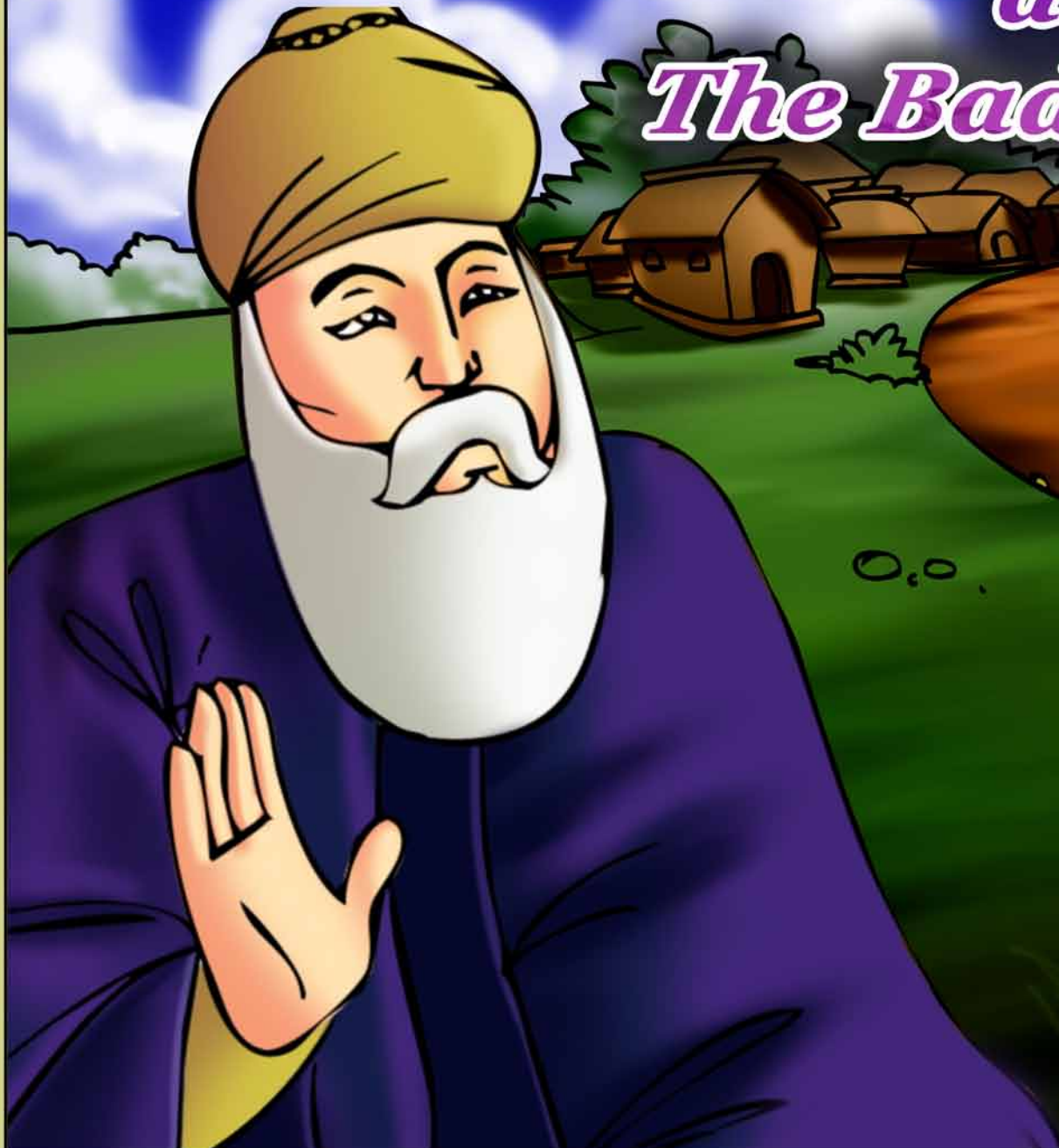


# *The Good and The Bad Villages*





Once Guru Nanak, the Sikh teacher, was traveling with a disciple whose name was Mardan.





They came across a village where people were very inhospitable.



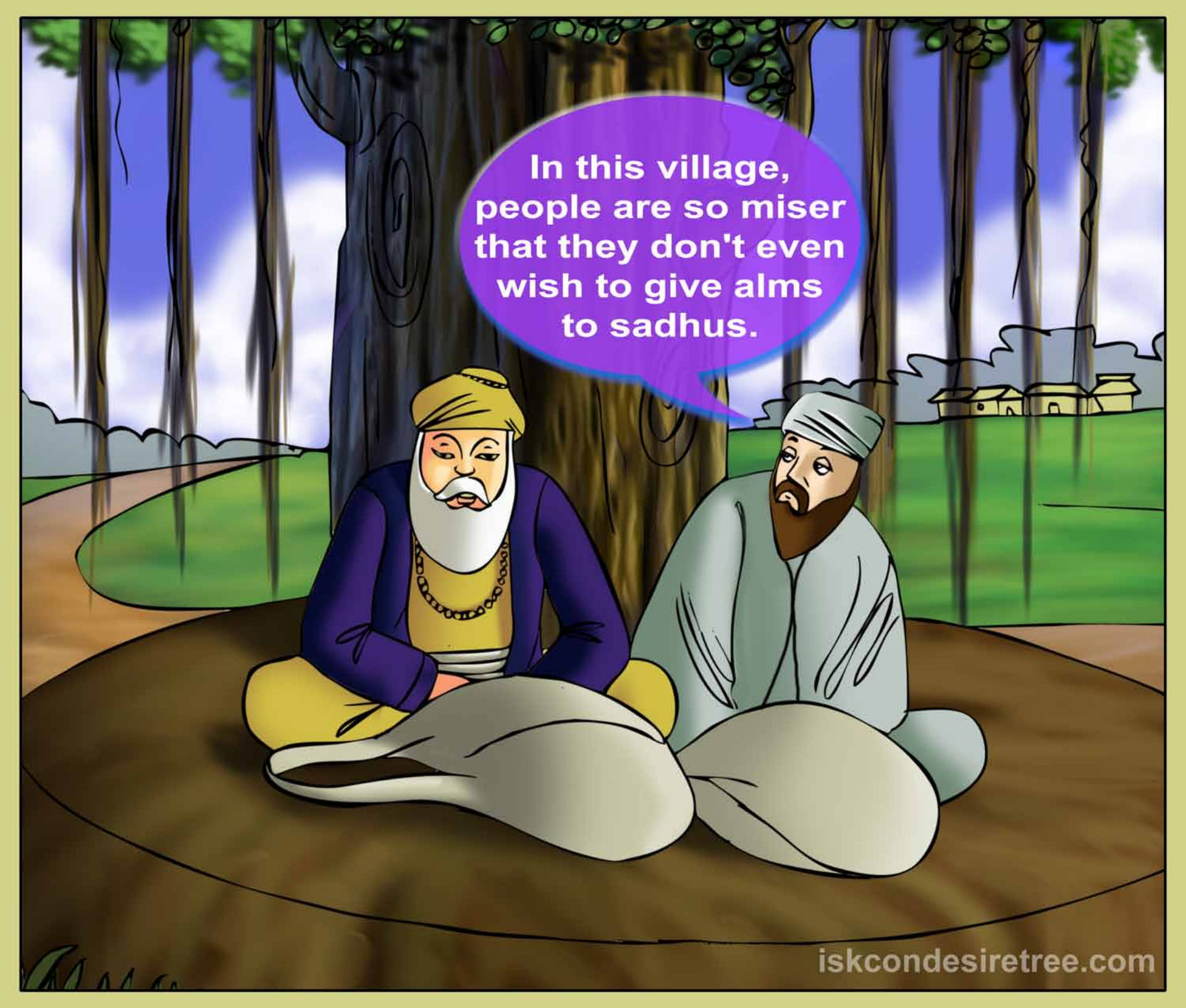


Oh ho!  
Go, find someone else.  
We don't have anything  
to give you.





Please  
go from here we don't  
have anything.



In this village,  
people are so miser  
that they don't even  
wish to give alms  
to sadhus.





May this village  
always be here!

Soon after they left for another village.





The villagers here were extremely kind and courteous to their guests.

Please come inside, and bless us by your presence.

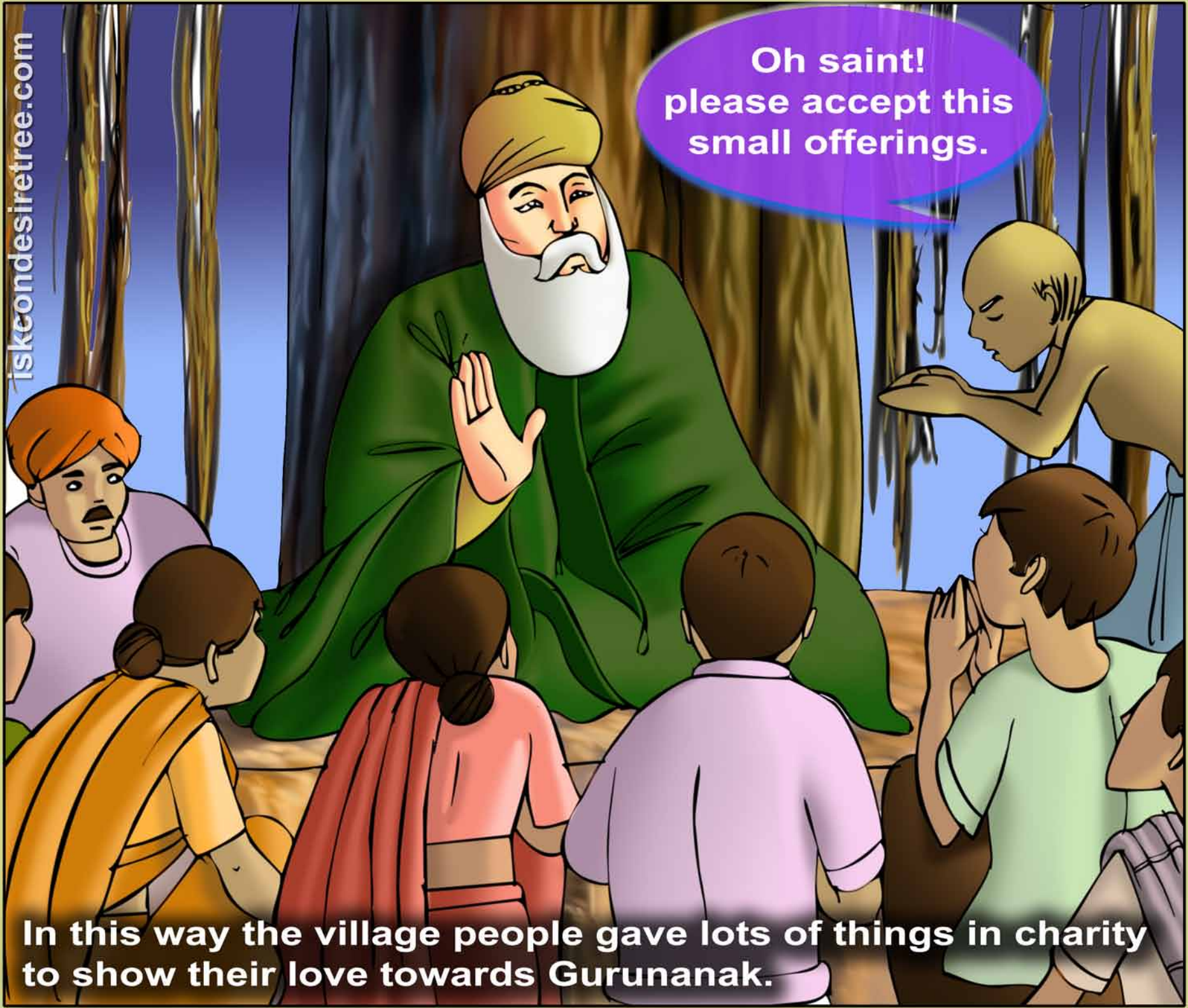
Please accept this offering, oh saintly person, make yourself comfortable and bless us.





Oh saint!  
please accept this  
small offerings.

In this way the village people gave lots of things in charity to show their love towards Gurunanak.






**Gurunanak and his disciple were about to leave the village...**

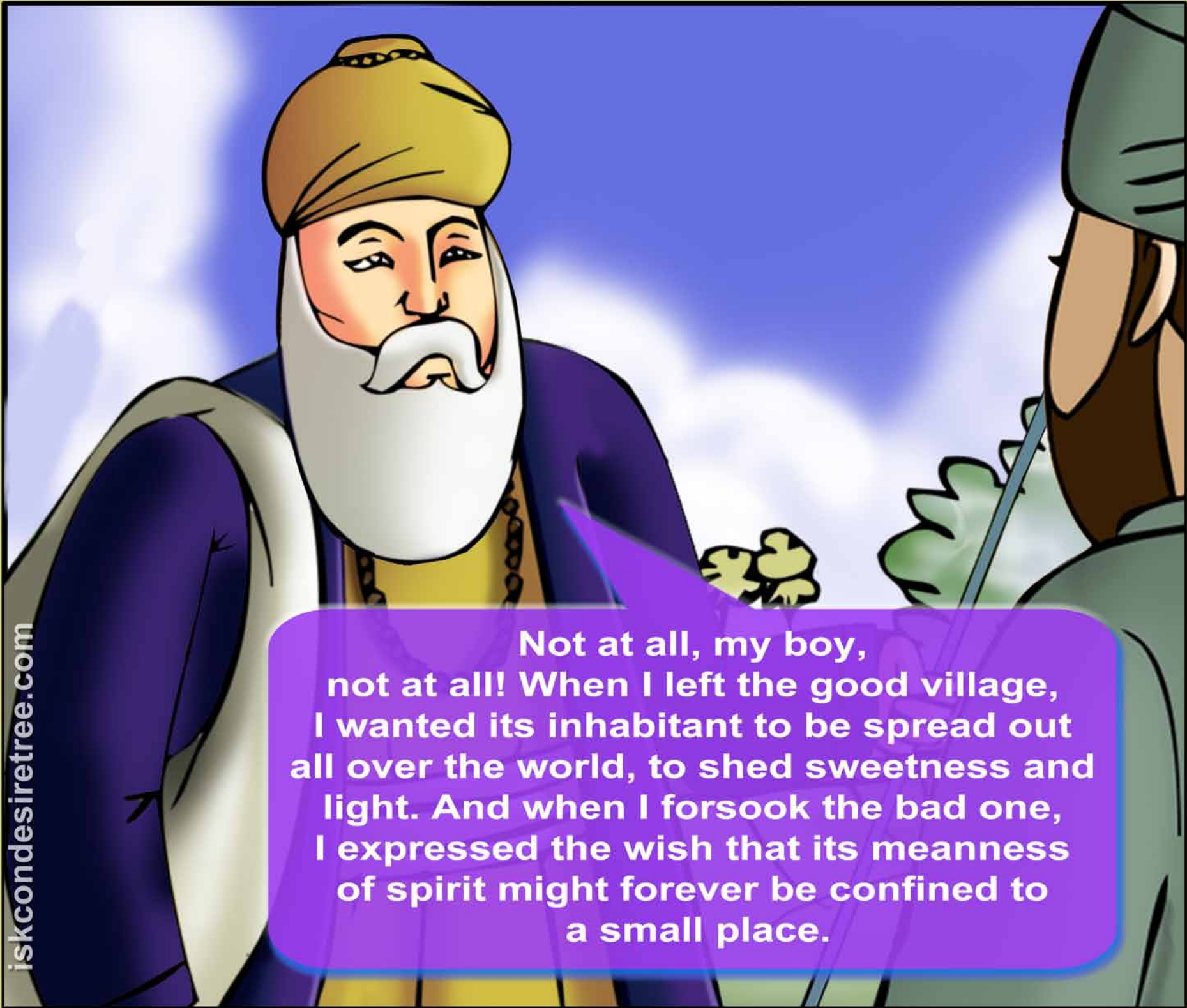
**May this village  
be destroyed and its  
people spread all  
over the earth.**







**My dear master,  
when you left the bad village,  
you wished it well. Now when  
you leave this good village you  
wish that it be destroyed!  
Isn't that very strange?**



**Not at all, my boy,  
not at all! When I left the good village,  
I wanted its inhabitant to be spread out  
all over the world, to shed sweetness and  
light. And when I forsook the bad one,  
I expressed the wish that its meanness  
of spirit might forever be confined to  
a small place.**





My spiritual master  
is so wise and I am  
fortunate to take such  
good lessons.

# ***MORAL:***

**Guru always wishes best for everyone. However, his words may sound confusing or contradictory sometimes, but his intention and will are always good.**