The king misunderstood Gopala

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One day the king's wife gave birth to a male child and so the king was rejoicing. At that moment...
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...Gopala came into the king's room.
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Gopala, on this very, very happy occasion, please tell me what do you have to say? Tell me exactly how you feel at this moment.
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Frankly,
at this moment, I feel
very happy after passing stool.
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Gopala!
How could you say
such a thing?
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On this auspicious moment, that's all you have to say?
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It's not funny and
I don't appreciate your
humour at all.
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After that, the relations between the king and Gopala were strained for some time.
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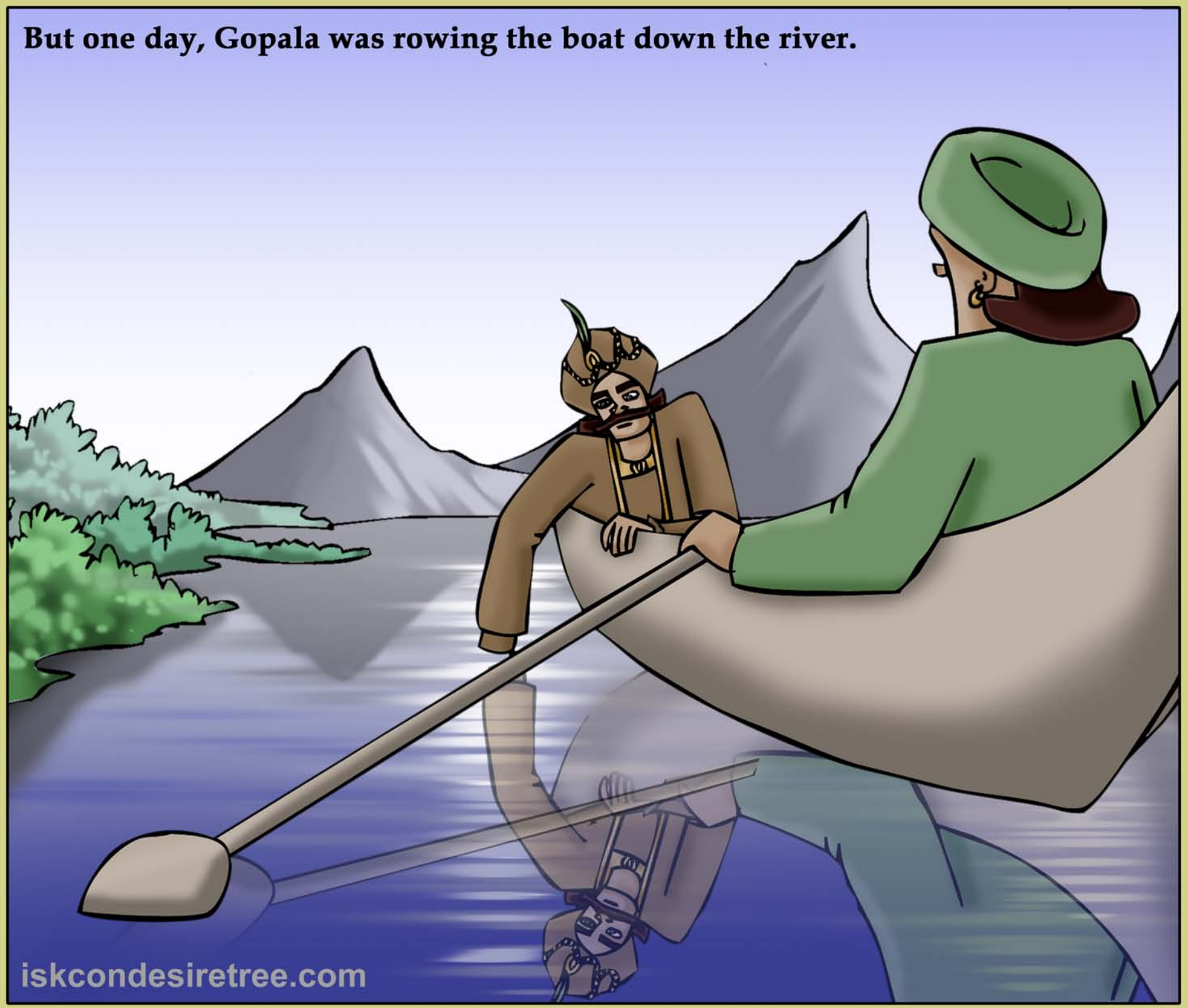
But one day, Gopala was rowing the boat down the river.
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The king suddenly had an urgent call of nature.
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On this side there is a very heavy jungle area. You can go there.
It's not very suitable. Let us go a little further down and we'll find a suitable place.
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Go over to that side!
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Not here. There is danger.
Some thieves and dacoits are there.
Your life may be endangered.
There's a place ahead.
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Gopala,
I cannot wait any longer.
Immediately go over!
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Gopala had to go over and the king jumped out.
He could hardly contain himself.

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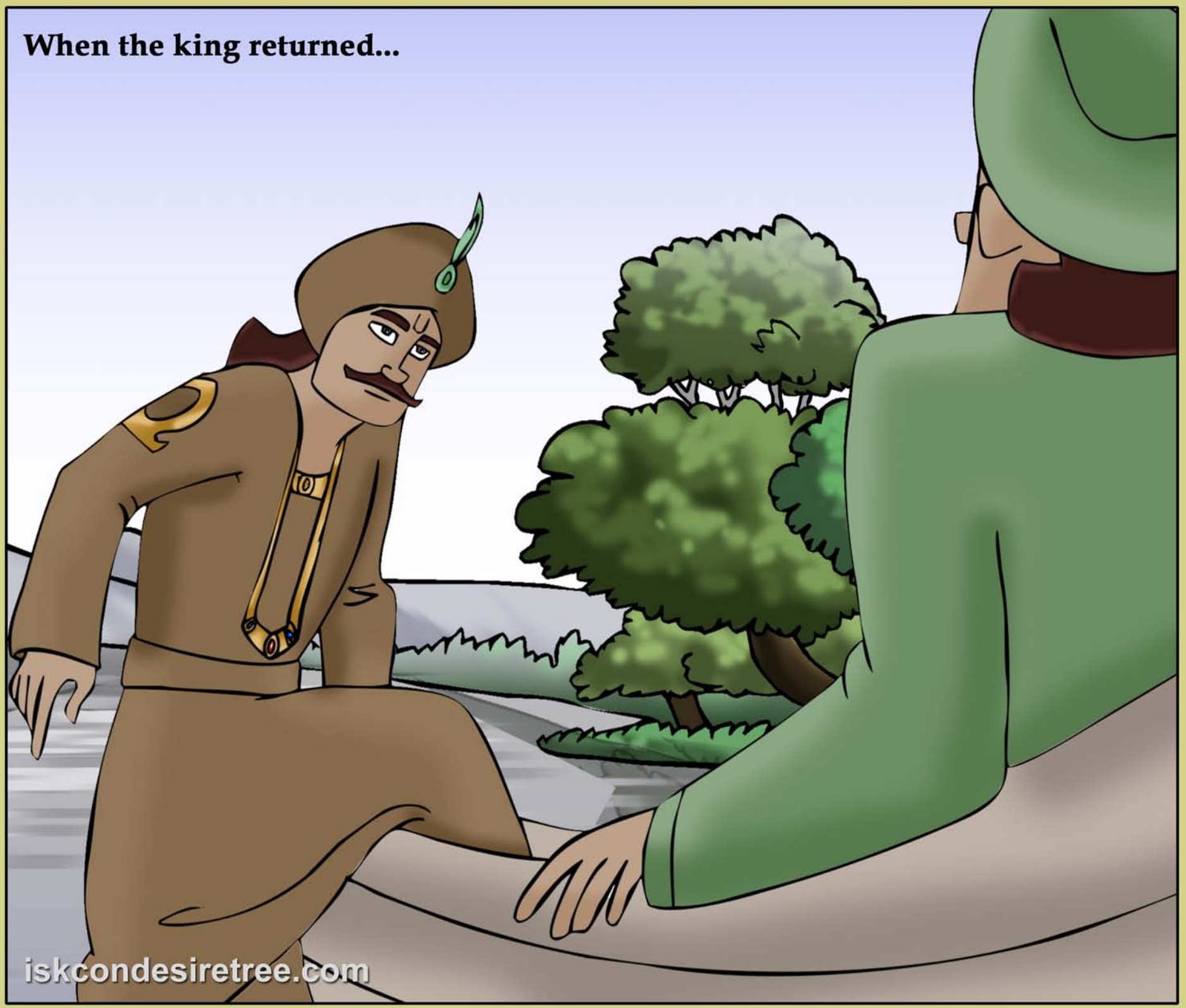
When the king returned...
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How are you feeling?
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I am feeling very happy after passing stool.
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Don't you remember?
This was exactly the situation I was in after your child was born.
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When you asked
me at that moment what exactly I was
feeling, I was in the same situation
as you are now.
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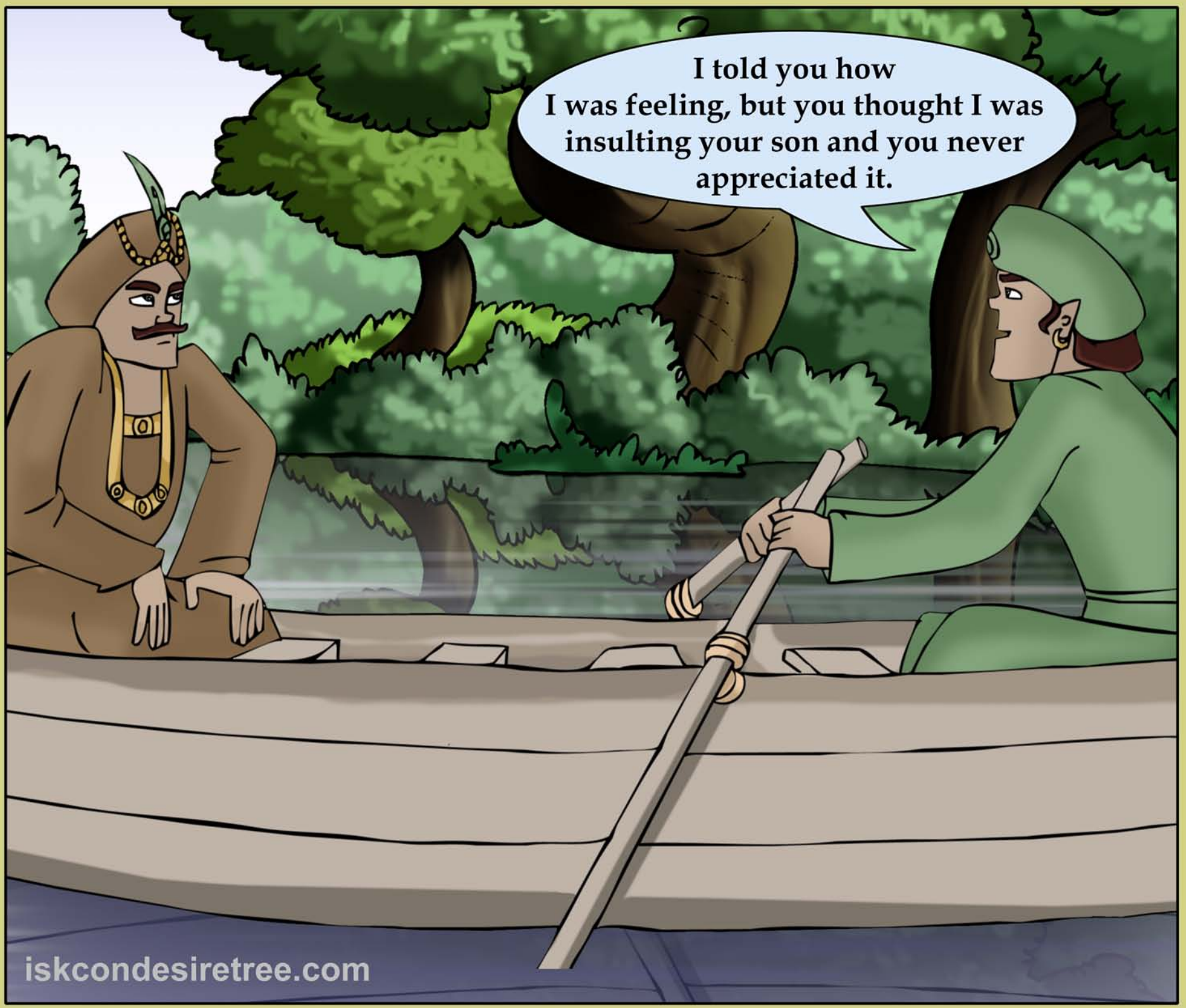
I told you how
I was feeling, but you thought I was
insulting your son and you never
appreciated it.
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Now do you understand?
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MORAL:

One must understand the reason behind the other's words instead of getting carried away by their own emotions. In this way they will be able to avoid misunderstandings. In this case, the king got so carried away by his happiness that when Gopala disclosed his true feelings, the king got furious thinking that Gopala insulted his son. If he had taken a minute to think and understand Gopala's point of view, the misunderstanding could be prevented.

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