

The Blind Man holding the Cow's Tail Fallacy

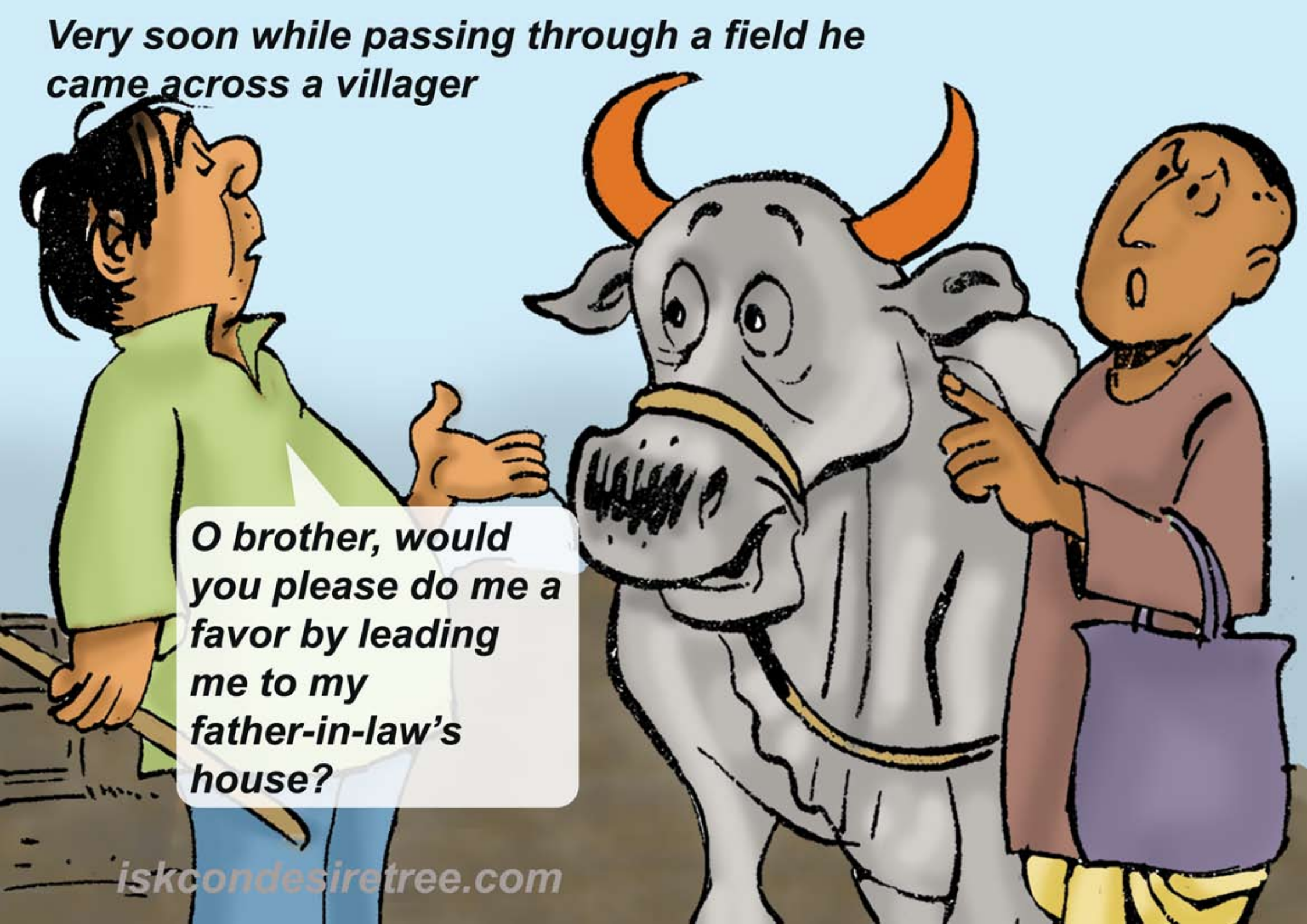
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Once upon a time a blind person was going to his father-in-law's house, tracking the way with the help of his walking stick.

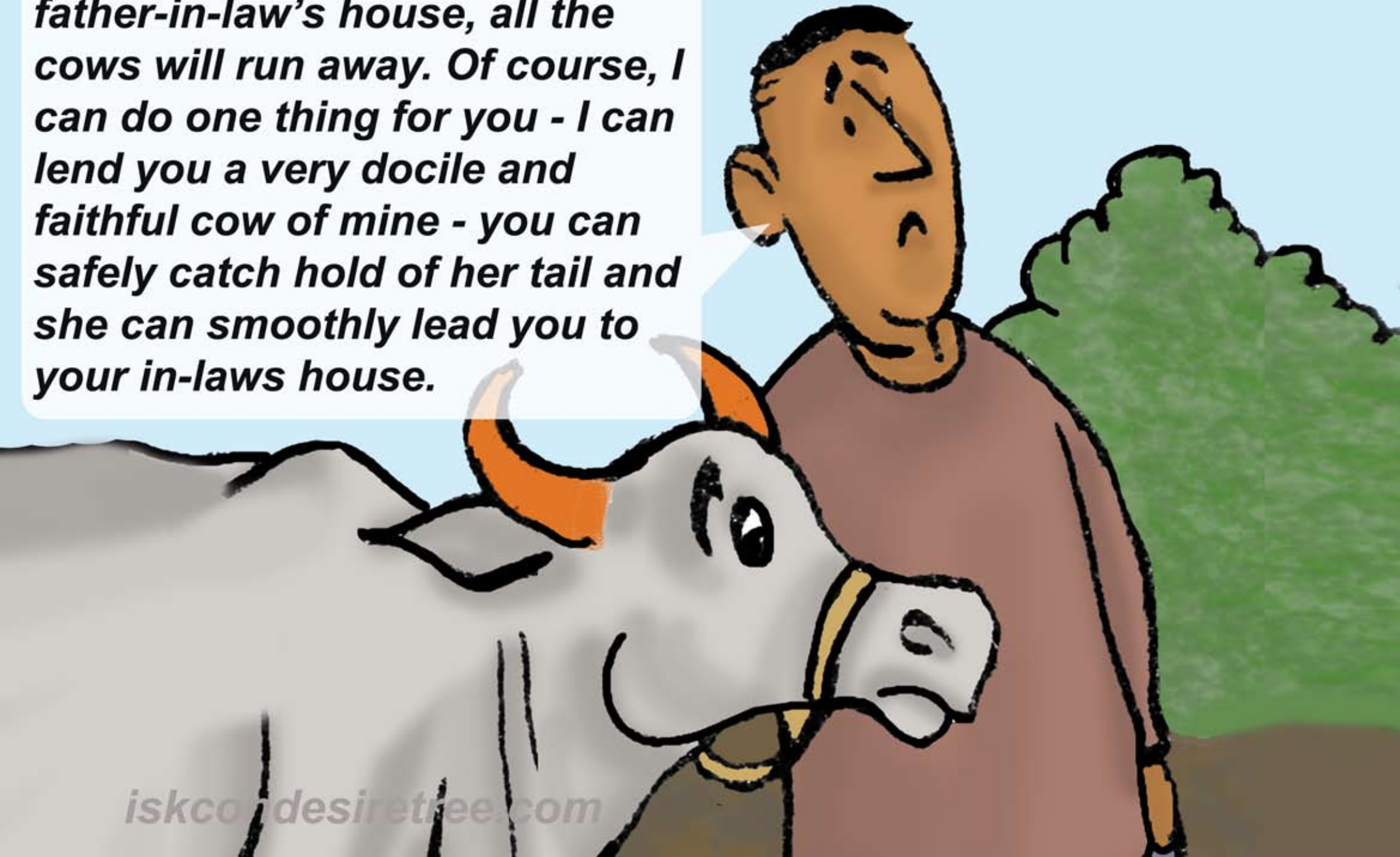


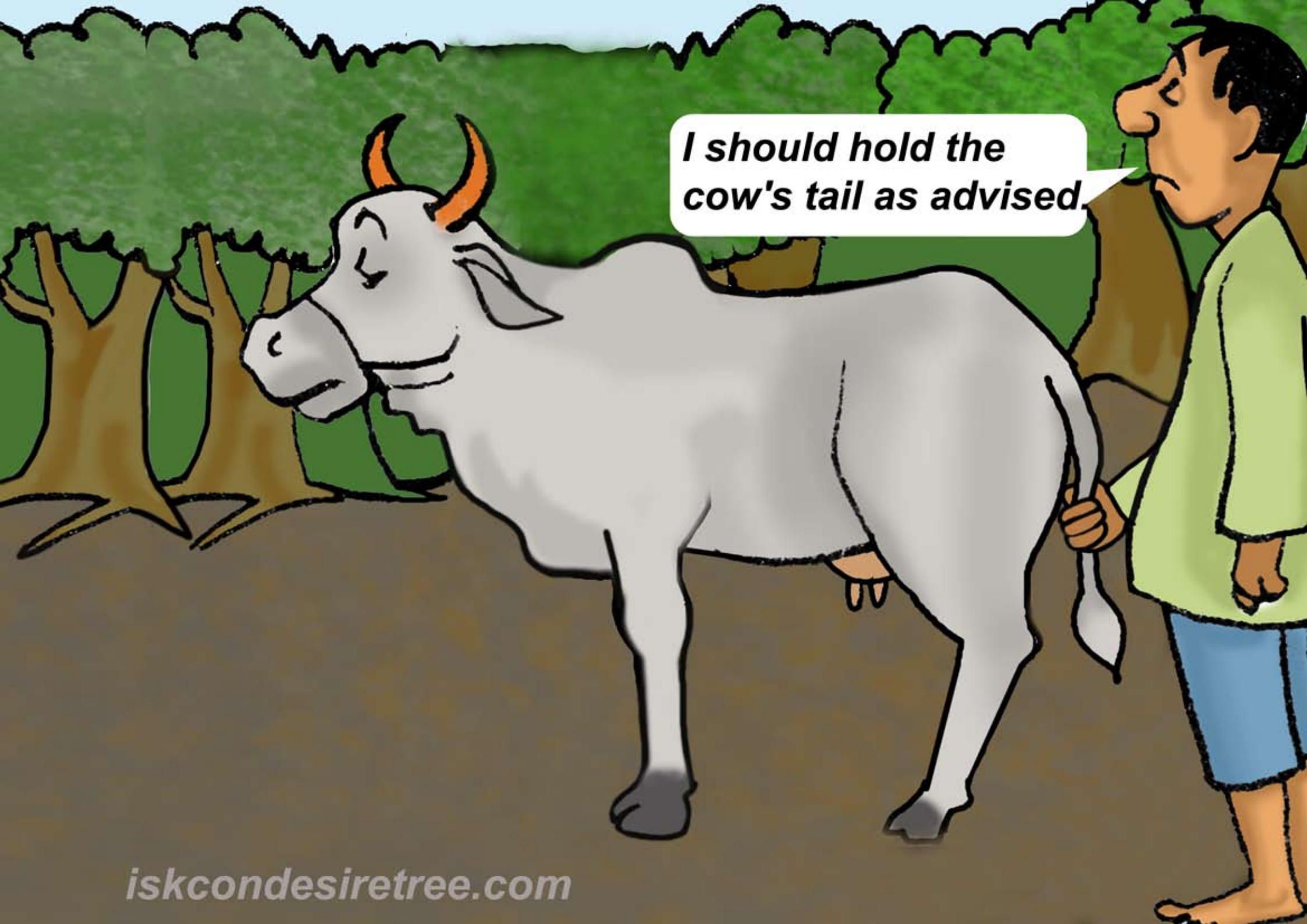
Very soon while passing through a field he came across a villager



O brother, would you please do me a favor by leading me to my father-in-law's house?

I am busy in tending so many cows. If I take you to your father-in-law's house, all the cows will run away. Of course, I can do one thing for you - I can lend you a very docile and faithful cow of mine - you can safely catch hold of her tail and she can smoothly lead you to your in-laws house.





I should hold the cow's tail as advised

The cow got quite scared of the strong pulling of its tail by a blind person, and hence she behaved so madly that the blind person was almost being pulled roughly along the road and through thorny bushes. However, the blind man did not let go the tail of the cow.



***The cow kicked the face
several times and as a result
However, the blind man still did
not let go the tail of the cow.***



He arrived in the dead of night to his in-laws house in a very wretched condition with cuts and bruises



The servants of his in-laws house took him to be a cattle and punched and slapped him in order to get him to release the cow's tail from his hold. Thus the blind man suffered unlimitedly.

Purport :

Those who have ulterior motives take shelter of so-called guru's instead of a truly bona-fide spiritual master and ultimately suffer very badly like the blind man in his situation.

Any and every person cannot lead one to the Supreme abode of Godhead and no unauthorised to our true welfare. It is, therefore, obligatory that one should take shelter of a bona-fide Krsna conscious spiritual master without any hesitation.