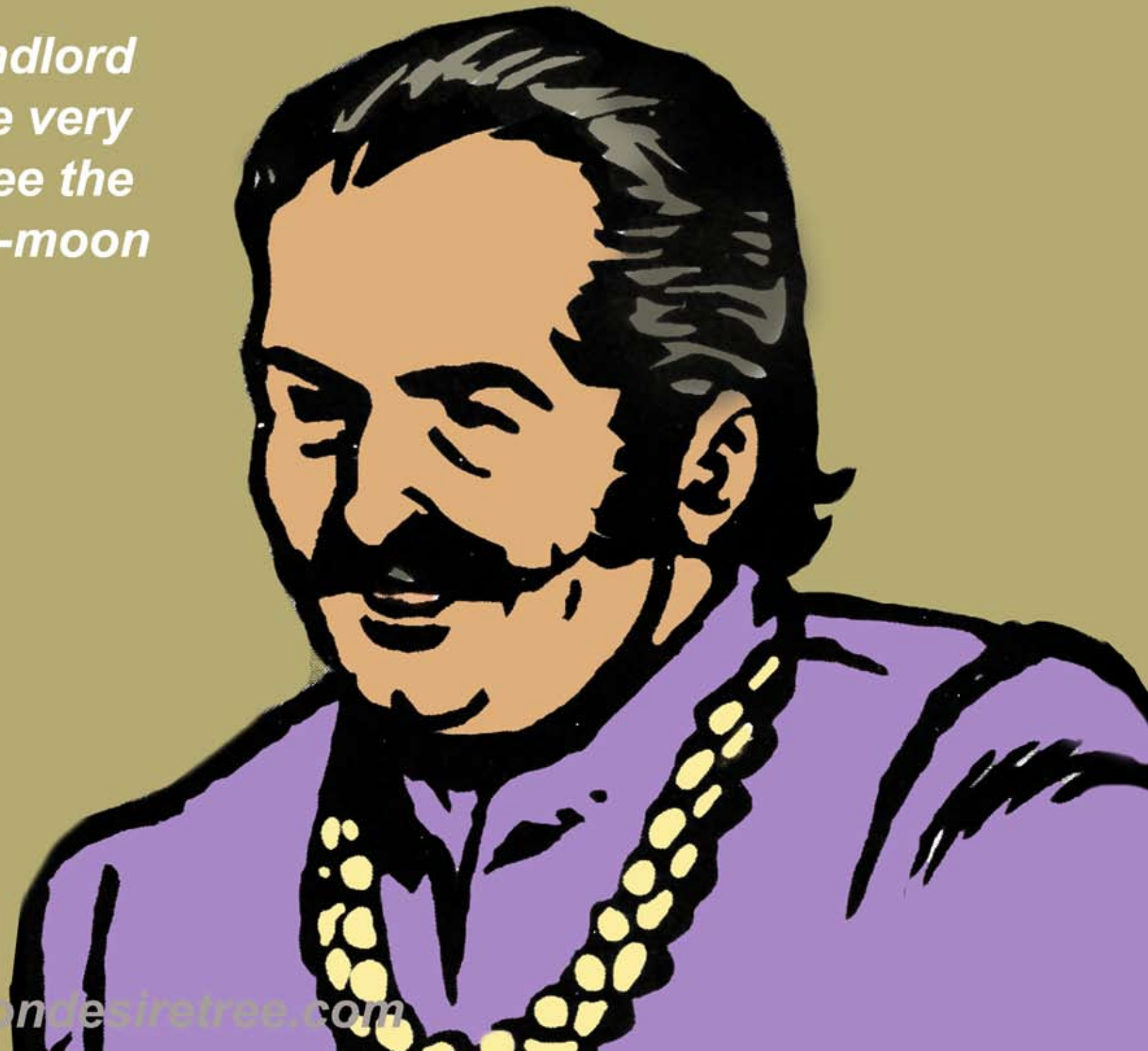


Seeing the Sun in the Night



*Instructive Stories from teachings of
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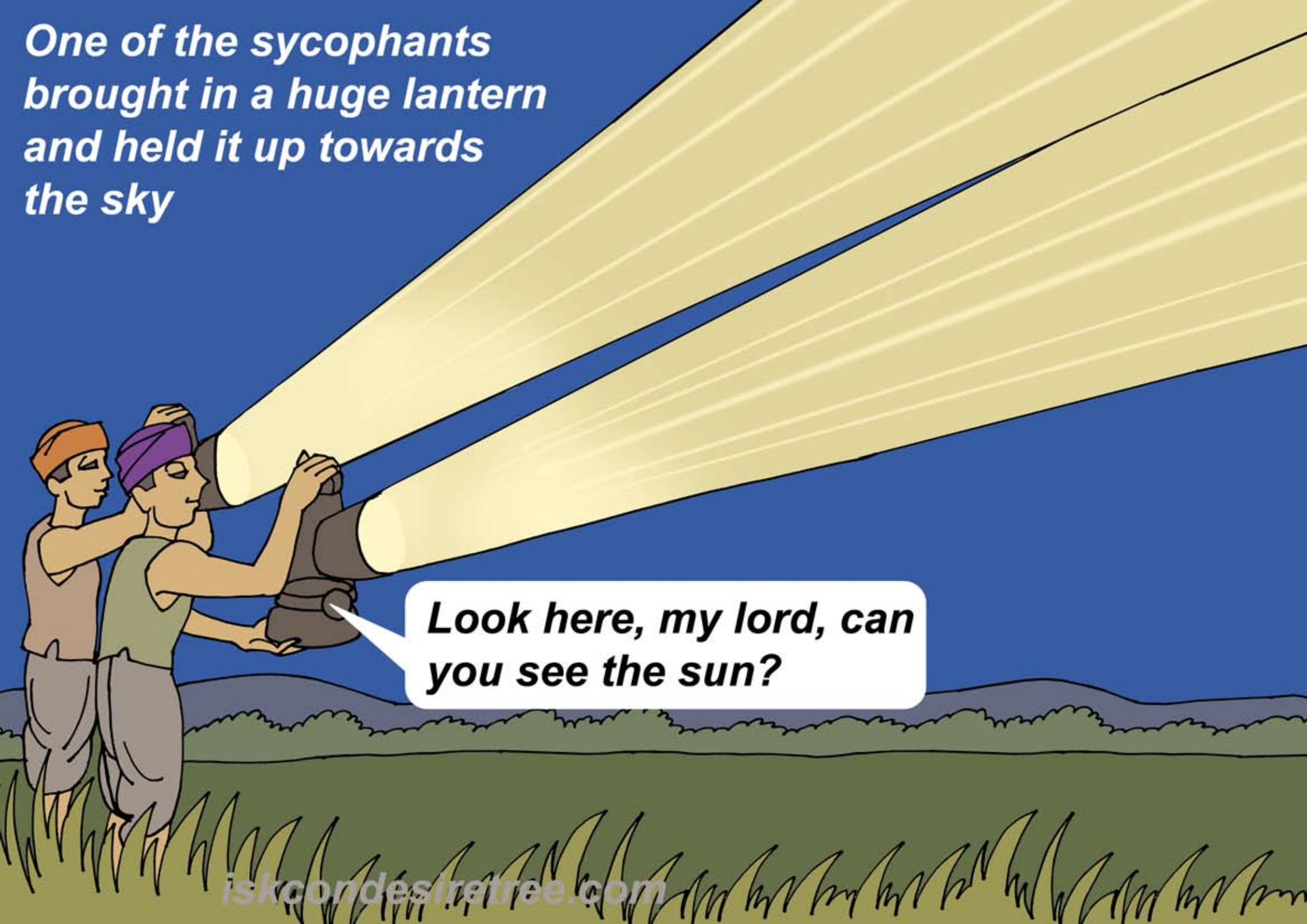
*A fanciful landlord
once became very
anxious to see the
sun in a new-moon
night sky.*





When you, our lord, desires, it must be fulfilled. We should set up in this world such an exemplary deed so that everyone will glorify you and follow the same example

**One of the sycophants
brought in a huge lantern
and held it up towards
the sky**



**Look here, my lord, can
you see the sun?**

The sun cannot be seen in such a little amount of light from one lantern. Let us arrange for ten crores of candle-power lighting.

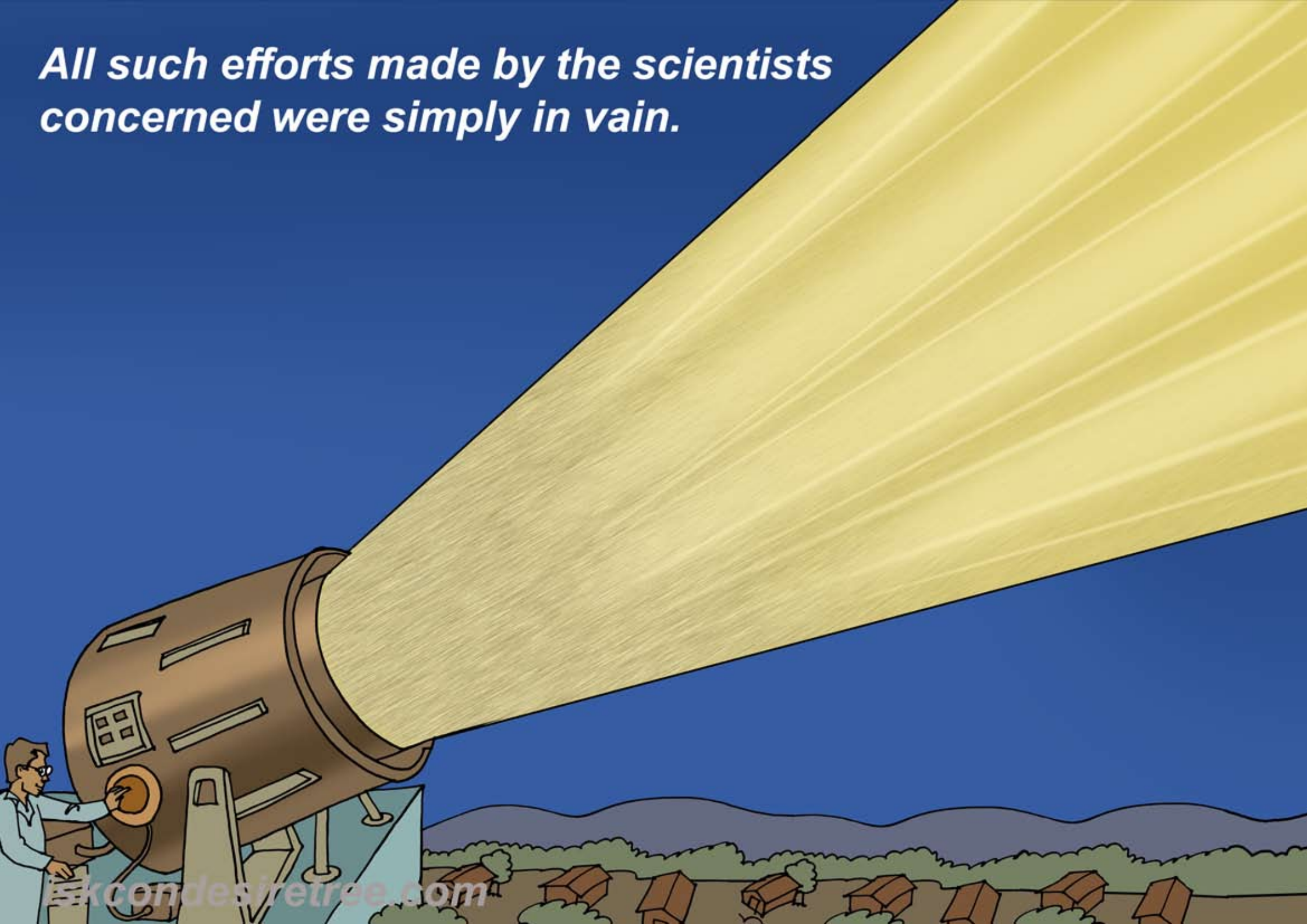


So even that was arranged to fulfill the desires of Landlord

We will help you to see the sun with the help of powerful electric lightning arrangement



All such efforts made by the scientists concerned were simply in vain.



Then a considerate person explained to the landlord

You could never see the sun in the night even if all the electric lighting arrangements in the world were assembled together -it would simply be a wastage of power, money and time. So, he must wait till sunrise to see the sun. Only with the help of sunshine can one see the sun. The sun can never be seen with the help of any other artificial light.



Purport :

Similarly, every attempt of the materialistic scientists, archaeologists, and other people under illusion, to see and realize the eternal form of the transcendental Supreme Lord, full of bliss and knowledge, with the help of so-called mundane knowledge acquired through material senses and speculative reasoning, is only self-deceiving. As the sun can never be seen in the night even with the help of hundreds of artificial lighting arrangements, similarly, the constitutional form of Lord Sri Hari and the spiritual master and the Vaisnavas is never visible through hundreds of attempts with the help of so-called mundane knowledge acquired by the material senses of the living entities.