

Fisherman and his Basket

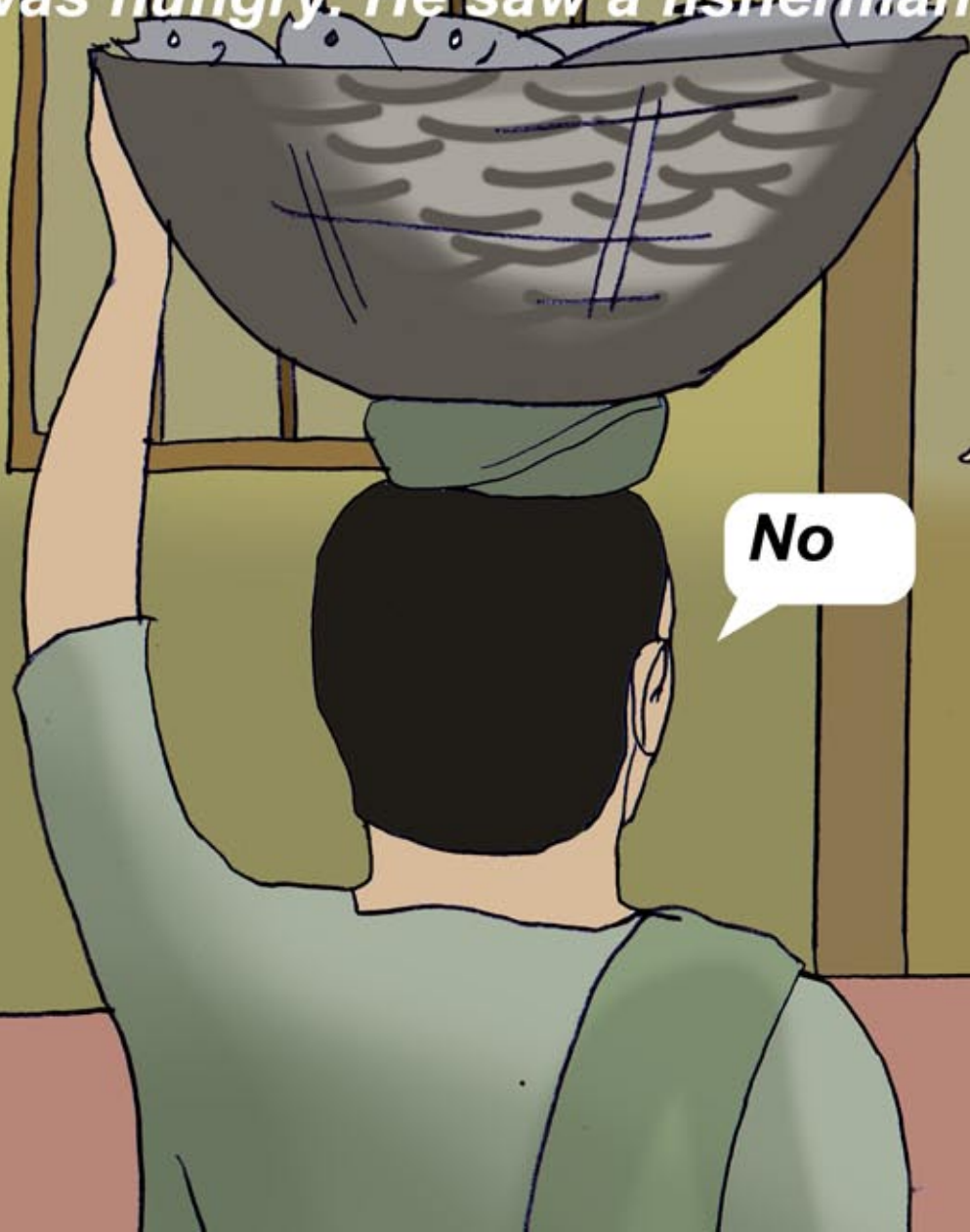
*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

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In previous times the grihastas were habituated to asking if anyone was hungry. And so one grihasta went outside and called out to see if anyone was hungry. He saw a fisherman...



No



Have you taken your meal ?

Please leave the basket outside. It is too smelly.



*After the Grihasta fed him
he asked the fisherman*

**Do you have a
place to sleep
tonight ?**

No

He allowed him to sleep in his house. About one or two o'clock in the morning the grihasta had to get up to answer nature's call and when he looked to see how the guest was doing, he found him tossing and turning.

How are you sleeping ?

My sleep is very disturbed. I cannot get to sleep !



What is the difficulty ?

The difficulty is that I cannot sleep without my basket. I am used to the smell. Without smelling that fishy smell, I cannot go to sleep.

*Fisherman kept his basket near him
and went to sleep. Thus he could
sleep soundly.*



MORAL:

In the same way, everyone in the western countries has to have a machine. To brush your teeth, you need a machine. So people have become addicted.

- Srila Prabhupada