

# *The sculptor who tried to cheat Yamraja*

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*His Divine Grace*

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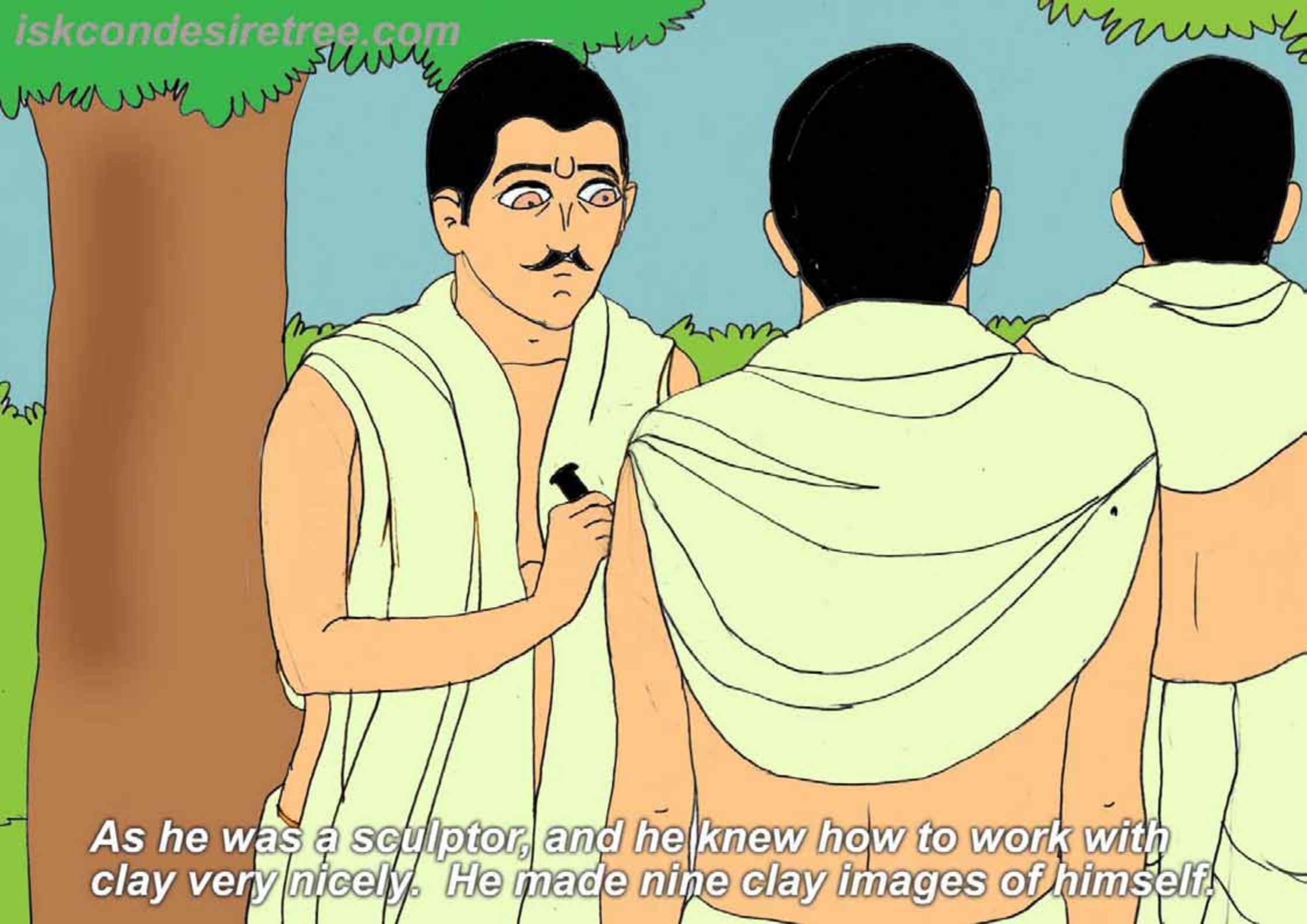
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**Once, one man tried to cheat Yamraj. He consulted one astrologer, and he found out the exact day that he was going to die.**

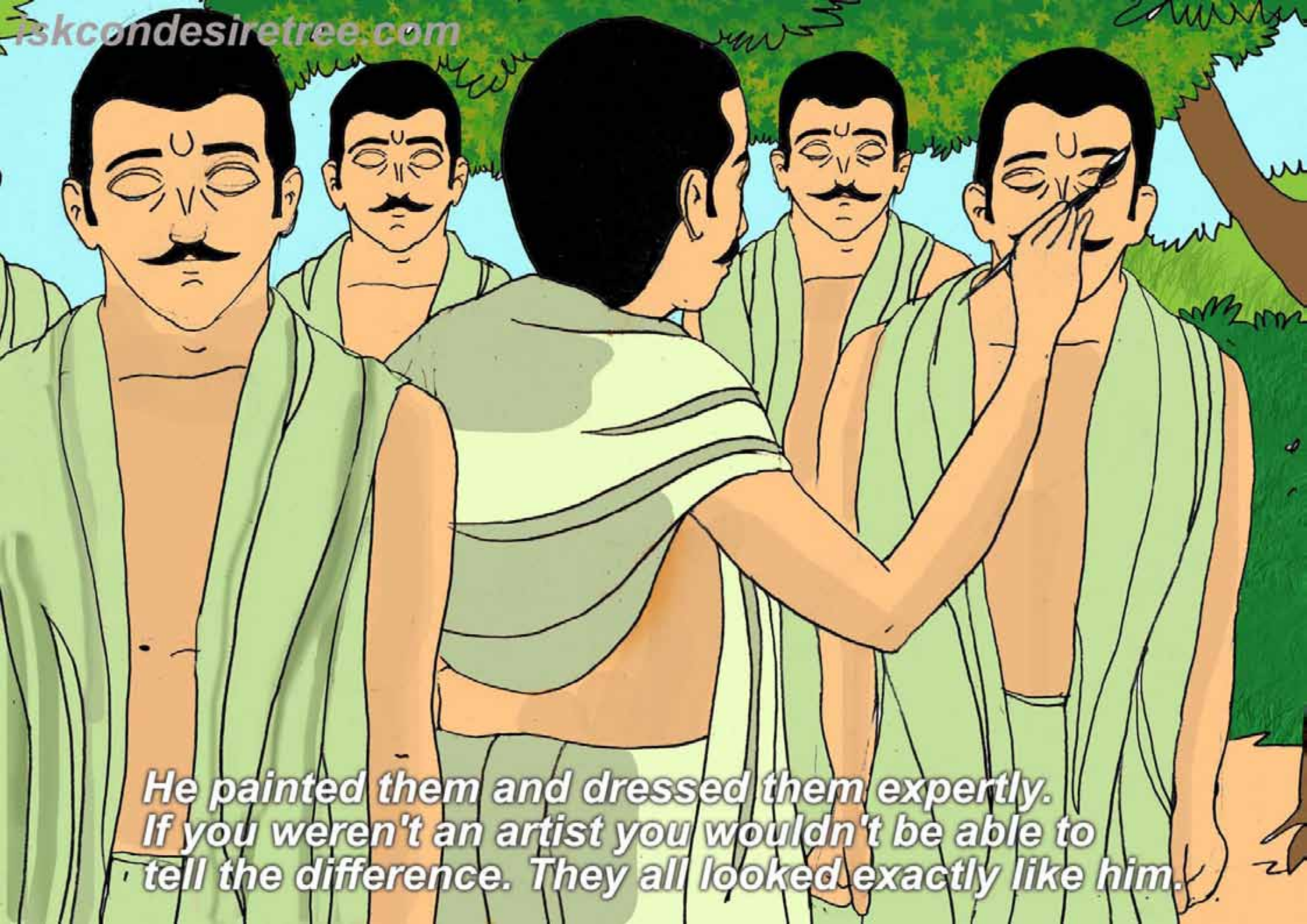






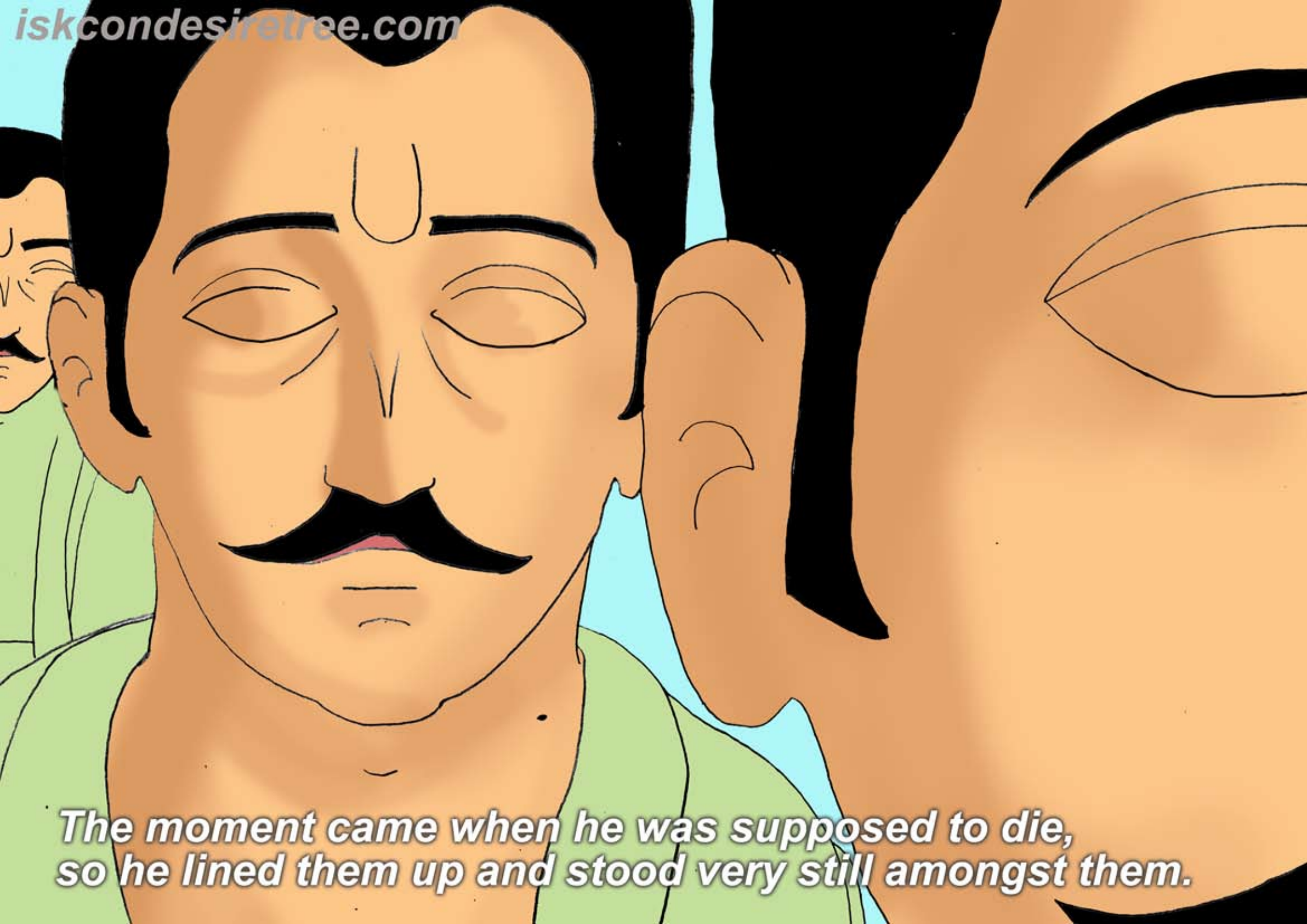
*As he was a sculptor, and he knew how to work with clay very nicely. He made nine clay images of himself.*





*He painted them and dressed them expertly.  
If you weren't an artist you wouldn't be able to  
tell the difference. They all looked exactly like him.*





*The moment came when he was supposed to die,  
so he lined them up and stood very still amongst them.*



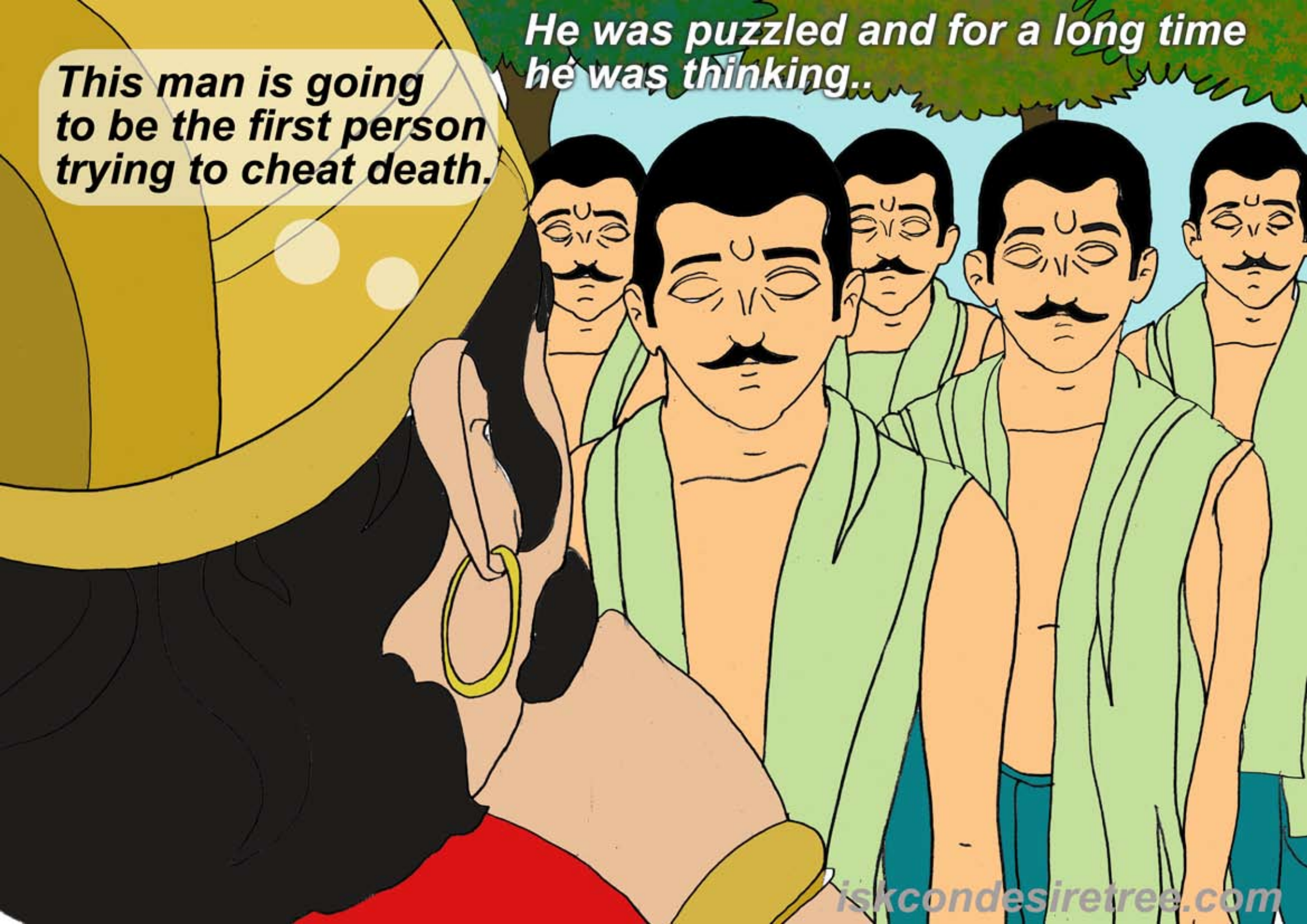
**Yamaraja came, and he was very confused.**

**Hey, wait a minute.  
This person is supposed  
to be leaving now, but  
which one is he?**



*He was puzzled and for a long time  
he was thinking..*

*This man is going  
to be the first person  
trying to cheat death.*





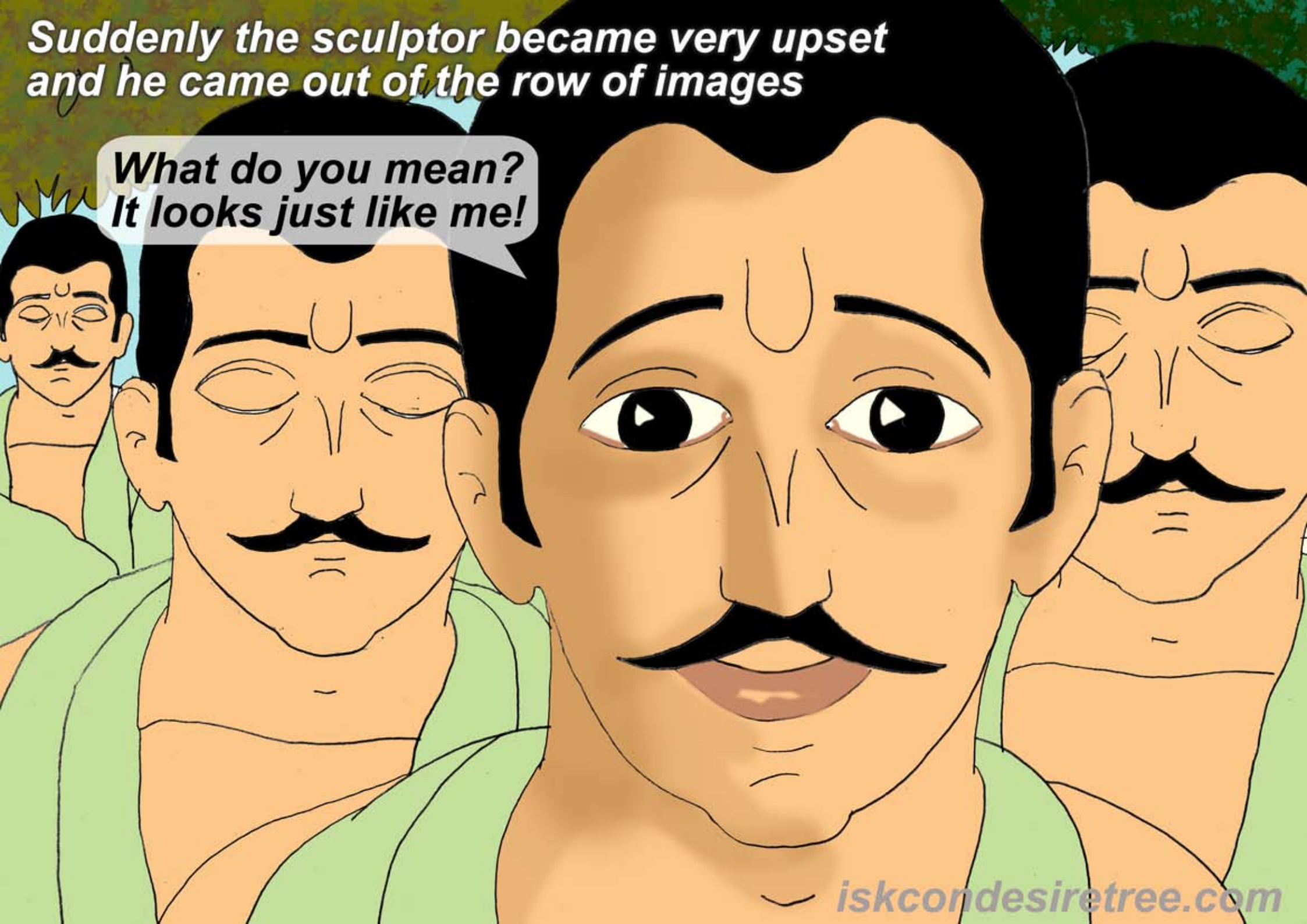
**But Yamaraja is one of the twelve mahajanas, so he's very intelligent.**

**Actually, whoever has done this has made a really lousy job. It's bad work. I've seen much better sculptures than this. It doesn't look like the original artist at all.**




*Suddenly the sculptor became very upset  
and he came out of the row of images*

*What do you mean?  
It looks just like me!*







**Come with me.  
Your time has come!**



**MORAL:**

***One cannot escape from the laws of nature inspite of the best material & intelligent arrangements.***