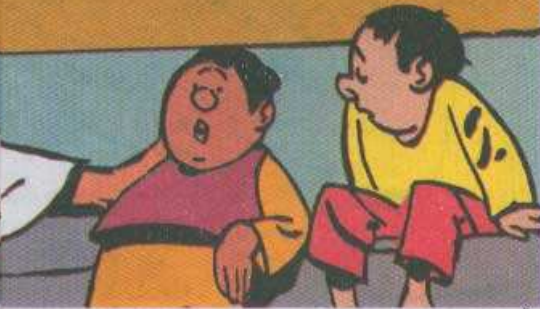


A grocer had two sons - Lalu and Kalu



I want them to learn some basic measurements on a weighing scale for which I should appoint a tutor.



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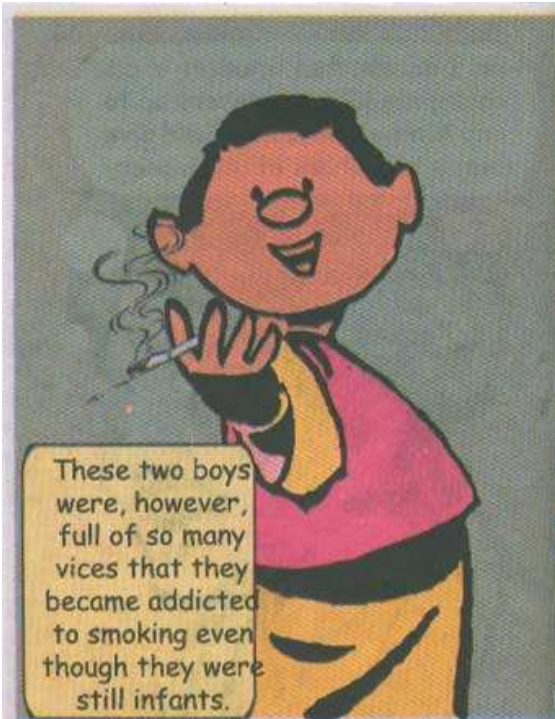
The boys were unruly and naughty that a number of tutors proved themselves unable to impart this minimum instruction to them.



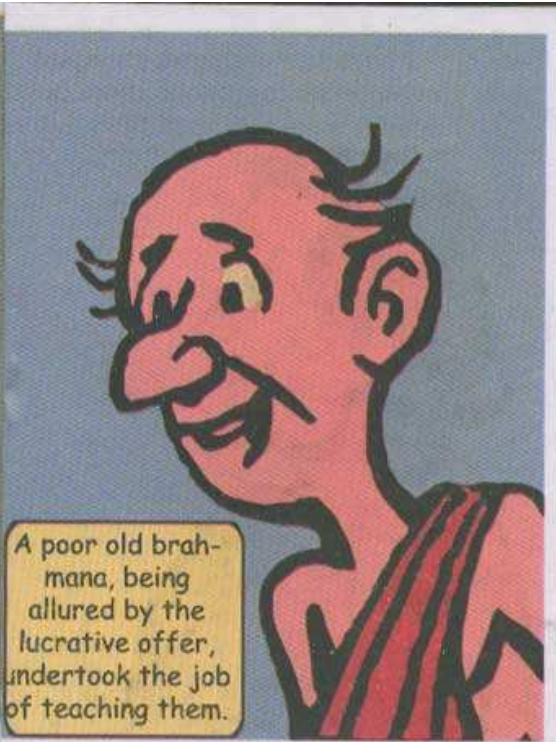
Now I decide that whoever is educating my sons in numbers up to one hundred at least, I will give away a half share of my grocery.



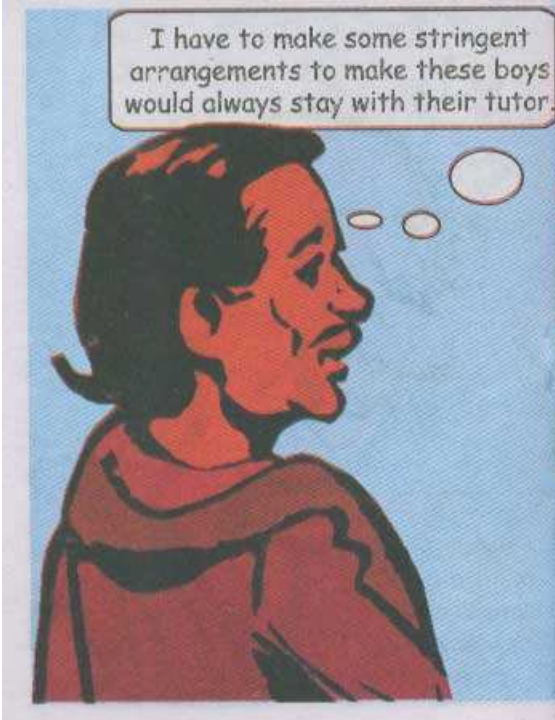
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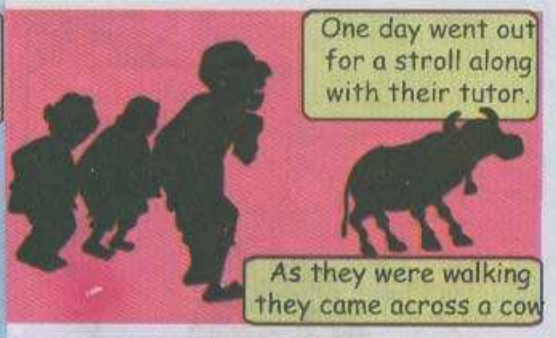
These two boys were, however, full of so many vices that they became addicted to smoking even though they were still infants.



A poor old brahmana, being allured by the lucrative offer, undertook the job of teaching them.



I have to make some stringent arrangements to make these boys would always stay with their tutor.



One day went out for a stroll along with their tutor.

As they were walking they came across a cow



Could you say how many legs this cow has?



One, Two, Three...

O, brother! Don't count- he will cleverly teach us numbers



Ok, I won't count... Now I got the point that this is one of the crafty teaching methods of this tutor.

Another day, Lulu and Kalu were taking rest in one room along with their tutor.



Oh good, these boys are slept so let me take some rest!



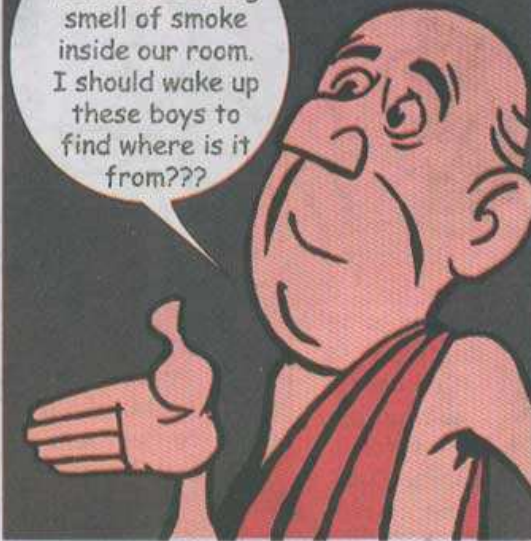
After a while, Lulu and Kalu began trying to ascertain if the tutor was asleep

We can go out and smoke to our heart's content as the tutor is assured of fast asleep.

After finishing our cigarettes, we should return to the room and pretend to be sleep

After a while, when the tutor woke up

Oh! I seem to feel some strong smell of smoke inside our room. I should wake up these boys to find where is it from???



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Hey! I know that you are aware of this smoke?

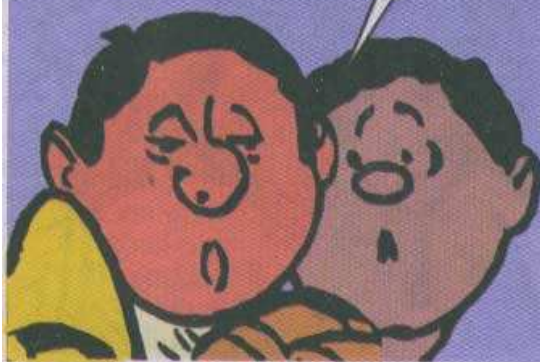
O sir! We know nothing about this

Why are your hands smelling of smoke?



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O sir we fall asleep before you, we are just waking up now. How could we be smoking, sir? But it's possible that some rascal was smoking with the help of our hands without our knowledge while we were fast asleep!



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PURPORT

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Those who are determined to accept no advice or instruction for their self-development, are reflected in the mode of character as revealed in these two cunning boys, Lulu and Kalu. Quite often, many of us do not like to pay any heed to the messages and injunctions in our daily activities, only because of our apprehension that they might lead us to a domain of peace and welfare.

Just like Lulu and Kalu, the majority of common people never accept the way to real welfare and happiness - they would prefer a pretension of keeping the association of saintly persons while continuing their activities of sense gratification in wealth, women, and wine.

It is because we are unable to give up our hypocrisy and sense of foolish individualism and independence that saintly persons fail to lead us to real wisdom. Whenever our spiritual master sees our inclination to such unworthy activities, we make an attempt to defend ourselves with a false plea that we are not really interested in such activities and that it is merely that some unscrupulous religious or social leaders have forced us to become engrossed in them.

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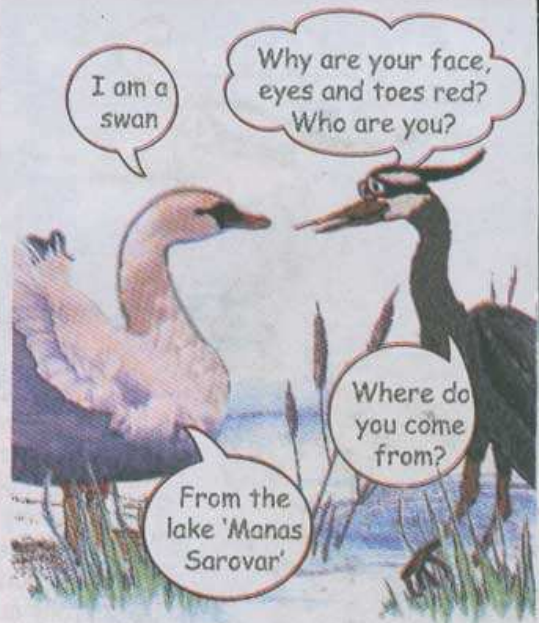
By nature, all mischievous persons act like this and they put all the blame upon others in order to conceal their faults. they try to project their thirst of sense gratification onto honest persons.



Is There Any Pleasure & Sacrifice in Devotion?



Some herons were sitting by the side of a boggy pond. A swan happened to pass by.



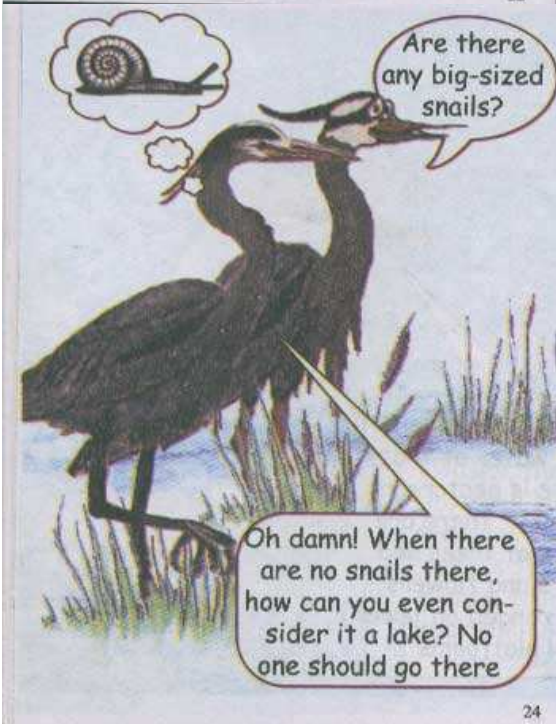


What is it like there?

It is a garden of golden lotuses, the beautiful lake and all around it, there are various types of plants, fruit trees, and buildings beautifully arranged and bedecked



den of golden water of that is nectarean, and it, there are islands of trees and flowers, arranged on jewel platforms.



Are there any big-sized snails?

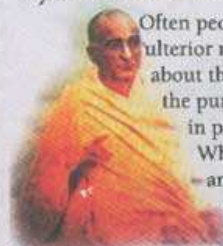
Oh damn! When there are no snails there, how can you even consider it a lake? No one should go there



NO!!!

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Often people in this material world with ulterior motives, are inclined to enquire about the objectives of pure devotion and the purpose of the institutions engaged in pure devotional practices.

Whenever they come to know about any performance or any institution which makes arrangement for chanting and listening to the glorification of Lord Sri Krsna or the eternal welfare of all living entities through the preaching of the holy names of the Lord, they ask, "Is there any practice of religion relating to service to mankind?"

To such people, the religion of service means material assistance to sick persons inflicted with plague, small-pox or cholera and to victims of floods, earthquakes, famines, and similar other natural calamities, through free distribution of food, clothing, shelter and the like.

Whenever these people are told by the devotees that the institutions thus practising pure devotional services do not undertake any such activities relating to so-called philanthropic services, then they laugh loudly or ridicule,

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the root cause of all material distress of the suffering masses is eradicated with the least effort.

This process is applicable to the rich and the poor irrespectively for the cause of their eternal welfare. Through this process, an unprecedented harmony between universal and no-communal altruism, service mentality and selfish attitude may very well be fostered among the people. In fact there is no dearth of universal love and brotherhood in the matter of love Lord Sri Krsna, inasmuch as a single fraction of a coin is truly in existence within the huge amount of money adding to crores or billions. Universal brotherhood, patriotism etc. are all present in full existence within love for Sri Krsna.

As such, anyone who offers his love and devotion to the Lord, is truly offering his love to the entire mass of living entities. True devotees are not lazy nor are they selfish-minded. They are actually devoted day and night in the service of Krsna conscious people through preaching the glorification of the Lord.

Devotional service to the Lord is aimed at pleasing the Lord and this service does not permit any kind of personal enjoyment sacrifice. Anyone devoted to Lord Sri Krsna is fully imbued with all good qualities that we look for.

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saying that any such institution which does not care for philanthropic services such as medical assistance to patients suffering from plague, cholera, smallpox etc. distributing of food to the hungry people, water to the thirsty people, clothing to the poor, education to the illiterate masses and the like, is simply an institution for practising idleness meant for lazy, worthless folk. No discreet person should approach it

Such persons never accept any clarification that no temporary material assistance can be of permanent relief to those suffering folk unless and until an attempt is made to eradicate the root cause of eternal suffering of all the living entities.

The living entity is the eternal servitor of Lord Sri Krsna. It is only due to the forgetfulness about Lord Sri Krsna that the living entities are subjected to various types of material distress. Upon constantly listening to the glorification of the Lord Sri Krsna, when the living entity is awakened to his original consciousness about his own constitutional position, then and then only, the root cause of all sufferings will be eradicated. No other separate temporary endeavour for relieving physical and mental distress need be practised.

The best award to common people is to awaken in them self-realization by the mercy of the holy names of the Lord. Under the transcendental influence of such a practice, the

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