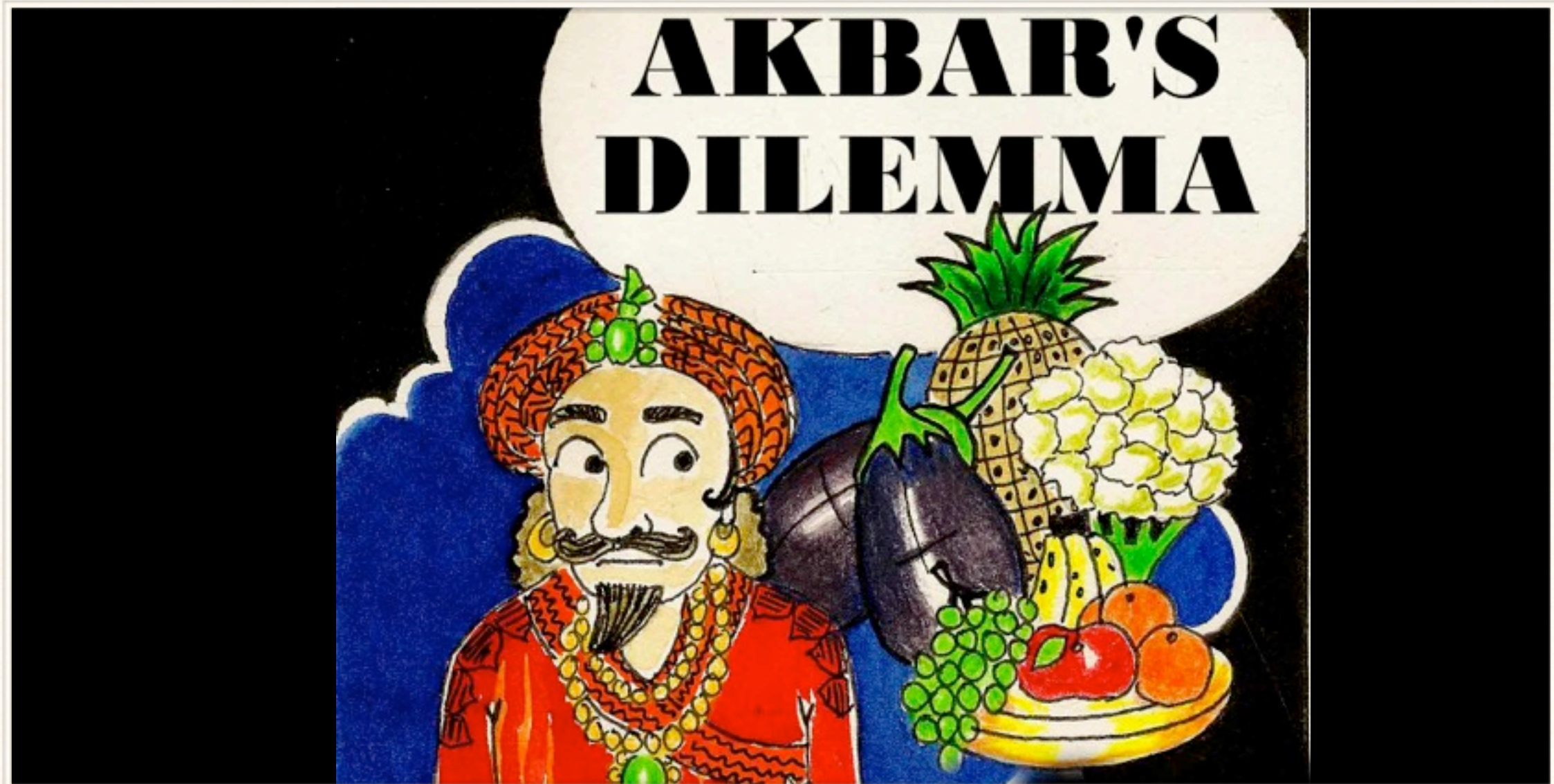




RADIO SAI FOR CHILDREN

Picture Story - 06



Dear Children,

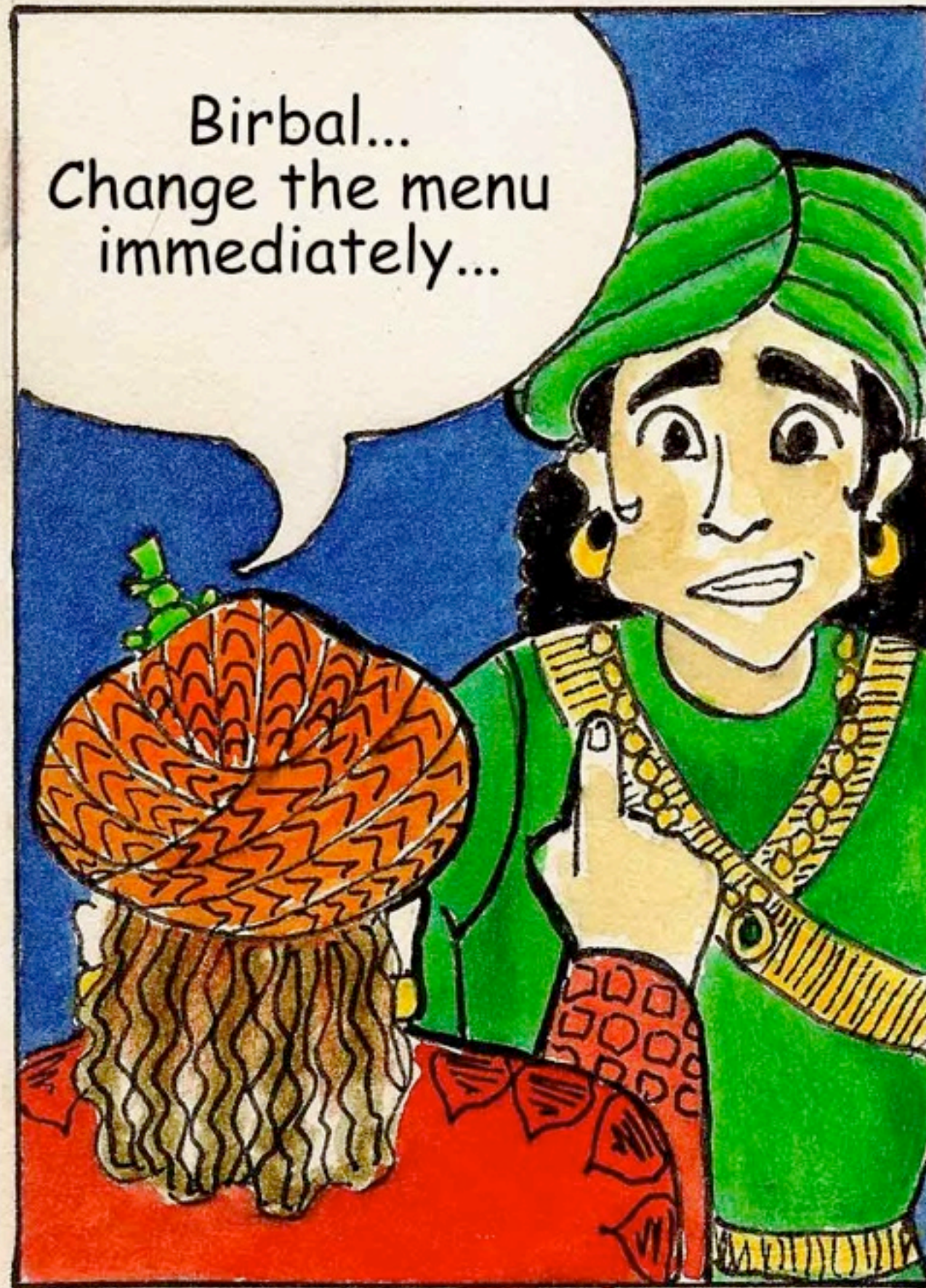
What gives us true happiness in our daily life? Is it what we wear, what we play with or what we eat? Or is it from elsewhere? If we know the answer to this one important question, then we can pursue happiness by doing or acquiring that, isn't it? Before we try to solve this puzzle, come, let's read this Chinna katha:

Akbar, the famous emperor of Delhi, was passing through a spell for melancholy and depression. Since his empire was safe and prosperous nobody could find out the reason of this mental aberration in the king.



At last, the cause of his foul mood was detected. He had developed a disgust for meat and a strong aversion to food itself. One day he commanded Birbal to change the menu.





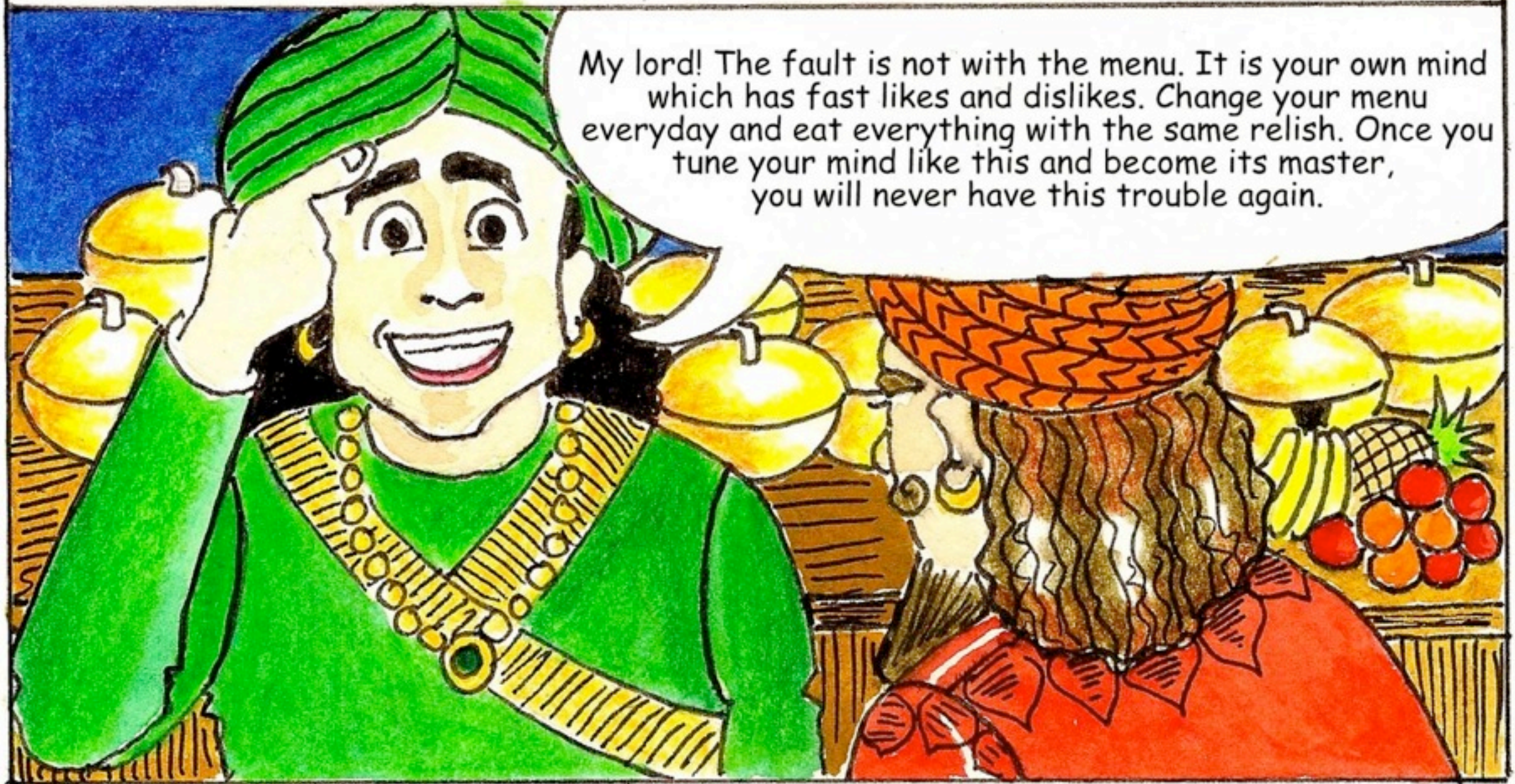
The command was obeyed. Birbal racked his brains for a long time and decided on brinjals. The cooks prepared chutney, salad, soup, cutlet, sweet and savoury - all from brinjals.



Akbar relished every item.
He praised Birbal to the skies.
Every meal was prepared with brinjals.
This went on for a few days. After
that Akbar grew disgusted with
brinjals too.



He poured all his wrath on Birbal. Birbal had to switch to something else. But he knew that this something would also soon prove disgusting to Akbar. So he decided to confront him boldly.



My lord! The fault is not with the menu. It is your own mind which has fast likes and dislikes. Change your menu everyday and eat everything with the same relish. Once you tune your mind like this and become its master, you will never have this trouble again.

Of all the Victories, the conquest of
the Mind is the most difficult one;
but it is also the giver of greatest
Power, Peace and Joy...

Children, did you see? If it was brinjal that was giving happiness to the king, then eating more of it and eating it everyday should keep him happy always. But that was not the case. The truth is, his happiness actually came from within. If we go about with a cheerful state of mind, and take things positively we can always be happy come what may. Our happiness does not lie in what we have or what we get, it is in how happy we choose to be. Once a devotee, out of his love, wished to offer something to Swami. He told Bhagawan, "Swami I am ready to do anything for You." "Is that so?" Bhagawan asked in response. "Then, always be happy. That is all I want." Yes, that is all Swami wants from us. So let us strive to be happy always. Never forget to wear that beautiful smile on your face, everyday and all day long. Swami loves it! God bless you!



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