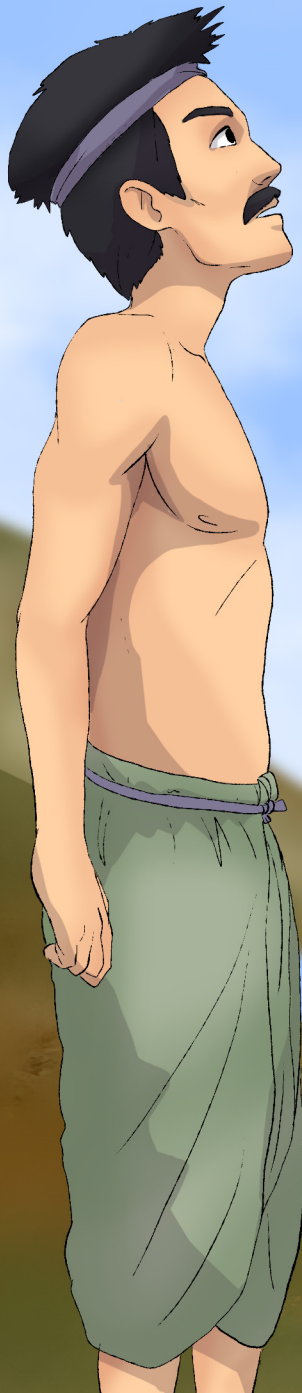
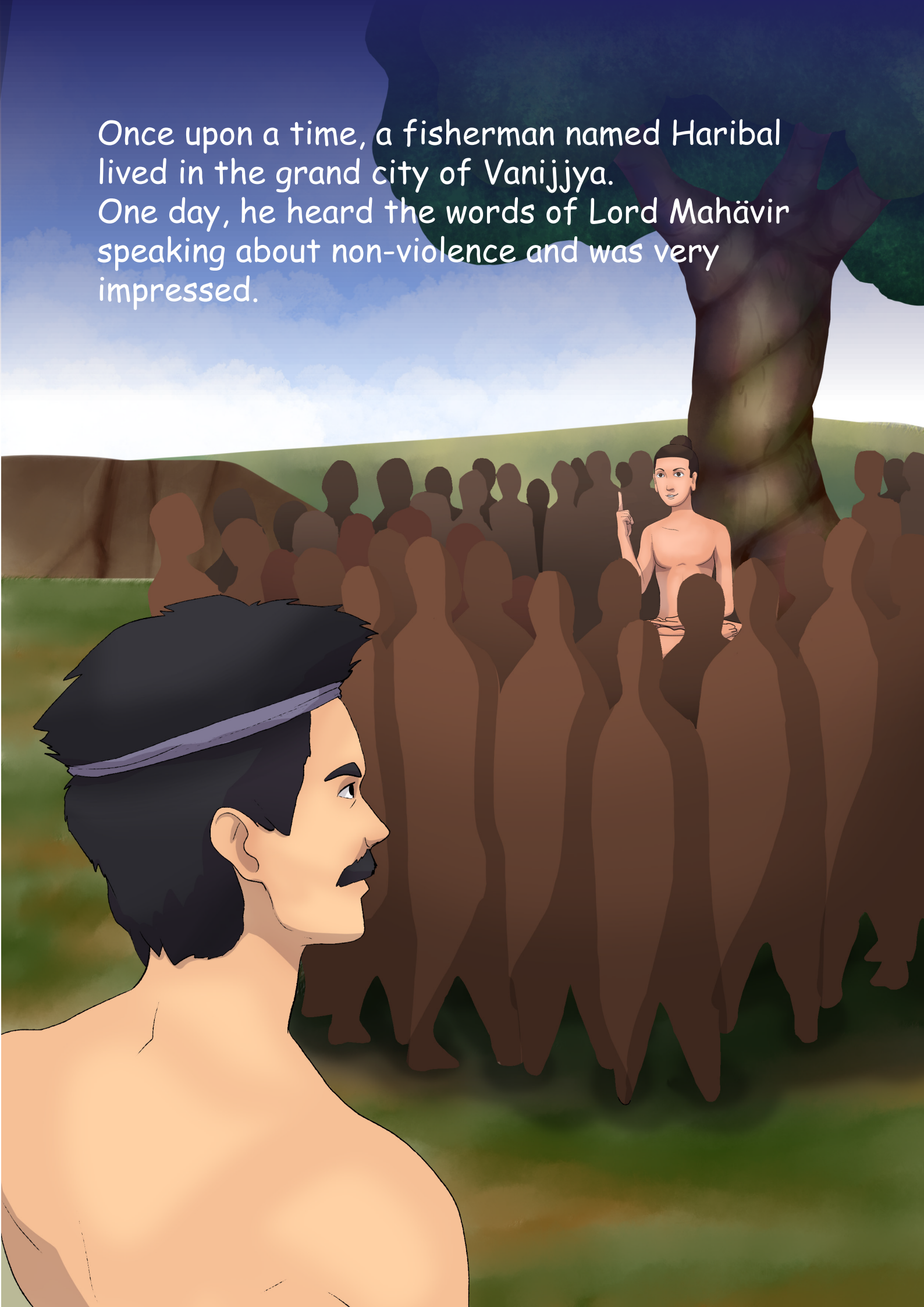


Haribal  
and  
The Fish



Once upon a time, a fisherman named Haribal lived in the grand city of Vanijjya. One day, he heard the words of Lord Mahāvīr speaking about non-violence and was very impressed.



But, because he was a fisherman, how could he eat if he gave up the violence?

Return the first catch to the water.

said the lord.



Haribal vowed to do so. Every day he would release the first catch of the day to the water.

One day, he caught a huge fish, put a mark on it, and sent it back to the water.



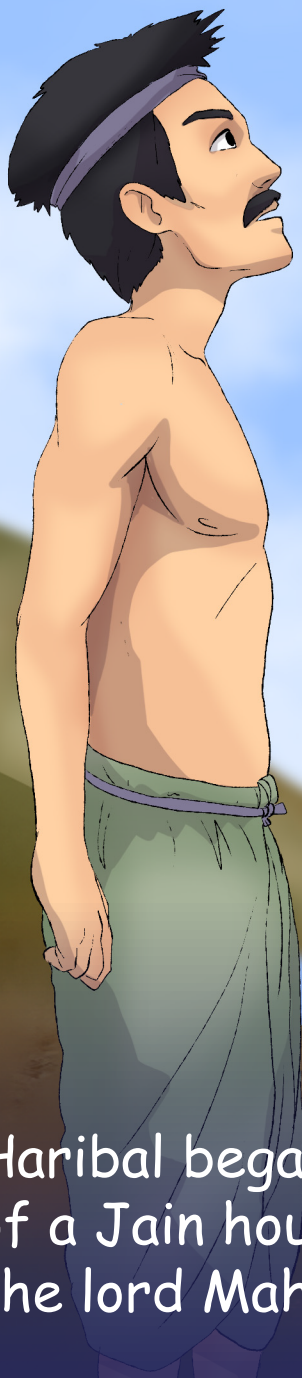
Then he caught the same fish again and again, and each time he would send it back. That day he went home without any fish.

This was a test of the heavenly being who came to Haribal and told him that he was pleased he kept his promise.



Remember me  
whenever you need  
me,

said the heavenly  
being and flew away.



Haribal began observing the other principles  
of a Jain householder, became the Shravak of  
the lord Mahavir and lived a happy life.

We must keep our promises, as it helps us live a better life.

