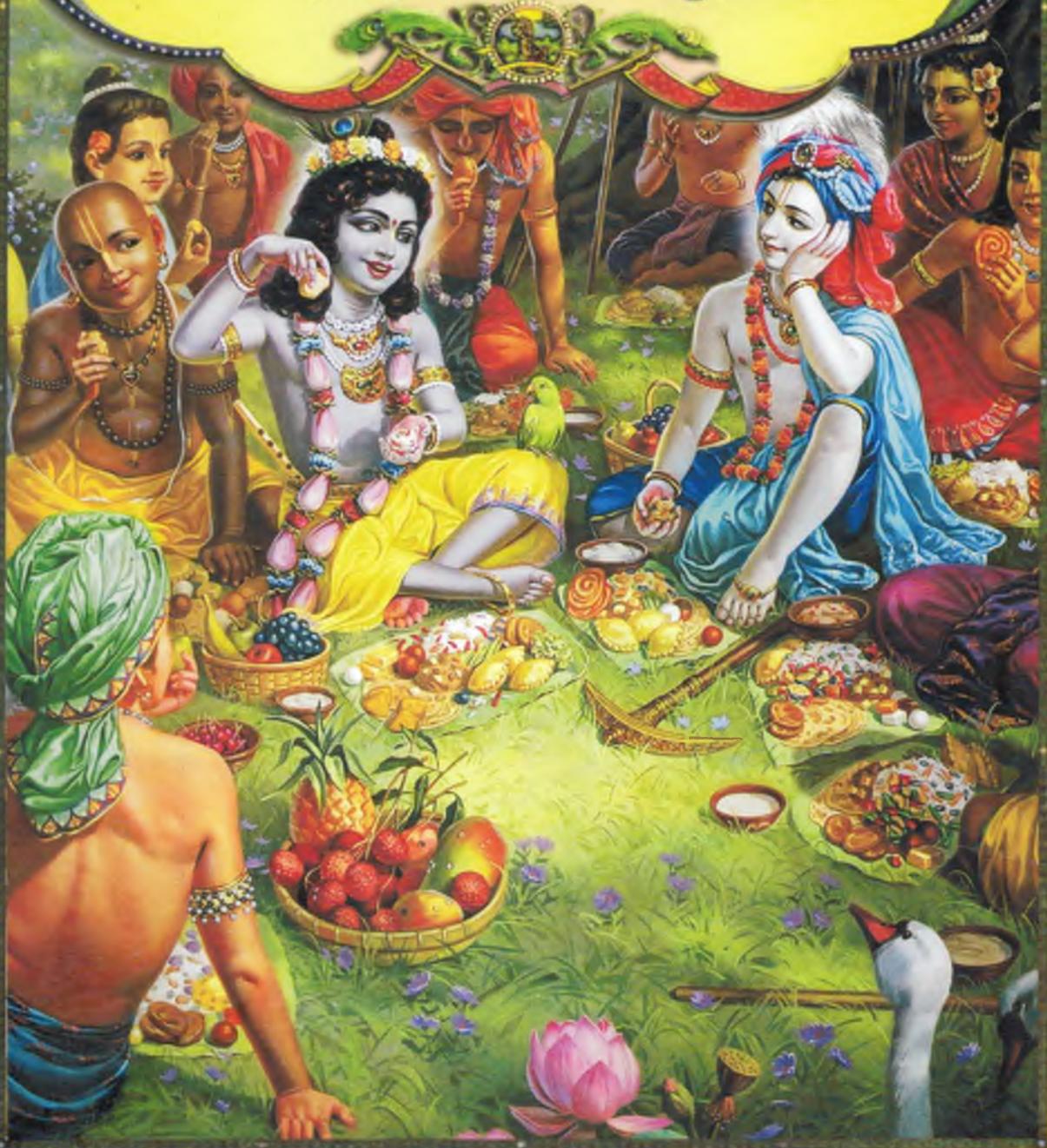


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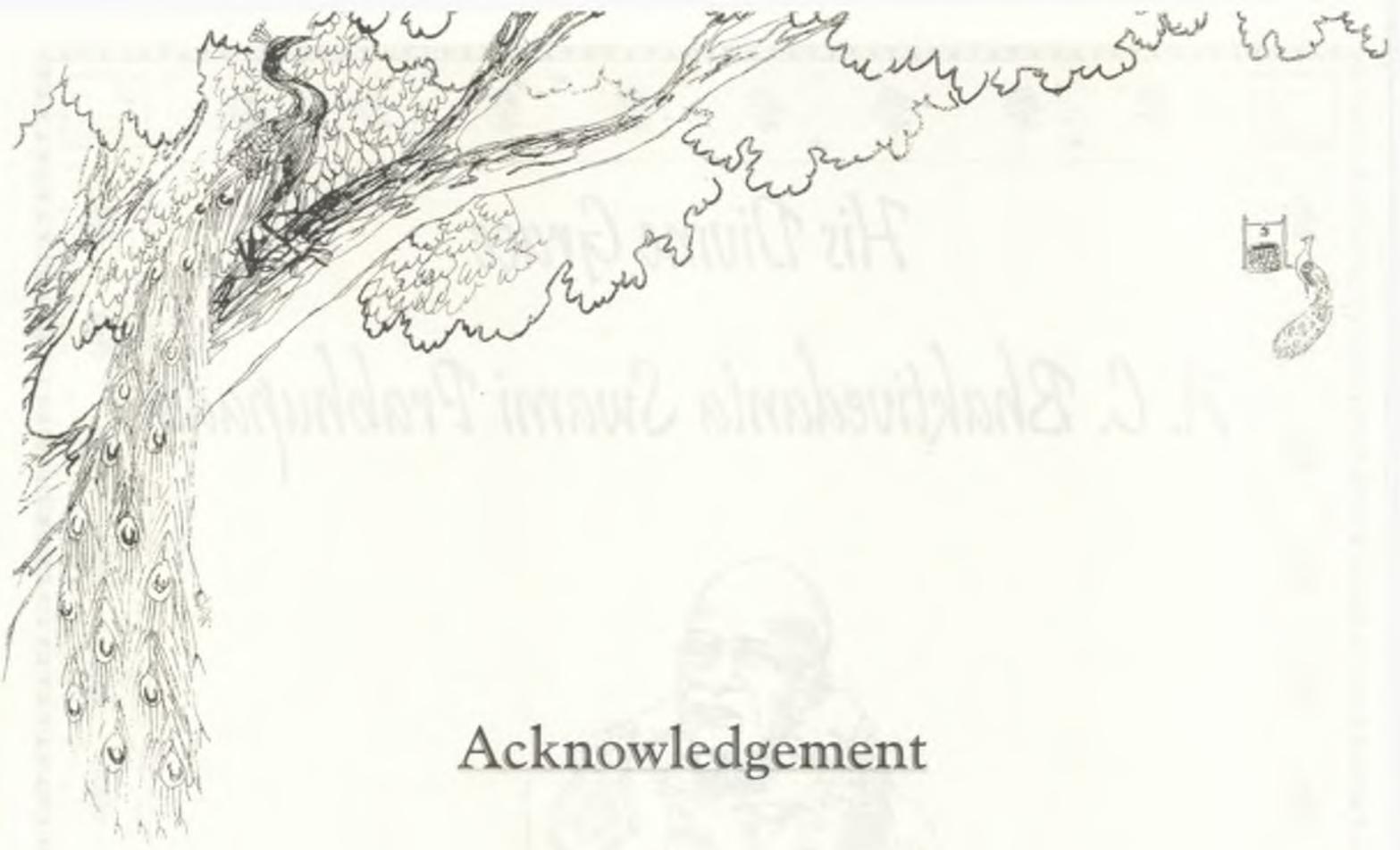


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Do You Know Who The Real Heroes Are?



Are they Batman, Superman, the X-men, or Disney stars? Do they give us love, hope and affection? Can they relieve our suffering? No, they can't. They are nothing but commercially marketed characters of this dark age of Kali.

Then, who are the real heroes?

The real heroes are our spiritual masters. Just as Hanuman crossed the ocean to accomplish the mission of his Lord, Sri Rama, in the same way Srila Prabhupada and his genuine representatives, distributed divine love to all corners of the world. Simply by his pure desire to spread the message of Mahaprabhu, he manifested the highest example of compassion. Srila Prabhupada performed the impossible task of giving the world love for Lord Krishna, and love for His most intimate friends.

Without discrimination Srila Prabhupada bestowed love, affection and hope upon all souls; he taught us that we are not the body. He taught us to rise above suffering, to live simply and think highly. He ordered us to follow his example and spread the message of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to every town and village in the world.

Offering him our humble obeisances, we pray that he protects us from the strong network of illusory energy so that we can continue to serve his mission of delivering the Holy Name of the Lord to each and every heart throughout the world.

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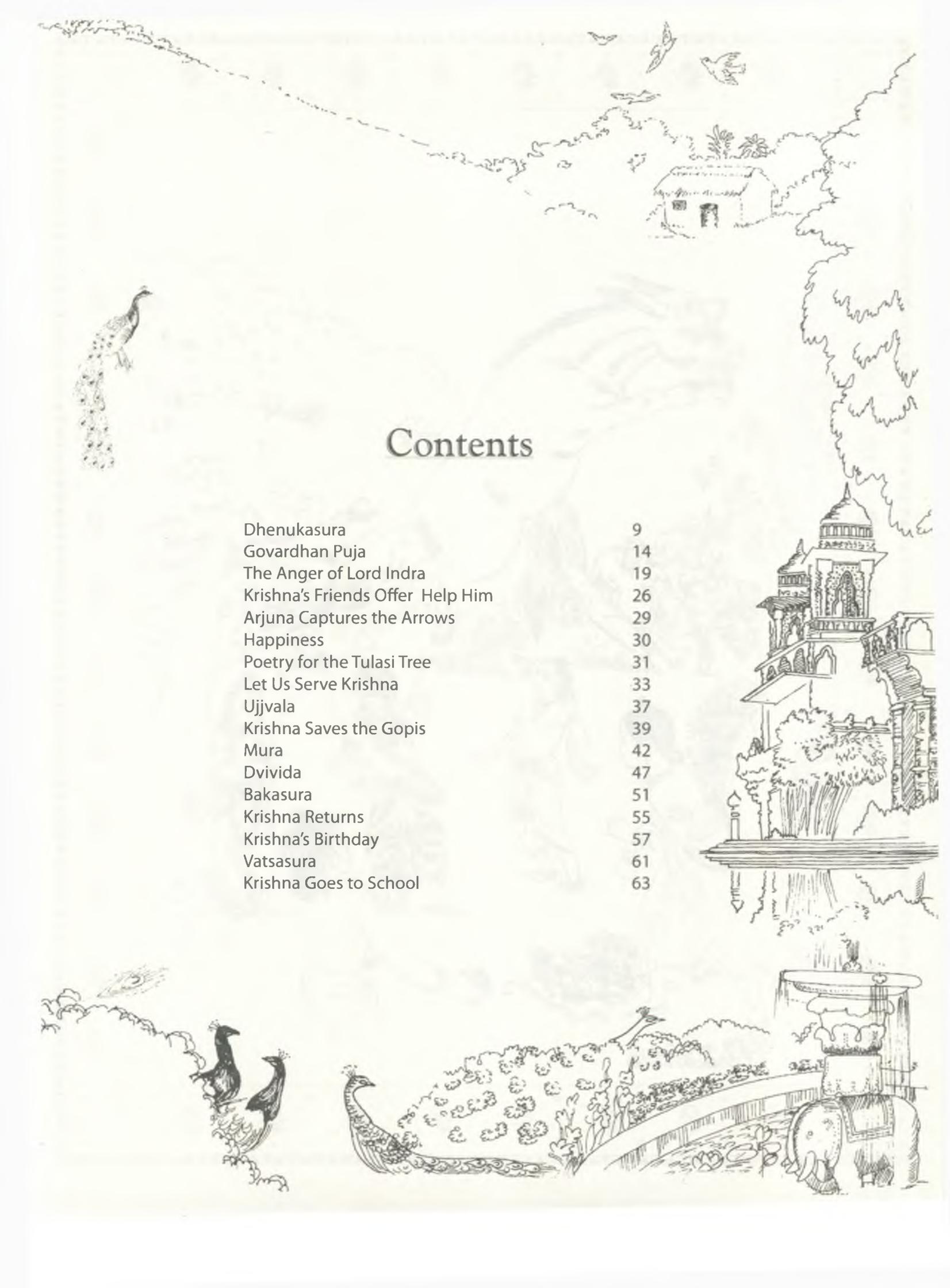




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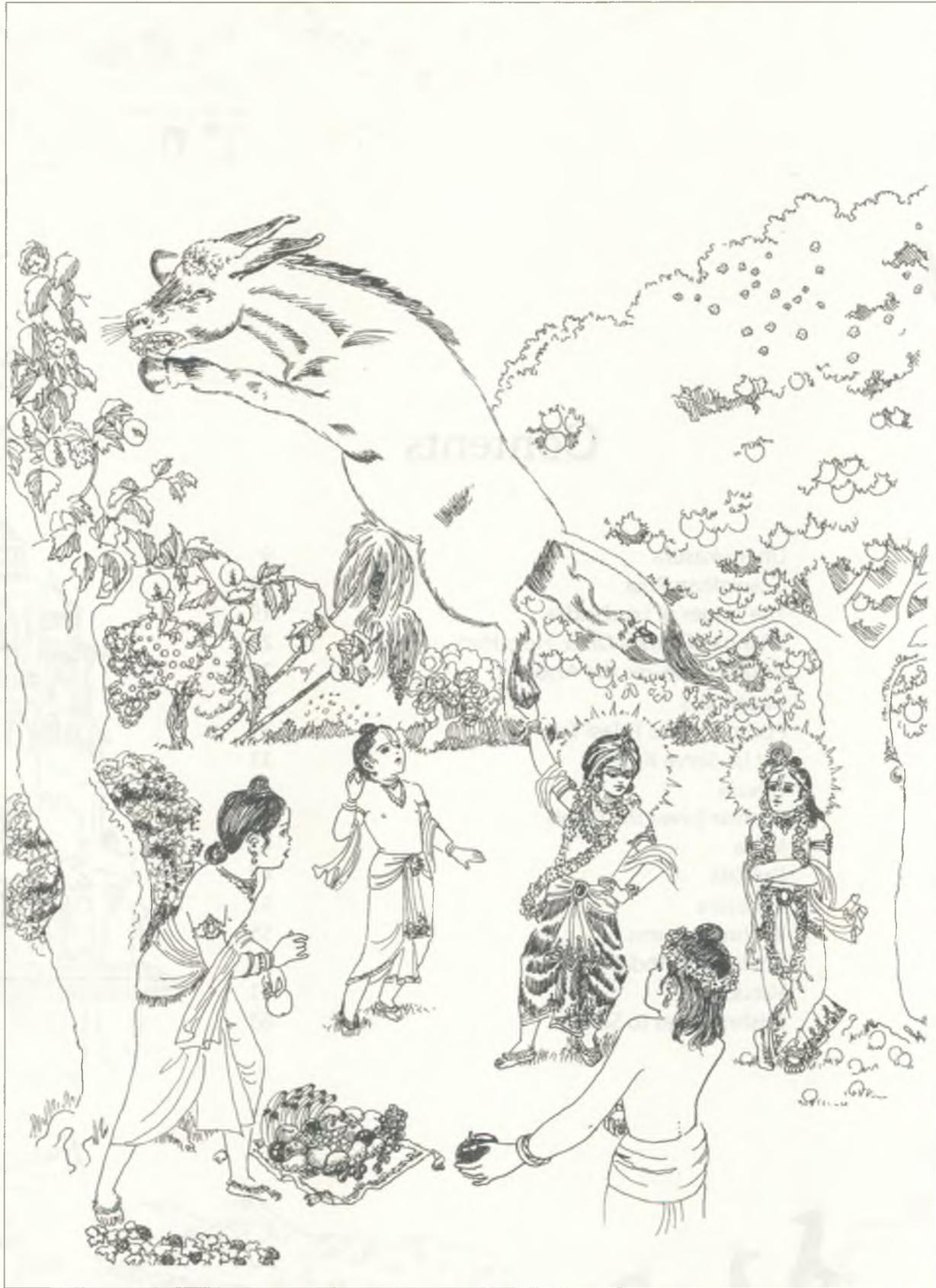


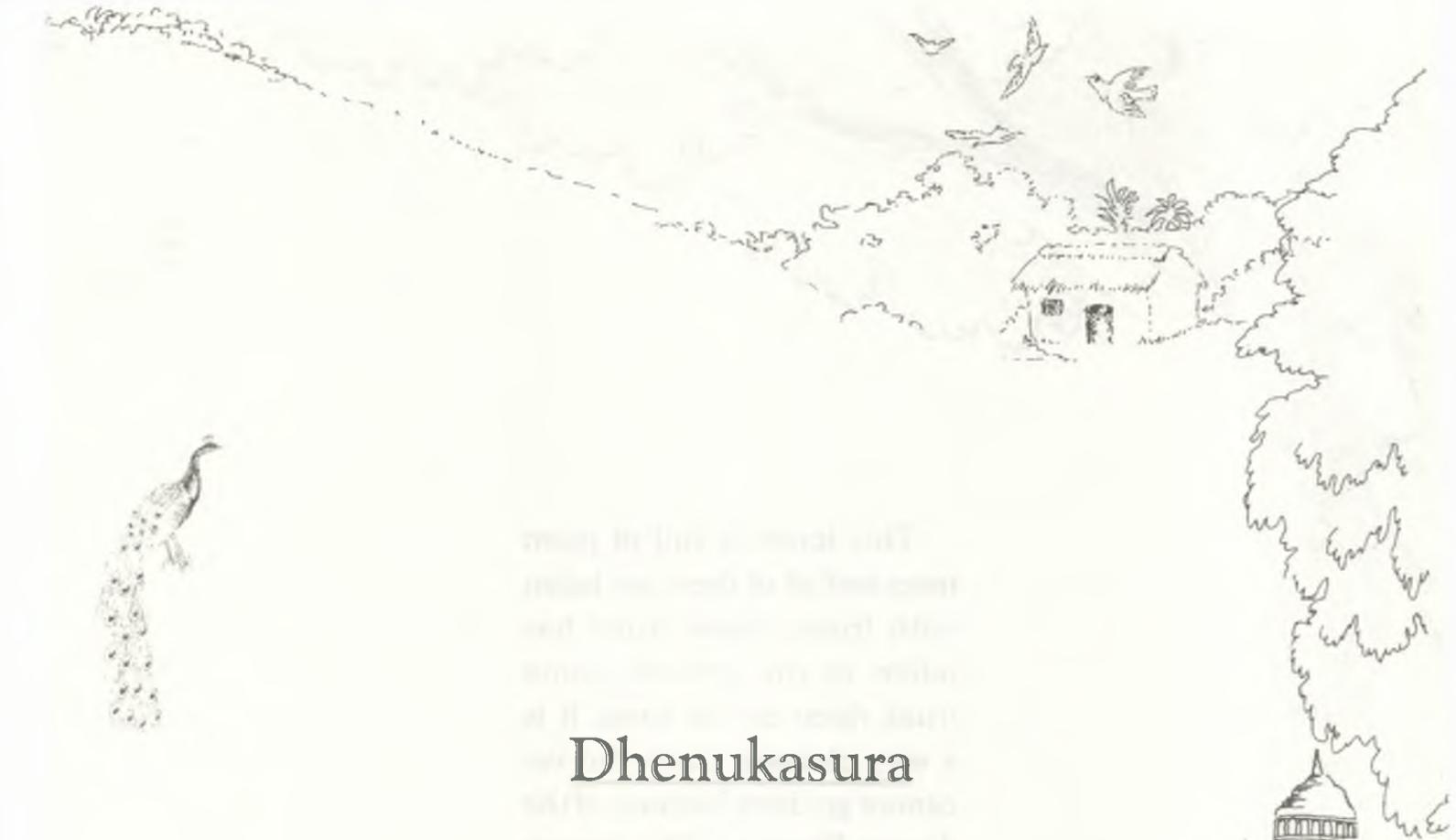


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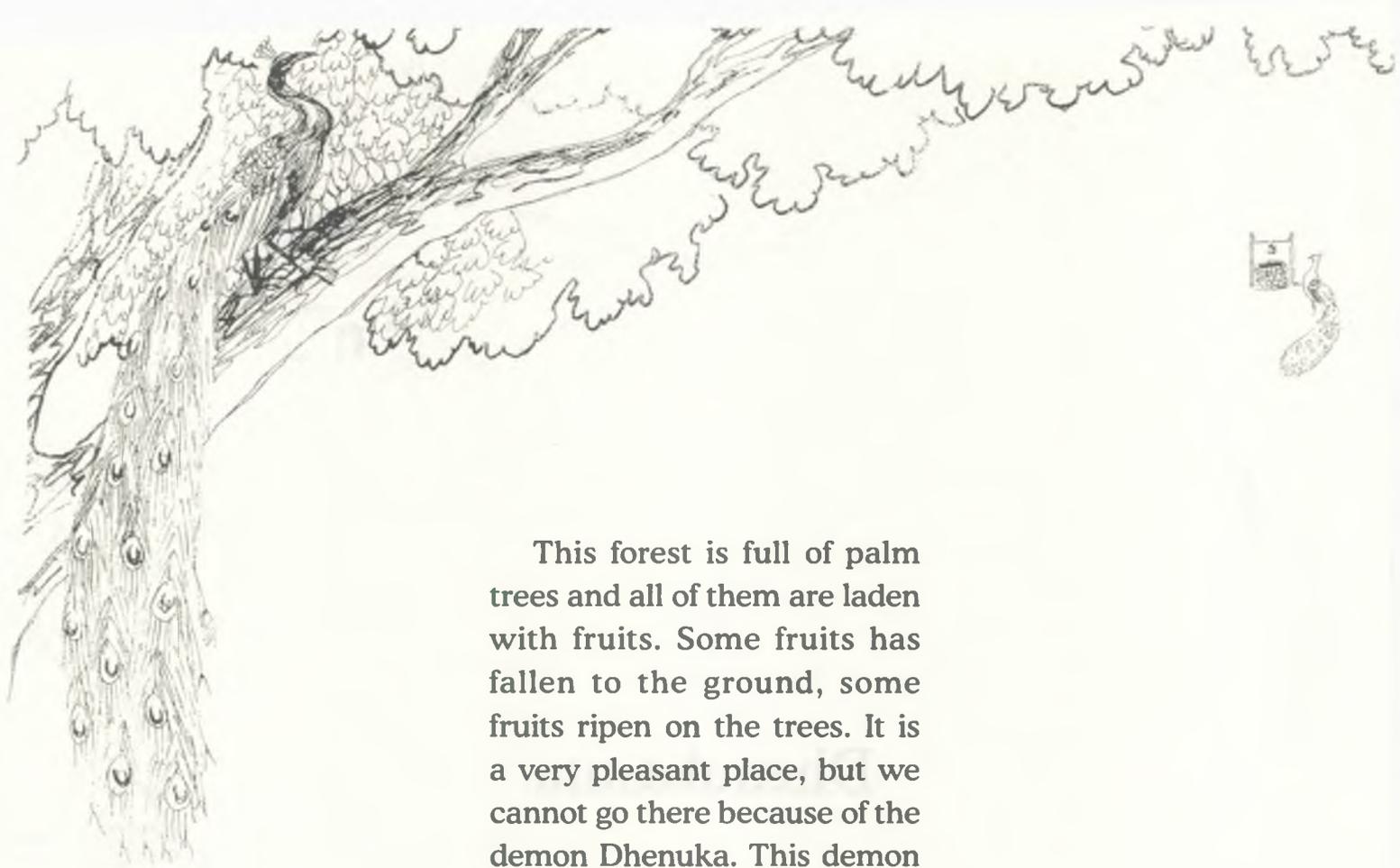


Dhenukasura

One clear and beautiful day, Krishna, Balaram, and Their cowherd boy friends were playing in the forest. During the course of their playing, the cowherd boys became hungry, so they approached Krishna and Balaram and requested Them:

“Dear Balaram, You are very powerful. Your arms are very strong. Dear Krishna, You are very expert in killing all classes of demons. Nearby is a forest called Tala.





This forest is full of palm trees and all of them are laden with fruits. Some fruits has fallen to the ground, some fruits ripen on the trees. It is a very pleasant place, but we cannot go there because of the demon Dhenuka. This demon has taken the form of an ass and has many friends who are similarly formed, like asses. All of them are very strong, therefore, we cannot go there to gather fruits from the trees.

We are afraid we may be attacked and killed by this demon. Not even the animals dare go near that forest and even the birds won't fly over the forest, what to speak of resting there.

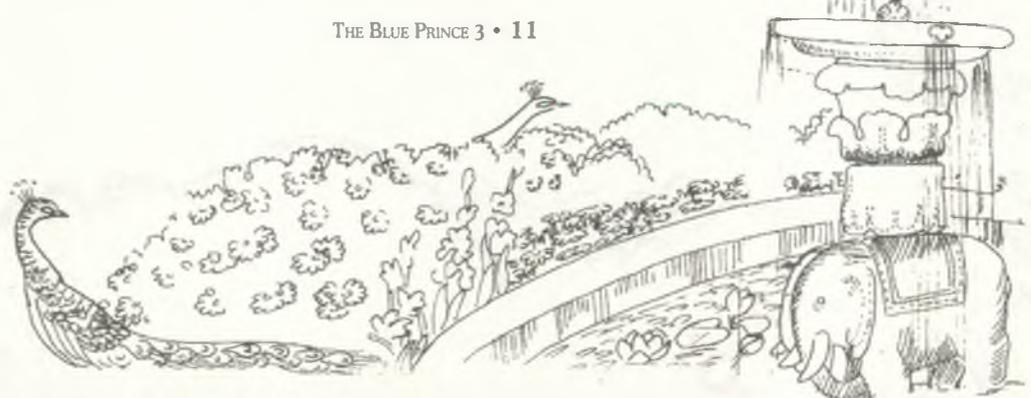


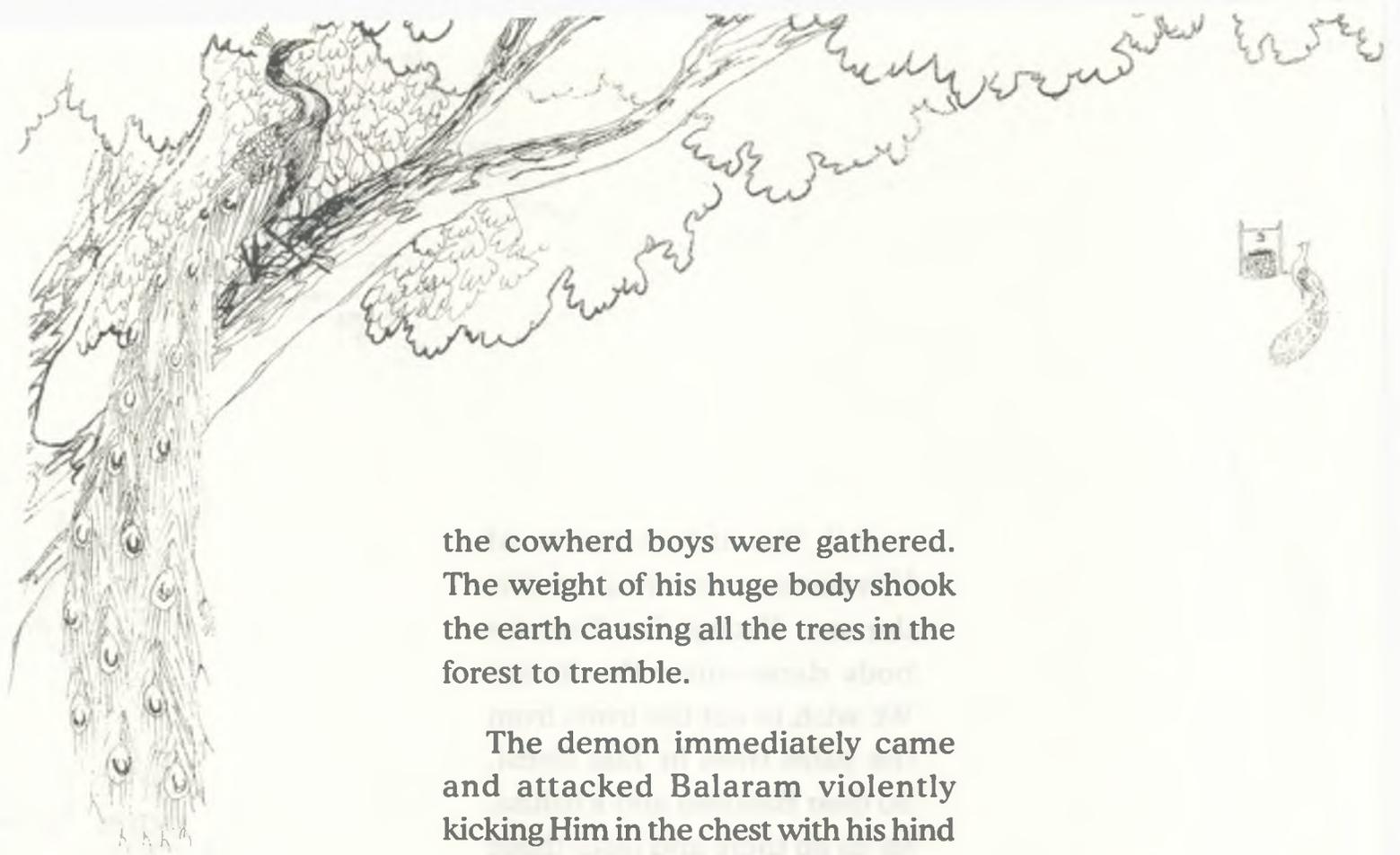


All the inhabitants of Vrindavan are afraid of this demon. Except for You, no body dares enter the forest. We wish to eat the fruits from the palm trees in Tala forest. So dear Balaram and Krishna, let us go there and taste those fruits.”

Krishna and Balaram wanting to please Their friends, went with them to Tala forest. As soon as they were in the forest, Balaram started shaking the trees, exactly as a big elephant would. One after another the ripened fruits fell to the ground.

When Dhenuka heard the noise of falling fruits and the cowherd boys' excitement, he grew very angry run quickly through the forest to the spot where Krishna, Balaram and





the cowherd boys were gathered. The weight of his huge body shook the earth causing all the trees in the forest to tremble.

The demon immediately came and attacked Balaram violently kicking Him in the chest with his hind legs. At first, Balaram was unshaken by the kicking of Dhenukasura. But when he kicked Balaram again and again, Balaram grabbed one of his hind legs, whirled him around and threw him to the top of the trees. The demon was thus sent to the abode of Yamaraja.

Dhenukasura's body was so huge that when it fell on top of the trees, hundreds of them came toppling down. As one tree fell upon another, it created a devastating wind of destruction through the forest.

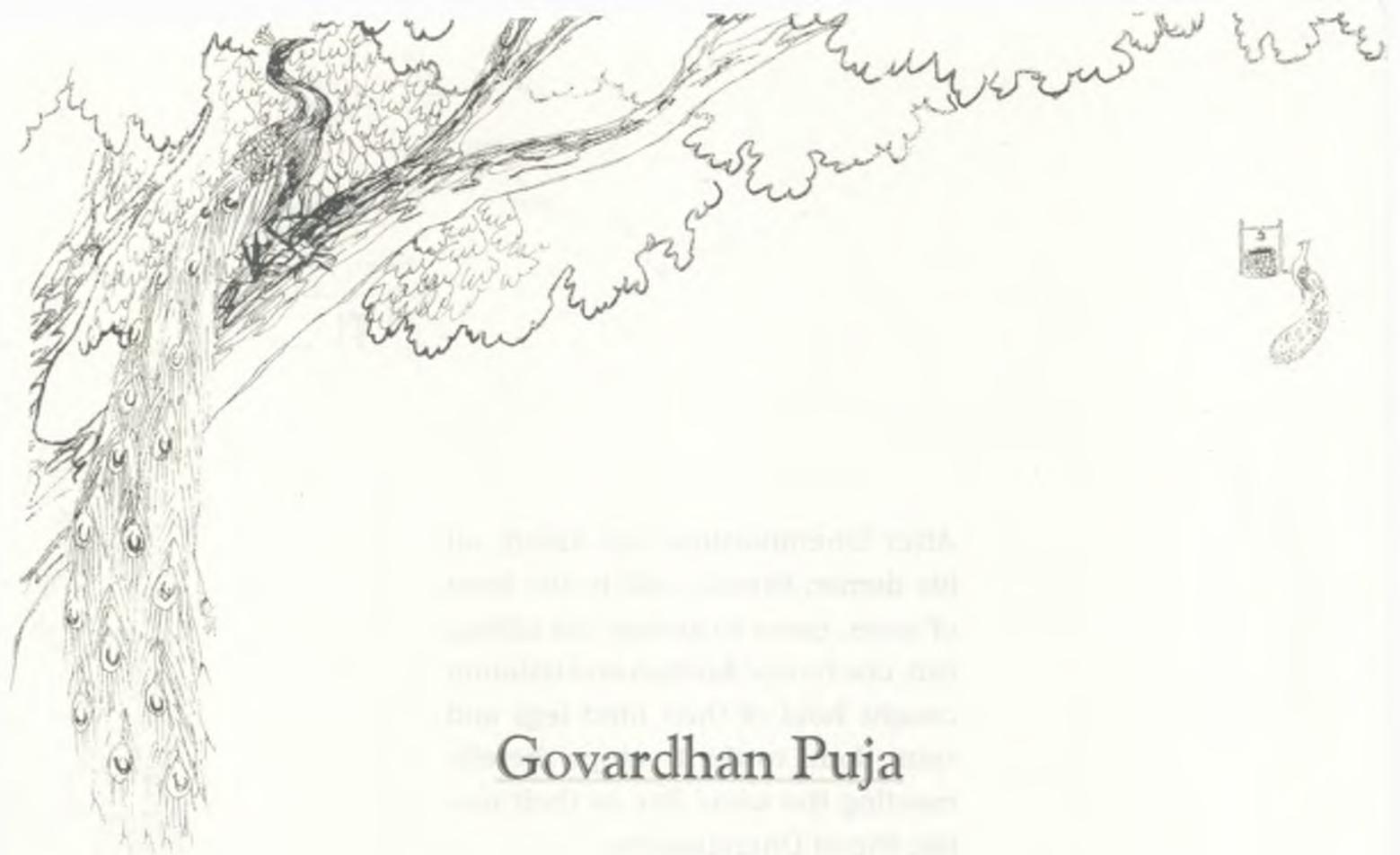




After Dhenukasura was killed, all his demon friends, still in the form of asses, came to avenge his killing. But, one by one Krishna and Balaram caught hold of their hind legs and spun them to the treetops thereby meeting the same fate as their ass-like friend Dhenukasura.

The demigods were relieved by the death of Dhenuka and his demon friends, and showered flowers over Krishna and Balaram, beat drums and danced in great ecstasy.





Govardhan Puja

One day the cowherd men of Vrindavan made an elaborate plan for a sacrifice to please Lord Indra. Little Krishna approached His father and asked,

“My dear father, who is this sacrifice for? What are you celebrating? Please, tell Me everything about this sacrifice.”

“My dear son,” said Nanda Maharaja, “rain is very important to us. We cannot



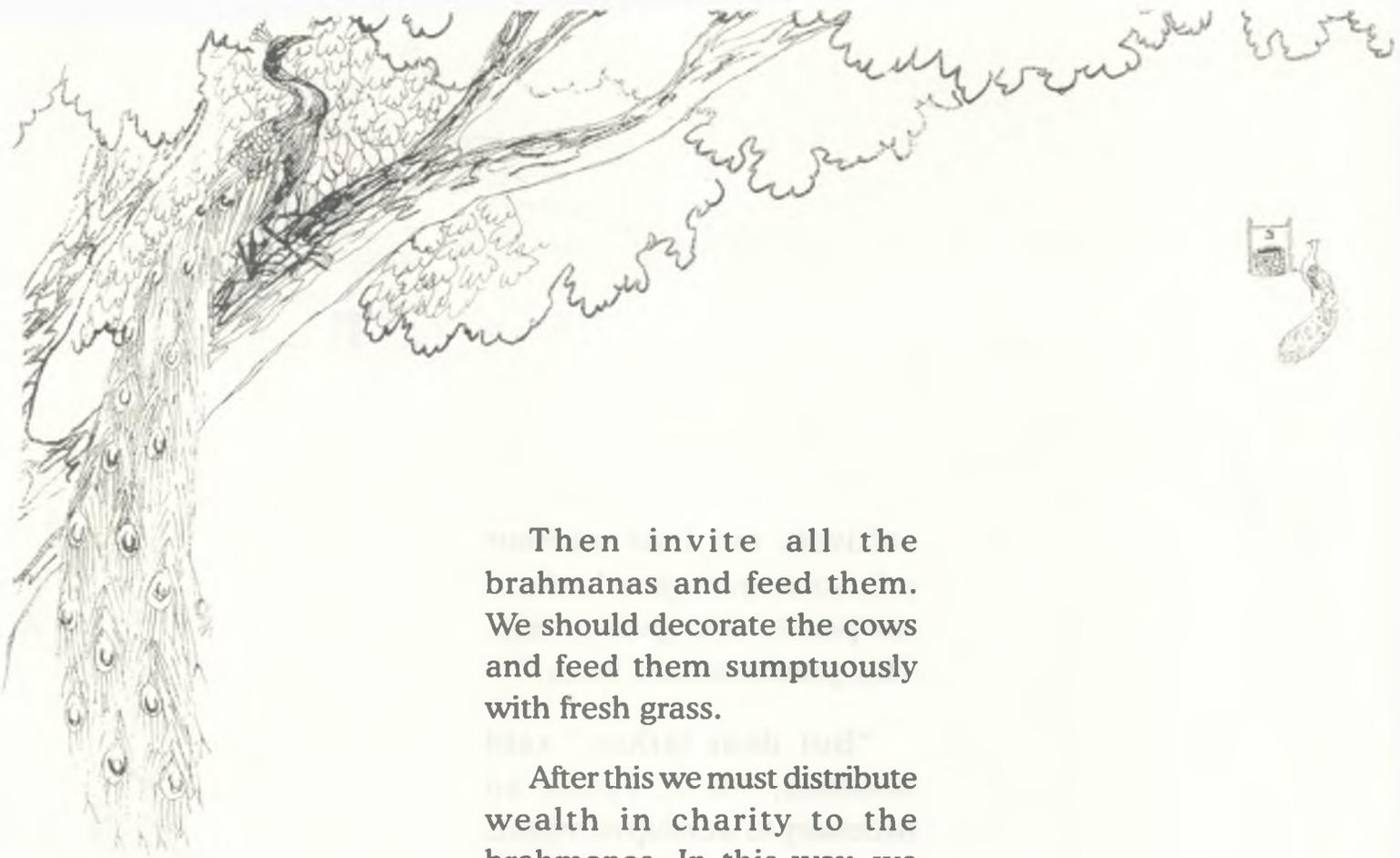


cultivate our land without rain, so we must give thanks to the person who gives us rain. That person is Lord Indra.”

“But dear father,” said Krishna. “Is it really so necessary to worship demigods in order to obtain material results? Any blessing from the demigods really comes from the Supreme Lord Vishnu. You do not have to worship Indra.

I request you to hold a festival for the satisfaction of the brahmanas, and the Hill of Govardhan. We should have nothing to do with Indra. We can make a sacrifice as follows: First prepare delicious foods cooked with ghee and grains.





Then invite all the brahmanas and feed them. We should decorate the cows and feed them sumptuously with fresh grass.

After this we must distribute wealth in charity to the brahmanas. In this way, we can begin Govardhan Puja.”

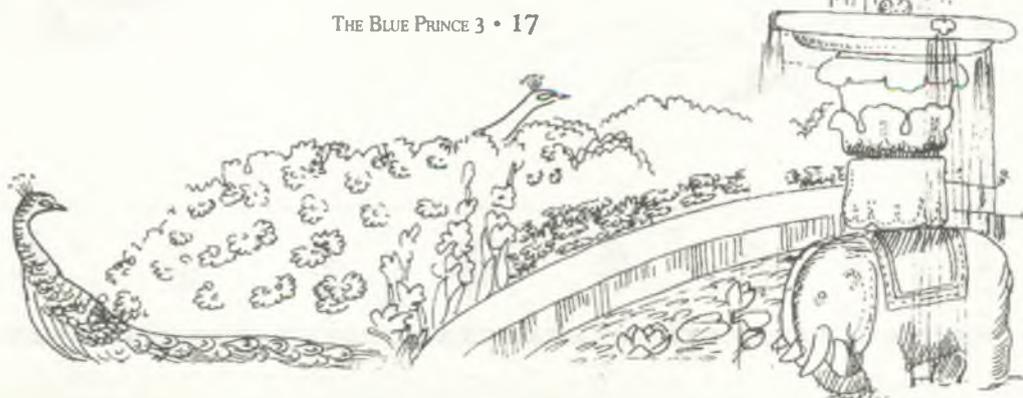
Following the orders of little Krishna, everybody fed and decorated their cows. Placing their cows in front, they circumambulated the hill of Govardhan and offered him huge quantities of food.

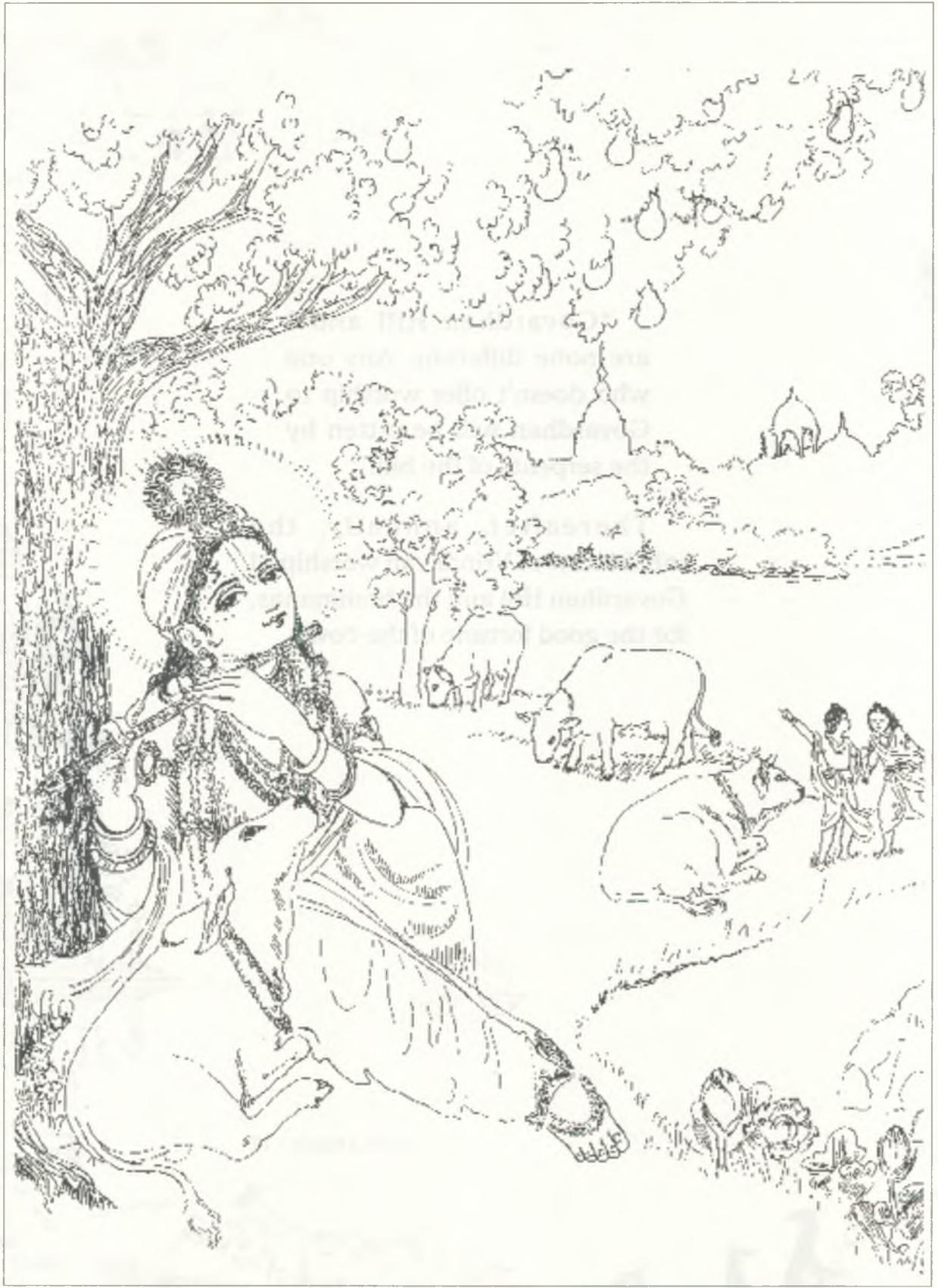
Krishna was very pleased with Govardhan Puja. He assumed the form of Govardhan Hill and began to eat all the food offered in the sacrifice. Lord Krishna declared:



**“Govardhan Hill and I
are none different. Any one
who doesn’t offer worship to
Govardhan will be bitten by
the serpents of the hill.”**

**Thereafter, annually, the
inhabitants of Vrindavan worshiped
Govardhan Hill and the brahmanas,
for the good fortune of the cows.**





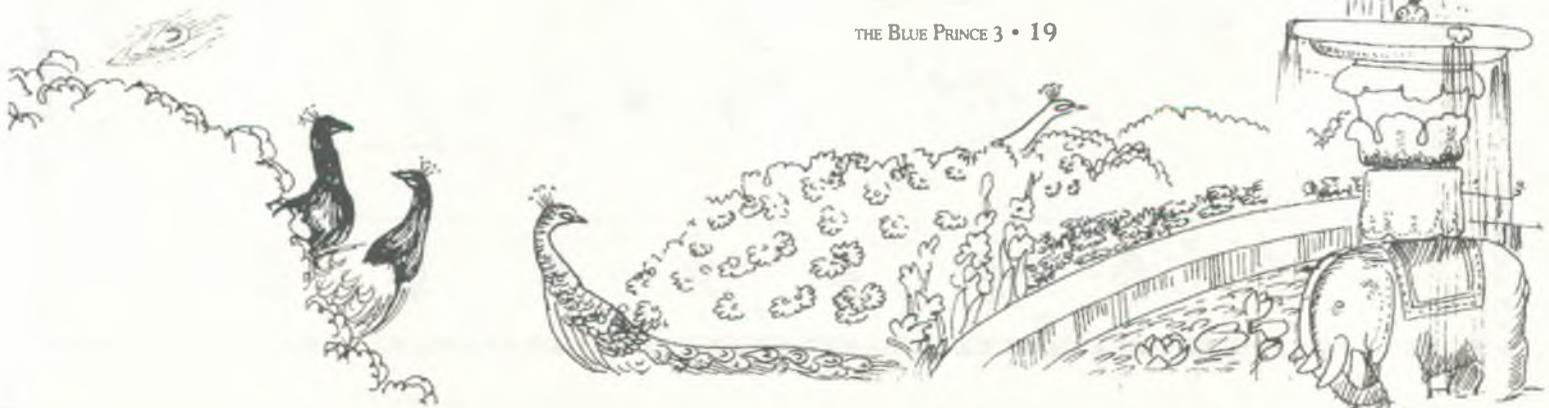


The Anger of Lord Indra

All the inhabitants of Vrindavan felt jubilant and blissful after the festival of Govardhan Puja. The cows, brahmanas, cowherd men and boys, as well as the women, were all very peaceful. At the end of the festivities only Lord Indra was morose.

The reason, being he felt deprived of the annual sacrifice usually offered to him by the cowherd men and women.

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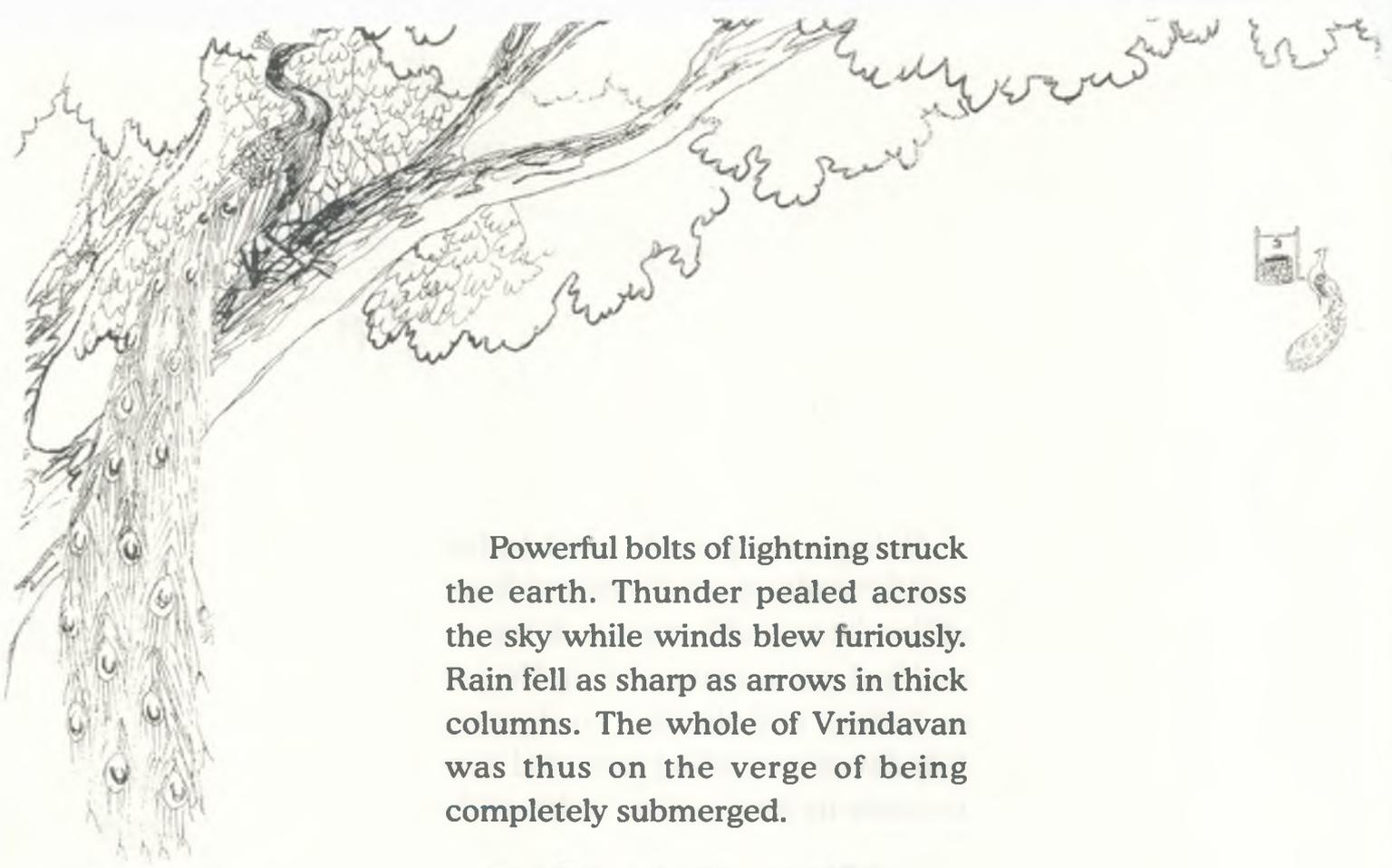


Being very proud, Lord Indra couldn't understand why the residents of Vrindavan had listened to Krishna, and had not worshiped him. He got so furious and decided to destroy Vrindavan by sending torrential rain to cause its devastation. Indra said:

“These cowherd men have scorned me by following the orders of Krishna, that chatterbox kid. By listening to this boy these Vrajabasis have invoked my wrath. Therefore, I must destroy them and their cows.”

On Lord Indra's order, dark clouds gathered and descended on Vrindavan. They began to pour down torrents of rain with all their force and fury upon the little village.





Powerful bolts of lightning struck the earth. Thunder pealed across the sky while winds blew furiously. Rain fell as sharp as arrows in thick columns. The whole of Vrindavan was thus on the verge of being completely submerged.

Fearful and cold, the cows and the Vrajavasis rushed to take shelter of their beloved Krishna. They prayed:

“Dear Krishna, You are all-powerful and You are very affectionate to Your devotees. Please, protect us from Indra’s wrath.”

Krishna desired to teach Indra a good lesson and thus curb his inflated ego. At the same time He wanted to show how He always protects His





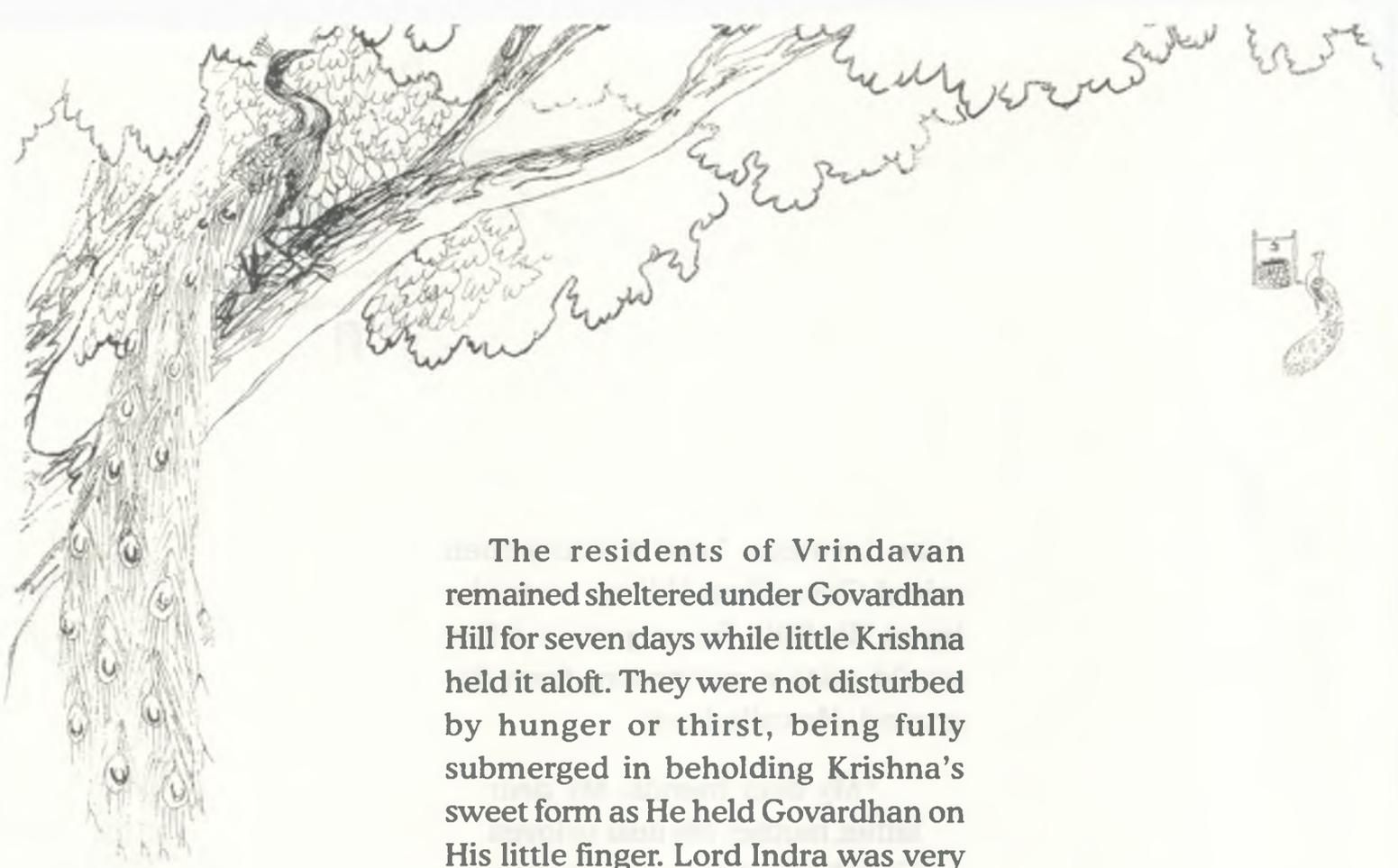
dear devotees. Lord Krishna then raised Govardhan Hill up on to the tip of His little finger, just as a boy would raise a mushroom from the ground. He called out:

“My dear friends, My dear father, mother, My dear beloved Vrajabasis, now you can save yourselves from danger by entering under this Govardhan Hill that I have raised upon My finger.

Don't be afraid thinking that this hill will fall off My hand. To protect you from the violent rain and wind sent by Indra, I have raised Govardhan Hill for your shelter.

Bring your animals and be happy under the umbrella of Govardhan Hill.”





The residents of Vrindavan remained sheltered under Govardhan Hill for seven days while little Krishna held it aloft. They were not disturbed by hunger or thirst, being fully submerged in beholding Krishna's sweet form as He held Govardhan on His little finger. Lord Indra was very surprised witnessing the protection given to the Vrajabasis.

When he realised he could not harm the Vrajabasis, he came to his senses and called to the clouds to stop pouring rain on Vrindavan. Thereafter the sky cleared and the sun shone more brilliantly than ever. Krishna said:

“My dear friends, the rain has stopped and the sky is clear. You may now take your children, wives, husbands,



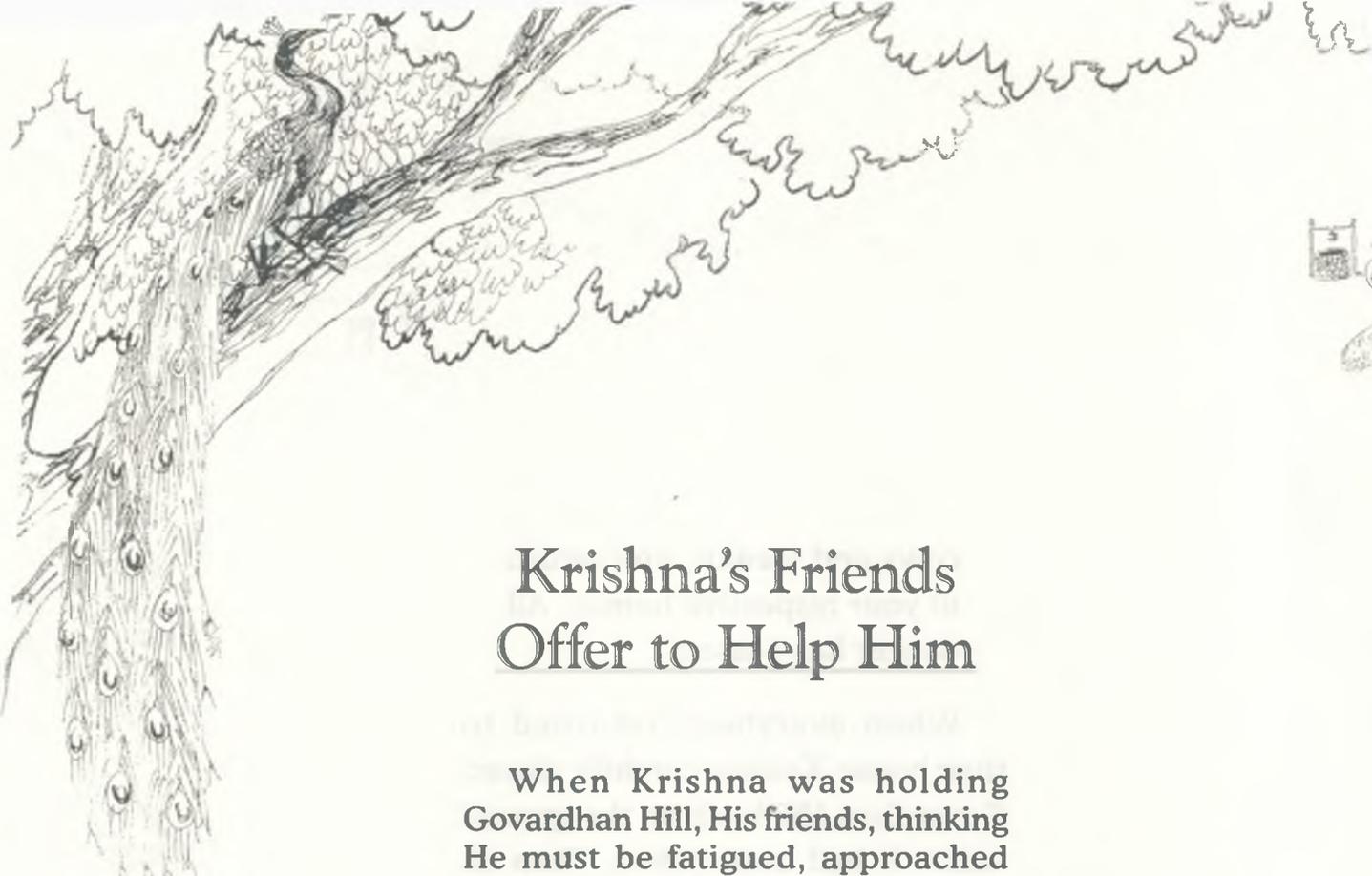


cows and wealth, and return to your respective homes. All danger has passed.”

When everybody returned to their house, Krishna carefully placed Govardhan Hill back on the ground where it had been before. Then all the residents of Vrindavan returned to offer beautiful prayers to Krishna. One after another they embraced Him and the elders blessed Him again and again.

The demigods showered the Earth with flowers and blew conchshells. Then Krishna and His friends returned to Vrindavan.





Krishna's Friends Offer to Help Him

When Krishna was holding Govardhan Hill, His friends, thinking He must be fatigued, approached Him saying:

“Our dear friend Krishna, You have been holding this hill continuously for seven days and nights, without rest. Seeing You holding Govardhan Hill for so long is very painful for us. Please, pass the hill onto Sudama's hand. We know You must be tired by now. If You think that Sudama cannot hold the hill, at least shift the hill to Your left hand so that we can massage Your right hand.”



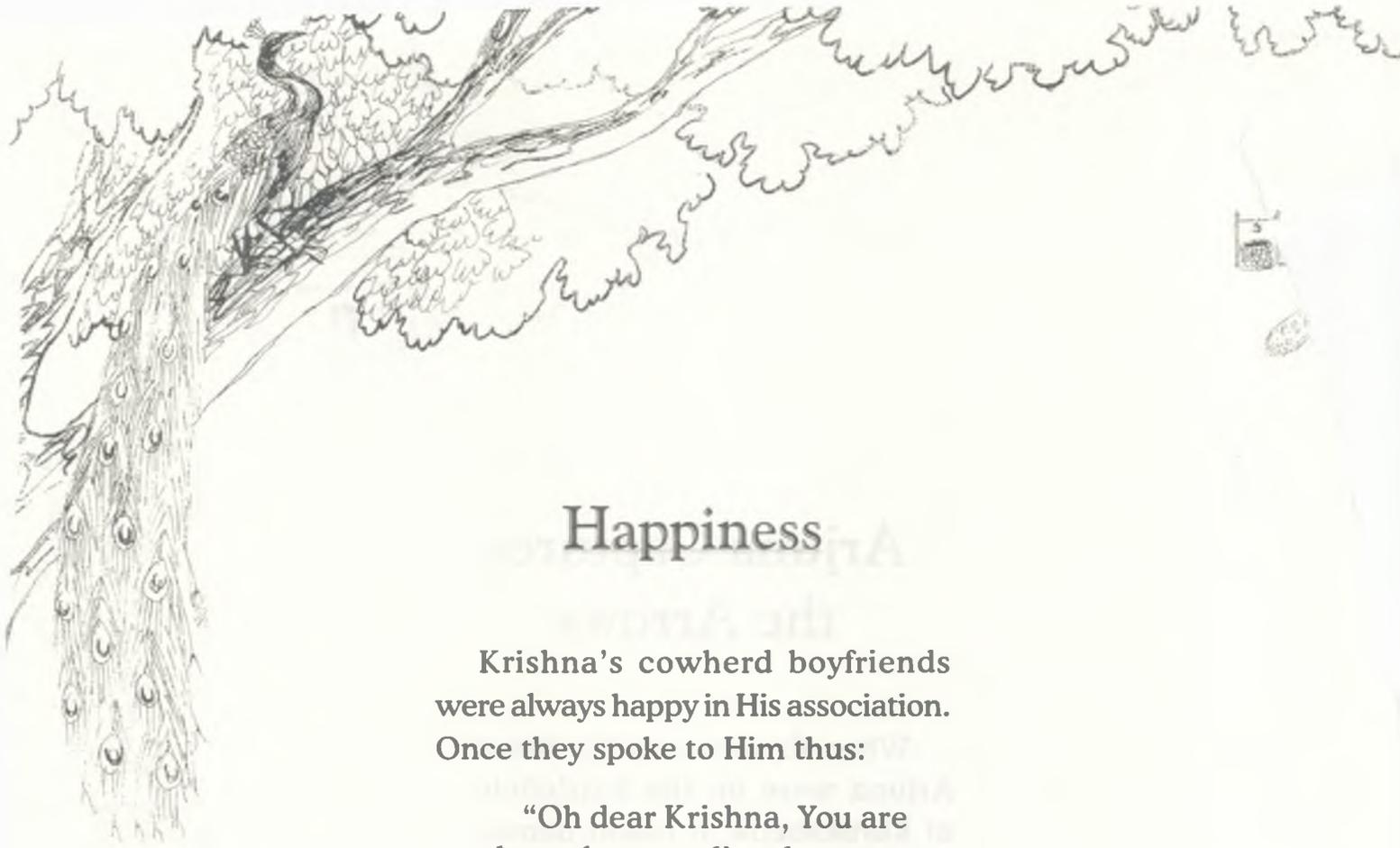




Arjuna Captures the Arrows

When Krishna and His friend Arjuna were on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, a rascal named Asvatthama approached them. Being a fool by nature, Asvatthama decided to attack Krishna and kill Him. Asvatthama sent a river of arrows towards Krishna. When Arjuna saw his dear friend could be wounded, he jumped in front of Krishna and let all the arrows hit his own body. Although Arjuna was hurt by those arrows, he was thinking more about his beloved friend Krishna. Therefore, the arrows did not cause any pain to him. Indeed they simply felt like a rain of flowers.

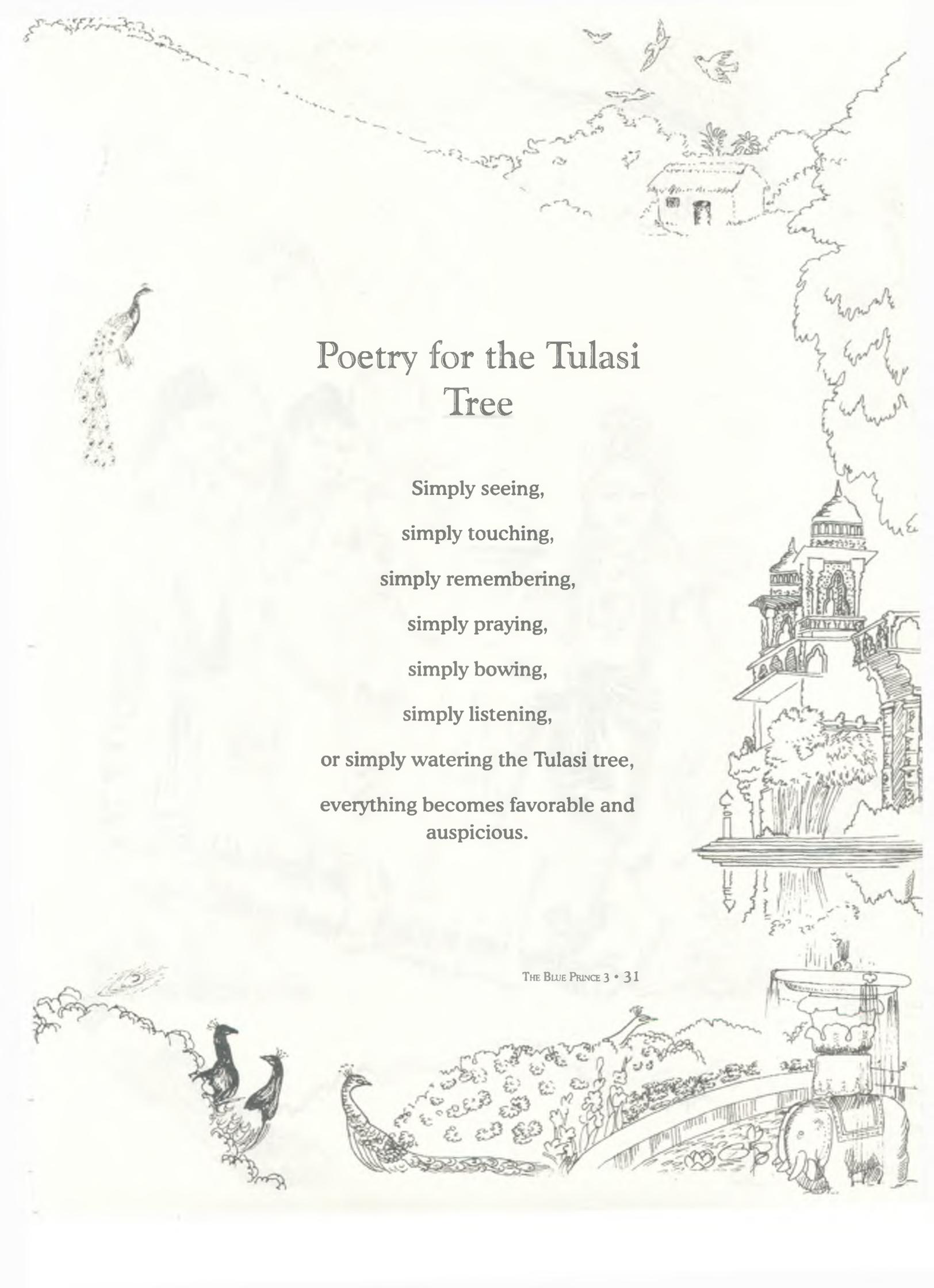




Happiness

Krishna's cowherd boyfriends were always happy in His association. Once they spoke to Him thus:

“Oh dear Krishna, You are always busy tending the cows, playing with them all over the beautiful forest of Vrindavan. When we gaze upon Your beautiful form, with a turban adorned with precious jewels, and peacock feather upon Your head, Your slender neck decorated by a garland of flowers swirls around Your yellow dhoti, our happiness increases unlimitedly. We get immense pleasure seeing You appear so beautiful, trying to fight with us.”



Poetry for the Tulasi Tree

Simply seeing,
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simply remembering,
simply praying,
simply bowing,
simply listening,
or simply watering the Tulasi tree,
everything becomes favorable and
auspicious.





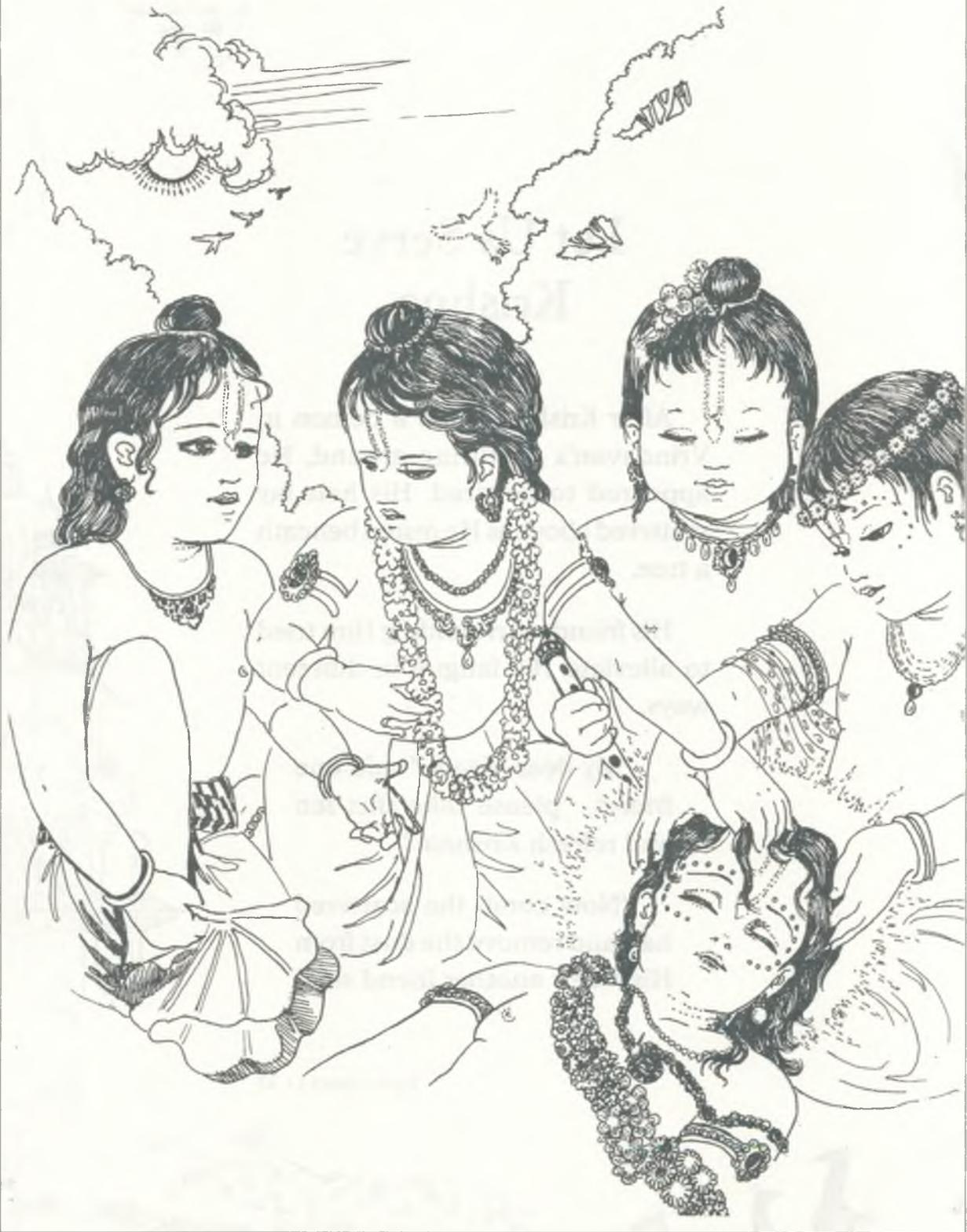
Let Us Serve Krishna

After Krishna killed a demon in Vrindavan's pasturing ground, He appeared to be tired. His hair lay scattered about as He rested beneath a tree.

His friends surrounding Him tried to alleviate His fatigue in different ways.

"My dear Visala," said one friend, "please take this fan and refresh Krishna."

"Now comb the scattered hair and remove the dust from His face," another friend said.





“ Psssh! Don’t speak too loudly,” he ordered to the noisy children.

“Let’s massage Krishna’s body. His arms are tired after fighting with the demons.”

In this way, Krishna’s friends served Him all day.







Ujvala

Ujvala is Krishna's dear friend. When Krishna goes to the pasturing ground, Ujvala goes with Him. He wears an orange dhoti and he's decorated with varieties of flowers. His body is the same color as Krishna's, and his eyes are always anxious. Ujvala wears a necklace of pearls and he is very dear to Krishna.



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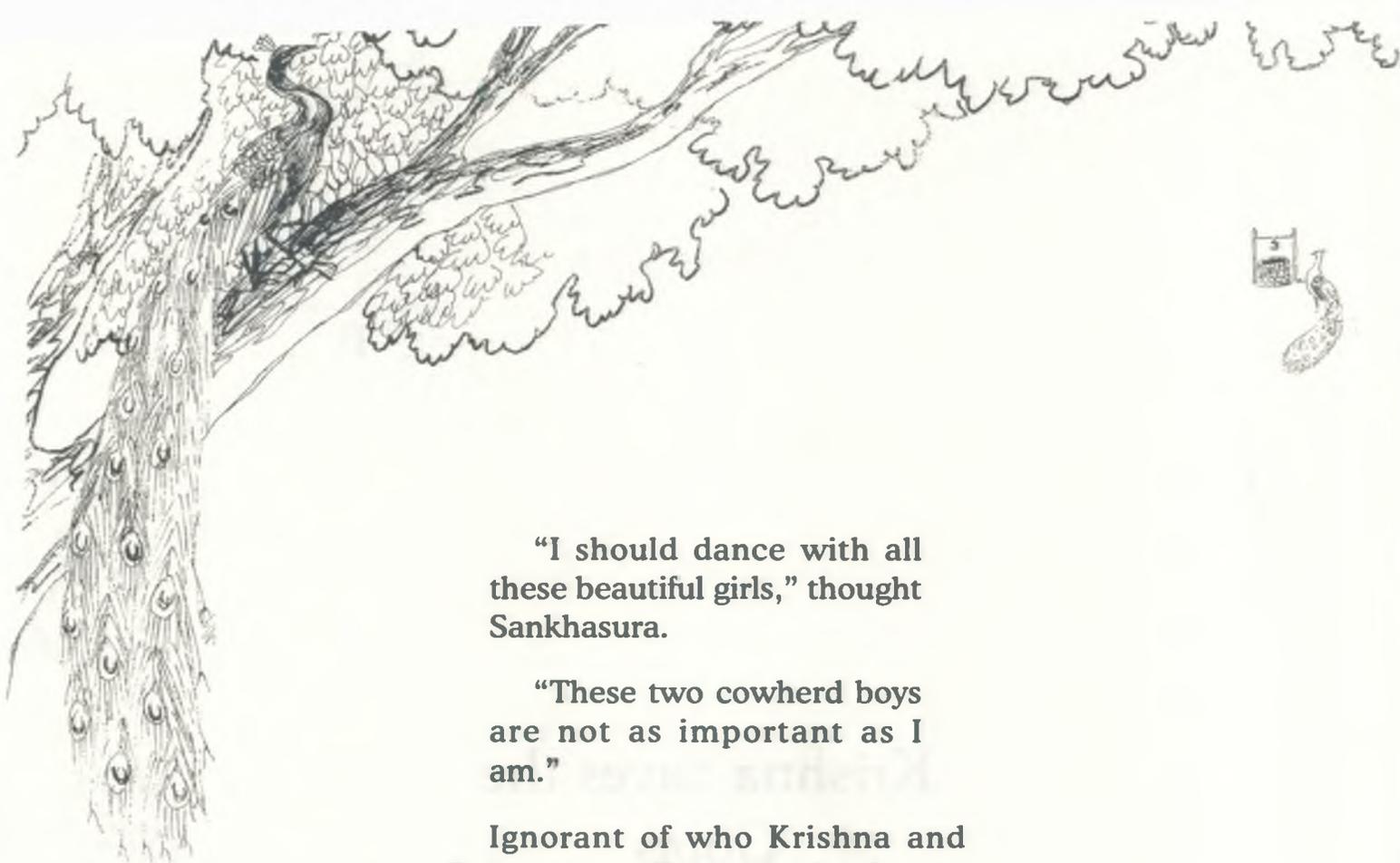
Krishna Saves the Gopis

One beautiful full moon night in Vrindavan, the stars were brightly shining, and the air was carrying the sweet aroma of many mallika flowers. Krishna and Balaram began to sing and dance with the gopis.

In Their play, neither Krishna nor Balaram noticed the Sankha demon. This demon carried a shining jewel on his head. He was very proud of himself because he was friends with a very rich demigod.

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“I should dance with all these beautiful girls,” thought Sankhasura.

“These two cowherd boys are not as important as I am.”

Ignorant of who Krishna and Balaram really were, he began kidnapping the gopis one by one, carrying them away in his huge arms, heading towards north. In fear, the gopis shouted:

“Oh Krishna! Oh Balaram! Please save us!”

Hearing their cries Krishna and Balaram immediately picked up logs of woods and began to chase Sankhasura.

“Don’t be afraid!” Krishna and Balaram called to the gopis.





“We’ll punish that rascal demon.”

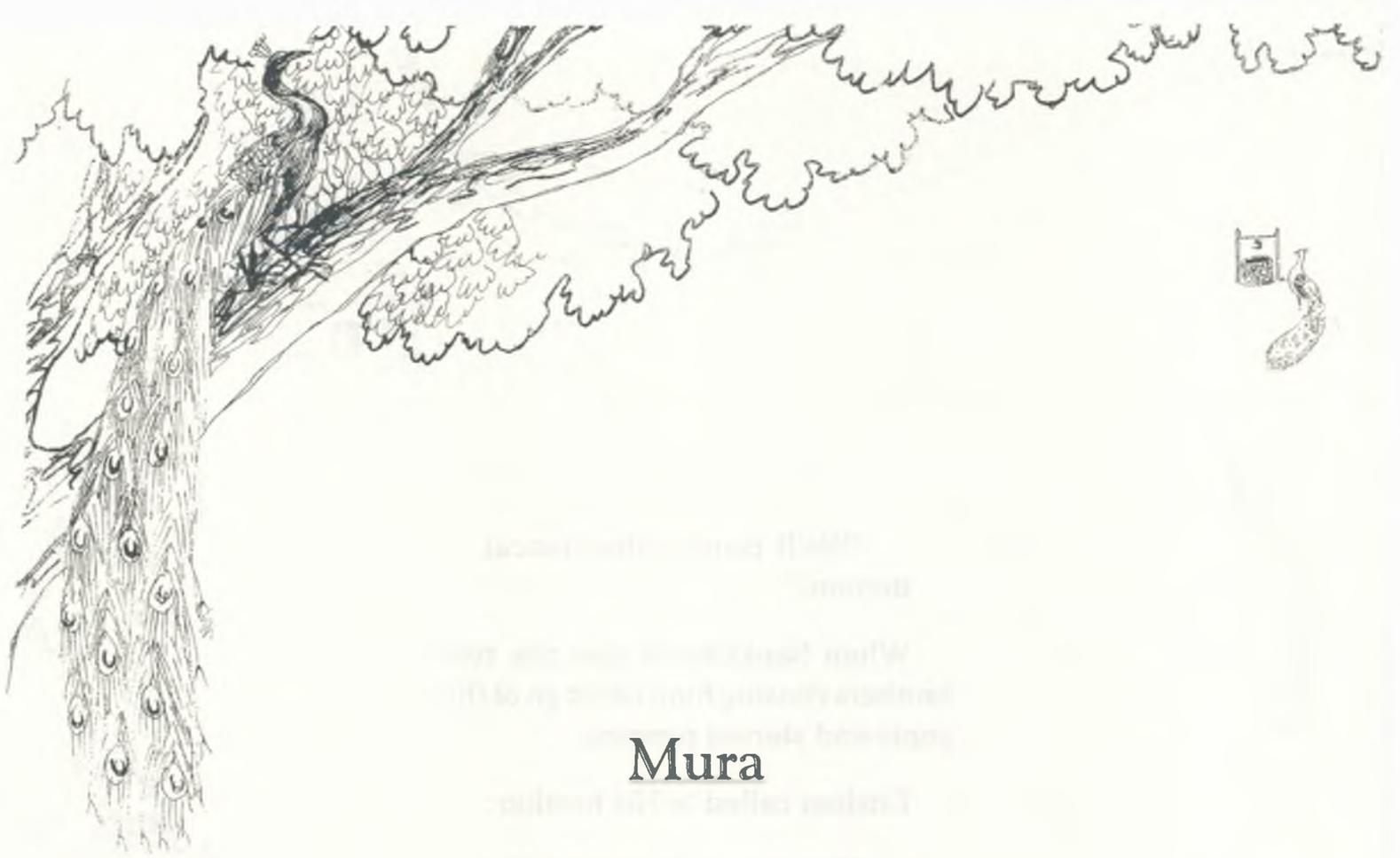
When Sankhasura saw the two brothers chasing him, he let go of the gopis and started running.

Krishna called to His brother:

“You stay and protect the gopis, Balaram. I’ll not let the demon escape.”

Sankhasura ran for his life. But Krishna, catching hold of him, hit him on the head with His fist. The demon died instantly. After killing the demon Krishna took the valuable jewel decorating the demon’s head and presented it to Balaram, in the presence of the gopis.





Mura

Once, a five-headed demon name Mura was deep asleep inside a lake surrounded by a mighty fort. Krishna broke the fort with His weapons, the club and disk, then He blew His famous conch, Panchajanya.

The vibration of Krishna's conch reverberated in all directions. Mura demon got up to see what had disturbed his sleep. His body was huge. His body armor shone like the sun. He appeared as ferocious as wild fire and his body was so dazzling and fearful no one dared look at him.

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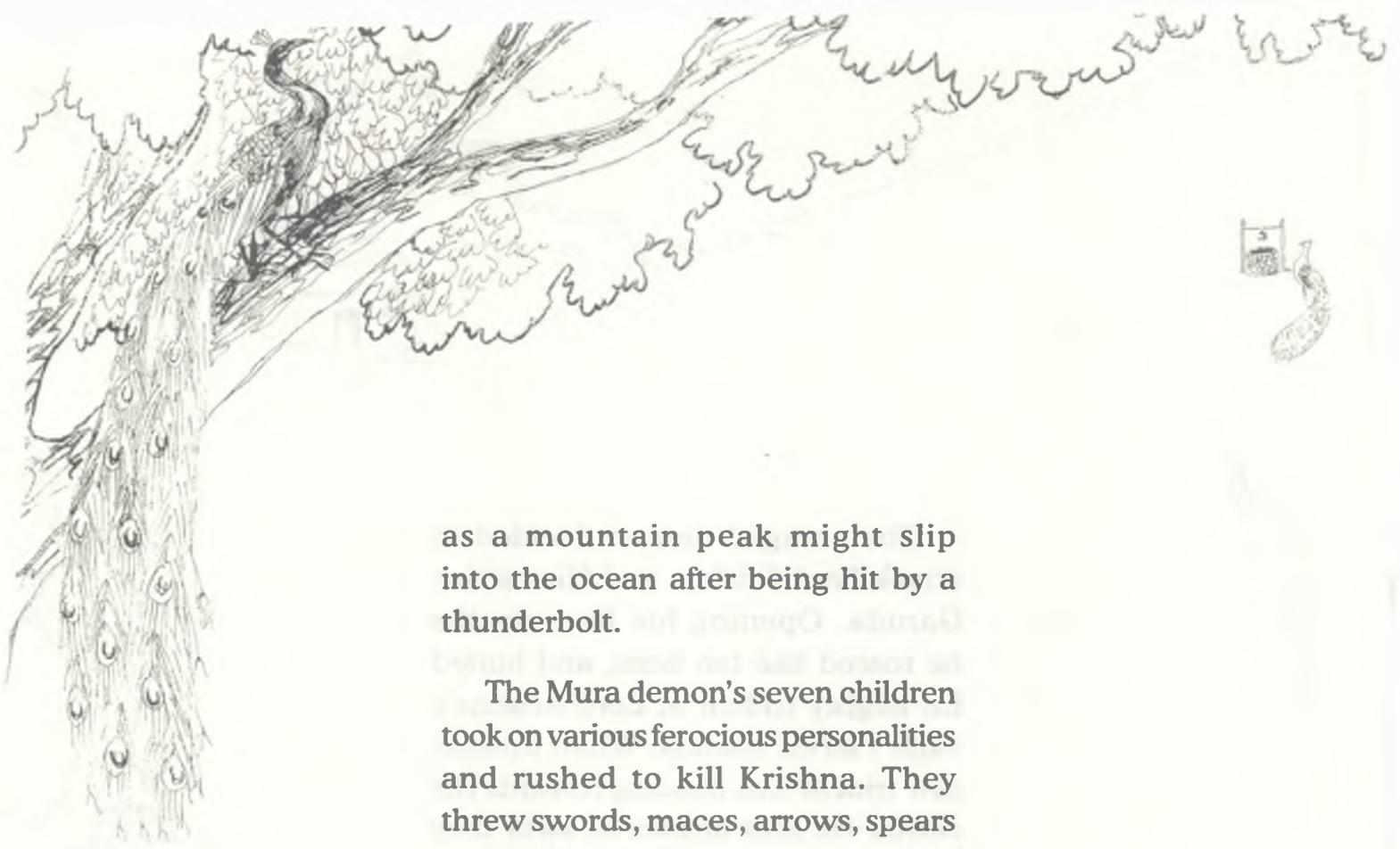


The enraged demon decided to attack Lord Krishna and His carrier, Garuda. Opening his five mouths he roared like ten lions, and hurled his mighty trident at Lord Krishna's eagle carrier, Garuda. When Krishna saw trident was heading towards His carrier He sent arrows so swift they immediately broke the trident into many pieces.

Mura's thunderous roars could be heard throughout the three worlds. He gripped his mace tightly to attack Krishna, but Krishna broke the mace with His own mace.

Mura tried to attack Krishna with his strong muscular arms but Krishna called for His chakra and severed the demon's five heads in a clean slice. Thus the decapitated Mura collapsed lifeless into the water just



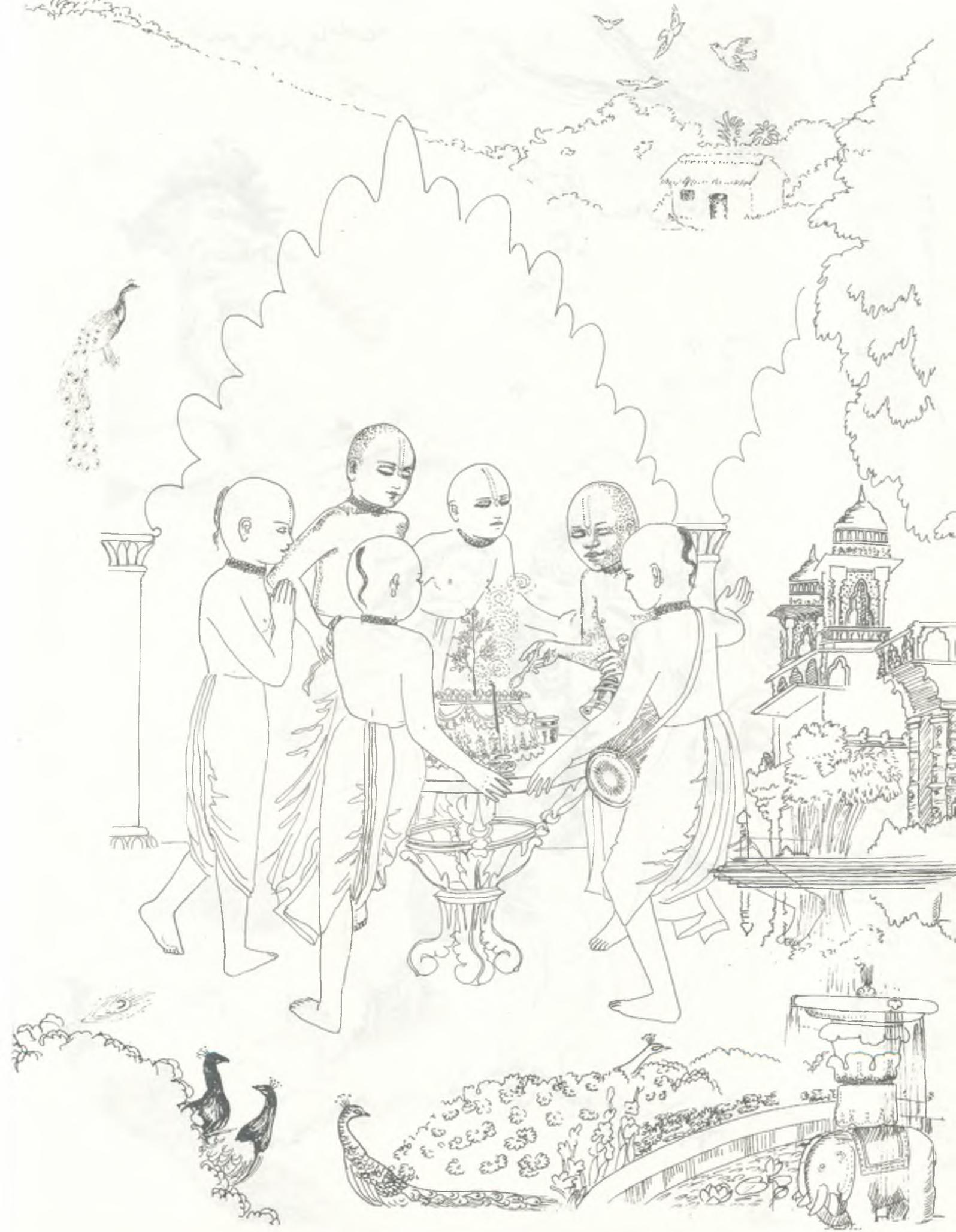


as a mountain peak might slip into the ocean after being hit by a thunderbolt.

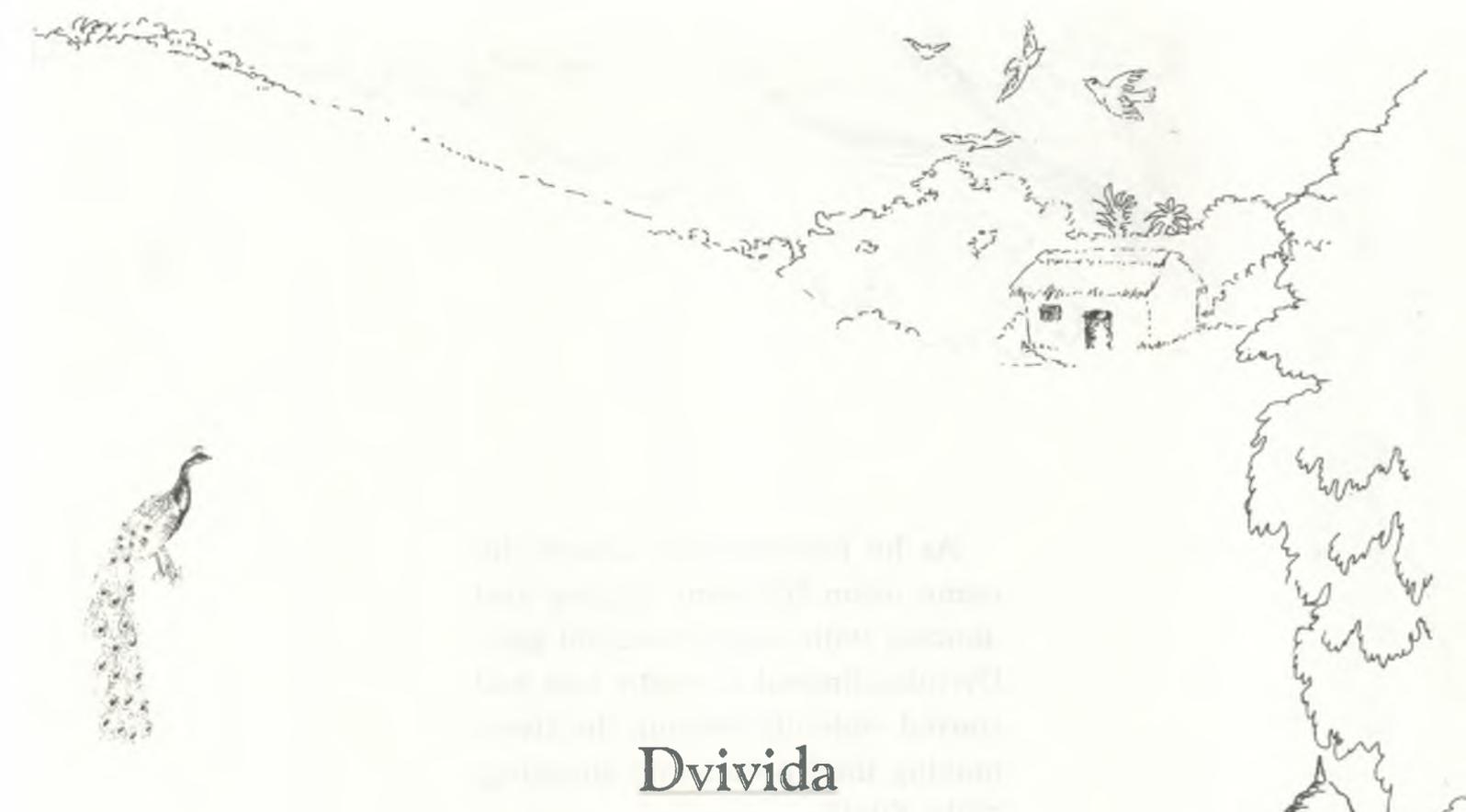
The Mura demon's seven children took on various ferocious personalities and rushed to kill Krishna. They threw swords, maces, arrows, spears and tridents at Him.

But valiant Krishna was not the least afraid. He crumbled all their weapons to pieces as if they were mushrooms. He then sent all Mura's children to the abode of Yamaraja.









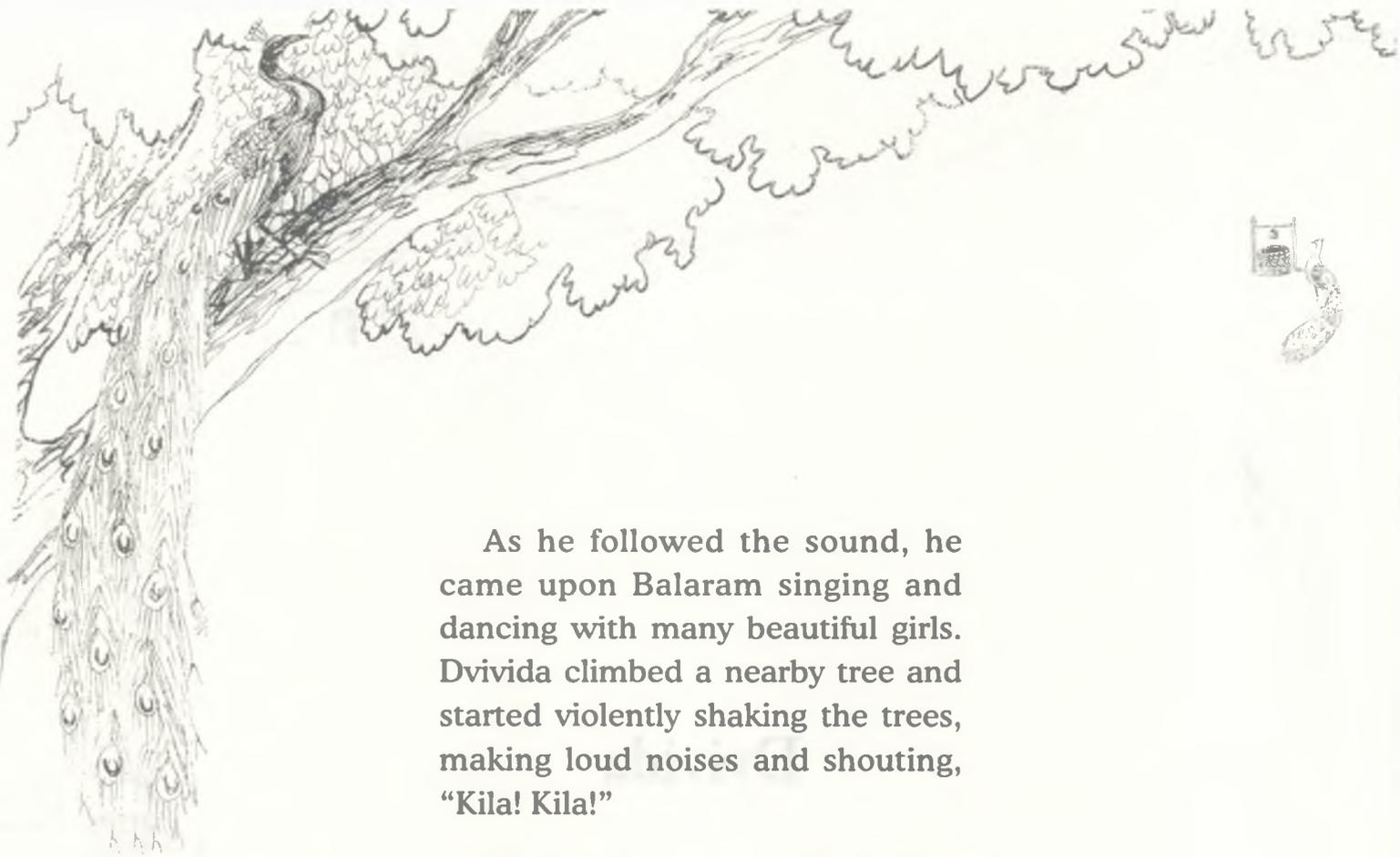
Dvidida

The wild gorilla named Dvidida was angry at Lord Krishna for killing so many of his demon friends. So Dvidida wanted to avenge the death of his friends. He was as strong as 10,000 elephants. His sport was to harrass the brahmanas and destroy their sacred places.

He would capture men and women from their houses and keep them in mountain caves. Wherever he went he created terror. One day Dvidida heard sweet music coming from a distant place.

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As he followed the sound, he came upon Balaram singing and dancing with many beautiful girls. Dvidida climbed a nearby tree and started violently shaking the trees, making loud noises and shouting, “Kila! Kila!”

He moved closer to the women and bearing his teeth at them while moving his eyebrows hideously. Lord Balaram did not like this gorilla demon. He pick up a stone and threw it at the gorilla. Dvidida began pulling Balaram’s clothes, and snatching at the gopis’s beautiful dresses. This infuriated Balaram who in an instant decided to kill the demon.

Taking His mace in His hands He began to chase the gorilla. Dvidida uprooted a big tree and hit Lord Balaram on the head. But Balaram

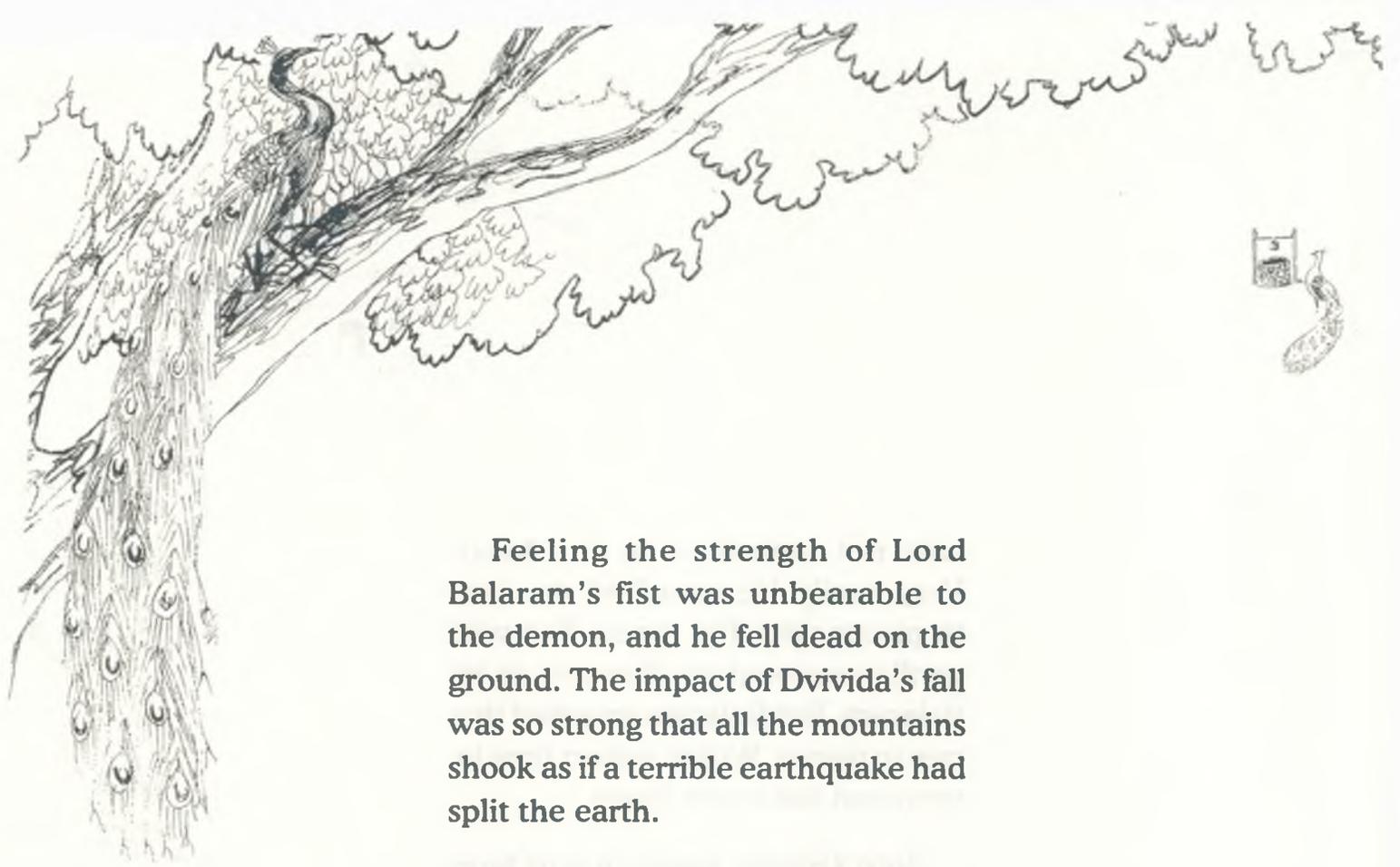


was not wounded in the least. Very easily He smashed the tree to pieces with His mace. The wild gorilla uprooted another tree to hit Balaram. But Balaram smashed that tree to pieces. Within a short time he uprooted the entire forest.

Next Dvidida began to hurl huge boulders at Balaram. Balaram broke the enormous stones easily smashing them into pebbles. Soon there were no trees or stones for the gorilla to use in battle with Balaram.

Furiously Dvidida hit the Lord Balaram's chest with his huge fists. Finally Balaram decided it was time to kill the gorilla. He placed His weapon on the ground, then with a mighty fist He aimed a swift blow to Dvidida's head.





Feeling the strength of Lord Balaram's fist was unbearable to the demon, and he fell dead on the ground. The impact of Dvidida's fall was so strong that all the mountains shook as if a terrible earthquake had split the earth.

In praise the demigods showered flowers on Lord Balaram, chanting:

"All glories to Balaram.
All glories to Balaram. You
have killed the great Dvidida
demon."





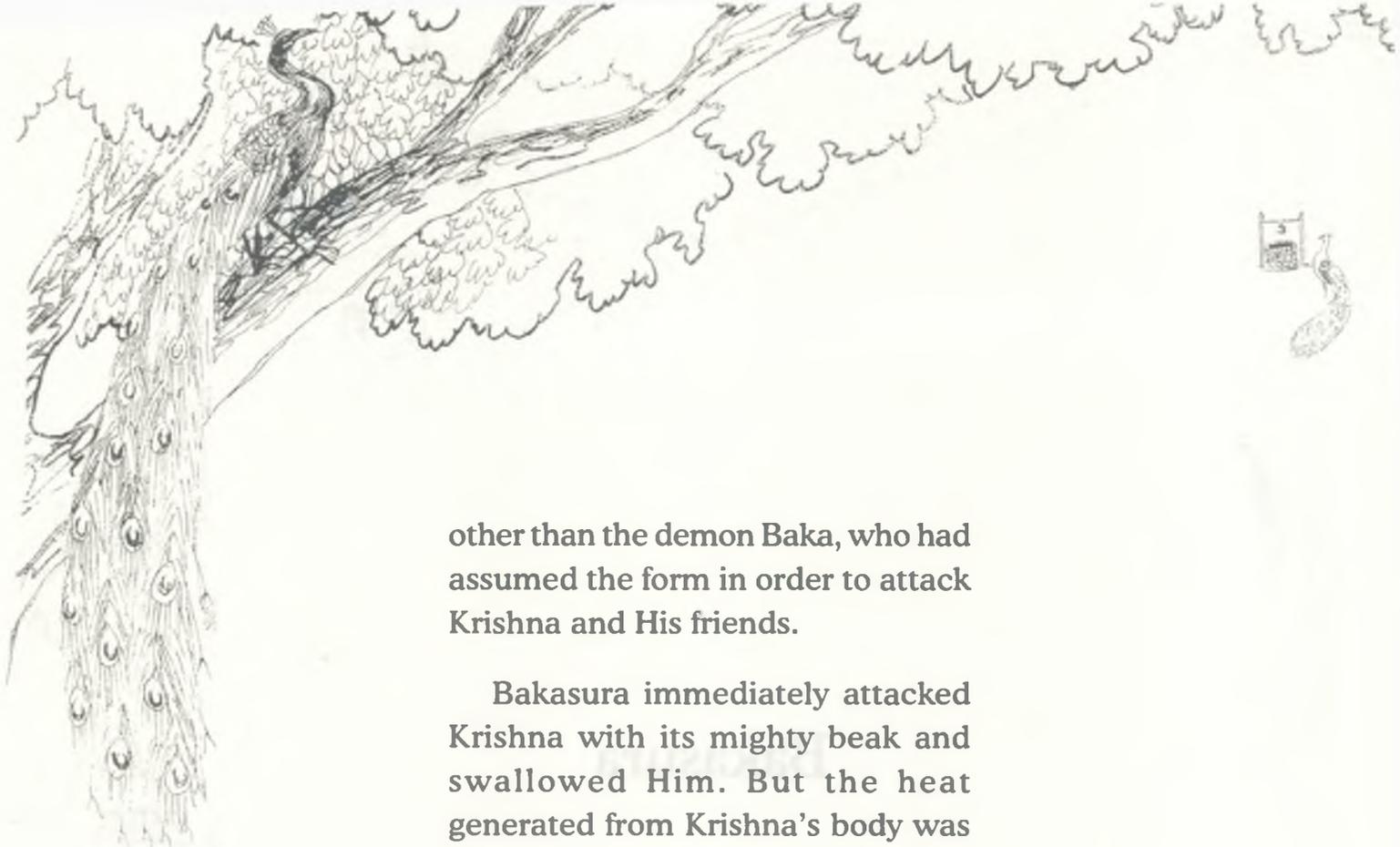
Bakasura

The cowherd boys would accompany the calves when they went to the Yamuna to drink water. All the cowherd boys drank the Yamuna water too, and played along her banks.

One day as the cowherd boys were playing in the Yamuna, they suddenly noticed a huge duck reflected in the water. The duck was as big as a hill and shiny on top. The cowherd boys felt fear seeing the duck. The mighty duck was none

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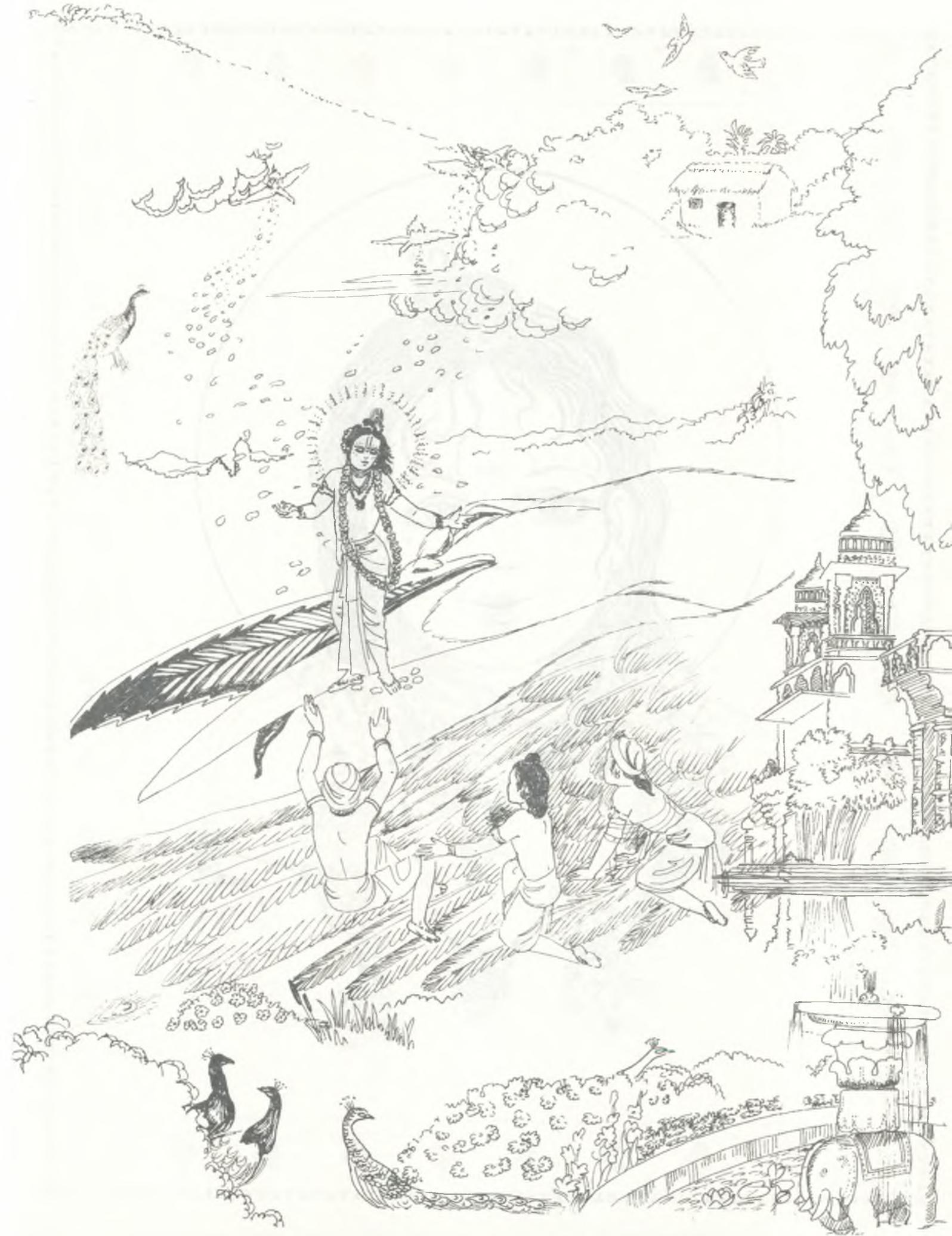




other than the demon Baka, who had assumed the form in order to attack Krishna and His friends.

Bakasura immediately attacked Krishna with its mighty beak and swallowed Him. But the heat generated from Krishna's body was so unbearable for Bakasura that he spat Him out instantly. Then he tried to gouge Krishna with his sharp beak, but Krishna easily avoided him. In order to provide a good spectacle for His friends, Krishna expertly seized the demon by his beak and bifurcated it just as a child would effortlessly divide a blade of grass.

As the demon lay dead the demigods showered flowers upon Krishna, from the sky. They played trumpets, drums, and conch-shells, praising His wonderful activities.







Krishna Returns

When Krishna returned from the forest He was wearing a fresh garland of tulasi leaves. His hand rested on the shoulder of a cowherd boyfriend while playing His flute. Everyone in Vrindavan could forget their distress and simply meditate on Krishna's qualities.



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Krishna's Birthday

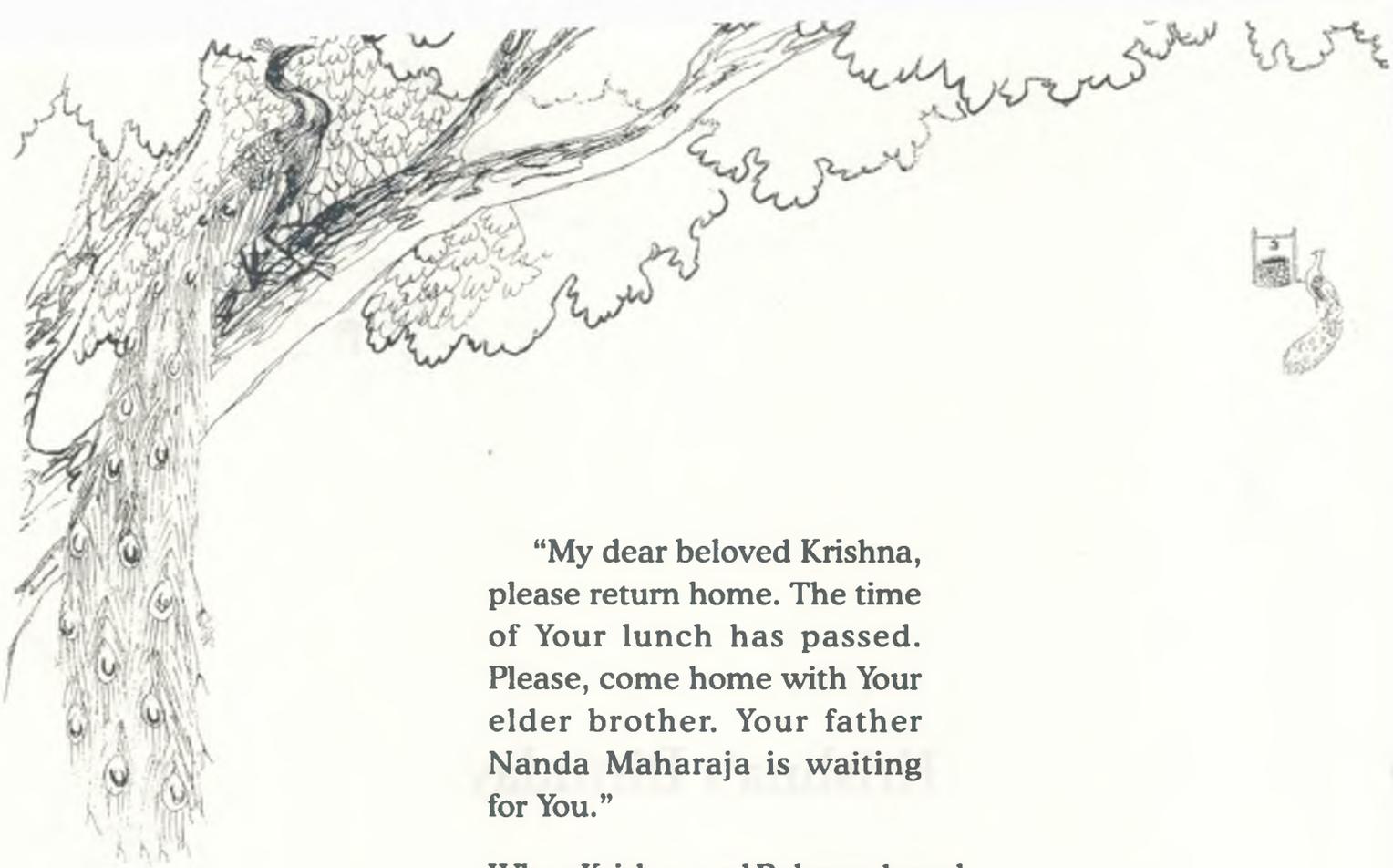
Sometimes when Krishna and Balaram play in the pasturing grounds with Their friends, They are so absorbed in Their play that They have no desire to return home to eat.

Mother Rohini requested:
“Dear Krishna and Balaram,
please come home now. You
must come and eat Your
meal.”

Hearing Mother Rohini calling,
the boys didn't move. Then, Mother
Yasoda called:

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“My dear beloved Krishna, please return home. The time of Your lunch has passed. Please, come home with Your elder brother. Your father Nanda Maharaja is waiting for You.”

When Krishna and Balaram heard that Their father was waiting for Them They decided to return home. However, Their companions were sad.

“We won’t play with You next time,” shouted one of the boys.

“No, no. Next time we won’t let You go,” shouted another one.

“Without You our game is spoiled,” said another boy.





Krishna was afraid His friends wouldn't play with Him anymore, so He came back to continue playing with them. Feeling slightly angered, Mother Yasoda scolded her son, saying:

“My dear Krishna, do You think that You are a street boy? That You don't have a house to go to? Please come home now. Your body is muddied and You must come home to take a bath. Today is Your birthday and we are going to celebrate.”

Krishna and Balaram finally returned to Their house. Mother Yasoda bathed Them and dressed Them sweetly in fine garments decorated with jewels. Thereafter she invited many brahmanas, gave many cows in charity. In this way celebrating Krishna's birthday.







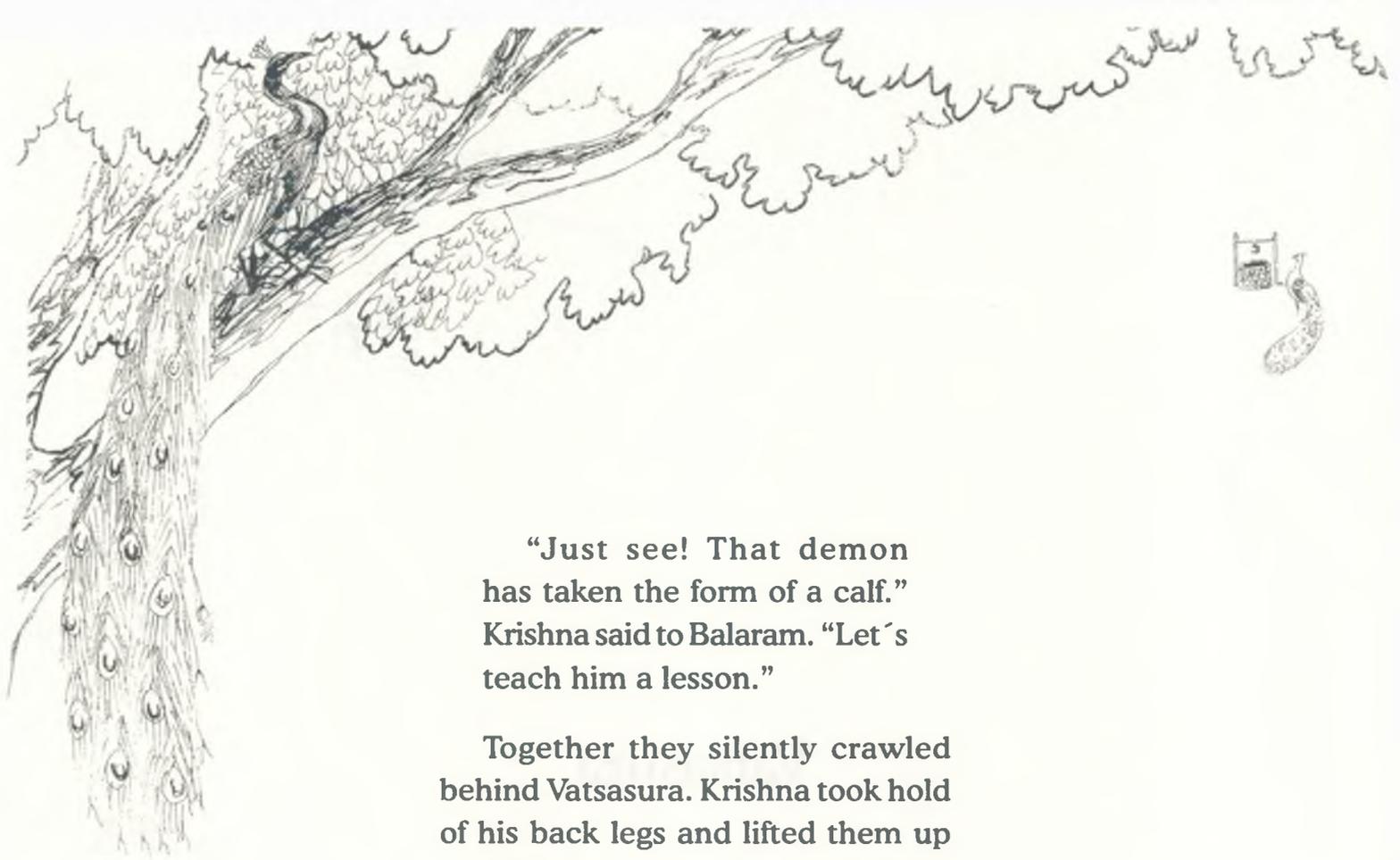
Vatsasura

Once when Krishna and Balaram were happily playing on the bank of the River Yamuna, a demon appeared with the intention of killing Them. Vatsasura was sent by Kamsa to kill Krishna. Assuming the form of a calf so as not to be noticed, he began mixing with the other calves.

Nevertheless, Krishna knew each and every one of His calves by name so He knew that the demon Vatsa was an intruder mixing secretly with His calves.

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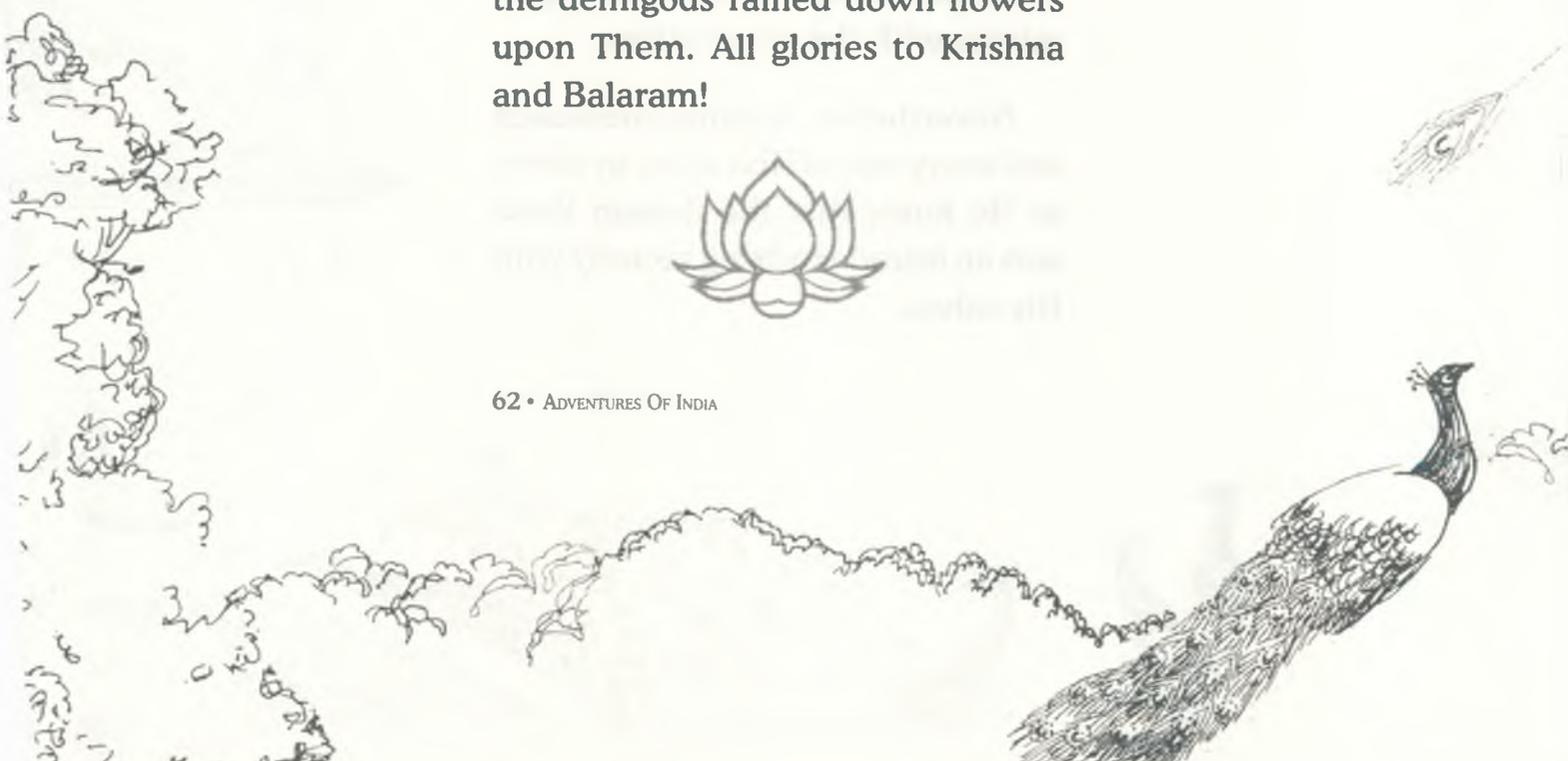




“Just see! That demon has taken the form of a calf.” Krishna said to Balaram. “Let’s teach him a lesson.”

Together they silently crawled behind Vatsasura. Krishna took hold of his back legs and lifted them up whirling him around in a spin, then threw him in the air onto the top of the trees. Vatsasura soon expired and fell to the ground.

All the cowherd boys praised Krishna for His heroic deeds and the demigods rained down flowers upon Them. All glories to Krishna and Balaram!





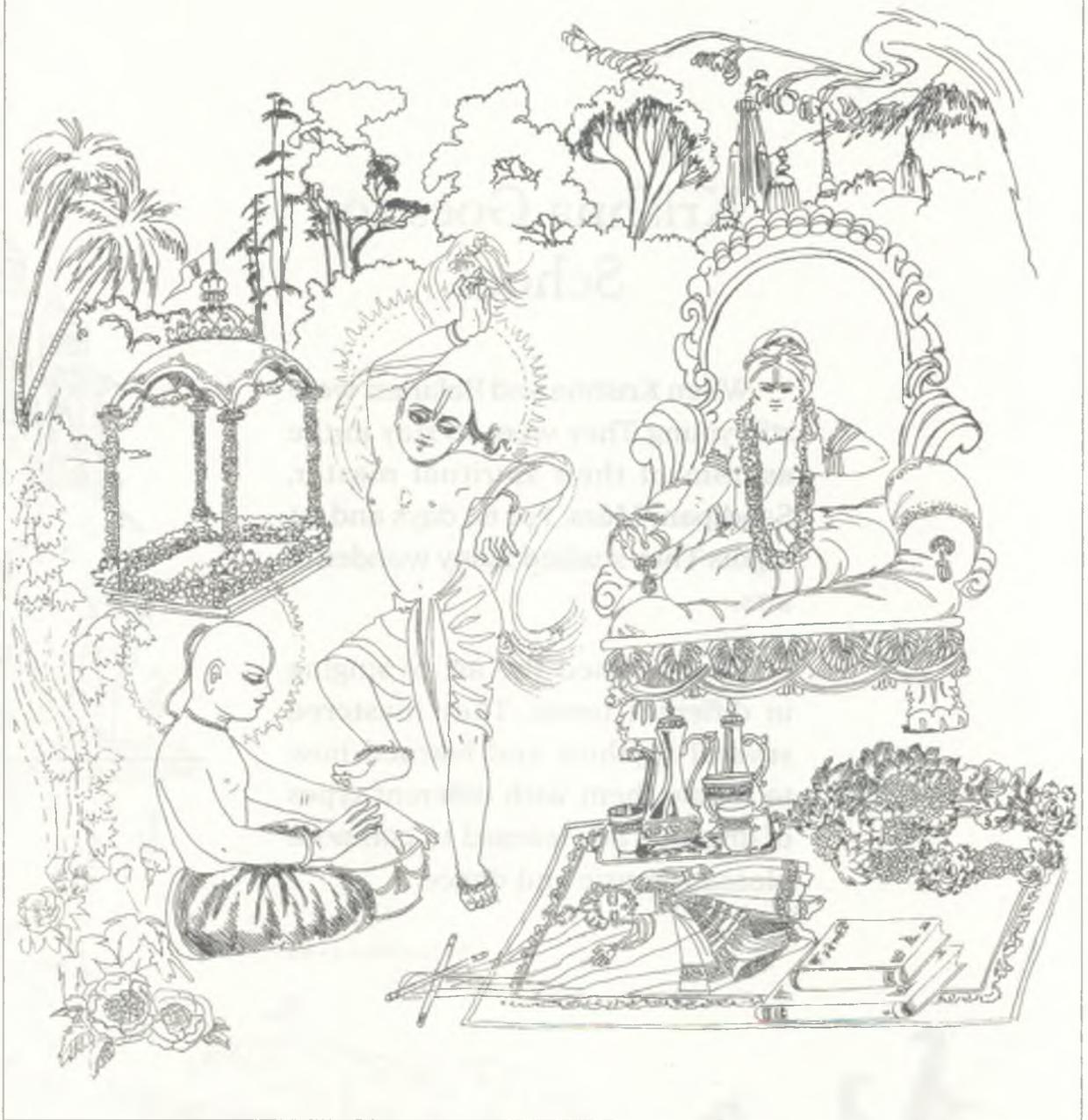
Krishna Goes to School

When Krishna and Balaram were still young They went to stay in the ashram of their spiritual master, Sandipani Muni. For 64 days and 64 nights They studied many wonderful arts.

They learned the art of singing in different tones. They mastered several rhythms and learned how to follow them with different types of drums. They learned to compose pleasant music and dance.

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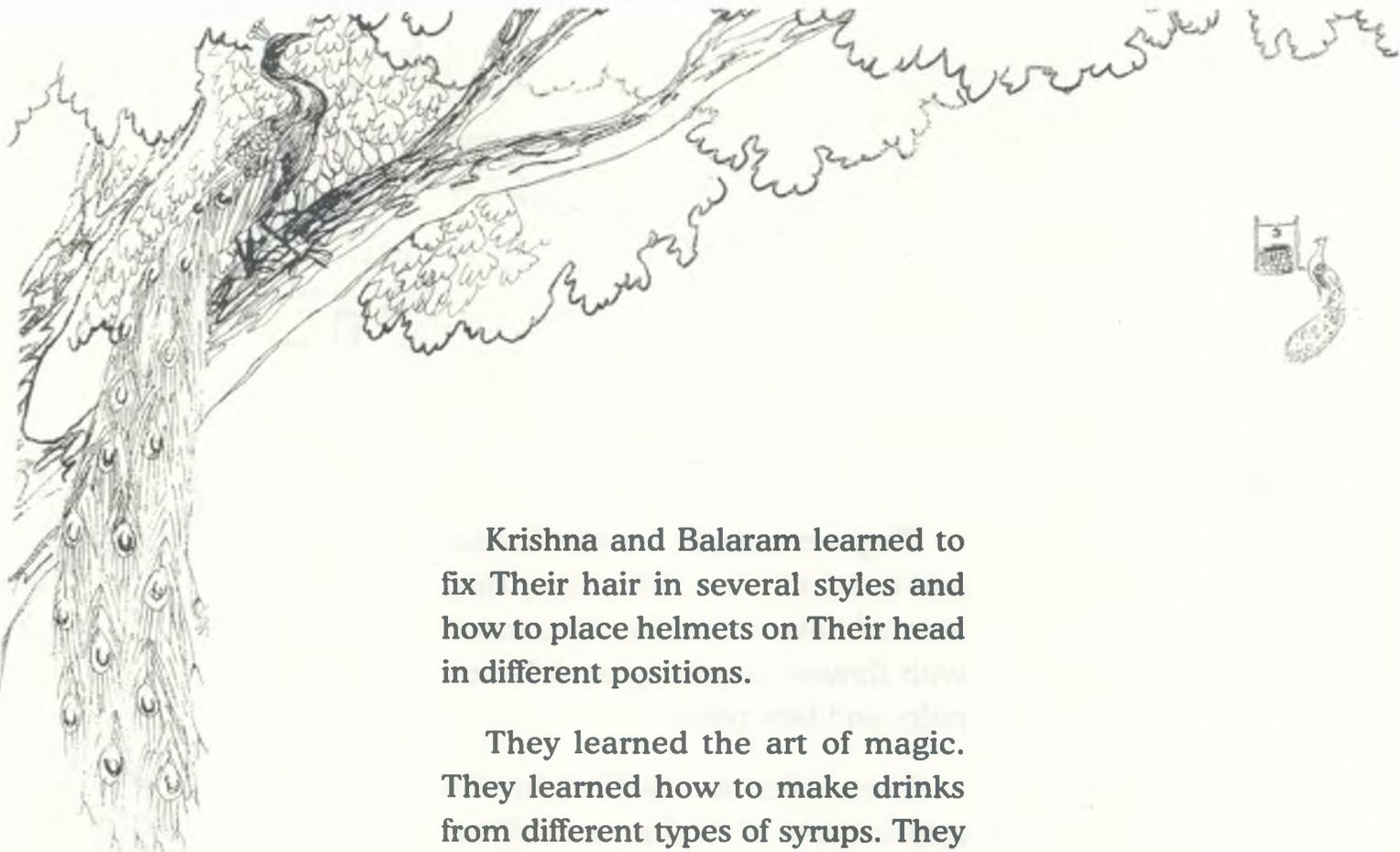
They were taught to write dramas and to act in them. Still more, They learned how to decorate the actors with flowers, applying sandalwood pulp, and face paint.

They became skilled in the application of tilaka, as well as ornamental designs to decorate the forehead and cheeks.

They soon became proficient in the art of floor-painting with rice flour paste. They became masters of dress decoration with flowers and leaves. They excelled in making varieties of musical sounds with pots of water.

They learned the art of water sport in the rivers and lakes when They bathed with their friends, playfully splashing water around.





Krishna and Balaram learned to fix Their hair in several styles and how to place helmets on Their head in different positions.

They learned the art of magic. They learned how to make drinks from different types of syrups. They learned the art of mining by extracting valuable minerals from the ground.

From herbs and plants They learned medicinal composition. They trained lambs and roosters to fight, and taught the parrots how to speak.

Krishna and Balaram studied grammar and were expert in forming new words. They learned architecture and the art of constructing great buildings.

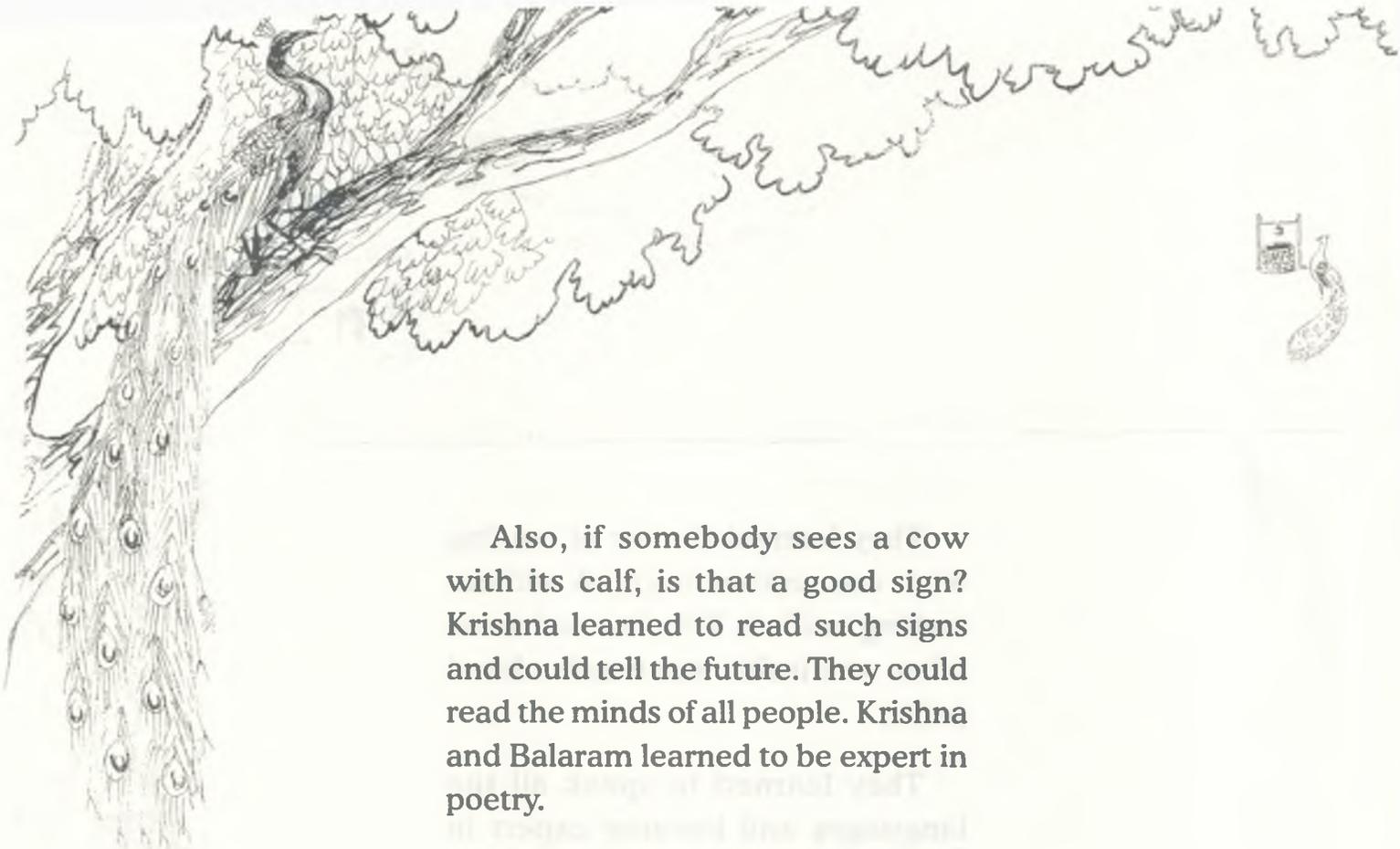


They learned the art of reading what was written in a book without looking inside it. They learned to see what was inside someone's closed palm.

They learned to speak all the languages and became expert in all dialects. They could speak all humans languages, as well as the language of animals and birds.

They learned how to make airplanes made of flowers. They learned how to predict the future from seeing different astrological signs. They learned the art of signs such as if someone sees an empty bucket, is it a bad signal? Or if someone sees a full bucket, is it a very good signal?





Also, if somebody sees a cow with its calf, is that a good sign? Krishna learned to read such signs and could tell the future. They could read the minds of all people. Krishna and Balaram learned to be expert in poetry.

At the end of 64 days, Krishna and Balaram had mastered all the arts that Sandipani Muni taught Them.

In order to compensate Their teacher, Krishna and Balaram offered him anything he desired.







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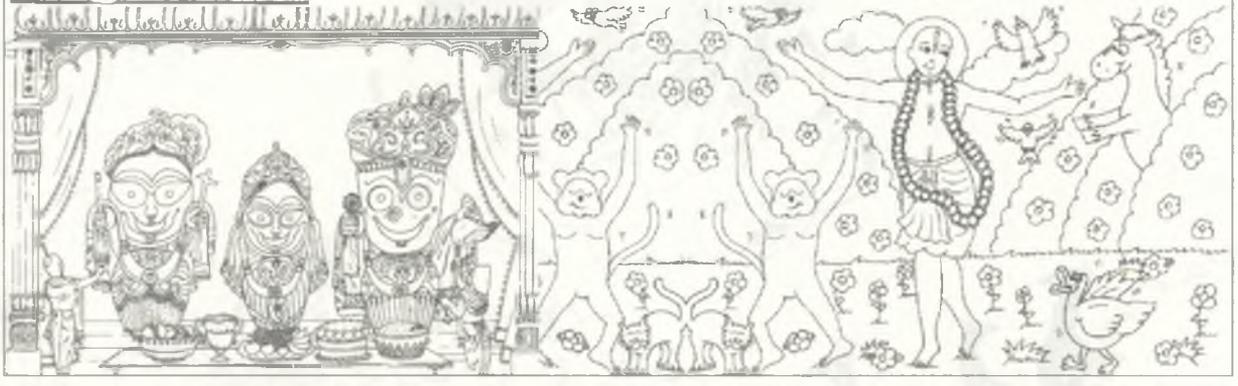
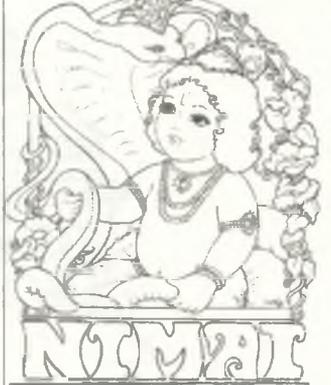
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