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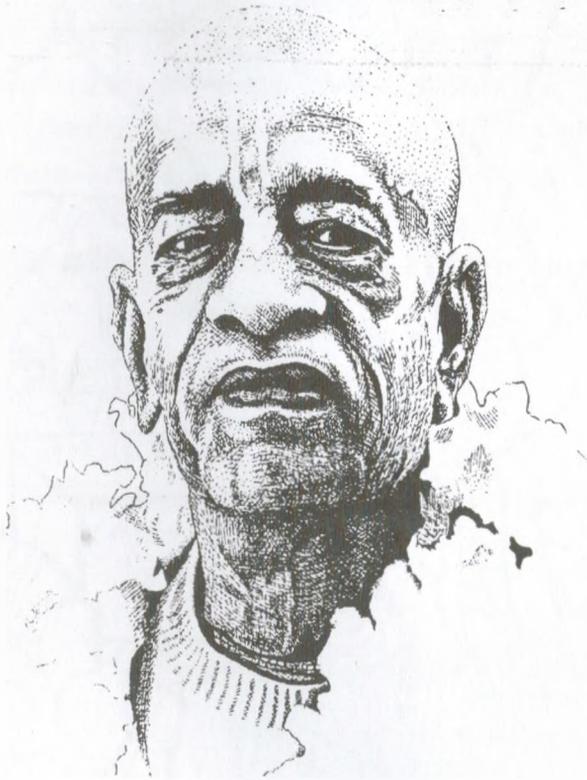


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His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada is a saint who walked amongst us. He started the famous International Society for Krishna Consciousness which everyone knows today as "The Hare Krishna People". He also started the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust which prints more books about Indian culture and religion than anyone in the world.

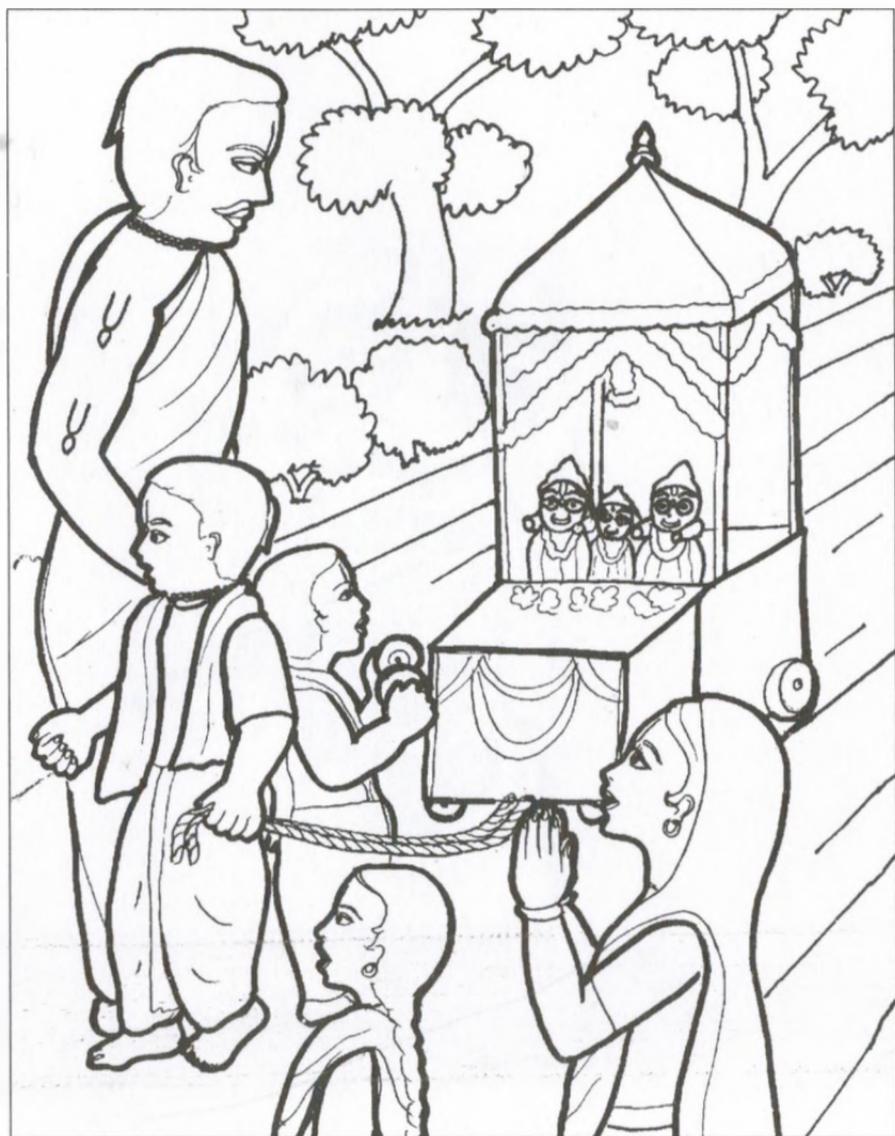
His Divine Grace was born September 1, 1896 in Calcutta, West Bengal, India. His father, Gour Mohan De, gave him the name Abhay Charan—which means that he was never afraid, because he always felt Lord Krishna was protecting him. To Abhay, Krishna was his dearest friend. Even at play, his sister and he prayed, "Oh, Krishna, please make our kite fly higher."

Every morning, Abhay's father went to work at his cloth shop. Before going home for lunch, Gour Mohan would put out a bowl of rice, so that any visiting rats could eat the rice instead of the cloth. At home, his father spent the rest of the day singing prayers and worshiping his Radha and Krishna Deities. Abhay loved singing with him, playing the kartels (cymbals), mrdanga (drum) and harmonium (organ), and worshiping his own Radha and Krishna Deities, just like his father did.

When Abhay was five years old, he asked his father to help him hold a Rathayatra celebration for Lord Jagannatha just like the big one in Puri. Jagannatha is a special name for Krishna which means "Lord of the Universe". Abhay led the singing, or kirtan, while his friends pulled the small chariot for his Jagannatha Deities all around the neighborhood. He did this every day for eight days. Each day, his mother would feed a wonderful meal to the whole crowd.

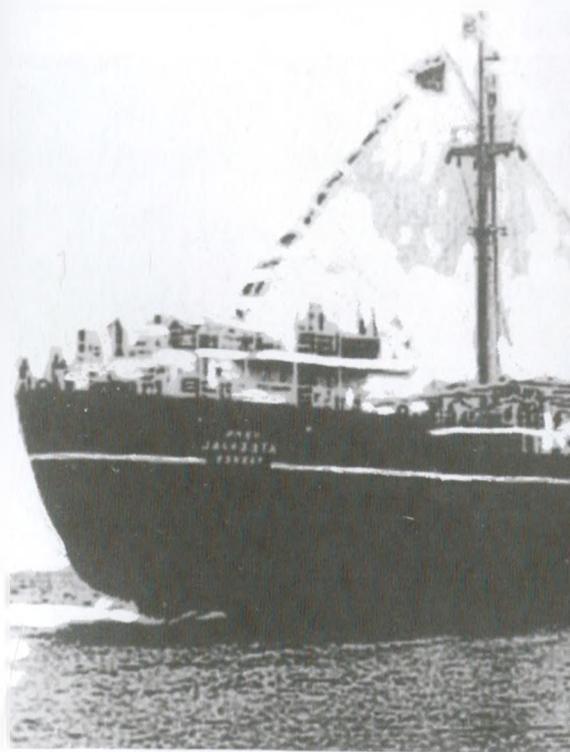
Abhay grew up and, in 1922, he met his guru, or spiritual teacher, Bhaktisiddanta Saraswati Thakur. In Allahabad, in 1933, his guru gave him his new spiritual name, Abhay Charanaravindam Das, or "servant who becomes unafraid by sitting at the Lord's lotus feet". He asked Abhay to teach the Vedic scriptures in English. So Abhay started a magazine called *Back to Godhead* and started writing a few small books. When he got even older, he went to live alone in the holy town of Vrndavana where he could write peacefully about Lord Krishna and His devotees. Then he used to go door to door selling the magazines and books he wrote.

One day, he decided that the best way to teach about Krishna and the Vedic scriptures in English was to go to America. A very religious lady named Sumati Morarji gave him a free ticket on her ship called the Jaladutta. She asked the captain of the ship to take very good care of Abhay, who was now a respectable Swami and almost 70 years old. She was afraid he was too old to go, But he told her that he had no choice. His spiritual master had ordered him to take the Vedas' most beautiful secrets out of India to give away freely to the rest of the world.



At first, the ocean was very rough and Swamiji got very sick. He prayed to the Supreme Lord Krishna. One night he had a dream that Krishna was rowing the boat. Krishna told him not to worry. After that, the weather and sailing was peaceful, and his health returned.

When he stepped off the boat in that strange and new country, America, the Swami was only carrying very little money and a trunk full of his books. Some friends met him and brought him to their house. He visited many new friends, and always told everyone he met about Krishna and the Vedas. After one long year, he had enough friends and followers to open up a little temple of his own in a place called "Matchless Gifts" in



New York City. Then, on July 16, 1966, he named his group The International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

To his friends and followers, Swamiji was someone very special. So they called him Srila Prabhupada (respected person who sits at the feet of the Lord). Prabhupada was India's spiritual ambassador to the world. He showed everyone a simply wonderful way to live with God, whose name is Krishna. He taught them how to do everything and use everything just for Lord Krishna. He showed them how easy it was to give up their bad habits. They learned that whenever they tried to please Lord Krishna, somehow they also naturally became very happy.



The devotees taped his songs and classes. They made videos of Prabhupada, dramas and puppet shows, all about Krishna and His devotees. They celebrated lots of big festivals like Rathayatra, Janmastami, Ram Navami and Gaura Purnima.

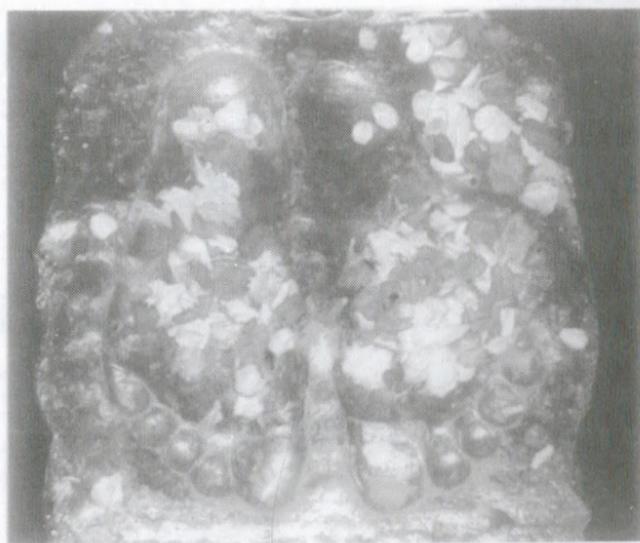
Most important of all, they helped him print his books. Some devotees painted the pictures, some helped at the printers, and others helped him sell millions of his books



door to door in every town and village around the world.

For him, they gave out 400 million books, started more than 400 temples, farms, museums, theaters and schools just for learning Vedic sciences, art and a simple God-centered way of life. They gave help and free vegetarian meals to 60 million poor people who got caught in floods, earthquakes and wars. They also fed 300 million people who came to temples and festival feasts.





Prabhupada took his American devotees back to India with him. The Indian people loved these Western devotees who dressed and lived the simple, saintly life of their own culture. Prabhupada opened big temples in Delhi, Hyderabad, Bombay and Vrndavana. He began the biggest one in Mayapur, West Bengal. This temple is today still growing into a city that will one day have 50,000 devotees living the Vedic way of life just as Krishna lived 5,000 years ago.

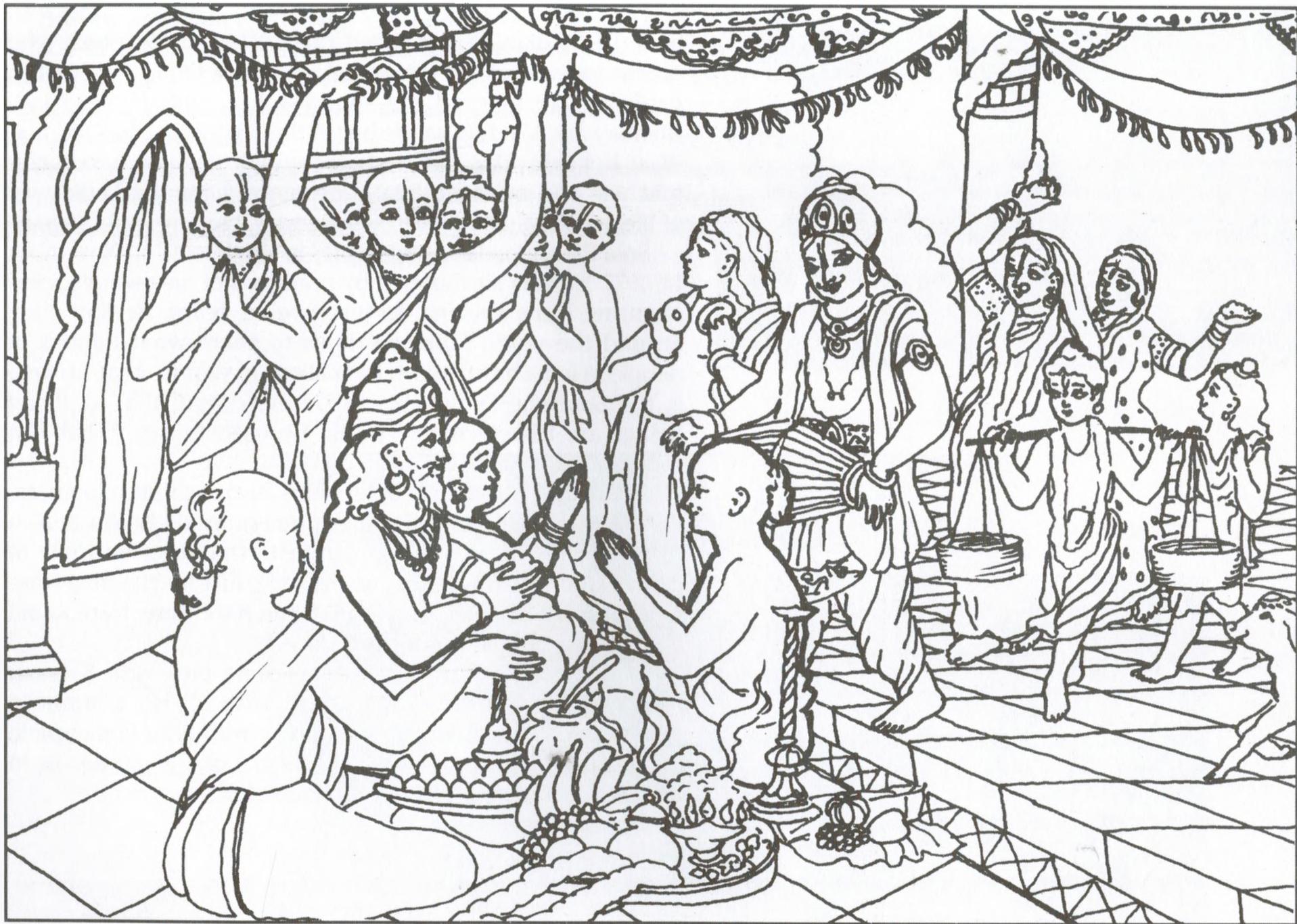
Srila Prabhupada left this world in Vrndavana on November 14, 1977. He was surrounded by hundreds of his own disciples chanting Hare Krishna. In just twelve years, he had gone around the world fourteen times to share what billions of people in India have known for millions of years—that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and that all living beings are His eternal servants. He used to say, “That is a fact... That is real science.”

He invited the whole wide world to taste real happiness. He planted the seeds of that happiness in his books and in his temples. Today, anyone can taste the delicious fruits of love of Godhead anywhere, at any time, just by chanting Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.

In this coloring book, you may come play with Krishna today and everyday, as He plays with all His friends in Vrndavana. We also invite you to play with Srila Prabhupada in another coloring book, and with Lord Jagannatha in another. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you very much.

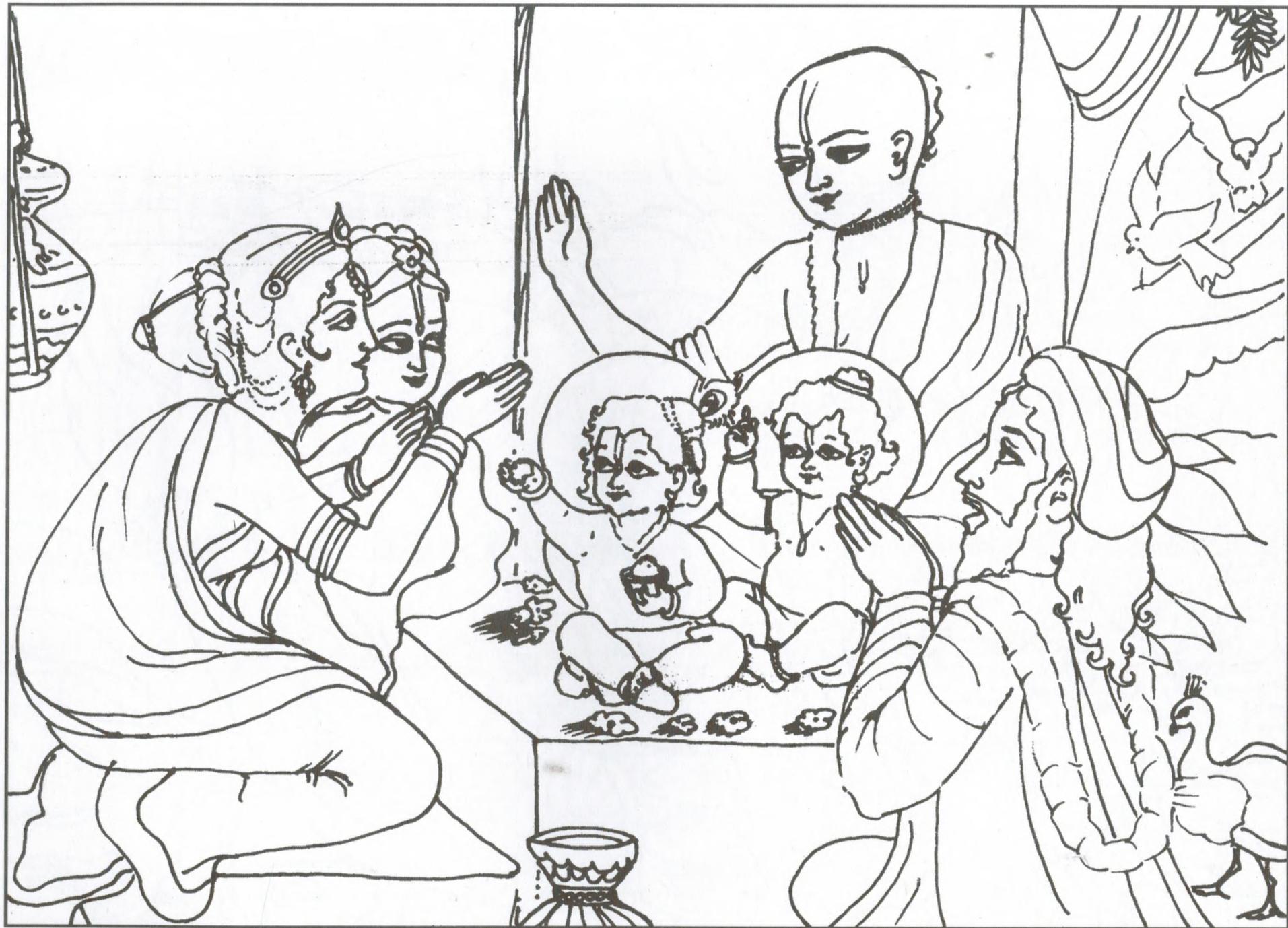
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The joyous vibrations at Kṛṣṇa's birth ceremony could be heard in all the pasturing grounds and houses.



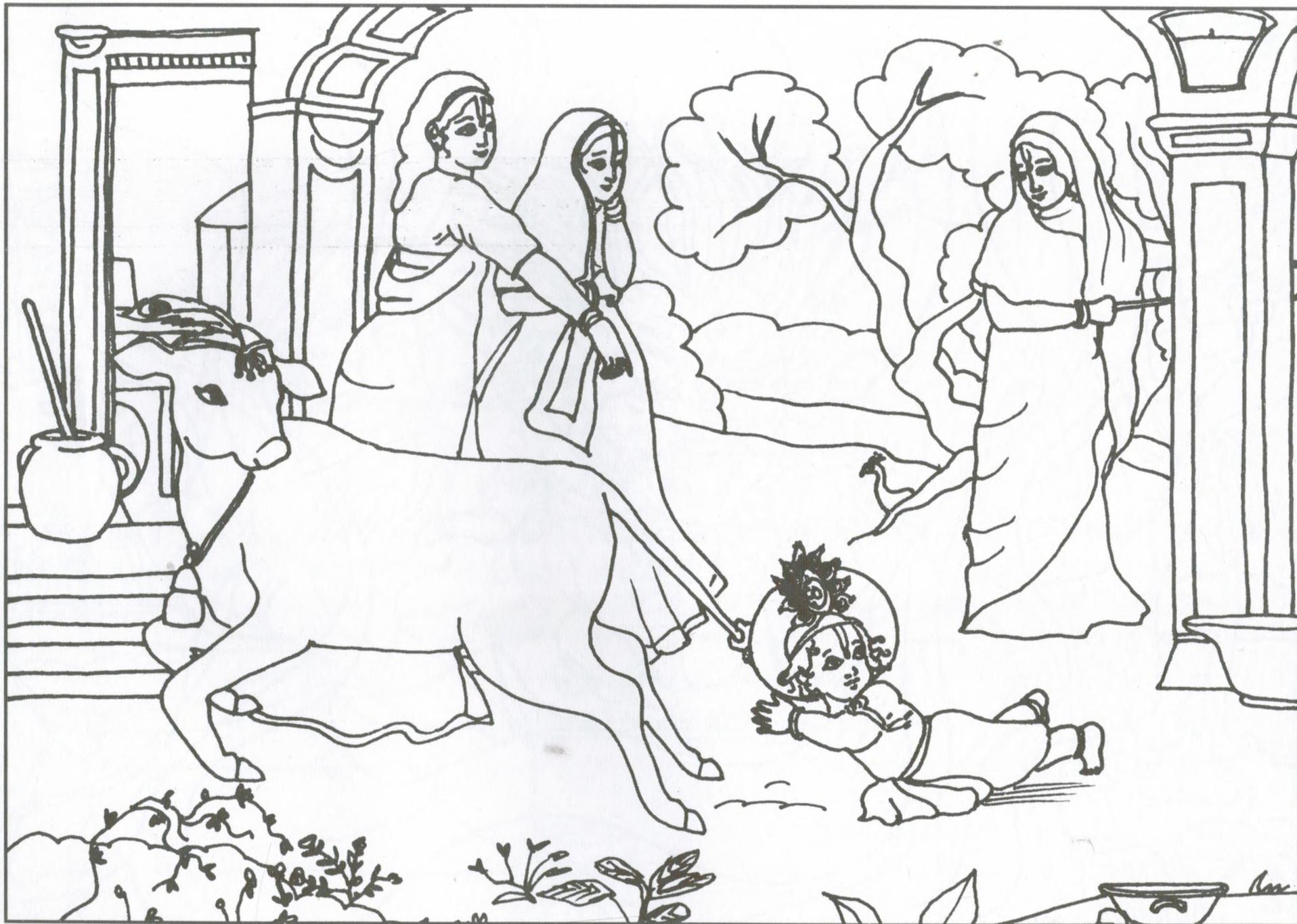
“Oh child, leave me, leave me!”



The family priest, Gargamuni, performed the name-giving ceremony when Kṛṣṇa was one year old.



Trnavarta felt the baby to be as heavy as a mountain.



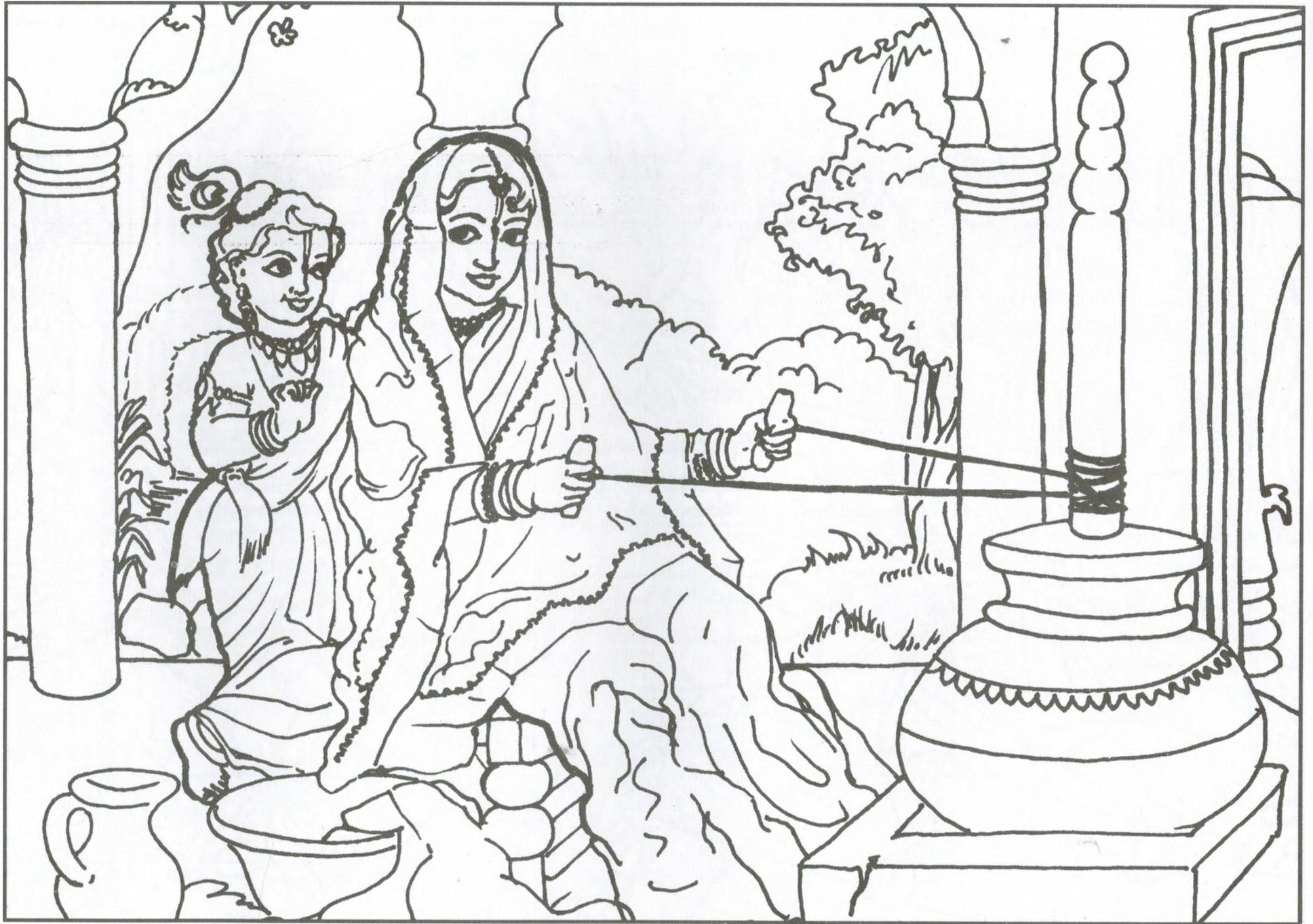
Yasoda and Rohini would call their neighboring friends to see the fun.



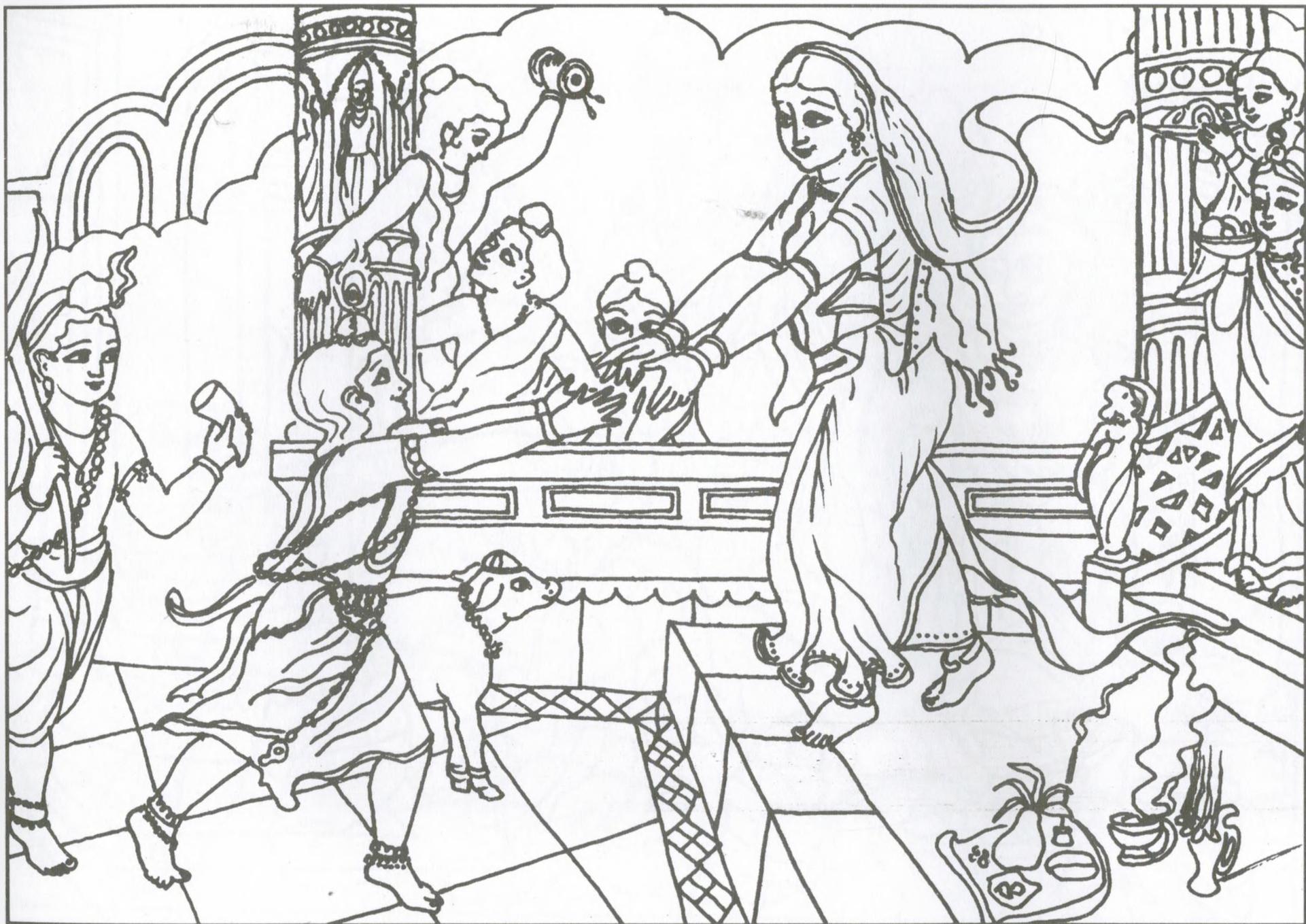
Mother Yasoda saw within Krsna's mouth, the whole sky, including the stars in all directions.



Out of the broken fallen trees came two personalities shining like blazing fire



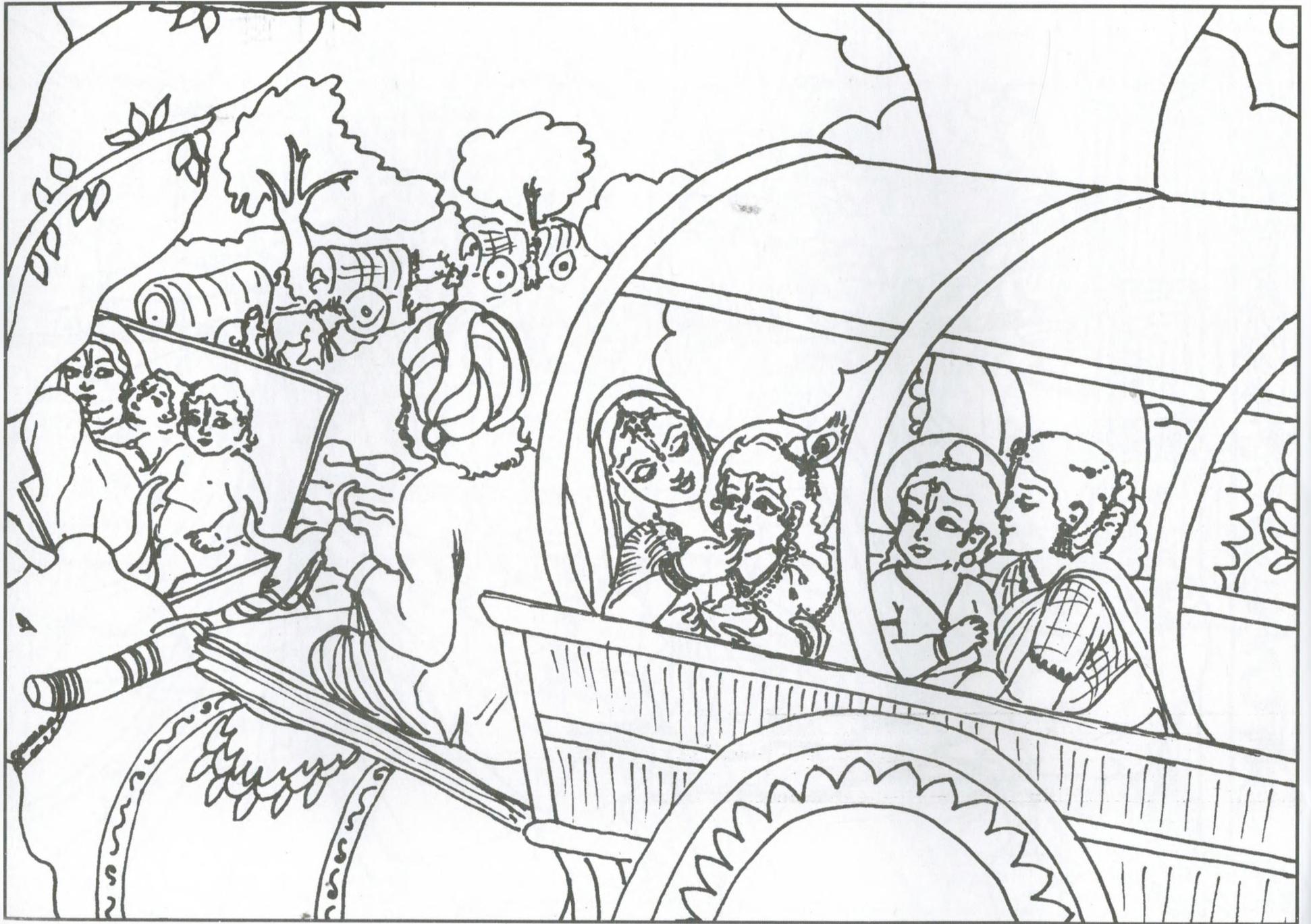
Krsna always demanded Mother Yasoda's complete attention.



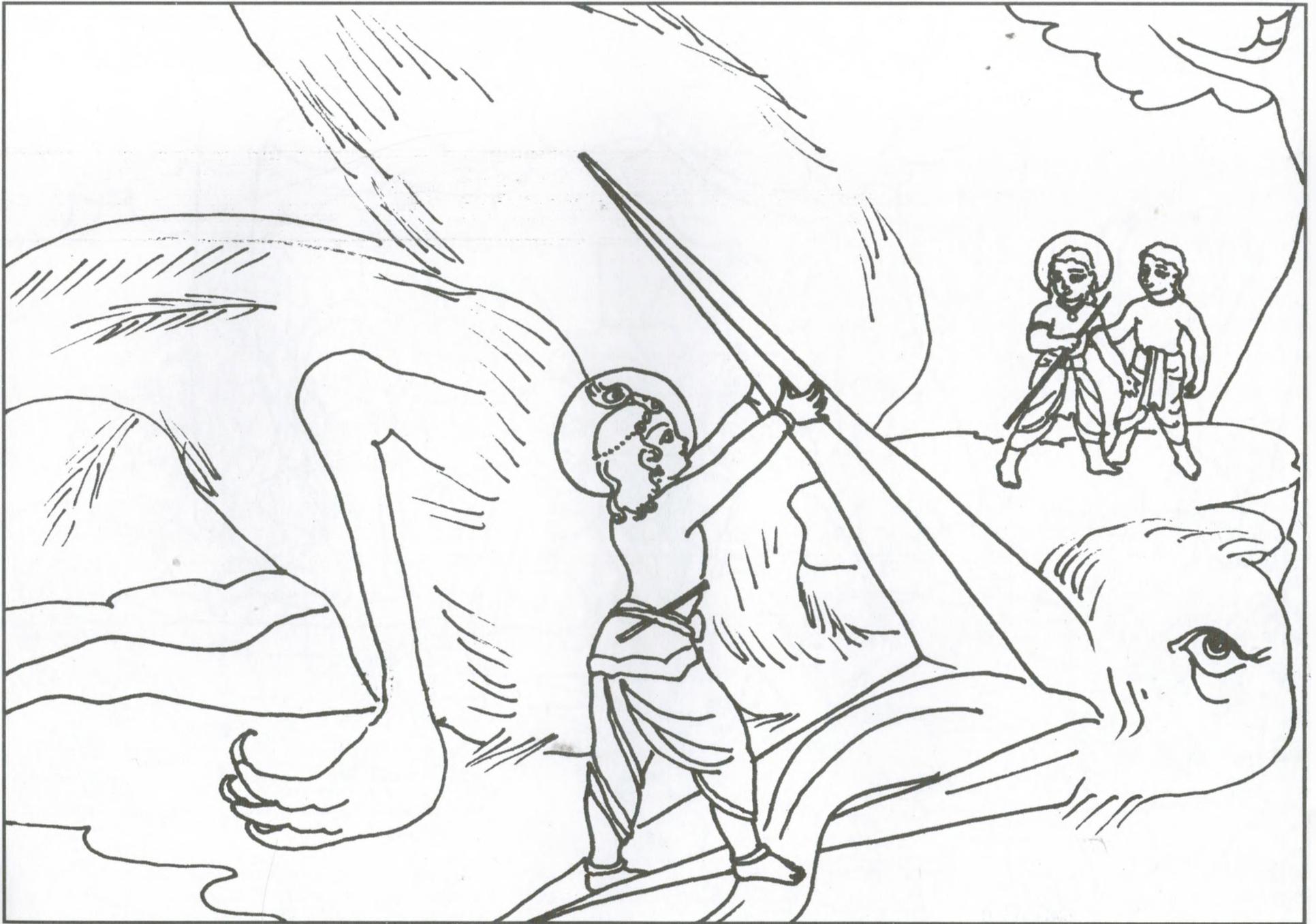
Returning home Kṛṣṇa and Balarama were received by Their affectionate mothers.



The darling of Vraja.



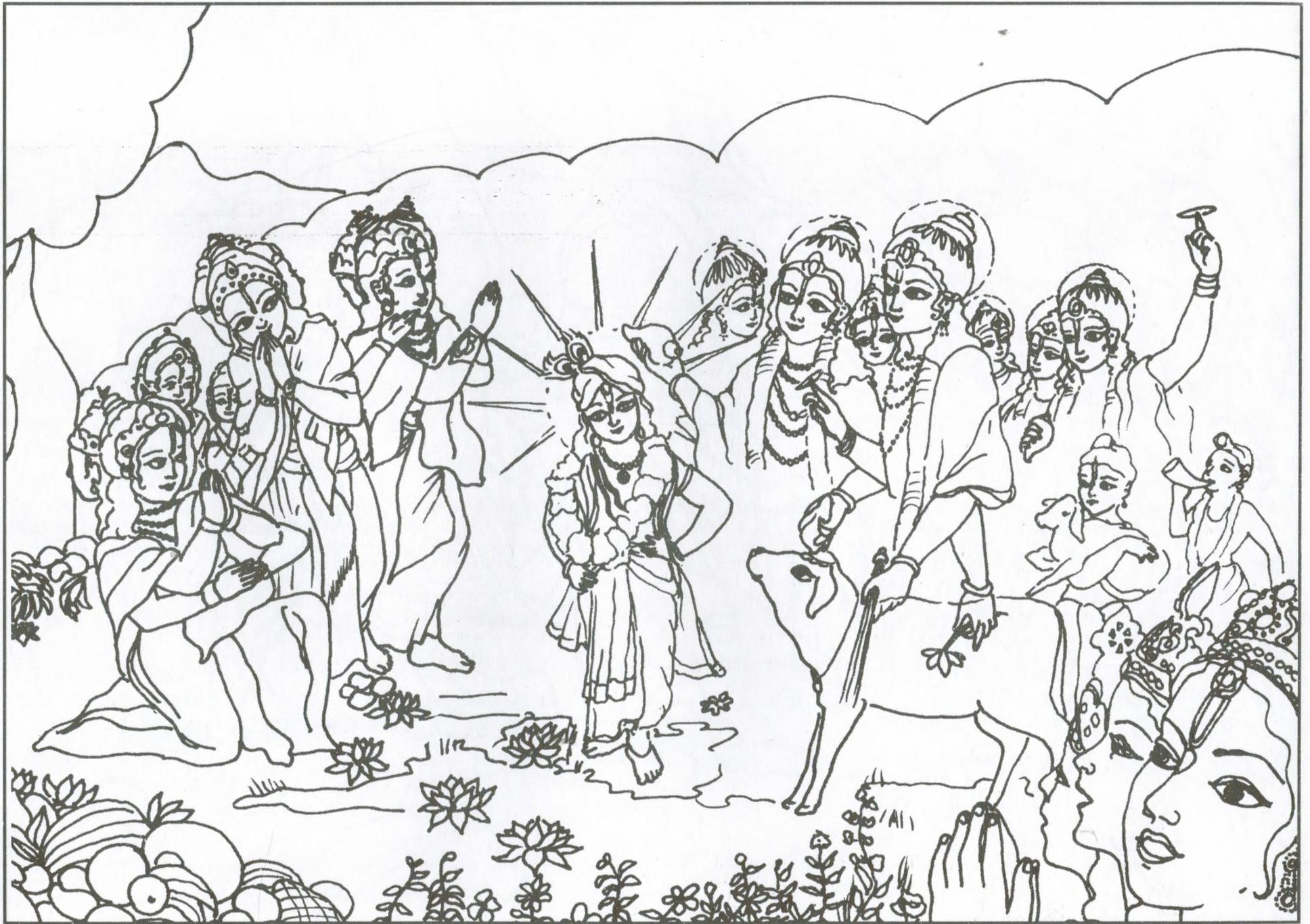
With tumultuous sound they started for Vrndavana.



Krsna bifurcated Bakasura's mouth as easily as a child splits a blade of grass.



Sometimes the boys would imitate the sounds of various animals and birds.



All the cows, calves and boys who were playing with Krsna transformed into Visnu forms.



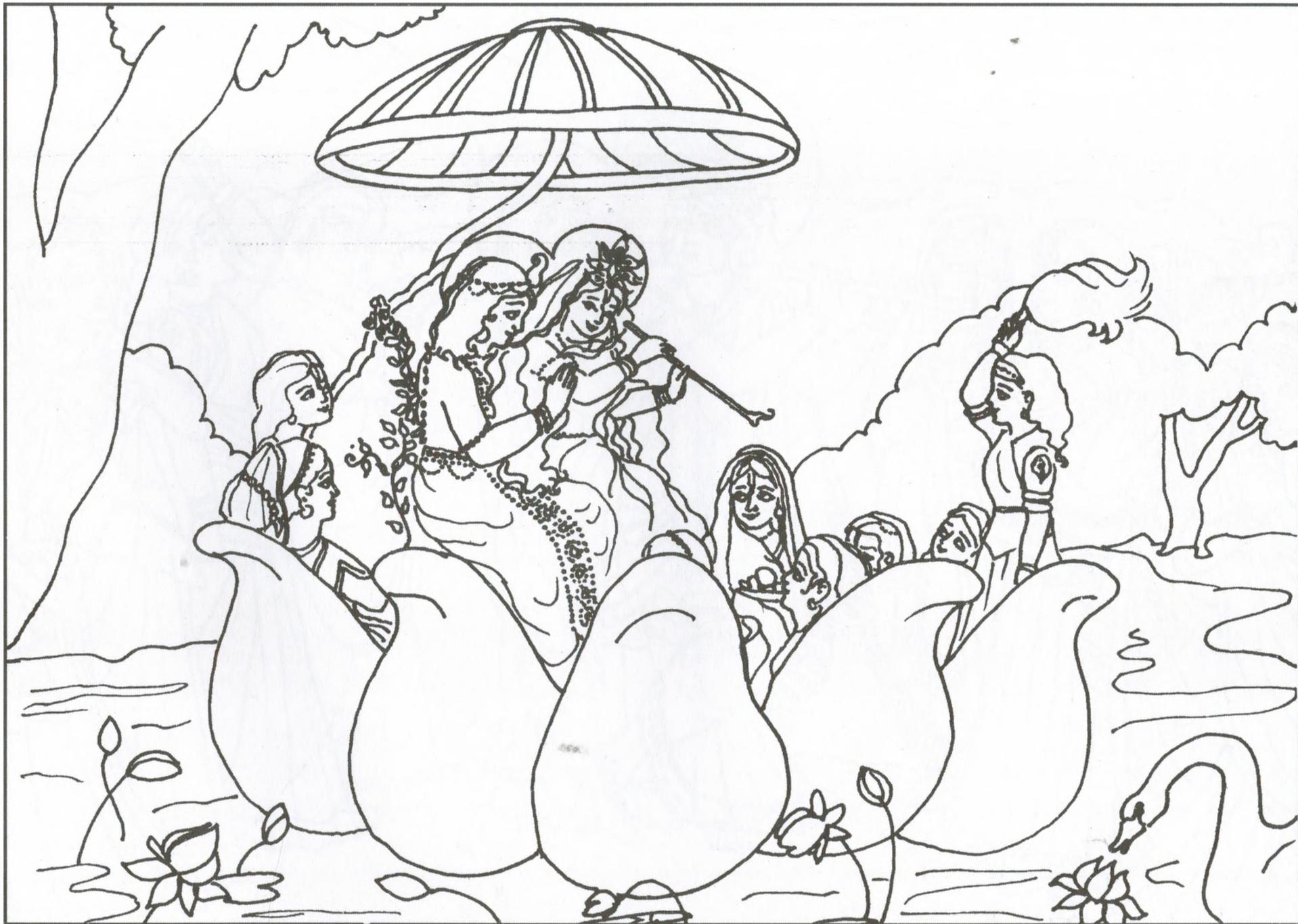
Krsna, the supreme mystic, immediately swallowed up all the flames of the fire.



The wives of the brahmanas brought offerings of food to their beloved Lord Krishna.



In the rasa dance, Krsna expanded Himself into many identical forms.



Krsna, the supreme enjoyer, enjoyed the company of the gopis, the cowherd girls of Vrndavana.



In the spiritual world, Lord Krsna is forever worshiped by the eternally liberated gopis.



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