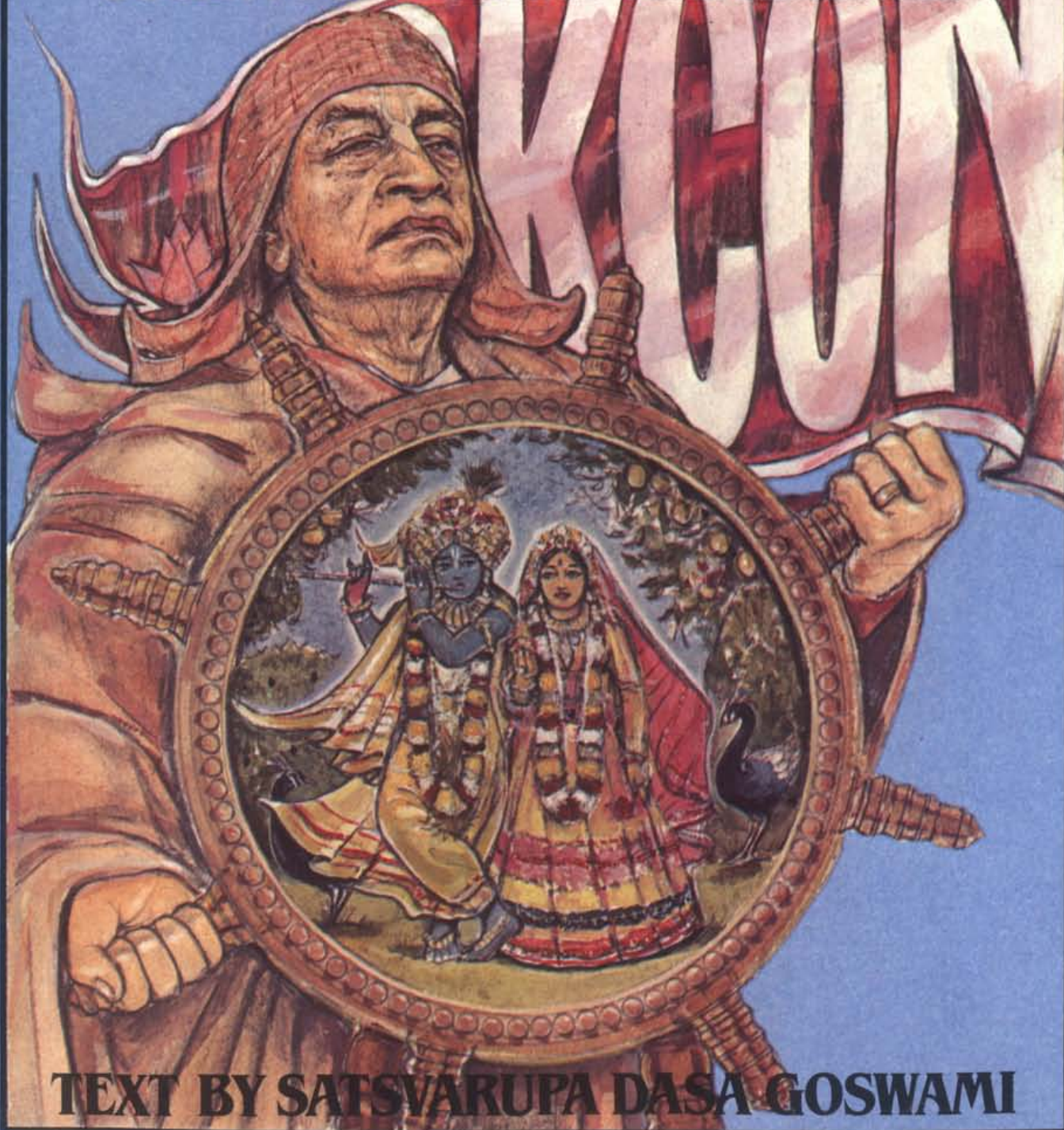


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## PREFACE

There have been successful founders of religious movements before, and successful missionaries. But one must look far indeed to find another man who, at an advanced age and without funds or institutional support, founded a spiritual movement in a strange land as successful as the Krishna movement has become, and withal regarded by many as both a genuine saint and amazingly productive scholar.

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## INTRODUCTION

The scriptures of India describe God as the Supreme Person, Whom they call Krishna—the All-Attractive One. In 1896, on the day following the celebration of Krishna's appearance on earth 5,000 years ago, a child was born to Gour Mohan De and his wife Rajani in Calcutta. Gour Mohan, a lifelong devotee of Krishna, prayed that his son might also become a devotee of the Lord and His eternal consort Radharani. Thus he named him Abhay Caran, "he who is fearless by taking shelter at the lotus feet of Krishna."

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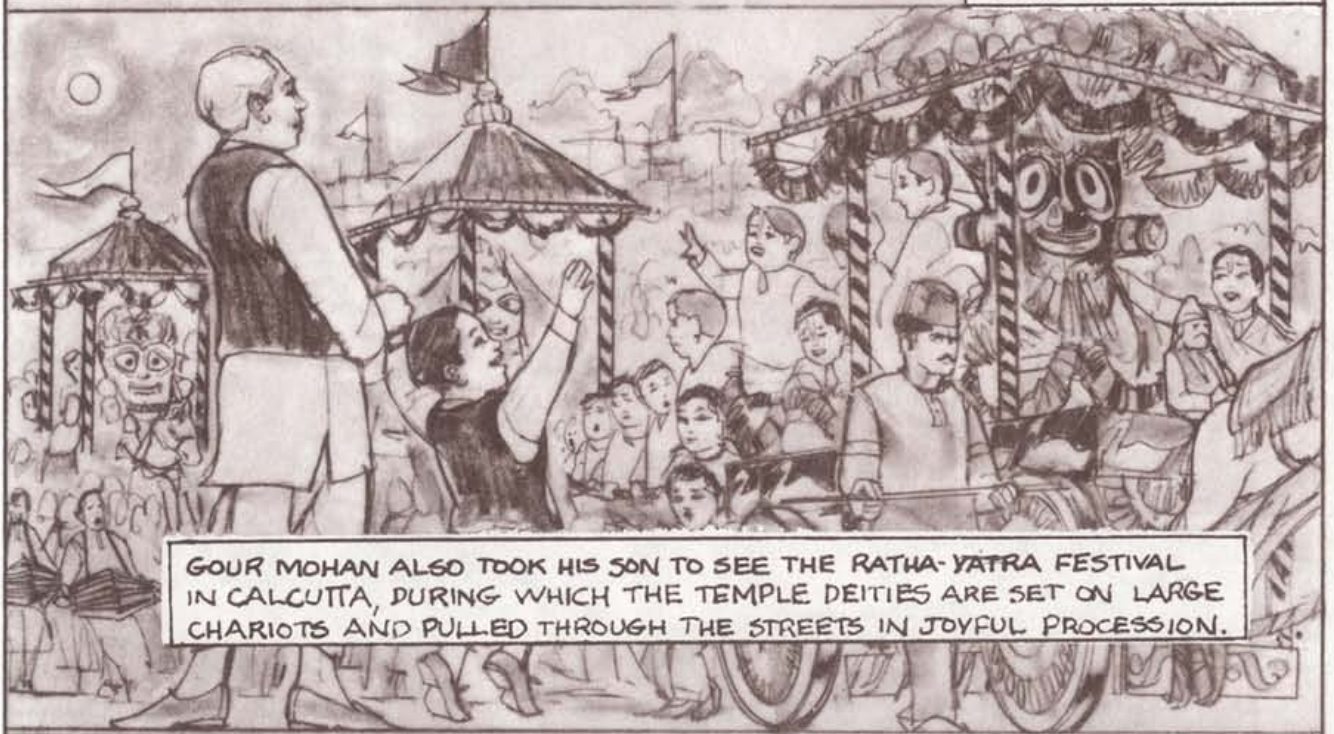
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ON AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>, 1965, A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA SET SAIL FROM INDIA FOR THE UNITED STATES. HE POSSESSED ONLY A HANDFUL OF RUPEES AND A TRUNK FILLED WITH HIS TRANSLATIONS OF ANCIENT SANSKRIT SCRIPTURES. IN THE YEARS TO COME, THE IMPACT OF HIS JOURNEY WEST WOULD BE FELT AROUND THE WORLD AND WOULD TOUCH THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. THIS WAS A JOURNEY THAT HAD BEGUN NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS BEFORE IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE, WHERE THE SEEDS OF DEVOTION HAD BEEN PLANTED IN HIS PURE, YOUNG HEART.

THE DE FAMILY WORSHIPPED DAILY AT A LOCAL RĀDHĀ KRISHNA TEMPLE.



... AND THE YOUNG CHILD, ABHAY, IMITATED SUCH WORSHIP IN HIS PLAY WITH SMALL DEITIES GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS FATHER.



GOUR MOHAN ALSO TOOK HIS SON TO SEE THE RATHA-YĀTRA FESTIVAL IN CALCUTTA, DURING WHICH THE TEMPLE DEITIES ARE SET ON LARGE CHARIOTS AND PULLED THROUGH THE STREETS IN JOYFUL PROCESSION.

WHEN THEY RETURNED HOME...



FATHER, I WANT TO PERFORM RATHA-YĀTRA. CAN I HAVE A CART?

YES, I WILL TRY TO FIND A CARPENTER TO BUILD IT, ABHAY.

I'M SORRY SON, BUT I CANNOT GET ANYONE TO BUILD A CART FOR YOU.

SIR? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE DEAR CHILD?



AHHH... AHH

BUT WHEN NO CARPENTER WOULD BUILD A SMALL RATHA, ABHAY BECAME HEART-BROKEN. JUST THEN A STRANGE WOMAN WALKED UP TO GOUR MOHAN.

HE IS CRYING BECAUSE HE WANTS TO PERFORM A LITTLE RATHA-YATRA, BUT NOBODY WILL BUILD A SMALL CART FOR HIM.

OH! I HAVE JUST SUCH A CART. COME AND SEE.

HERE IS THE CART. PLEASE TAKE IT FOR YOUR FESTIVAL.

OH FATHER, HOW WONDERFUL. NOW WE CAN HAVE OUR VERY OWN RATHA-YATRA.



HE ASKED HIS MOTHER AND HER FRIENDS TO COOK A FEAST.



PLEASE COOK PURIS, HALAVAH, SUBJI, RICE AND LADDHU.\*

ABHAY ENGAGED HIS FRIENDS IN HELPING REPAIR AND PAINT THE CART.

\*TRADITIONAL VEGETARIAN FOODS.



FINALLY EVERYTHING WAS READY AND ABHAY HAPPILY PERFORMED HIS LITTLE RATHA-YATRA FESTIVAL. THUS FROM HIS CHILDHOOD, ABHAY'S LIFE WAS FILLED WITH REMEMBRANCE OF KRISHNA'S PASTIMES.

AS ABHAY GREW OLDER AND READY FOR MARRIAGE, HIS FATHER CONTINUED TO GUIDE HIM.



BUT FATHER, I AM MORE ATTRACTED BY THE BEAUTY OF ANOTHER GIRL. WHY MUST I MARRY THIS ONE?

IF YOU MARRY A GIRL WHO IS TOO BEAUTIFUL, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE HER LATER IN LIFE TO TAKE UP SPIRITUAL PRACTICES.

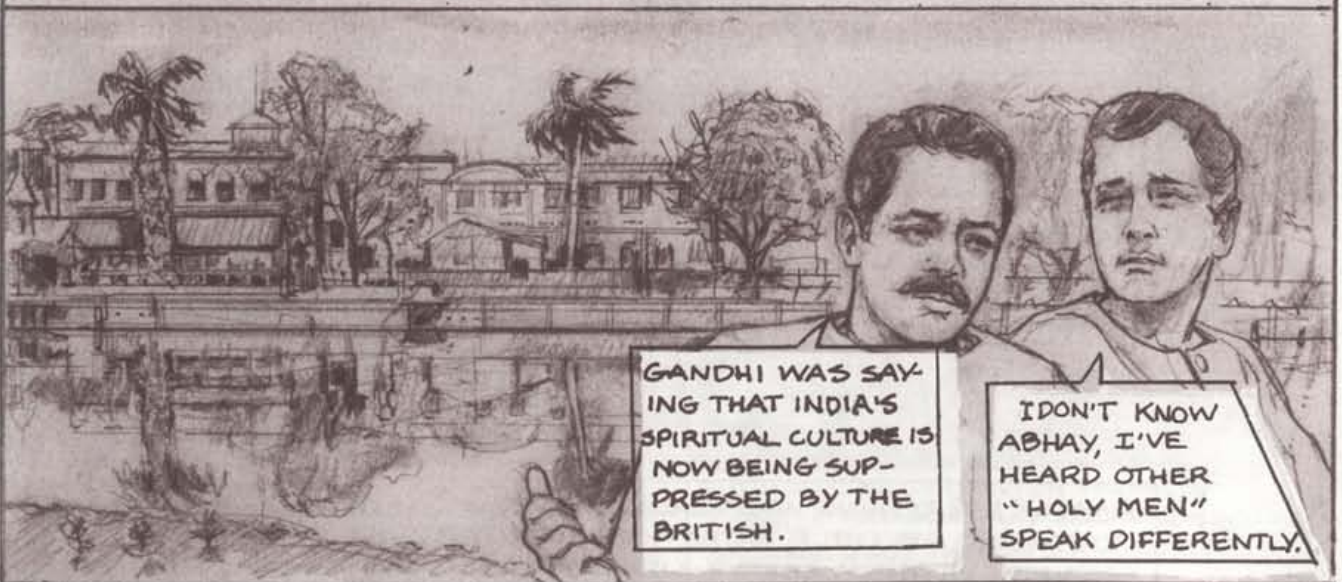
DURING HIS COLLEGE DAYS, ABHAY BECAME ACTIVE IN GANDHI'S INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.



HE IS TO LECTURE AT 1:00.

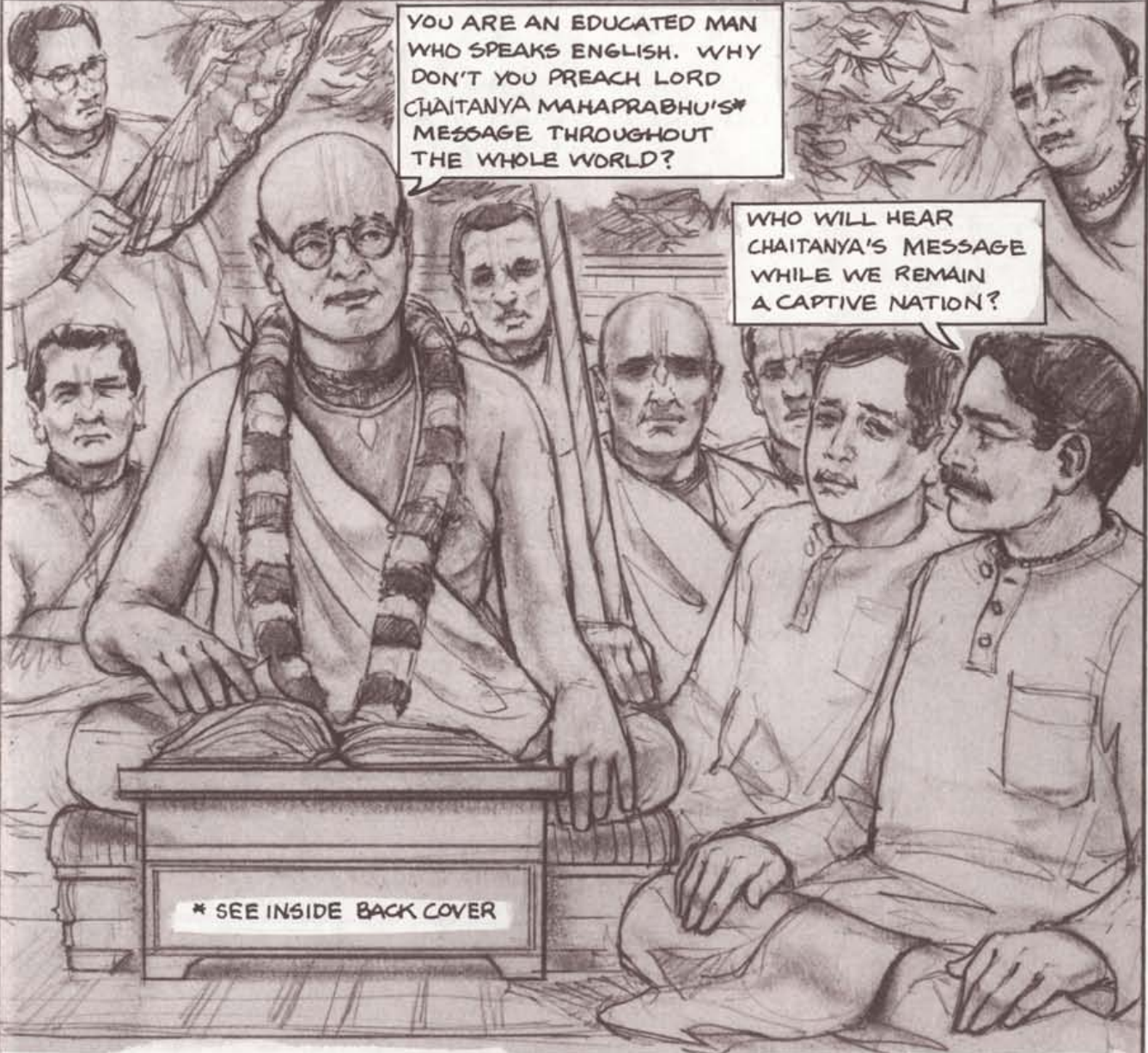
I HOPE WE ARE NOT LATE.

GANDHI'S SPEECH CAPTIVATES THE AUDIENCE.

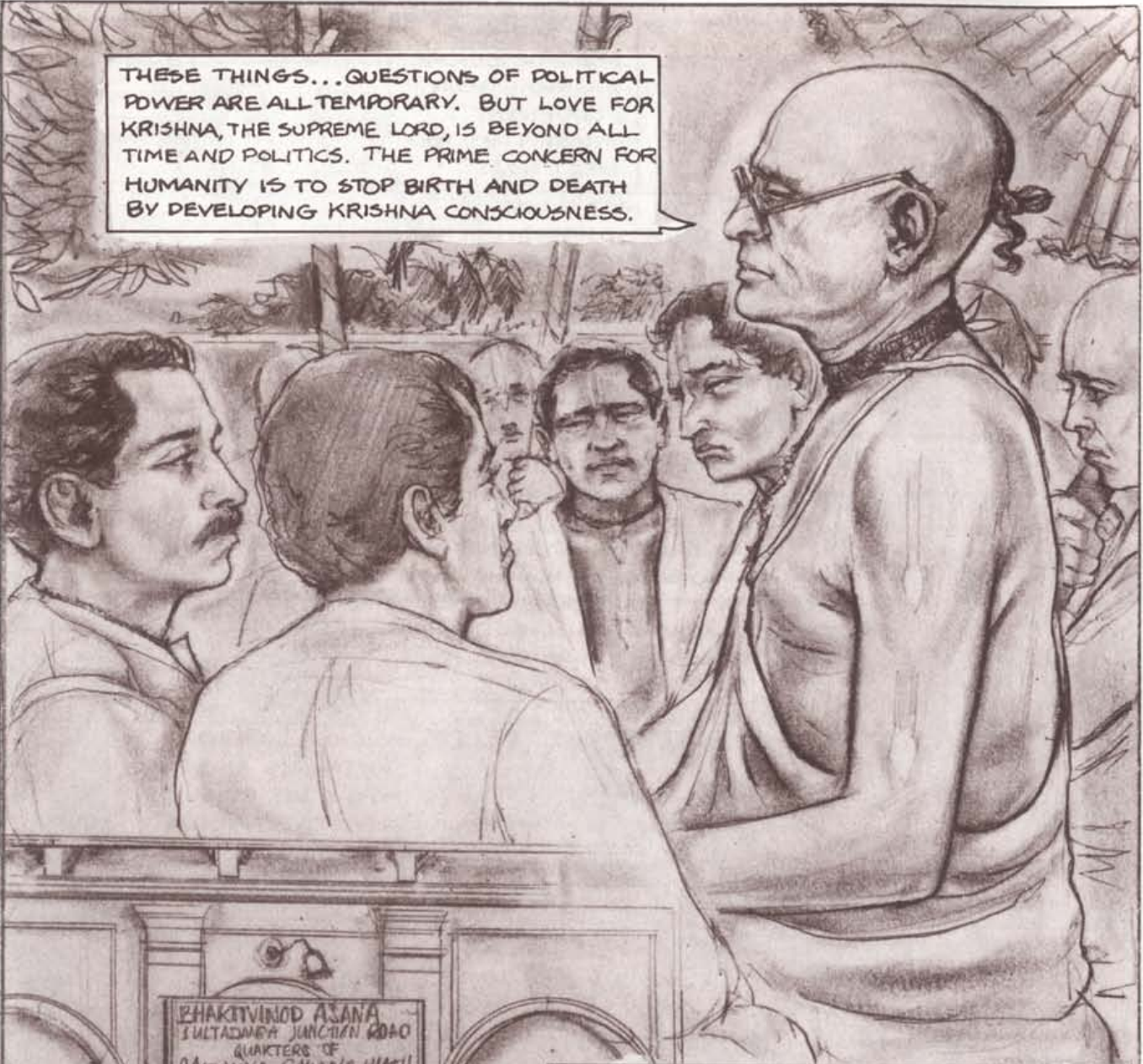


GANDHI WAS SAYING THAT INDIA'S SPIRITUAL CULTURE IS NOW BEING SUPPRESSED BY THE BRITISH.

IDON'T KNOW ABHAY, I'VE HEARD OTHER "HOLY MEN" SPEAK DIFFERENTLY.

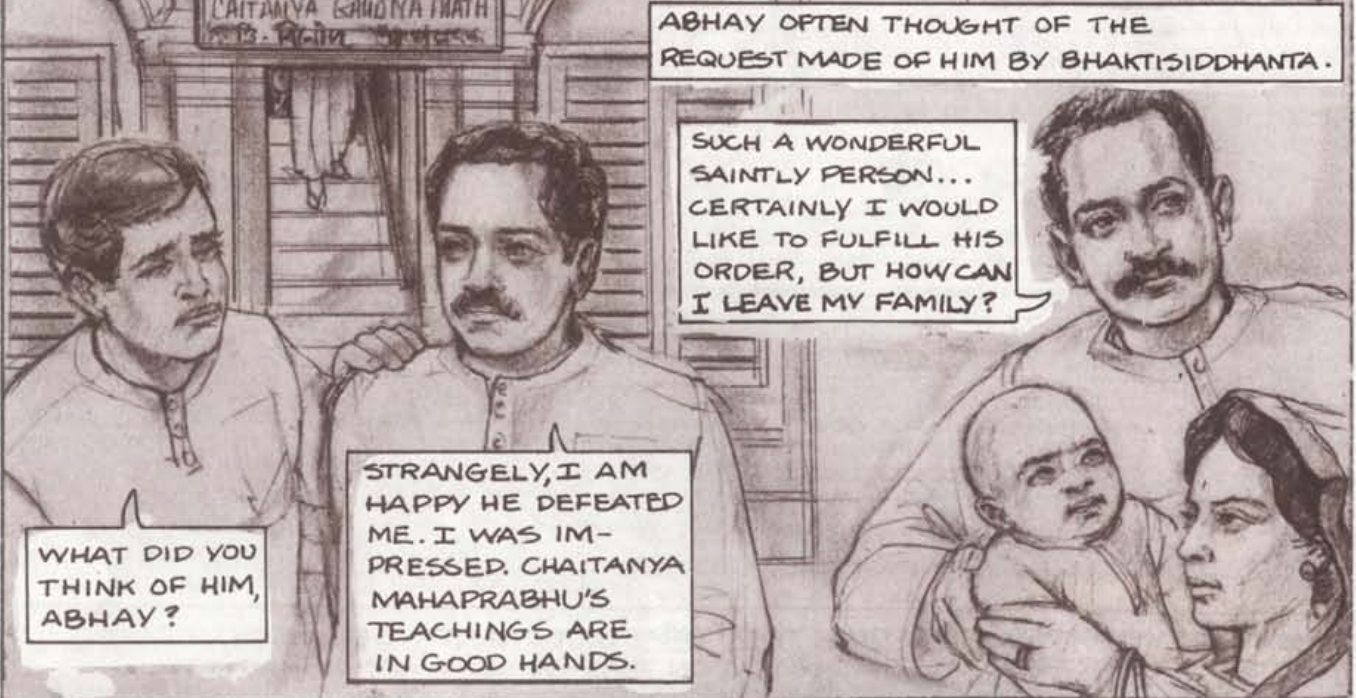


IT WAS AT THIS FATEFUL MEETING THAT BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI, ABHAY'S SPIRITUAL MASTER, GAVE HIM THE INSPIRATION THAT WOULD SHAPE HIS FUTURE.



THESE THINGS... QUESTIONS OF POLITICAL POWER ARE ALL TEMPORARY. BUT LOVE FOR KRISHNA, THE SUPREME LORD, IS BEYOND ALL TIME AND POLITICS. THE PRIME CONCERN FOR HUMANITY IS TO STOP BIRTH AND DEATH BY DEVELOPING KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

ABHAY OFTEN THOUGHT OF THE REQUEST MADE OF HIM BY BHAKTISIDDHANTA.



SUCH A WONDERFUL SAINTLY PERSON... CERTAINLY I WOULD LIKE TO FULFILL HIS ORDER, BUT HOW CAN I LEAVE MY FAMILY?

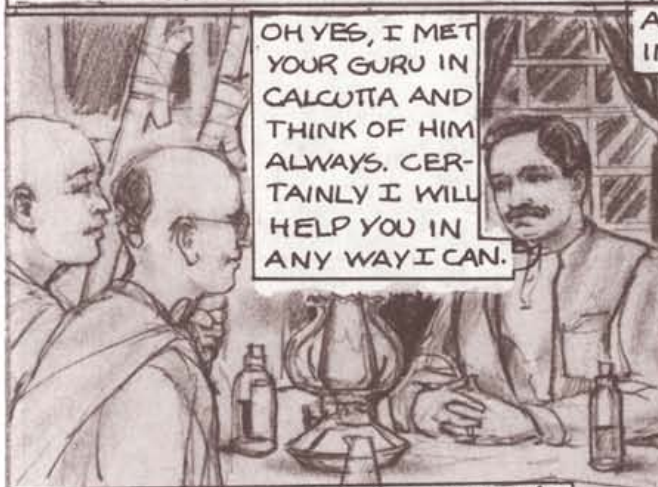
WHAT DID YOU THINK OF HIM, ABHAY?

STRANGELY, I AM HAPPY HE DEFEATED ME. I WAS IMPRESSED. CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU'S TEACHINGS ARE IN GOOD HANDS.





ABHAY'S CHEMICAL BUSINESS QUICKLY BECAME SUCCESSFUL AND HE MOVED TO ALLAHABAD TO OPEN A NEW BRANCH.



OH YES, I MET YOUR GURU IN CALCUTTA AND THINK OF HIM ALWAYS. CERTAINLY I WILL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN.



ABHAY BEGAN TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN HELPING BHAKTISIDDHANTA'S MISSION.

IN ALLAHABAD, BHAKTISIDDHANTA'S DISCIPLES VISITED HIS BUSINESS.

IN 1932, AT THE URGING OF OTHER DISCIPLES, ABHAY WAS FORMALLY INITIATED.

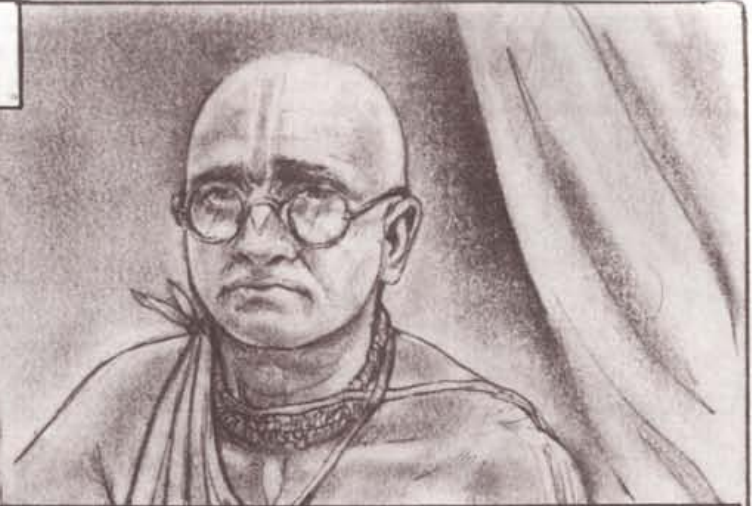


SEEING HIS DEVOTED ACTIVITIES, THE SANNYASIS\* ASKED BHAKTISIDDHANTA TO ASK ABHAY TO COME AND LIVE WITH THEM.



NO, LEAVE HIM ALONE. HE WILL ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME.

O MASTER, HE COULD RENDER SUCH VALUABLE SERVICE.



THEN, JUST DAYS BEFORE DEPARTING FROM THE WORLD, BHAKTISIDDHANTA WROTE TO ABHAY.



IN PURSUANCE OF THIS ORDER ABHAY FOUNDED THE ENGLISH FORTNIGHTLY "BACK TO GODHEAD" IN 1944.



\* MEMBERS OF THE RENOUNCED ORDER OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

MANY YEARS LATER ABHAY HADA RECURRING DREAM.

NOW IT IS  
TIME FOR YOU  
TO TAKE  
SANNYASA.\*

HOW CAN I  
LEAVE MY  
FAMILY?

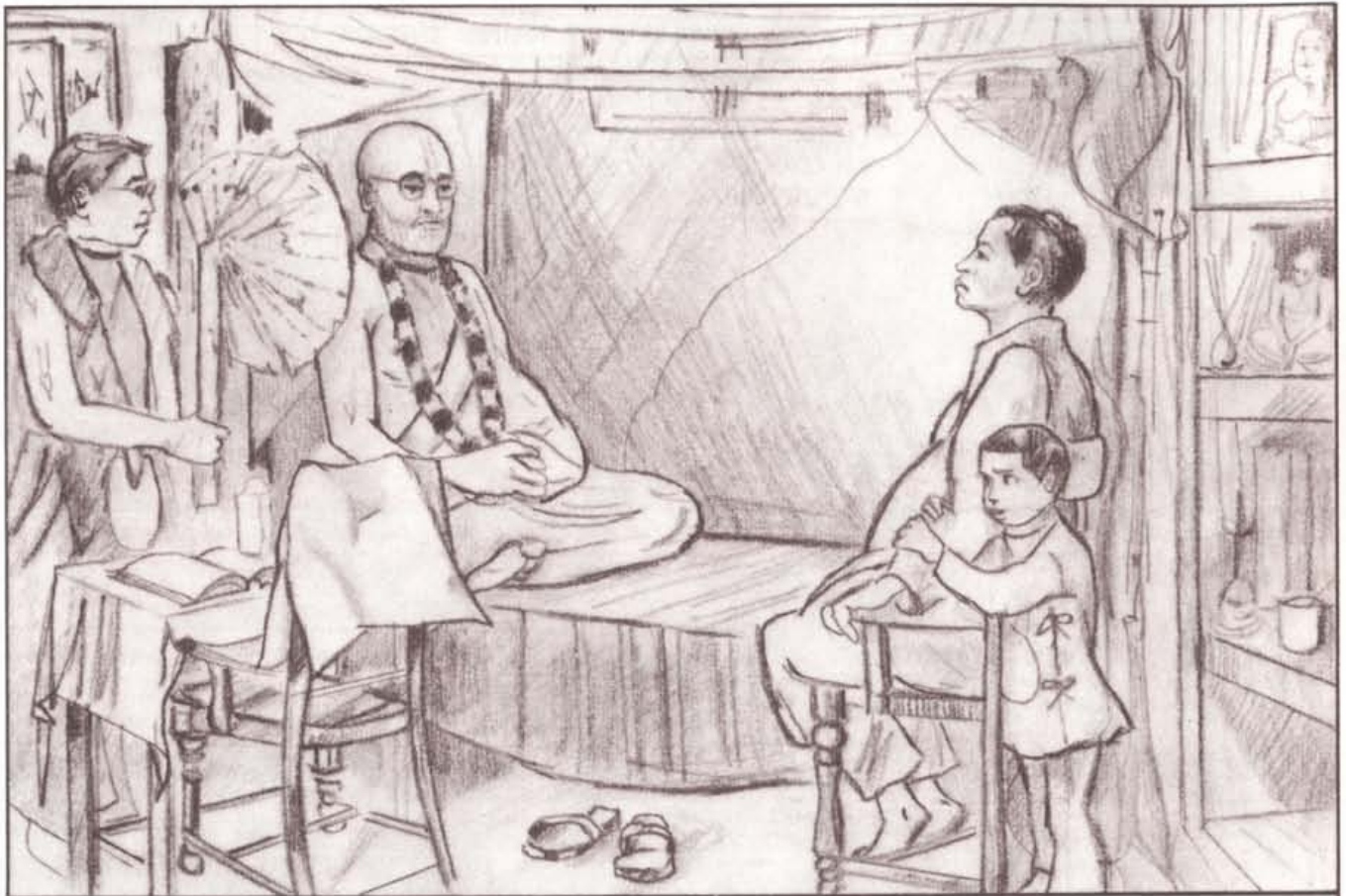
SO IN 1959 ABHAY TOOK SANNYASA  
LIFE AND RECEIVED THE NAME  
A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI.

O KESAVA MAHARAJ,  
I HAD A DREAM  
THAT I AM TO TAKE  
SANNYASA. BUT  
HOW CAN I LEAVE  
MY FAMILY?

AS YOUR GODBROTHER,  
I CAN ONLY REPEAT TO  
YOU OUR GURU'S REQUEST  
THAT YOU PREACH IN THE  
WESTERN COUNTRIES.

\* THE RENOUNCED ORDER OF FULL DEDI-  
CATION TO MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES.

HE THEN WENT TO VRINDABAN  
TO PREPARE TO FULFILL  
BHAKTISIDDHANTA'S ORDER.



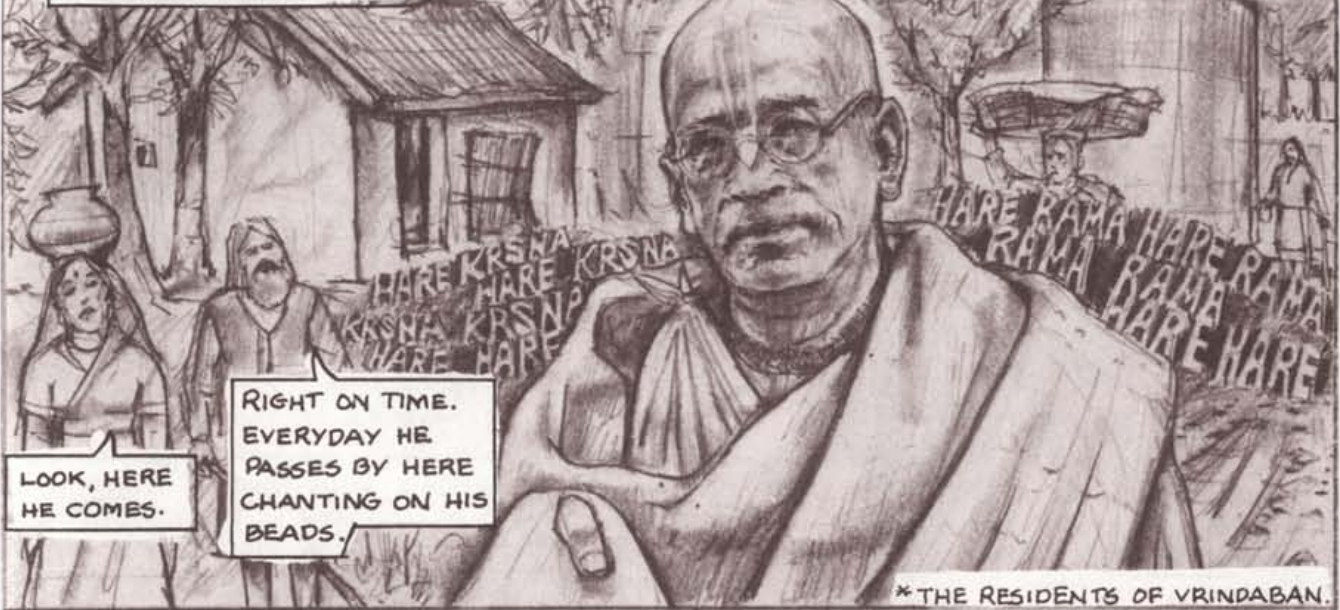
IN NOVEMBER 1935, ABHAY AND HIS SON VISITED BHAKTISIDDHANTA AT SACRED RADHA-KUND LAKE IN VRINDABAN. ABHAY HAD EARNED A REPUTATION FOR HIS LITERARY SKILLS, AND BHAKTISIDDHANTA TOLD HIM "IF YOU EVER HAVE MONEY, YOU SHOULD PRINT BOOKS ON THE SCIENCE OF KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS."

THAT INSTRUCTION REMAINED WITH ABHAY THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE.

"IF YOU EVER HAVE MONEY, PRINT BOOKS."



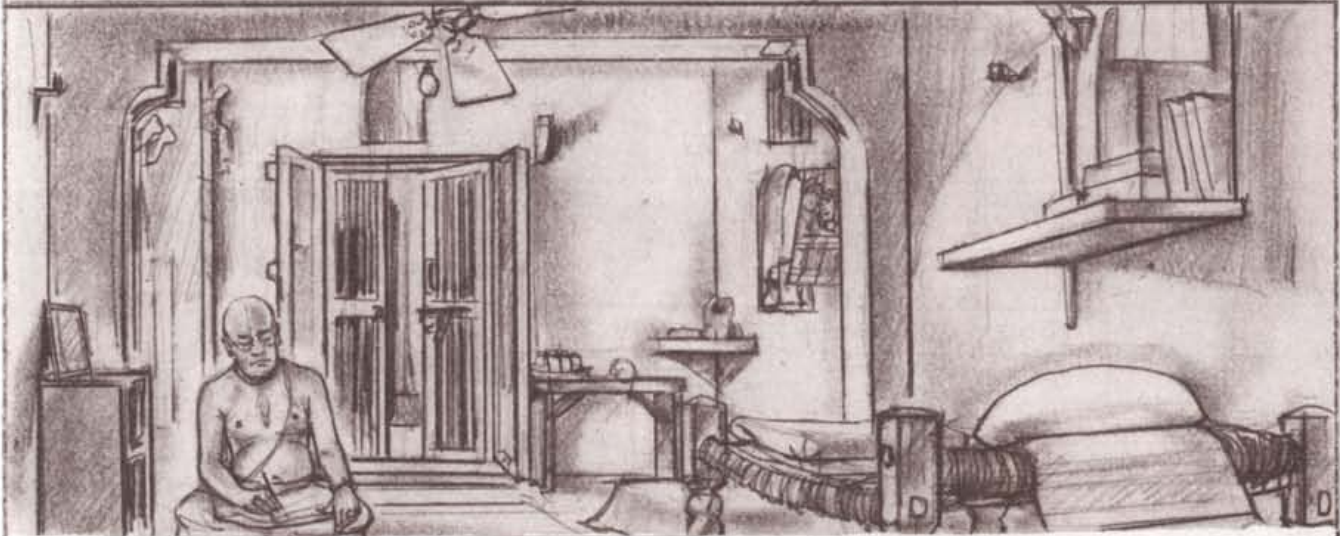
BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI SOON BECAME WELL-KNOWN AMONG THE BRIJABASIS\* AS A VERY STRICT SANNYASI.



LOOK, HERE HE COMES.

RIGHT ON TIME. EVERYDAY HE PASSES BY HERE CHANTING ON HIS BEADS.

\*THE RESIDENTS OF VRINDABAN.

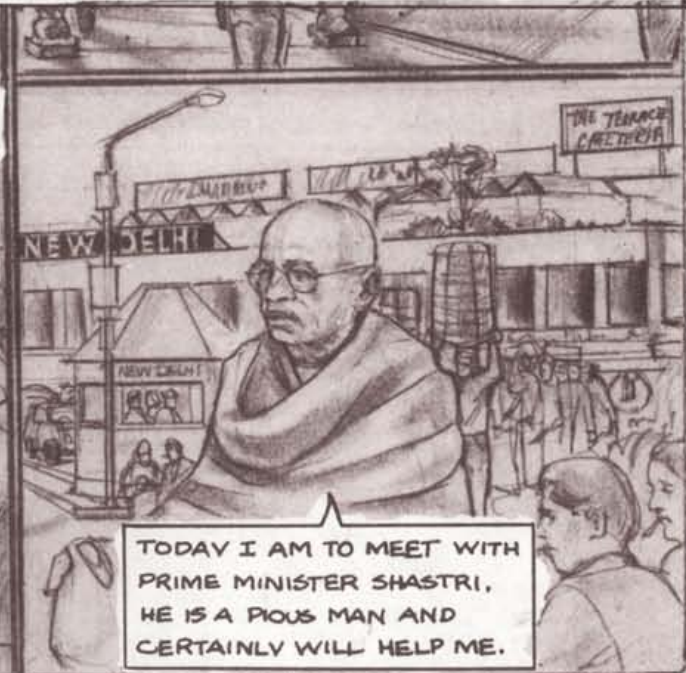


WHILE IN VRINDABAN HE WROTE AND TRANSLATED MANY BOOKS INTO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

HE OFTEN JOURNEYED TO DELHI TO SELL HIS BOOKS AND TO TRY AND GET HELP FOR HIS MISSION.



SURELY BY THE GRACE OF KRISHNA SOMEONE WILL HELP ME IN MY MISSION TO GO TO THE WEST.



TODAY I AM TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER SHASTRI. HE IS A PIOUS MAN AND CERTAINLY WILL HELP ME.

AT THEIR MEETING...

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU MY TRANSLATION OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM.\*

THANK YOU SWAMIJI, YOU ARE DOING SUCH IMPORTANT WORK FOR THE SALVATION OF MANKIND.

\* THE MOST IMPORTANT SANSKRIT TEXT ON DEVOTION TO LORD KRISHNA.

AFTER THE MEETING WAS OVER...

HE IS A PIOUS MAN AND MEETING HIM WAS ENCOURAGING, BUT STILL I AM ALONE, WITHOUT HELP IN MY MISSION.



BACK IN VRINDABAN HE CONTINUED TO WORK AND MEDITATE ON THE ORDER OF HIS GURU.



IN 1965, AFTER PUBLISHING 3 VOLUMES OF HIS WORK, SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM, HE FELT HIMSELF READY TO SET OUT FOR AMERICA. AND SO, HE APPROACHED SUMATI MURARJI, OWNER OF SCINDIA STEAMSHIP LINES.

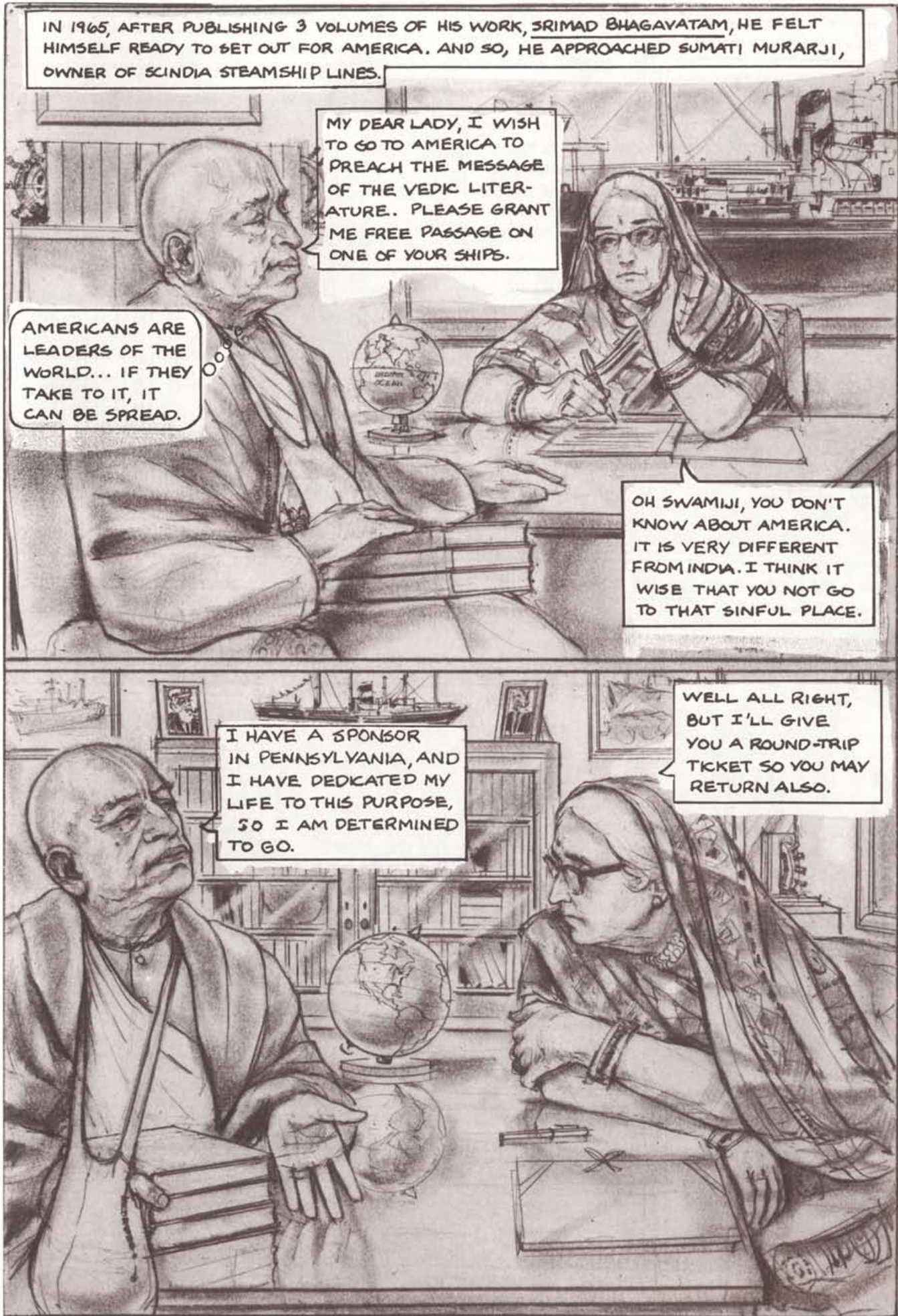
MY DEAR LADY, I WISH TO GO TO AMERICA TO PREACH THE MESSAGE OF THE VEDIC LITERATURE. PLEASE GRANT ME FREE PASSAGE ON ONE OF YOUR SHIPS.

AMERICANS ARE LEADERS OF THE WORLD... IF THEY TAKE TO IT, IT CAN BE SPREAD.

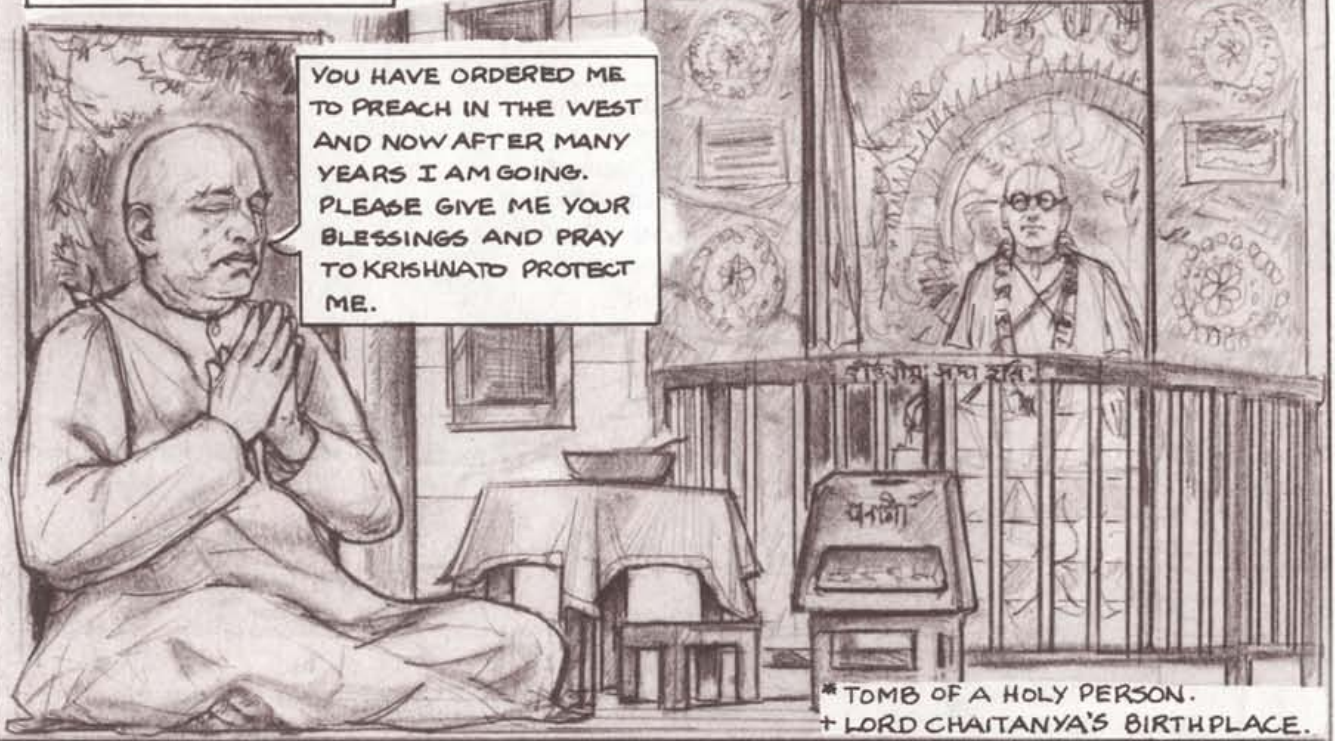
OH SWAMIJI, YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT AMERICA. IT IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM INDIA. I THINK IT WISE THAT YOU NOT GO TO THAT SINFUL PLACE.

I HAVE A SPONSOR IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND I HAVE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO THIS PURPOSE, SO I AM DETERMINED TO GO.

WELL ALL RIGHT, BUT I'LL GIVE YOU A ROUND-TRIP TICKET SO YOU MAY RETURN ALSO.



BEFORE LEAVING FOR AMERICA BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI VISITED BHAKTISIDDHANTA'S SAMADHI\* IN MAYAPUR.†



YOU HAVE ORDERED ME TO PREACH IN THE WEST AND NOW AFTER MANY YEARS I AM GOING. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR BLESSINGS AND PRAY TO KRISHNATO PROTECT ME.

\*TOMB OF A HOLY PERSON.  
†LORD CHAITANYA'S BIRTHPLACE.

ONCE BACK IN CALCUTTA, HE BOARDED THE SHIP 'JALADUTTA'.



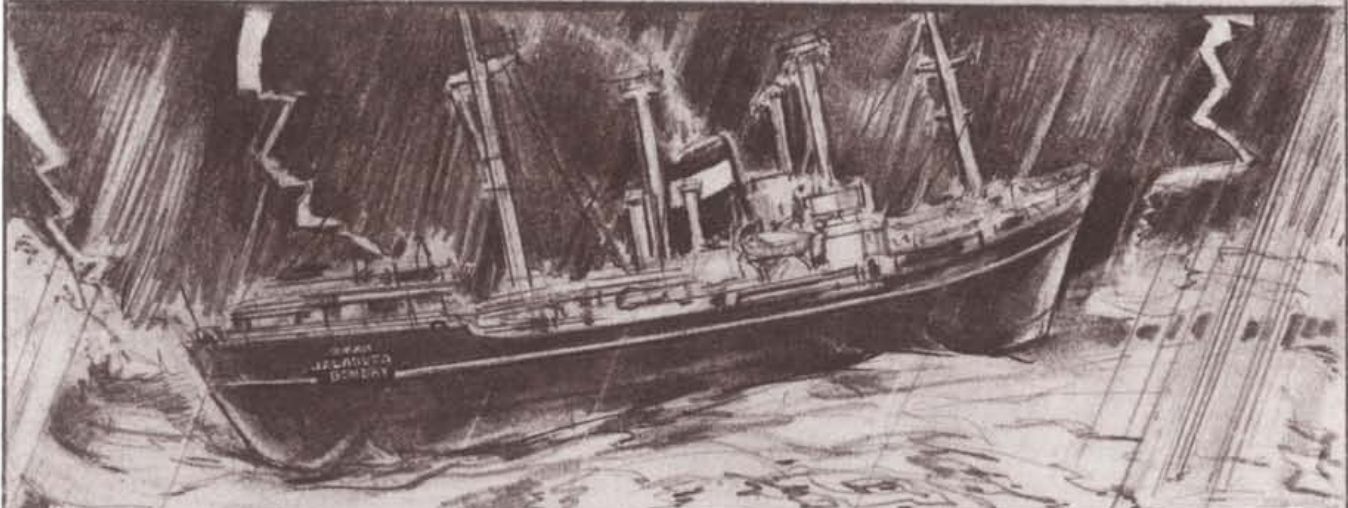
OH YES, I HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT AMERICA IS THE BEST PLACE TO GO, SWAMIJI?



AMERICA HARDLY SEEMS READY FOR HIS MESSAGE. IT SEEMS SUCH A DIFFICULT TASK FOR SOMEONE HIS AGE.

WELL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE HIM FOR TRYING.



WIND, RAIN AND ROUGH SEAS MADE THE EARLY PART OF THE VOYAGE DIFFICULT.



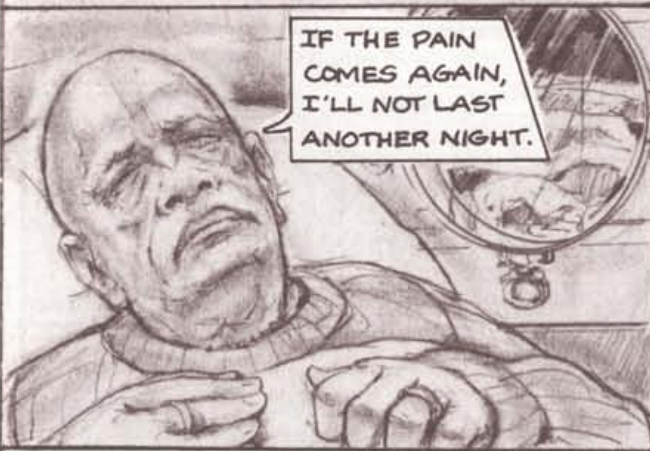
BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI FOUND SOLACE IN READING ABOUT CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU'S PASTIMES.



ALAS, THE VOYAGE WAS HARD FOR SOMEONE HIS AGE, AND HE SUFFERED HEART ATTACKS ON TWO SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS.



IF THE PAIN COMES AGAIN, I'LL NOT LAST ANOTHER NIGHT.



THEN ON THE THIRD NIGHT HE HAD A DREAM...

DON'T WORRY, ABHAY CHARAN.



... GO ON WITH YOUR MISSION, I WILL PROTECT YOU.



KRISHNA APPEARED TO HIM ON A BOAT, SURROUNDED BY HIS MANY INCARNATIONS.



FINALLY, CALM RETURNED TO THE SEA AND BHAKTIVEDANTA REGAINED SOME STRENGTH.

...AND WITHIN DAYS THE SHIP DOCKED IN AMERICA AT BOSTON'S COMMONWEALTH PIER.



HE AND THE CAPTAIN WALKED TOGETHER ON SHORE.



I THINK YOU'LL FIND AMERICAN CULTURE VERY DIFFERENT FROM INDIA.

YES, I CAN SEE THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE GROWN VERY DECADENT!

DEAR LORD KRISHNA, LET ME DANCE ACCORDING TO YOUR ORDER AND TRY TO FULFILL THE REAL MEANING OF "BHAKTIVEDANTA"



AFTER HE FINISHED HIS PRAYER THE CAPTAIN AND HIS WIFE CAME UP TO HIM.



NOW, IT'S JUST A SHORT TRIP TO NEW YORK AND THEN WE RETURN TO INDIA.

SWAMIJI, WON'T YOU PLEASE RETURN WITH US TO INSURE OUR SMOOTH JOURNEY?

ONCE BACK ABOARD THE SHIP, HE COMPOSED A PRAYER TO LORD KRISHNA

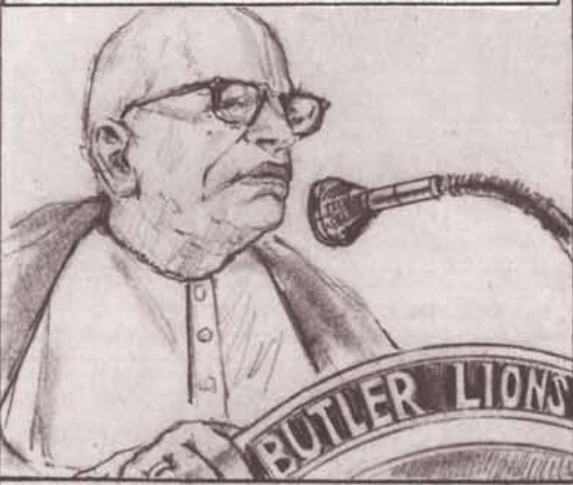
BUT BHAKTIVEDANTA REMEMBERED KRISHNA'S PROMISE TO HIM IN THE DREAM.



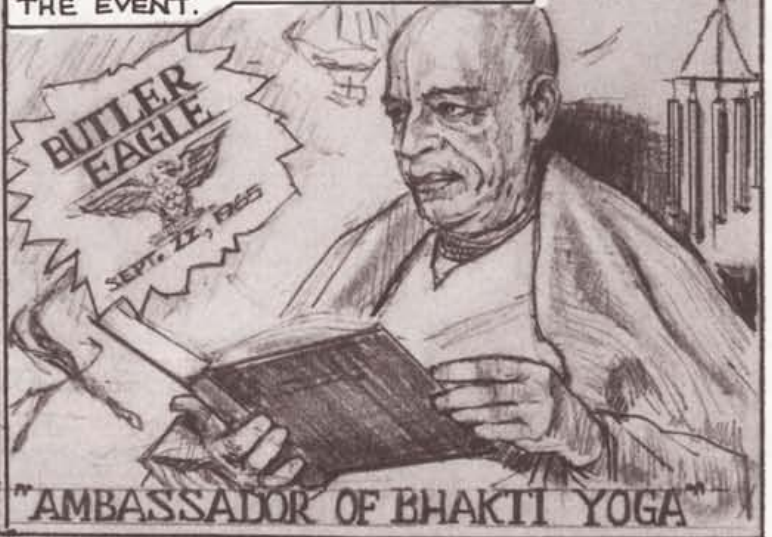
AT LAST THEY REACHED NEW YORK.



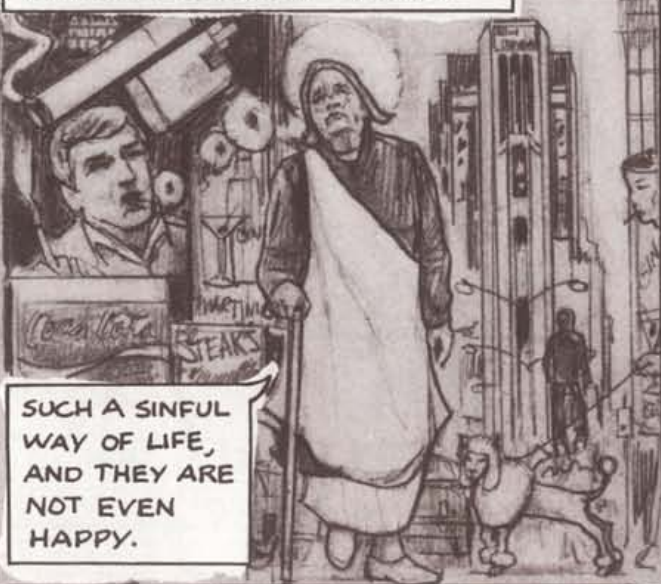
SOON HE REACHED HIS SPONSOR'S HOME IN BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA, AND BEGAN HIS PREACHING WORK.



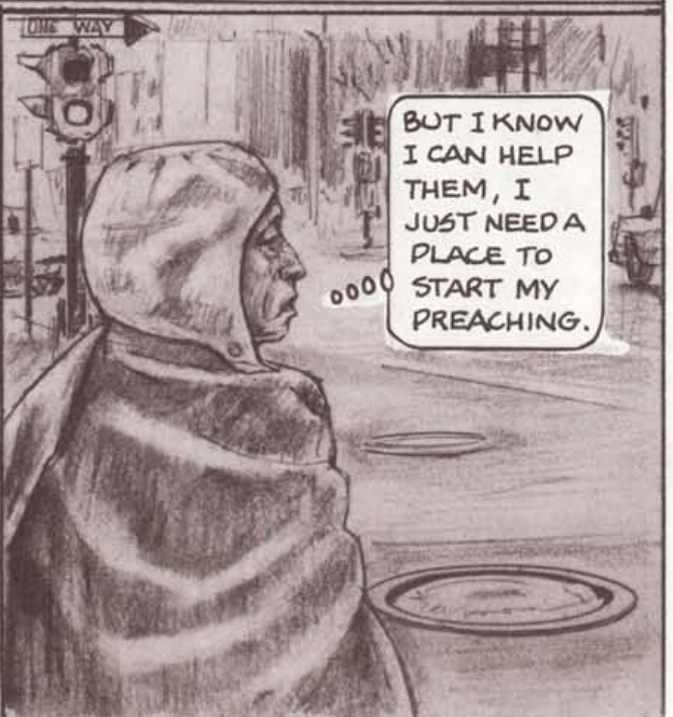
A LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTED THE EVENT.



AFTER SOME TIME, HOWEVER, HE RETURNED TO NEW YORK - A MORE ACTIVE PREACHING GROUND.



SUCH A SINFUL WAY OF LIFE, AND THEY ARE NOT EVEN HAPPY.



MOVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE, ONE DAY HE RETURNED TO FIND HIS FEW POSSESSIONS MISSING.

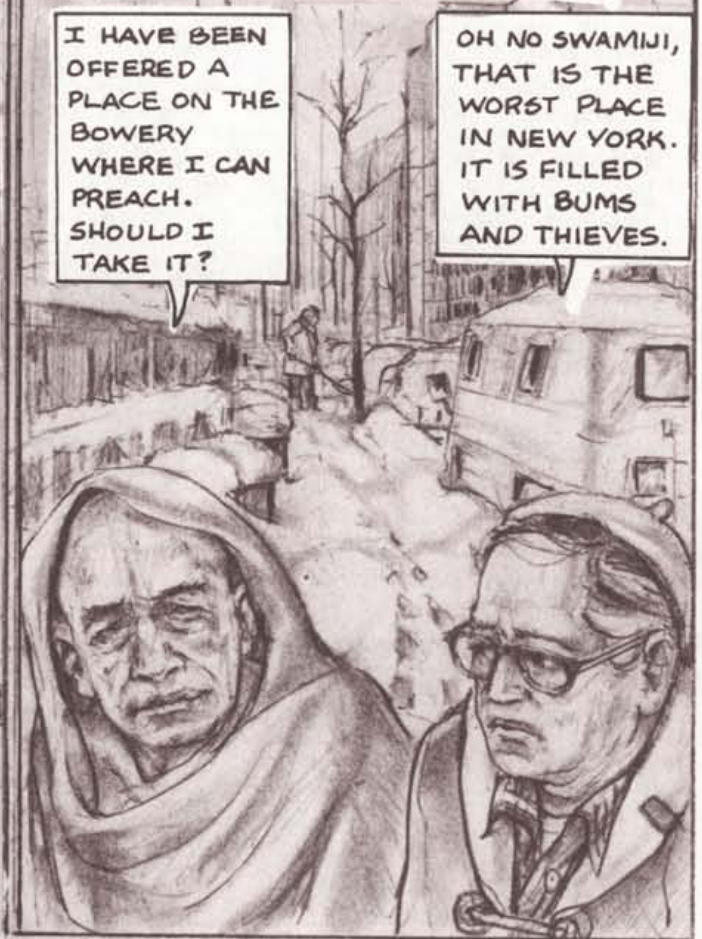


OH, MY TYPE - WRITER AND TAPE RECORDER ARE GONE! I'VE BEEN ROBBED.

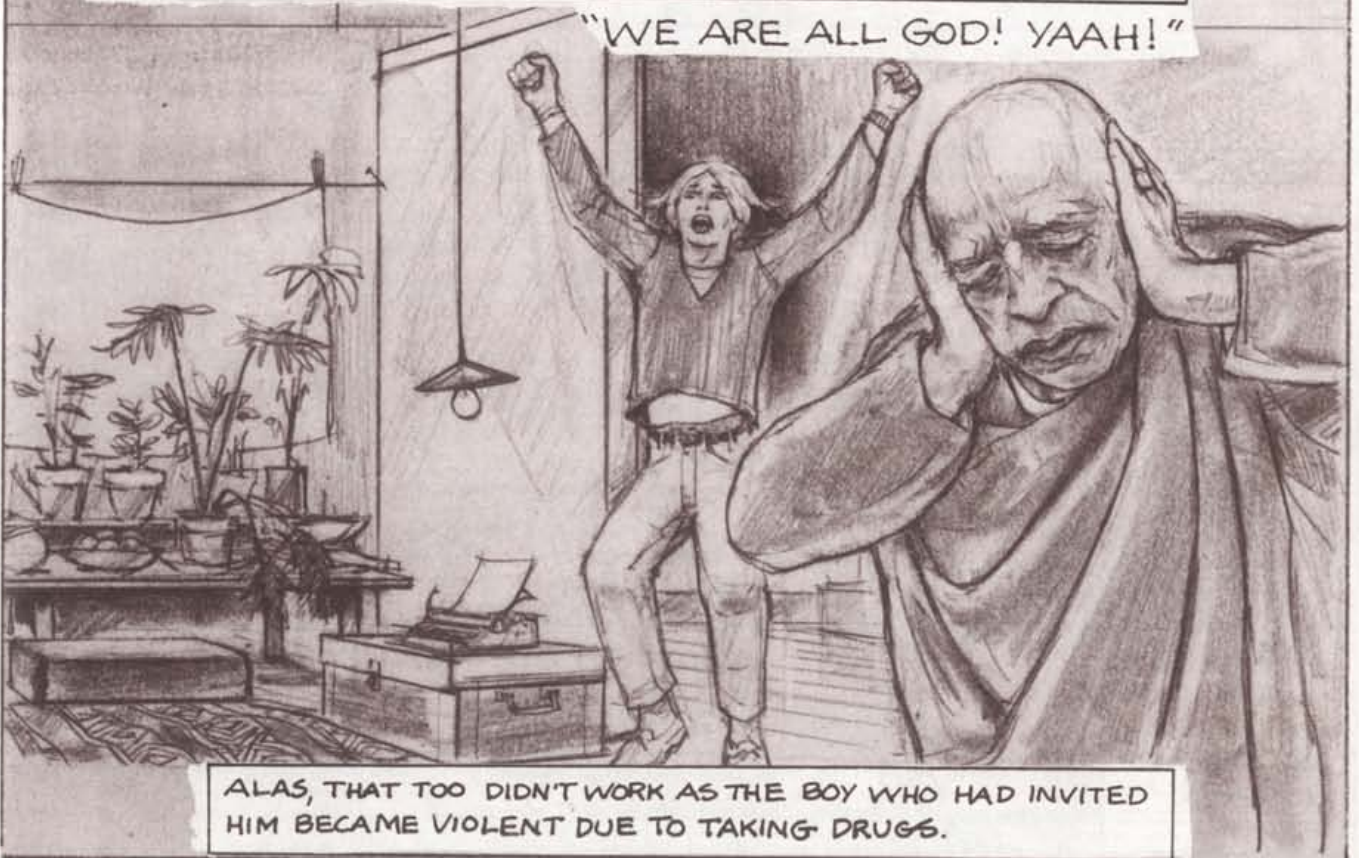
ONE DAY HE ASKED A FRIEND...

I HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PLACE ON THE BOWERY WHERE I CAN PREACH. SHOULD I TAKE IT?

OH NO SWAMIJI, THAT IS THE WORST PLACE IN NEW YORK. IT IS FILLED WITH BUMS AND THIEVES.



BUT AS IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREACH, HE DECIDED TO TAKE IT.



"WE ARE ALL GOD! YAAH!"

ALAS, THAT TOO DIDN'T WORK AS THE BOY WHO HAD INVITED HIM BECAME VIOLENT DUE TO TAKING DRUGS.

AFTER NEARLY ONE YEAR OF STRUGGLE IN AMERICA, BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI'S DEVOTION AND DETERMINATION WERE REWARDED BY KRISHNA. WITH THE HELP OF SOME YOUNG AMERICAN FRIENDS, HE FOUND A PLACE TO BEGIN HIS PREACHING. THEN ONE DAY...

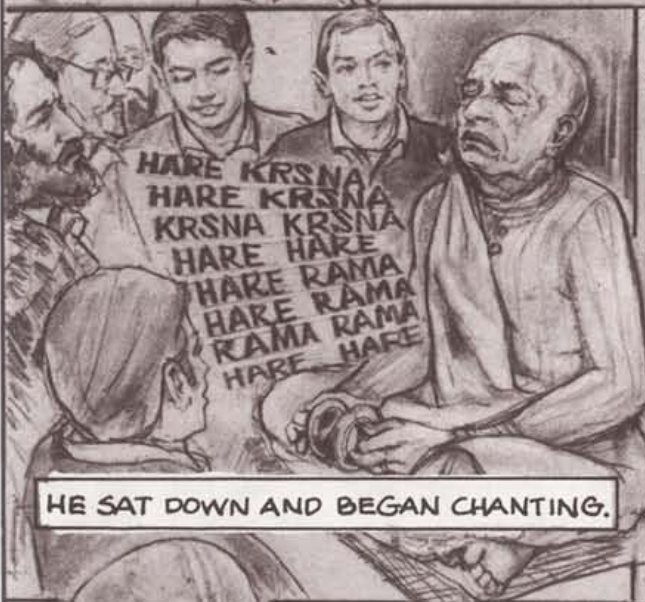


\*THE ESSENTIAL TEXT OF LORD KRISHNA'S TEACHINGS.

THAT EVENING...

OH, YOU HAVE COME WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

YES...



HE SAT DOWN AND BEGAN CHANTING.



THE GUESTS WERE GRADUALLY ABLE TO FOLLOW.



THANK YOU FOR COMING AND BRINGING YOUR FRIENDS. I AM HOLDING CLASSES EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY. PLEASE COME.

A LECTURE FOLLOWED THE CHANTING AND THEN THE PROGRAM ENDED.

NEWS OF BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI'S KIRTAN\* AND CLASSES QUICKLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY. \* DEVOTIONAL CHANTING



YOU'VE READ BHAGAVAD-GITA HAVEN'T YOU?

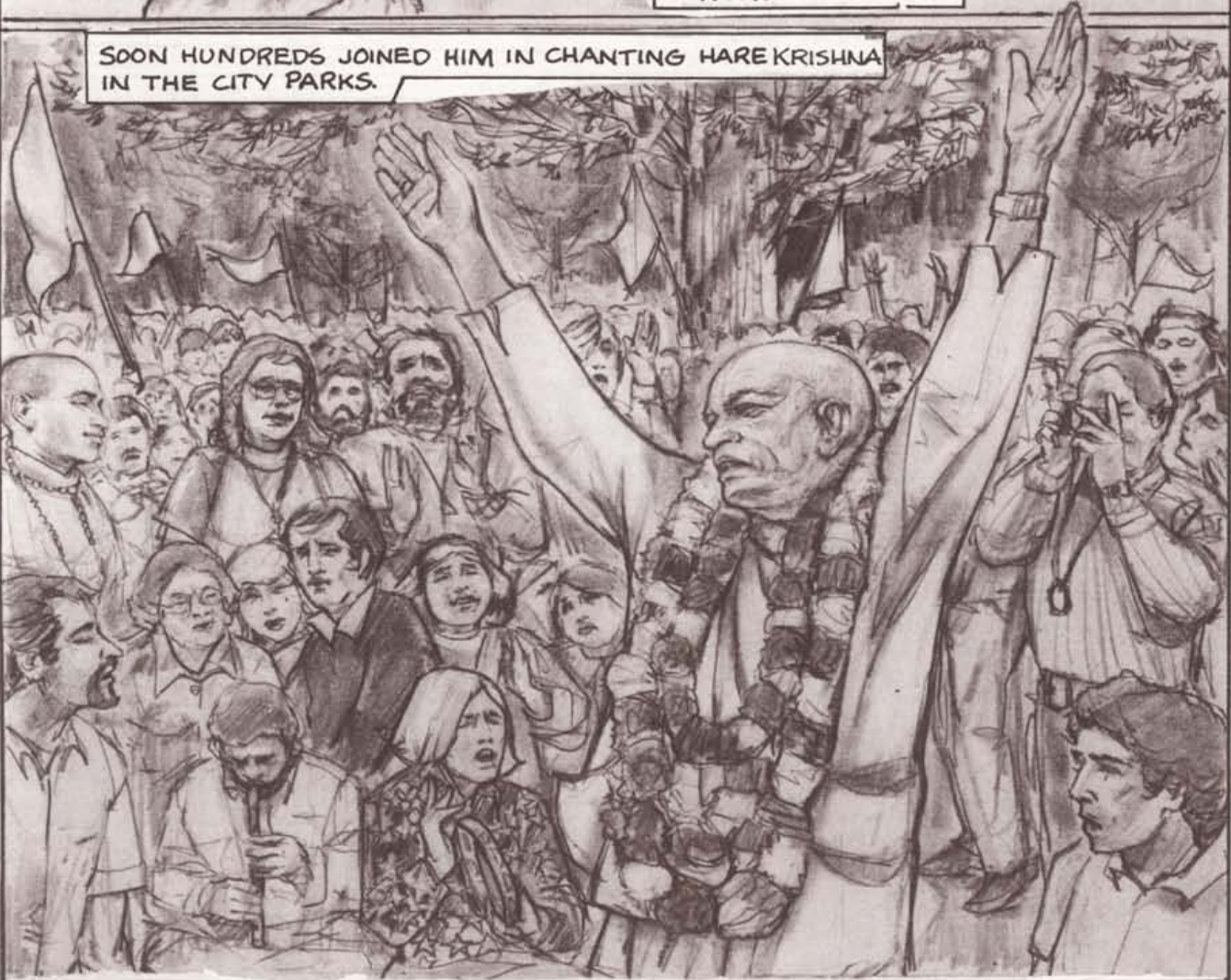
HE'S A VERY HOLY MAN. YOU SHOULD MEET HIM.

WHAT WONDERFUL CLASSES HE GIVES!

HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA

I VISIT HIS TEMPLE EVERY WEEK. IT'S A GREAT INSPIRATION.

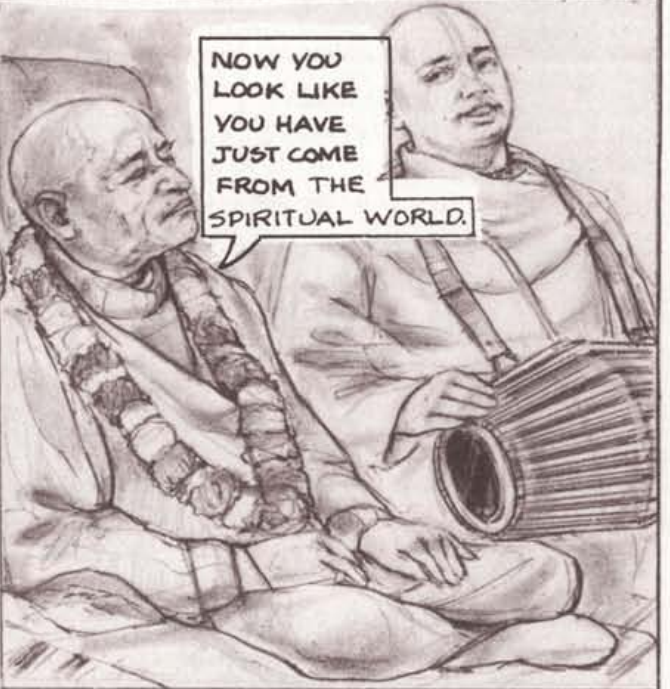
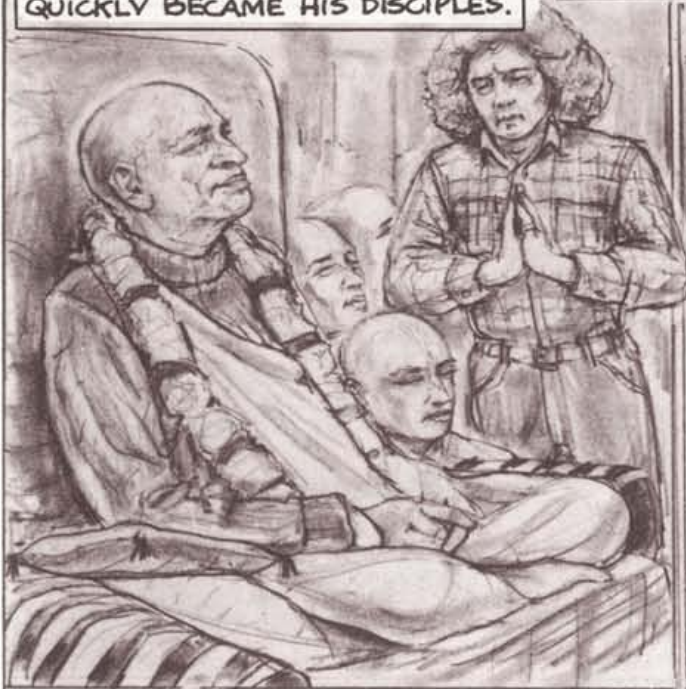
SOON HUNDREDS JOINED HIM IN CHANTING HARE KRISHNA IN THE CITY PARKS.



AS MAJOR NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THESE CHANTING FESTIVALS, THE POPULARITY OF THE NEWLY FORMED HAREKRISHNAMOVEMENT GREW TREMENDOUSLY.

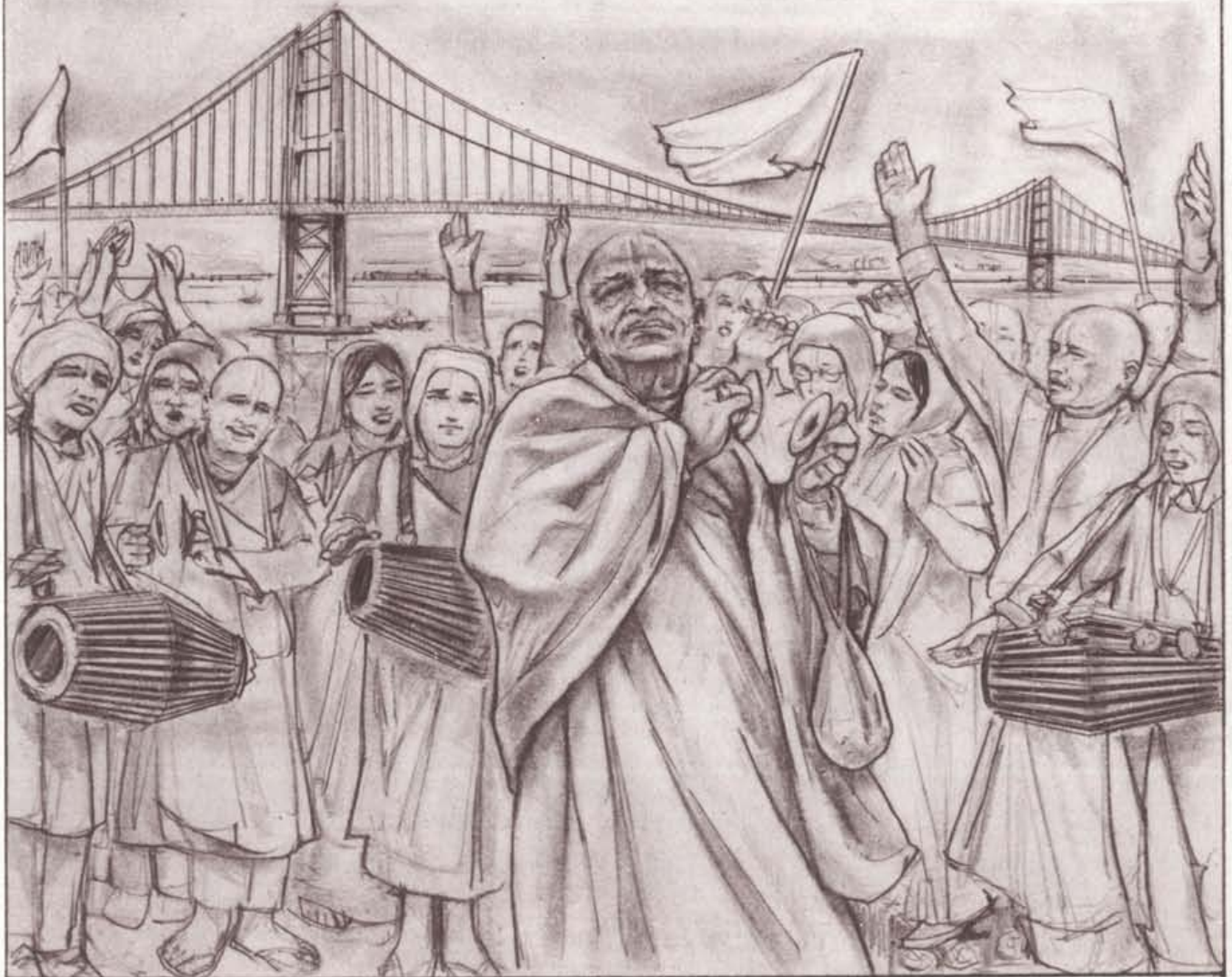
ATTRACTED BY HIS CHANTING AND PREACHING, MANY YOUTHS QUICKLY BECAME HIS DISCIPLES.

TAKING PERSONAL CHARGE OF THEIR SPIRITUAL LIVES, HE BROUGHT ABOUT A MIRACULOUS CHANGE.



NOW YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE JUST COME FROM THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.

AS A RESULT OF HIS FAITH IN HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER AND KRISHNA, BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI'S MOVEMENT GRADUALLY BEGAN TO SPREAD ACROSS AMERICA.





AND SOON HARE KRISHNA BECAME A HOUSEHOLD PHRASE

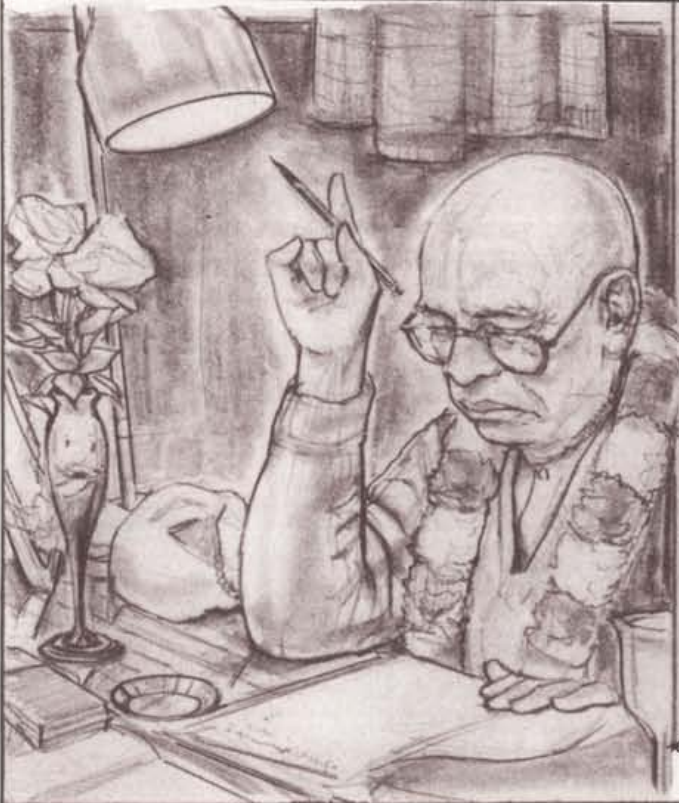
WOW! LOOK AT THAT! WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

DON'T YOU KNOW? THEY'RE THE HARE KRISHNA'S.



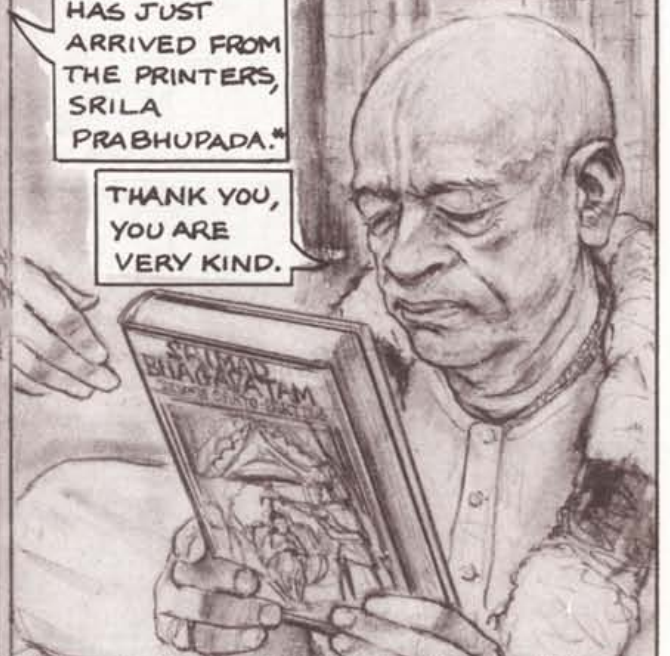
IN ADDITION TO VIGOROUSLY PREACHING, BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI SPENT LONG HOURS WRITING.

AND WITH THE HELP OF HIS DISCIPLES, HE BEGAN TO PUBLISH MANY BOOKS.



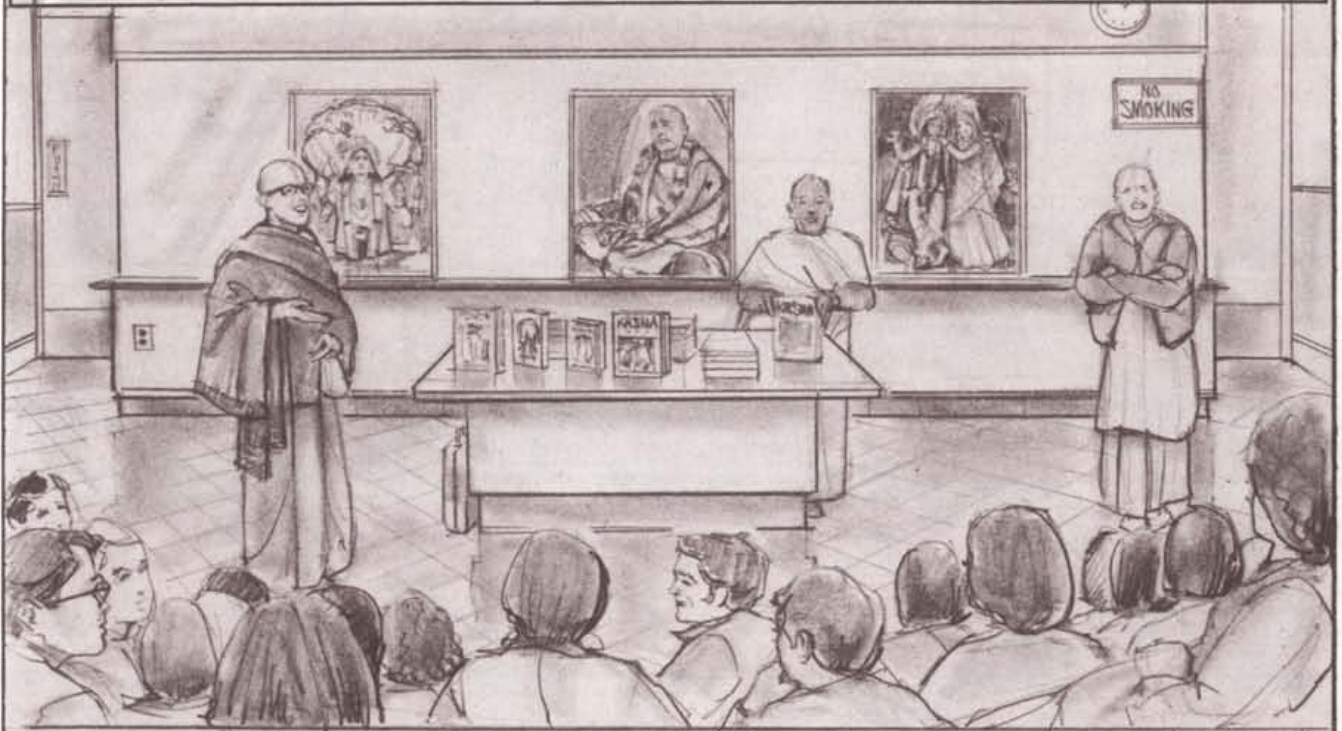
YOUR MOST RECENT BOOK HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM THE PRINTERS, SRILA PRABHUPADA.\*

THANK YOU, YOU ARE VERY KIND.



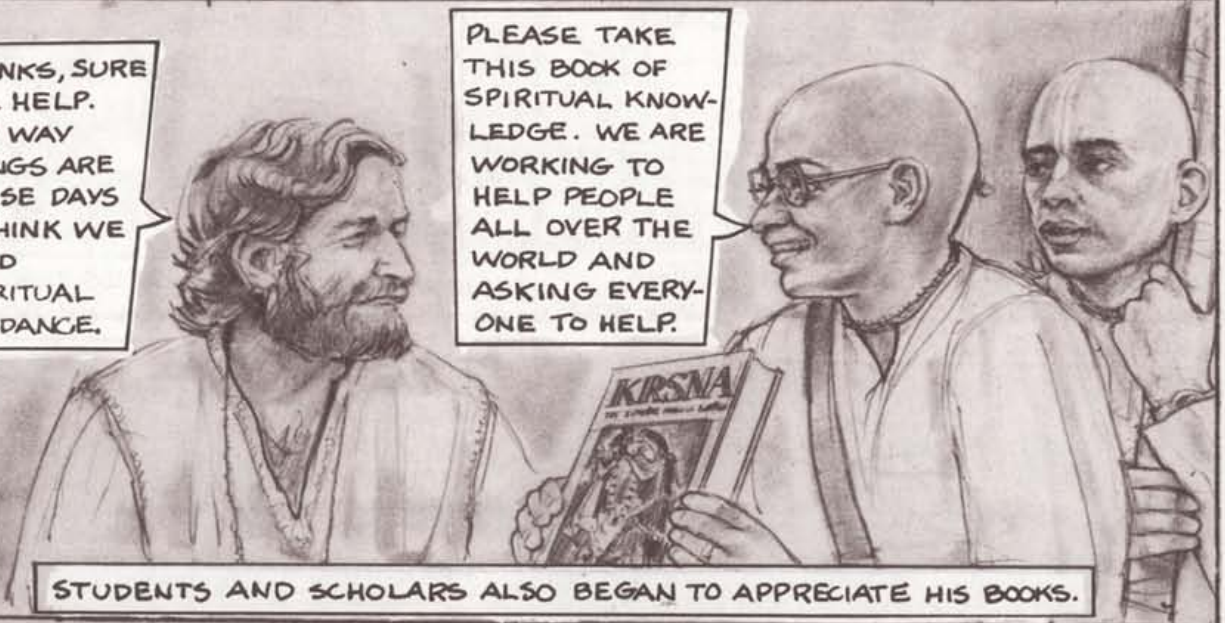
\*THE NAME FOR A SPIRITUAL MASTER AT WHOSE FEET ALL OTHER MASTERS GATHER.

INSPIRED BY THEIR SPIRITUAL MASTER, BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI'S DISCIPLES BEGAN VIGOROUSLY PREACHING.



THANKS, SURE I'LL HELP. THE WAY THINGS ARE THESE DAYS I THINK WE NEED SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

PLEASE TAKE THIS BOOK OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE. WE ARE WORKING TO HELP PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD AND ASKING EVERYONE TO HELP.



STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS ALSO BEGAN TO APPRECIATE HIS BOOKS.

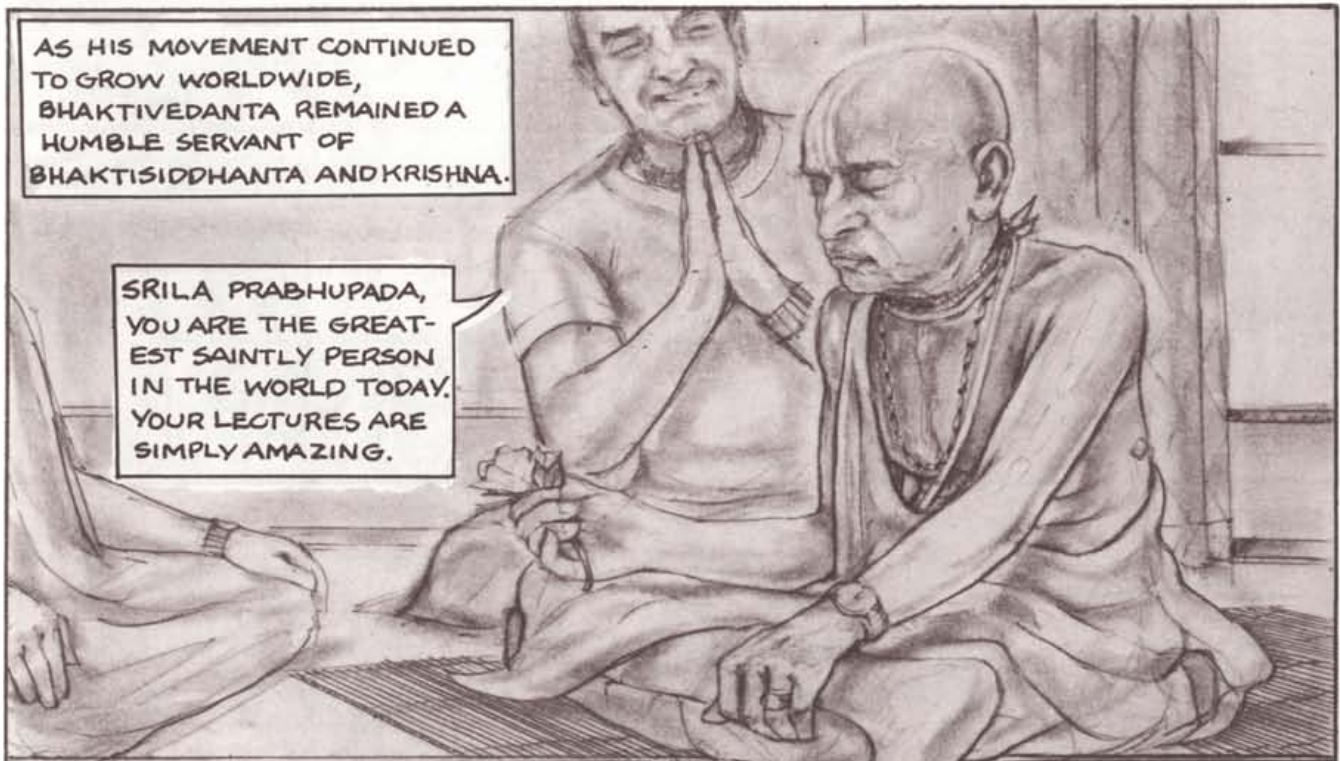


HAVE YOU SEEN BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI'S NEW TRANSLATION OF THE GITA?

YES! IT'S EXCELLENT AND I'M USING IT AS A TEXT BOOK IN MY CLASS.

AS HIS MOVEMENT CONTINUED TO GROW WORLDWIDE, BHAKTIVEDANTA REMAINED A HUMBLE SERVANT OF BHAKTISIDDHANTA AND KRISHNA.

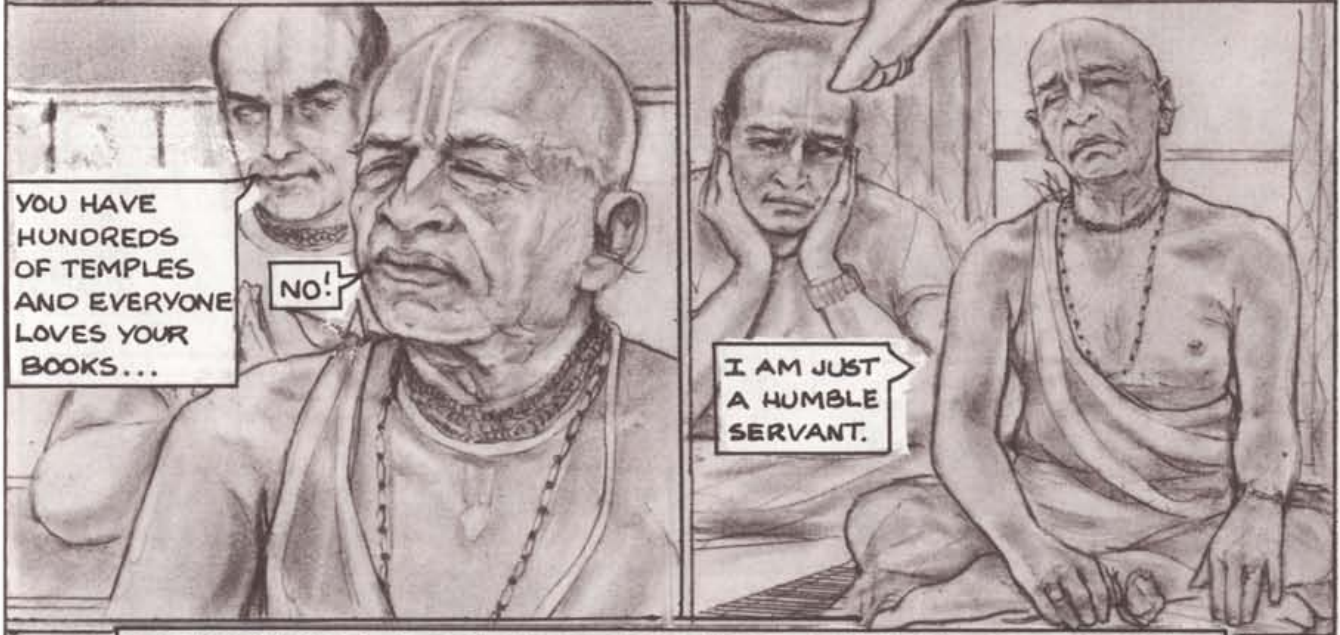
SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOU ARE THE GREATEST SAINTLY PERSON IN THE WORLD TODAY. YOUR LECTURES ARE SIMPLY AMAZING.



YOU HAVE HUNDREDS OF TEMPLES AND EVERYONE LOVES YOUR BOOKS...

NO!

I AM JUST A HUMBLE SERVANT.



BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI STAGED THE FIRST OF HIS FAMOUS WESTERN RATHA-YATRAS IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 1968.

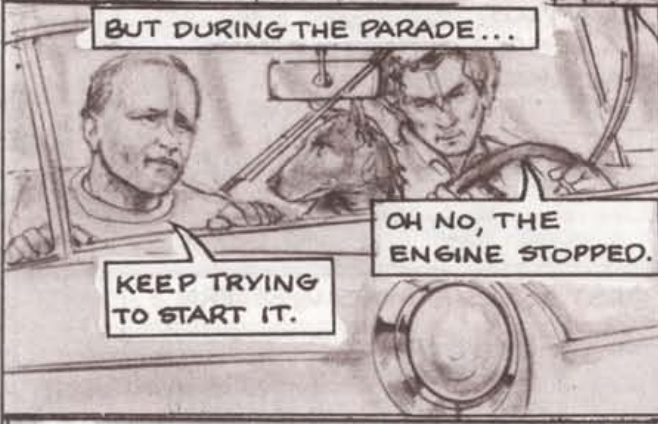




SOME DAYS LATER...



BUT DURING THE PARADE...



AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES...



WHEN THE DEVOTEES TOLD BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HE LAUGHED.



DEITY WORSHIP WAS INTRODUCED, ALONG WITH...



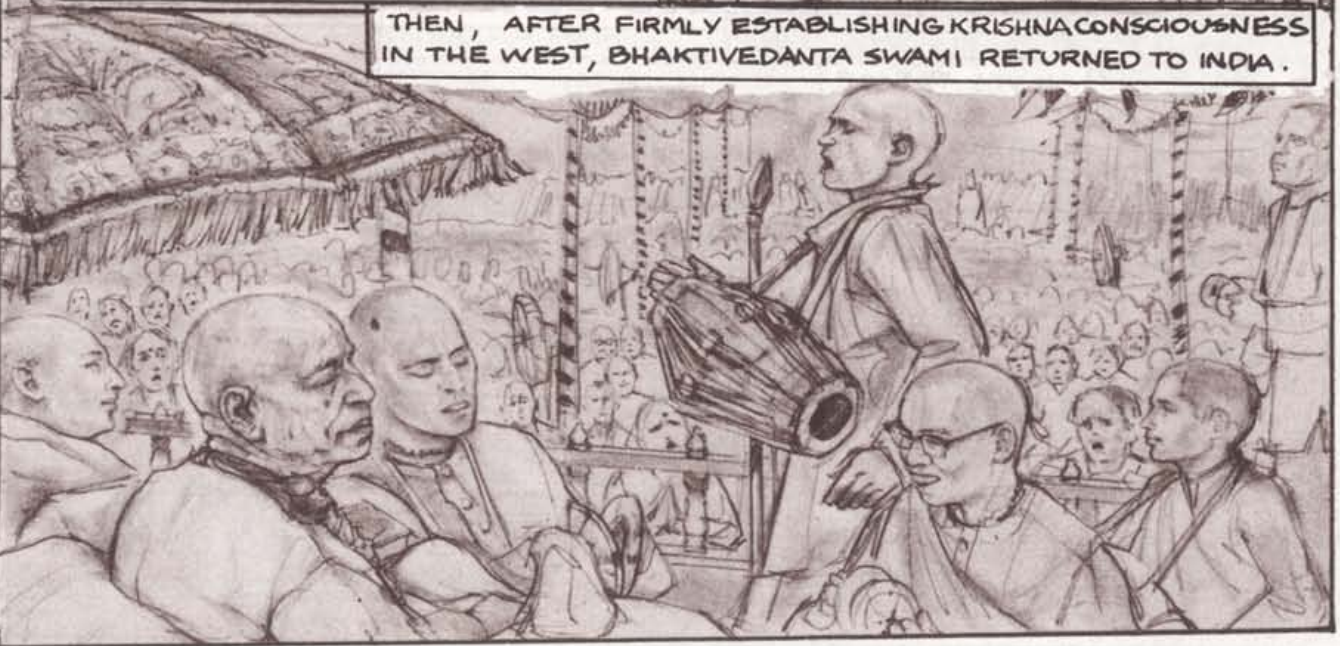
COW PROTECTION,  
FARMING...



AND GURUKULA SCHOOLS FOR THE ACADEMIC  
AND SPIRITUAL EDUCATION OF DEVOTEE  
CHILDREN.



THEN, AFTER FIRMLY ESTABLISHING KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS  
IN THE WEST, BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI RETURNED TO INDIA.



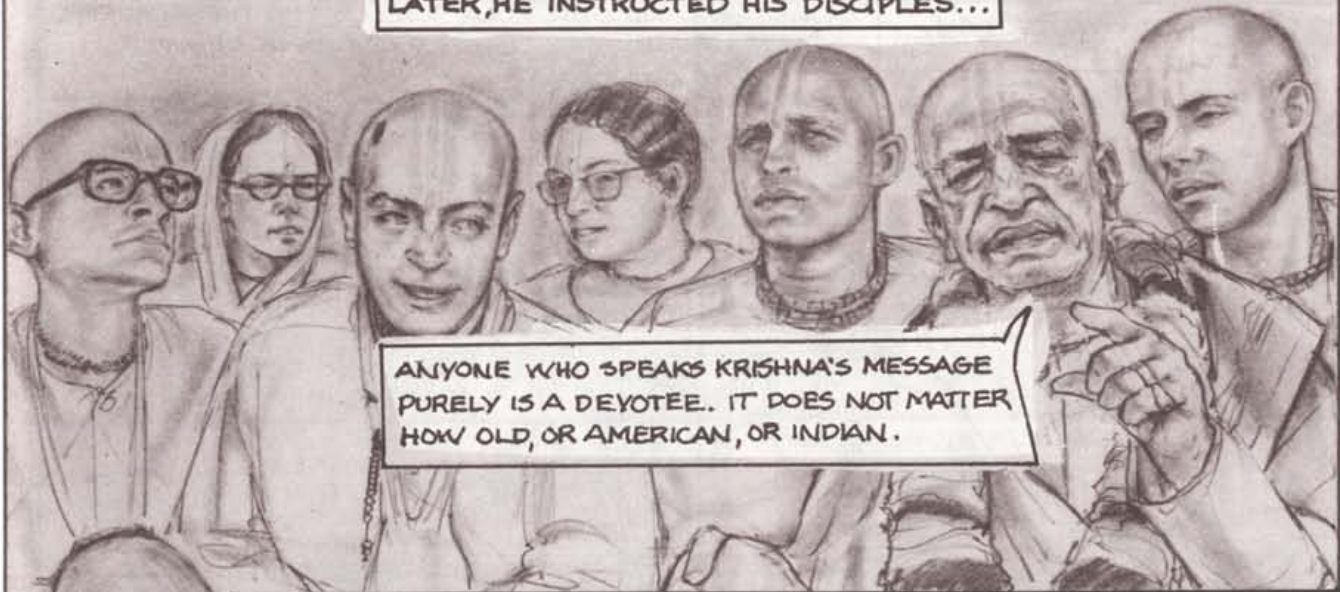
AN AMERICAN COUPLE HAD BROUGHT THEIR YOUNG DAUGHTER.....

JUST SEE, EVEN SHE IS A PREACHER. WHOMEVER SHE MEETS, SHE ASKS, "DO YOU KNOW WHO KRISHNA IS? HE'S THE SUPREME PERSONALITY OF GODHEAD."



LATER, HE INSTRUCTED HIS DISCIPLES...

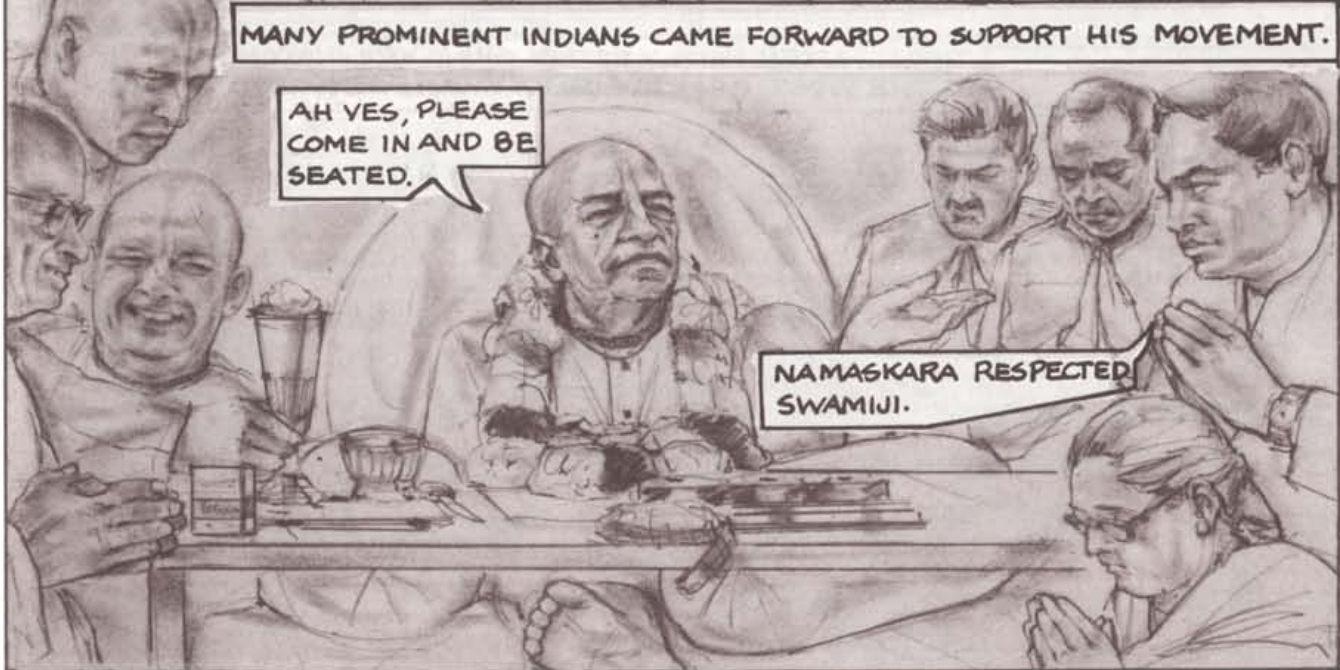
ANYONE WHO SPEAKS KRISHNA'S MESSAGE PURELY IS A DEVOTEE. IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW OLD, OR AMERICAN, OR INDIAN.



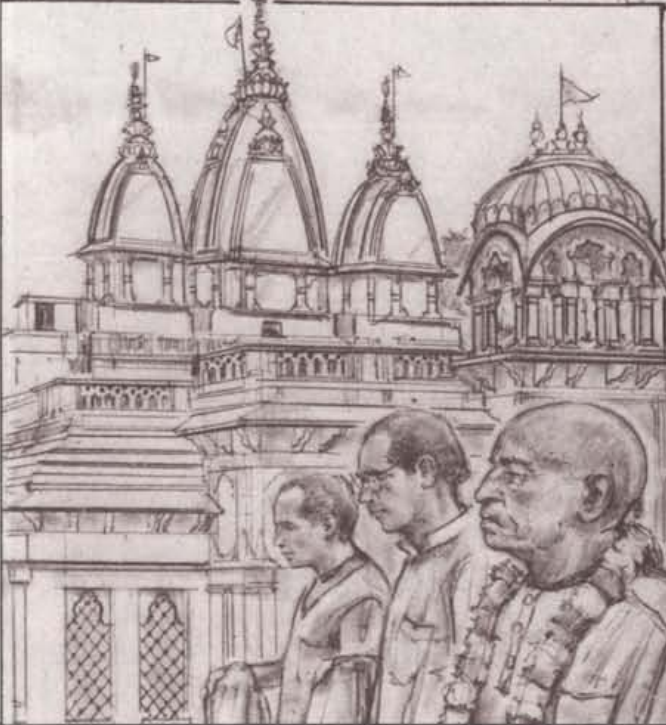
MANY PROMINENT INDIANS CAME FORWARD TO SUPPORT HIS MOVEMENT.

AH YES, PLEASE COME IN AND BE SEATED.

NAMASKARA RESPECTED SWAMIJI.



THIS KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS IS INDIA'S GREATEST GIFT TO THE WORLD. THESE BOYS AND GIRLS ARE DOING SO MUCH. NOW WE ARE ASKING THE INDIAN COMMUNITY TO HELP ALSO.



THE BOMBAY TEMPLE AND GUEST HOUSE AT JUHU BEACH...

WITH THE HELP OF SUPPORTERS WORLDWIDE, HE BUILT THE KRISHNA BALARAMA MANDIR IN VRINDABAN...



AND INITIATED CONSTRUCTION OF AN ENTIRE CITY IN MAYAPUR.

EACH YEAR ON THE APPEARANCE DAY OF CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU HIS DISCIPLES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ASSEMBLED IN MAYAPUR FOR AN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL. THUS, A PREDICTION MADE DECADES EARLIER THAT WESTERN AND INDIAN DEVOTEES WOULD MEET THERE AND CHANT THE HOLY NAMES WAS FULFILLED.



DURING 12 YEARS OF ACTIVE PREACHING HE CIRCLED THE GLOBE 14 TIMES.



MOSCOW...



PARIS...



TOKYO...



AFRICA...



IN SPITE OF OLD AGE, HE CONTINUED TO TRAVEL, PREACH, AND OPEN TEMPLES AROUND THE WORLD.



MEXICO...

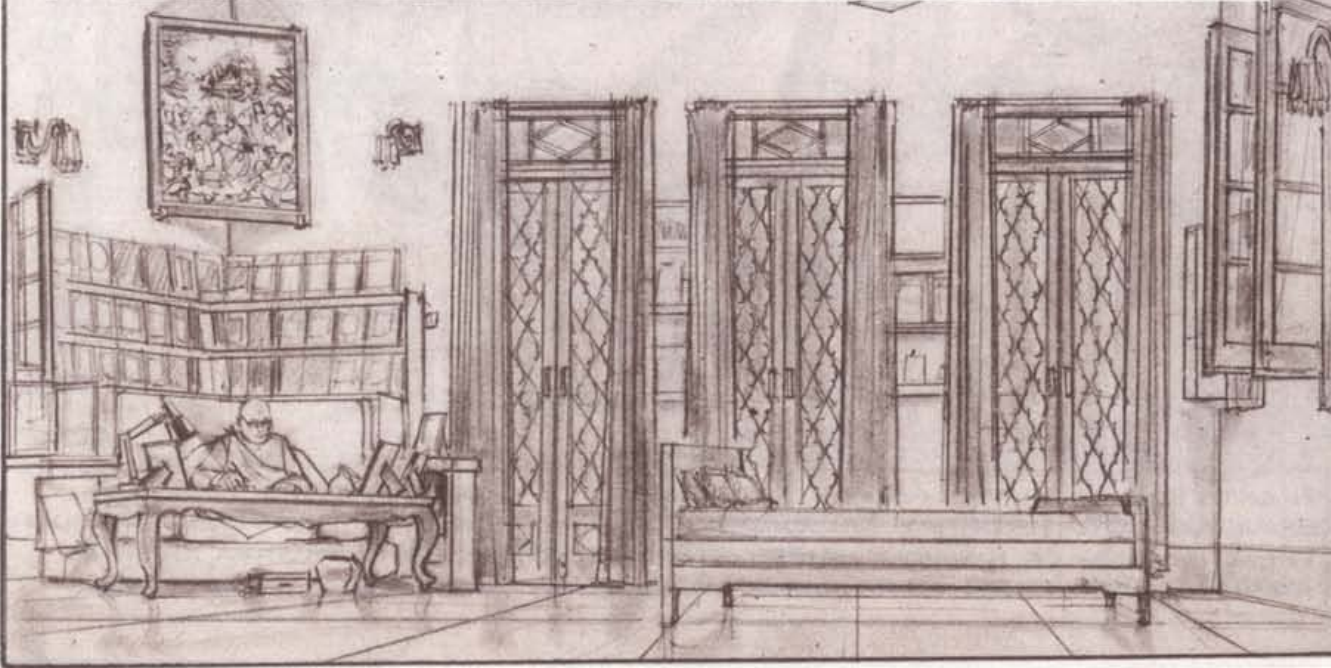
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FINALLY IN 1977, HE MADE HIS FINAL JOURNEY.



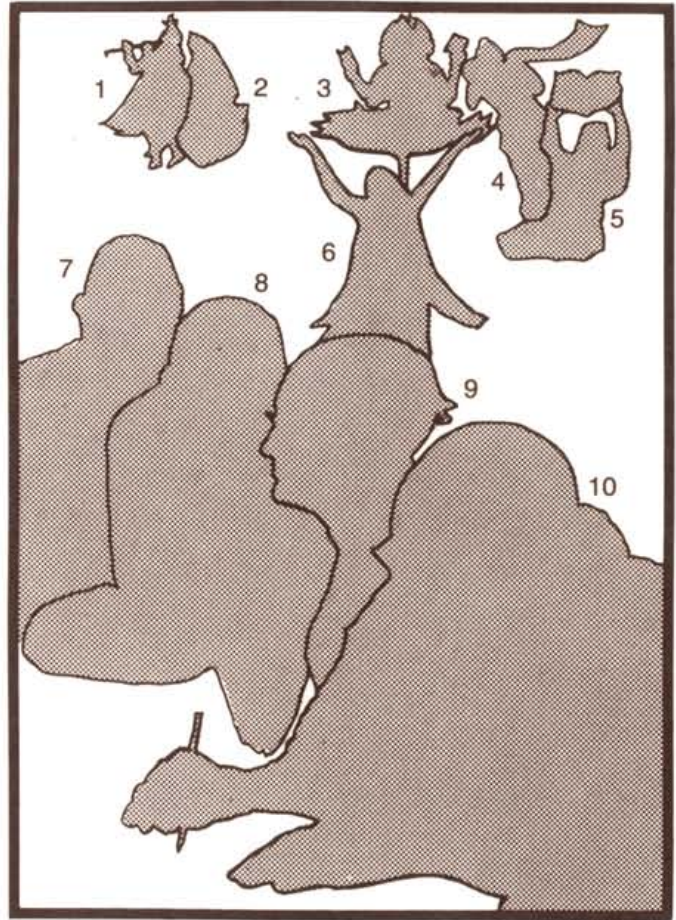
NOW TAKE ME BACK TO VRINDABAN.

SURROUNDED BY HIS LOVING DISCIPLES, HE GAVE UP HIS BODY AND DEPARTED FOR THE SPIRITUAL WORLD ON NOVEMBER 14 AMIDST A ROARING KIRTAN. IN HIS MEMORY, DISCIPLES INSTALLED A LIFELIKE STATUE IN THE ROOM WHERE HE SPENT HIS LAST MOMENTS.





BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI LIVES ON, THROUGH HIS TEACHINGS AND HIS DISCIPLES, BRINGING LORD KRISHNA'S MESSAGE TO EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE THROUGH THE CHANTING OF HIS HOLY NAMES -- HARE KRISHNA, HARE KRISHNA, KRISHNA KRISHNA, HARE HARE, HARE RAMA, HARE RAMA, RAMA RAMA, HARE HARE.



**Description of the back cover illustration:**

"This supreme science (of Krishna Consciousness) was received through the chain of disciplic succession . . ."

*(Bhagavad-gītā, IV,2)*

Lord Krishna (1), shown here with His greatest devotee Radharani (2), first taught the science of devotional service (Krishna Consciousness) to Brahma (3), architect of the universe, at the dawn of creation. Brahma instructed that devotional science to his son Narada (4), who travels throughout the material creation singing the glories of Lord Krishna. Narada's disciple Vyasadeva (5), compiled those teachings into books called the *Vedas*, which were passed down aurally from master to disciple over thousands of years. Five hundred years ago, Lord Krishna personally appeared in Bengal as Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu (6) to show by example how to worship Krishna through the chanting of His holy names. Lord Chaitanya's teachings were preserved by His followers, who have included in recent generations Bhaktivinoda Thakura (7), a prolific devotional author and poet; Gaura Kishora dasa Babaji (8), a strict renunciant and the spiritual master of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati (9), a great scholar of the *Vedas* and head of India's Gaudiya Mission. It was his foremost disciple Srila Prabhupada (10) who at last brought Lord Krishna's teachings to the attention of the world.

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