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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 sufferings? No, they can't. They are nothing more than commercially marketed characters for 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, have 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 for His most intimate friends.

Without discrimination, Srila Prabhupada has bestowed love, affection and hope upon all souls; he taught us that we are not this body. He taught us to rise above suffering, to live simply and think highly. He ordered us to follow his example of spreading 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 may 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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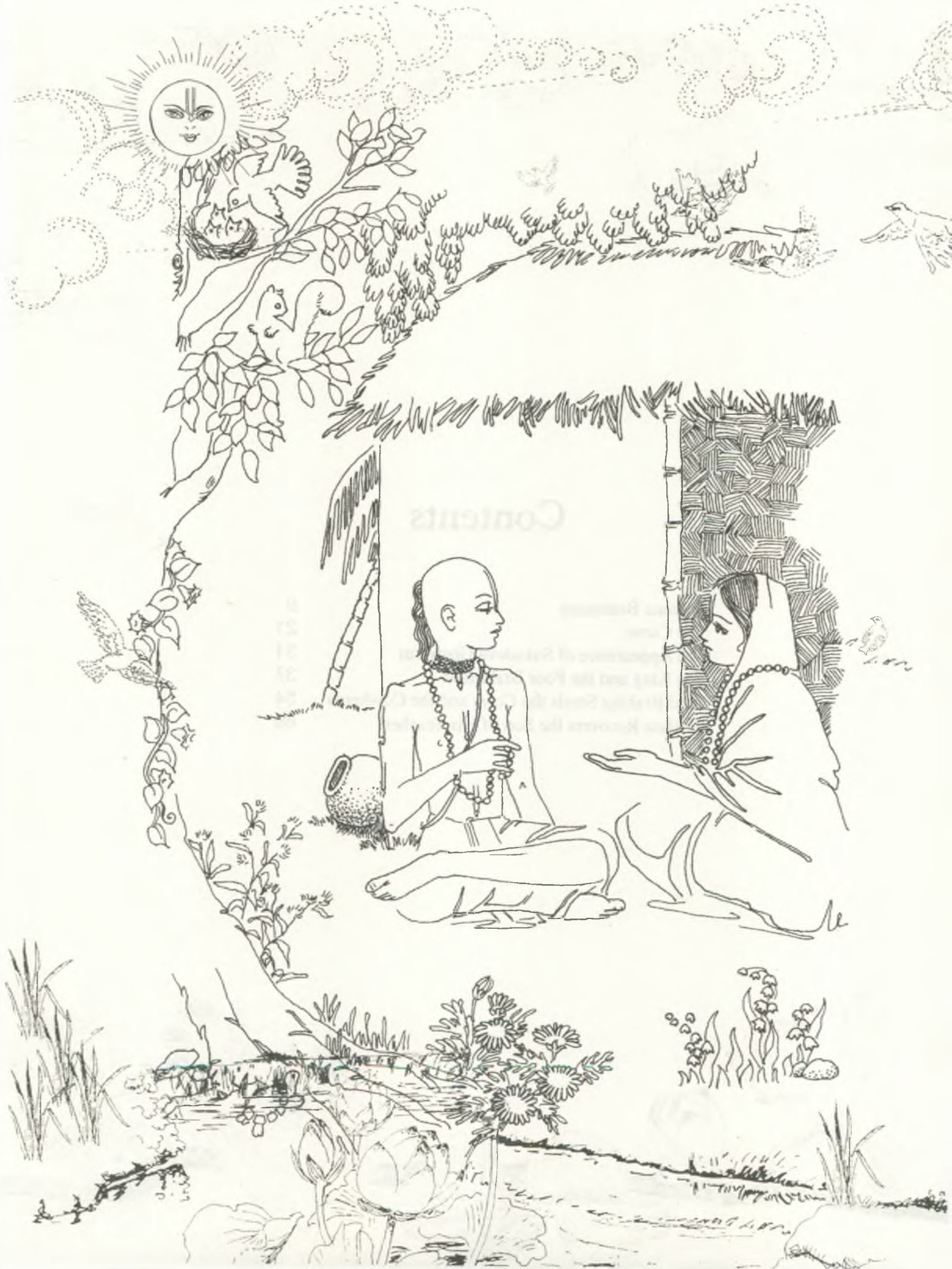




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Sudama Brahmana

Sudama was a very poor brahmana. He was so poor that he could hardly clothe himself or his wife. They often went without food, so they looked skinny and feeble.

One day Sudama's wife said:

“My dear husband, you are a great devotee of Lord Krishna. He is also your friend. You were together in the same school when you were young. Please, go to see Him.






He will surely help us out of our present situation.”

Sudama yearned to see Lord Krishna, and his wife’s request could provide an opportunity to do so. So he decided he would go to Dwaraka to see Krishna. His wife prepared chipped rice for him to offer to Lord Krishna.

After several days of walking Sudama arrived in Dwaraka. Sudama felt very fortunate seeing the city where his dear friend Krishna lived. He passed through many gates and gardens of Dwaraka, and saw many elegant palaces.


Finally he arrived at Lord Krishna’s palace and was ushered inside. There he saw Lord Krishna being attended by Queen Rukmini.



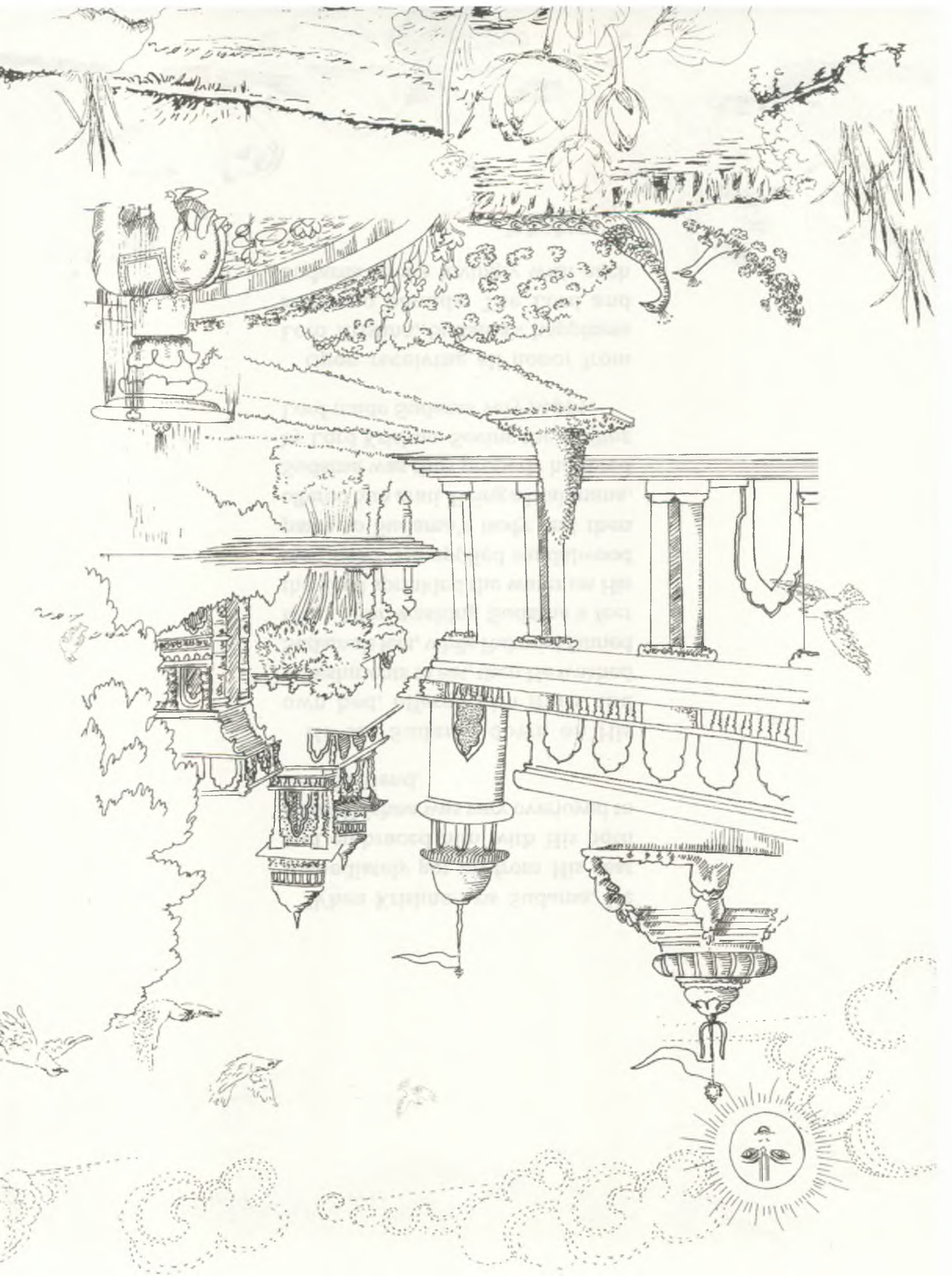




When Krishna saw Sudama, He immediately got up from His seat and embraced him with His both arms. Krishna was very overjoyed to see His friend.

He sat Sudama down on His own bed, offered him fruits and refreshments to eat, then He washed Sudama's feet, while Rukmini fanned him. After washing Sudama's feet the Lord sprinkled the water on His own head. He applied sandalwood paste to Sudama's body and then offered him arati. Being a brahmana, Sudama was thus properly honored by Lord Krishna. Seeing the smiling Lord made Sudama very happy.



Upon receiving all honor from Lord Krishna, Sudama's happiness knew no bounds. The Lord and Sudama spoke lovingly with each





other about their school old days in Sandipani Muni's ashram. Sudama was so absorbed in Lord Krishna that he forgot about the offering his wife had prepared. However the old chipped rice had deteriorated and Sudama felt ashamed to even open it before the Lord. But Krishna saw the package and said:

“It looks like you have brought something for Me.”

Sudama was very reluctant to disclose the contents of his bag, but the Lord forcibly grabbed it from Sudama's hand and opened it.

“Oh, you have brought excellent rice for Me. My dear friend, there is nothing I need. But whatever My devotee offers Me with love, I accept it.”





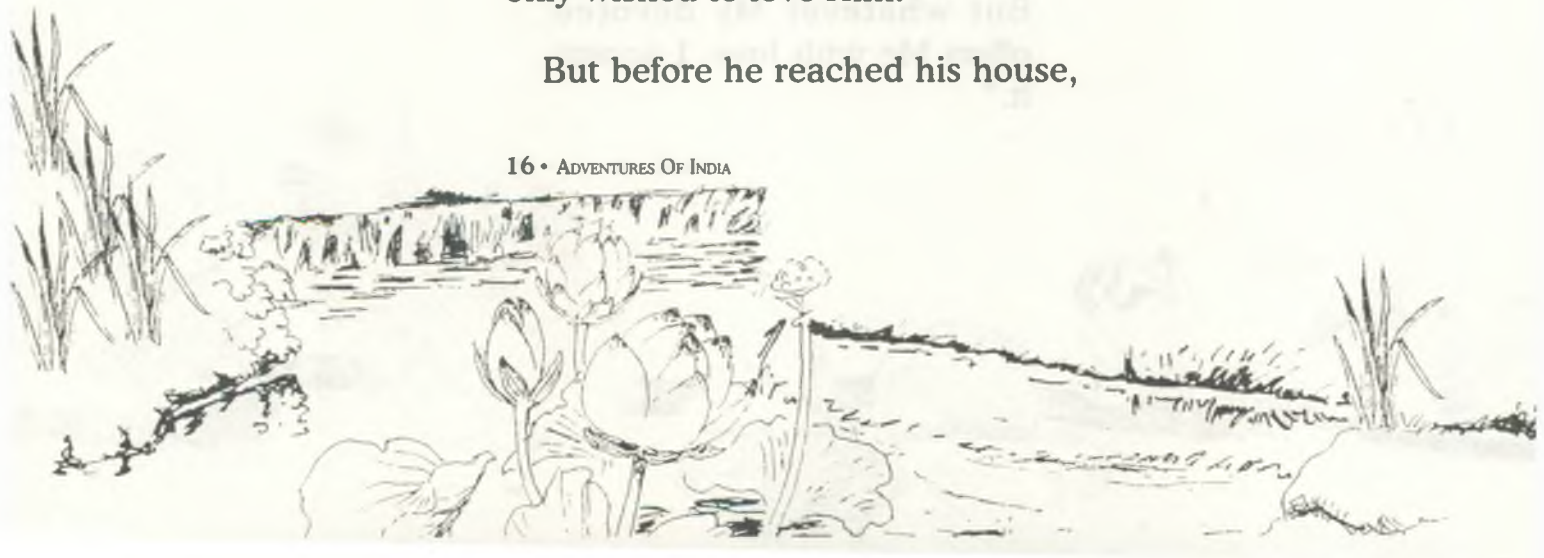
Lord Krishna started eating the chipped rice even though it was rotten. He took two morsels and when He was about to take a third, Queen Rukmini stopped Him saying:

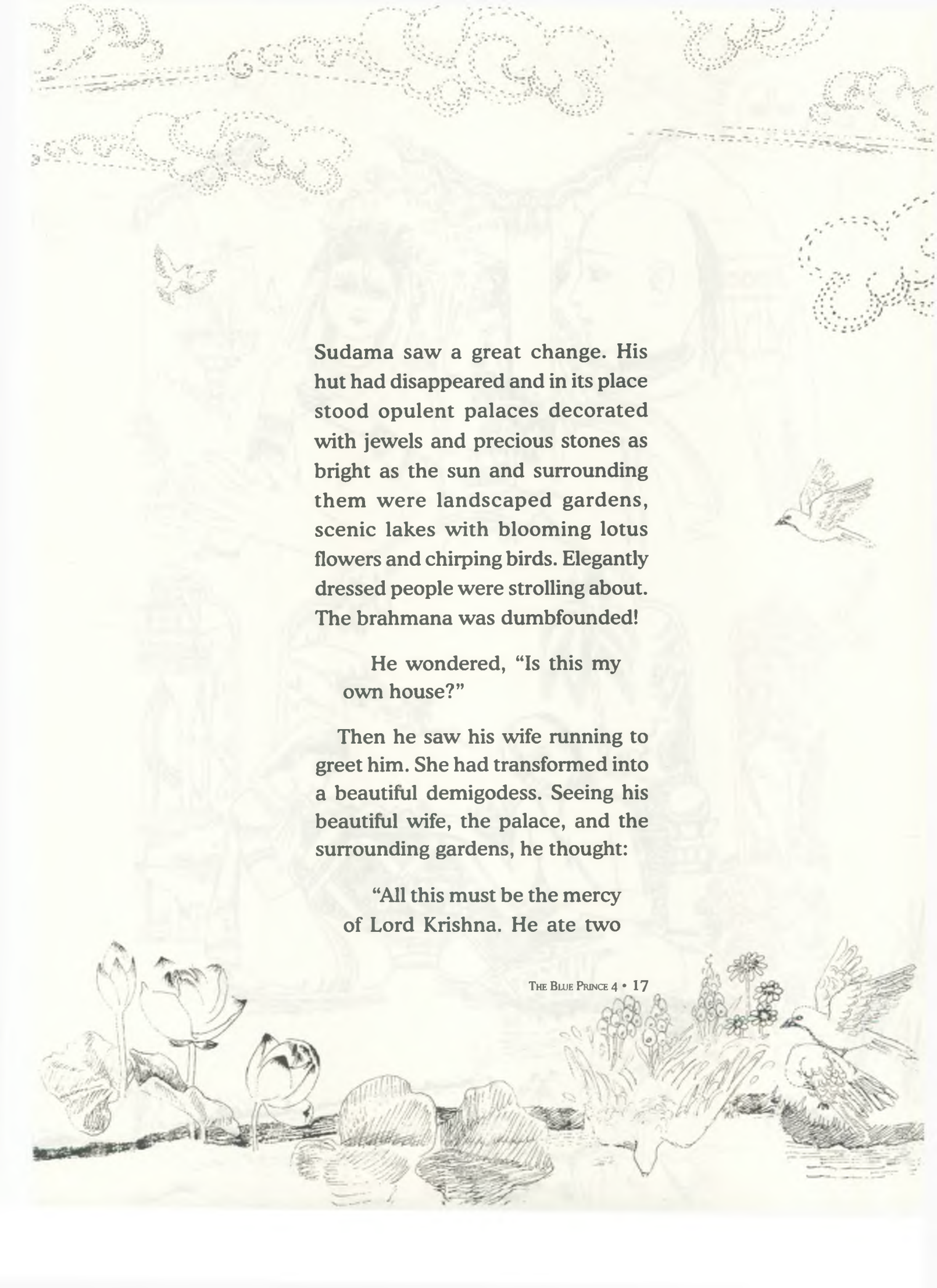
“Wait! Enough riches have already been given to Sudama by You eating only two morsels of rice.”

Sudama spent the night in Lord Krishna’s palace. The following day he prepared to return home without asking anything from the Lord.

He was very happy because he had seen his friend Krishna. He didn’t want to request anything to relieve his distressful material condition. He only wished to love Him.

But before he reached his house,



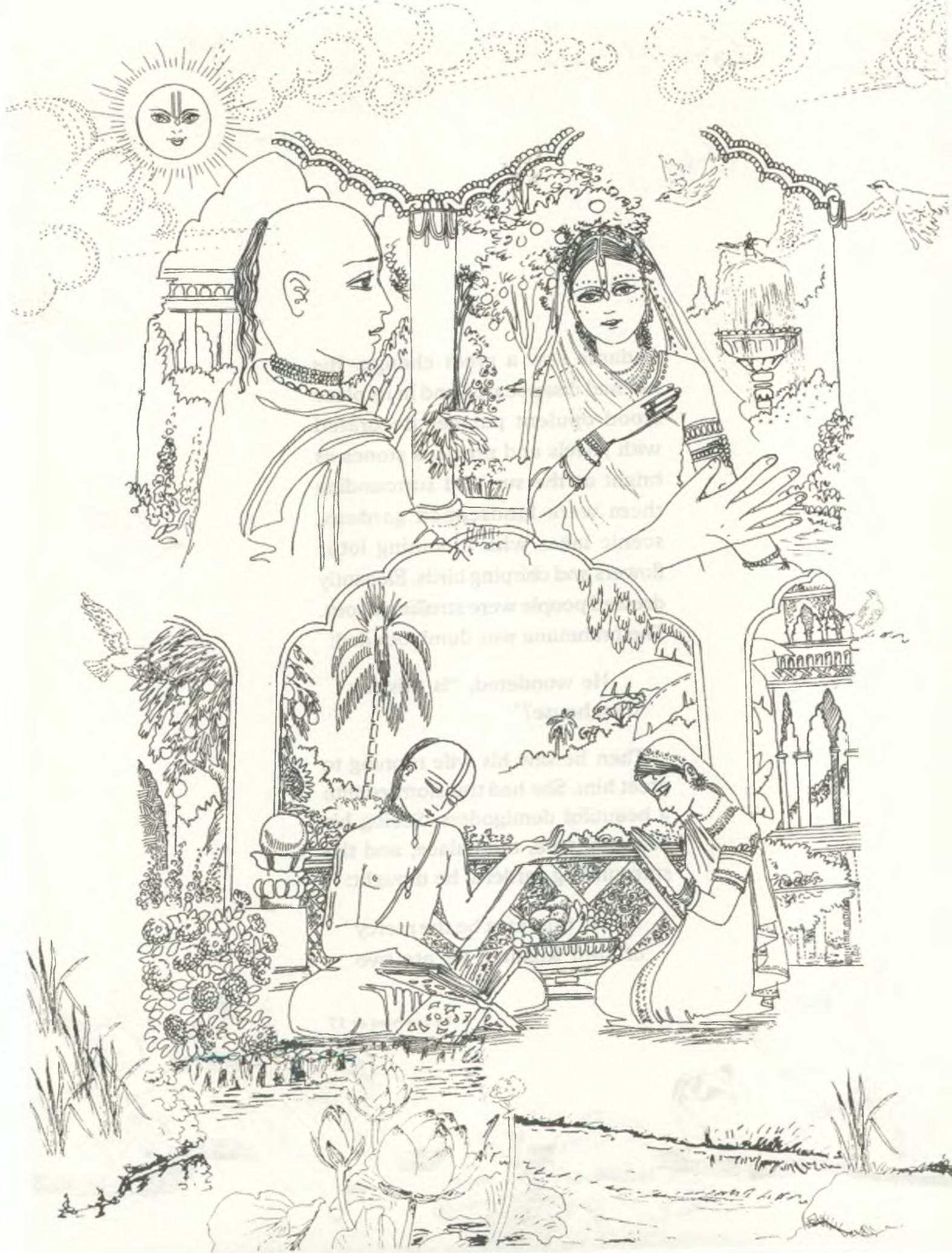


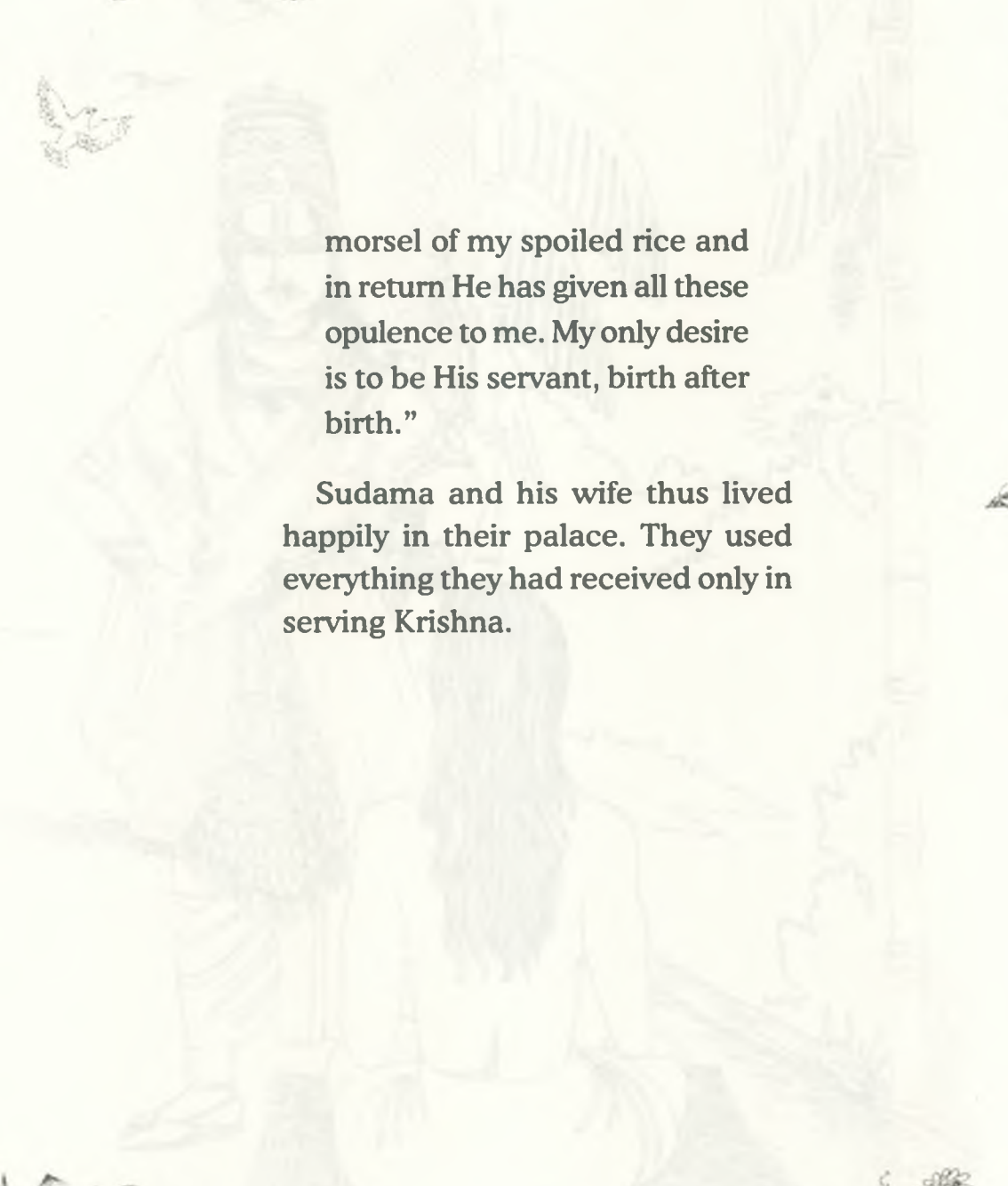

Sudama saw a great change. His hut had disappeared and in its place stood opulent palaces decorated with jewels and precious stones as bright as the sun and surrounding them were landscaped gardens, scenic lakes with blooming lotus flowers and chirping birds. Elegantly dressed people were strolling about. The brahmana was dumbfounded!

He wondered, “Is this my own house?”

Then he saw his wife running to greet him. She had transformed into a beautiful demigodess. Seeing his beautiful wife, the palace, and the surrounding gardens, he thought:


“All this must be the mercy of Lord Krishna. He ate two





morsel of my spoiled rice and in return He has given all these opulence to me. My only desire is to be His servant, birth after birth.”

Sudama and his wife thus lived happily in their palace. They used everything they had received only in serving Krishna.









The Curse



One day the great Emperor Parikshit went hunting in the forest. After some time he became very tired, hungry and thirsty. Looking about he spied an old brahmana sitting in a hut meditating. He approached the sage's hearth thinking he would be able to relieve his hunger and thirst. The emperor was a great and saintly king, nevertheless, he expected that the brahmana would offer a little water to drink and a place to sit.

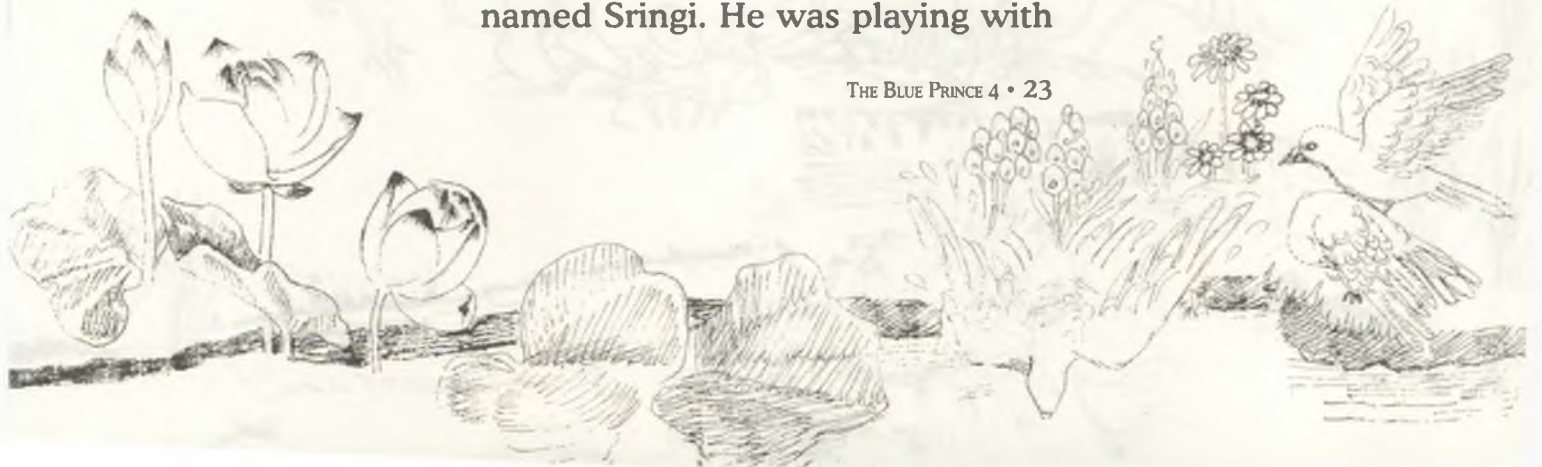





But the brahmana was so immersed in his meditation that he didn't notice that the king was present. The tired king felt insulted by the brahmana's neglect and it angered him. He reasoned that even a poor man can offer a guest a little water, a place to sit, and some friendly words. Maharaja Parikshit ruled the entire world, therefore he was the most important of all guests.

But the brahmana was totally unaware of the King's presence. The emperor became so angry that before leaving the sage's hermitage, he picked up a dead snake with his sword and hung it around the old brahmana's neck, and returned to his palace.

The sage had a powerful son named Sringi. He was playing with





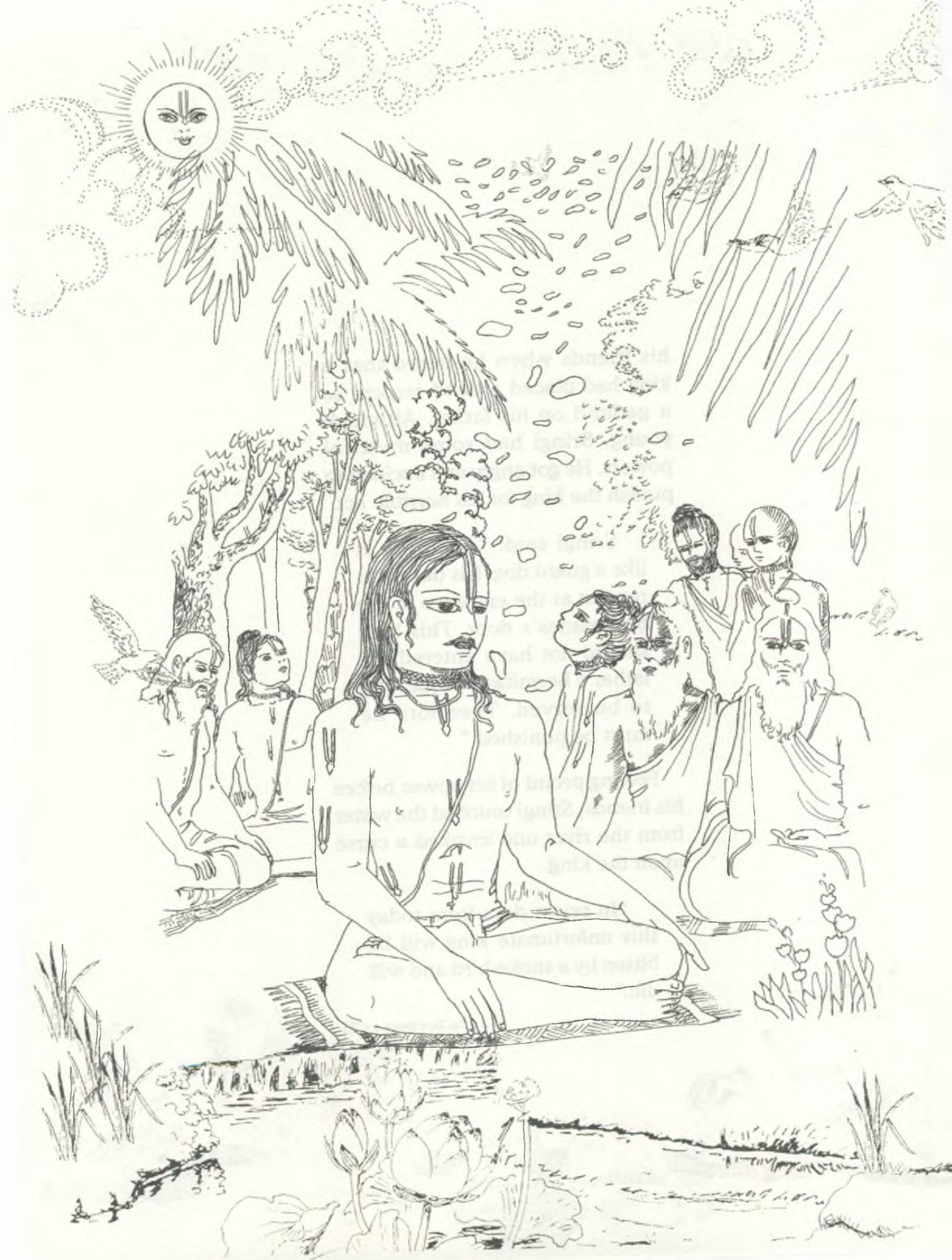



his friends when he heard that a king had placed a dead serpent as a garland on his father. Although young, Sringi had some mystical powers. He got angry and decided to punish the king for his horrible act.

Sringi said: “The king is like a guard dog. His duty is to remain at the entrance of the brahmanas’s door. This king should not have entered my father’s hermitage requesting to be served. Therefore he must be punished.”

Feeling proud of his power before his friends, Sringi touched the water from the river and invoked a curse upon the king.

“In seven days from today this unfortunate king will be bitten by a snake-bird and will die.”





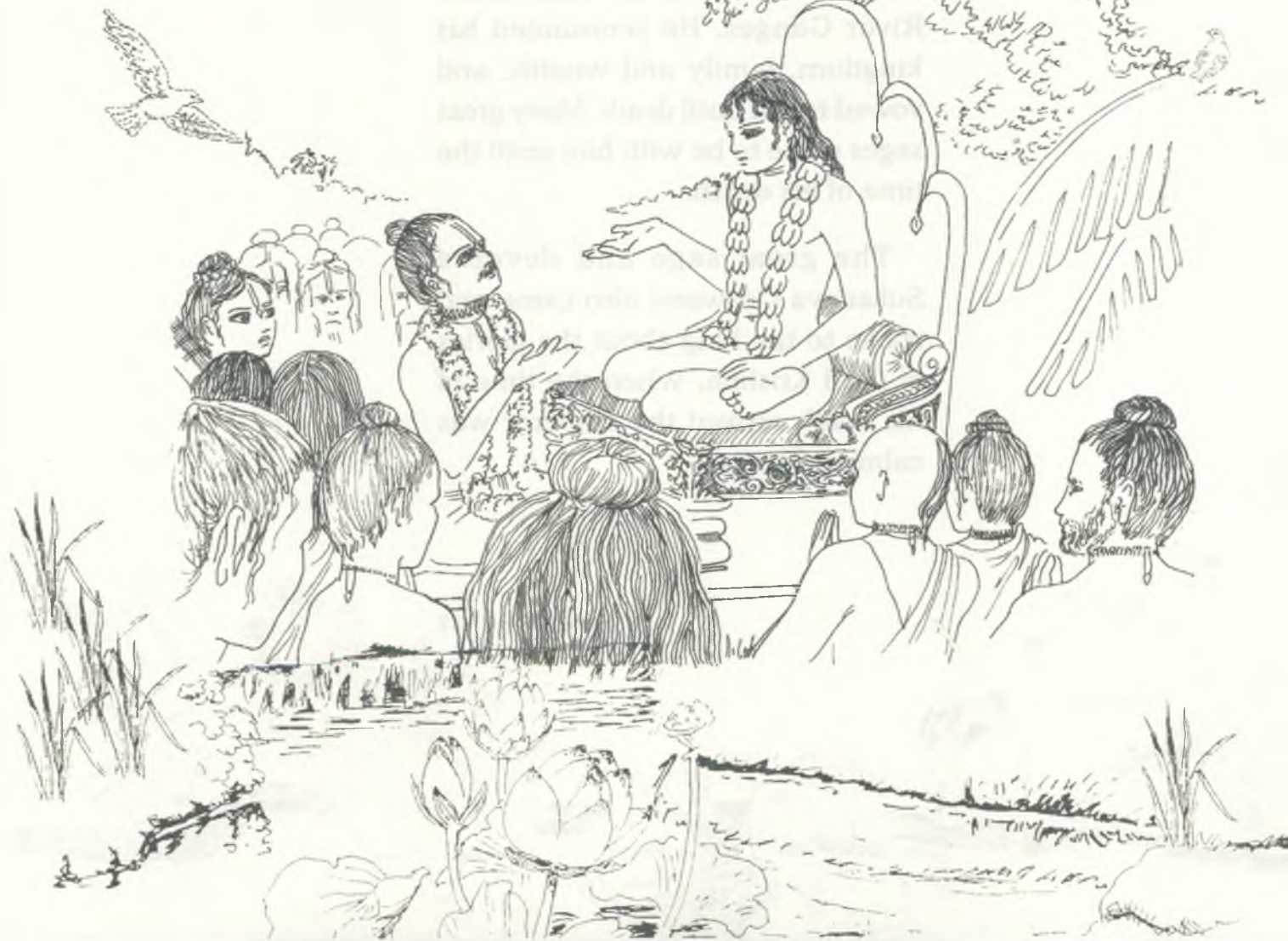
When Emperor Parikshit heard of the curse placed upon him he thanked Lord Krishna for this mercy and went to sit on the bank of the River Ganges. He renounced his kingdom, family and wealth, and vowed to fast until death. Many great sages came to be with him until the time of his death.


The great sage and devotee Sukadeva Goswami also came and spoke to the king about the glories of Lord Krishna. When the time of his death arrived the emperor was calm and serene.



When I began to look at you
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But young Sringi was not pacified.
He had committed a great offense
against a devotee of Lord Krishna.

Due to Sringi's immature act,
brahmanas in this age of Kali became
weak and foolish.







As they searched on the bank of the Ganges waiting with the king until his first breath leaves fell from the sky and Parikshita searched, he eventually found the


The Appearance of Sukadeva Goswami




Cursed by Sringi to die in seven days from the bite of a snake-bird, Emperor Parikshit sat down on a mat of kusa grass, on the bank of River Ganges facing the north. He fasted, waiting for the moment of the snake-bird's mortal bite.

Many demigods and sages came to congratulate the emperor for his courageous act.








As they assembled on the bank of the Ganges waiting with the king until his final breath, flowers fell from the sky and kettledrums sounded, as everyone praised the illustrious emperor. Then the great sage Sukadeva Goswami arrived in the middle of the gathering. His beauty was striking.



Though a powerful sage, Sukadeva Goswami was very youthful like a sixteen years old. His hands, hips, arms, shoulders, and chest were perfectly formed. His eyes were bright and beautiful. He had a raised nose. His ears were pierced and a beautiful line circled his neck like the lines around a conch-shell. His arms reached to his knees and his long wavy hair covered part of his face. His bodily complexion looked exactly like Lord Krishna's.



The youthful looking great sage of firm renunciation wore no clothes. As he entered the assembly of sages, they rose from their seats in respect. Emperor Parikshit bowed before the sage and immediately Sukadeva Goswami took his seat. Seated amidst the illustrious sages and demigods, Sukadeva Goswami appeared as a moon surrounded by stars and planets.

Maharaja Parikshit then submitted the following:

“Just by thinking of you our households are purified. We are purified just by sight of you, touching you, washing your holy feet, and offering you a nice sitting place.





You are the teacher of the devotees and the most exalted of saints.


Kindly explain to me what is that most perfect path to follow as the hour of my death is approaching.”

“Please advise me what I must hear, sing, remember, and worship. I know that you only stay in a householder’s house for as long as it takes to milk a cow.”



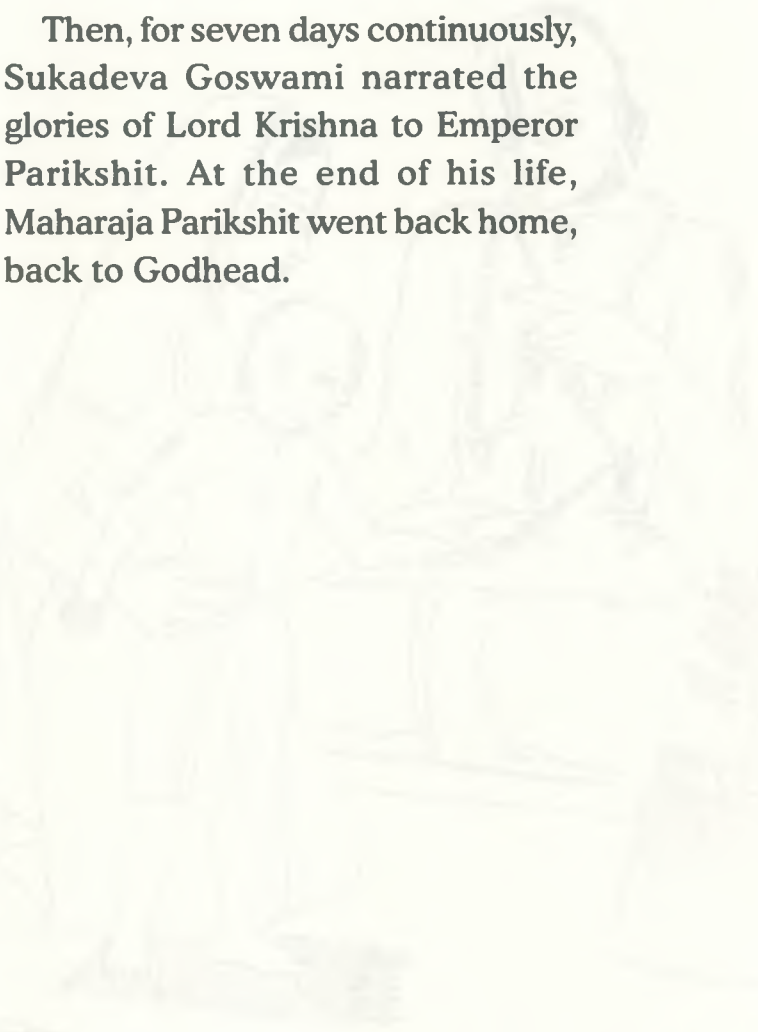
The illustrious Sukadeva Goswami replied:

“My dear king, those who want to become free from the miseries of life must hear, sing, and remember the topics about Lord Krishna.”





Then, for seven days continuously, Sukadeva Goswami narrated the glories of Lord Krishna to Emperor Parikshit. At the end of his life, Maharaja Parikshit went back home, back to Godhead.








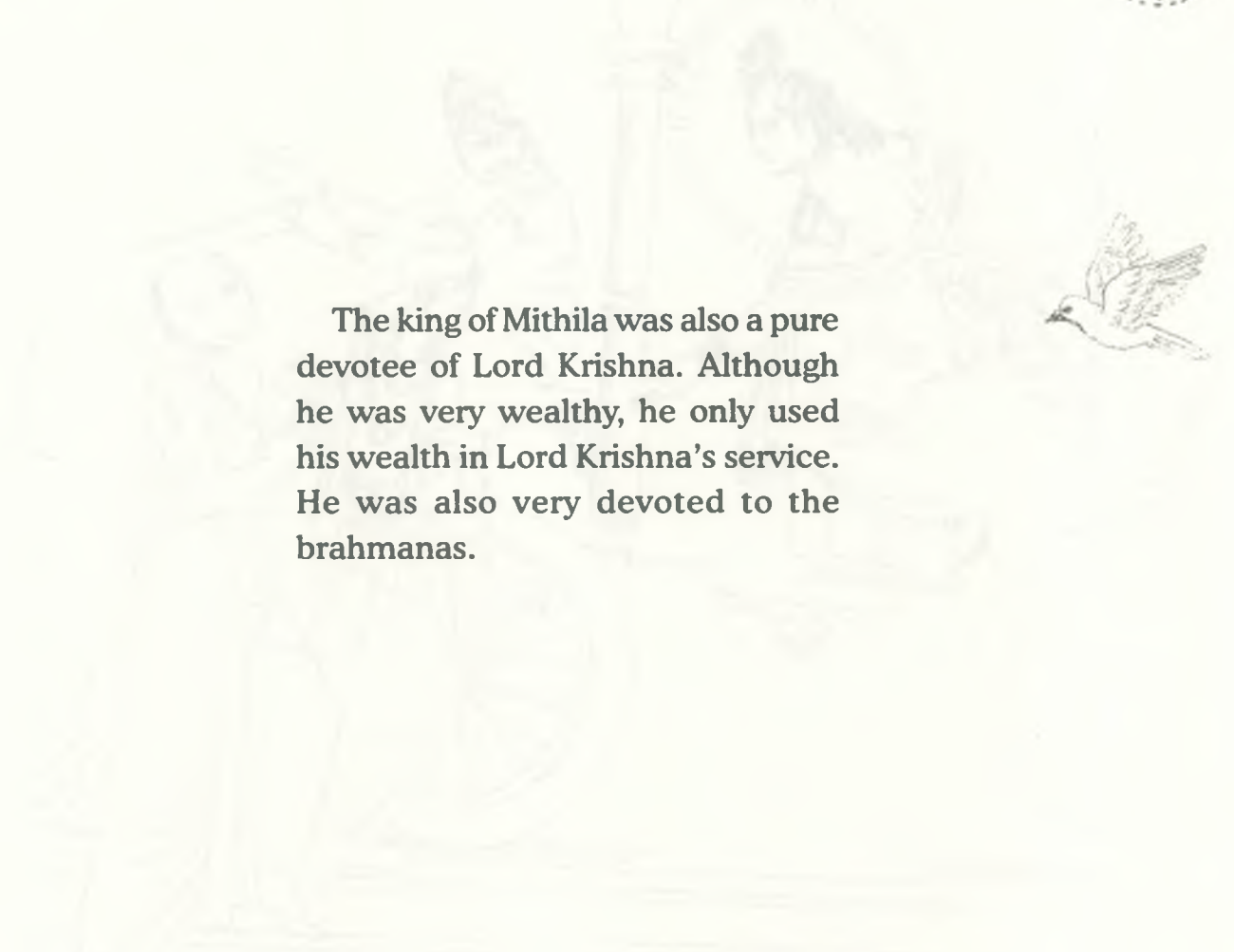
The King and the Poor Brahmana

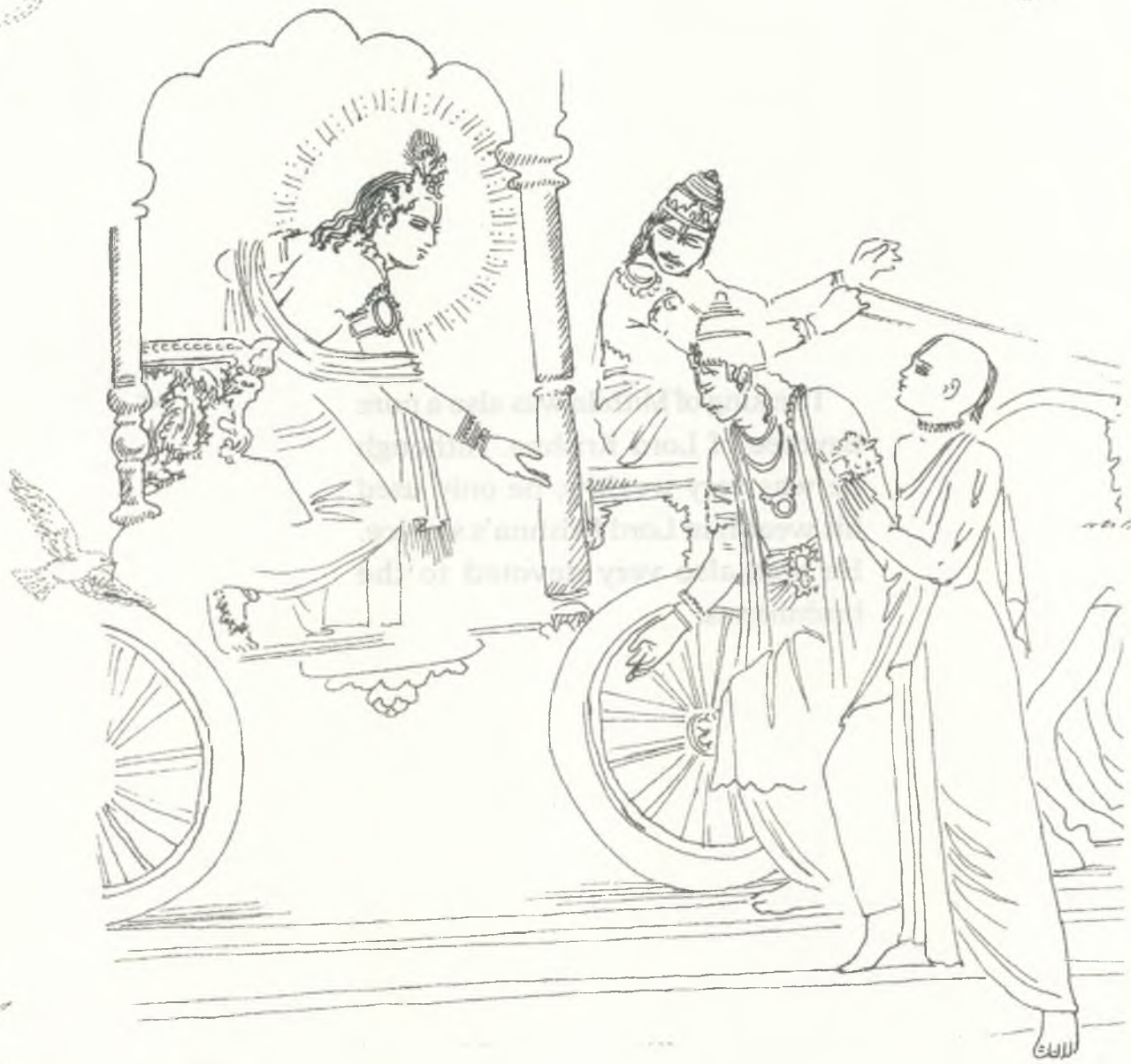
In the city of Mithila lived a pious brahmana by the name of Srutadeva. Srutadeva was a pure devotee of Krishna. He was always engaged in the service of the Lord. However, he was very poor. He lived with his wife in very humble circumstances but he was always in deep thought of Lord Krishna, and always relishing the wonderful pastimes and glories of the Lord.

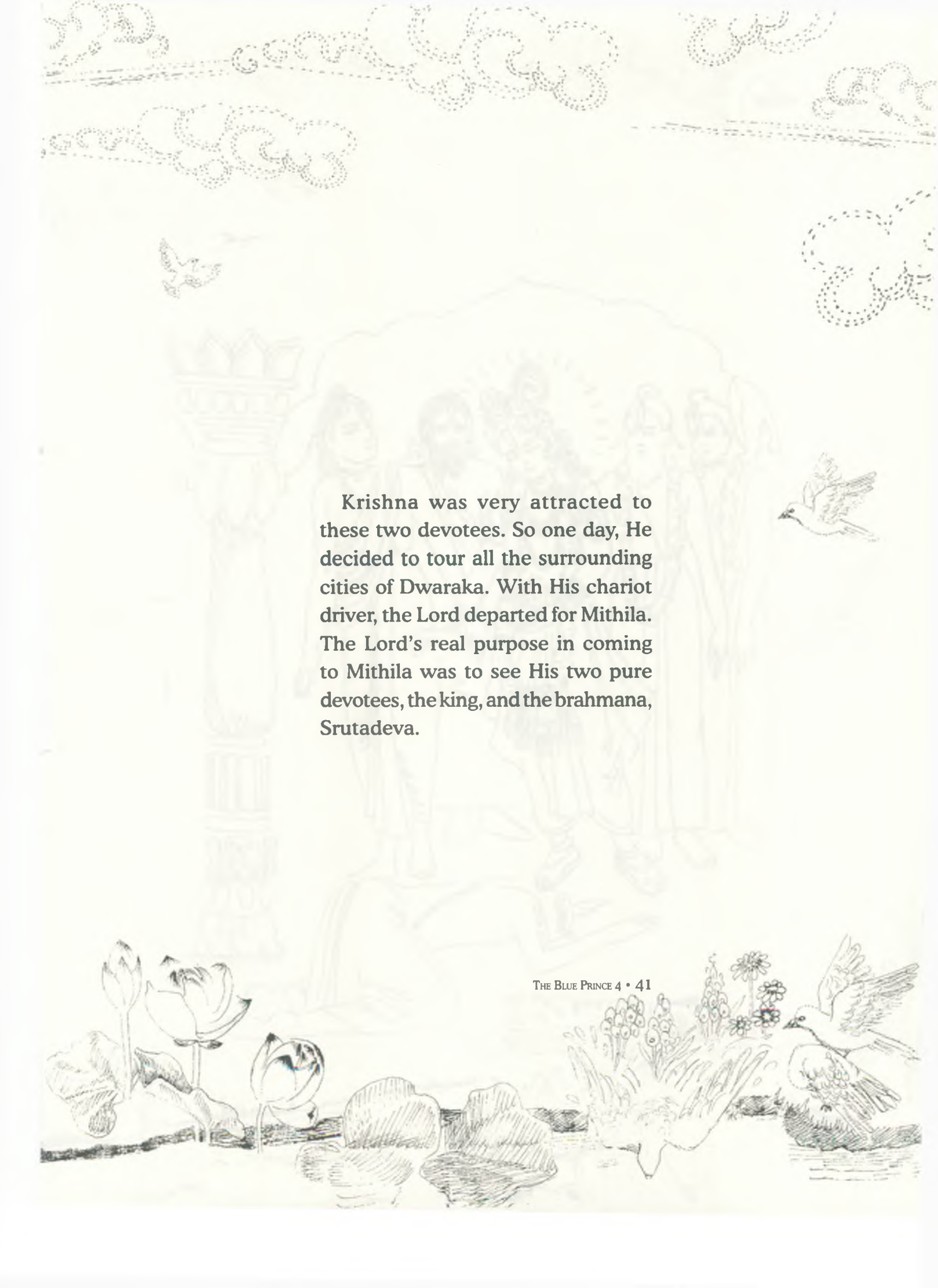




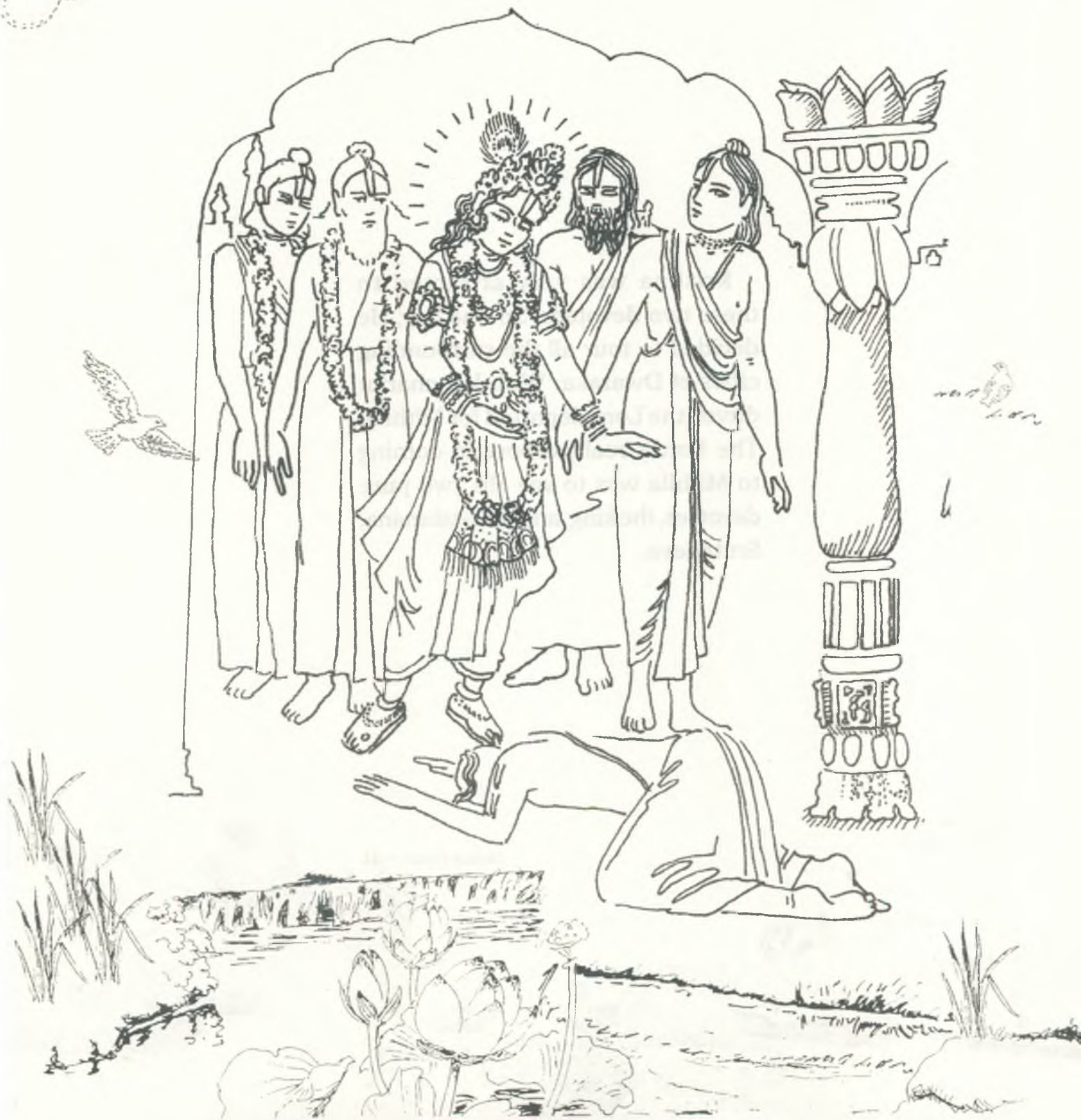
The king of Mithila was also a pure devotee of Lord Krishna. Although he was very wealthy, he only used his wealth in Lord Krishna's service. He was also very devoted to the brahmanas.

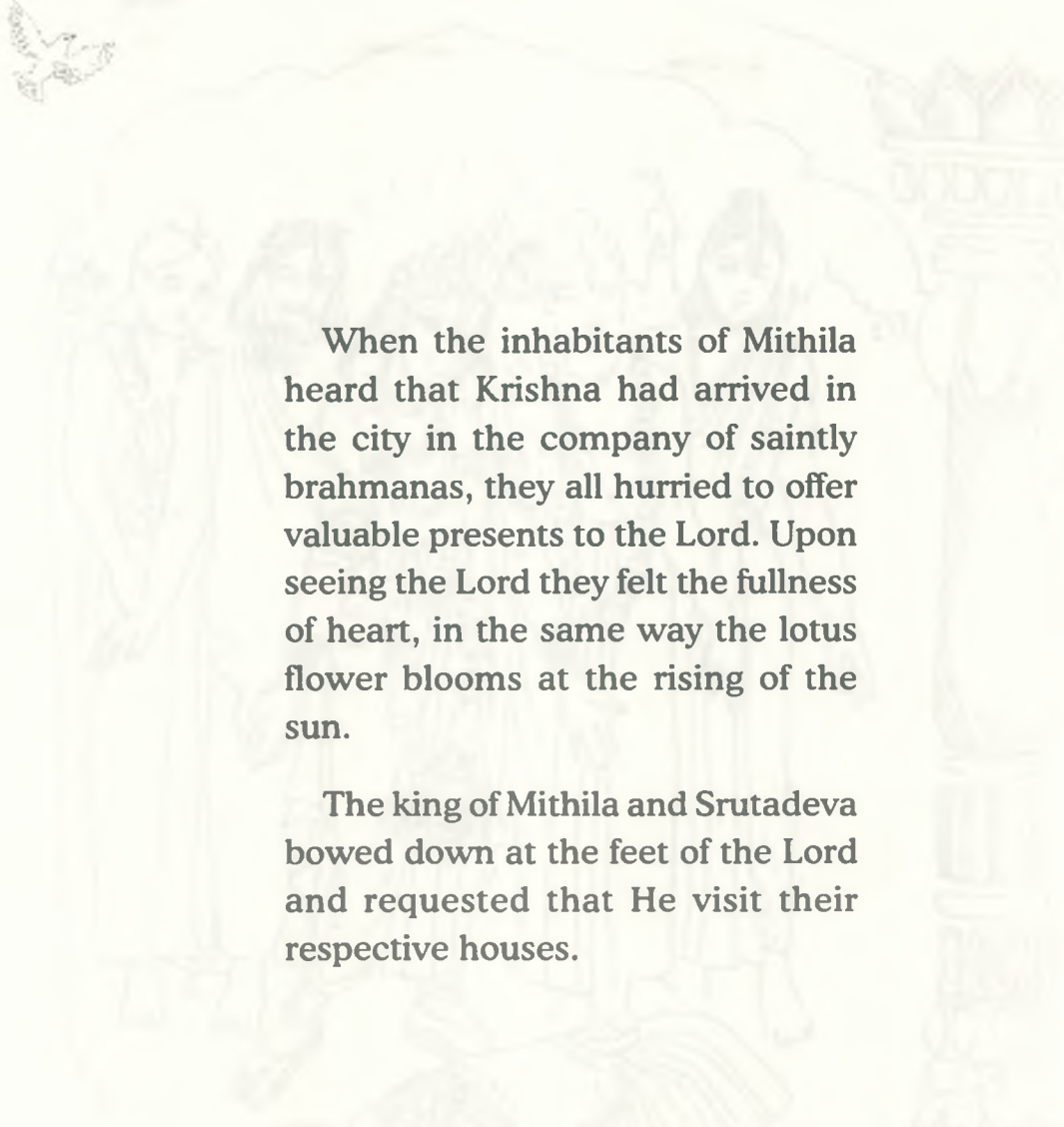







Krishna was very attracted to these two devotees. So one day, He decided to tour all the surrounding cities of Dwaraka. With His chariot driver, the Lord departed for Mithila. The Lord's real purpose in coming to Mithila was to see His two pure devotees, the king, and the brahmana, Srutadeva.



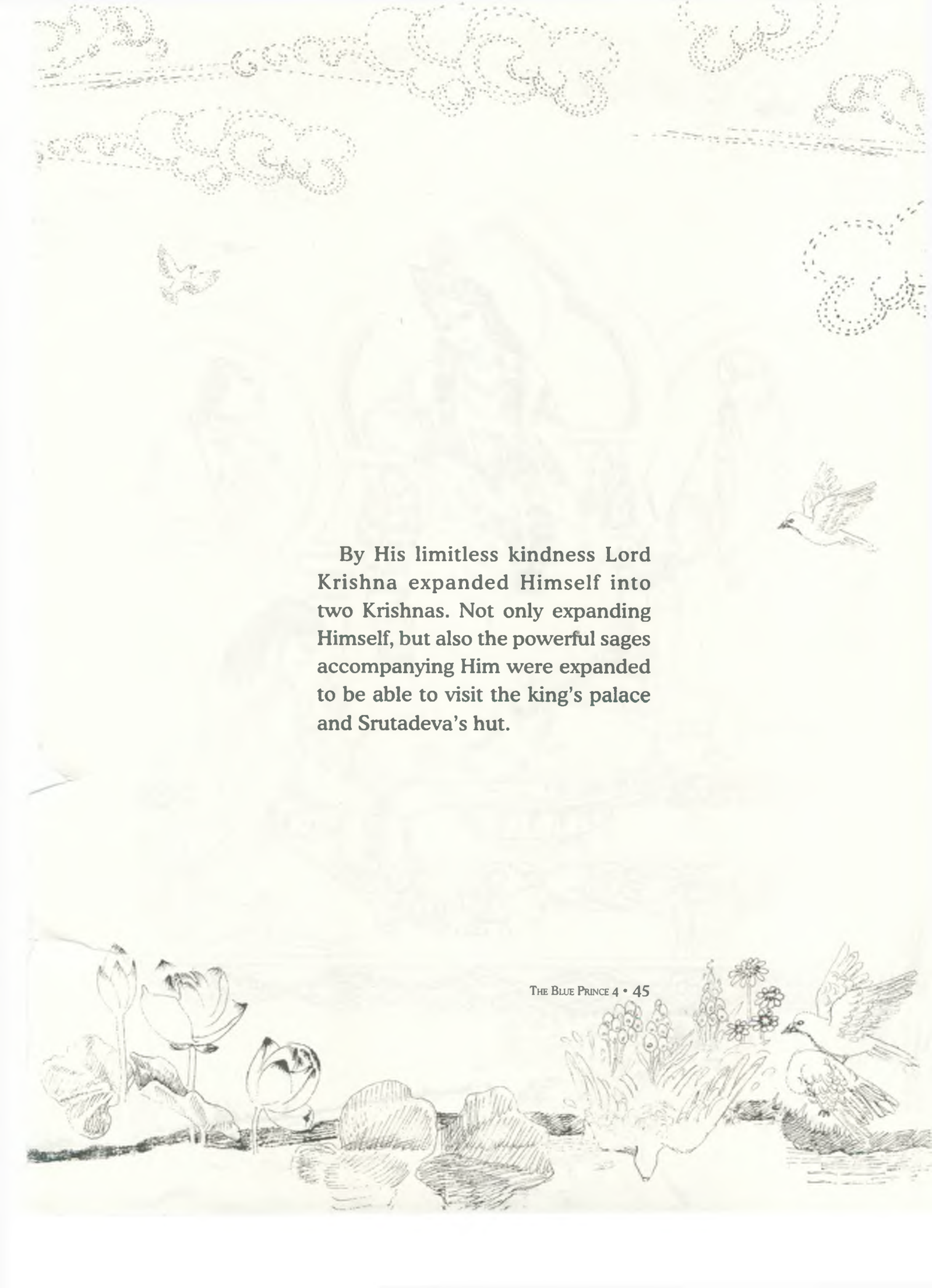


When the inhabitants of Mithila heard that Krishna had arrived in the city in the company of saintly brahmanas, they all hurried to offer valuable presents to the Lord. Upon seeing the Lord they felt the fullness of heart, in the same way the lotus flower blooms at the rising of the sun.

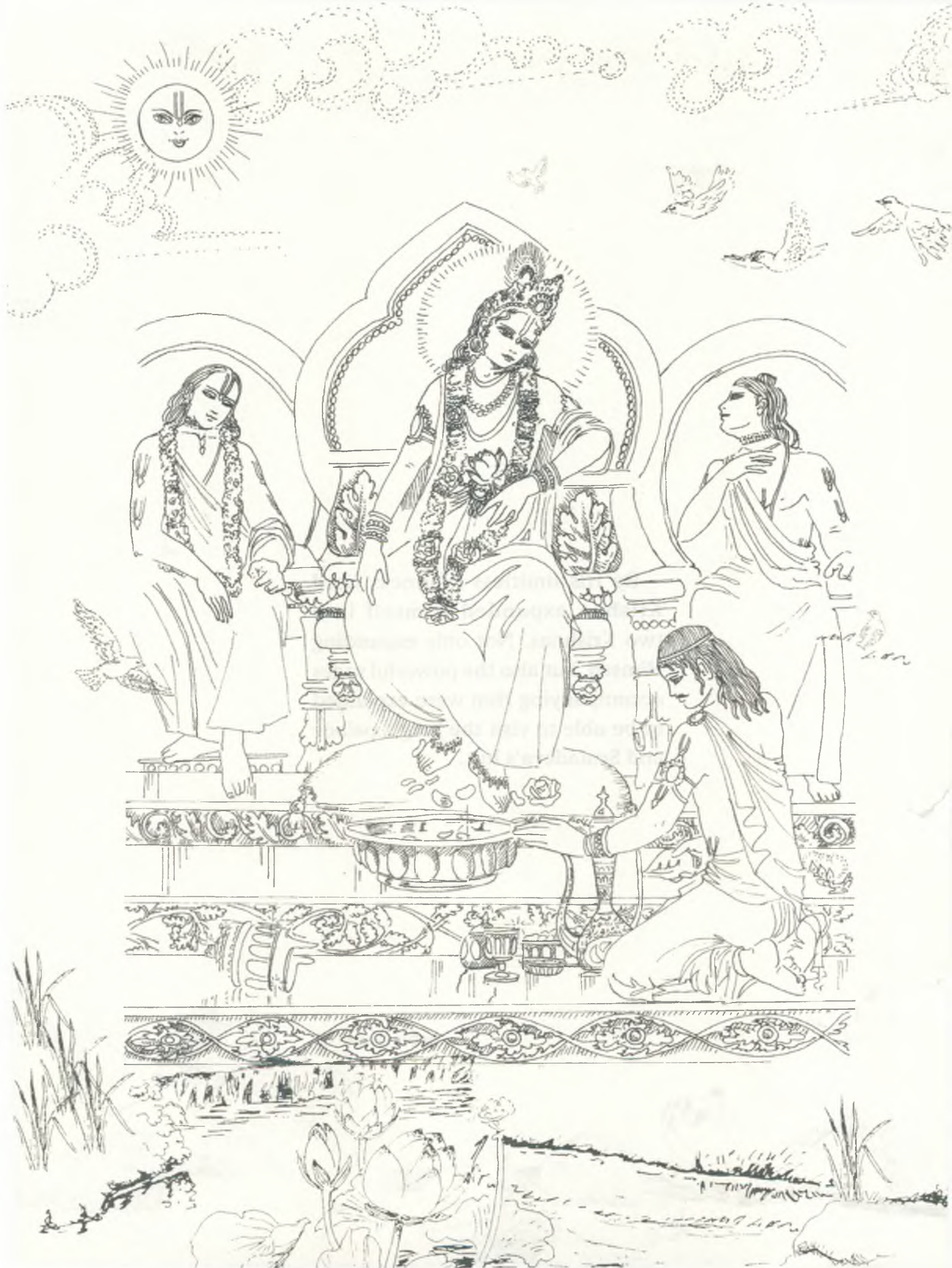
The king of Mithila and Srutadeva bowed down at the feet of the Lord and requested that He visit their respective houses.











By His limitless kindness Lord Krishna expanded Himself into two Krishnas. Not only expanding Himself, but also the powerful sages accompanying Him were expanded to be able to visit the king's palace and Srutadeva's hut.





The king made elaborate arrangements for the reception of Lord Krishna and the sages. He offered the Lord a valuable throne to sit on. He offered comfortable pillows for the sages. He washed Lord Krishna's and the sages' feet, then sprinkled that water on his head and all his family.






He offered fresh flower garlands to the Lord and the sages. He smeared sandalwood pulp on their foreheads. He presented them with clothes, jewels, cows, and bulls. Then he worshiped the Lord with incense and ghee lamps.

He fed the Lord and the sages the most excellent food preparations. Then he bathed the Lord's feet with tears streaming from his eyes, all the while speaking very sweetly about Lord Krishna's wonderful glories.

While this was taking place, the second expansion of Lord Krishna and the sages entered brahmana Srutadeva's humble house. Srutadeva could only offer the Lord and His companions simple straw sitting mats.







But due to immense happiness on seeing the Lord, Srutadeva began to dance in ecstasy. He and his wife washed the Lord's feet, then the sages' feet, and sprinkled the water on their heads.

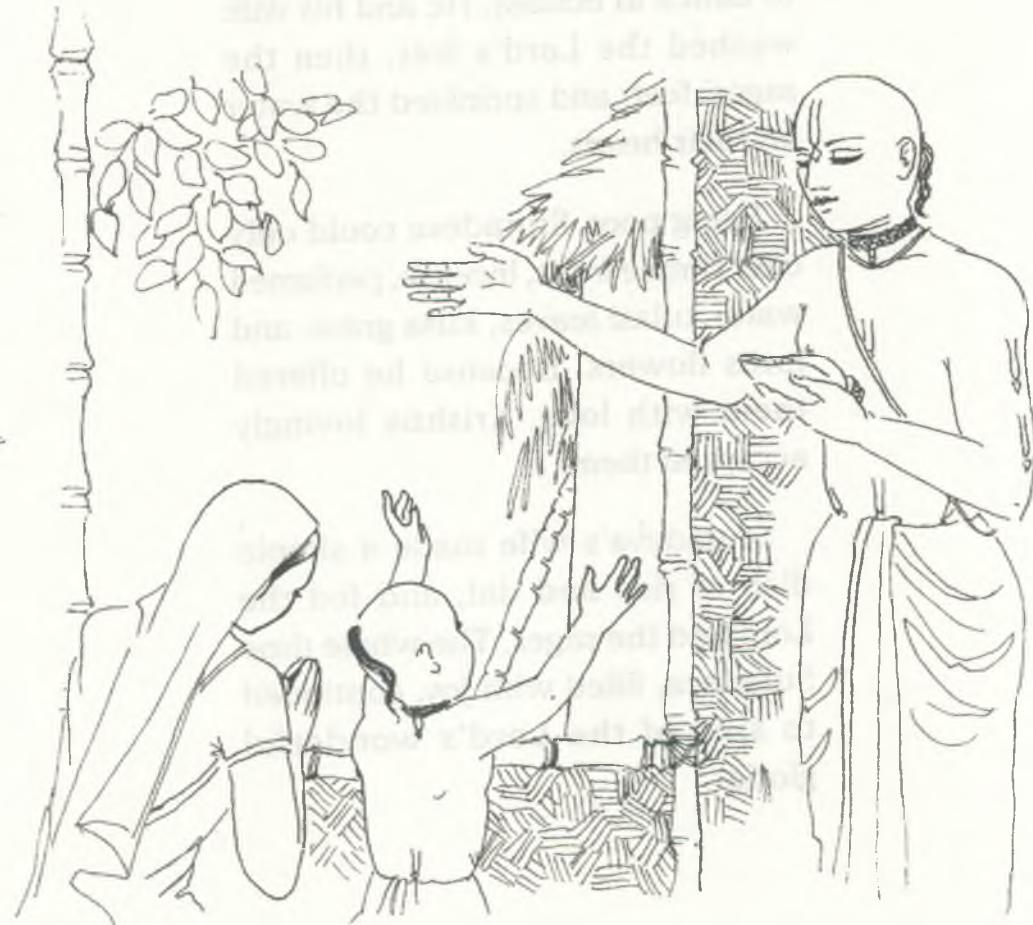
Being poor, Srutadeva could only offer simple fruits, incense, perfumed water, tulasi leaves, kusa grass, and lotus flowers. Because he offered them with love, Krishna lovingly accepted them.

Srutadeva's wife made a simple dish of rice and dal, and fed the Lord and the sages. The whole time Srutadeva, filled with joy, continued to sing of the Lord's wonderful glories.





But due to immense happiness at seeing the Lord, Srivatsaya began to dance in ecstasy. He and his wife washed the Lord's feet, then the





Greatly satisfied the sages left the city of Mithila. The king and the brahmana Srutadeva, who were equally full of love for the Lord, received the Lord's blessings. The gorgeous offerings of the king and the simple offerings of the brahmana were accepted equally by the Lord.

Lord Krishna yearns only for the love of His devotee. He does not care for any material wealth offered to Him. After all, He is the possessor of all wealth.



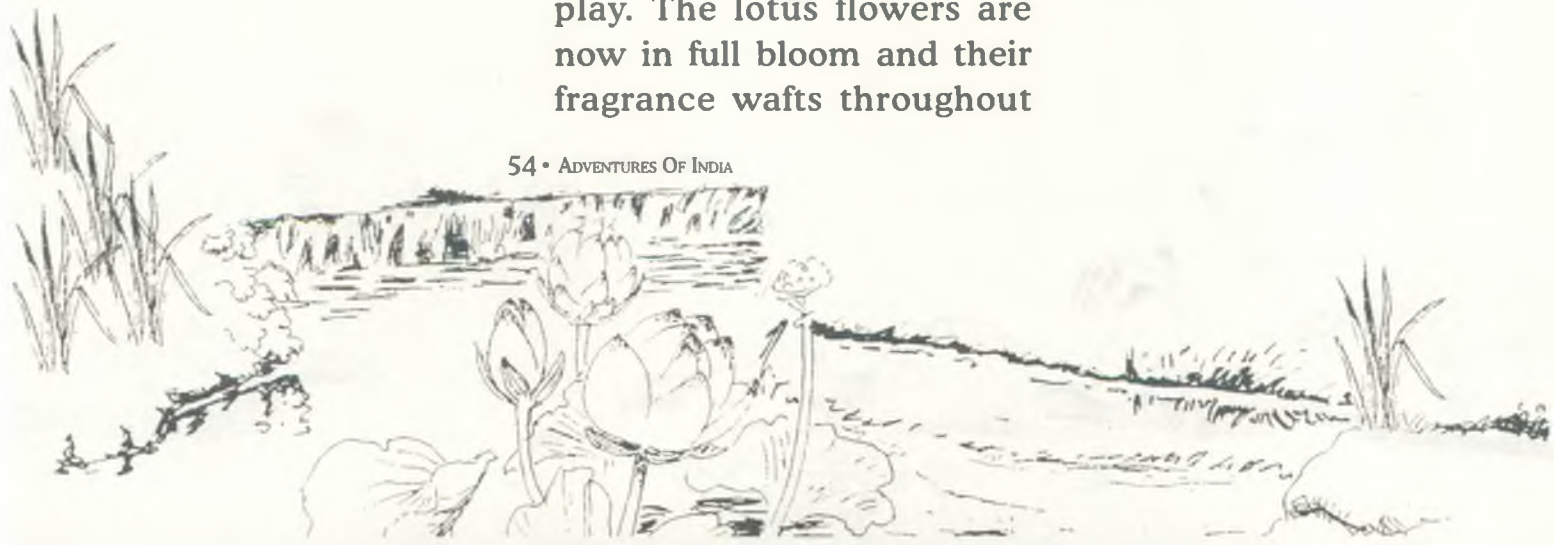


Lord Krishna visited the village in the city of Mathura. The king and his ministers were very angry when they heard that the king's daughter had married a boy from the village. The king's daughter was very beautiful and the king was very angry with her. The king's daughter was very beautiful and the king was very angry with her.

Lord Brahma Steals the Calves

One day Krishna and His cowherd friends set off to the forest with their cows in search of a grassy clearing where they could enjoy a picnic and play games.


“My dear friends,” exclaimed Krishna, “Here is an excellent place near the sandy banks of Yamuna to eat our lunch and play. The lotus flowers are now in full bloom and their fragrance wafts throughout





the forest. Just listen how the birds and peacocks sing.

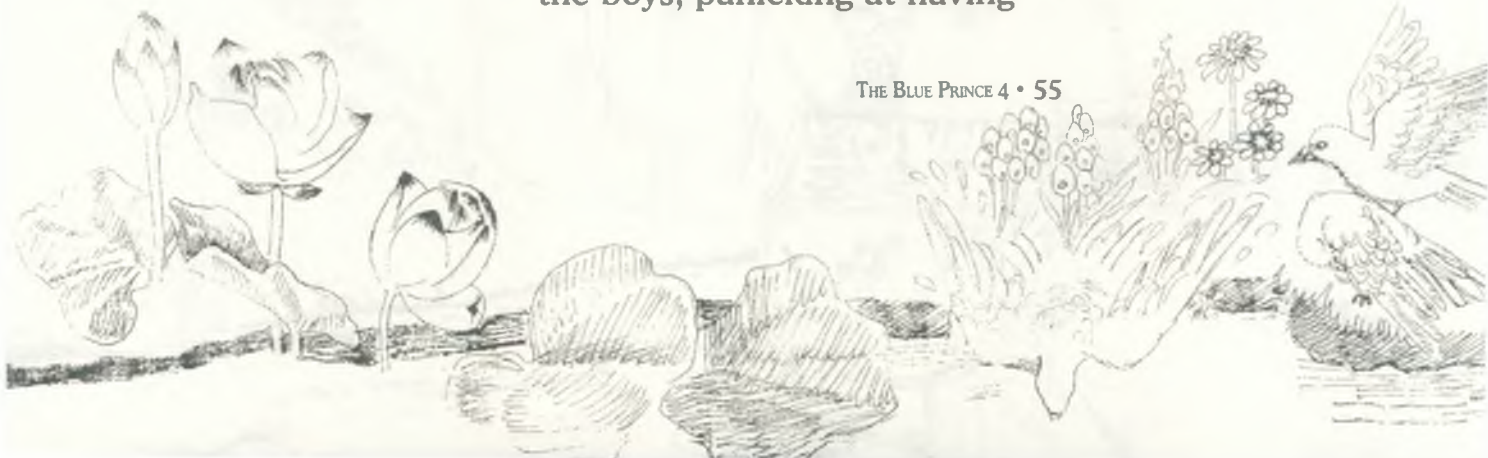
The wind is gently rustling the leaves of the trees. The sounds makes this spot very exciting. Let us eat our lunch here while the cows drink Yamuna water.”



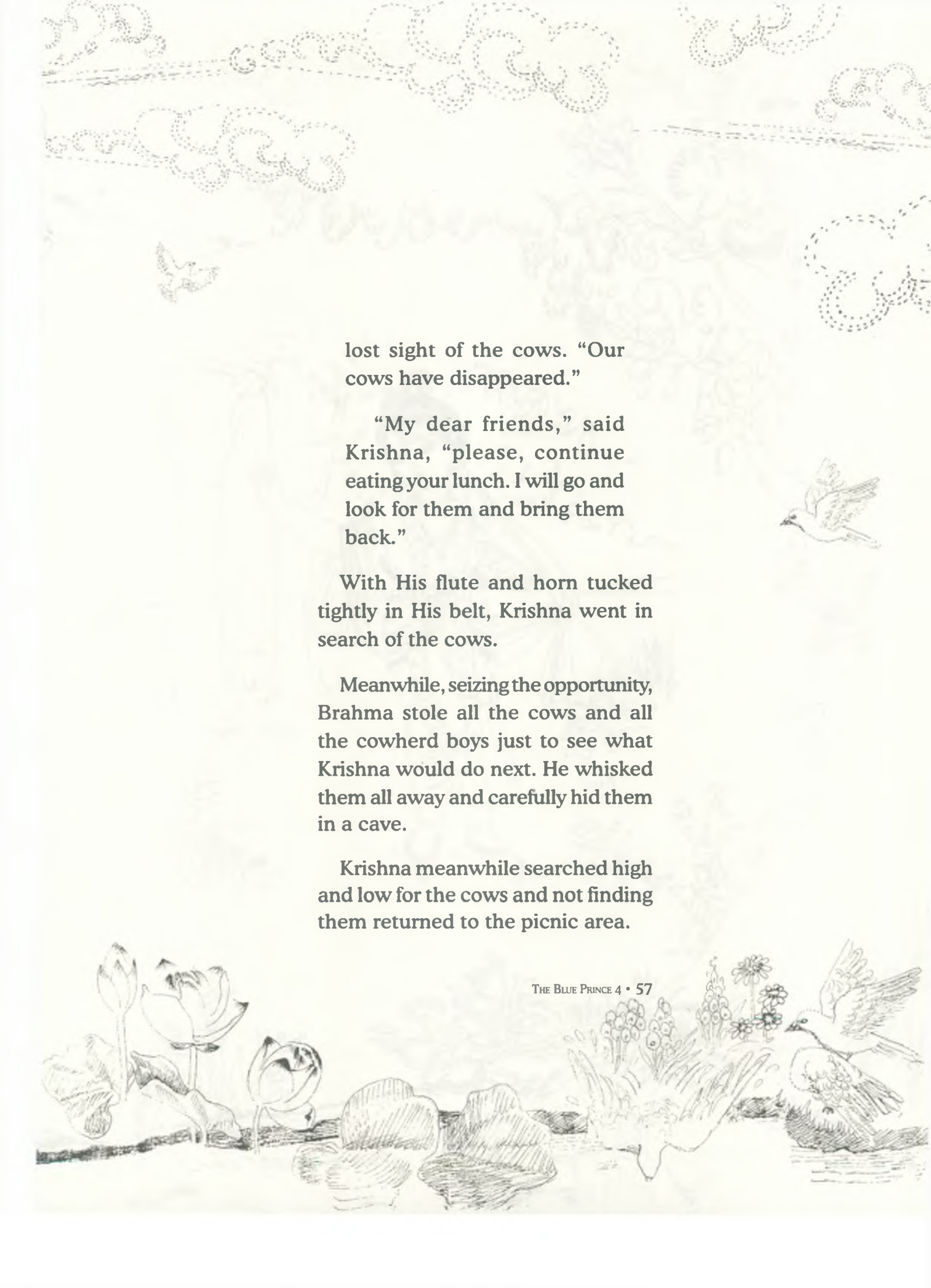
Forming a wide circle, the cowherd boys sat down with Krishna in the center and began to eat their lunch merrily.

As they ate, they joked and laughed, and each cowherd boy wanted to be first to touch and feed Krishna. Suddenly the children realized that the cows had melted away into the deep forest.

“Krishna! Krishna!” Shouted the boys, panicking at having







lost sight of the cows. “Our cows have disappeared.”

“My dear friends,” said Krishna, “please, continue eating your lunch. I will go and look for them and bring them back.”

With His flute and horn tucked tightly in His belt, Krishna went in search of the cows.

Meanwhile, seizing the opportunity, Brahma stole all the cows and all the cowherd boys just to see what Krishna would do next. He whisked them all away and carefully hid them in a cave.

Krishna meanwhile searched high and low for the cows and not finding them returned to the picnic area.





But the cowherd boys had also disappeared. Krishna then thought:


“This Brahma has stolen all the cows, and now also My friends. How can I return to Vrindavan without them? All the mothers will die of separation from their children.”

Krishna is the supreme mystic. Brahma, who possesses some mystic power, wanted to bewilder Krishna by stealing all the cows and His friends. But now, Brahma is about to be bewildered by the Supreme Mystic, Krishna.

Krishna expanded Himself into an exact replica of cows, and an exact replica of cowherd boys to replace the ones Brahma had taken.



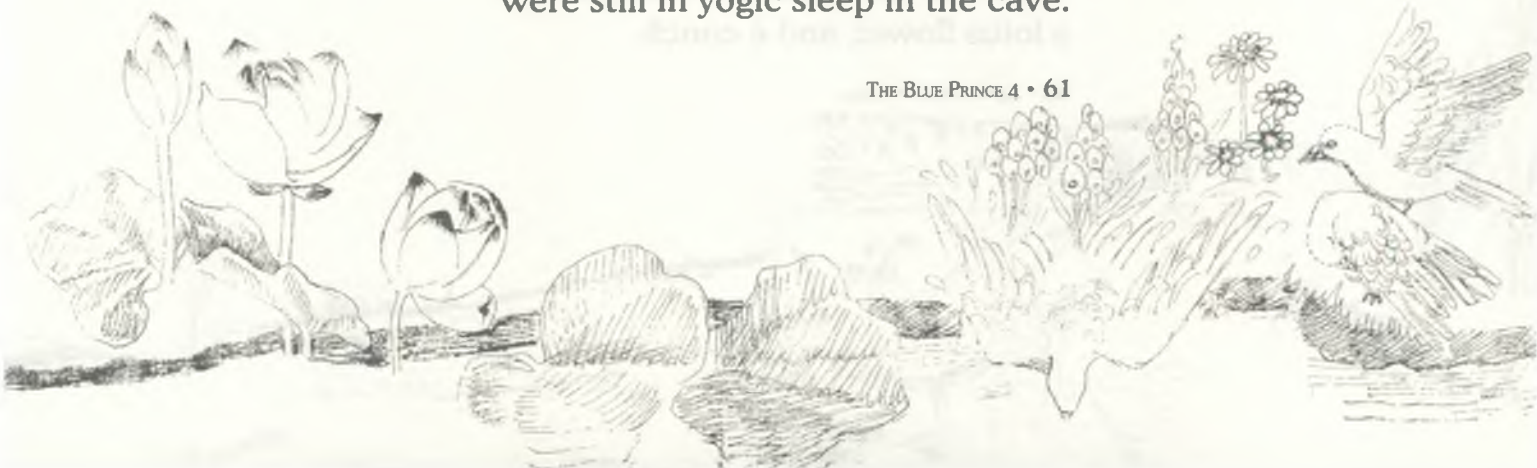




In this way for one whole year, Krishna continued performing His pastimes as before, eating lunch, playing together with His friends, with the cows grazing nearby, and returning to Vrindavan at the end of the day.

Lord Brahma was anxiously waiting to see what Krishna would do without His friends. So after a moment of his time, he went to the forest where he had stolen the cows and Krishna's friends.

But Brahma saw Krishna still with the same cows and the same cowherd boys that he had stolen, all playing together. Bewildered, he quickly went back to look at the cave where he had hidden the original cows and cowherd boys. But they were still in yogic sleep in the cave.





In this way for one whole year Krishna continued performing his pastimes as before, playing together with the cows.

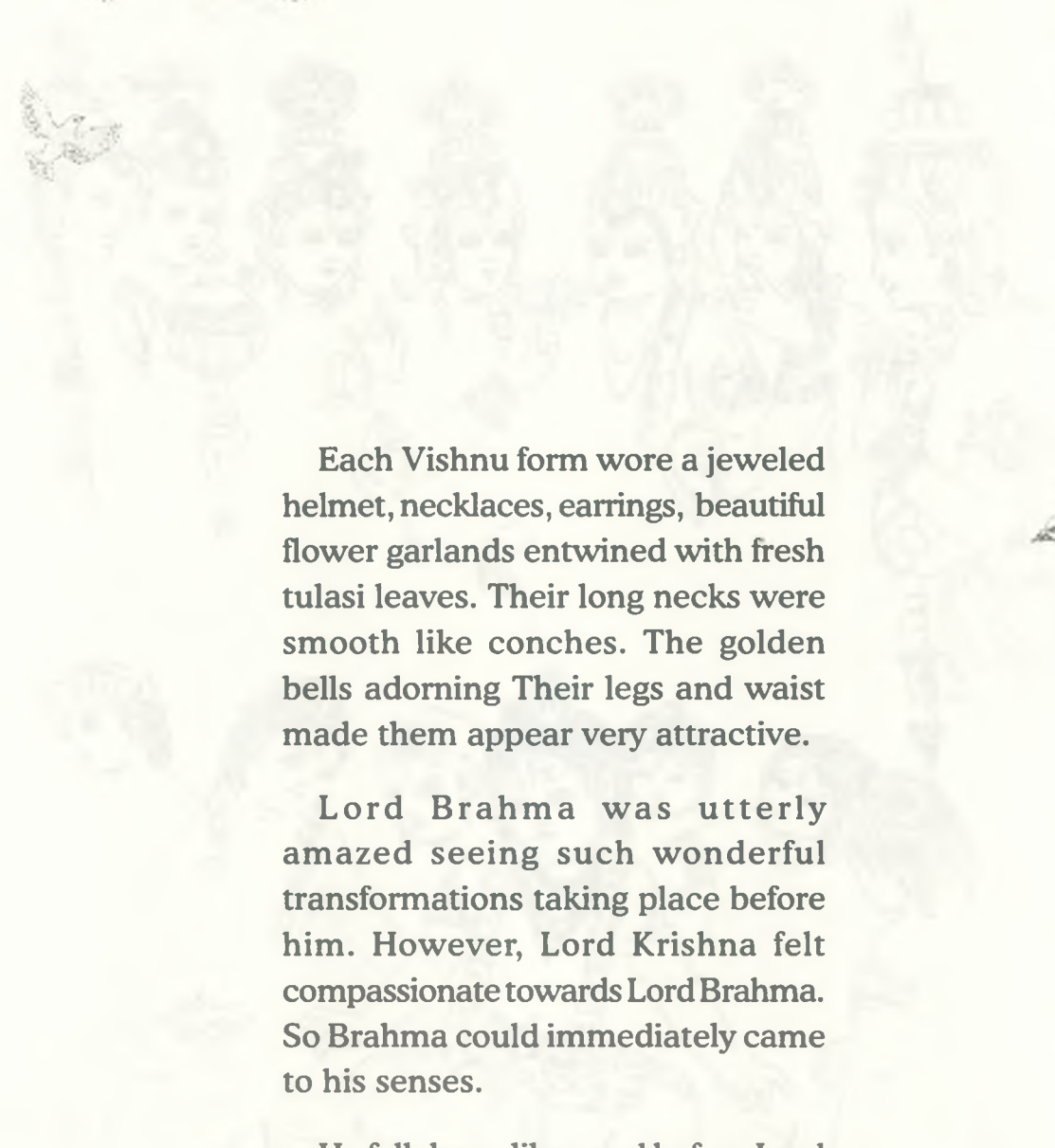

Lord Brahma was puzzled. What could have happened? He saw that the same cows, and cowherd boys in the cave, were simultaneously present with Krishna, eating and playing with Him.

What was going on?

While Lord Brahma was thus wondering, Lord Krishna was wanting to show His real opulence of how His pastimes can never be frustrated.

Suddenly, as Lord Brahma was looking on, he saw all the cows and the cowherd boys were four-handed Vishnu forms, holding a mace, a disc, a lotus flower, and a conch.

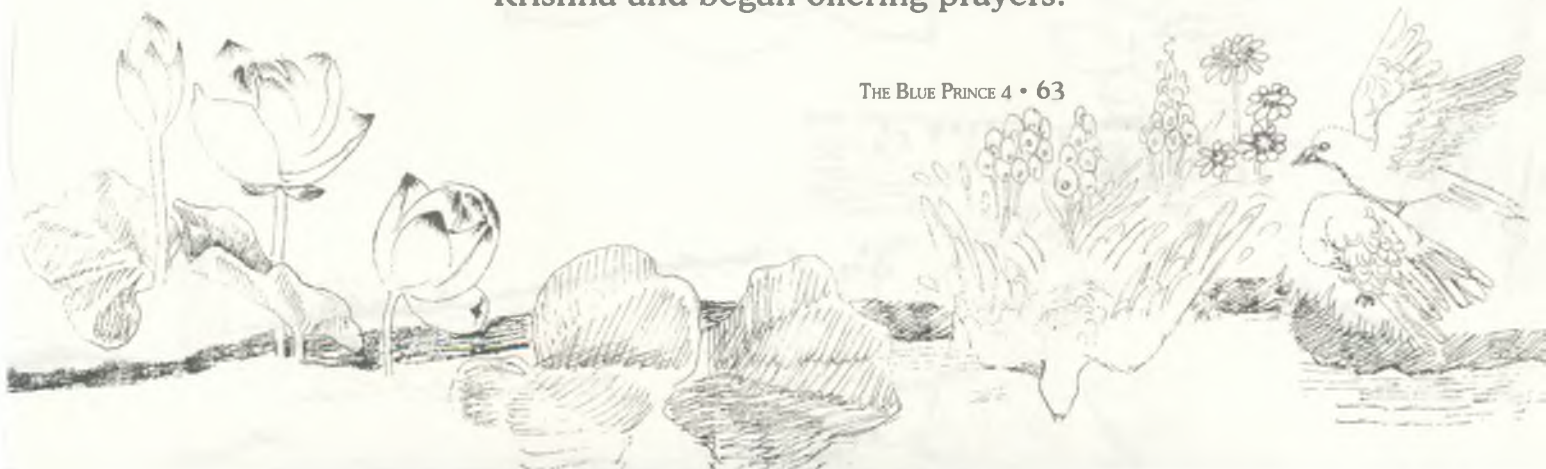


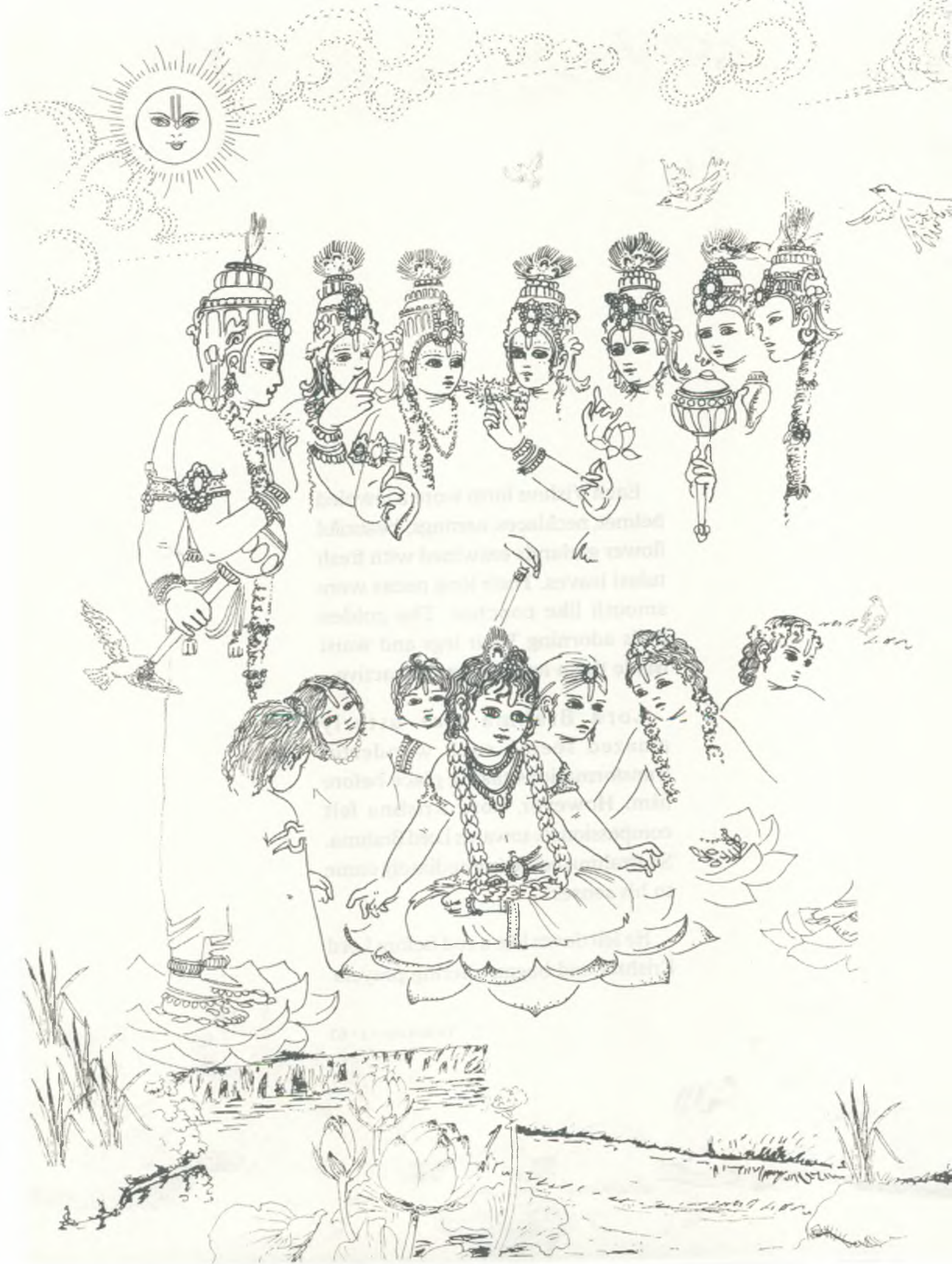


Each Vishnu form wore a jeweled helmet, necklaces, earrings, beautiful flower garlands entwined with fresh tulasi leaves. Their long necks were smooth like conches. The golden bells adorning Their legs and waist made them appear very attractive.

Lord Brahma was utterly amazed seeing such wonderful transformations taking place before him. However, Lord Krishna felt compassionate towards Lord Brahma. So Brahma could immediately come to his senses.

He fell down like a rod before Lord Krishna and began offering prayers.





Lord Brahma was indeed happy that only Krishna could bewilder him. Only Krishna is the true mystic, and at the same time, the real well-wisher of all living entities.








Lord Brahma brought back the cows and the cowherd boys he had stolen, and begged forgiveness. As he departed, the original cows and cowherd boys began to play with Lord Krishna as before, as if nothing had happened.







Krishna Recovers the Son of His Teacher

Guru-dakshina is an offering that a student makes to the teacher after completing his education. The student is thankful for the knowledge imparted by the teacher, so when an offering of value is given to the teacher, it is called “guru-daksina.”

After Krishna and Balaram completed Their education at the hermitage of Sandipani Muni, They







asked what They could offer him, because he had taught Them many valuable arts. Sandipani Muni knew Krishna and Balaram were not ordinary students, so he asked for something difficult to obtain:

“My dear Krishna and Balaram, I want You to bring back my son who drowned in the ocean.”


Krishna and Balaram immediately left the ashram. Arriving at the ocean shore, Krishna spoke to the lord of the sea:

“My dear Varuna, you caused Sandipani Muni’s son to drown. I order you to bring him back immediately.”





“I didn’t take that boy.”
Varuna replied. “He was captured by the Pankajanya demon. That demon lives in deep water in the form of a conch. Perhaps the son of Your teacher is in the demon’s stomach.”



Krishna plunged into the deep water, found the Pankajanya demon and killed him. But the boy’s body wasn’t in the demon’s stomach. He took the demon’s lifeless body (in the form of a conchshell) and returned to the shore of the ocean.

Krishna and Balaram then went to Yamaraja’s abode. When They arrived at Yamaraja’s palace, Krishna blew His new conch-shell, Pankajanya. Yamaraja came and offered all his respect to Krishna and Balaram.





**“How may I serve You?”
asked Yamaraja.**


**“I want you to give back
My teacher’s son.” Krishna
ordered Yamaraja.**

**Immediately Yamaraja brought
the boy before Krishna and Balaram.
They took the boy to Sandipani
Muni’s house and said:**


**“Here is your lost son. What
else can We offer you?”**

**“I am so pleased by Your
offering.” Sandipani Muni
answered. “All Your acts are
wonderful. I bless You that the
words You utter will always
remain fresh. Your teachings
will be heard in all places and
at all times eternally.”**





After being blessed by Their teacher, Krishna and Balaram left for Mathura in Their chariot. They traveled swiftly and Their chariot made sounds like the thunder of clouds. The residents of Mathura were joyful at the arrival of Krishna and Balaram.





After being heard by their
father, Krishna and Arjuna left
for Mathura in their chariot. They
traveled swiftly and their chariot
looked swifter like the thunder of
war. The residents of Mathura
were joyful at the sight of Krishna
and Arjuna.







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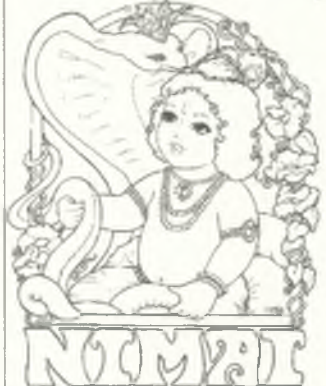
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