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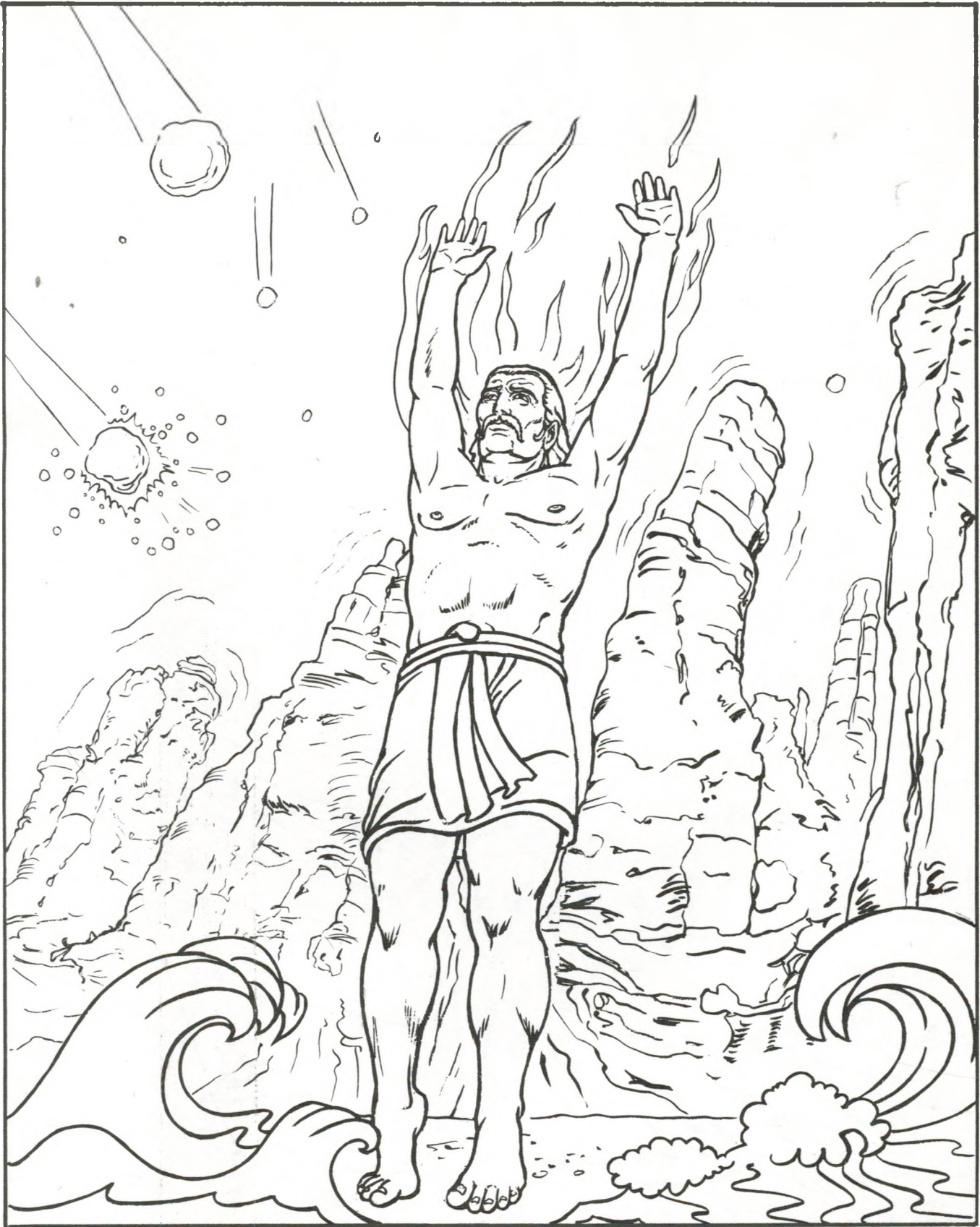


# PRAHLAD

**MAHARAJA**

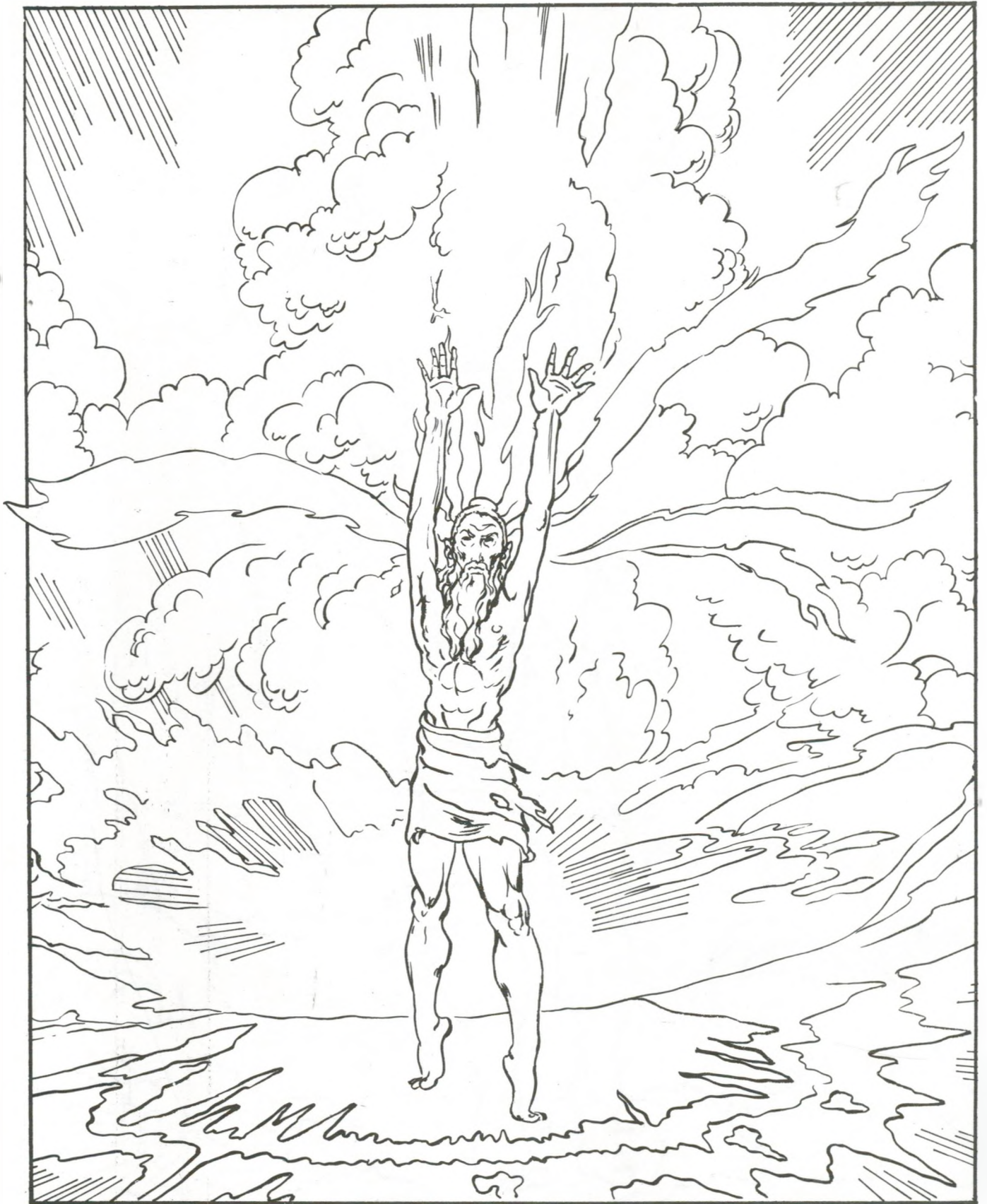






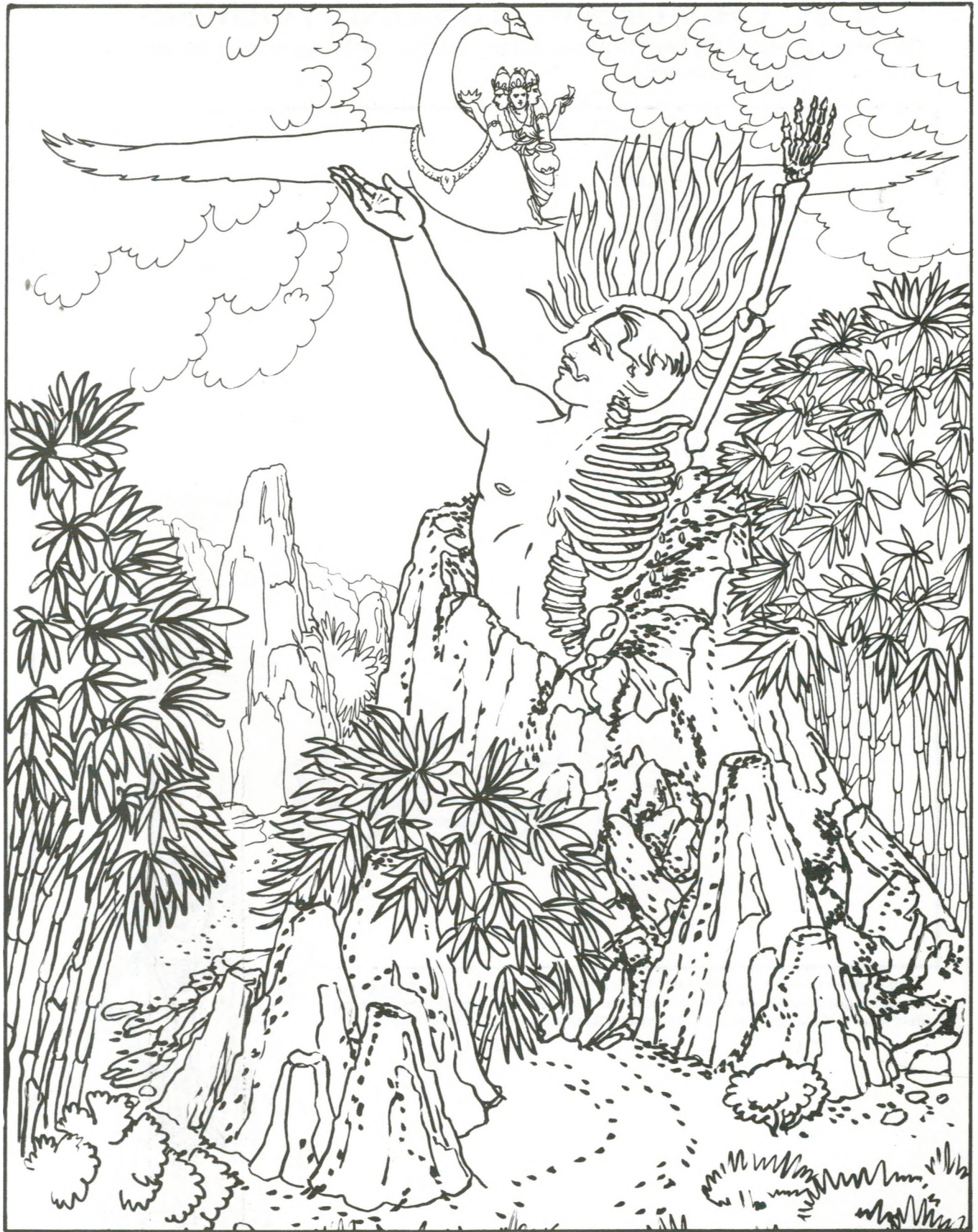
Hiranyakasipu, the demon king, wants to become immortal. To get this boon he needs to please Lord Brahma, the chief demigod. So concentrating all his energy, he stretches his arms up and stands on his toes for one hundred years.





Because of Hiranyakasipu's austerities, the whole universe begins to shake. Ocean waves and rivers flow wildly. Mountains tremble. Stars and planets fall from the sky. Fire comes from Hiranyakasipu's head, spreading unbearable heat everywhere.





Everyone in the universe is afraid. The demigods ask Lord Brahma to help. He comes on his swan airplane and finds Hiranyakasipu is now a skeleton. Over the years the ants have built a hill around him. Worms and bugs have eaten away his body. Only bones remain.



# YOU CAN DRAW THIS ONE YOURSELF

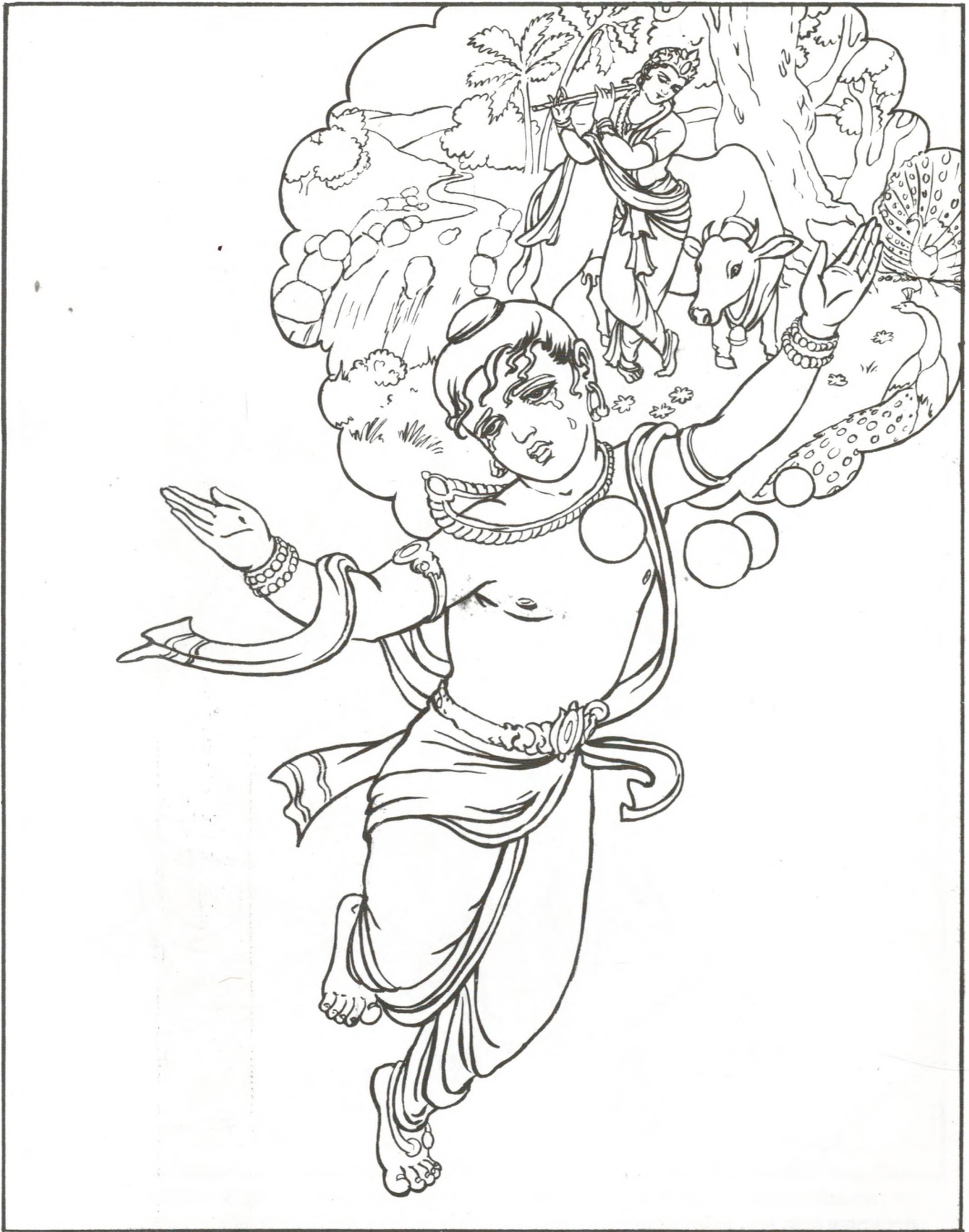
(Here is your model for Lord Brahma. Hiranyakasipu is offering respect to Lord Brahma. Brahma is offering blessings.)



Lord Brahma sprinkles spiritual water on Hiranyakasipu who now looks like a young man with a golden luster. He asks Lord Brahma for the blessing of immortality. But Lord Brahma can't make Hiranyakasipu immortal because even he can't live forever.

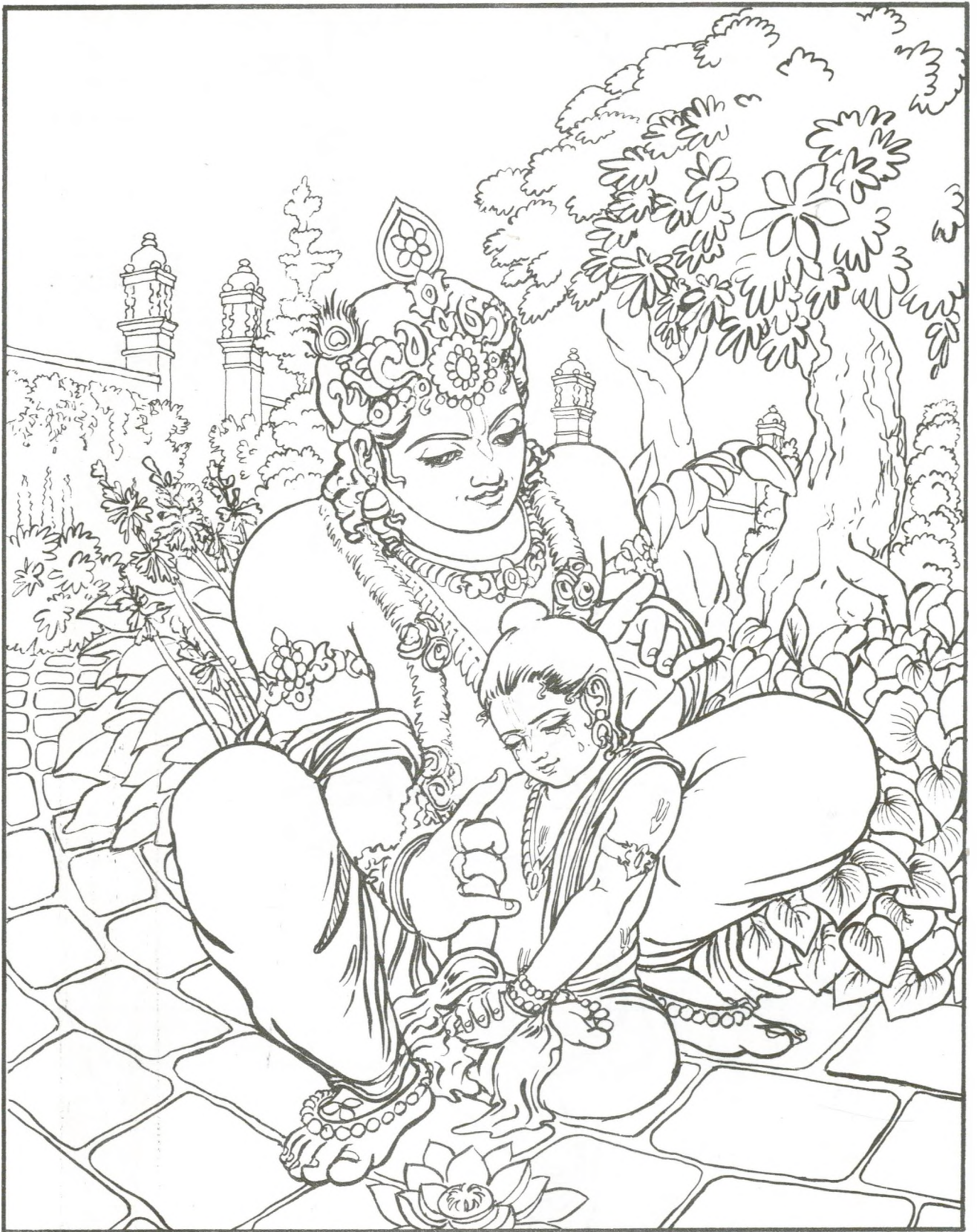






Years later, Hiranyakasipu gets a devoted son named Prahlad. Prahlad loves God, Krishna. He chants Krishna's names and cries out of ecstatic love for him. He is always happy and smiling. He loves to serve Krishna all the time.





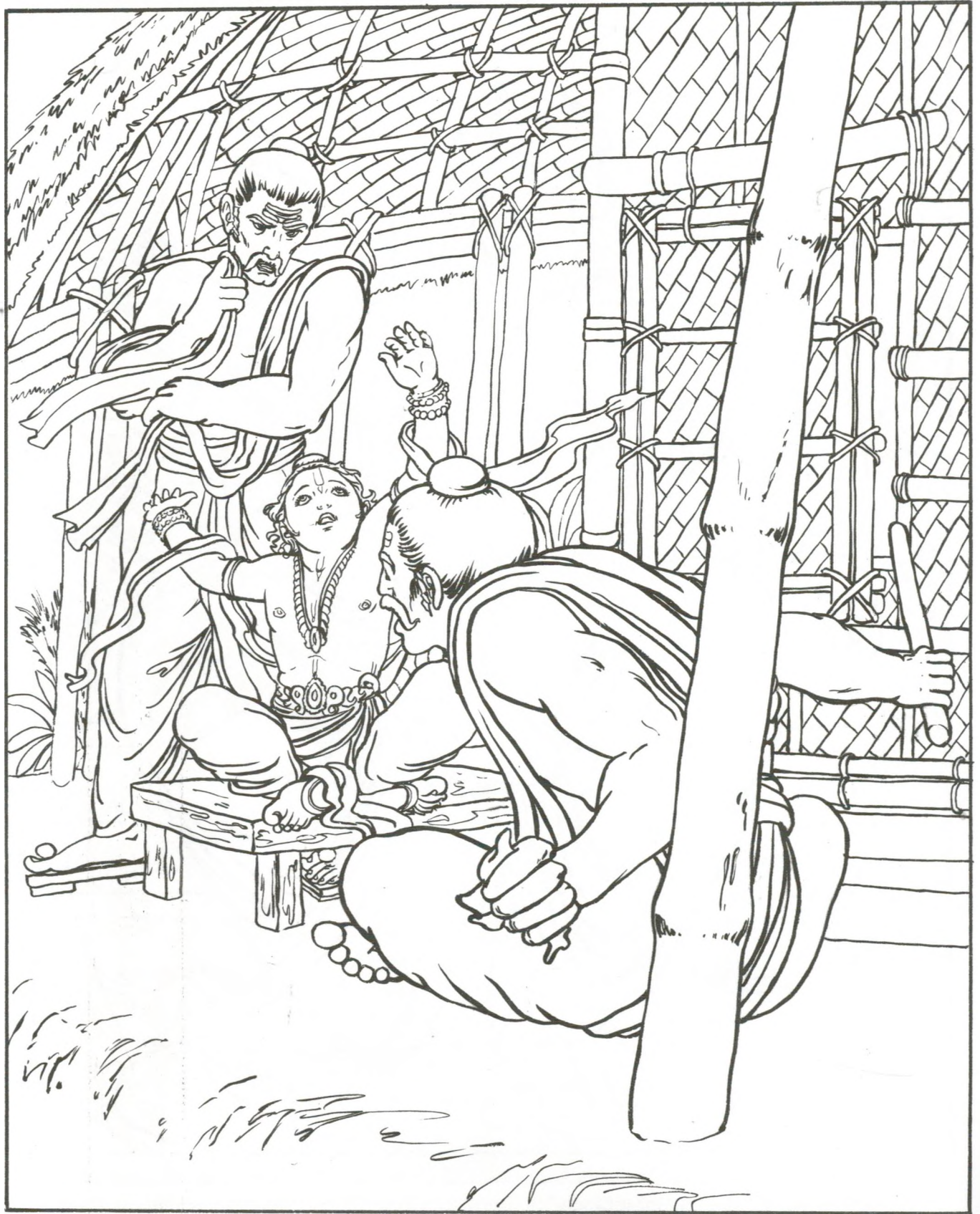
Prahlad always thinks of Krishna. Separated from his Lord, he feels helpless. He did not know how his bodily necessities such as sitting, walking, eating, lying down, drinking and talking, were being automatically performed. Sometimes feeling the touch of the Lord's lotus hands, he becomes joyful and remains silent, his hairs standing on end and tears glide down from his half-closed eyes because of his love for the Lord. He loses his shyness and begins to dance in ecstasy. He imitates the pastimes of the Lord. Krishna soothes him. There is great love between Krishna and His devotee.





One day, Hiranyakasipu takes his son, Prahlad on his lap. With affection he asks, "My dear son, what is the best subject you've learnt in school?" Prahlad replies, "We are not the body. We should all serve Krishna." Hiranyakasipu scoffs, "The words of the enemy has spoiled this child."





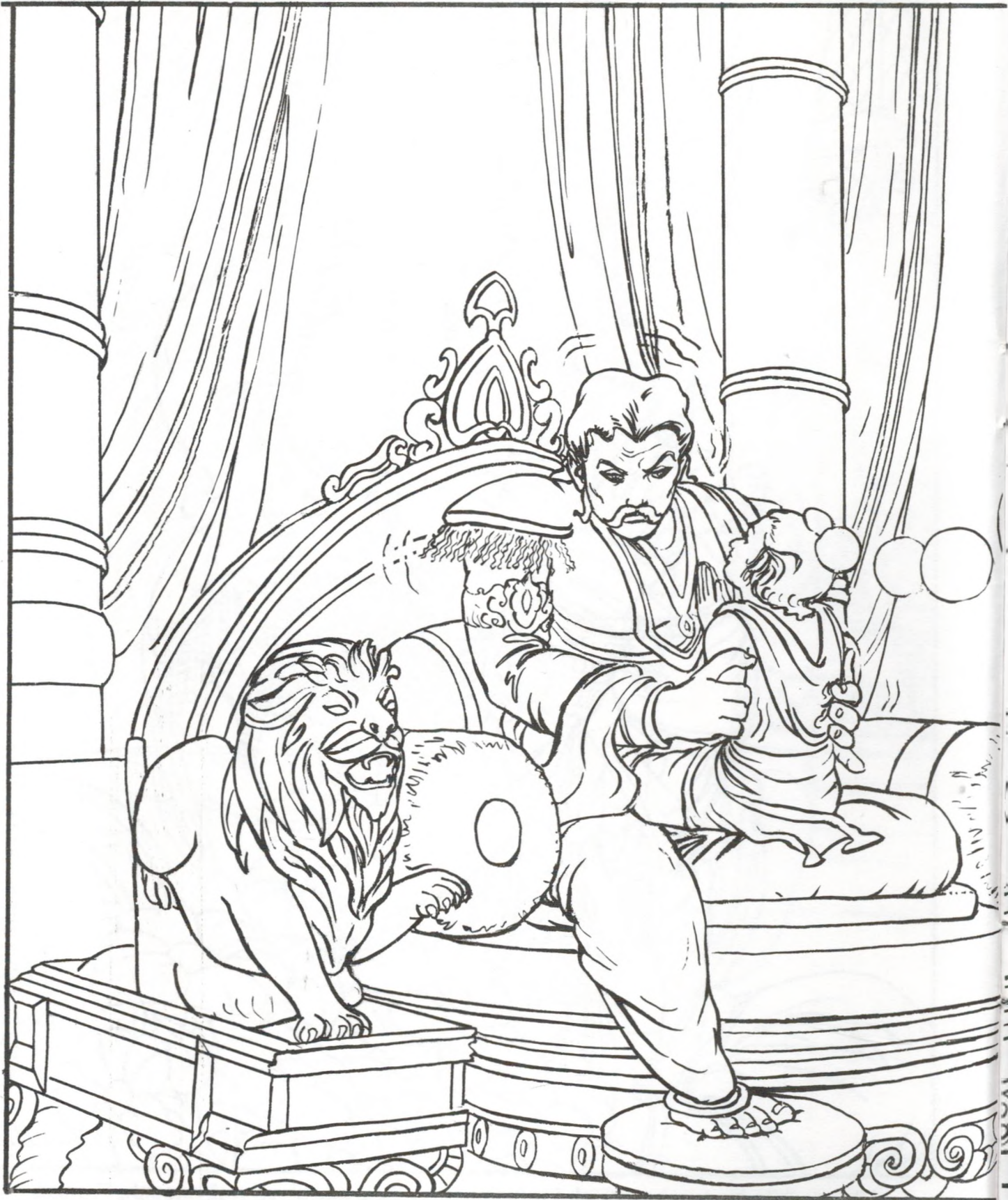
Prahlad's teachers, Sanda and Amarka, ask gently, "Did an enemy come to the school and teach you all about Krishna?" Prahlad preaches, "Everyone of us is an eternal servant of God and therefore we are not different from one another. A learned person does not see one person as a friend and another as an enemy". They become furious. "Bring us a stick," they scream. "This Prahlad is hurting our reputation."





After a while his teachers think Prahlad knows their teachings well enough. Prahlad sits on Hiranyakasipu's lap again. Hiranyakasipu cries with joy to see his son and hugs him. "You have heard so many things from your teachers," Hiranyakasipu says. "Tell me, what do you think is the best of that knowledge?"





Now, being a devotee of Krishna, Prahlad tells his father about the nine processes of devotional service. "Hearing and chanting about Lord Krishna is the best of all teachings." On hearing this, Hiranyakasipu's jolly mood changes.





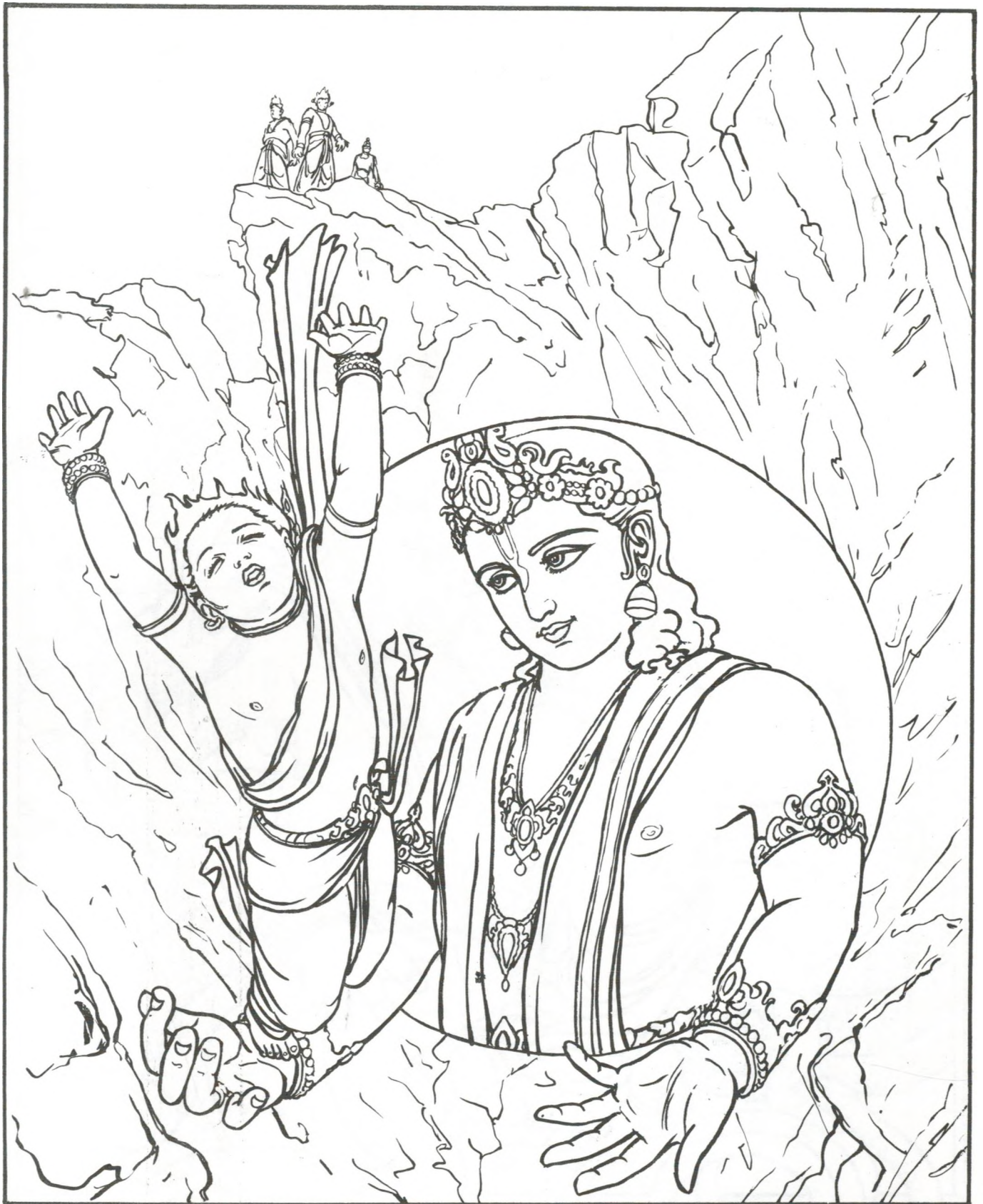
Prahlad continues, "Always remember Krishna and never forget Him. Serve the lotus feet of the Lord. Respectfully worship Him. Offer prayers to Krishna. Become his servant. Think of the Lord as your best friend. Surrender everything to Him."





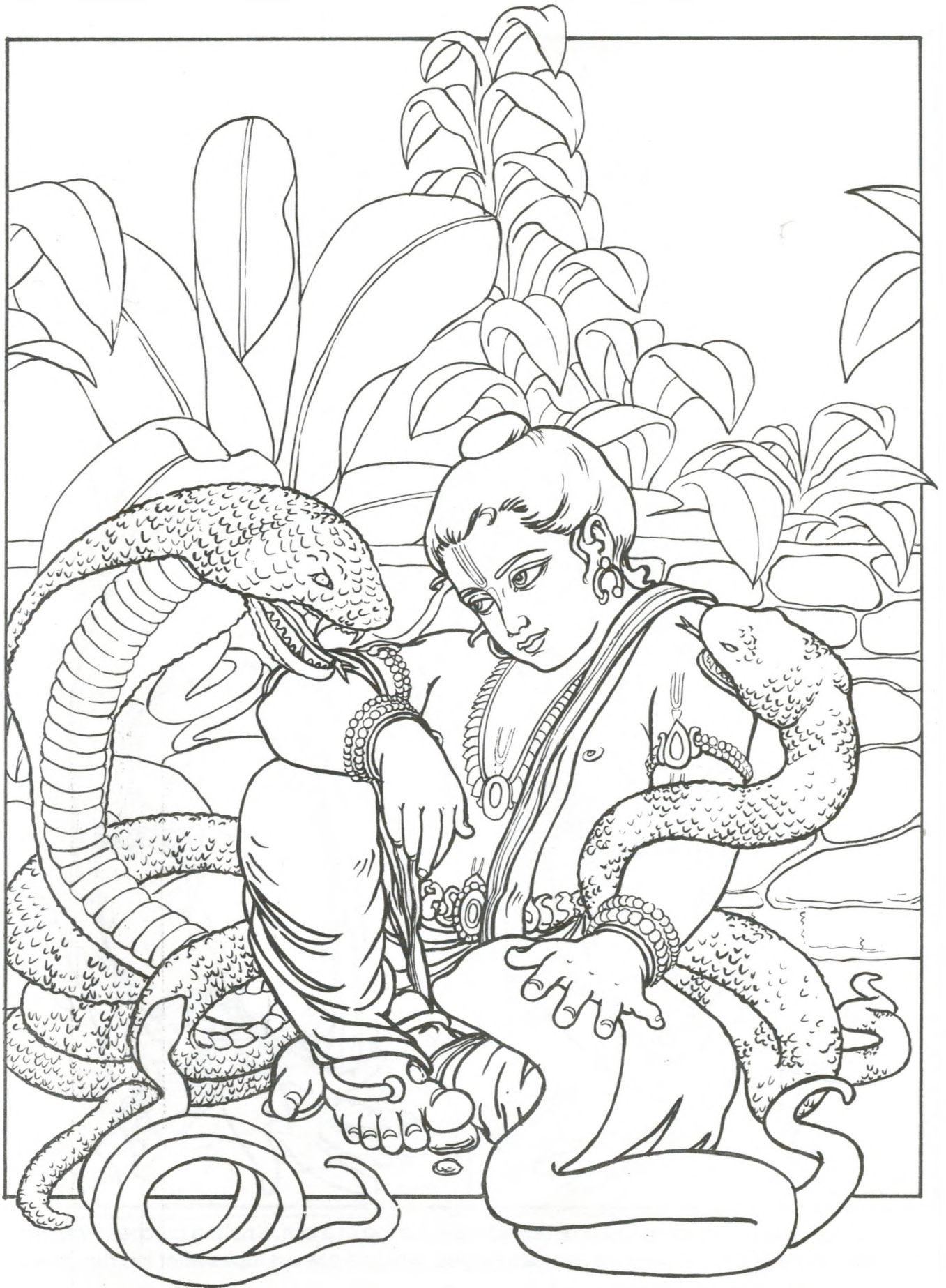
Angry, his eyes flaming like molten copper, Hiranyakasipu shrieks, "O demons, take this boy away from me. He deserves to be killed. Kill him as soon as possible!" Then, fearful looking demons begin striking Prahlaad's tender body with tridents and stones. "Chop him up! Pierce him!" they yell.





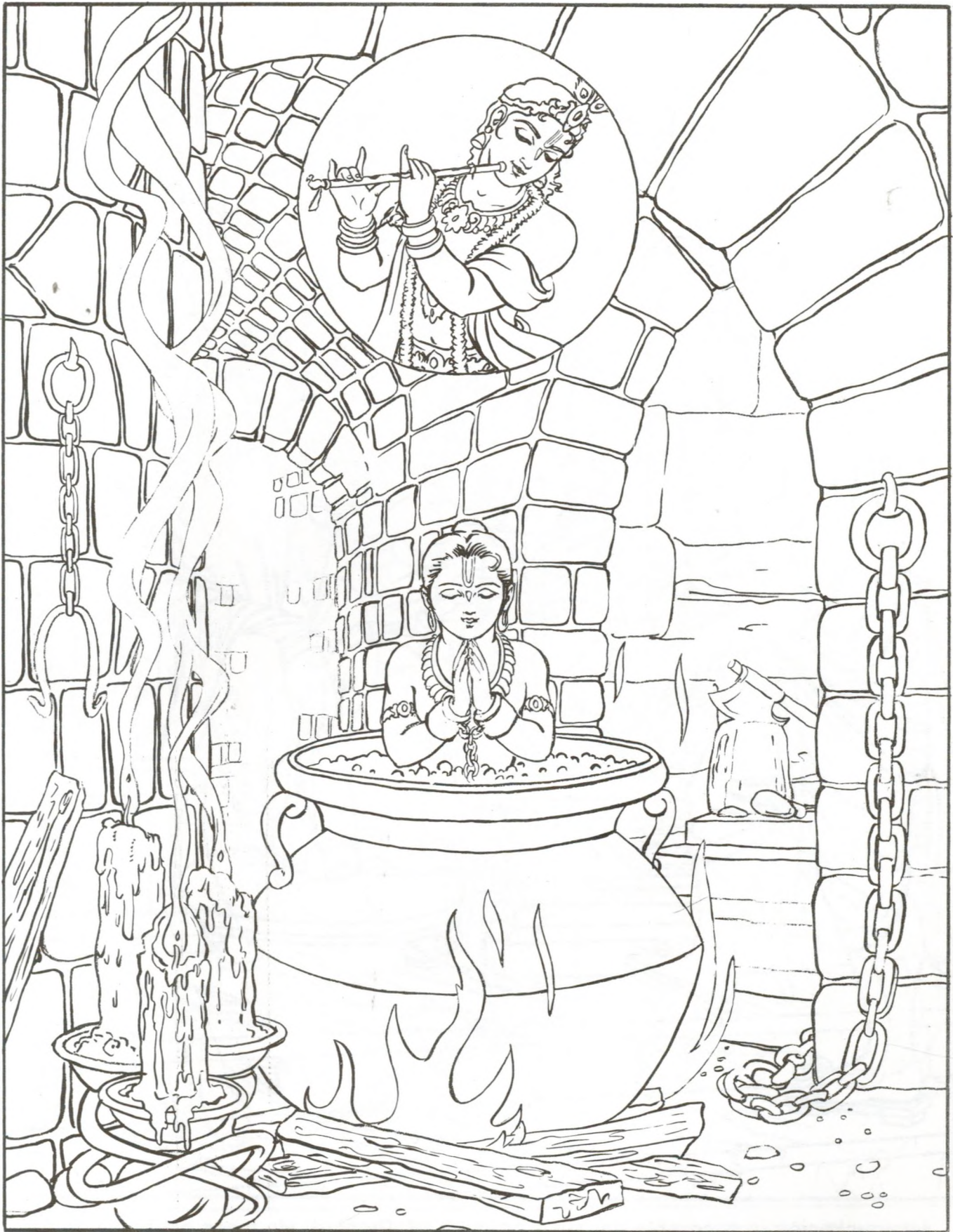
Hiranyakasipu's henchmen hurl Prahlaad from the top of a cliff. Krishna catches Prahlaad. If Krishna wants to save you, no one can kill you. Krishna always looks after His devotees.





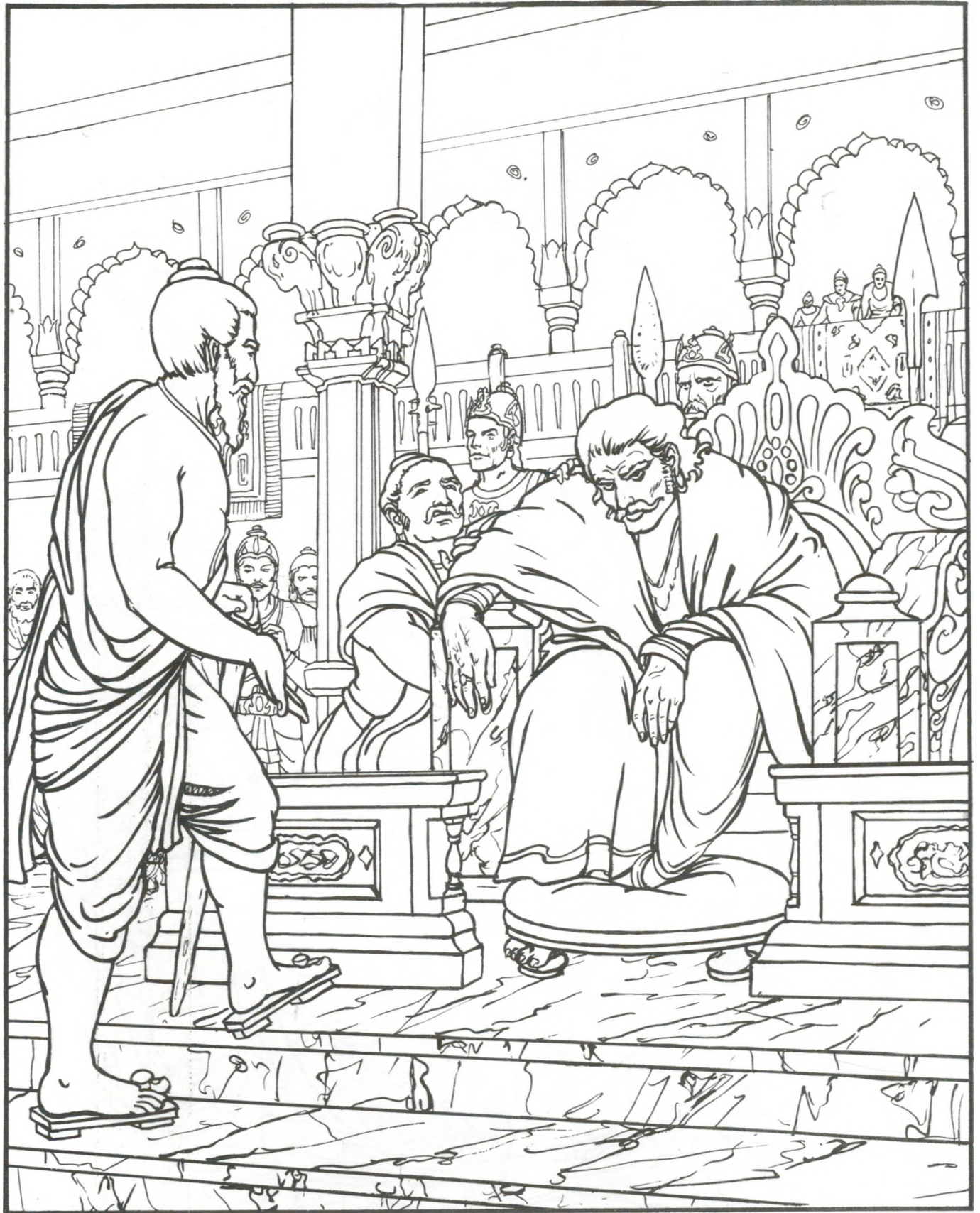
Hiranyakasipu tries in so many ways to kill his young son. He throws Prahlad into a pit of huge, fearful snakes. The snakes don't bite him but lie peacefully around him. Prahlad stays calm, and he silently meditates on the Supreme Lord.





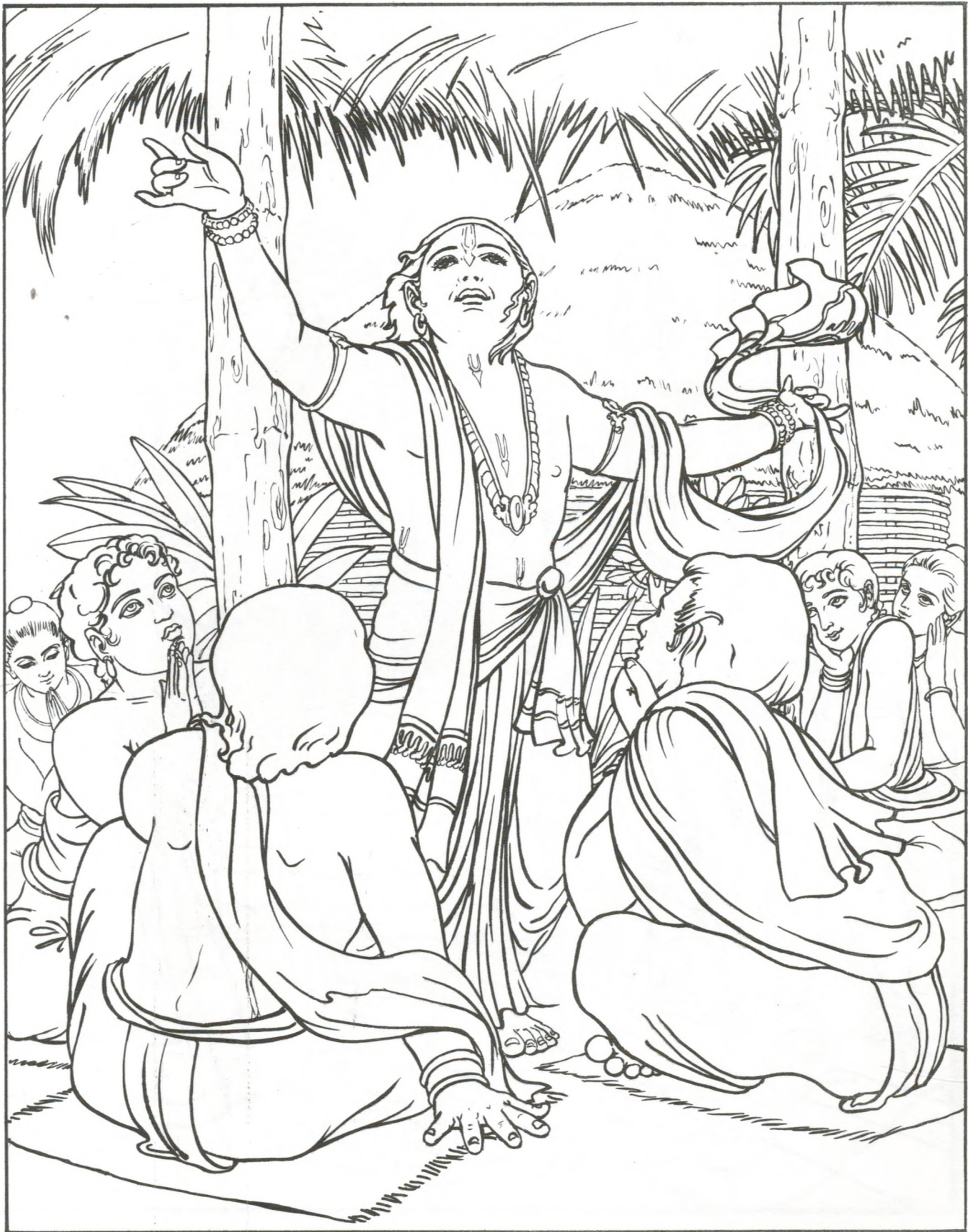
The demons put Prahlad into a great pot of boiling oil. Nothing happens. Prahlad is not harmed. They throw him beneath a huge elephant's feet. They give Prahlad poison. They starve him. He is exposed to severe cold, wind, fire and water.





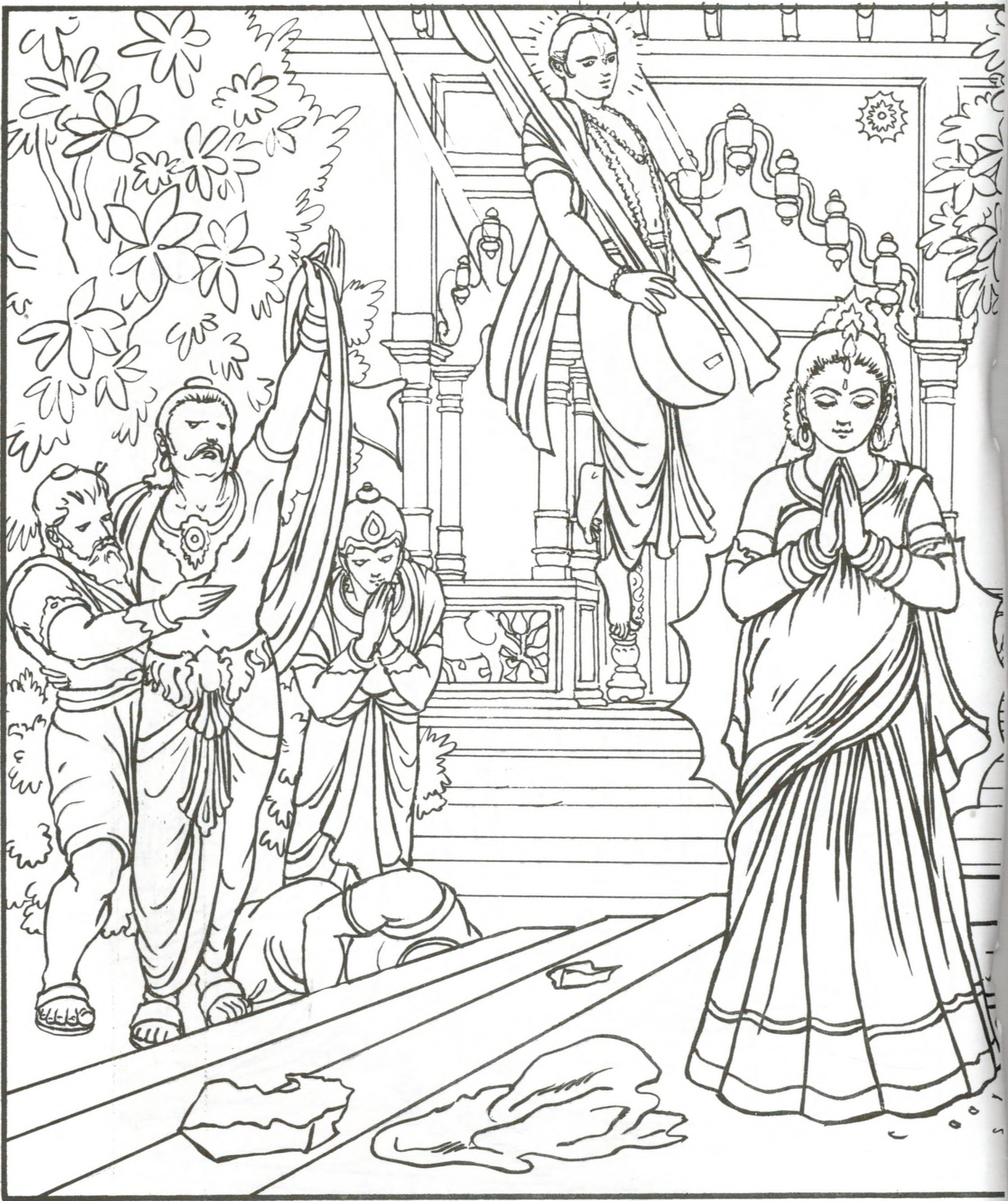
Hridayakasipu is miserable because he can't kill Prahlad. He loses his bodily luster. Sanda and Amarka speak to Hridayakasipu in secret. They promise to instruct Prahlad about the duties of a materialistic king. They will teach him mundane religion, economic development, and sense gratification.





During recess, when his teachers leave the room, Prahlad teaches his classmates about Krishna. His friends admire Prahlad and listen to his instructions. They chant Krishna's names and dance in ecstasy. They can see that doing devotional service is great fun.





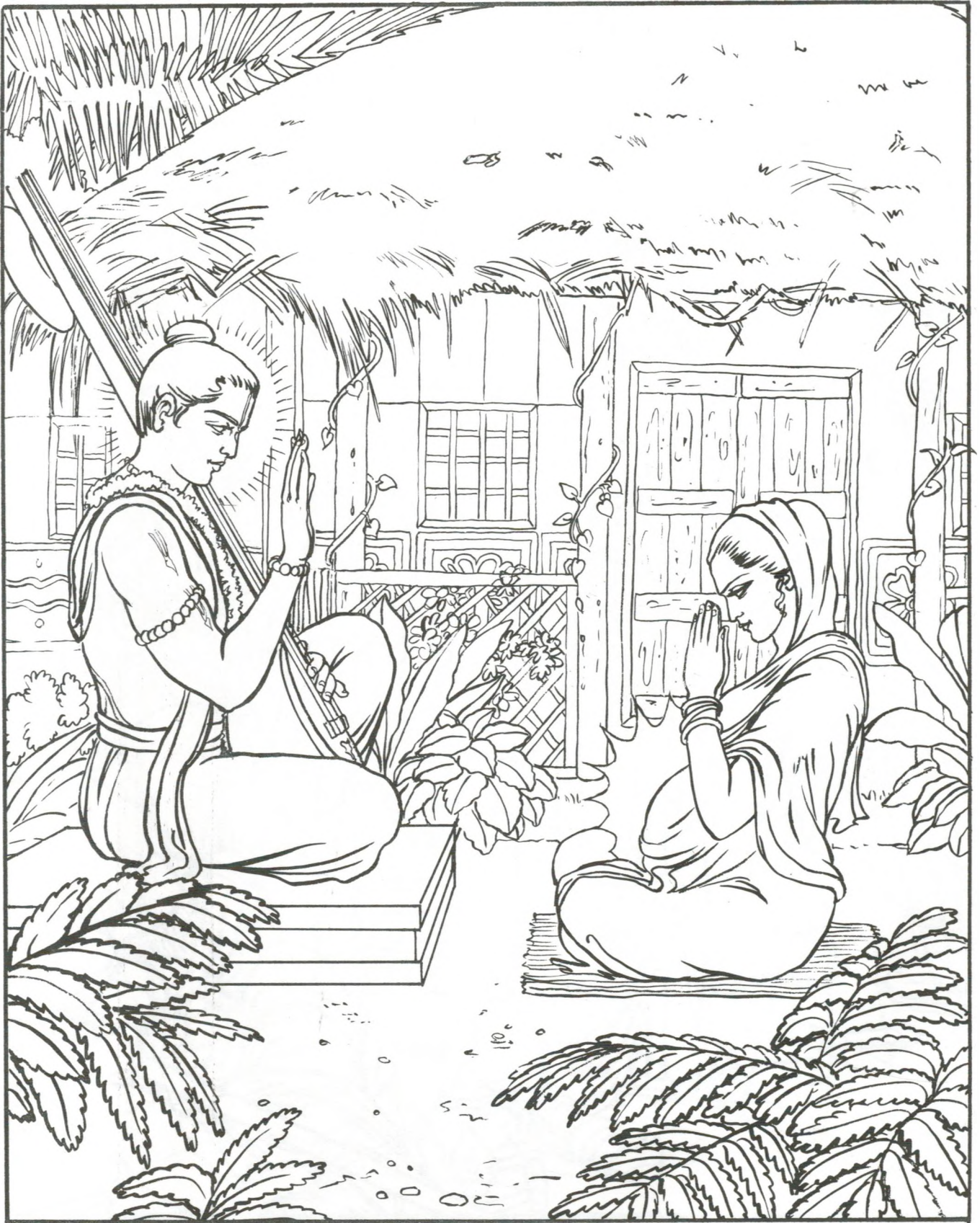
“Although king Indra and the other demigods are exalted personalities, they are obedient to the great sage, Narada. They understand that Narada’s instructions should be followed because he is a bonafide





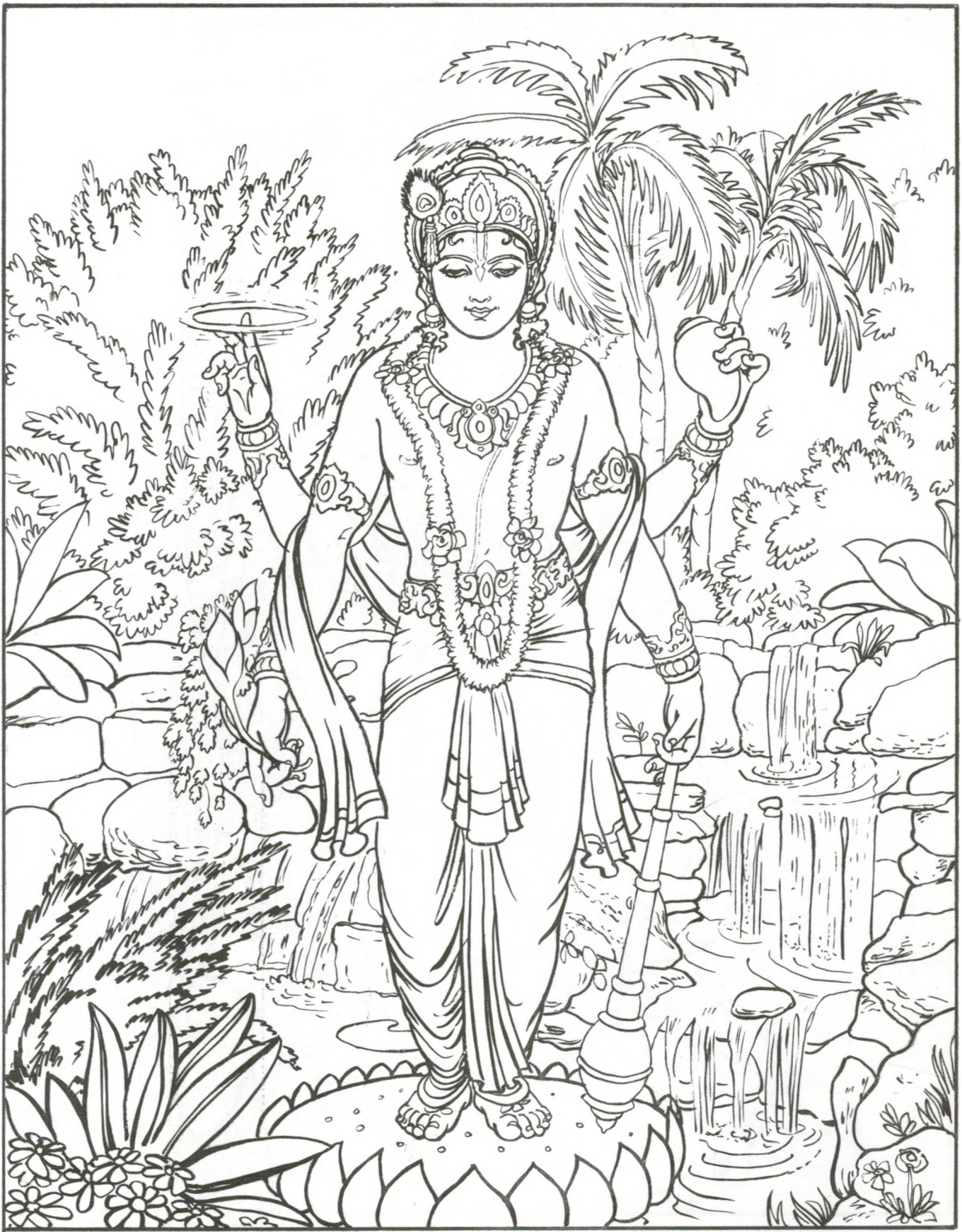
authority unlike my mundane teachers. They circumambulated Kayadhu, praising the great sage (which was me), within the womb. On hearing Narada's advice, they return to their celestial kingdoms."





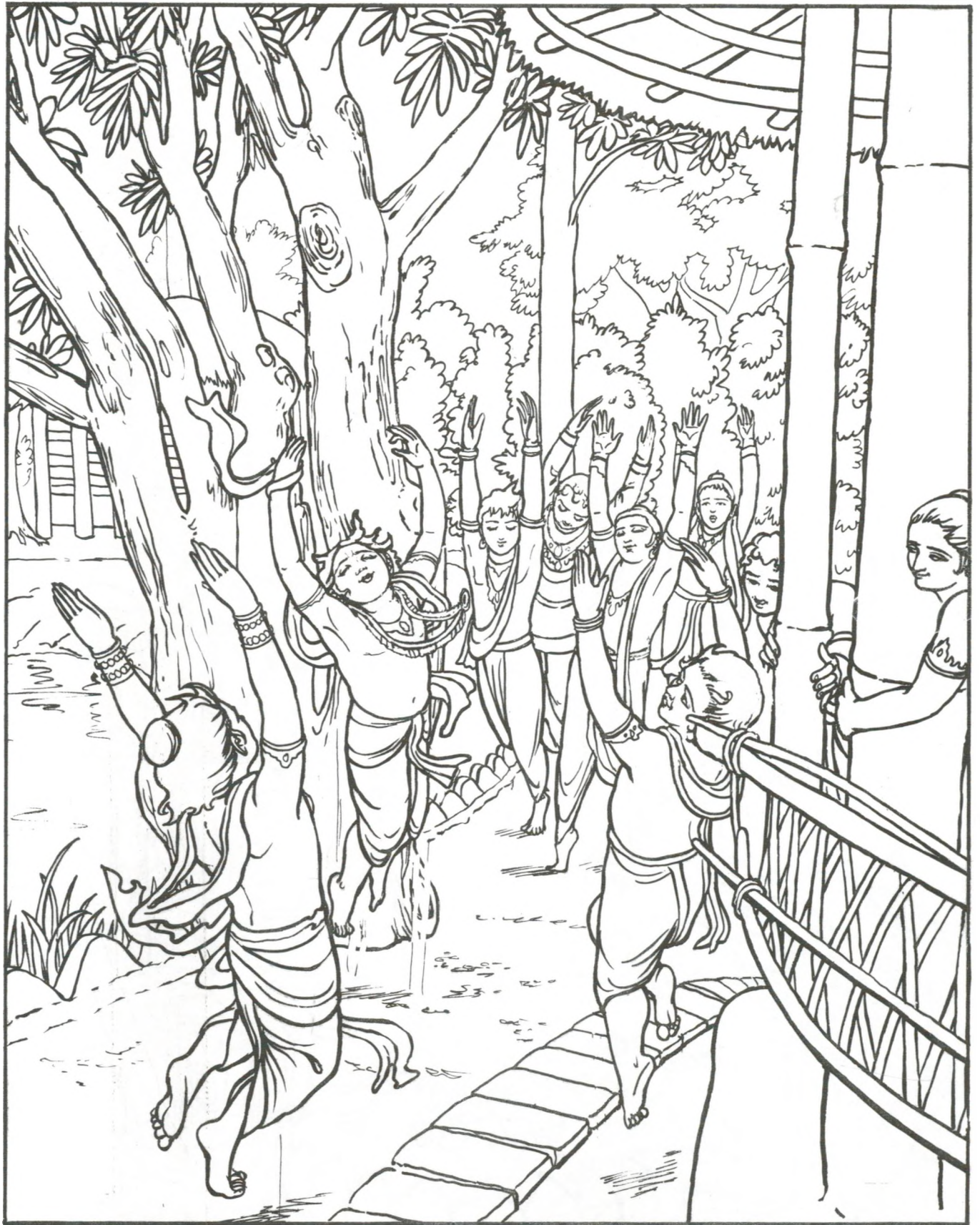
"Narada Muni brings Kayadhu to his ashram. He promises to protect her. 'My dear child,' he says, 'please remain in my ashram until the arrival of your husband.' My mother rendered service to Narada Muni with great devotion. This was when I first heard Krishna consciousness philosophy."





Prahlad preaches about Narayan to his friends. Everyone needs to know what is the most wonderful thing in life. Each of us is looking for his dearest friend, and Lord Narayan is our dearest friend.





Prahlaḍ tells his friends, "Krishna is in everyone's heart. He'll make us satisfied forever if we can just chant His holy name: Hare Krishna. We will be linked with Him forever and understand how to come to Him." So everyone chants and dance in ecstatic kirtan.





Eventually the news of Prahlad's preaching gets back to Hiranuyakasipu. His body trembling, he begins to hiss like a snake. "Where is your God? If He is everywhere, then why is He not present before me in this pillar?" With that, Hiranuyakasipu strikes the pillar with his fist. All the while, his son, Prahlad, stays peaceful.





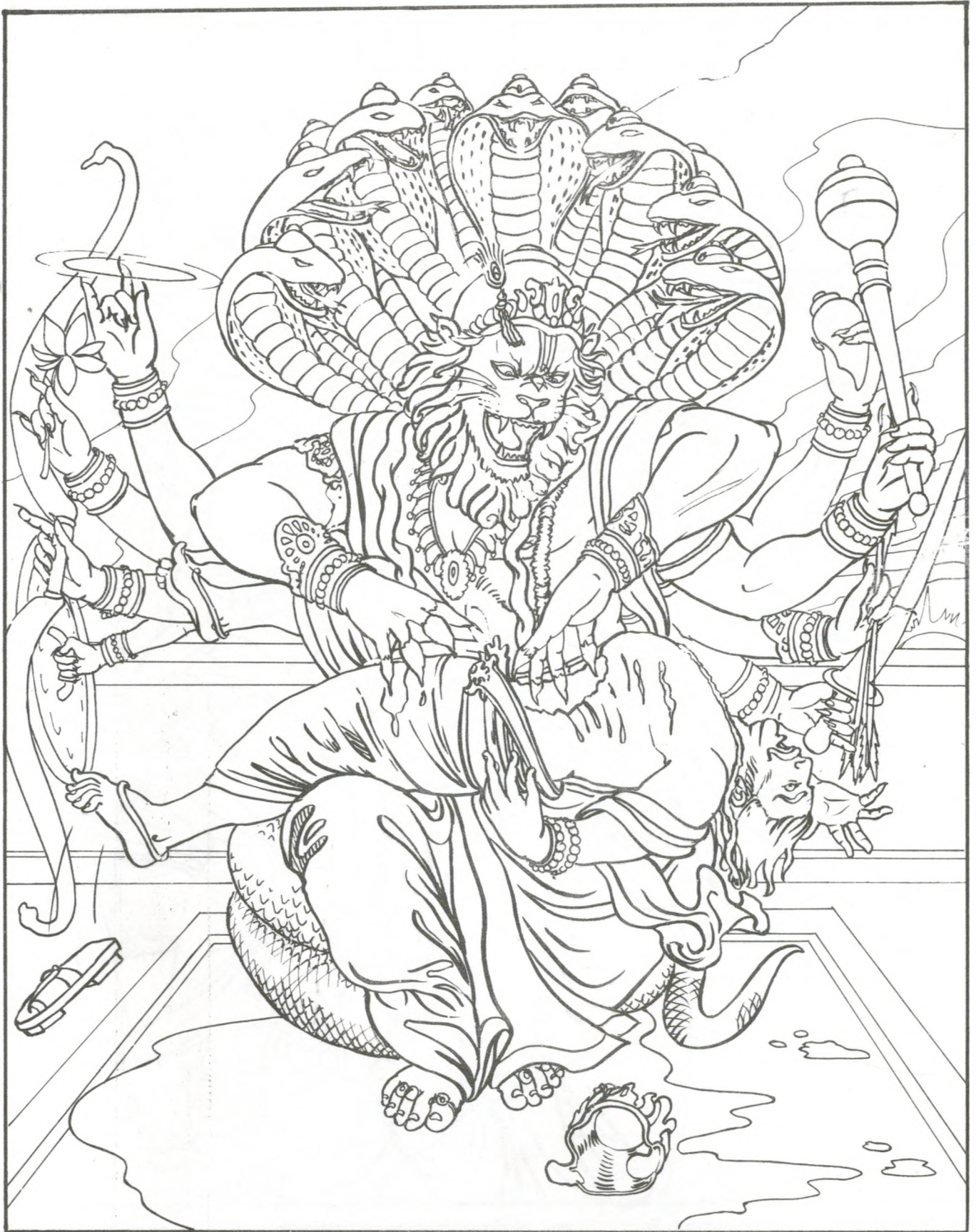
A fearful roar comes from the pillar. a most wonderful being, Nrsimhadeva appears. He is half-man and half-lion incarnation of Krishna. His angry eyes, and razor-sharp tongue dart about like a dueling sword. His body touches the sky. He opens His deadly jaws. Lord Nrsimhadeva catches Hiranyakasipu.





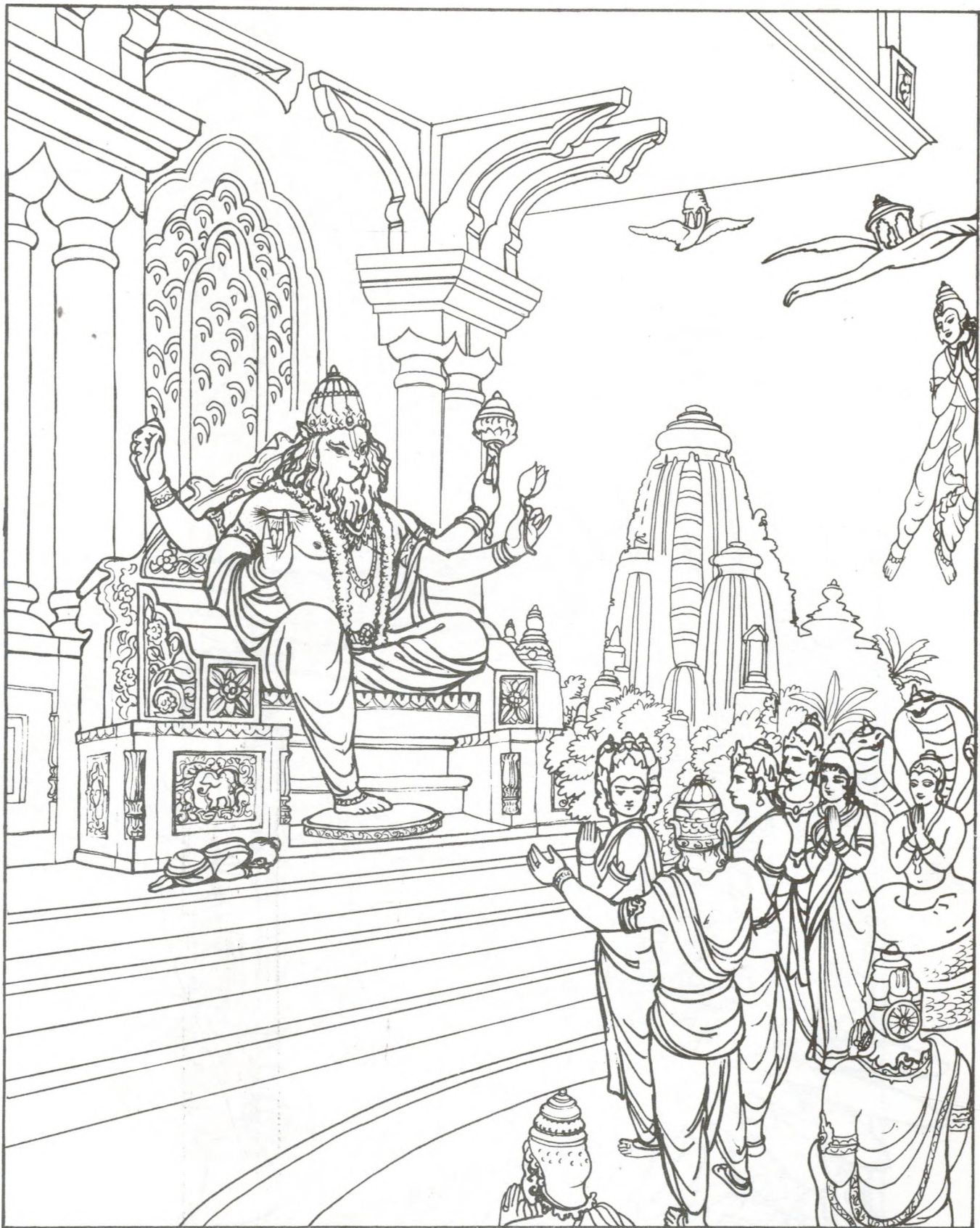
Playfully, Lord Nrsimhadeva allows Hiranyakasipu to attack with his sword. Lord Nrsimhadeva's shrill laughter frightens Hiranyakasipu. With the speed of a hawk Hiranyakasipu moves into the sky. Nrsimhadeva captures him.





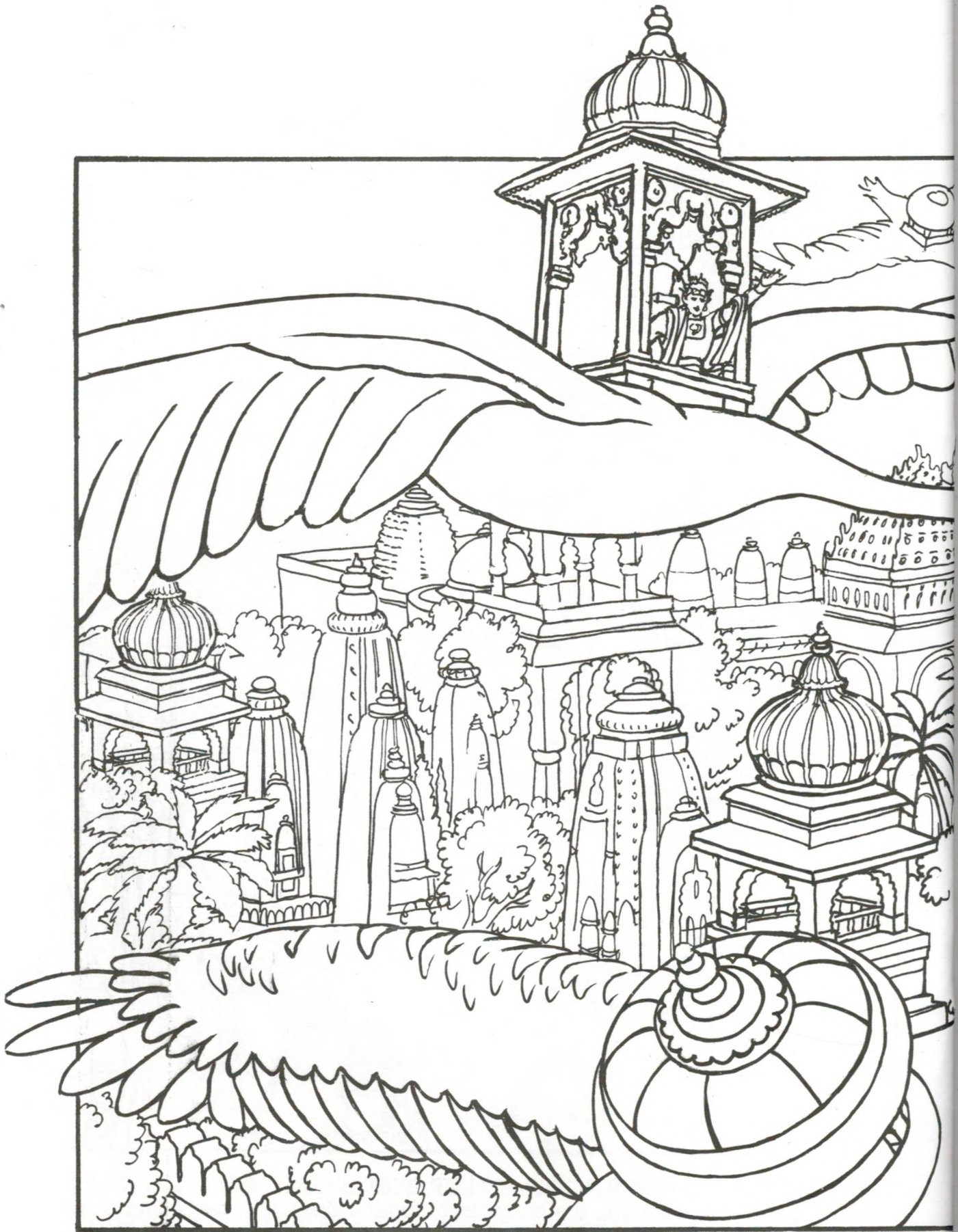
As Hiranyakasipu moves his limbs hither and thither, Lord Nrsimhadeva places the demon across His lap. It is neither day nor night. In the doorway of the assembly hall the Lord very easily tears the demon to pieces with the nails of His hand. Lord Nrsimhadeva mouth and mane are sprinkled with drops of blood and His fierce eyes are full of anger. A garland of Hiranyakasipu's intestines decorates Lord Nrsimhadeva's neck.





Even after Hiranyakasipu is killed, the Lord continues to be very angry. The demigods cannot pacify Him. Laksmi, the goddess of fortune does not dare come before Lord Nrsimhadeva. Then Lord Brahma asks Prahlad to go forward and pacify His anger. Prahlad is not afraid at all. He is confident in the affection of his master. Lord Nrsimhadeva sits down on the throne of the King. No enemy comes forward to fight with the Lord. Instead, the demigods approach the Lord who glows with intense light. With their hands folded, the demigods offer their respects and prayers.





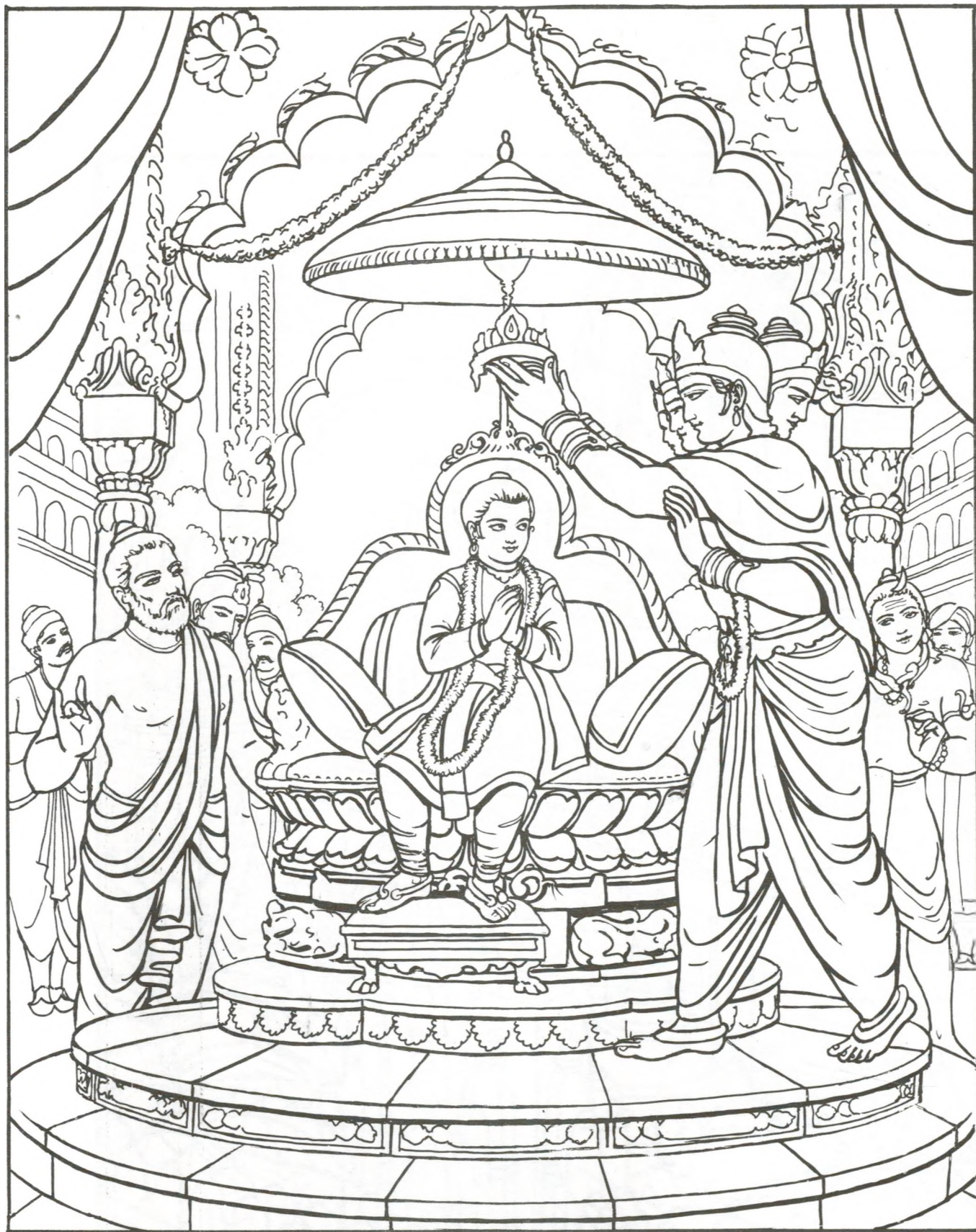
Because the demigods desire to see the Lord's activities, the sky above Hiranyakasipu's city is crowded with airplanes. The demigod's wives joyfully shower flowers on Lord Nrsimhadeva. The demigods





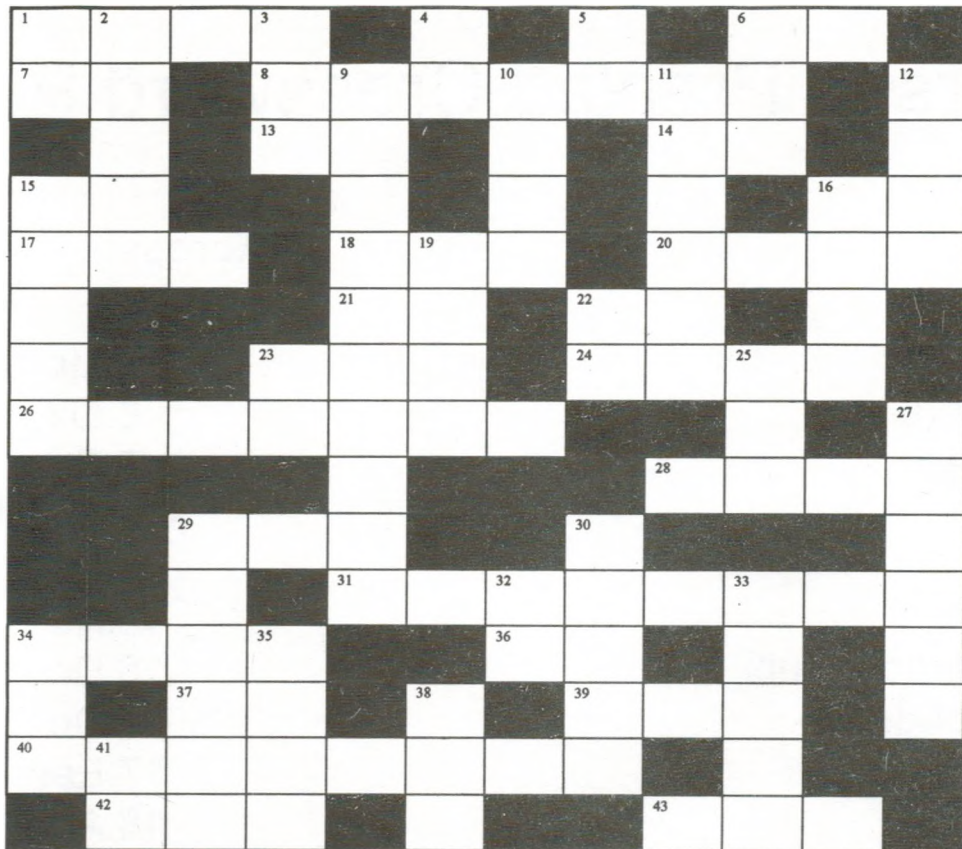
begin beating drums. Upon hearing the music, the angelic women begin to dance while the chief of the heavenly singers sweetly sings.





Prahlad Maharaja performs the ritualistic ceremonies for his father. With great pomp and ceremony, he is then enthroned in the kingdom of Hiranyakasipu as directed by the brahmanas.





## Clues For Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Part of Nrsimhadev's form looked like this (4)
6. This animal ploughs the fields (2)
7. Hiranyakasipu stood \_\_\_\_\_ his toes (2)
8. Hiranyakasipu was covered by this (7)
13. Father (2)
14. Short form of "advertisement" (2)
15. Short form of "doctor" (2)
16. Perform (2)
17. Brahma has 8 of these (3)
18. Tally (3)
20. Lord Brahma has this type of airplane (4)
21. Yes (in Russian) (2)
22. Transcendental sound (2)
23. Owns (3)
24. Hiranyakasipu struck this on a pillar (4)
26. Form of Krishna (7)
28. God of Fire (4)
29. Don't allow (3)
31. Never dies (8)
34. This fell from the sky during Hiranyakasipu's austerities (4)
36. A preposition (2)
37. Sound of laughter (2)
39. Also called America (3)
42. The other part of Nrsimhadev looked like this (3)
43. Hiranyakasipu performed austerities for this many hundreds of years (3)

### Down

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and behold! (2)
2. King of heaven (5)
3. Light sleep (3)
4. A pronoun (2)
5. Musical note (2)
6. Hiranyakasipu did not want to be this (3)
9. Prahlad's spiritual master (6, 4)
10. Nrsimhadev placed this on Prahlad's head (4)
11. Goddess of Fortune (6)
12. Benediction (4)
15. Enemy of God (5)
16. Nrsimhadev's tongue looked like this (4)
19. when Hiranyakasipu found that Prahlad was a devotee, he tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his son's on the floor (4)
22. A preposition (2)
23. Hello (2)
25. Hiranyakasipu begins to do this on his throne after Prahlad tells him that he is a devotee of Krishna (3)
27. Nrsimhadev struck this with his fist (6)
29. Chief of the demigods (6)
30. Krishna's eyes are like this flower (5)
32. Mother (2)
33. Educate (5)
34. How Prahlad felt about those who did not serve Krishna (3)
35. Indra is in charge of this (4)
38. Brahma's transcendental water is held in this (3)
41. Sound of a letter in the alphabet (2)



# Answers to Prahlad Crossword Puzzle

## Down

- 1.Lo
- 2.Indra
- 3.Nap
- 4.It
- 5.Ti
- 6.Old
- 9.Narada Muni
- 10.Hand
- 11.Laksmi
- 12.Boon
- 15.Demon
- 16.Dart
- 19.Dash
- 22.Of
- 23.Hi
- 25.Sag
- 27.Pillar
- 29.Brahma
- 30.Lotus
- 32.Mother
- 33.Train
- 34.Sad
- 35.Rain
- 38.Pot
- 41.Em

## Across

- 1.Lion
- 6.Ox
- 7.On
- 8.Anthill
- 13.Pa
- 14.Ad
- 15.Dr.
- 16.Do
- 17.Ear
- 18.Add
- 20.Swan
- 21.Da
- 22.Om
- 23.Has
- 24.Fist
- 26.Nrsimha
- 28.Agni
- 29.Ban
- 31.Immortal
- 34.Star
- 36.At
- 37.Ha
- 39.USA
- 42.Man
- 43.One





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