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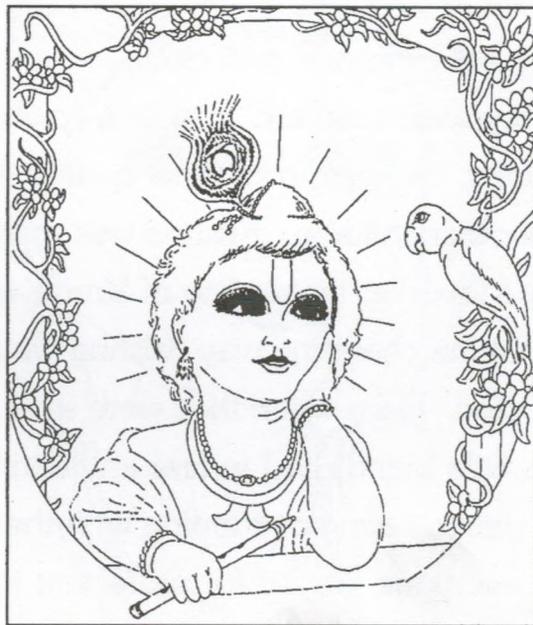
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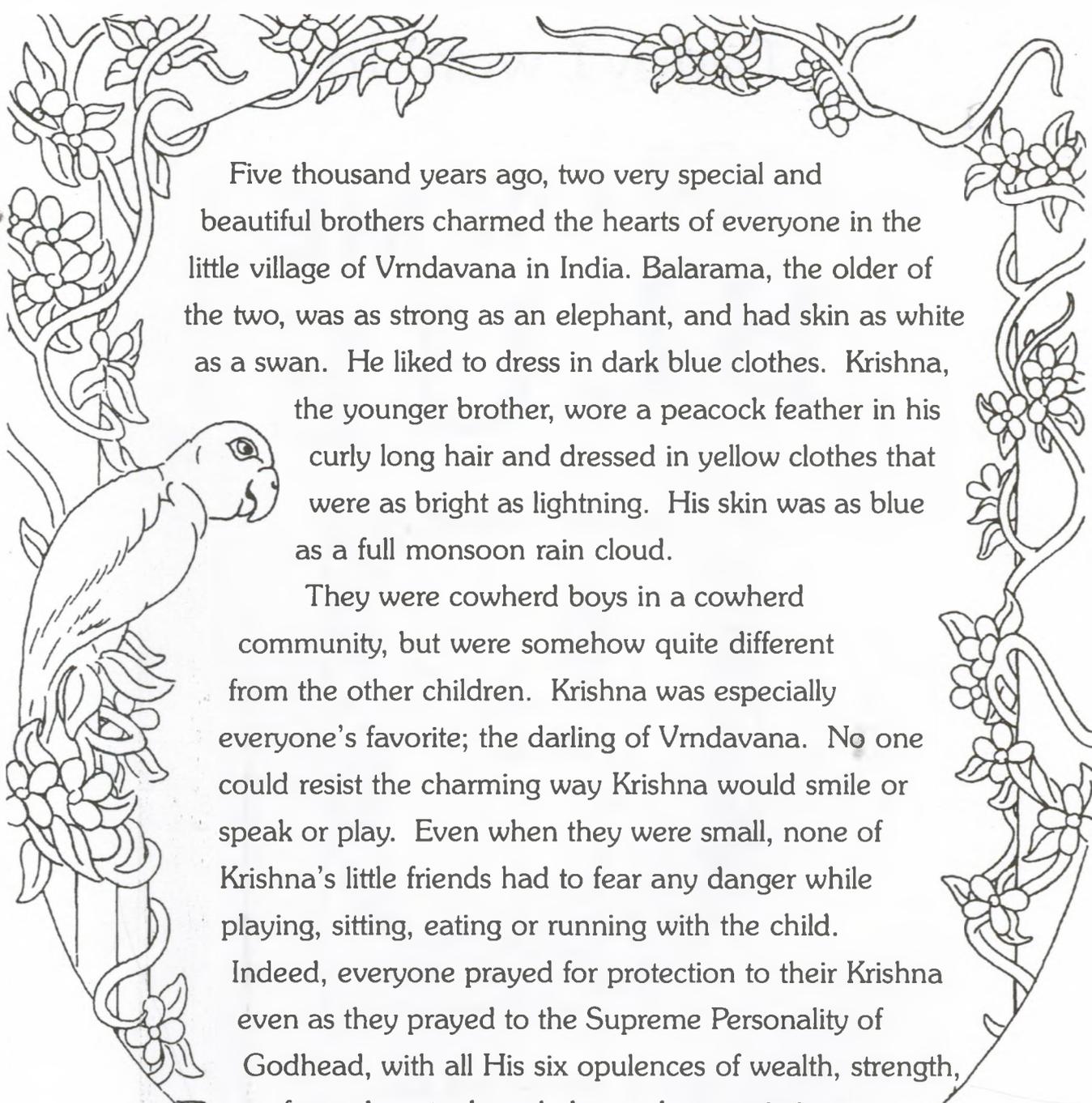
Five thousand years ago, two very special and beautiful brothers charmed the hearts of everyone in the little village of Vrndavana in India. Balarama, the older of the two, was as strong as an elephant, and had skin as white as a swan. He liked to dress in dark blue clothes. Krishna, the younger brother, wore a peacock feather in his curly long hair and dressed in yellow clothes that were as bright as lightning. His skin was as blue as a full monsoon rain cloud.

They were cowherd boys in a cowherd community, but were somehow quite different from the other children. Krishna was especially everyone's favorite; the darling of Vrndavana. No one could resist the charming way Krishna would smile or speak or play. Even when they were small, none of Krishna's little friends had to fear any danger while playing, sitting, eating or running with the child. Indeed, everyone prayed for protection to their Krishna even as they prayed to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, with all His six opulences of wealth, strength, fame, beauty, knowledge and renunciation.
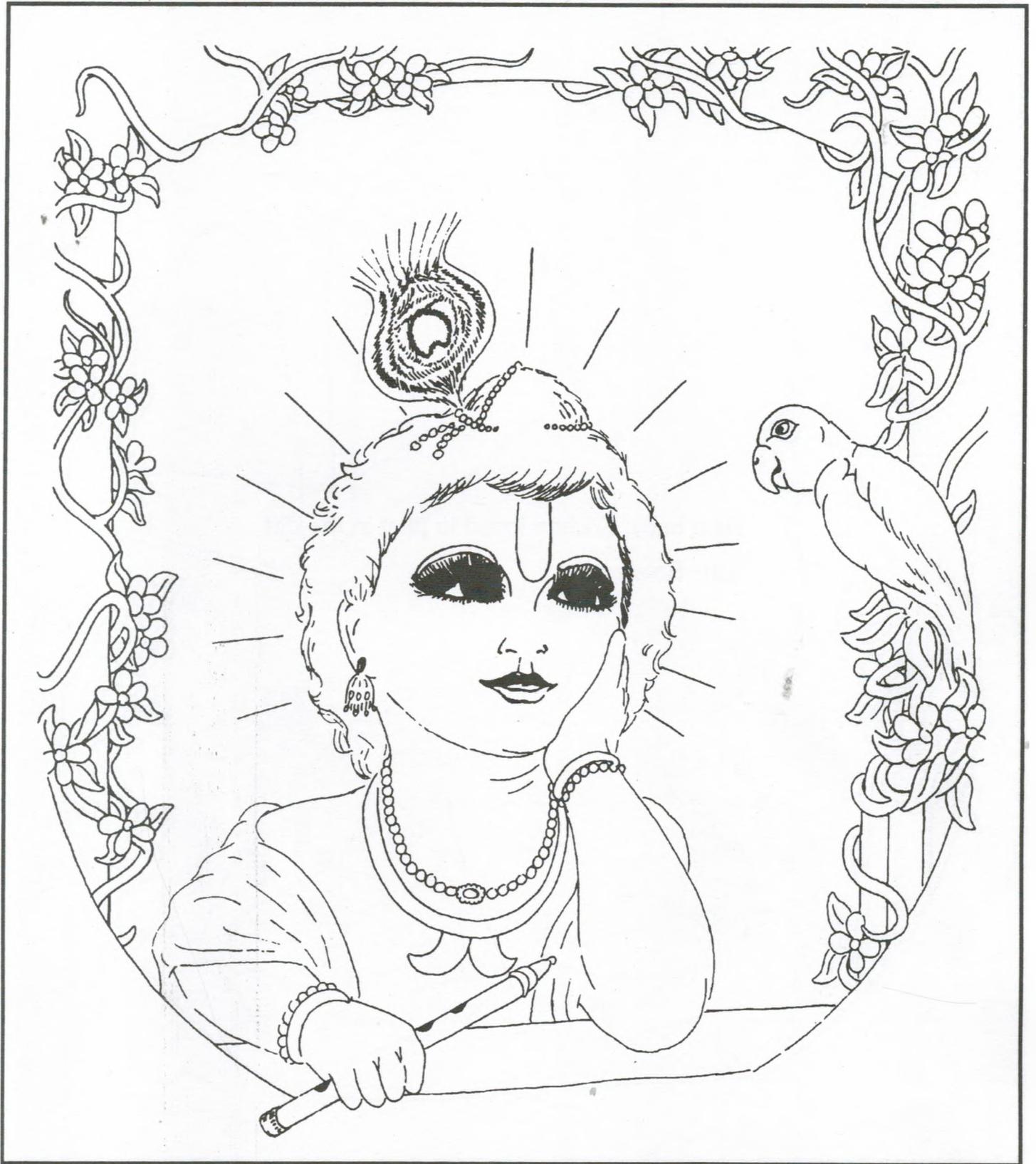
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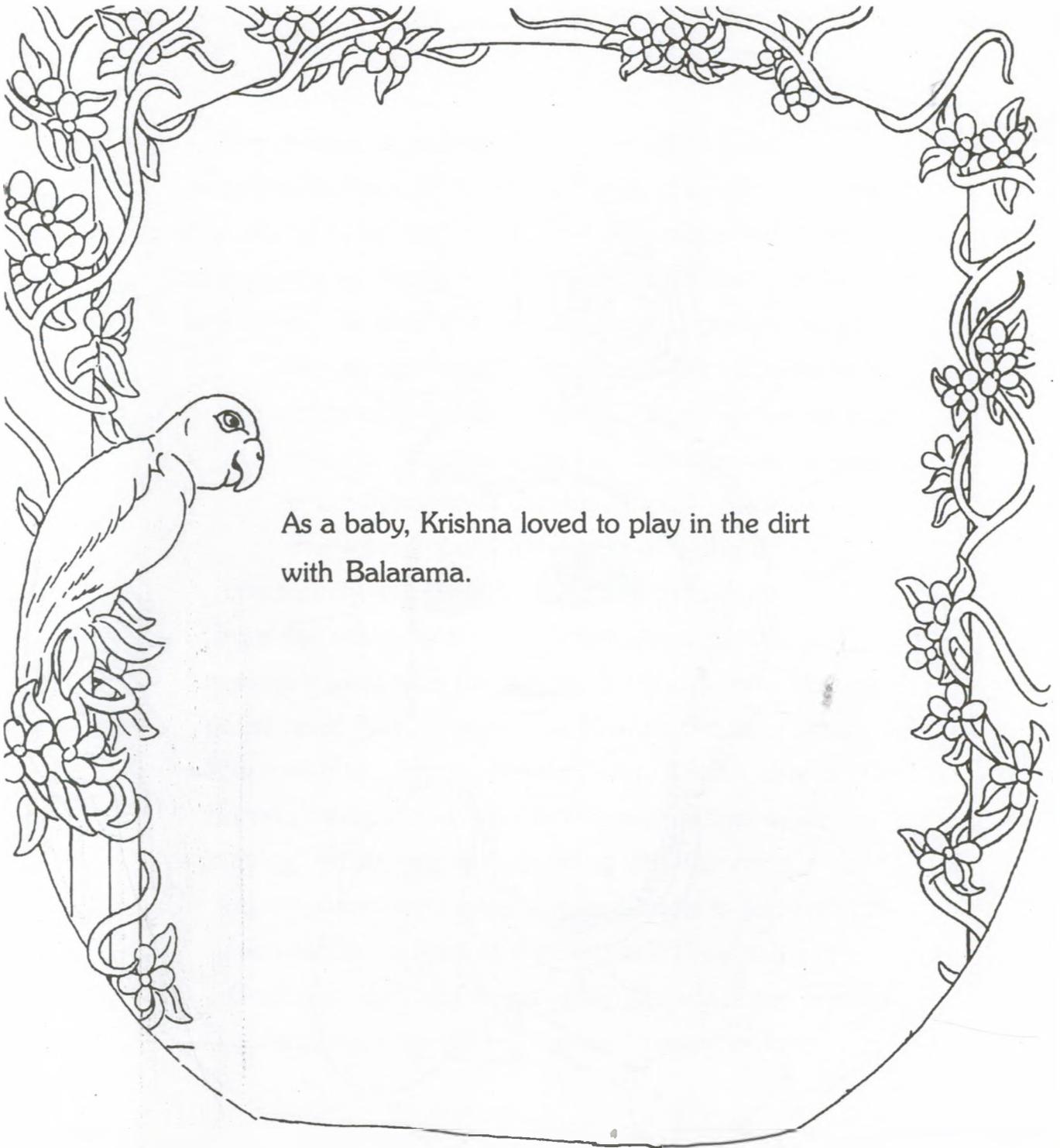
As a baby, Krishna loved to play in the dirt with Balarama.
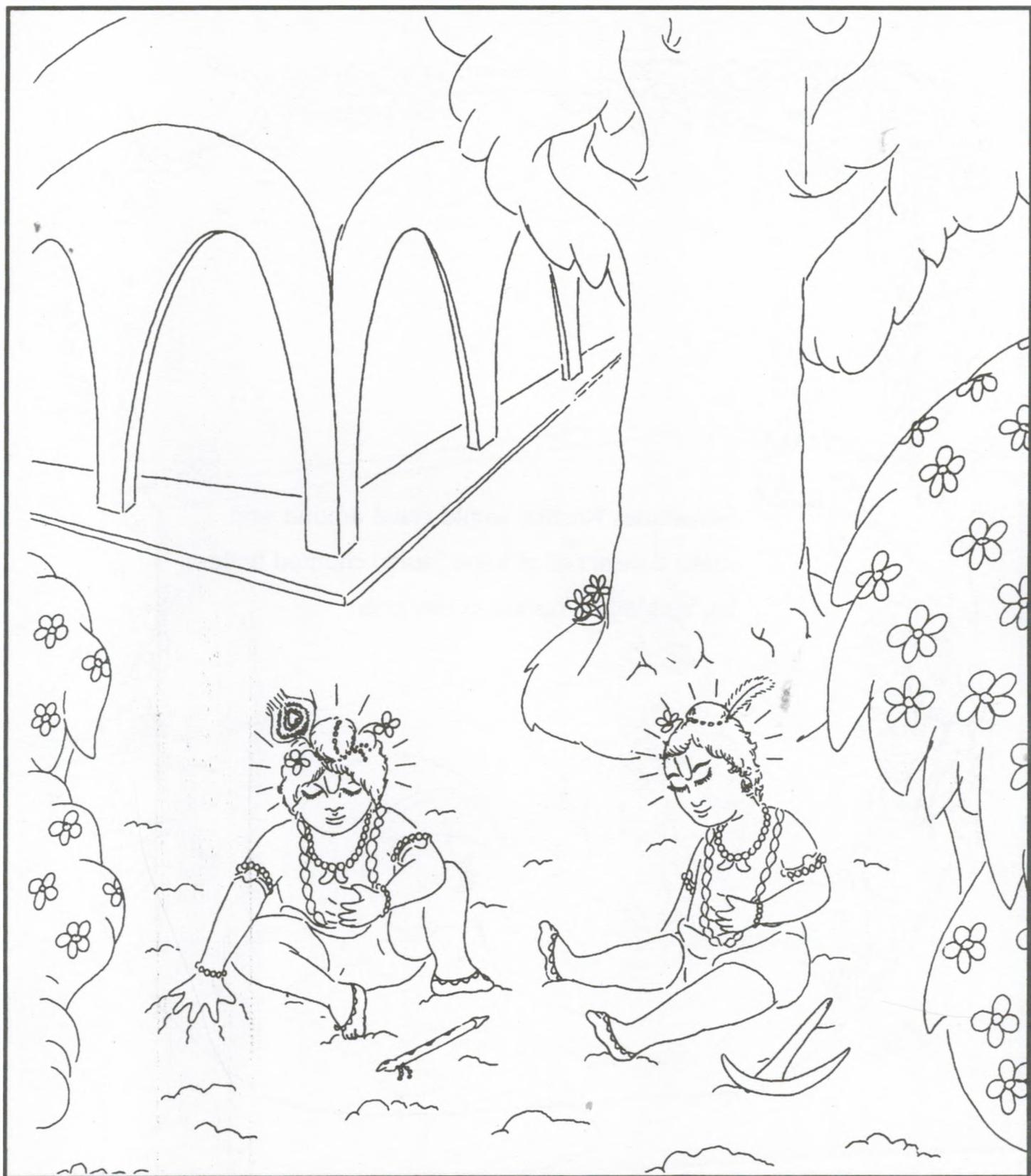
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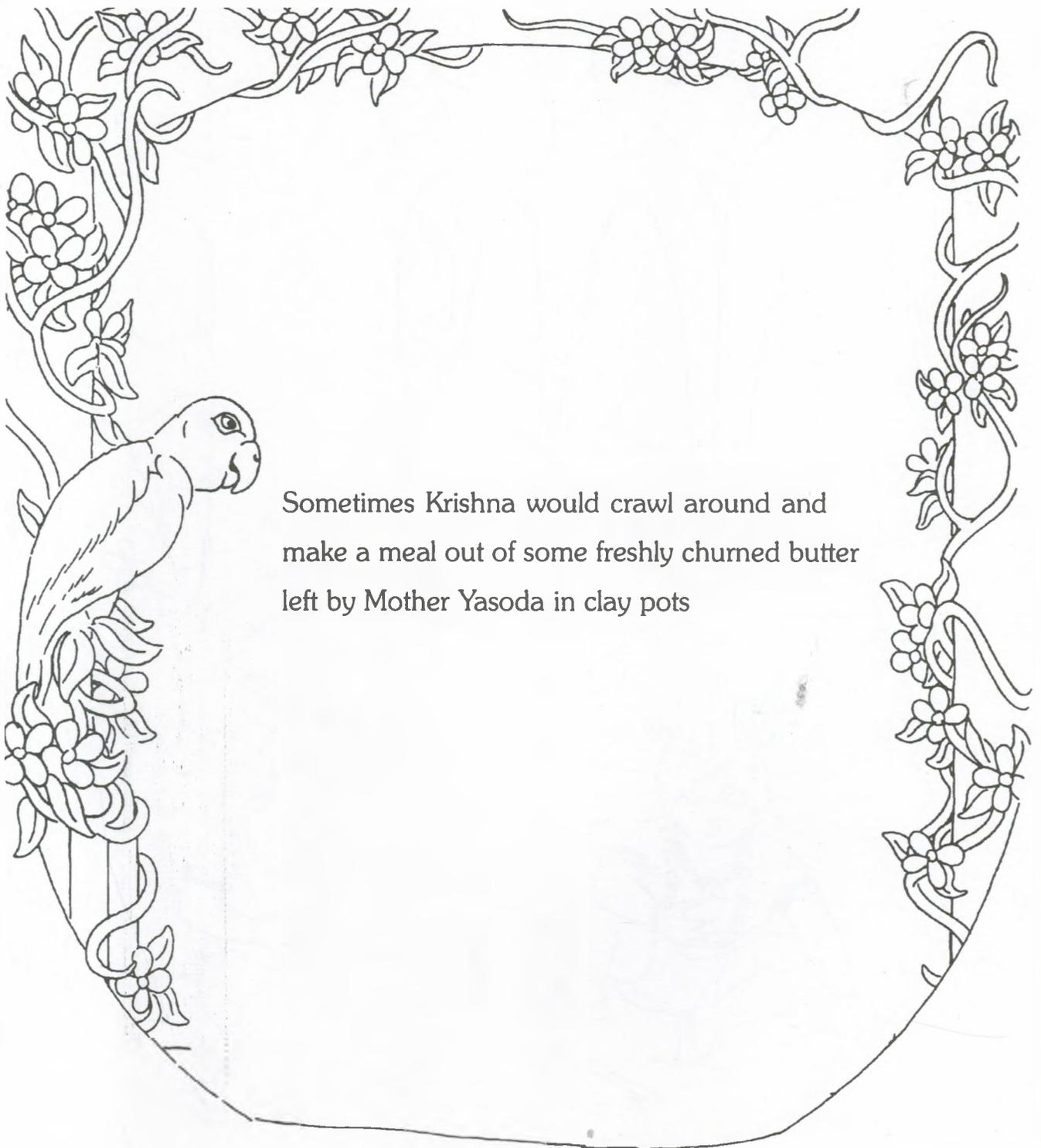
Sometimes Krishna would crawl around and
make a meal out of some freshly churned butter
left by Mother Yasoda in clay pots

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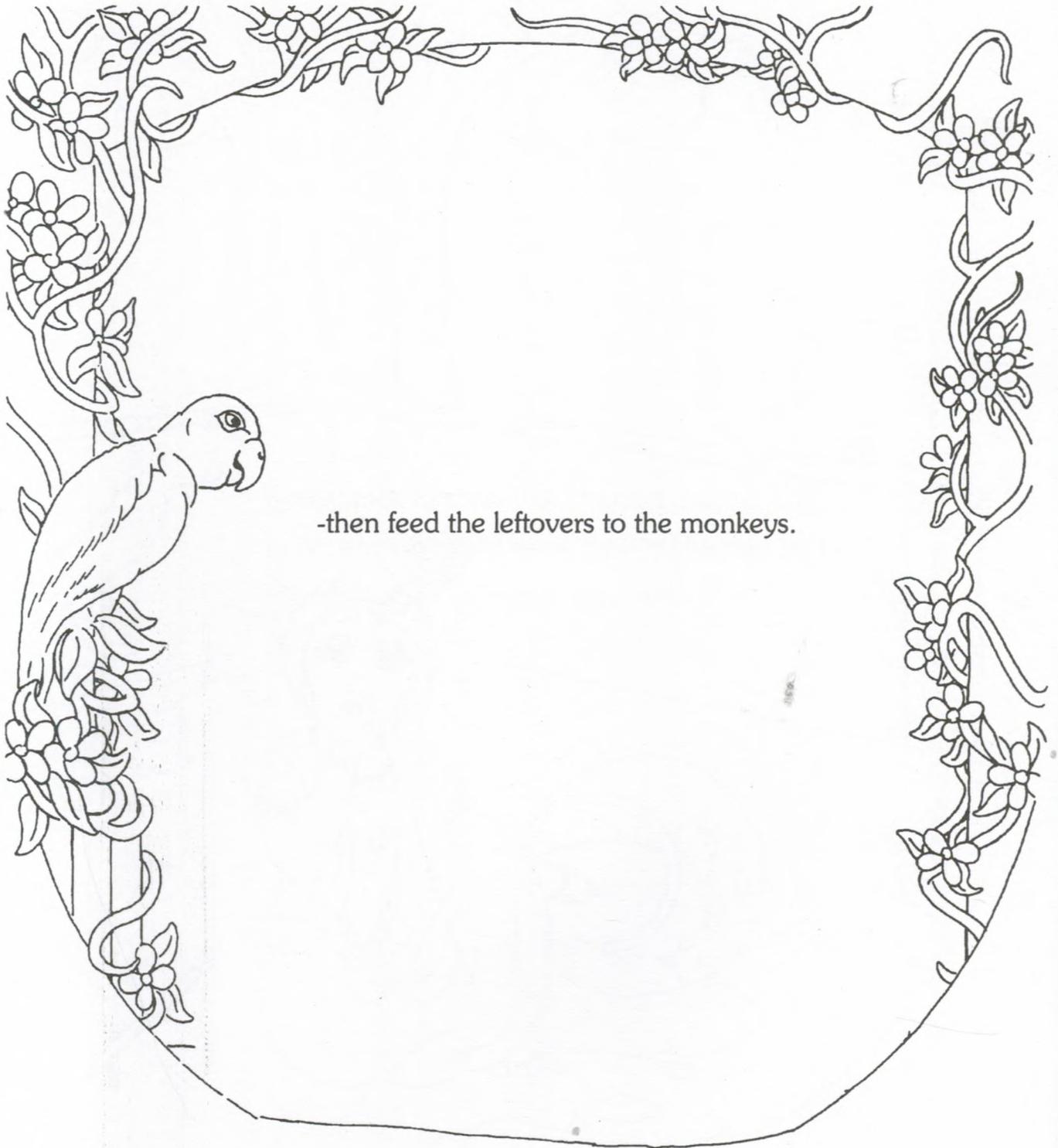
-then feed the leftovers to the monkeys.

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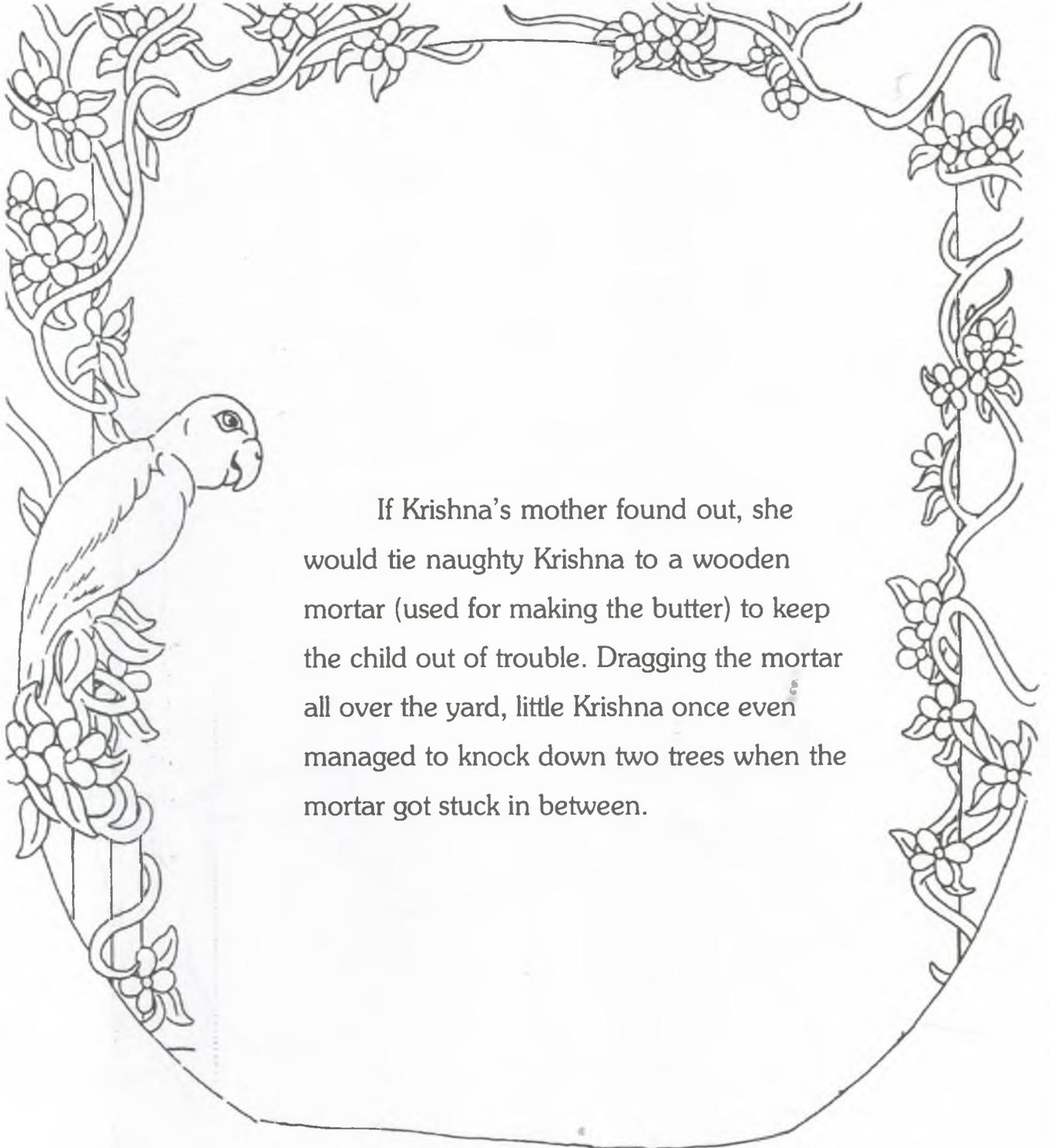
If Krishna's mother found out, she would tie naughty Krishna to a wooden mortar (used for making the butter) to keep the child out of trouble. Dragging the mortar all over the yard, little Krishna once even managed to knock down two trees when the mortar got stuck in between.
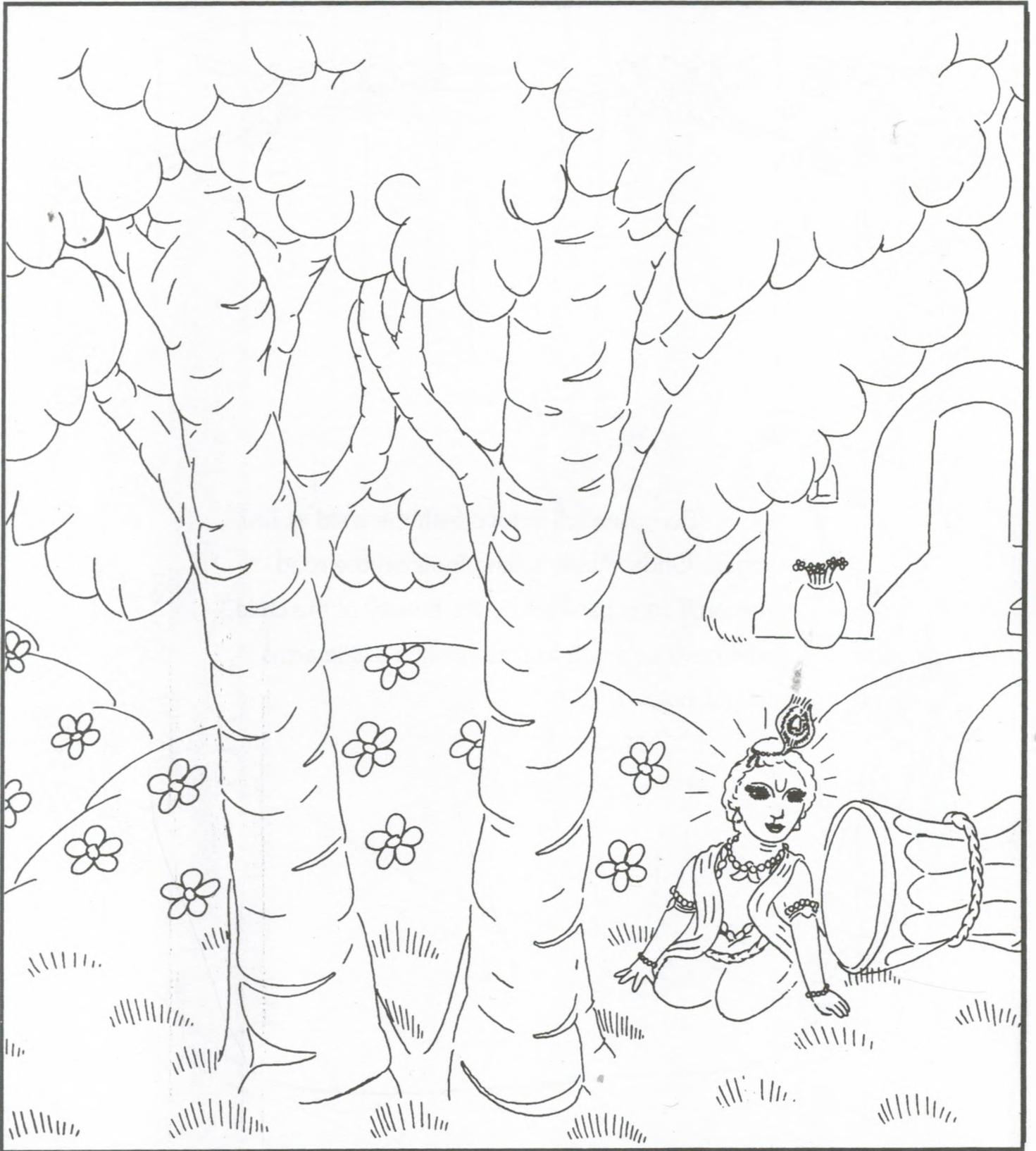
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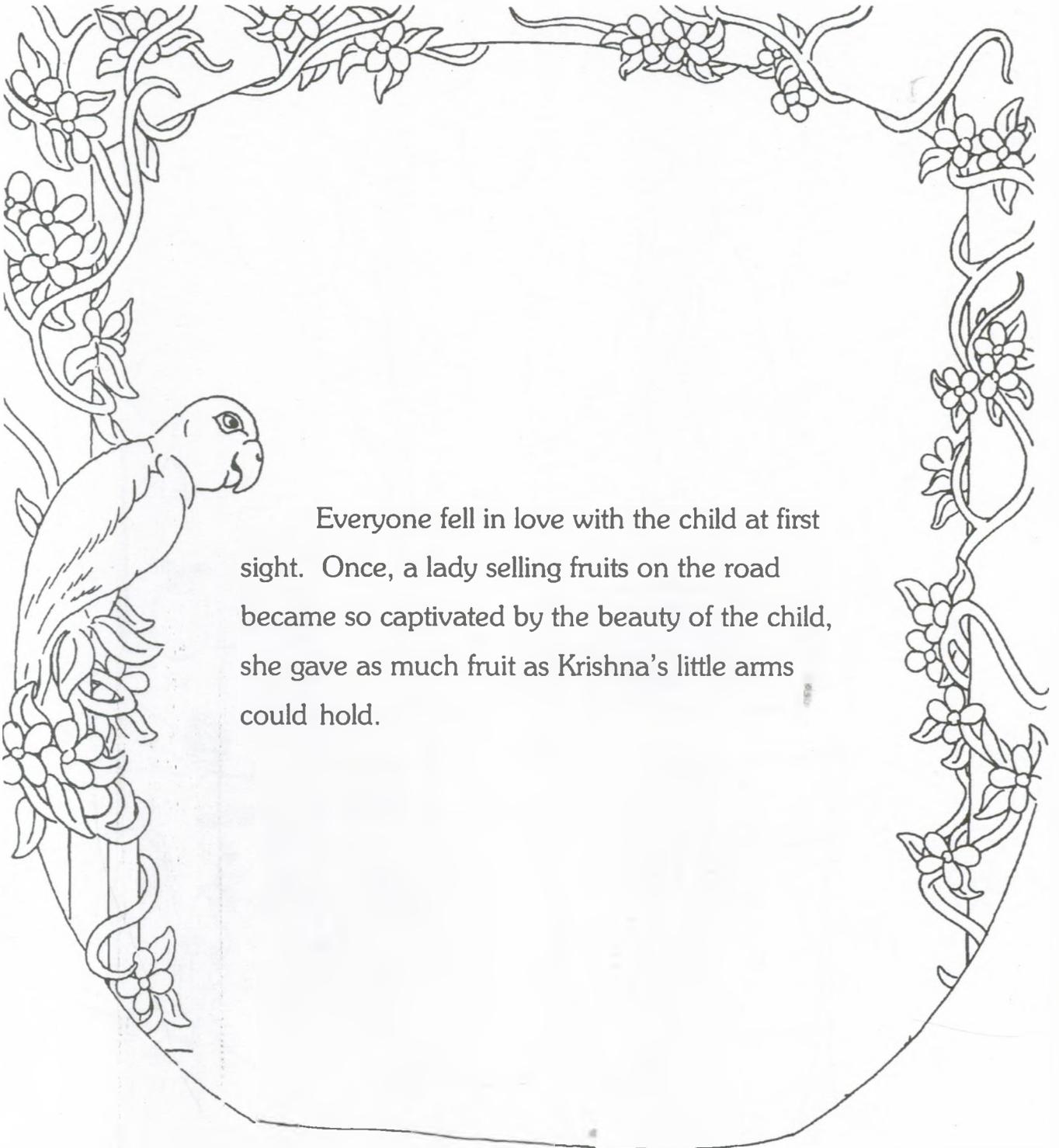
Everyone fell in love with the child at first sight. Once, a lady selling fruits on the road became so captivated by the beauty of the child, she gave as much fruit as Krishna's little arms could hold.

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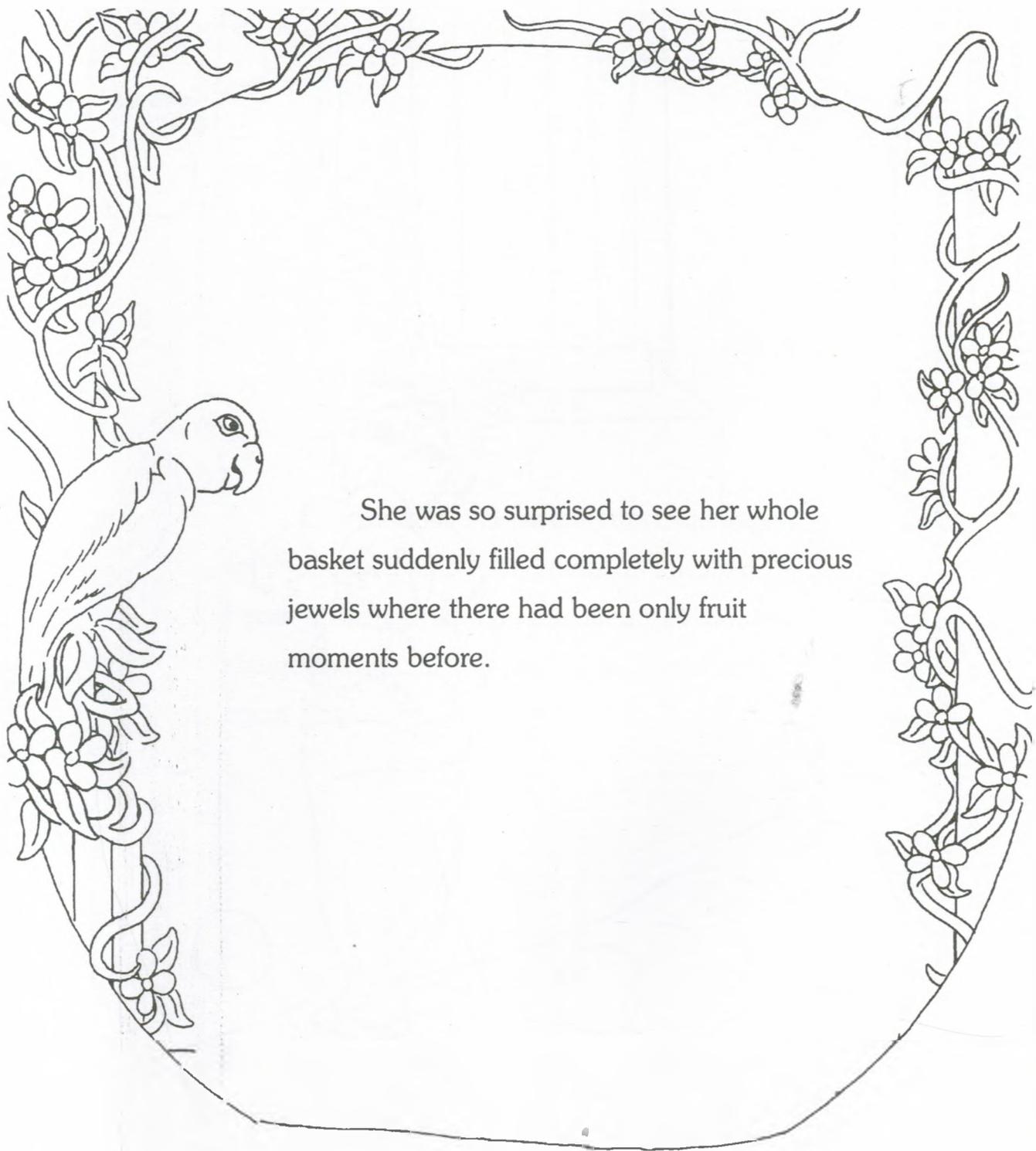
She was so surprised to see her whole basket suddenly filled completely with precious jewels where there had been only fruit moments before.
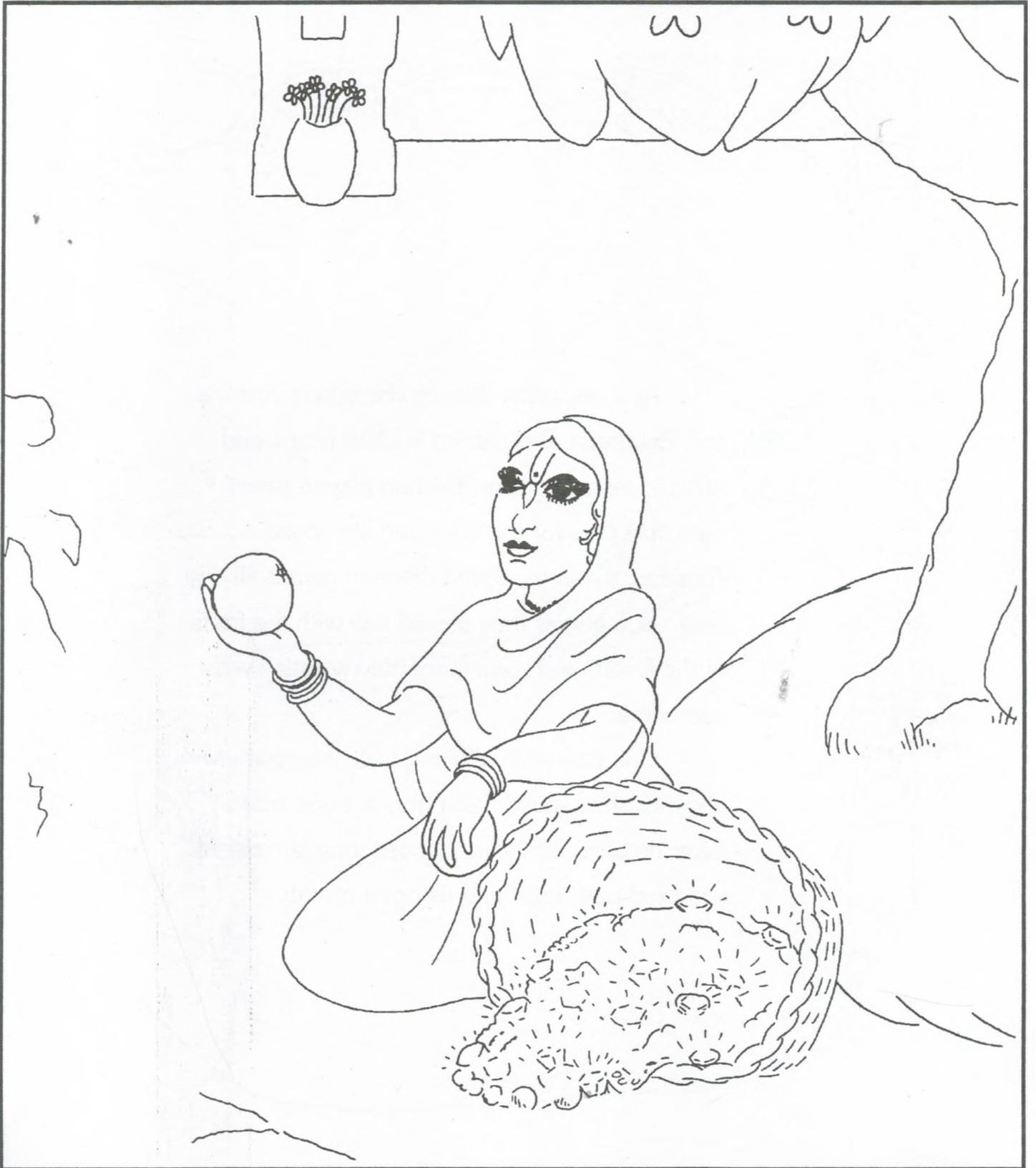
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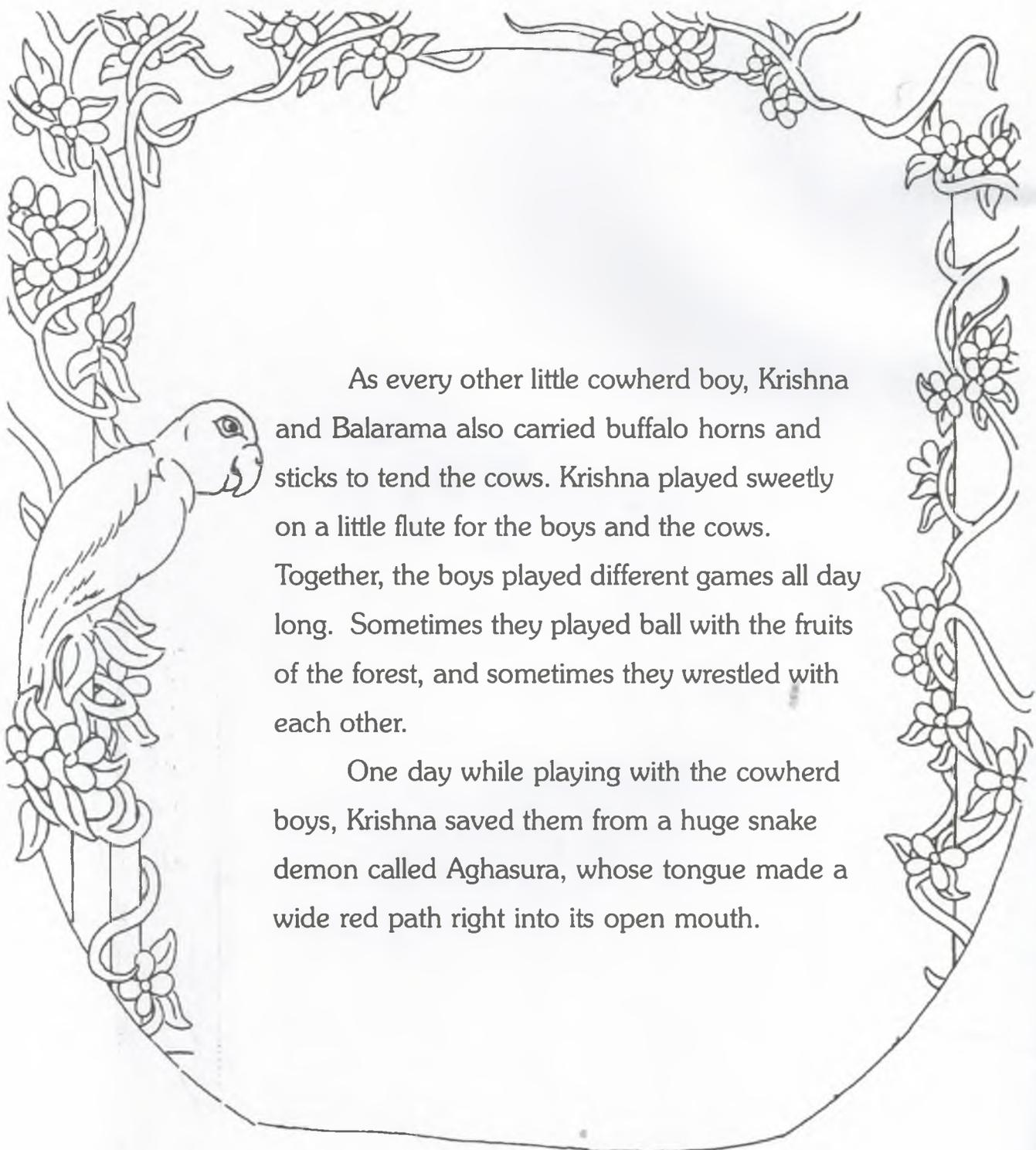
As every other little cowherd boy, Krishna and Balarama also carried buffalo horns and sticks to tend the cows. Krishna played sweetly on a little flute for the boys and the cows. Together, the boys played different games all day long. Sometimes they played ball with the fruits of the forest, and sometimes they wrestled with each other.

One day while playing with the cowherd boys, Krishna saved them from a huge snake demon called Aghasura, whose tongue made a wide red path right into its open mouth.
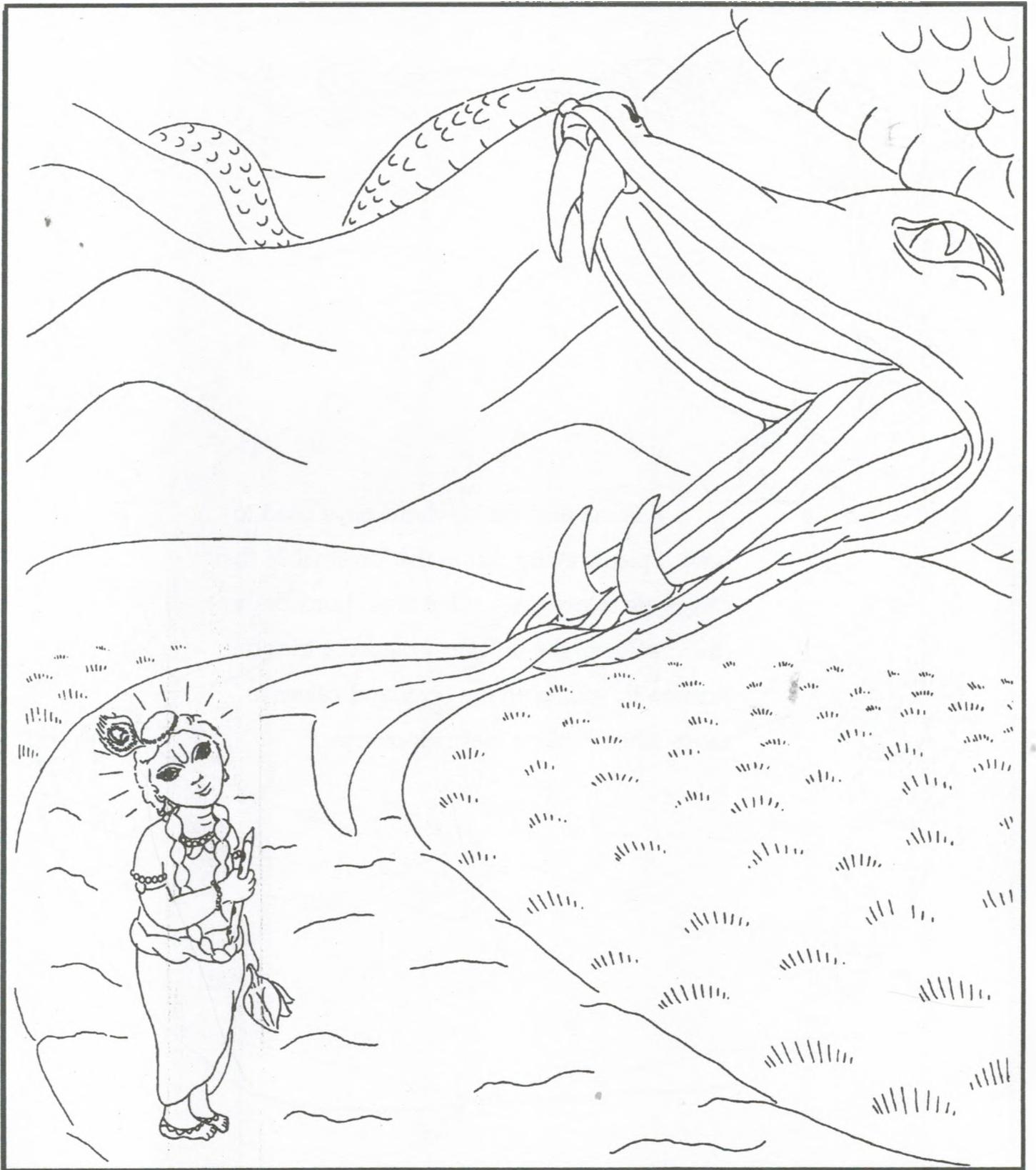
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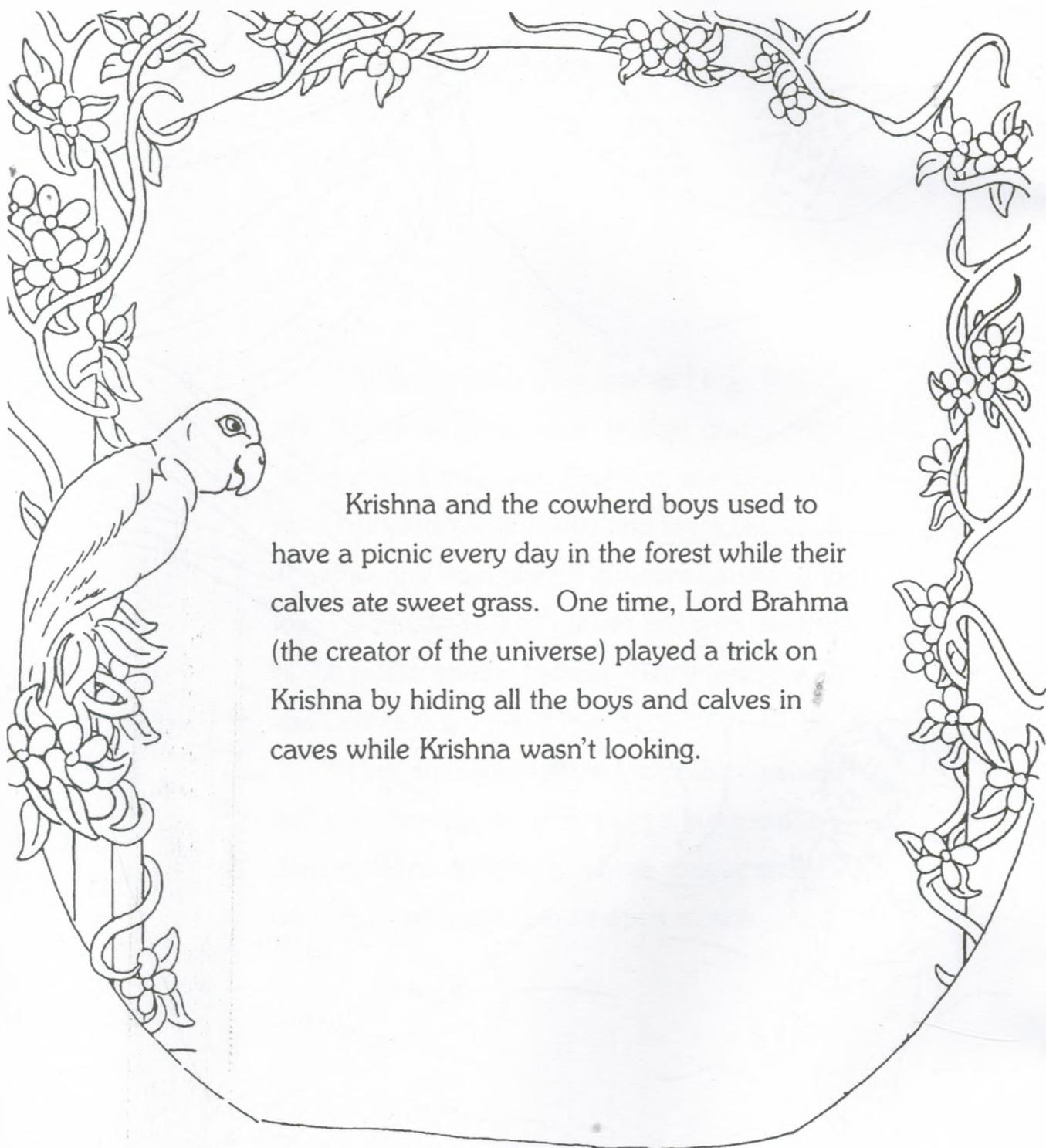
Krishna and the cowherd boys used to have a picnic every day in the forest while their calves ate sweet grass. One time, Lord Brahma (the creator of the universe) played a trick on Krishna by hiding all the boys and calves in caves while Krishna wasn't looking.

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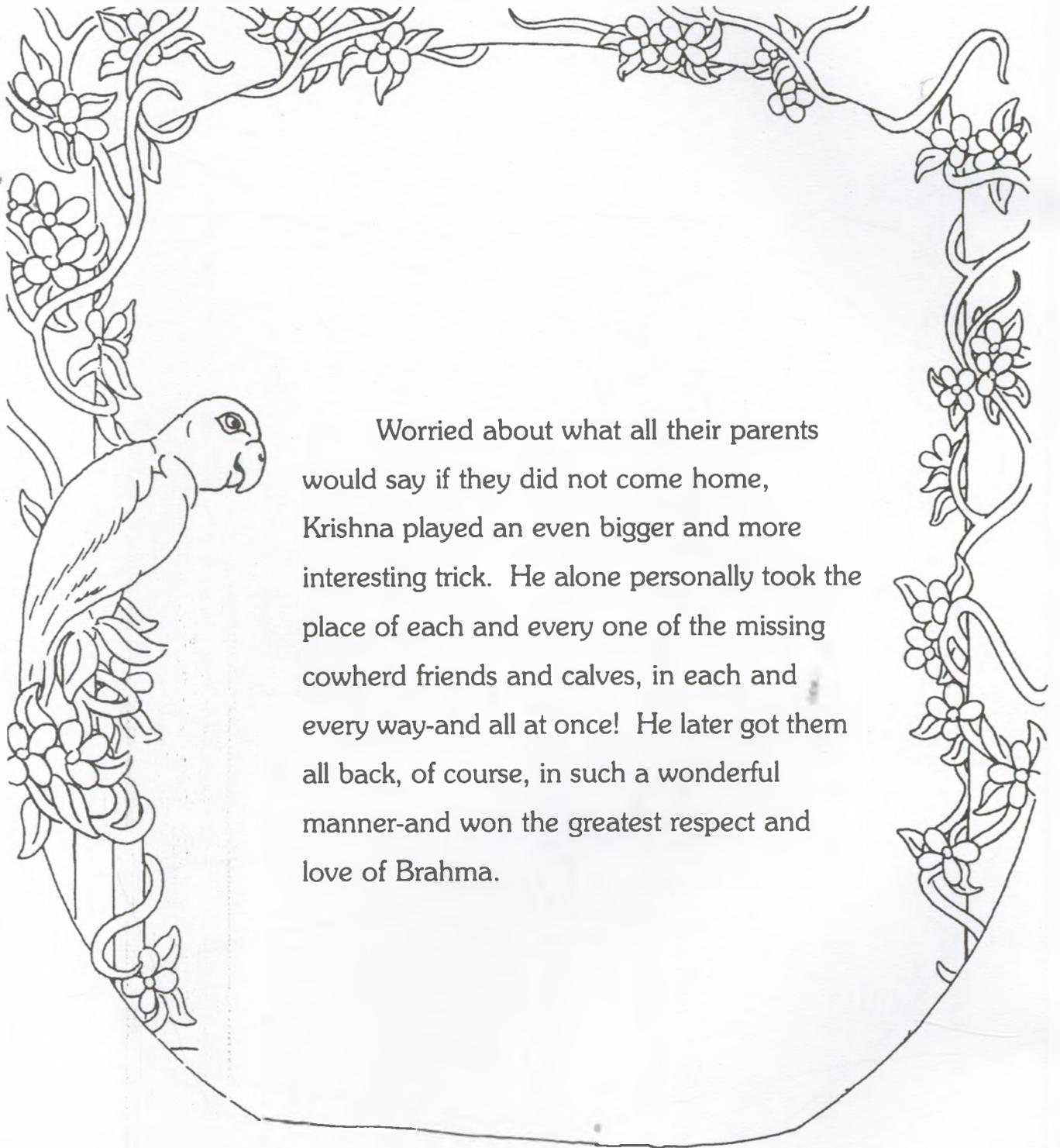
Worried about what all their parents would say if they did not come home, Krishna played an even bigger and more interesting trick. He alone personally took the place of each and every one of the missing cowherd friends and calves, in each and every way-and all at once! He later got them all back, of course, in such a wonderful manner-and won the greatest respect and love of Brahma.
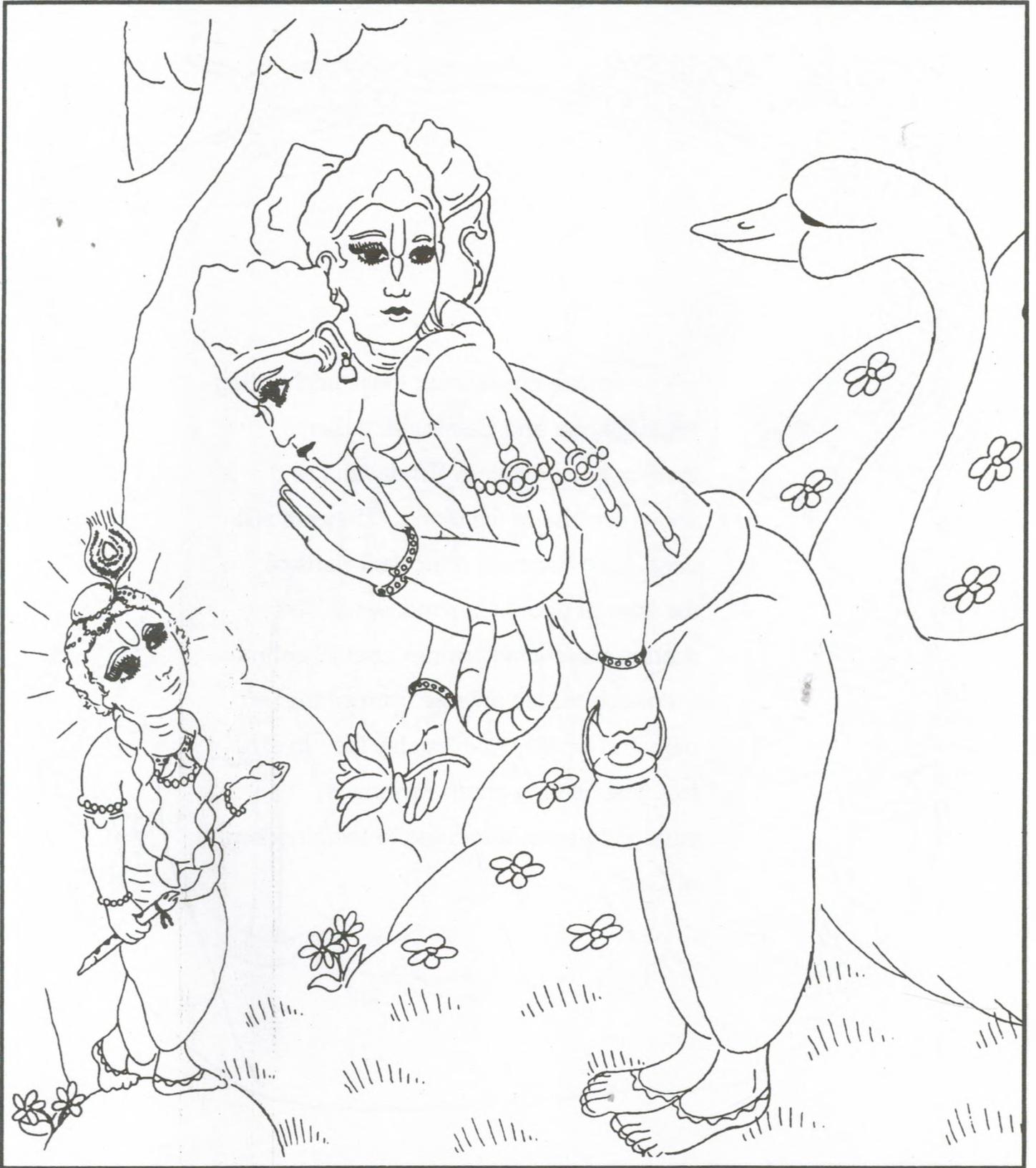
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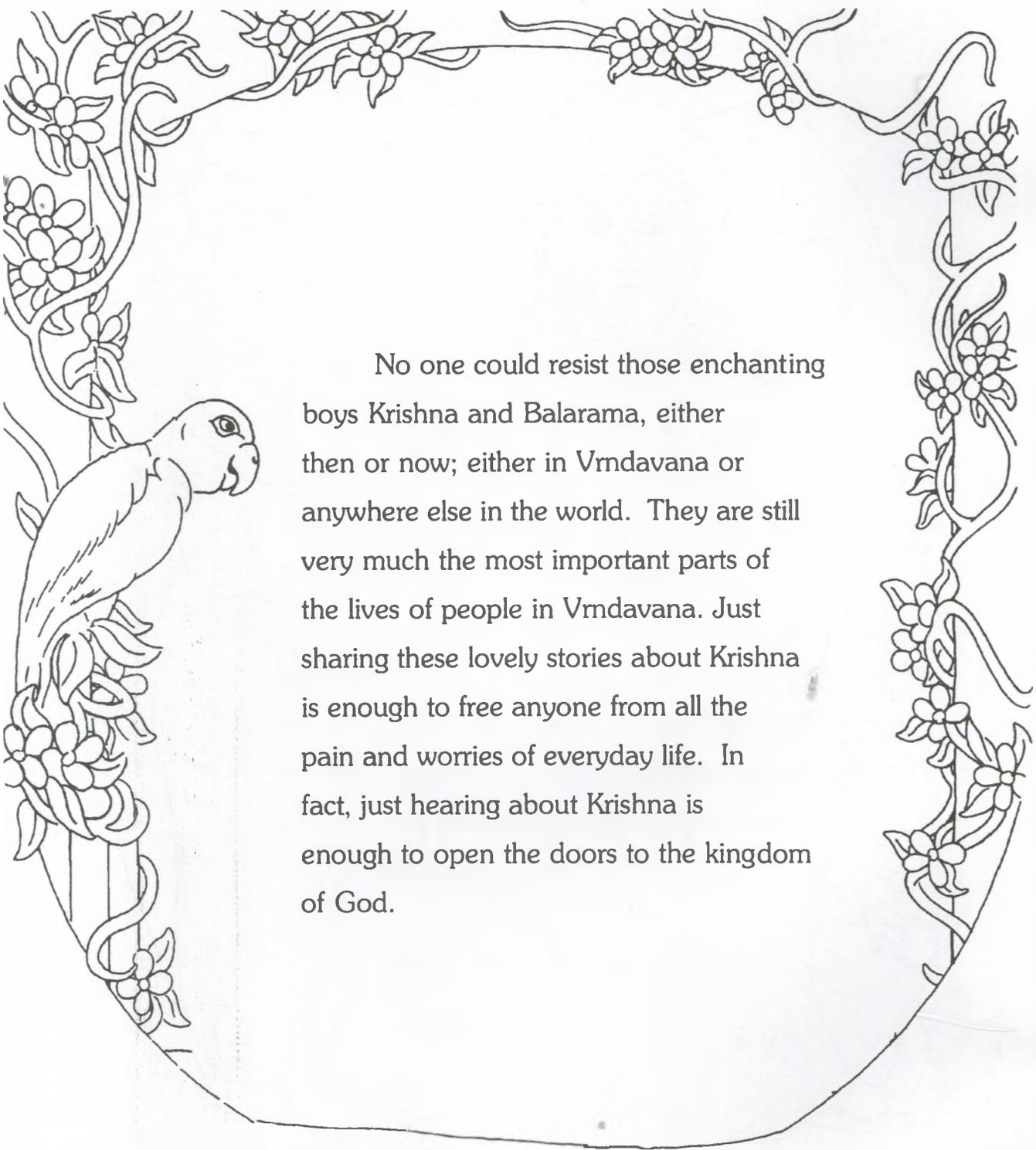
No one could resist those enchanting boys Krishna and Balarama, either then or now; either in Vrndavana or anywhere else in the world. They are still very much the most important parts of the lives of people in Vrndavana. Just sharing these lovely stories about Krishna is enough to free anyone from all the pain and worries of everyday life. In fact, just hearing about Krishna is enough to open the doors to the kingdom of God.
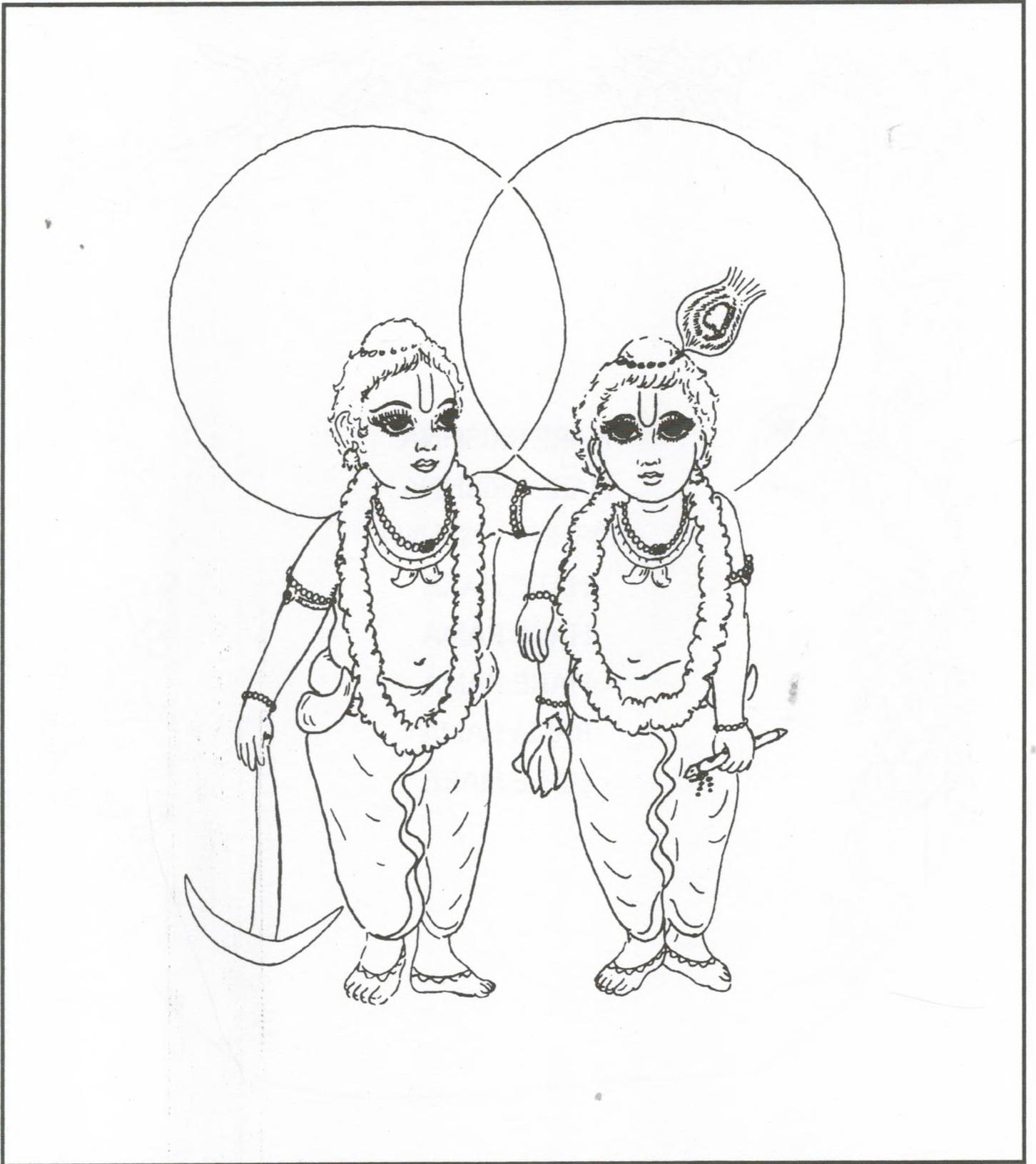
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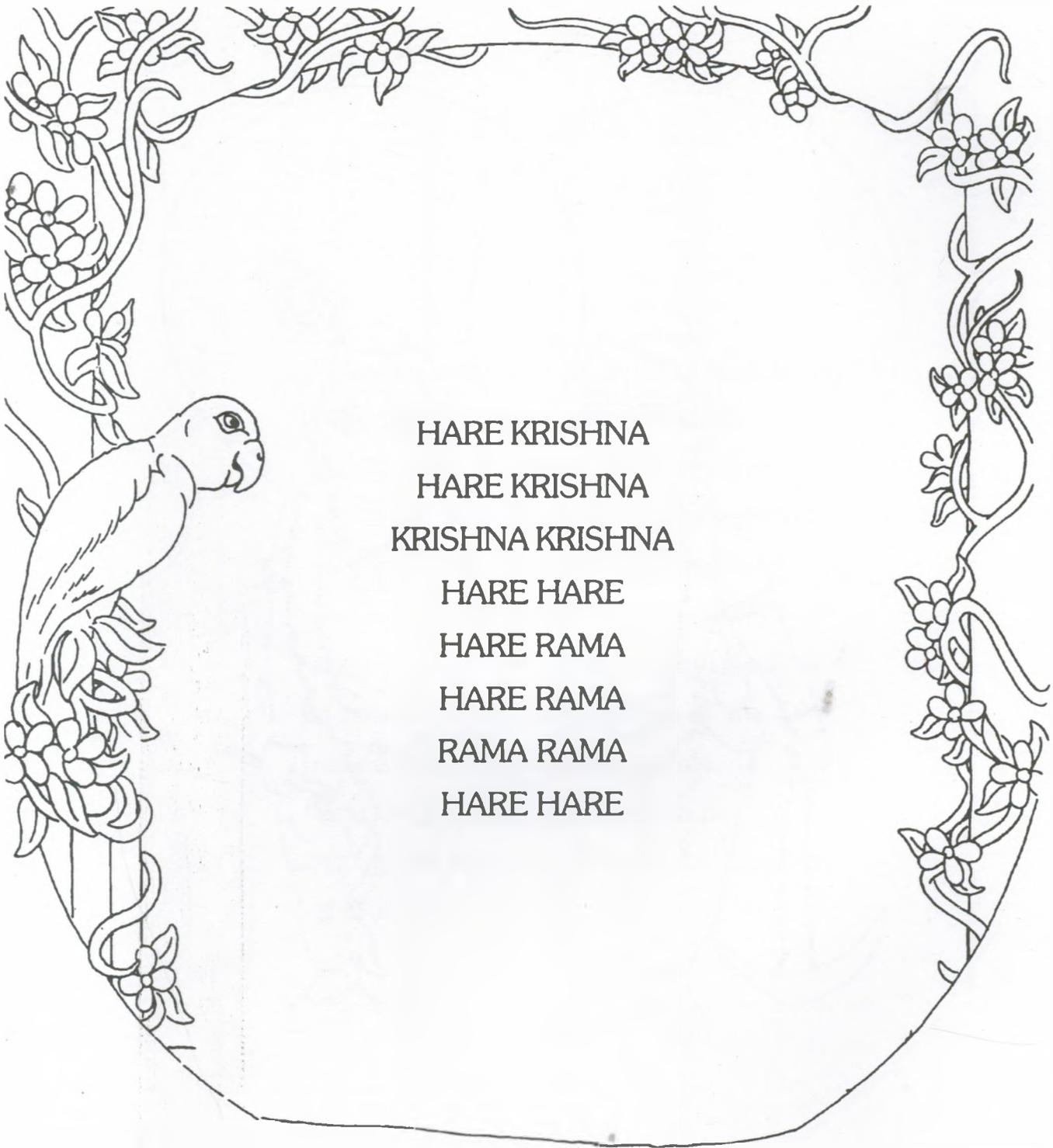
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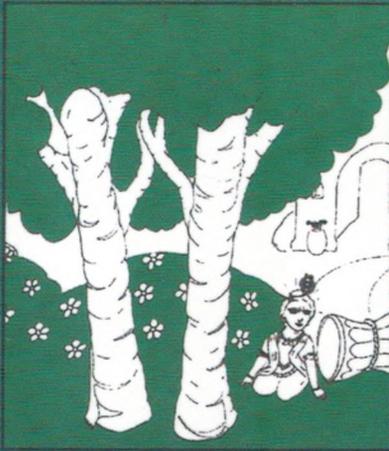
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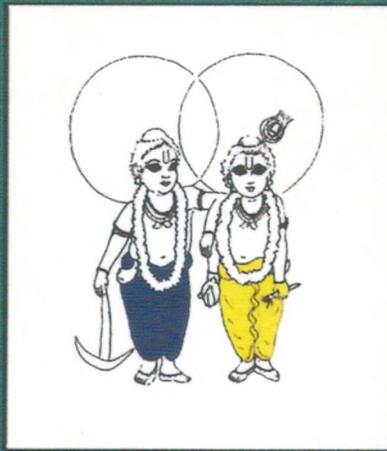
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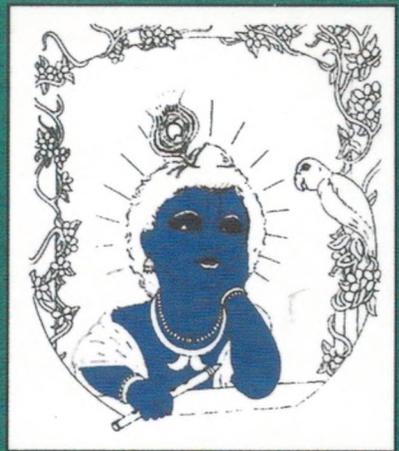

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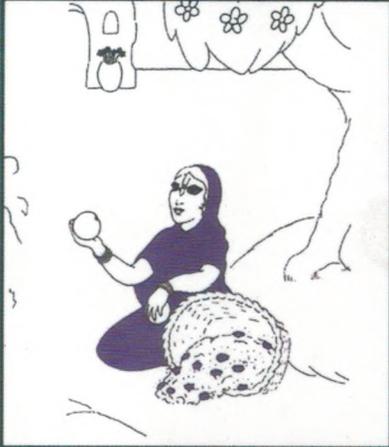
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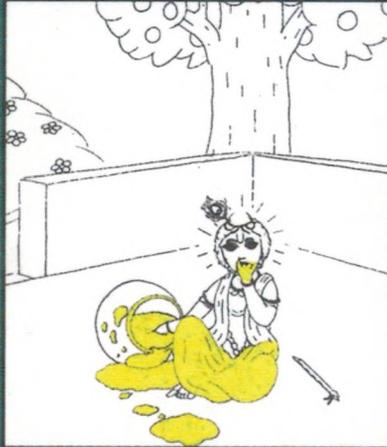
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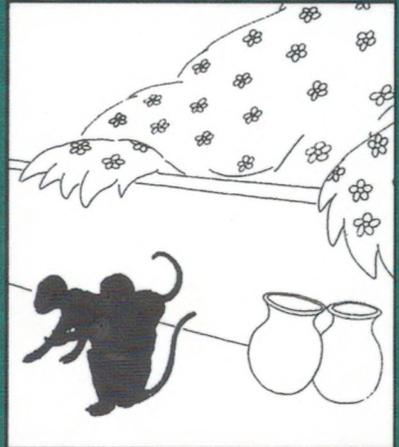
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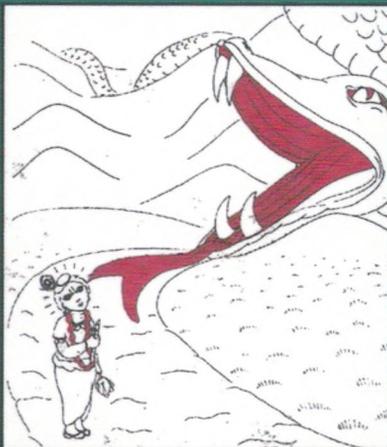

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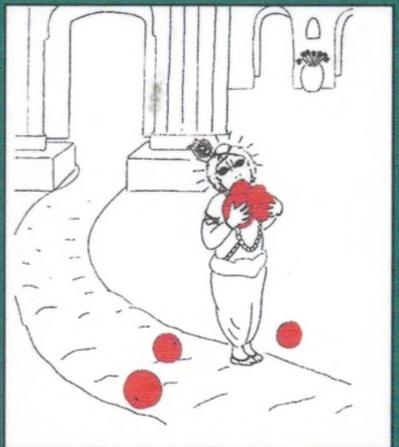
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