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DAILY ACTIVITIES OF KRISHNA

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INTRODUCTION

Although, Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the God of all gods, the Cause of all causes, the Supreme Mystic and the Source of everything animate & inanimate, when He played the role of a King in Dvaraka, He perfectly acted as an ideal Ruler on this earth. And when He took the role of a Husband or Father, He perfectly exhibited Himself as an ideal Householder.

Krishna's daily activities are Divinely inconceivable although they appear to be ordinary. When Krishna acts like an ordinary man, it does not mean that He becomes an ordinary person nor that He loses His eternal identity as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He always maintains His Supreme Transcendental Qualities.

With the blessings of Srila Prabhupada, **Vedic Arts** takes pleasure in presenting the selected pastimes of Lord Krishna in a very attractive and picturesque story form. You will distinctively notice that the Children often get bored of reading too much of the story but they never get bored of looking at the pictures. Keeping this in view, we kept the written-matter precisely short because we let the pictures themselves speak a lot as we know 'thousand words worth a picture'.

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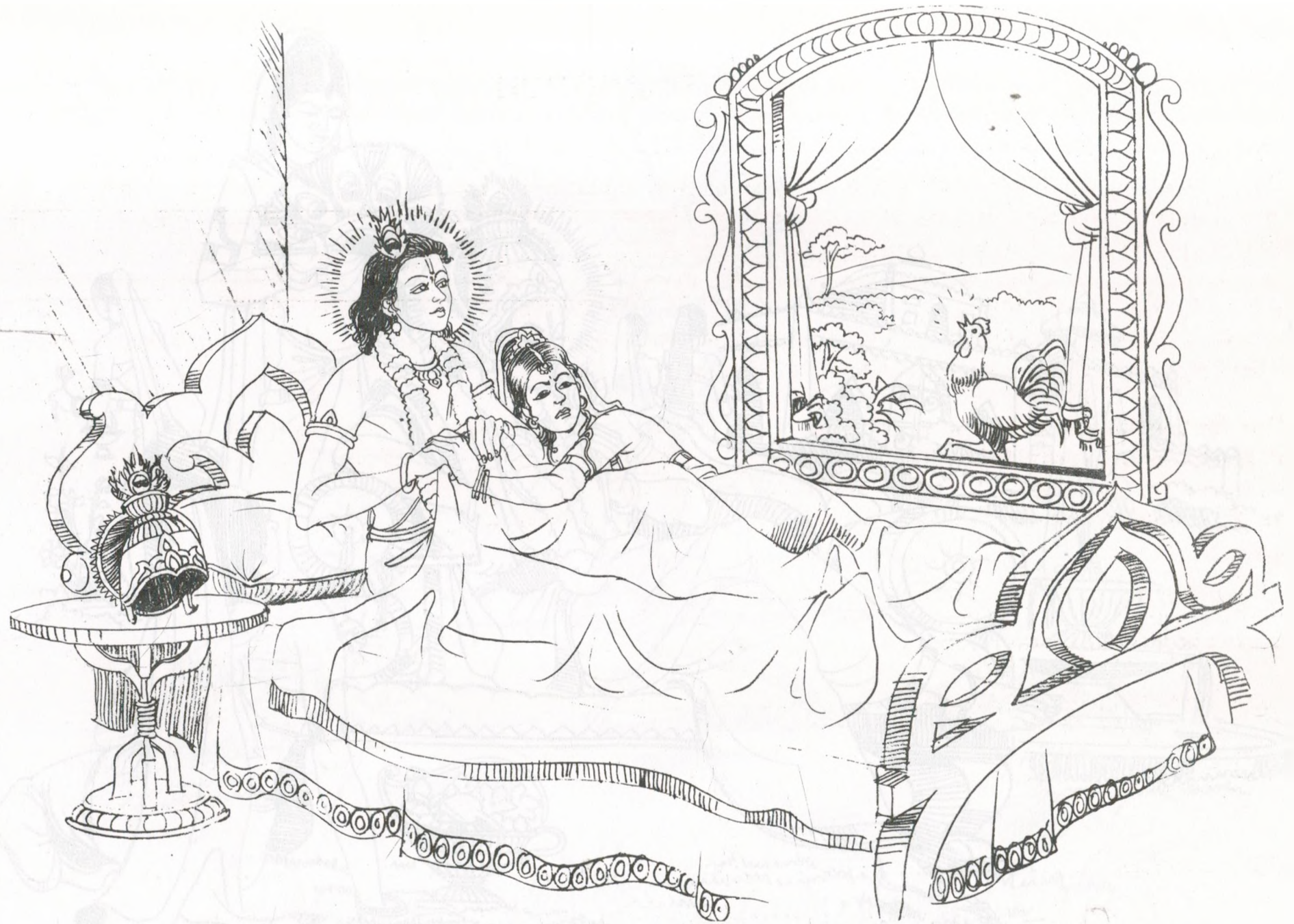
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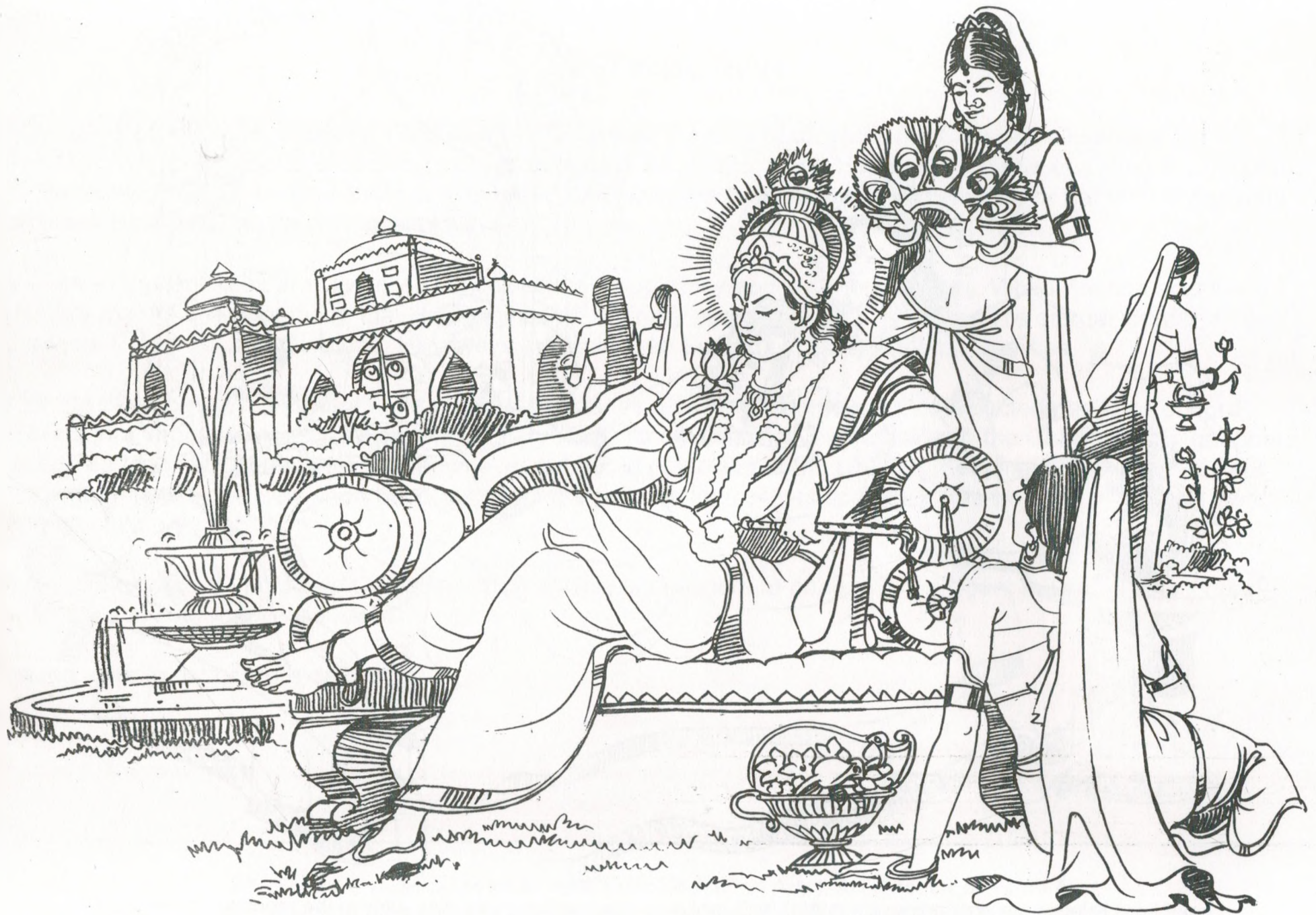
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Look!! Lord Krishna, as an ideal house holder in Dvaraka, is rising up from bed very early in the morning, three hours before sunrise (Brahma muhurta), by hearing the cocks crow.

A house holder should learn from the ideal behavior of Lord Krishna how to rise early in the morning, however comfortably he may be lying in bed (embraced by his wife). Of course, for wives it may be very embarrassing, but one should never sleep during Brahma muhurta.



Here, Lord Krishna is enjoying the aroma of the flowers early in the morning.
In the garden, within the compound of Krishna's Palaces, there are Parijata trees full of aromatic flowers emitting the fragrance which seeped through every corner of the palaces.
An ideal householder should daily smell the flowers offered to Lord Krishna.



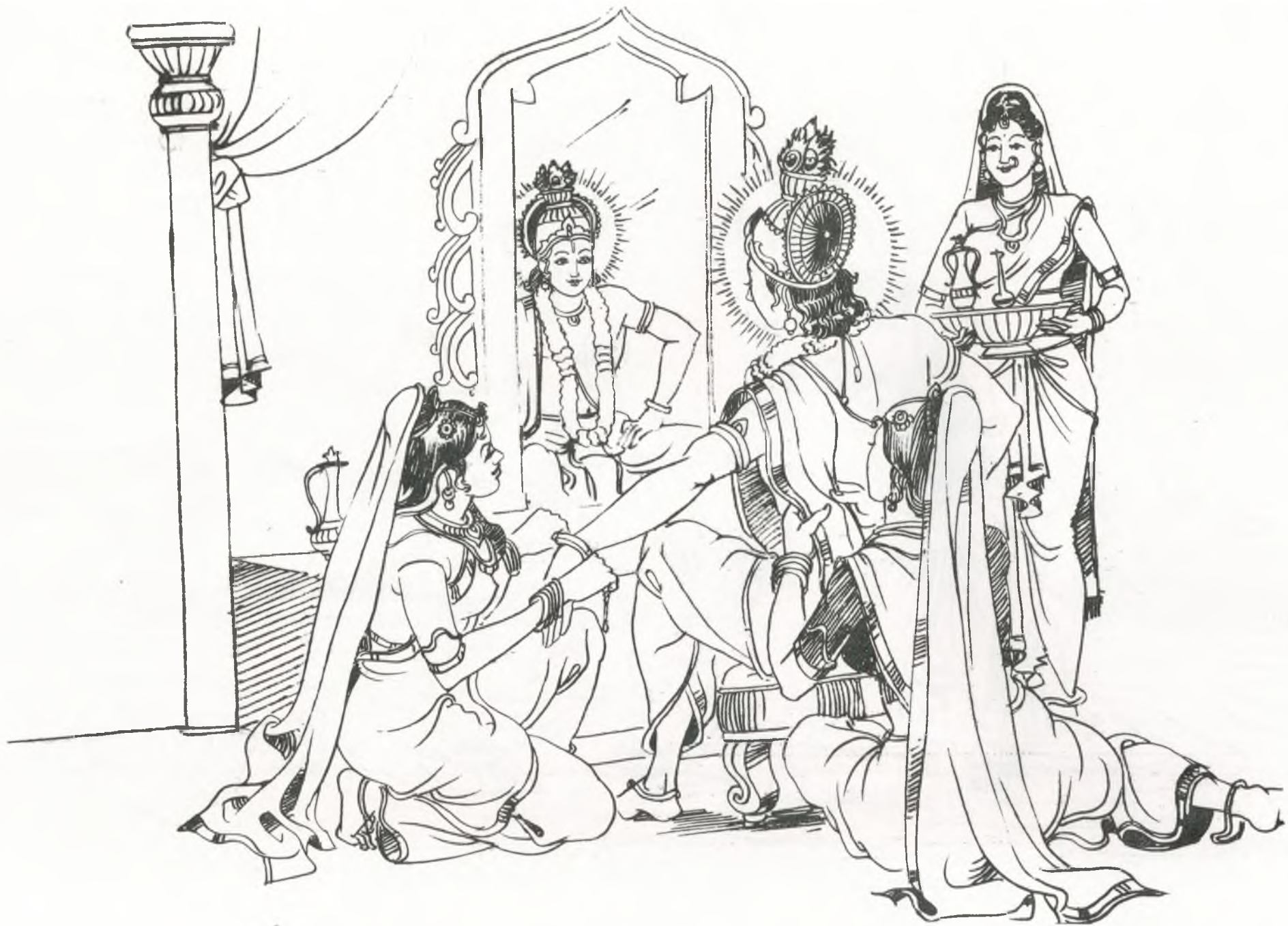
After rising from bed, Lord Krishna washes His mouth, hands and feet and immediately sits down to meditate upon Himself because he is the Supreme Lord and no one is equal to or superior to Him. An ideal house holder should learn that the Brahma muhurta should be utilized for meditating upon the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna. Chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra is the best form of meditation recommended in this present age of Kali.



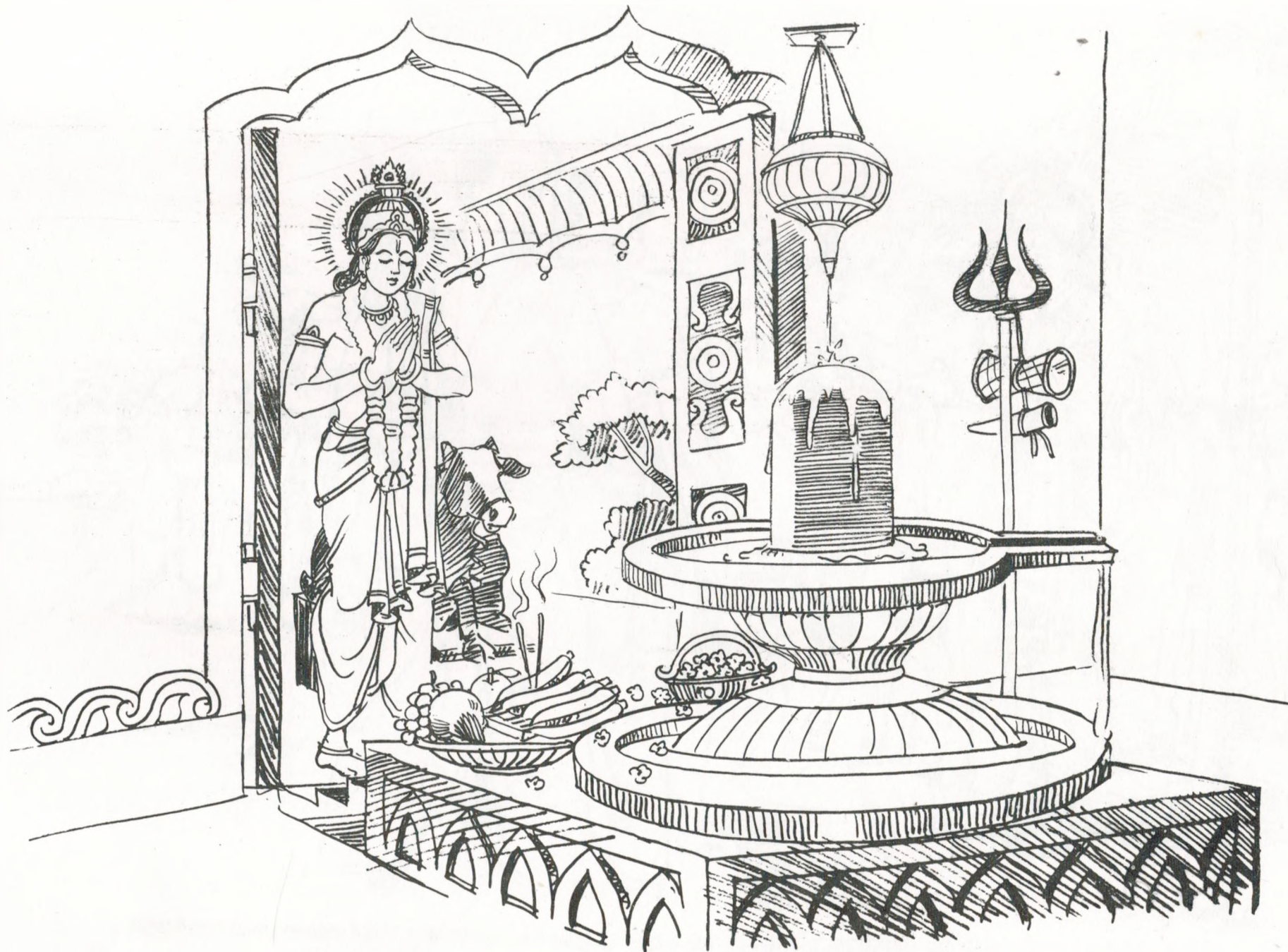
After this, Lord Krishna would regularly bathe early in the morning with clear sanctified water. Look ! Lord Krishna, acting as a perfect householder, is offering specific prayers to the Sun god.



In accordance with the Vedic ritualistic principles, the Lord offers respects to the demigods and to the forefathers. It is the duty of an ideal householder to offer respects to the demigods, sages and to the forefathers for the purpose of pleasing them.



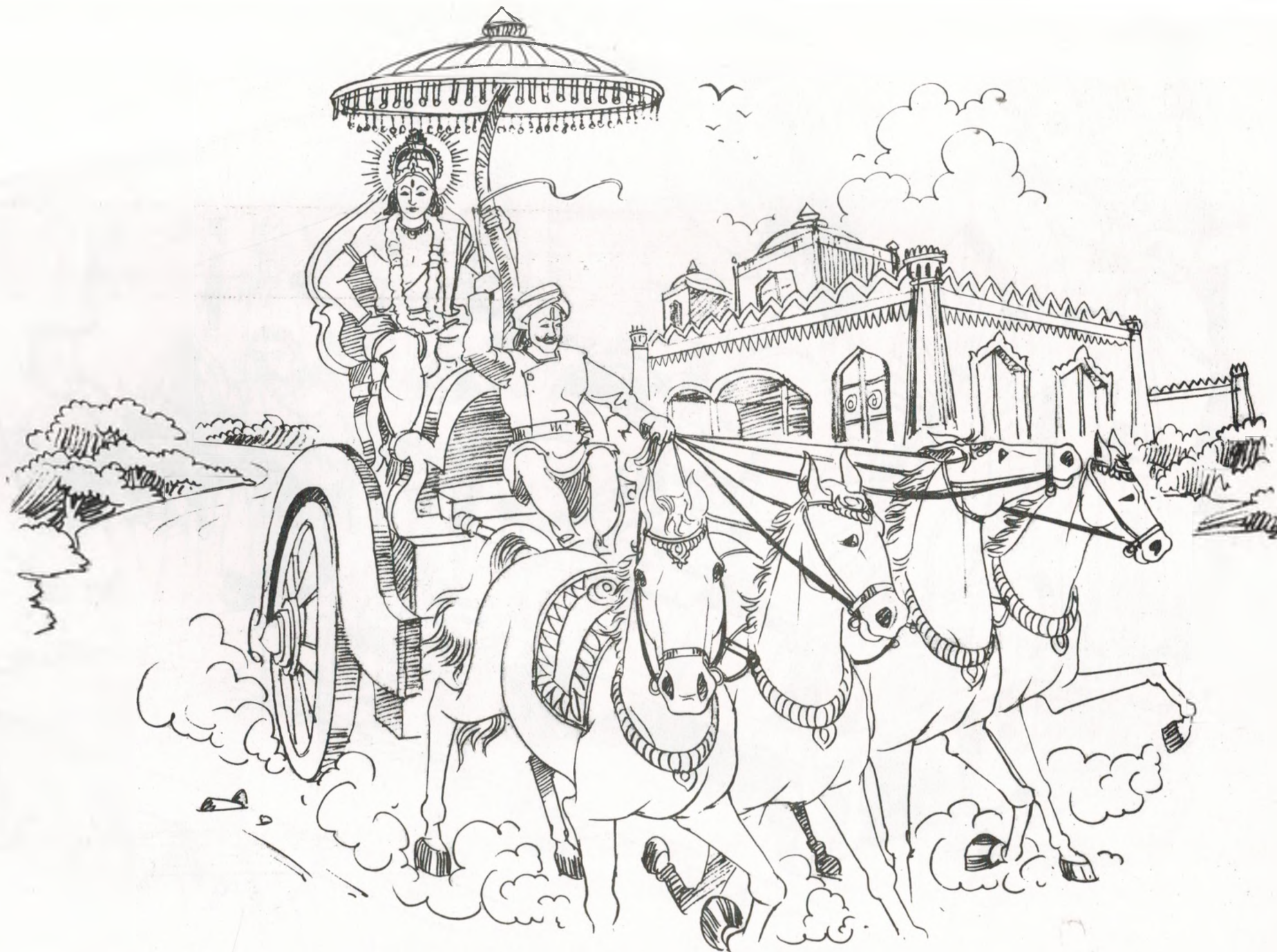
Lord Krishna would decorate Himself in yellow silken garments and put on His necklace of Kaustubha jewels. He also wears flower garlands like Vijayanti mala and other ornaments. Look ! His queens are serving Him so well. How charming Krishna looks !



After dressing and decorating Himself in this way, the Lord would then visit the temples of different demigods like Lord Siva and others.

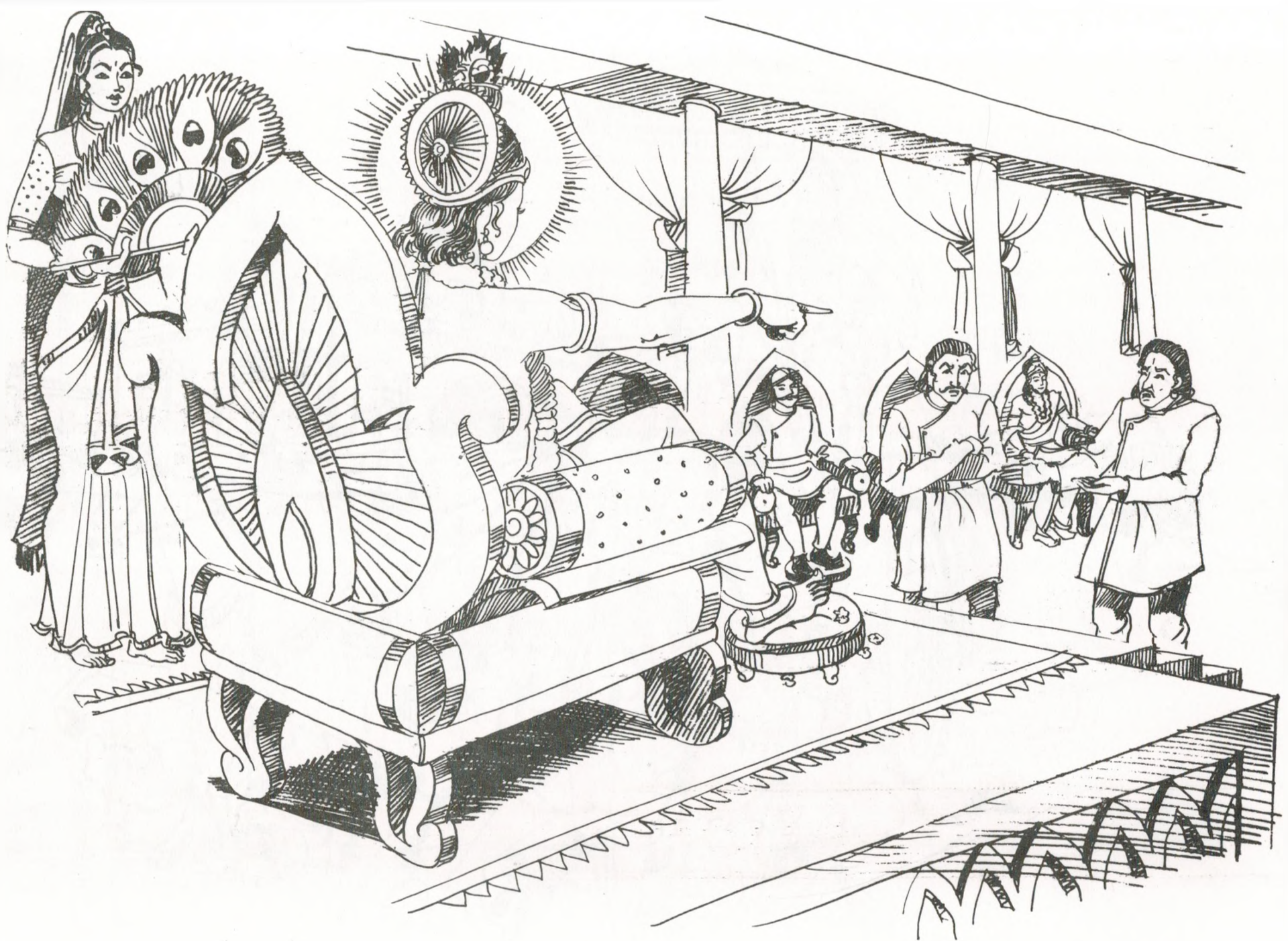


His next activity is to give charity to the brahmanas. He used to give as many as 13,084 cows, decorated with silken coverings, pearl necklace, gold plated horns, silver plated hooves, garlands etc. The Lord is called 'go- brahmana-hitaya ca', meaning, He as an ever well-wisher, Who looks after the welfare of the cows and the brahmanas.

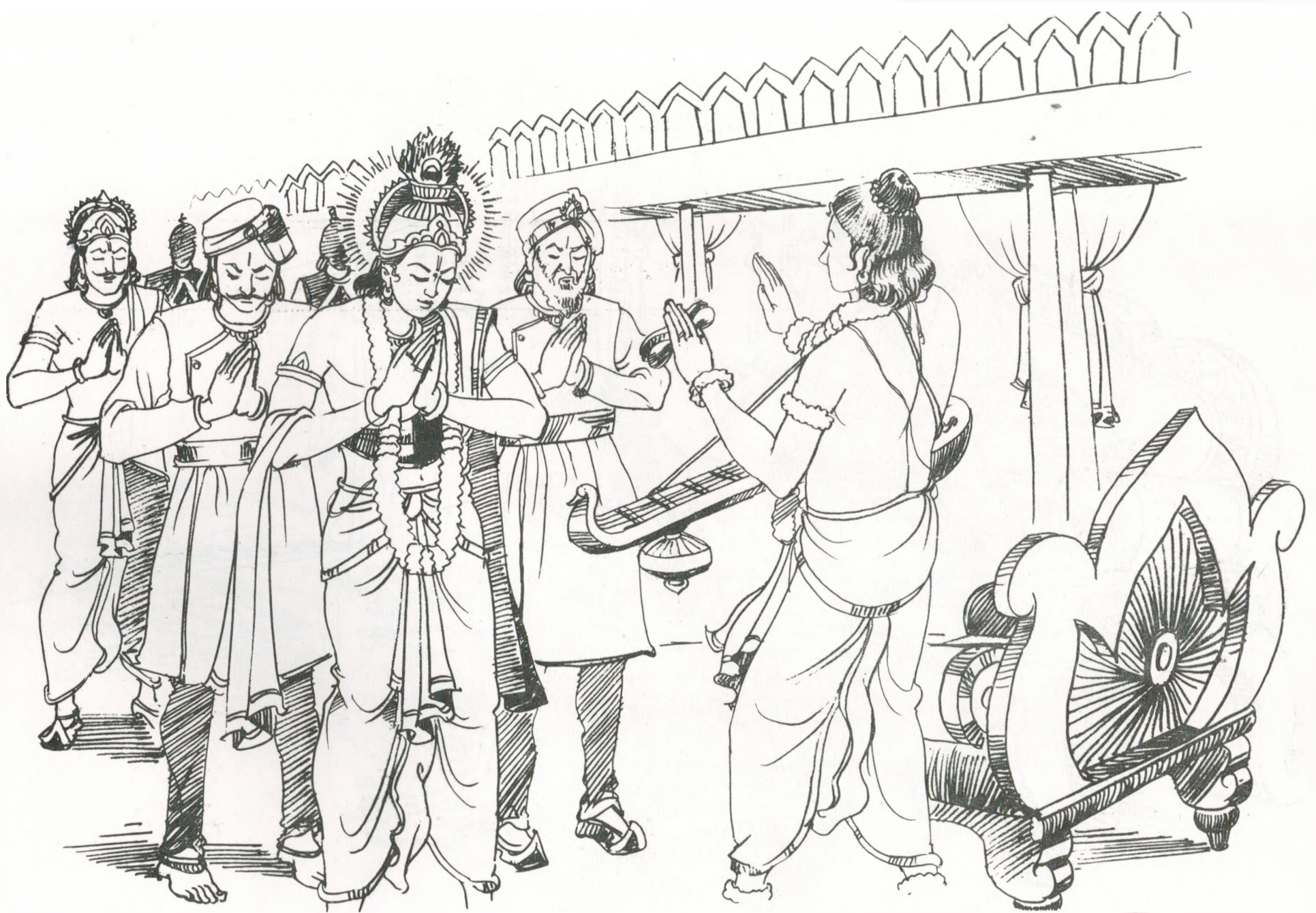


By the time the Lord finishes His daily duties and other activities in the morning, His charioteer, Daruka, would be ready to take the Lord to the assembly house known as 'Sudharma.'

There, He goes , zoooooom!!!! -----, like the Sungod riding on his chariot on the surface of the world.



After entering the assembly house, the Lord sits on the exalted royal throne in the assembly of great personalities like Uddhava and other counsellors and listens to the petitions of the people. Look ! there is a petitioner in front of the Lord. He is the messenger of the imprisoned kings, who were imprisoned by wicked Jarasandha. This messenger pleads to the Lord to free them from Jarasandha's evil clutches.



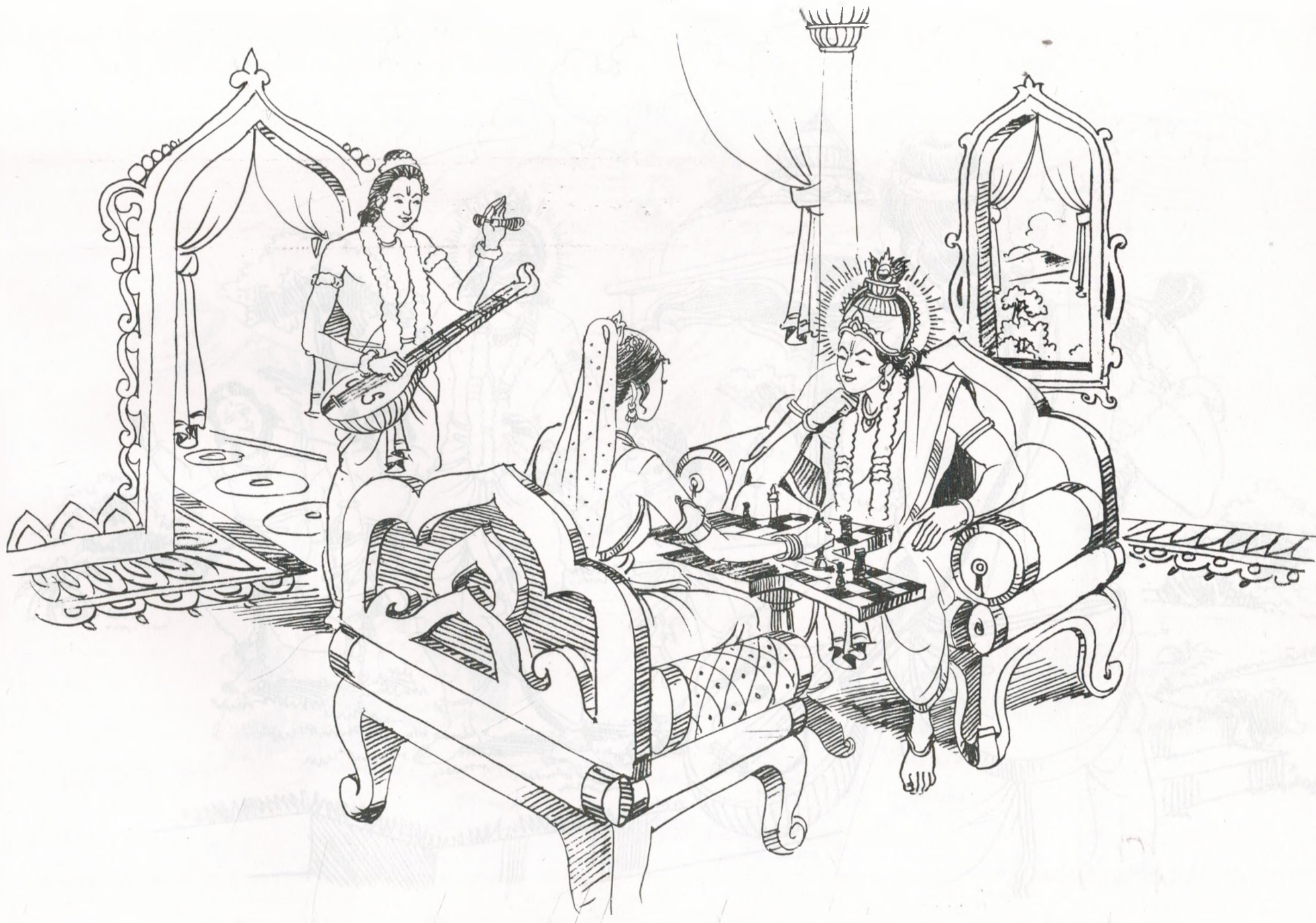
Although Lord Krishna was busy in His royal court, upon seeing the great sage Narada arriving into the assembly hall, He immediately stood up along with His ministers and secretaries to receive the great sage to offer His respectful obeisances by bowing His head.
What an exemplary administrator Lord Krishna is !!!



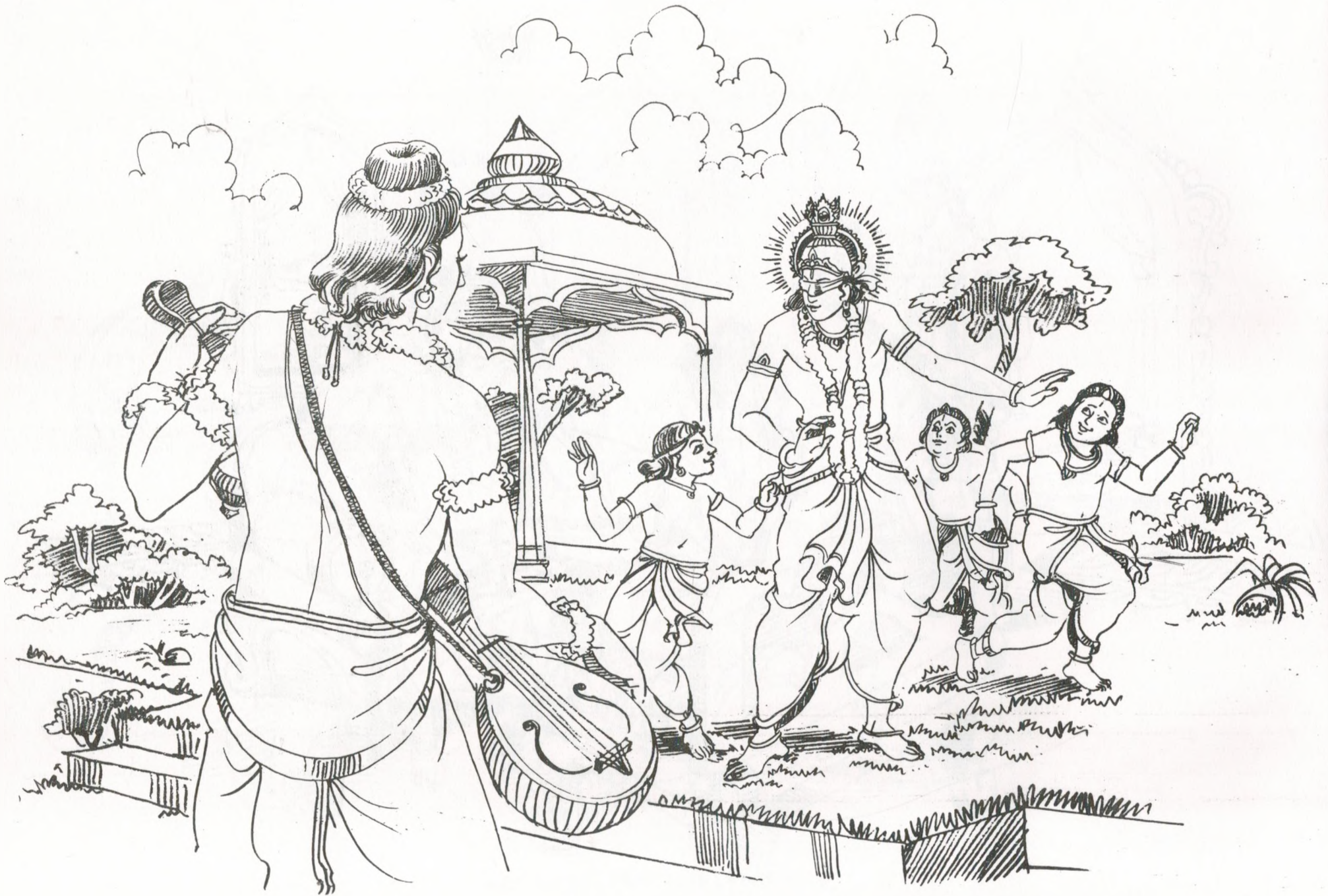
Sage Narada often visits Dvaraka.

One day Narada saw Lord Krishna sitting with Rukmini devi, who is personally engaged in fanning the Lord. Upon seeing Narada, Lord Krishna got down immediately from the bedstead, honoured him, washed his feet and sprinkled the water upon His head.

What a magnanimous quality of the Supreme Lord!!!



In another queen's palace, Narada saw Lord Krishna engaged in playing chess with His dear queen. It is an awe-inspiring scene for Narada.



When Narada enters another palace, he sees Lord Krishna engaged as an affectionate father petting His small children and playing with them. Narada's heart was filled with pleasure and satisfaction to see this affectionate gesture of Lord Krishna.



Yet in another palace, Narada saw Krishna practising fighting with a sword and shield, thus exhibiting His 'kshatriya' sports in Dvaraka.



In some places, Narada saw Lord Krishna riding on horses or elephants or chariots and wandering hither and thither. Thus Lord Krishna performs His wonderful daily activities in Dvaraka.

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