

Krsna and Balarama Enter the Wrestling Arena by bhakta Ramai

N: After taking Their baths and doing all other duties, They could hear kettledrums at the wrestling camp.

K: Balarama, Let's see the fun
Then We'll come back when We're done.

N: They prepared to go to that place
And They had a little race.
They went to the gate
But were stopped by an elephant with alot of weight.

K: I will kill the elephant and his caretaker, too
Then I will tell you what I'll do.
Let Me through this gate
Or you will regret your fate.
Now you have blocked My way
You will go to Yamaraja today.

N: The caretaker was insulted by that
And tried to run Krsna flat.

C: I challenge you to a duel
And when I'm done with you, Kamsa'll give me a jewel.

N: He tried to catch the boy
Then threw Him like a toy.
Krsna went behind him and pulled his tail
But the elephant tried to catch him but failed.
He dragged him for 25 yards around
And then He threw him flat on the ground.
He jumped on his back and broke it
And then he died in a very short bit.
Krsna and Balarama each took a tusk
And later They went out at dusk.

The Wrestling Match by bhakta Nitai Prana

Scene I: Krsna and Balarama at the wrestling arena

N: Krsna and Canura and Balarama and Mustika were the two matches in the wrestling arena.

B: Come on Krsna, Let's go have some fun
But at the same time get something done.

K: There's Canura, he said he is very strong
But actually I know he is very wrong.

B: There's Mustika, he says he's the same
But whatever he says is such a shame.

C: Come on, Krsna, it's time to fight
And guess what? You are going to die tonight!

M: Yes, what Canura says is true
And Balarama, You are going to die, too!

Scene II: The wrestling starts

M: Balarama, at the end of it Your soul will be gone
And Your body will be as flat as Your lawn!

B: Take that, Mustika, you are in for it now!
And soon to Yamaraja you will bow!

K: After this you're going to die
And after this you will also cry.

B: Same with you, Mustika, you will also cry
And at the same time you will also die!

N:

The Three Lives of Maharaja Bharata by bhakta Krsna Kirtan

MB: O, my beloved deer
I'm afraid your mother's left here.
Come in my hut, o, little one
I shall treat you like my very own son.

N: Maharaja Bharata became very attached to the deer and would take it everywhere in case a tiger came to kill it.

MB: Now I will do my penance
O, my deer, I don't want disturbance.
O, my beloved deer
Call me if you have any fear.

N: After his penances, the deer was gone.

MB: O, my deer, I have to find you
I really do miss your golden hue
But now I have to die
When you find me, please don't cry.

N: Maharaja Bharata took birth in a deer body after he died.

D: Now I have taken birth
And I am a deer on earth.
I remember the birth I had last
And I hope this one goes very fast.

Now I shall on Krsna meditate
Because I didn't last birth I'm in this state.

N: After a few years, the deer became old and died. Maharaja Bharata was treated very harshly but one day...

JB: Now I am born as a human again
And I am being stolen by dacoit men.
Krsna protect me when I'm in the den
And save me from these evil men.

Now I'm going to loose my head
Krsna remember what You've said
I'm coming close, I'm coming near
I can hear the dacoits from here.

Kali has come, there is no doubt
I can see the blood running out.
She saved me from the sword
By the mercy of My Lord.

Krsna Swallows the Forest Fire by bhakta Bala

N: Krsna, Balarama and some friends went to a forest to play.

K: Balarama, the cows have gone somewhere
Maybe they got chased off by a bear.

B: Come on, Let's go look for them
Maybe We should start looking in the den.

N: Krsna and Balarama looked everywhere
This certainly wasn't so fair.

K: Wait a minute. We didn't check there, right?
Come on! Let's take flight!

N: When They finally got through the prickles, They saw
The cows trapped in a fire and They looked in awe.
To get the cows out of the fire
Was most definitely their main desire.

K: Quick! Let's get the cows out now!

B: The fire's spreading around Us, We're trapped.

K: Gee, We shouldn't have stood around and napped!

N: Seeing that there was no way to get the cows out
He had to do something drastic, without a doubt.
Krsna suddenly swallowed the forest fire whole
Then the fire was gone, there was not even a coal!

Vrkasura by bhaktin Citralekha

Nar: The demon, Vrkasura, wanted a boon but he didn't know which person to ask: Visnu, Brahma, or Siva. Just then Narada Muni appeared and Vrkasura decided to ask him.

Vrk: My obeisances are unto you
Sri Narada Muni Prabhu
A question I need to ask
Who can perform this task?

I need someone to give me a boon
Whom shall I ask who'll give it to me soon?

NM: Lord Siva is whom you should ask
Easily he can perform this task.
On the bank of the river go and sit
Perform tapas 'til Lord Siva sees fit.

Nar: So Vrkasura went and every day he would cut flesh off his body and offer it in sacrifice to Lord Siva. But many days went by and Lord Siva never came.

Vrk: So many days tapas I've done
But Lord Siva's darshan I haven't won.
That's it! This is the last thread!
Next thing I'll do is cut off my head!

Nar: So Vrkasura went and took a bath. He lit a sacrificial fire and prepared to cut off his head. Lord Siva became compassionate and appeared before him.

Siva: Now I've appeared to give you a boon
I've actually come a little soon
I'm really pleased quite easily though
I just thought you might want to know.

Nar: But Vrkasura didn't want to know that all his work could have been avoided. So Vrkasura decided on his boon.

Vrk: O, Lord Siva, my wish please hear
If I to you have ever been dear
Please grant that if I touch any head
It'll smash into pieces and he'll be dead.

Nar: Lord Siva realized what a mistake it was to have given the demon a choice of whatever he wanted, but he had given his word which he couldn't take back.

Siva: So be it.

Vrk: My first victim, O, Lord, is you
Which you may not believe is true
But your wife I want for my own
For the lust in my heart has very much grown.

Nar: So, Vrkasura went after lord Siva. He chased him all over the universe. Finally, Siva went to Vaikuntha where he came upon a brahmachari. This brahmachari's beauty not only attracted Siva, but also the demon.

Br: O, son of Sakuni, you look so tired
You look as though you have desired
To sleep all day and the next night
It is quite evident to see your plight.

Come sit down and have a rest
Come and tell me about your quest.

Vrk: Lord Siva told me that
Whoever's head I touch will splat.

Br: But do you know Siva's not the kind
To always be in his right mind?
I think you should do a test
Touch your head with your hand for that is the best.

Nar: And he did and the second he touched it, it broke to pieces!

BANASURA USA AND ANIRUDDHA by bhaktin Manjari

N: Once upon a time, there lived a great devotee of Lord Siva who was known as Banasura. Since he served Lord Siva so well, the latter gave him 1,000 arms. Because he was so strong, even the demigods feared him.

B: My one thousand hands I'm not able to use
They make everybody run away
When they see me they jump out of their shoes
To me fighting is just play!

Whenever I don't get to fight
My arms itch alot
So then all the mountains I sight
I decrease their size to a mere dot!

S: The person to beat you soon will come
And smash your pride to dust
You won't have any pride left, not even some
For you this is a must!

N: Banasura had a beautiful daughter named Usa. One day, when she was playing with her girlfriends, she fell asleep and had a wonderful dream about Aniruddha. She had never really seen or heard of him before, but she had a wonderful dream about him.

U: Oh, lord, who has stolen my heart
Where are you? Where are you?
You have peirced my heart like a dart
Come to me, I can't live without you!

CL: My dear friend Usa
Please don't ~~cry~~ **lament**
I'll go get Aniruddha
~~I'm doing it for you, bye!~~
On this I am bent.

N: Usa and Aniruddha lived happily together but when Banasura heard that Usa was pregnant, he was enraged!

J: If you fools want to fight me then do so
B: Usa's not a virgin girl?
What? I can't believe it!
Where's the man that contaminated my pearl
I'm going to now tear him to bits!

N: After saying this, he handed Bheema a heavy club and went
N: Banasura captured Aniruddha and the Yadus attacked.
spent 27 days fighting

Yadus: We're going to rescue Aniruddha
Break the walls of Sonitapura
Smash the pride of Banasura
We're going to rescue Aniruddha!

N: Bheema was thus told by Krsna how he could defeat Jarasandha
N: A great battle ensued and Krsna beat Banasura.

K: In the forest by Jara his body was found
K: I cut off all your arms except four
Just to smash your pride
Now you're all covered in gore
Will you surrender? Please decide.

N: Swung round and round
B: I have been much, much too proud
I have also been very mean
Selfishness has enveloped me like a cloud
I give up. All my sins have been seen.

N: And thus Banasura was redeemed.