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Mahaprabhu's
Birthplace
Revealed!



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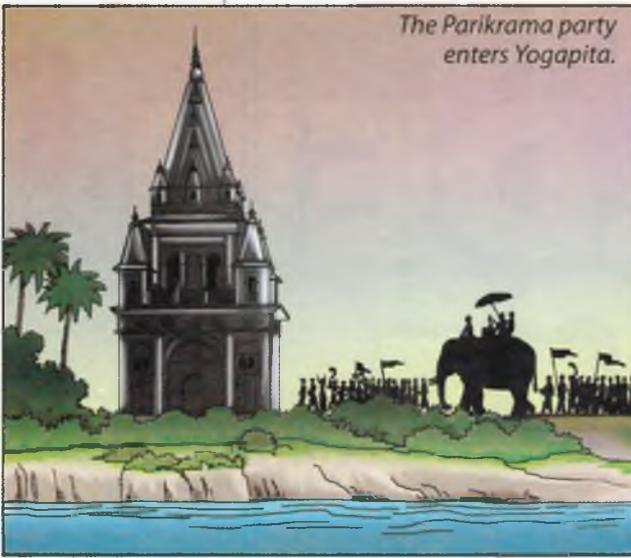
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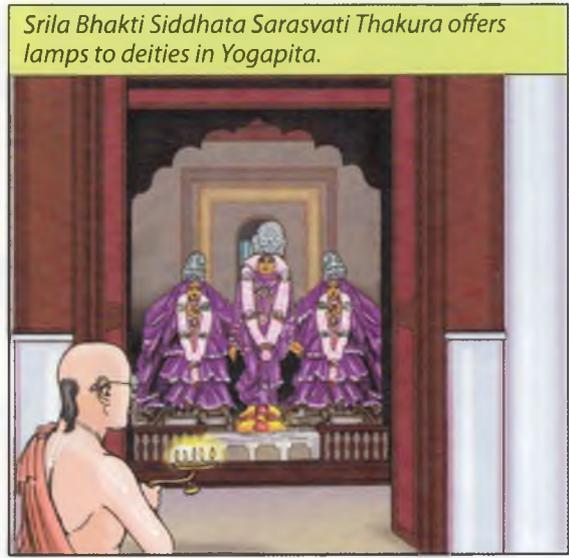
Sometime in the 1920's....

Sri Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama led by
Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Thakura is in progress...

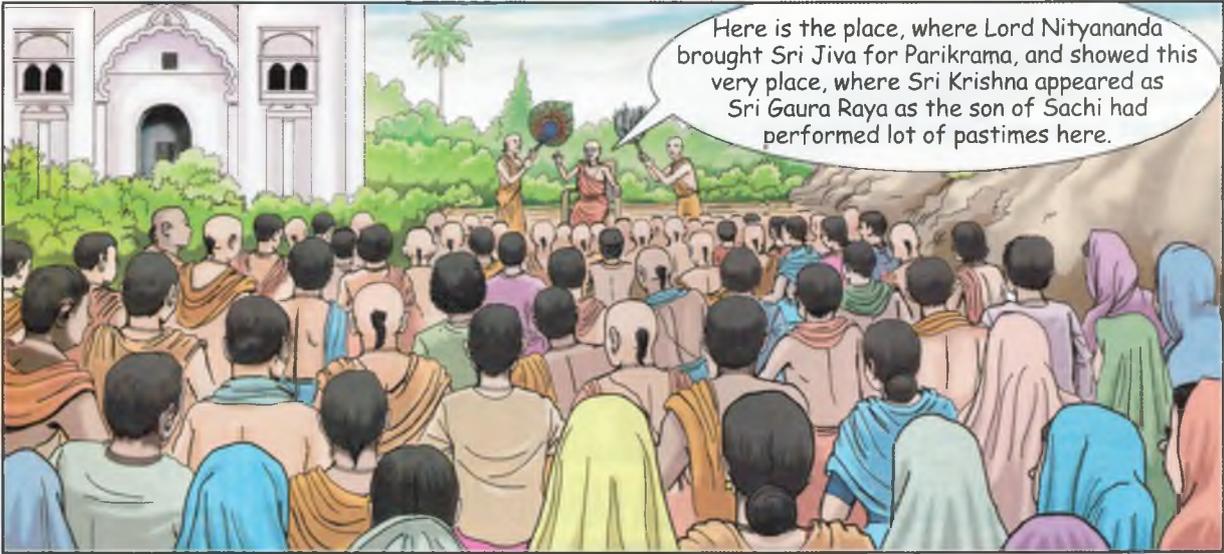




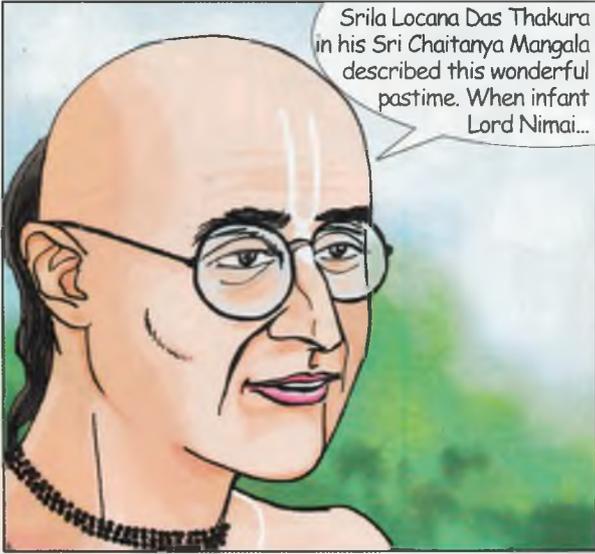
The Parikrama party enters Yogapita.



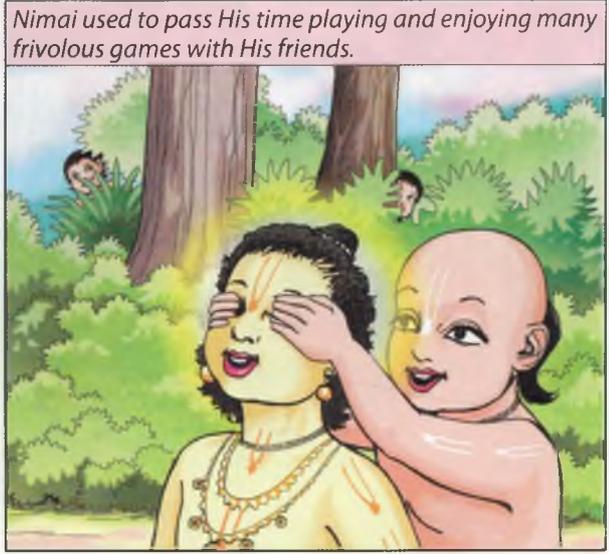
Srila Bhakti Siddhata Sarasvati Thakura offers lamps to deities in Yogapita.



Here is the place, where Lord Nityananda brought Sri Jiva for Parikrama, and showed this very place, where Sri Krishna appeared as Sri Gaura Raya as the son of Sachi had performed lot of pastimes here.



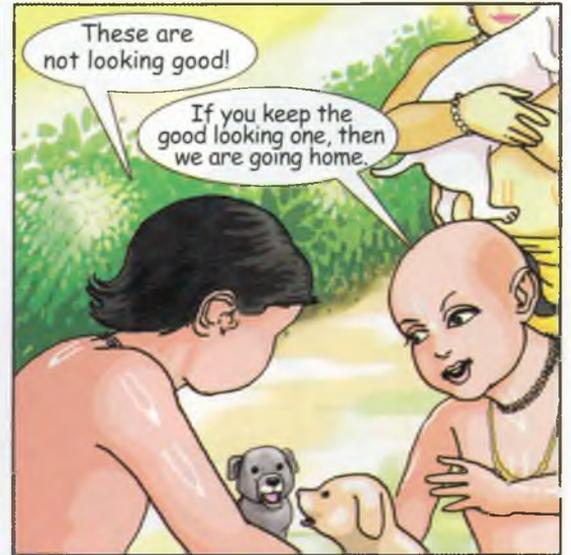
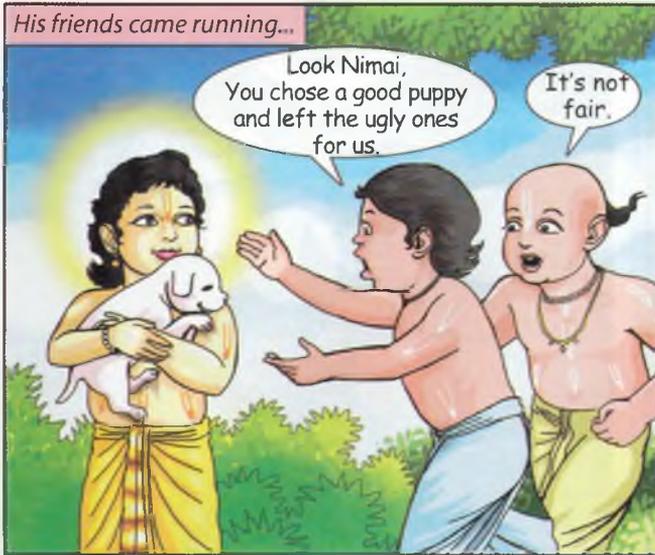
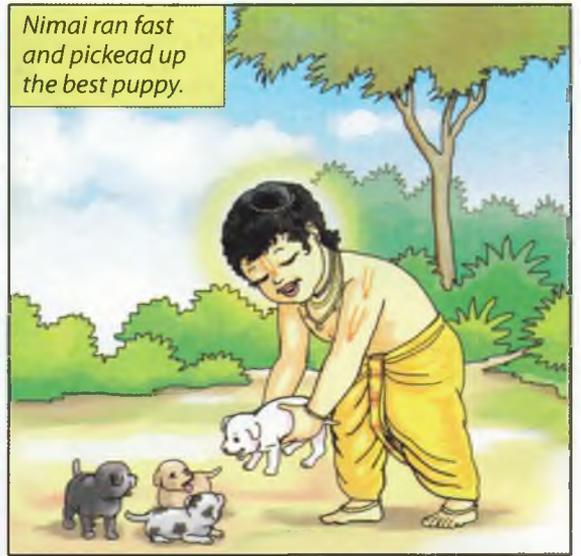
Srila Locana Das Thakura in his Sri Chaitanya Mangala described this wonderful pastime. When infant Lord Nimai...

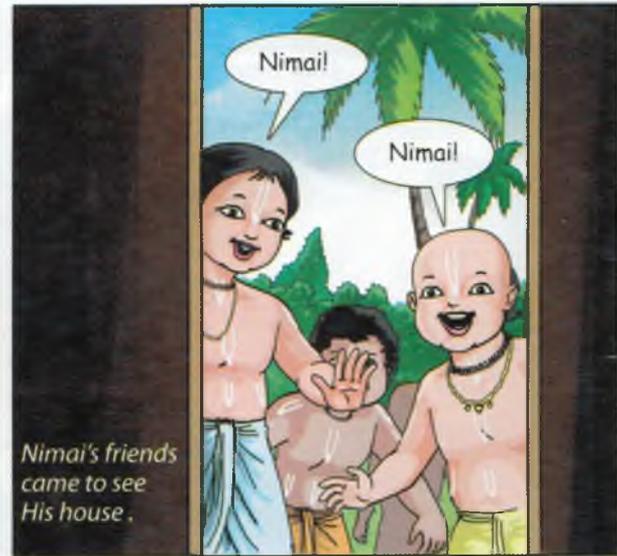


Nimai used to pass His time playing and enjoying many frivolous games with His friends.



Nimai ran fast and picked up the best puppy.



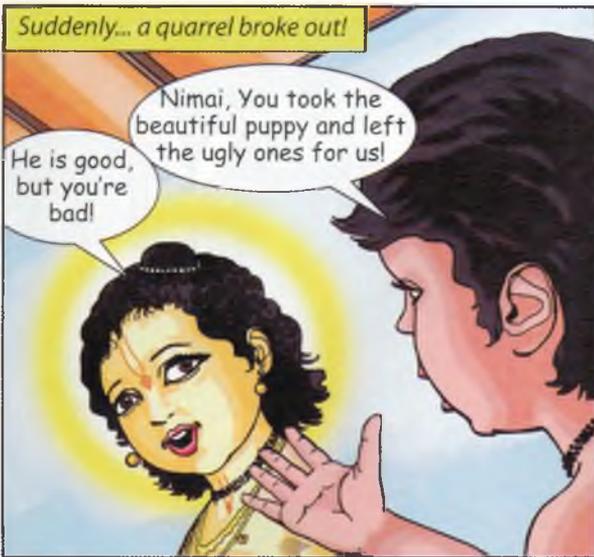


Happily they started playing with the puppy!





They played with the dog and rolled in the dirt with it, and laughed and joked.



Suddenly... a quarrel broke out!

He is good, but you're bad!

Nimai, You took the beautiful puppy and left the ugly ones for us!



No, Nimai is allowing us to play with His puppy. Why are you talking like this?



Listen, everyday you come here to play and you always start a fight!

Why do you behave like this?

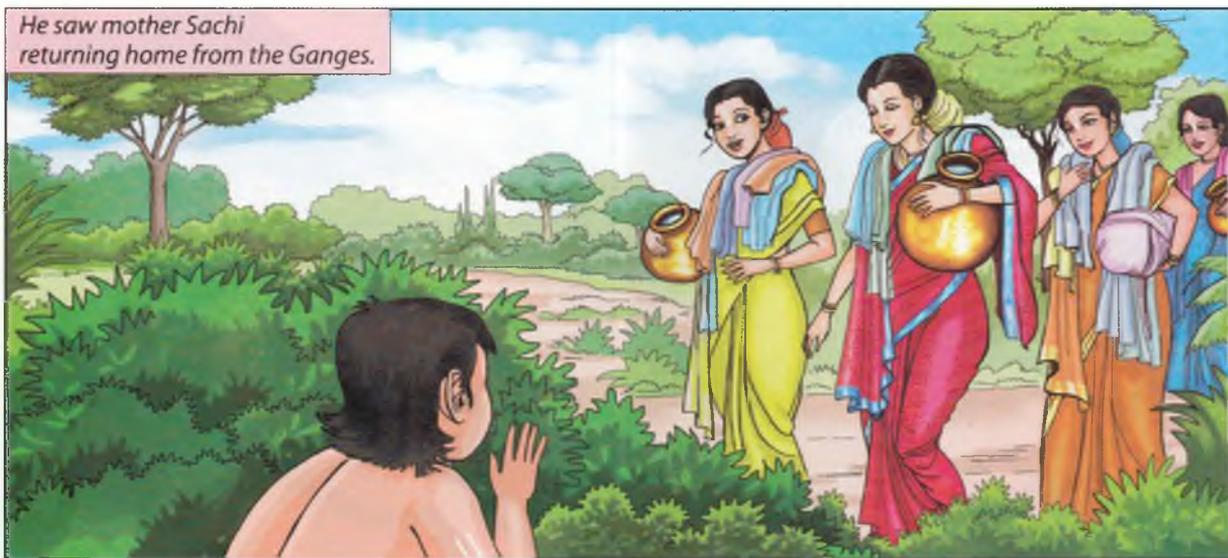


Well, You stole the puppy! I am going... I don't want Your puppy.



One boy stormed out, and was followed by the others.

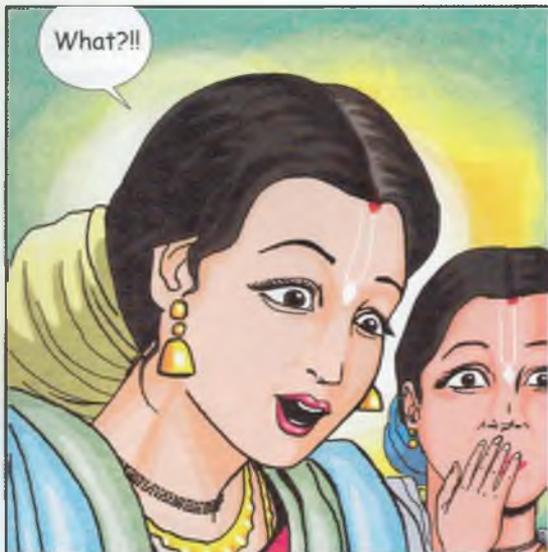
He saw mother Sachi returning home from the Ganges.



He approached her ...



Your son Visvambhara is playing in the house with a puppy dog!



What?!!



Yes! Sometimes He puts it on His lap! He puts it on His shoulders also!! Go and see for yourself.



Mother Sachi ran home.

She entered the house to find baby Nimai playing with the puppy!



Visvambar! What are You doing?



Ma! This is My puppy dog.

I simply can't understand Your behaviour. You have so many things to play with but instead You play with a dog.

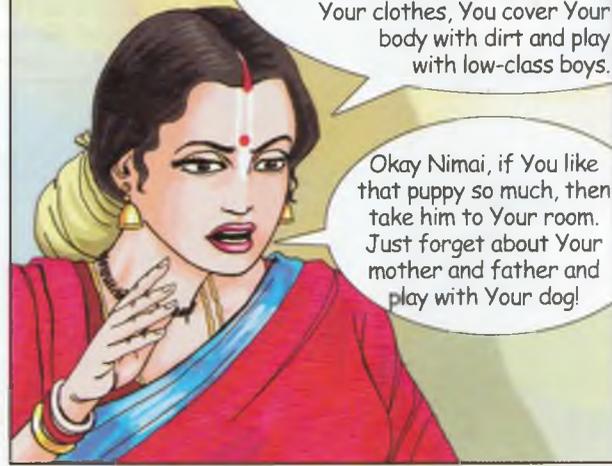


You are the son of a very religious man. What will people say if they see You playing with a dog? This behaviour does not befit a brahmana's son. It pains my heart to imagine how people will make fun of You if they find out!

Your form is so pure and wonderful. Why do You find happiness in smearing Your body with dirt? Seeing You like this, I bow my head in shame and wish to die.



Your body shines like fresh lightning, and Your face is more beautiful than many moons. Yet, instead of wearing Your clothes, You cover Your body with dirt and play with low-class boys.



Okay Nimai, if You like that puppy so much, then take him to Your room. Just forget about Your mother and father and play with Your dog!

But the charming beauty of Nimai's gorgeous and innocent face quickly dissipated her anger.



Oh! My dear Nimai, come my darling son. Sit on my lap.

I want to hug You and kiss Your sweet face!



Now just leave the puppy alone for a little while, and go bathe in the Ganges.

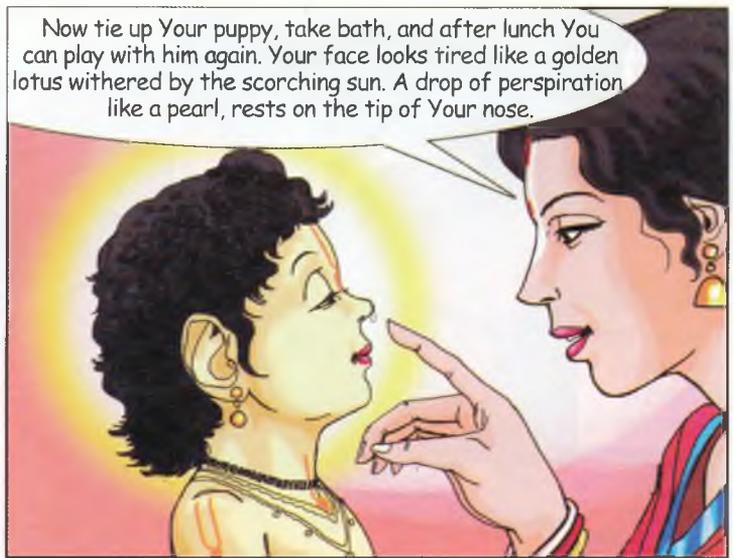


No, Mother, I want to play with My puppy.





Besides, You must be hungry. It's already lunchtime. Why are You making me anxious?

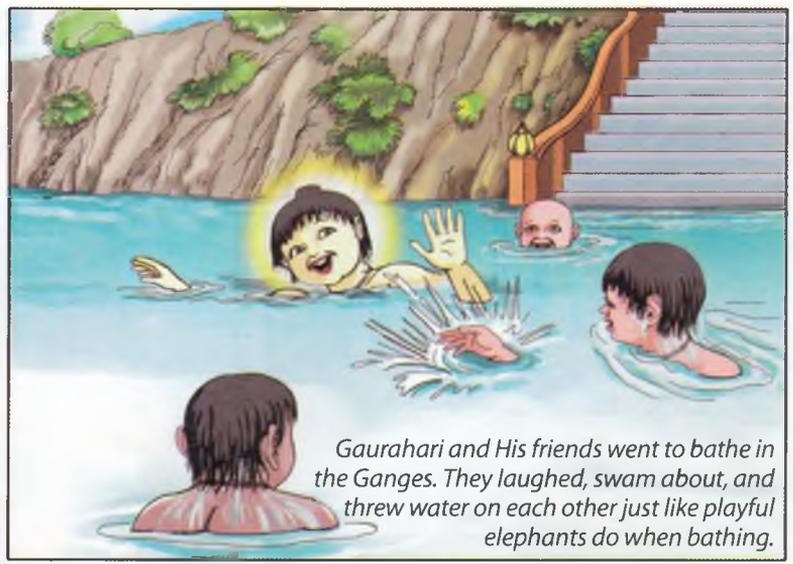


Now tie up Your puppy, take bath, and after lunch You can play with him again. Your face looks tired like a golden lotus withered by the scorching sun. A drop of perspiration like a pearl, rests on the tip of Your nose.



Mother, please watch My puppy while I take bath.

For sure, my darling! I will take care of him.



Gaurahari and His friends went to bathe in the Ganges. They laughed, swam about, and threw water on each other just like playful elephants do when bathing.

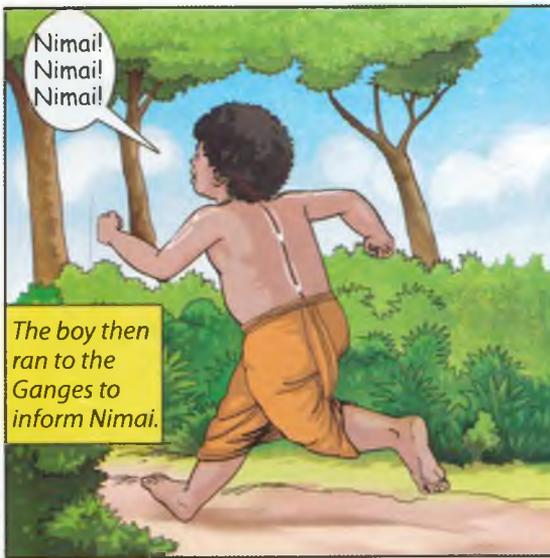


Meanwhile, at home...

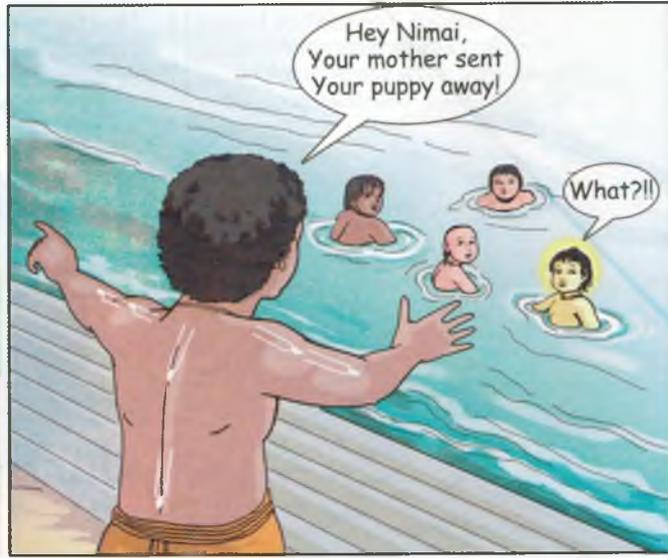
I am so sorry, Nimai.



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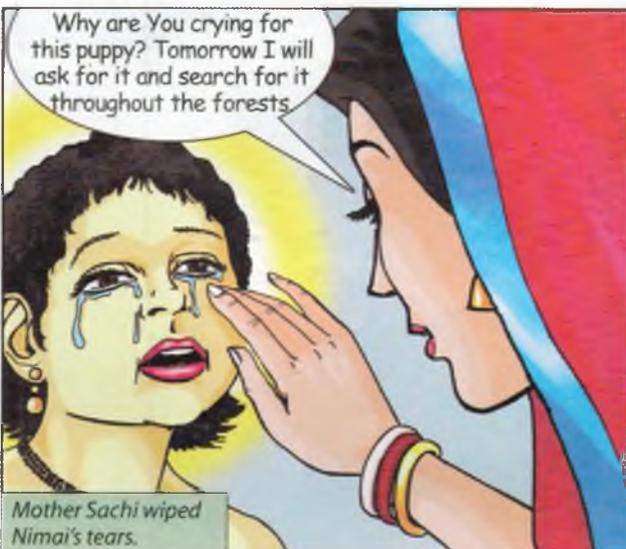
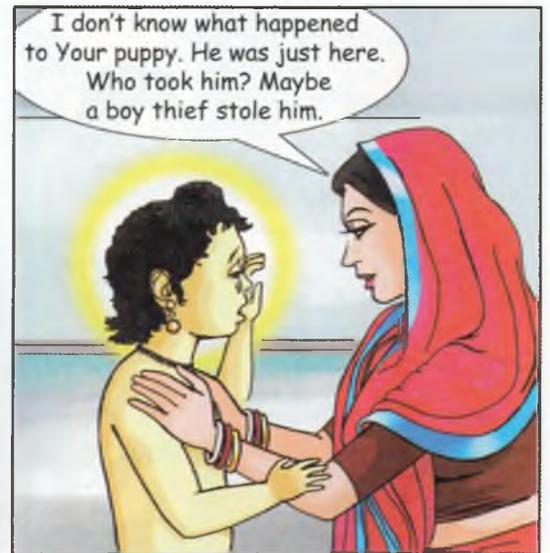
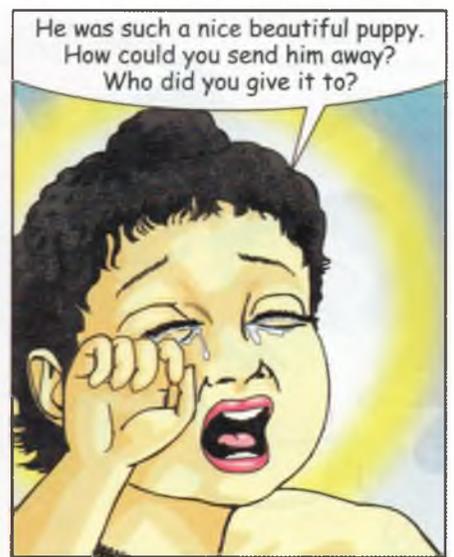


The boy then ran to the Ganges to inform Nimai.



He searched for the puppy all over the house. Not finding it, His heart burnt in anger.





Mother Sachi smothered Him with kisses.



Now see what I have made for You! Your favourite sweets!

Mother Sachi's efforts pacified Nimai.



She dressed and decorated Nimai.



Grabbing a sweetball, Nimai ran outside to play with His friends.



"His walking defeated the pride of the king of elephants. His deep voice sounded as sweet as nectar. Nimai, the crest jewel among His brahmana friends, looked like the full moon surrounded by a cluster of stars."

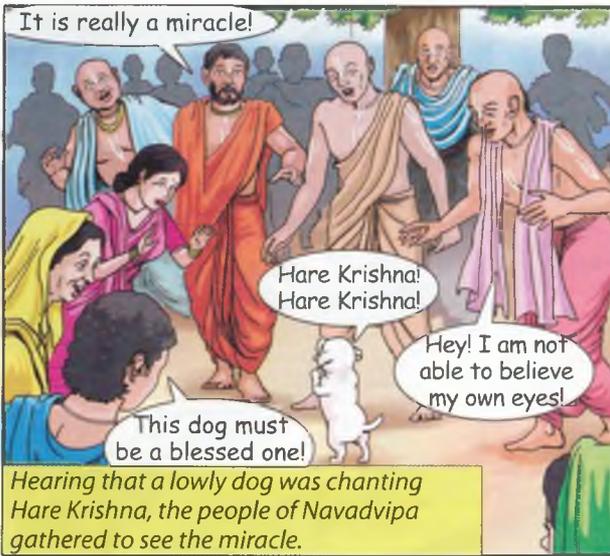


Radha Krishna! Govinda!

In the meanwhile, by the touch of Nimai the puppy obtained transcendental realization and gave up its own nature



It is really a miracle!



Hare Krishna!
Hare Krishna!

Hey! I am not
able to believe
my own eyes!

This dog must
be a blessed one!

Hearing that a lowly dog was chanting Hare Krishna, the people of Navadvipa gathered to see the miracle.

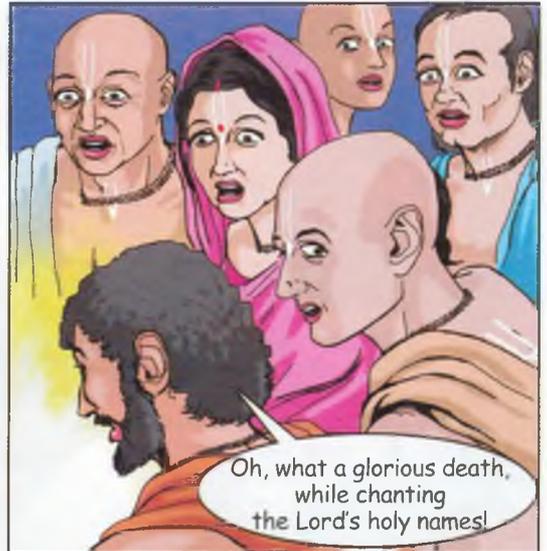
Suddenly that most fortunate dog fell down...



Oh! What
is happening
to him..?!

... and gave up his body!

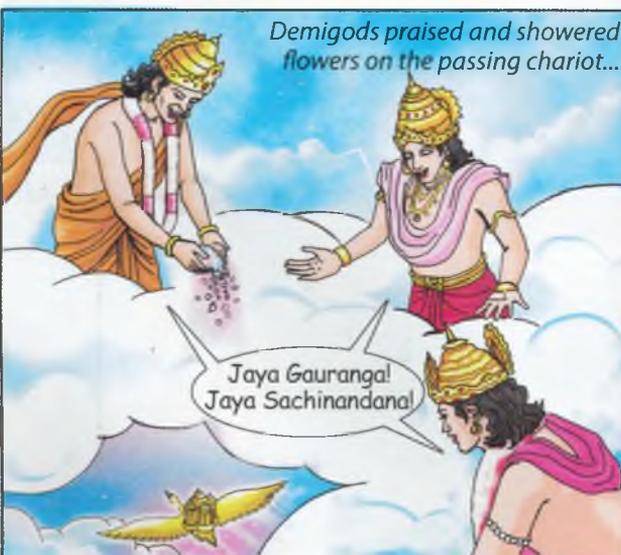
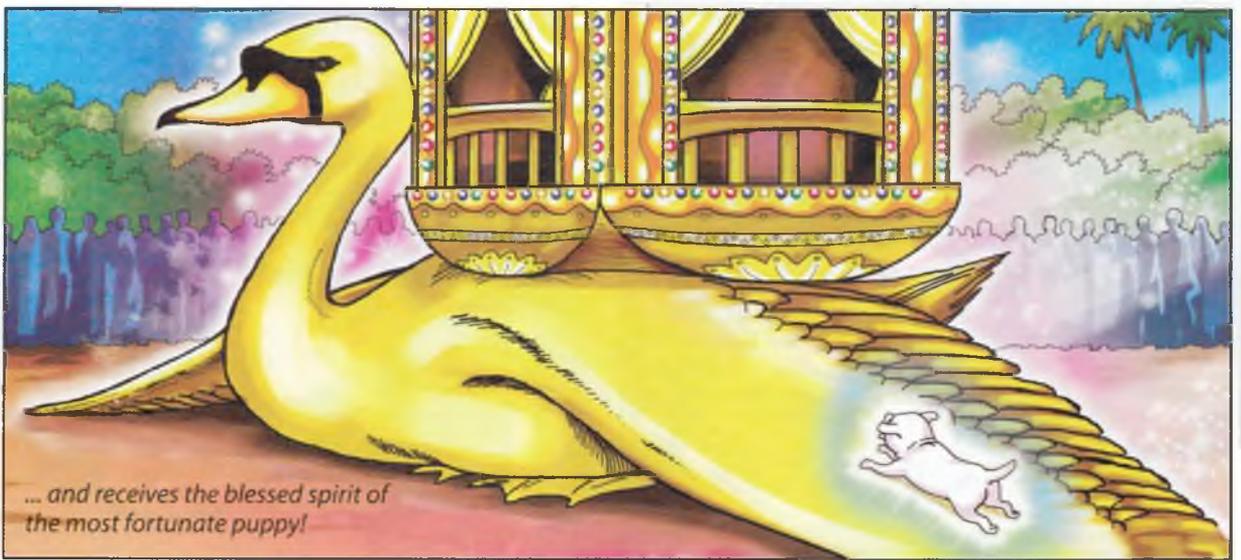
He is dead!!!

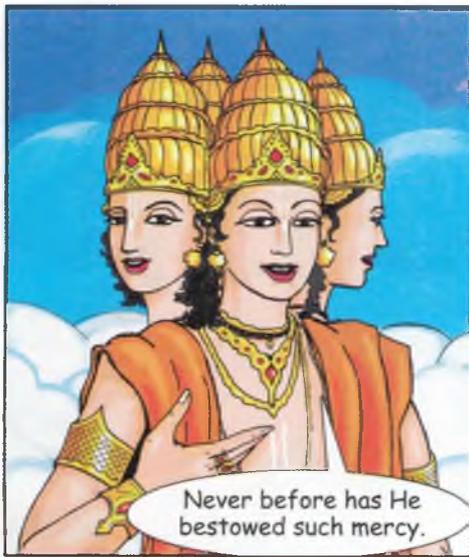


Oh, what a glorious death,
while chanting
the Lord's holy names!

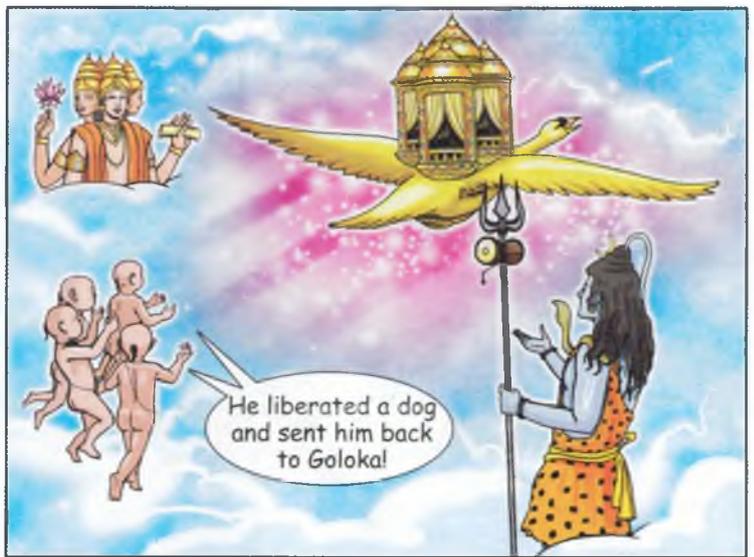
At that moment, a golden celestial chariot came down from the sky...



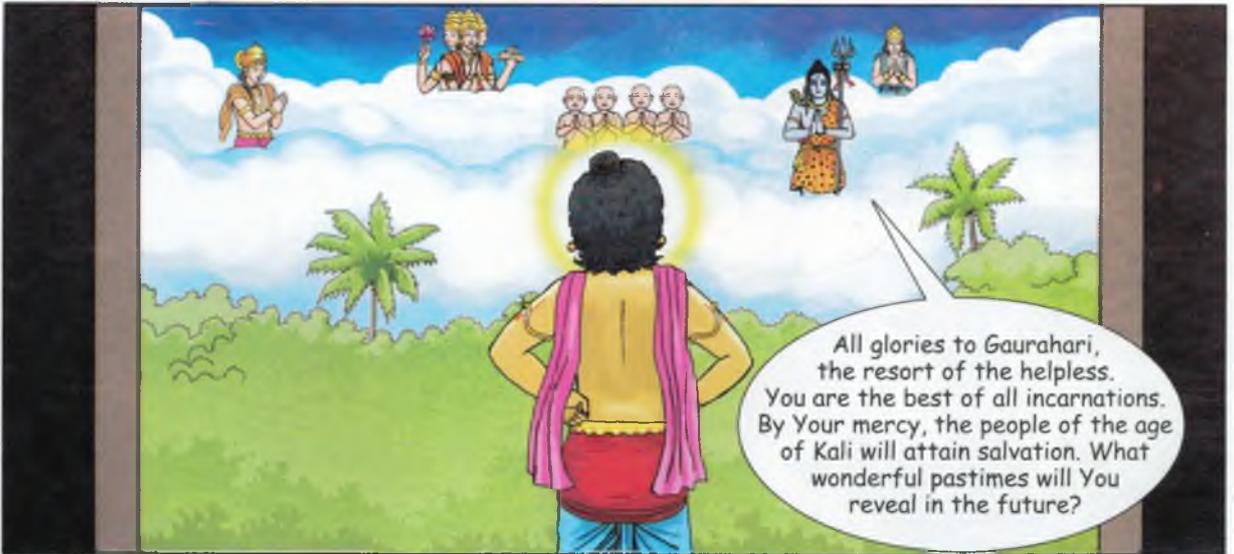




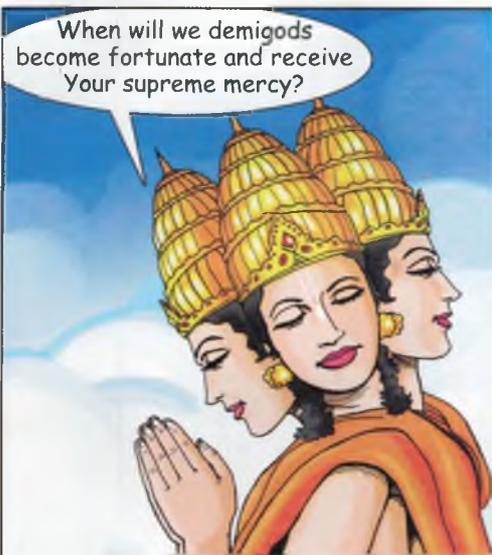
Never before has He bestowed such mercy.



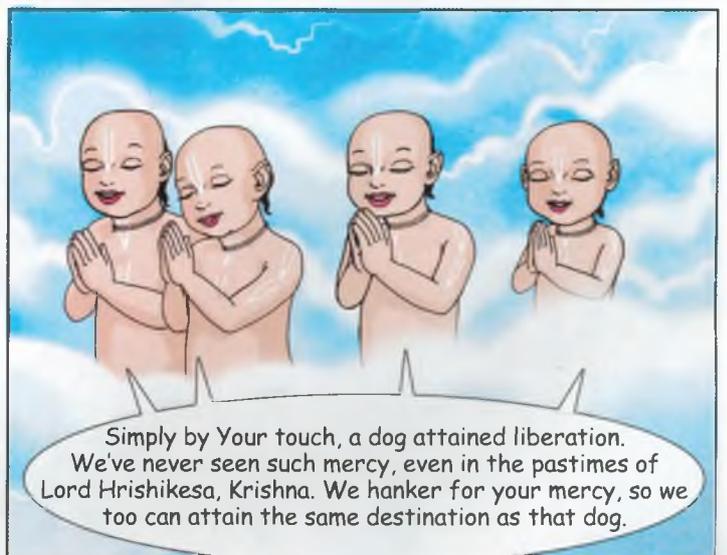
He liberated a dog and sent him back to Goloka!



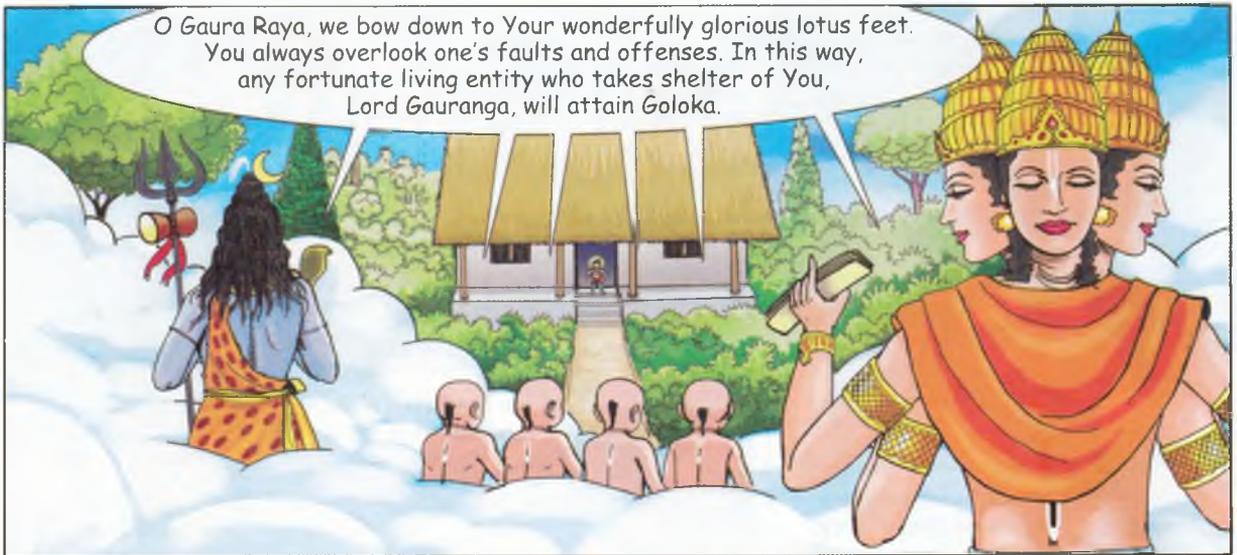
All glories to Gaurahari, the resort of the helpless. You are the best of all incarnations. By Your mercy, the people of the age of Kali will attain salvation. What wonderful pastimes will You reveal in the future?



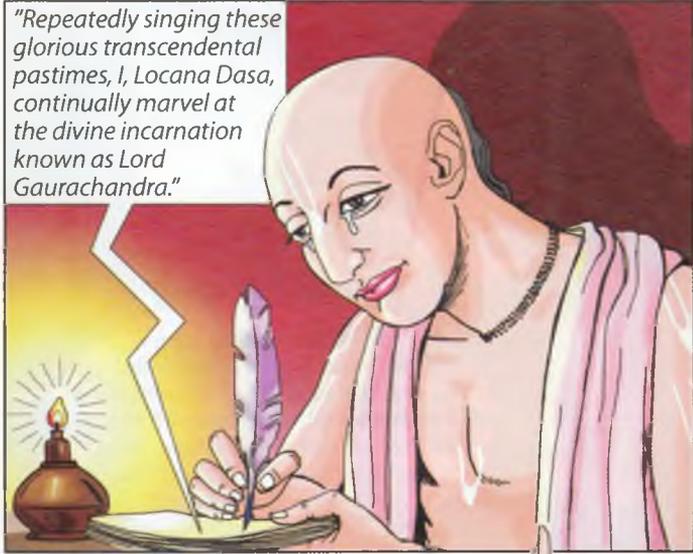
When will we demigods become fortunate and receive Your supreme mercy?



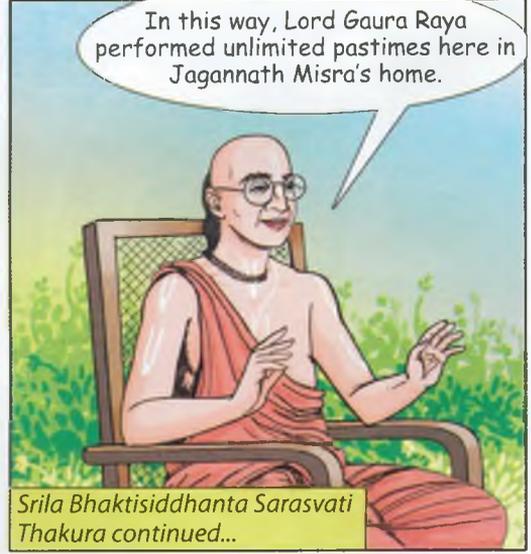
Simply by Your touch, a dog attained liberation. We've never seen such mercy, even in the pastimes of Lord Hrishikesa, Krishna. We hanker for your mercy, so we too can attain the same destination as that dog.



O Gaura Raya, we bow down to Your wonderfully glorious lotus feet. You always overlook one's faults and offenses. In this way, any fortunate living entity who takes shelter of You, Lord Gauranga, will attain Goloka.



"Repeatedly singing these glorious transcendental pastimes, I, Locana Dasa, continually marvel at the divine incarnation known as Lord Gaurachandra."



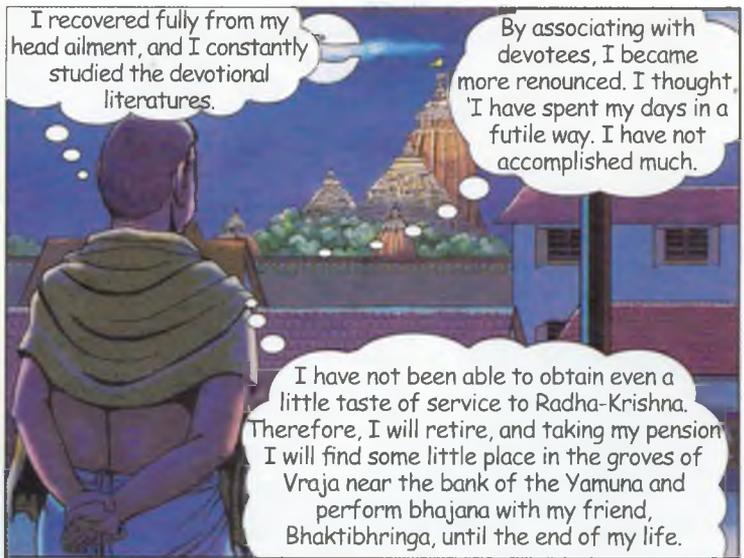
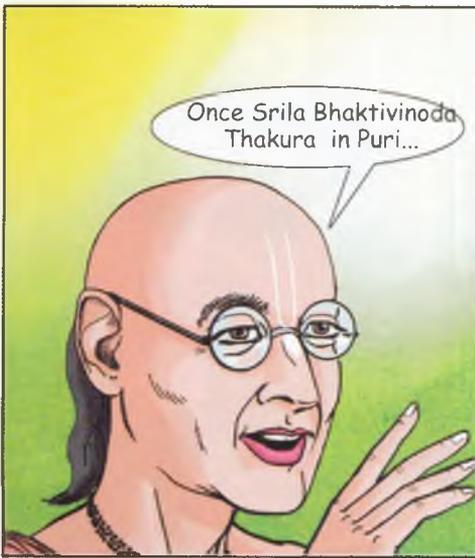
In this way, Lord Gaura Raya performed unlimited pastimes here in Jagannath Misra's home.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura continued...

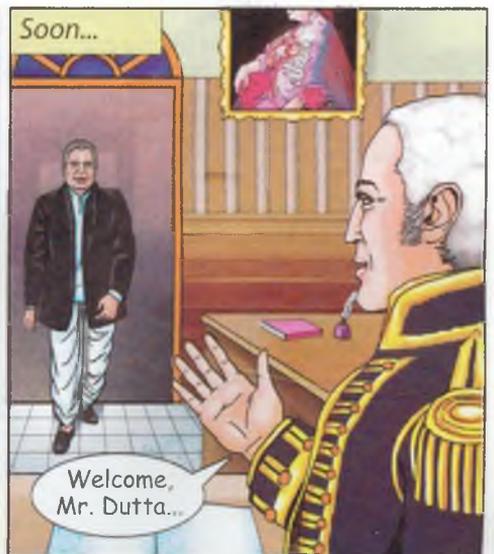
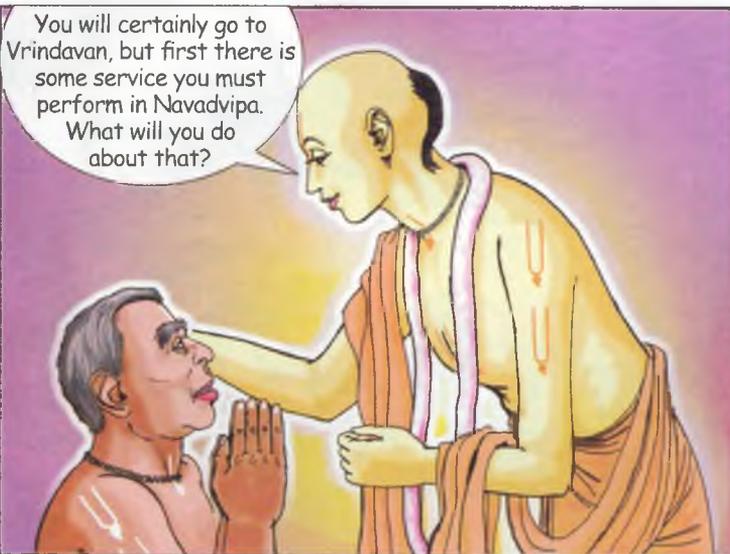


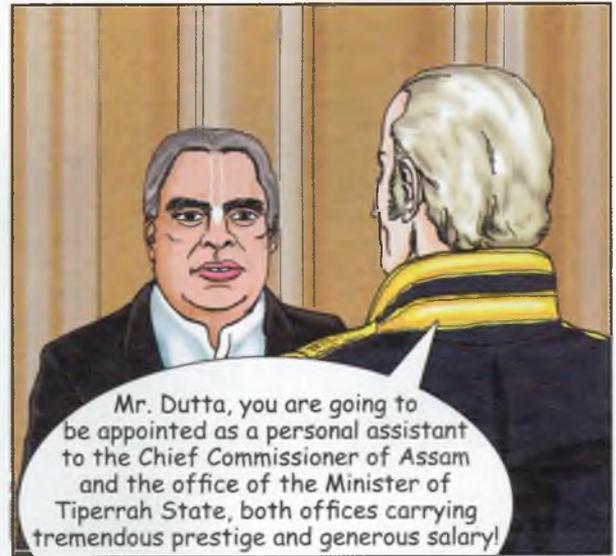
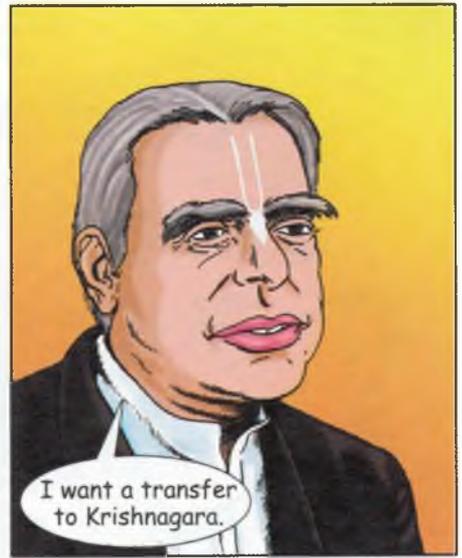
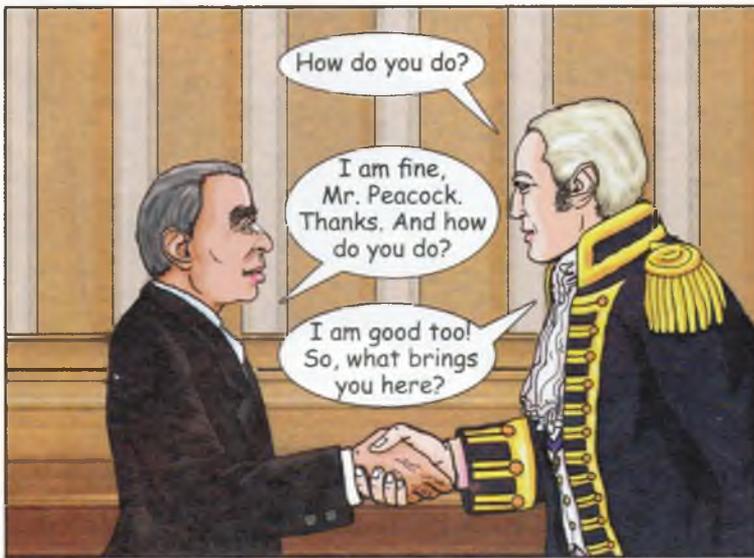
Jaya Sachinandana Gaurahari!

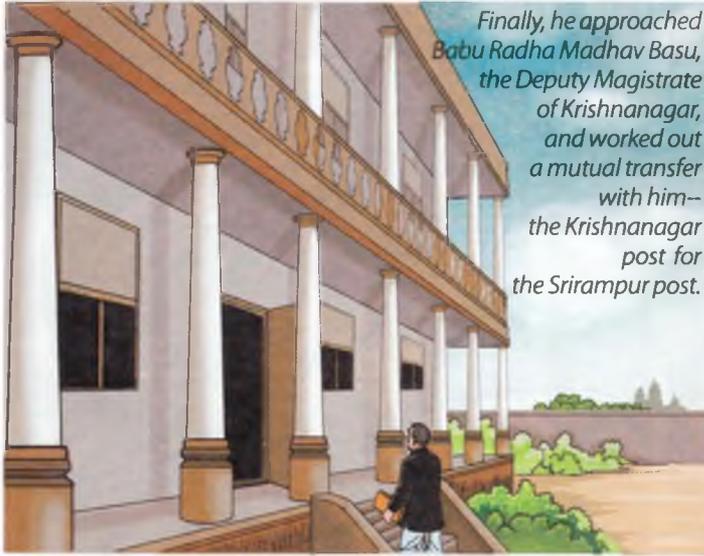
Haribol! Haribol! Haribol! Haribol!



That night, while he was sleeping, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu appeared in his dreams







Finally, he approached Babu Radha Madhav Basu, the Deputy Magistrate of Krishnanagar, and worked out a mutual transfer with him—the Krishnanagar post for the Srirampur post.

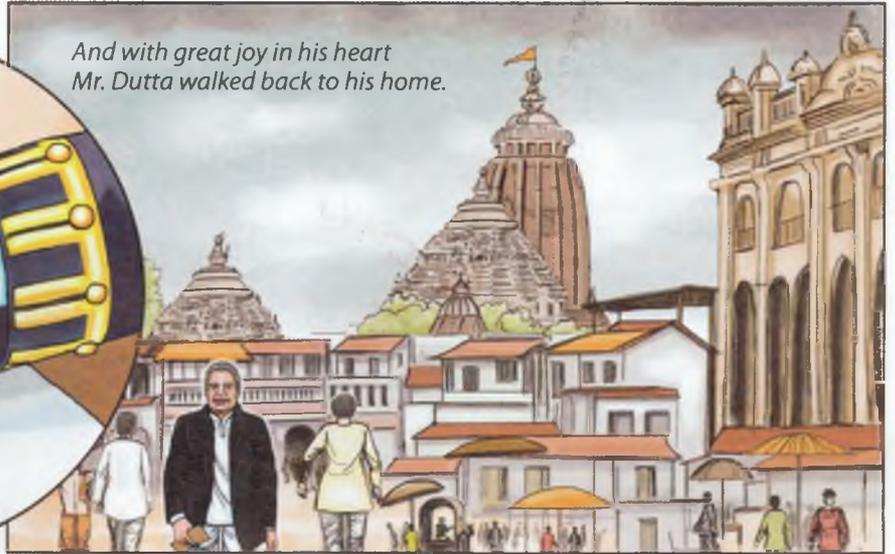


Mr. Dutta then applied for his transfer to Mr. Edgar...

... which got granted immediately!



And with great joy in his heart Mr. Dutta walked back to his home.



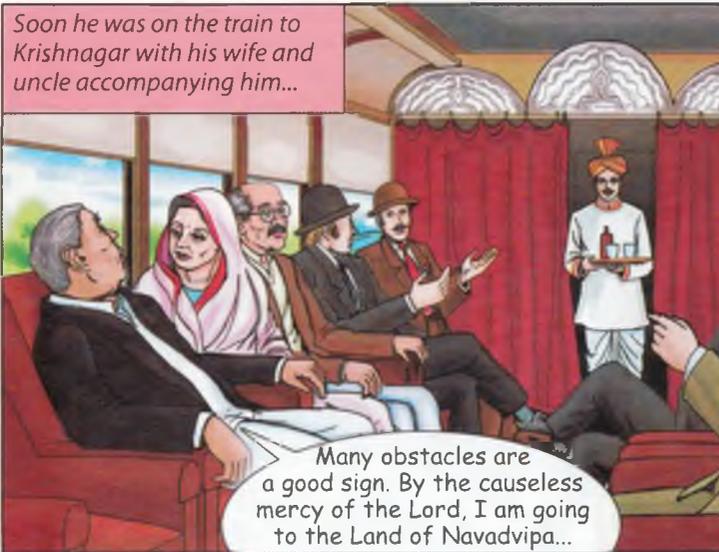
But soon he fell ill...



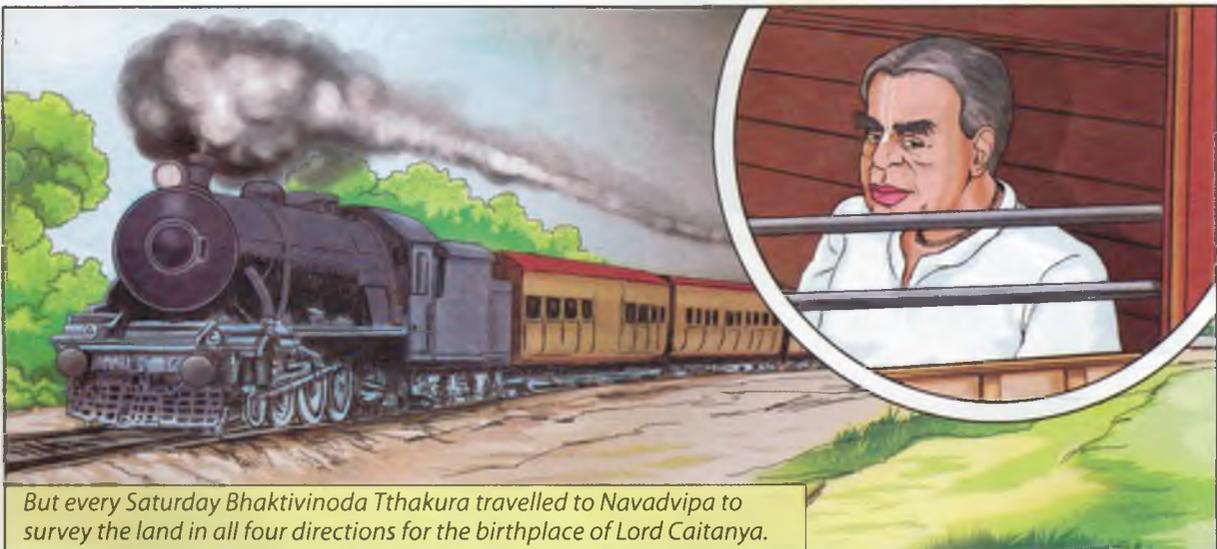
Collector Toynbee visited Bhaktivinoda Thakura.



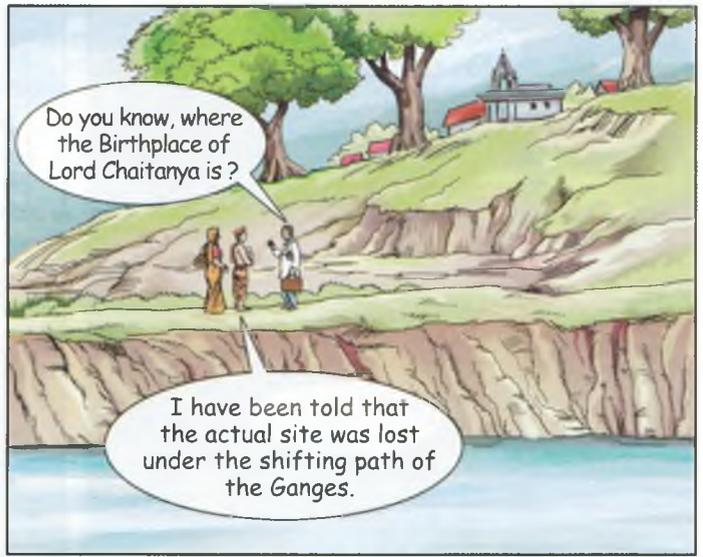
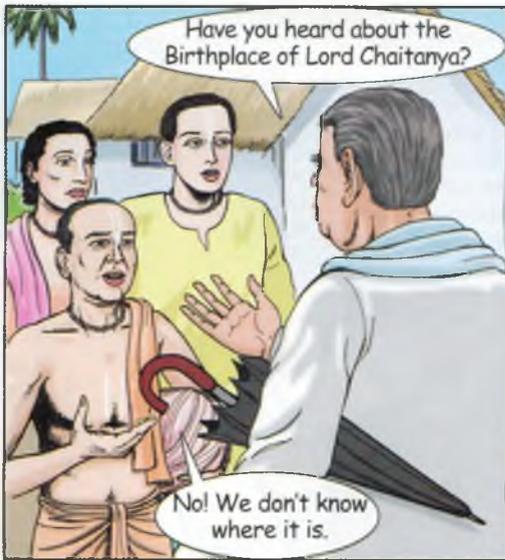
Soon he was on the train to Krishnagar with his wife and uncle accompanying him...



Bhaktivinoda Thakura began to perform a few minor duties in Krishnagar...

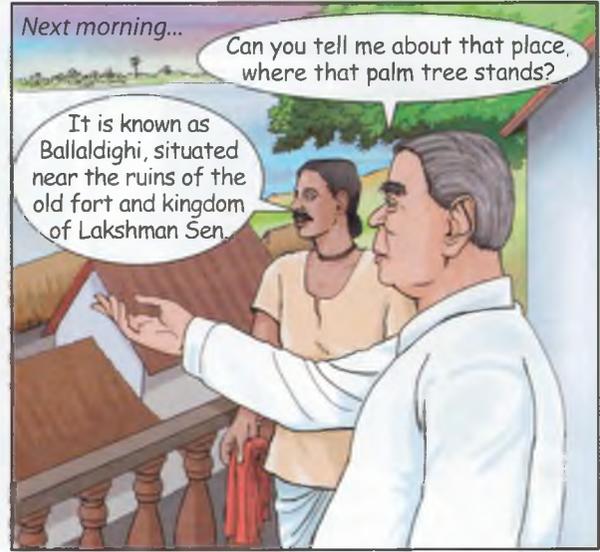


But every Saturday Bhaktivinoda Thakura travelled to Navadvipa to survey the land in all four directions for the birthplace of Lord Caitanya.

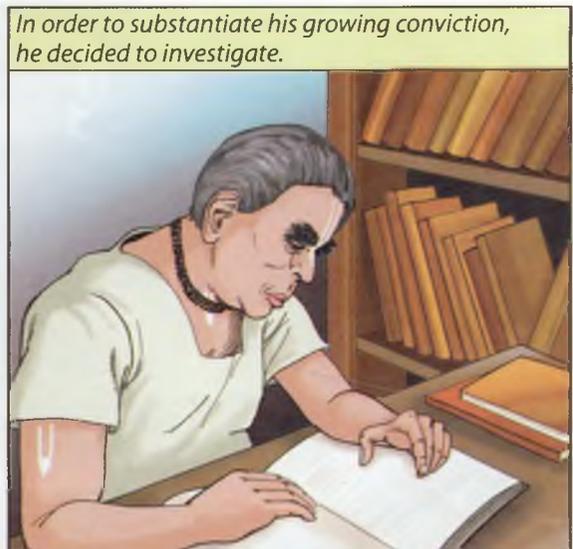
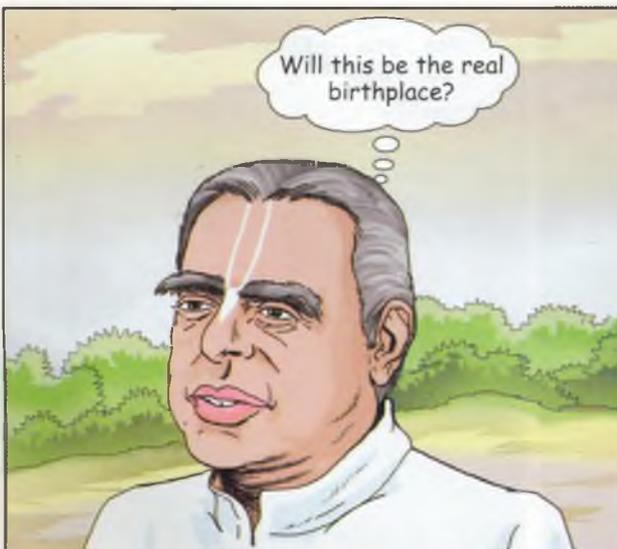
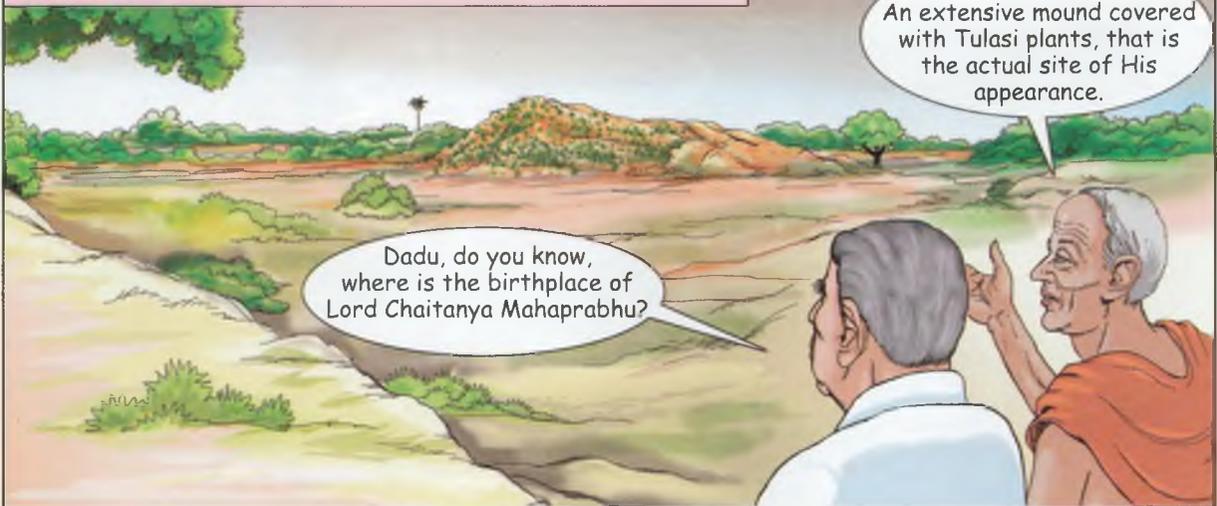


One Saturday night he was sitting in Navadvipa town on the bank of the Ganges along with his son Kamala Prasad and an associate.





Bhaktivinoda Thakura visited that place, which looked deserted...



The name "Sri Mayapur" was found on the map to indicate the site of what became known as Ballaldighi.



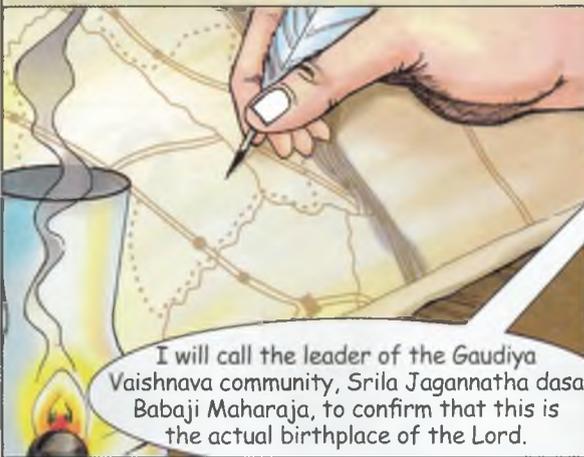
The town on the western banks of the Ganges, now called Navadwip town, was actually a place of less than one-hundred years standing, and that there were still people living there who declared that in their youth they had moved to the new town from the old site at Ballaldighi.

This town of Navadwip could not possibly be the site of Lord Chaitanya's appearance because He had appeared on the eastern bank of the Ganges.

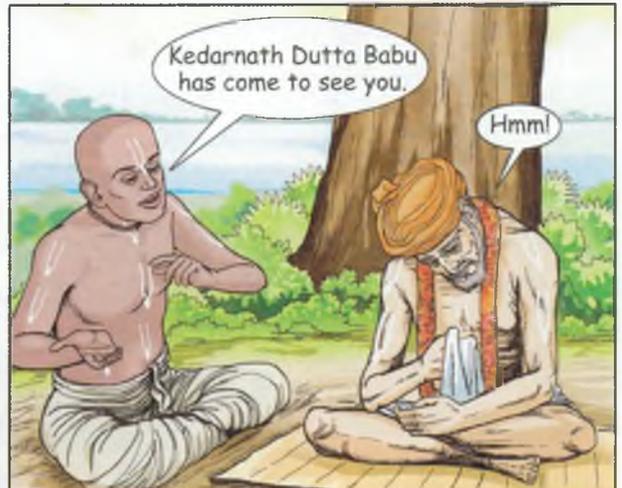
Furthermore, the elderly villagers of Ballaldighi even called the area Mayapur.

Bhakti-ratnakara says that in the center of Navadvipa-mandala there is a place called Mayapur where the Supreme Lord Gaurachandra took birth.

This monumental discovery took place toward the beginning of 1888, and it was a landmark event in the history of Vaishnavism.



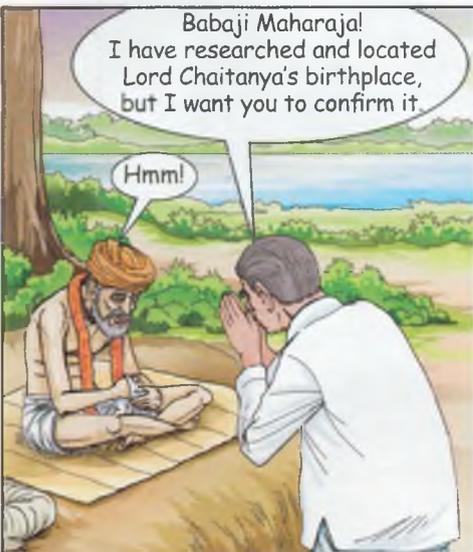
I will call the leader of the Gaudiya Vaishnava community, Srila Jagannatha dasa Babaji Maharaja, to confirm that this is the actual birthplace of the Lord.



Kedarnath Dutta Babu has come to see you.

Hmm!

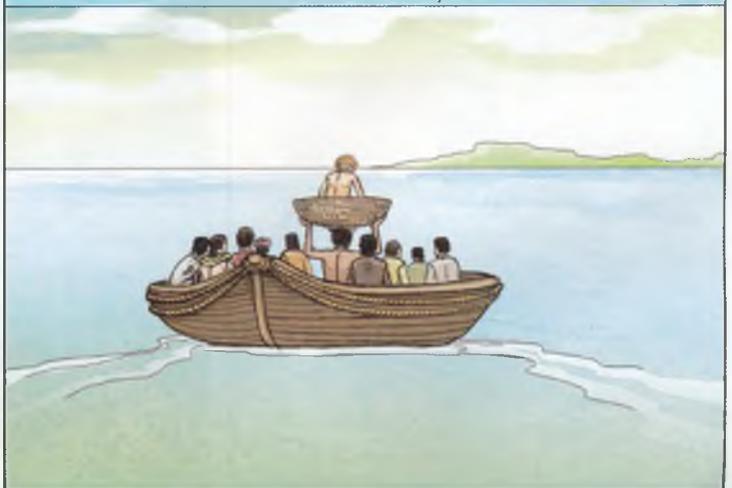
Babaji Maharaj (more than 120 years old) and his servant Bihari...



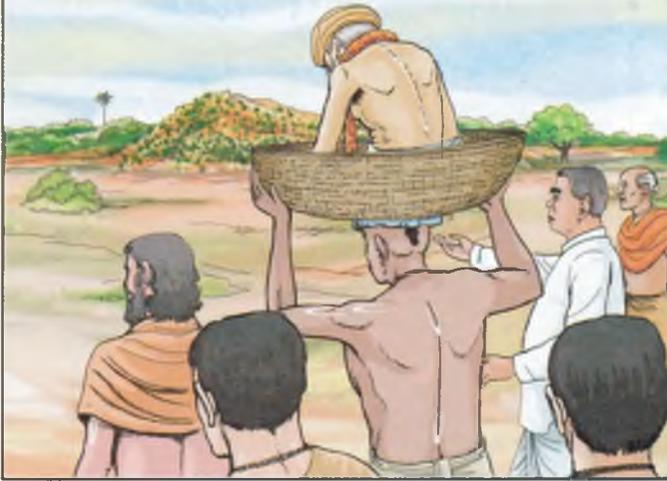
Babaji Maharaja! I have researched and located Lord Chaitanya's birthplace, but I want you to confirm it.

Hmm!

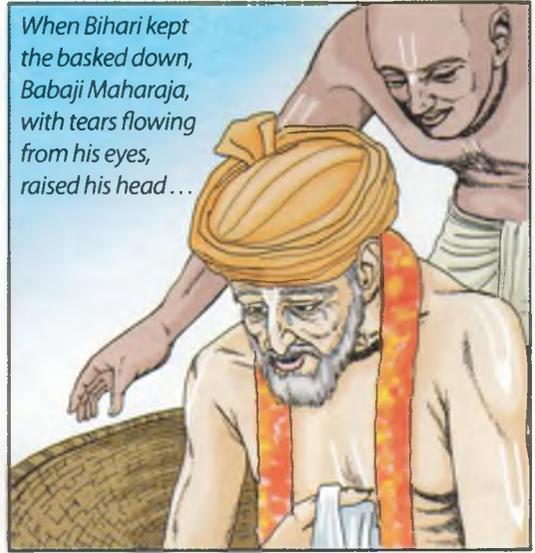
Babaji Maharaj was carried by his servant Bihari and accompanied Bhaktivinoda Thakura to the Lord's birthplace.



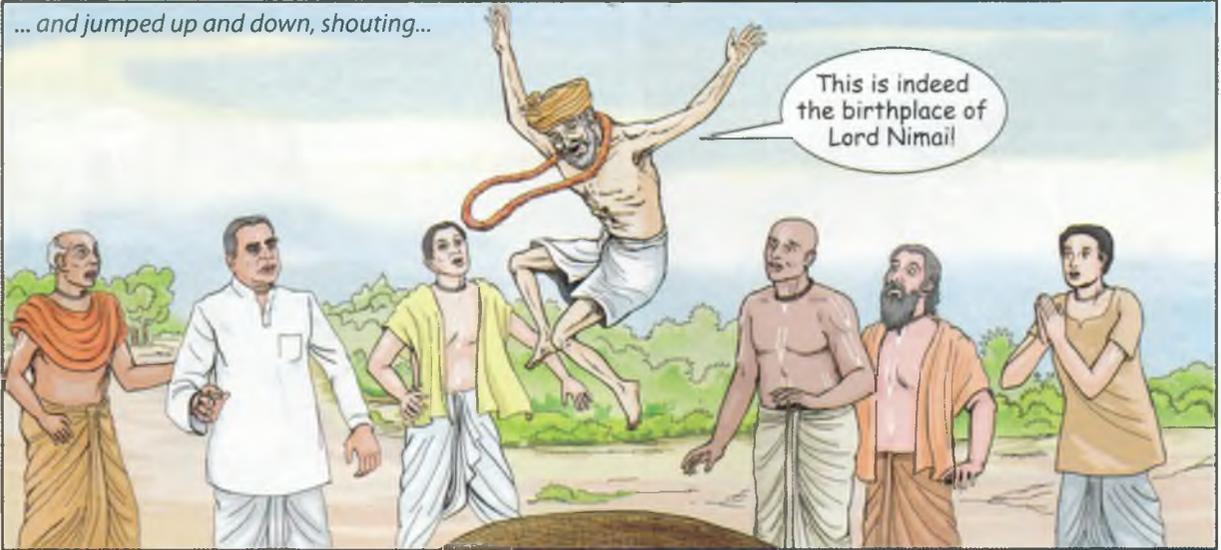
Babaji Maharaj was brought to the spot discovered by the Thakura...



When Bihari kept the basket down, Babaji Maharaja, with tears flowing from his eyes, raised his head...

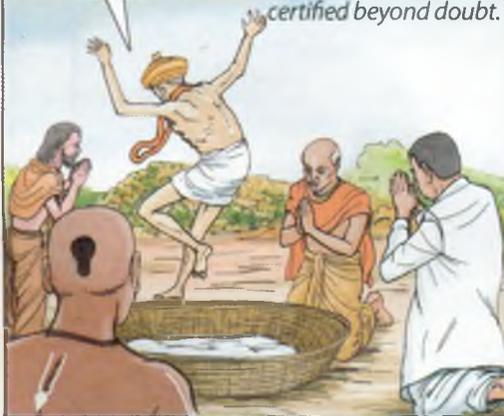


... and jumped up and down, shouting...



This is indeed the birthplace of Lord Nimail!

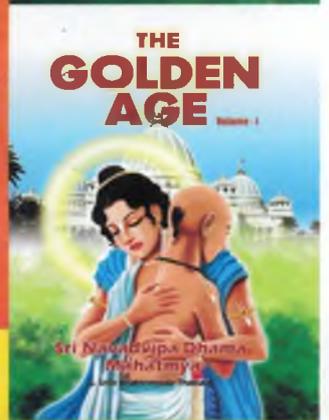
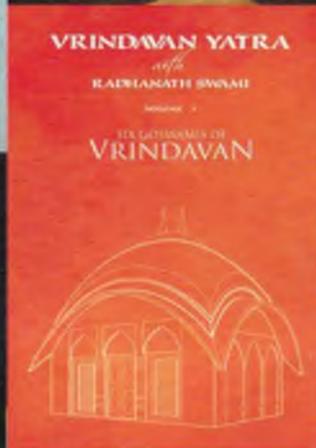
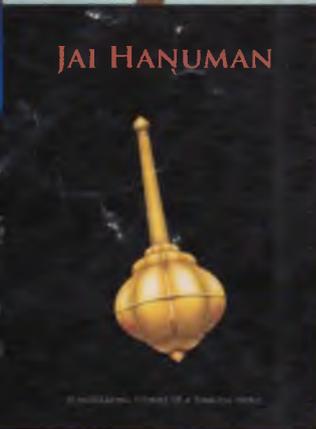
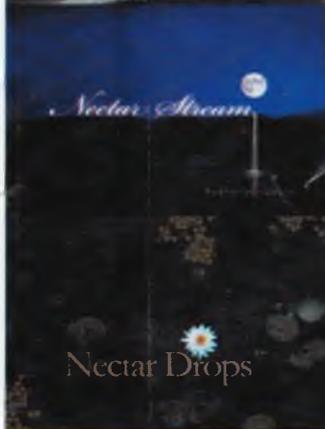
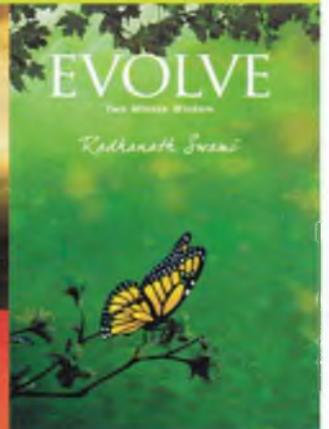
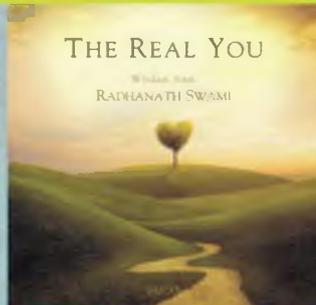
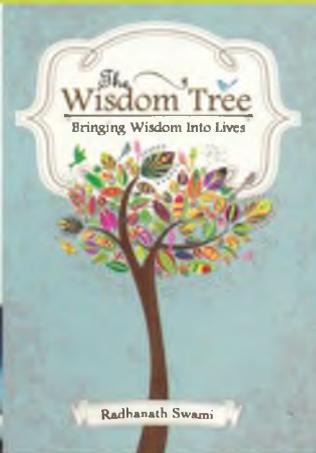
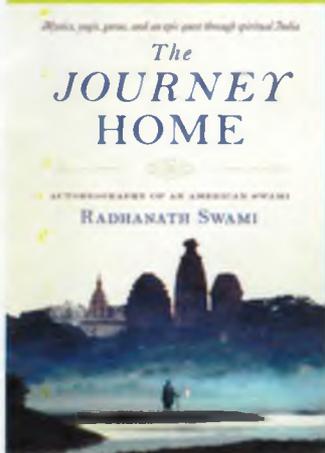
Thus, by the additional and absolute confirmation of the Paramahansa Babaji, the site was forever certified beyond doubt.



"Thus, from both an empirical and spiritual point of view, the place of Lord Caitanya's birth was ascertained. Just as Srila Rupa Gosvami and Srila Sanatana Gosvami excavated the lost sites of Krishna's pastimes in Vrindavana, the Thakura discovered this lost site of Gauranga's advent and other pastimes in Navadvipa."



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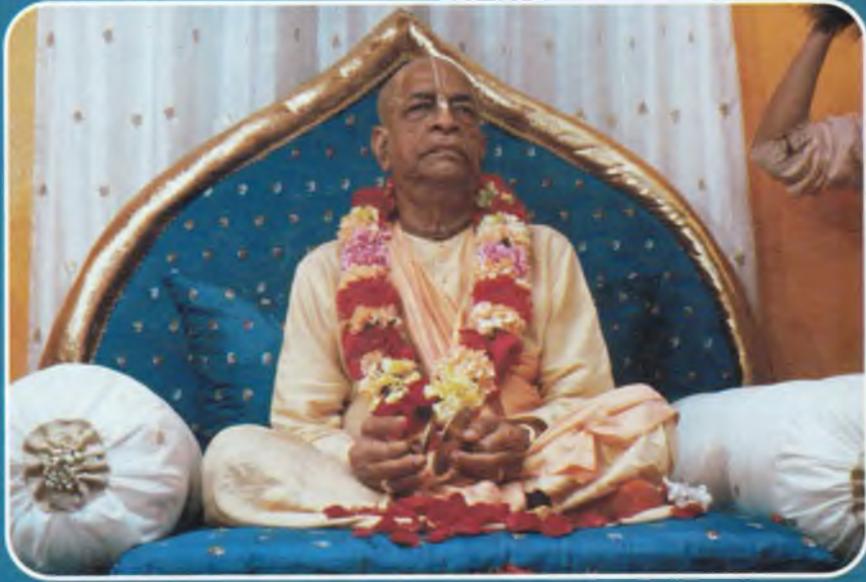


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