

# Lord Krishna's *advent and pastimes*

Children's book



*janma karma ca me divyam  
evam yo vetti tattvatah  
tyaktva deham punar janma  
naiti mam eti so 'rjuna*

"One who knows the  
transcendental nature of  
My appearance and activities does not,  
upon leaving the body, take his birth  
again in this material world, but attains  
My eternal abode, O Arjuna".

Bhagavad-gita 4.9



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# Prayers by Lord Brahma



*īśvaraḥ paramaḥ kṛṣṇaḥ  
sac-cid-ānanda-vigrahaḥ  
anādir ādir govindaḥ  
sarva-kāraṇa-kāraṇam*

Kṛṣṇa who is known as Govinda is the Supreme Godhead. He has an eternal blissful spiritual body. He is the origin of all. He has no other origin and He is the prime cause of all causes.

Śrī Brahma-saṁhitā





### *Sri Sri Sikshashtakam Prayers*

by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu

*namnam akari bahudha nija-sarva-saktis  
tatrarpita niyamitah smarane na kalah  
etadrisi tava kripa bhagavan mamapi  
durdaivam idrisam ihajani nanuragah*

**O** my Lord, Your holy name alone can render all benediction to living beings, and thus You have hundreds and millions of names, like Krishna and Govinda. In these transcendental names You have invested all Your transcendental energies. There are not even hard and fast rules for chanting these names. O my Lord, out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by Your holy names, but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them.

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A selected pastime  
from Śrīmad-Bhāgavatā Purāna

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Long, long ago, there lived an evil king called Kamsa, who ruled over Mathura.

While he was driving the chariot for his newly wedded sister Devaki and her husband Vasudeva, an unseen voice

**announced.**








“ Kamsa,  
you are  
such a  
fool! You  
do not  
even know  
that the  
eighth  
child of  
this sister  
will

**KILL**

you.”

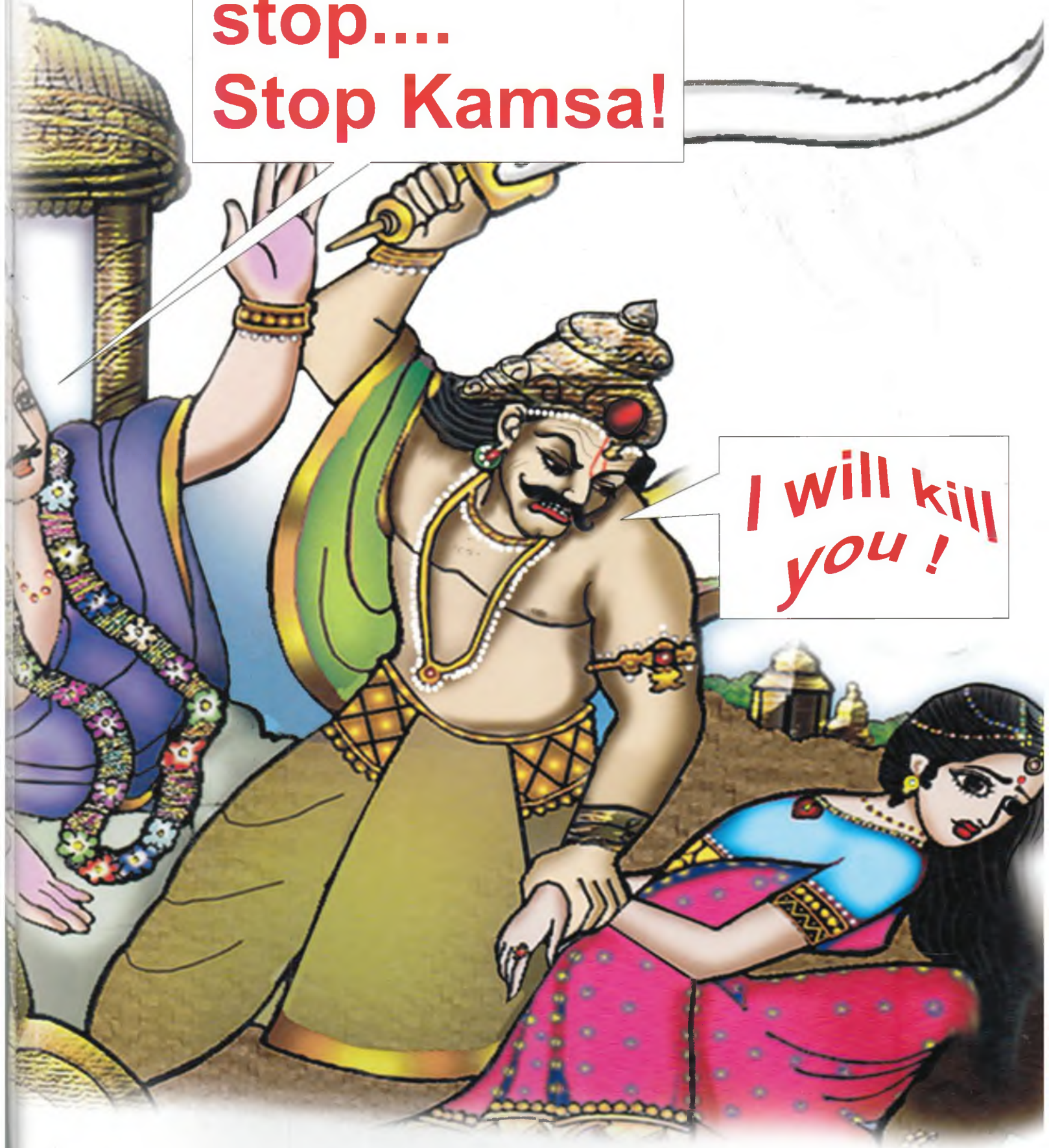


**K**amsa immediately drew his sword out to kill his sister Devaki. To protect his wife, Vasudeva stopped him and promised Kamsa that he would hand over all his new born babies to him as soon as they are born.



**stop.....  
Stop Kamsa!**

*I will kill  
you!*





**Kamsa agreed to this and refrained from killing Devaki.  
But he put them in jail.**





As and when the children were born in the prison house, Devaki and Vasudeva delivered them to Kamsa.



He  
killed  
their  
first  
six  
baby  
boys.



Their seventh son, Balarama was transferred from Devaki to Rohini, another wife of Vasudeva in Gokula.















**B**y Lord Krishna's supreme power, Vasudeva's chains were cut off and all the doorkeepers of the the prison fell asleep. He carried baby Krishna in a small basket over his head. It was raining heavily outside.

Ananta-sesa, Lord Vishnu's eternal associate, held his hoods as an umbrella over Lord Krishna. River Yamuna gave way for Vasudeva and allowed him to cross and reach Gokul. Under the influence of Yogamaya, a power of the Lord Himself, everybody in Gokul was asleep. He reached Nanda Maharaj's palace. He placed his son on Yashoda's bed and picked up her new-born daughter.





**V**asudeva brought the baby girl to the prison in Mathura. The next day, the news of the new born baby reached Kamsa. He rushed to the prison and snatched the child from the hands of the pleading Devaki and dashed the child against a rock. But the new-born child slipped away from his hands, rose above his head and appeared as the eight-handed form of Durga and warned him thus...



**“The child who  
will kill you is  
already born  
before me.  
Don’t be so  
cruel to your  
poor sister.”**









# **Kamsa was perplexed.....**

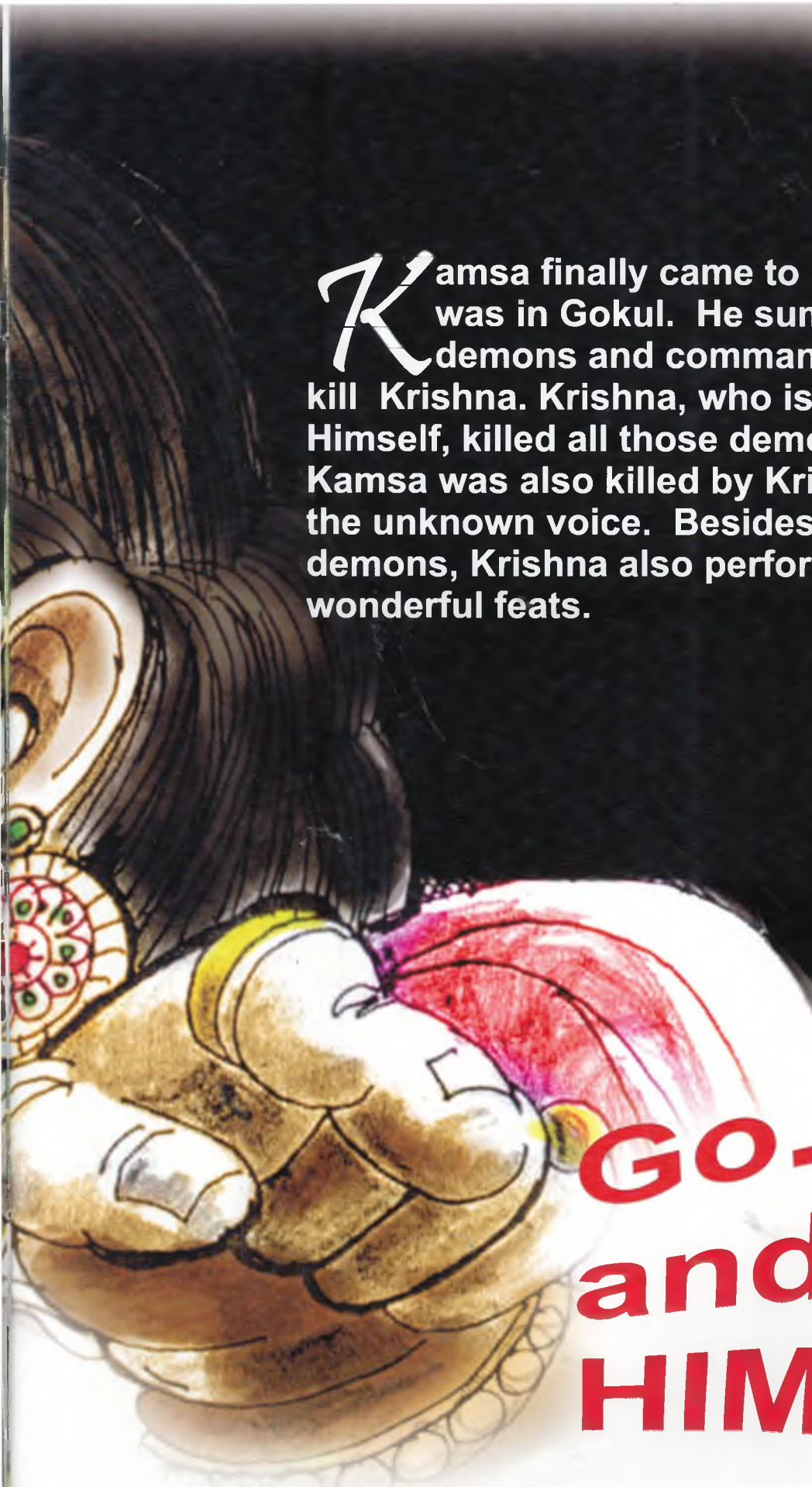
**Kamsa tried very hard to find out where Krishna was-the child who would kill him!**












**K**amsa finally came to know that Krishna was in Gokul. He summoned all his demons and commanded them to go and kill Krishna. Krishna, who is none other than God Himself, killed all those demons. In the end, Kamsa was also killed by Krishna, as predicted by the unknown voice. Besides killing all the demons, Krishna also performed many wonderful feats.

**GO....  
and find  
HIM OUT!**









**T**he first one to go was Putana, who was a dangerous demoniac witch. Kamsa ordered her to kill Lord Krishna. Krishna was only a few months old. Putana, took the form of a beautiful woman and planned on getting rid of Krishna by feeding Him with her poisonous milk. Krishna being the Lord Almighty knew this. Krishna took hold of her breast, squeezed it very hard with both His hands and sucked out both- the poison and her life. When her gigantic body fell to the ground, it smashed all the trees within a limit of twelve miles. They found baby Krishna playing on her.

When the cowherd men chopped her huge body with axes and burned the pieces of her body in fire, the smoke filled the air with a very pleasing fragrance.





**W**hen Lord Krishna was three months old, mother Yashoda and Nanda Maharaja arranged for a nice celebration. All the residents of Vrindavana were invited. Yashoda placed baby Krishna underneath a hand-cart to sleep. But actually the wheel of the cart was a demon called Sakatasura. Baby Krishna being hungry, started crying. But Mother could not hear Him, as she was attending the guests. Krishna lifted His legs and kicked in anger. His feet touched the wheel of the cart and it collapsed with a big sound. The demon was crushed to death. All the people were wonderstruck seeing the wheel which was lying broken. Mother Yashoda rushed and carried her son baby Krishna and hugged Him.














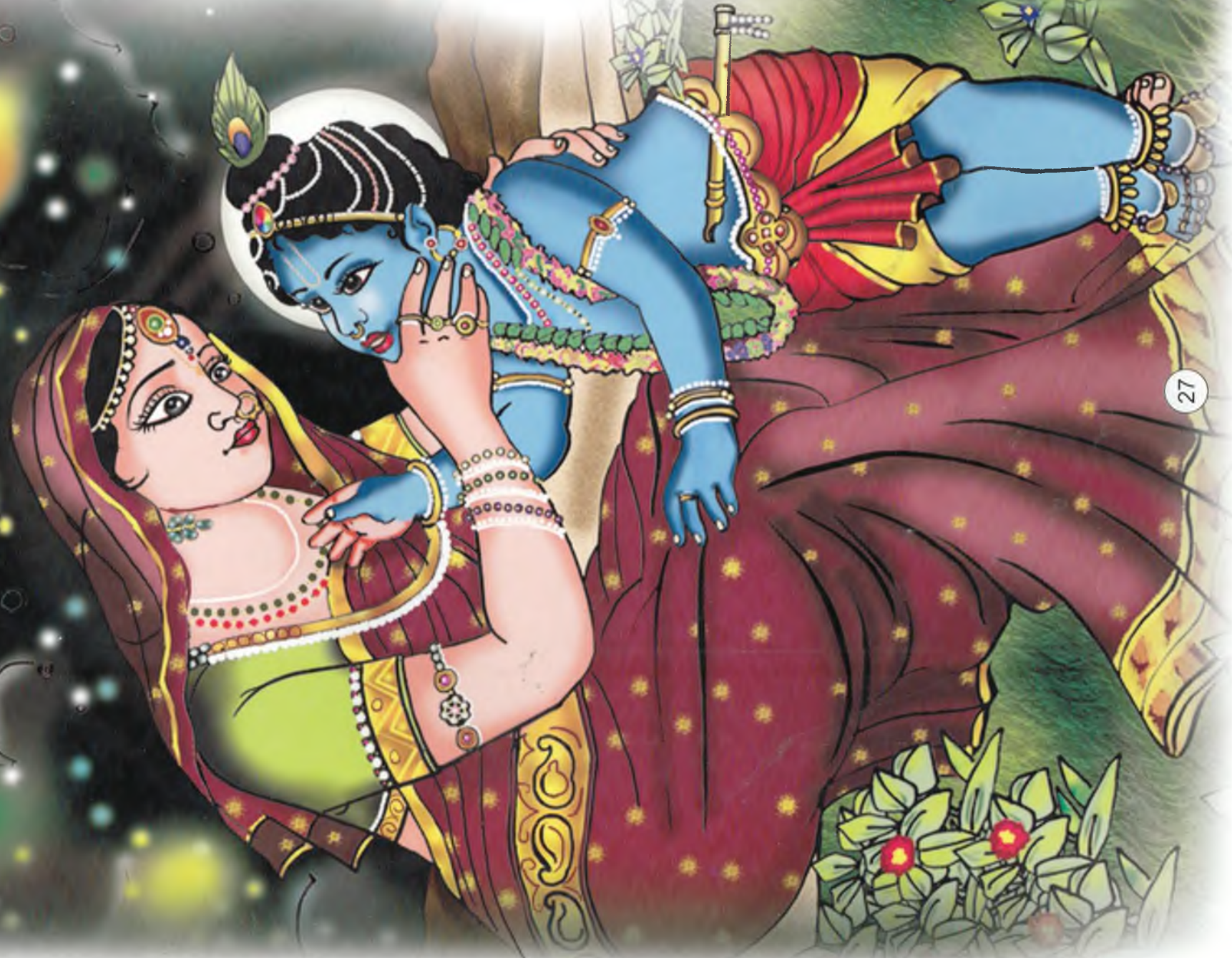
**O**ne day mother Yashoda was carrying Krishna in her arms. She suddenly felt tired to carry Him. She placed Him on the ground. At that time, Trinavarta, a servant of Kamsa, appeared as a whirlwind in order to kill Krishna. He raised a great storm all over Vrindavana. He carried Krishna on his shoulders and went high up in the sky. Krishna suddenly became as heavy as a mountain and pulled him down. He caught hold of the demon's neck tightly. Trinavarta choked, his eyes popped and he fell down dead. Krishna was unhurt and was playing upon the body of Trinavarta. The residents of Gokul were astonished to see this.



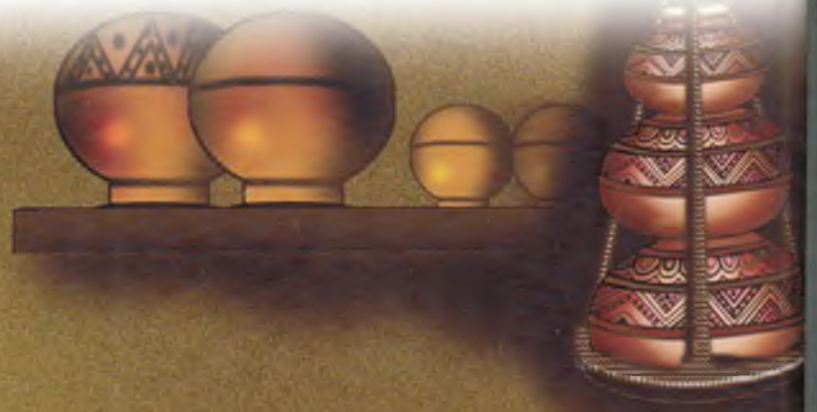


Once Mother Yashoda received a complaint that baby Krishna had eaten mud. Yasoda became angry and asked Lord Krishna to open His mouth. When He opened His mouth wide, she saw whole universes within His mouth and was left bewildered.













**O**ne day Mother Yashoda was feeding little Krishna. Just then she saw that the hot milk on the oven was boiling over.

**S**he rushed to the kitchen to stop the milk from overflowing, leaving Krishna behind.

**K**rishna was upset and became angry...







# He BROKE

the butter pot  
....ate some of it  
while His  
mother was  
busy in the  
kitchen.

He even started feeding  
the birds.





Seeing Krishna's act Mother Yashoda decided to teach Him a lesson. She found some rope lying near by. She took it and tried to tie Krishna to a mortar but the rope fell short by a few inches. So, she brought more ropes and tried to tie Krishna by knotting them together... but every time the rope was short by a distance equal to the width of two fingers.












**F**inally Yashoda somehow managed to tie baby Krishna to the mortar at the courtyard. Krishna found two Yamla Arjuna trees there. (In their past, these trees were demigods who got cursed by Narada muni for their misbehaviour. When they pleaded Narada Muni to forgive them, he assured them that Lord Krishna will come and deliver them from their curse.)

Krishna dragged the mortar and crawled in between the two Yamla Arjuna trees. The mortar got stuck between the trees. When Krishna crawled some more the trees fell down and two divine persons appeared from the fallen trees. They were the sons of Kuvera by name Nalakuvera and Manigriva. They regained their original form and offered their prayers to Krishna and returned to the heavenly planets.







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**O**ne day, a fruit vendor came to Nanda Maharaja's house.

Krishna had seen His elders exchange grains for the fruits. So He ran inside the house and brought a handful of grains in His little hand. Most of the grains fell down when He ran back to the fruit vendor. She lovingly filled Lord Krishna's hands with all the fruits she had in her basket in exchange for a few grains. In turn, Lord Krishna filled her basket with jewels and precious stones.









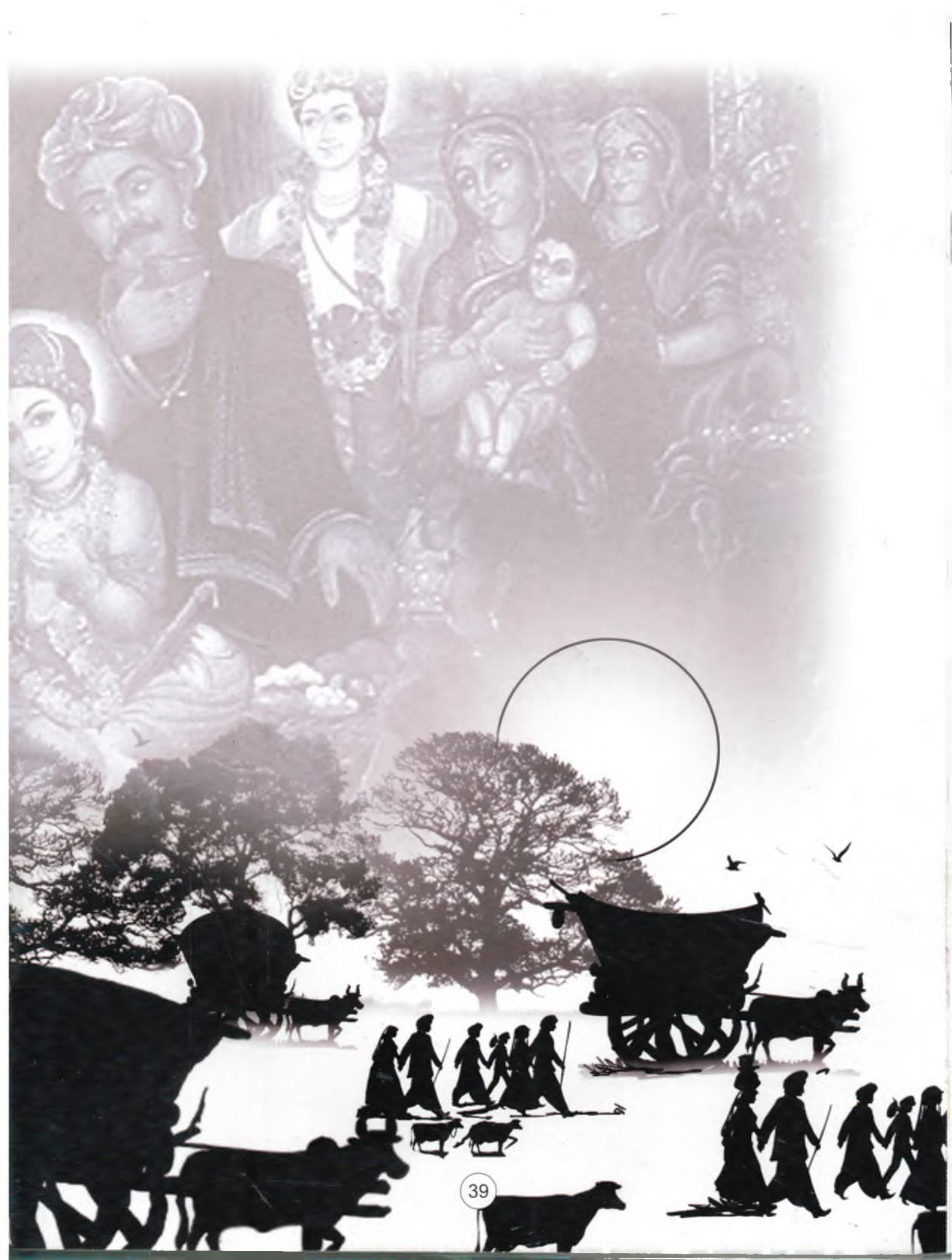
**A**ll the gopis were aware of Krishna's desire for butter. So they offered Him butter. But in exchange they wanted Him to dance for them. Krishna danced for their tunes and songs as an ordinary child although He was the controller of all the universes.



**A**ll the elderly gopas decided to leave Gokul as they saw that Gokul was always undergoing disturbances. They decided to go to Vrindavan. The next day they all departed along with their cows and calves in bulluck carts. On the way, they rested in a place called Chatikara where they had their lunch and proceeded to Vrindavan.









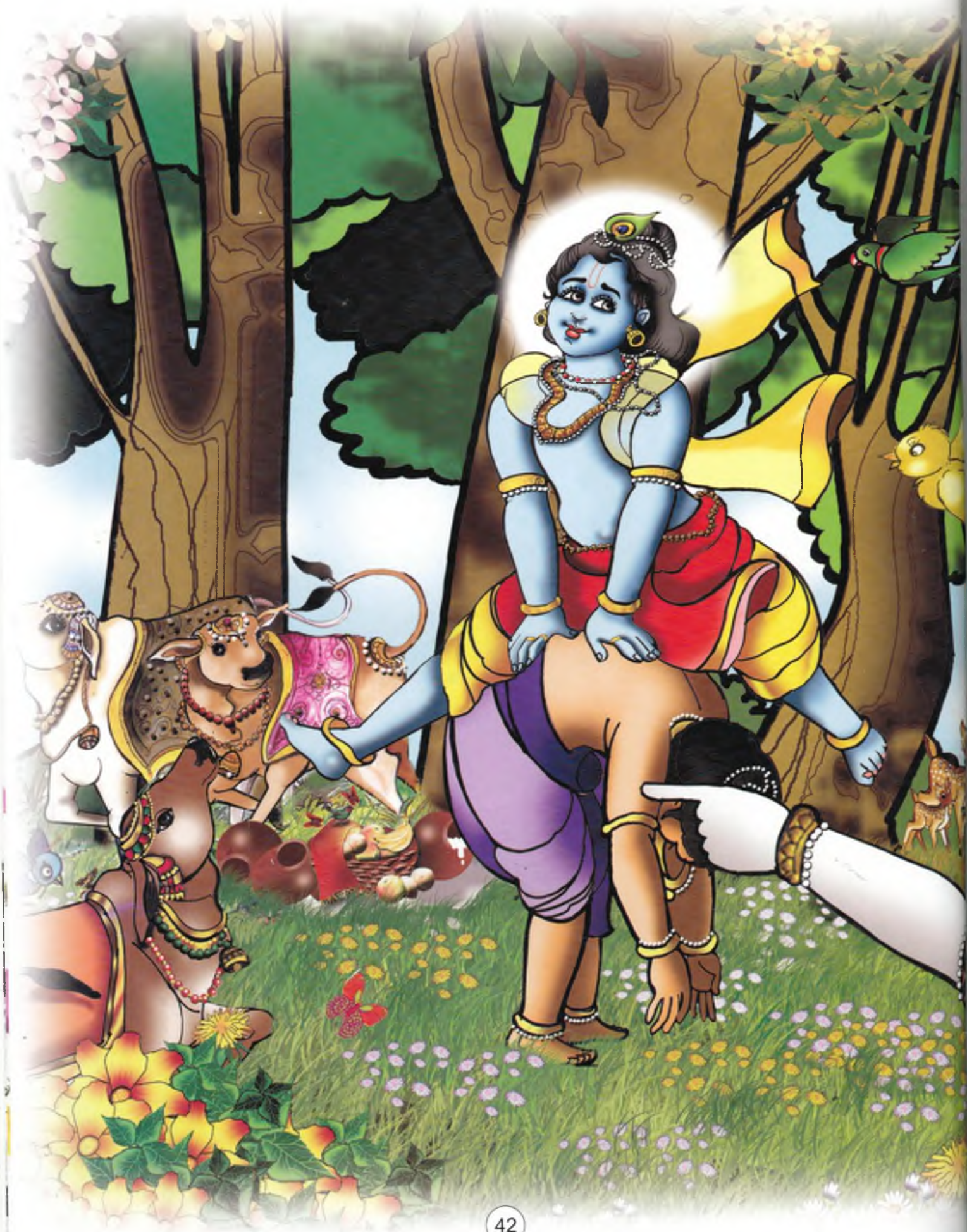
**W**hen Krishna was five years old, He requested Nanda Maharaj to allow Him to go to the forest with His friends and calves. Nanda Maharaj agreed and allowed Krishna and Balaram to take the calves to the forest for grazing. The gopas decorated their calves and packed their food. They went to forest along with their calves, who had bells around their necks. They were running and jumping, following Lord Krishna with lots of joy.











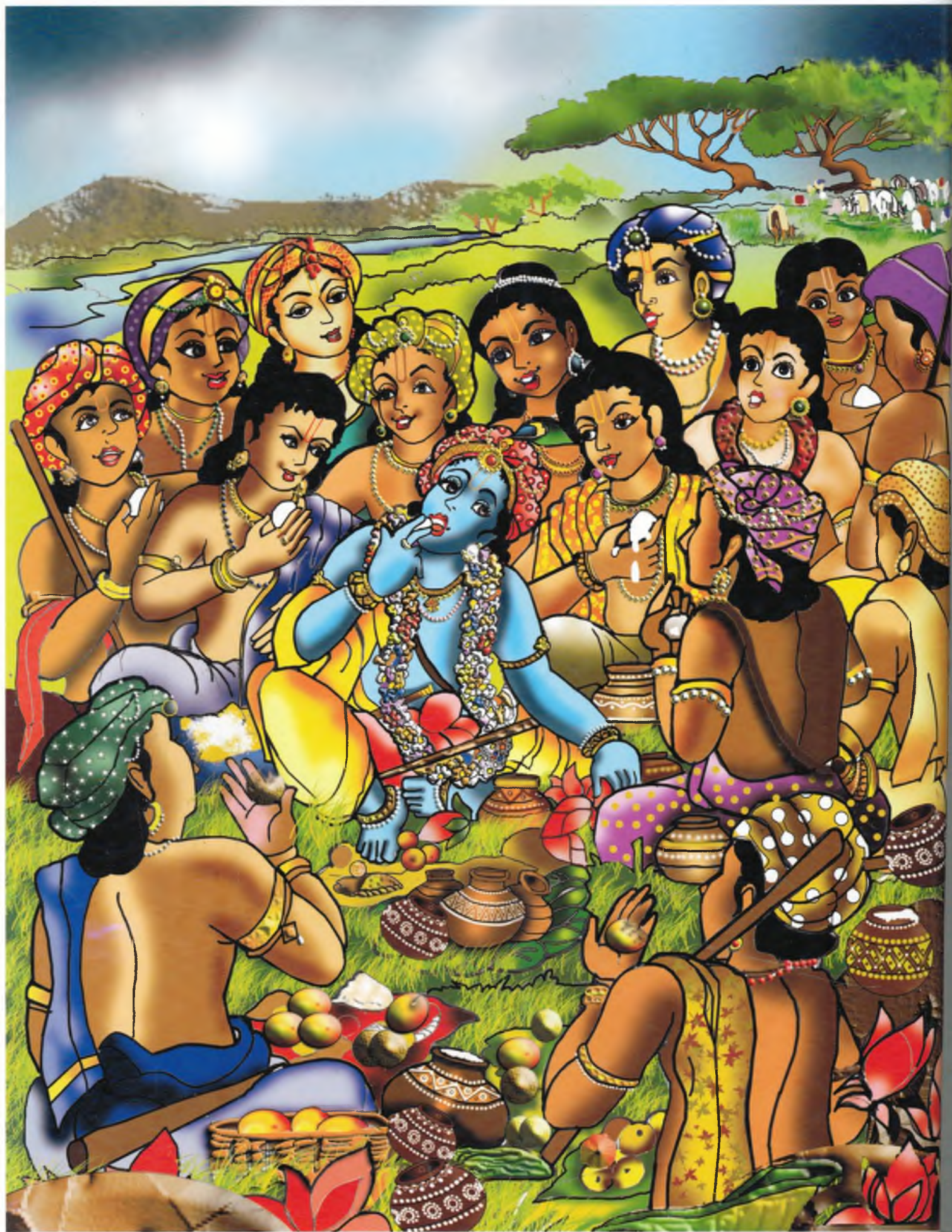




**A**fter reaching the forest they selected a shady place under the trees. They kept their packs of food brought from home under the tree and allowed the calves to graze around. Whilst some boys kept an eye on the grazing calves the others played under the shade. They played several games like hide and seek, jumping-over each other and mimicking birds and animals.











**A**fter playing for sometime they selected a nice grassy place on the banks of river Yamuna. While the calves were grazing the fresh green grass, the gopas sat around Lord Krishna. They shared their food brought from home among themselves .

They resembled a full bloom lotus flower with Krishna in the center. Lord Krishna enjoyed the curd rice and the sweets packed by His mother along with the other wonderful eatables brought by his gopa friends. After eating with His friends, Krishna rested beneath a tree and played on His flute. Some of His friends massaged His louts feet to relieve him of His fatigue.

They returned home happily before sunset.



Once Krishna and Balarama were playing with cowherd boys near the banks of the river Yamuna.

Suddenly they saw a giant crane. Kamsa sent this demon, by the name of Baka in form of a crane to kill Krishna. As soon as Krishna went near the crane, he swallowed Him up. Krishna became a fireball burnt the throat of the crane from inside. Bakasura therefore spit Him out. Krishna caught hold of the beaks of Bakasura and tore him into two halves, just like splitting a blade of grass. Bakasura was thus killed by Krishna.













**A**ghasura was a dangerous demon sent by Kamsa to kill Krishna and His friends. Aghasura, with his mystic power assumed the shape of a very huge serpent and stretched his mouth wide open like a mountain cave. While playing, all the cowherd boys, cows and calves entered the mouth of this demon serpent. At last Krishna also entered into this cave-like mouth of the demon. Aghasura tried to smash Krishna and kill Him. But Krishna expanded Himself within the throat of the demon. He was suffocated and fell down dead. Then Krishna and all His friends came out of the mouth of Aghasura. The demigods showered flowers on Krishna and praised Him.



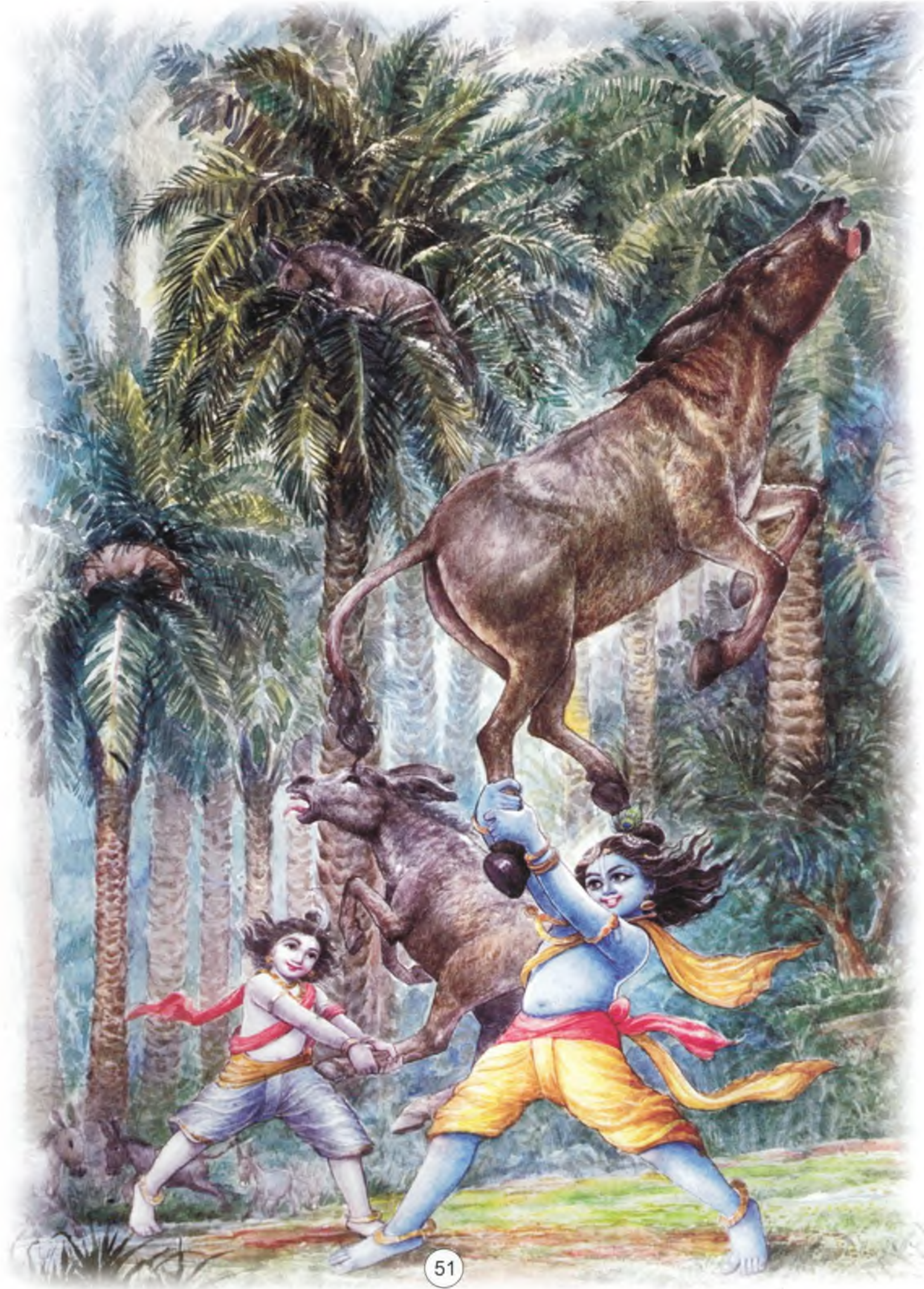


**T**alavana was a big forest full of palm trees. Once Krishna, Balarama and their friends entered this forest to taste the ripe palm fruits. The forest was guarded by Denukasura. He was a demon in the form of a donkey.



Balarama forcefully shook some palm trees and the fruits fell down. Hearing the sound, Denukasura appeared there with his relative donkey demons and they kicked Balarama and Krishna with their legs. Balarama and Krishna both playfully caught the hind legs of the donkeys and dashed them against the palm trees and disposed them all. Demigods showered flowers and the people of Gokul glorified Krishna and Balarama.










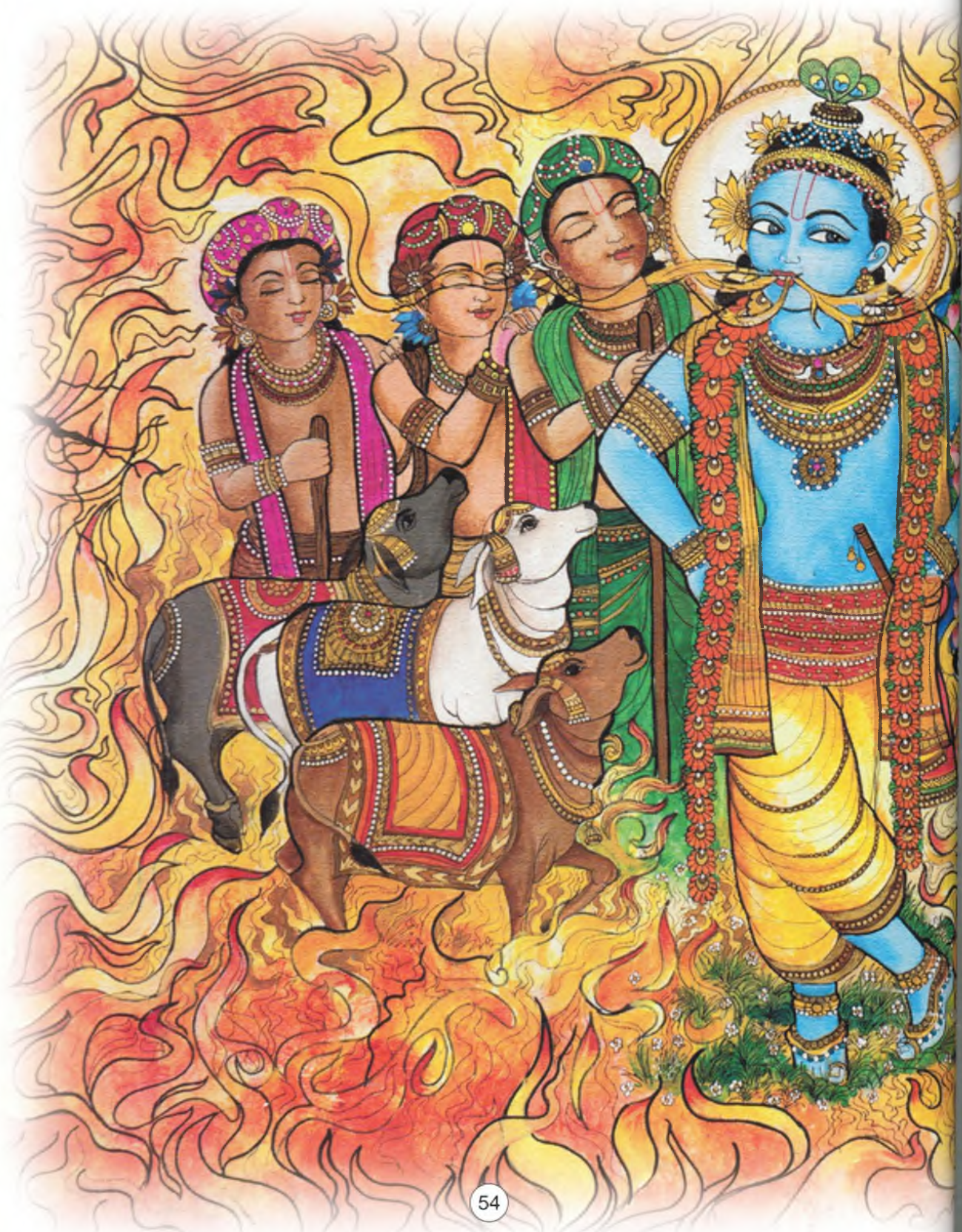




Once, the waters of river Yamuna were poisoned by Kaliya. Kaliya with his thousand hoods polluted the entire area around the river.

When the cows and calves went to drink the water, they fell down unconscious. The news reached Krishna while he was in the Vrindavan forests. Krishna rushed to the banks of river Yamuna and climbed up the Kadamba tree near by and jumped in the midst of the poisonous lake. Kaliya emerged with anger and entwined his tail around Krishna. But Krishna freed Himself from the snake's grip and placed His feet on the raised hoods of the snake. Krishna danced and trampled over all the hundred hoods. The wives of Kaliya prayed to Krishna to spare the life of their husband. Krishna ordered Kaliya to vacate the river Yamuna. Kaliya left the place along with his wives and never returned. The river became safe for the calves and cows.







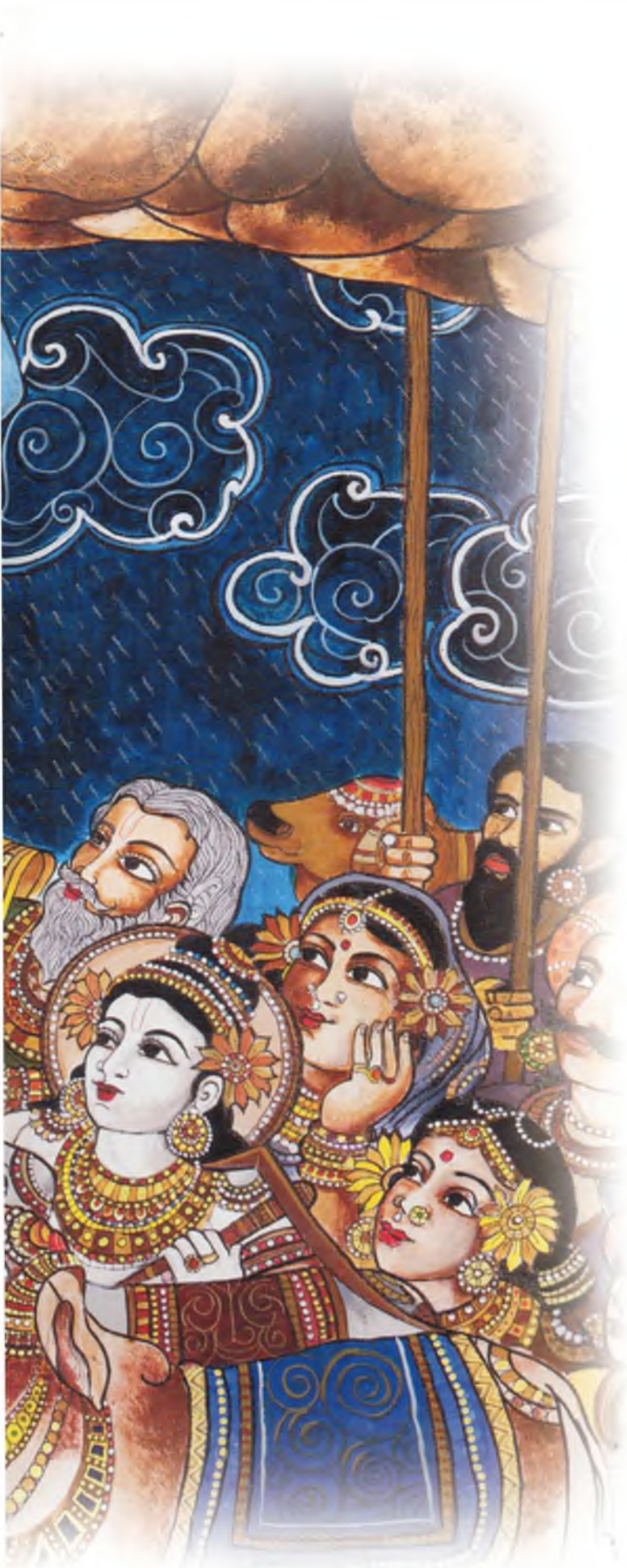


Once the cows and calves entered into a forest full of green grass on their own accord. Upon entering, they saw a forest fire and began to cry. They were frightened and called out Balarama and Krishna to save them from the forest fire . The Gopas were scared and they surrounded Krishna, closing their eyes, not knowing what to do. Krishna called the cows by their respective names. But they could not hear Him. Krishna, by His mystic power, swallowed up the flames of the forest fire. When the Gopas opened their eyes, to their amazement the fire was gone. They were saved thus from the blazing fire.



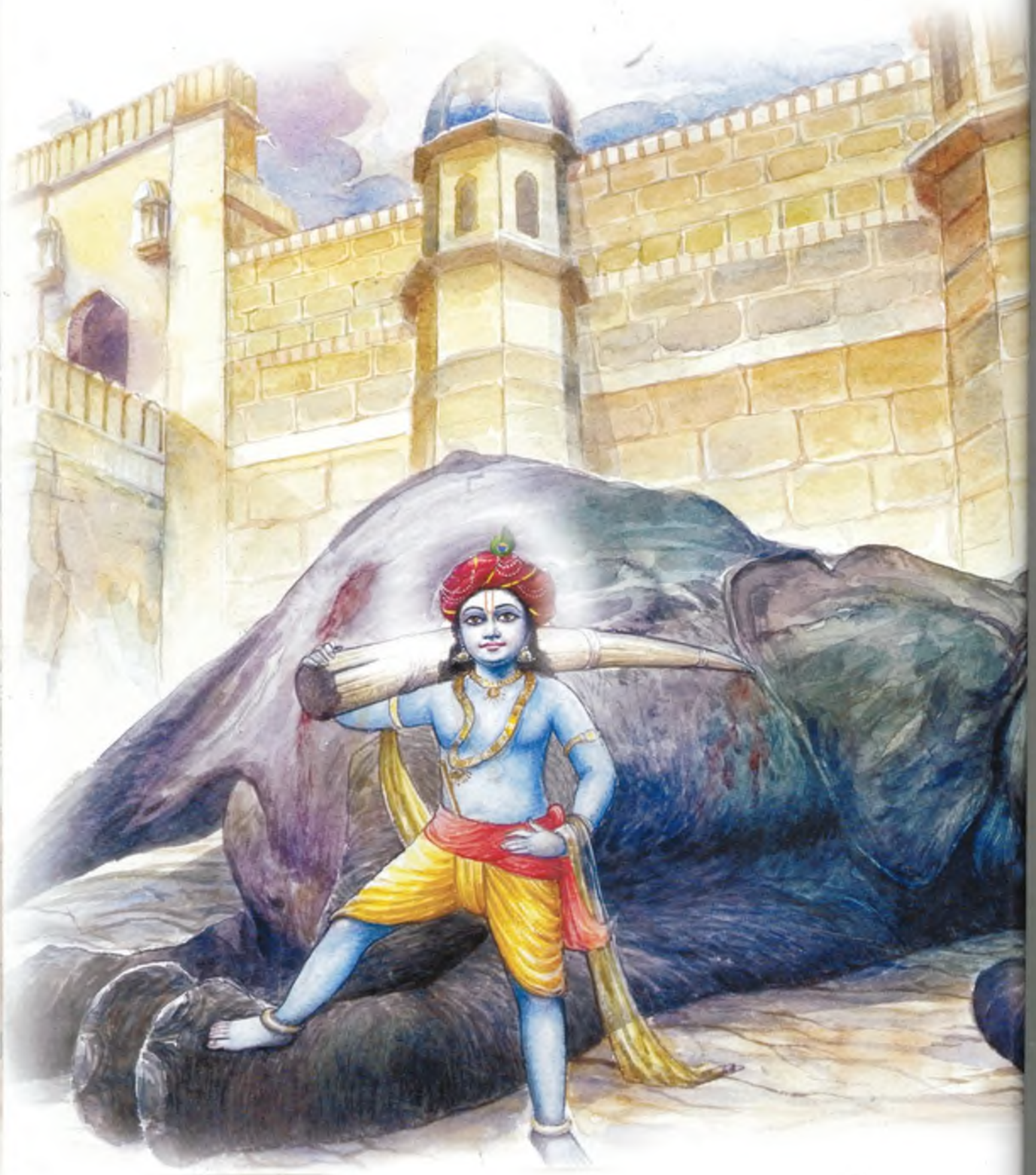




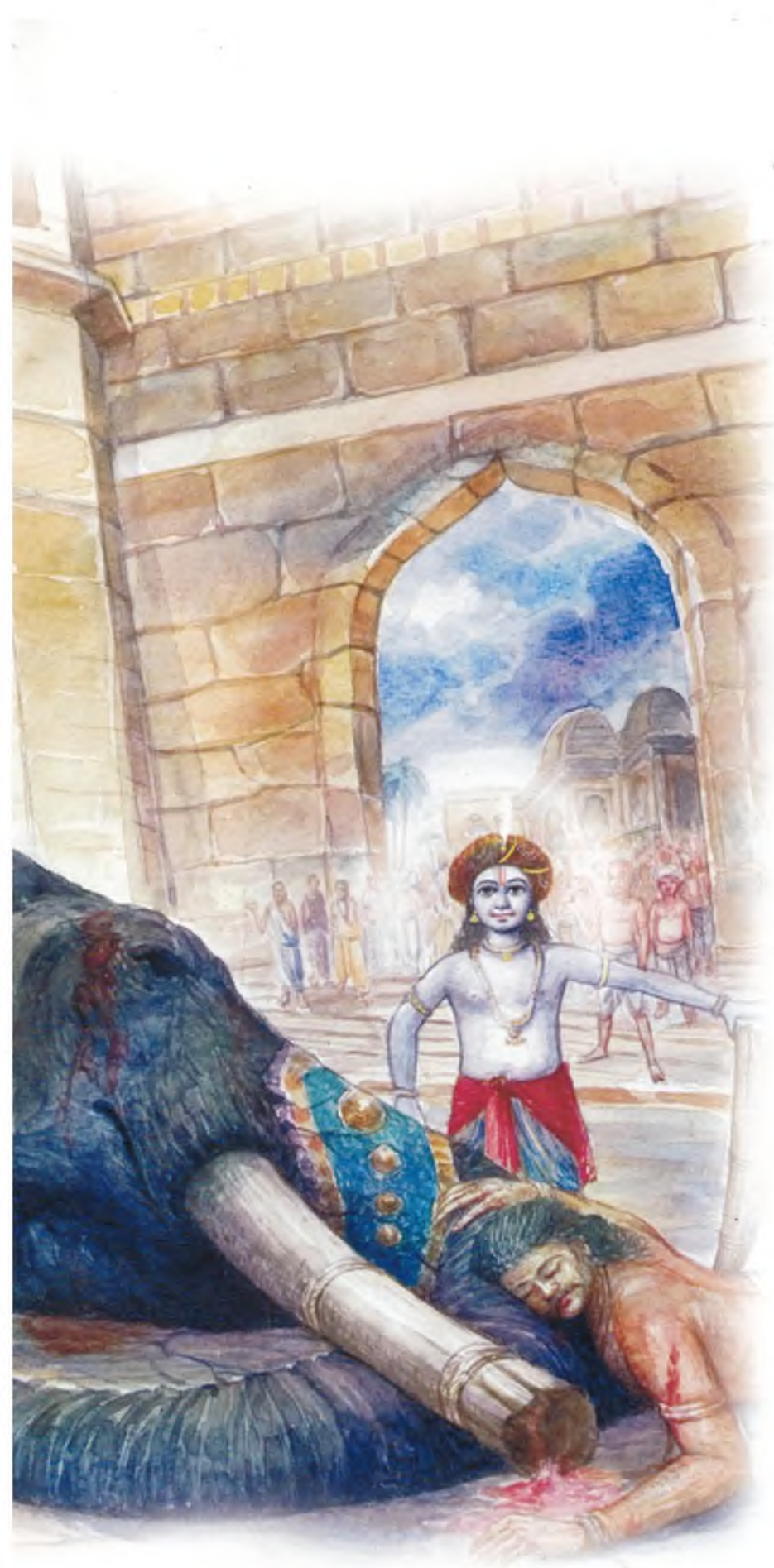


**E**very year, Nanda maharaja and the cowherd people performed ceremonies for Indra, the rain god. Since Govardhan hill provide the cows fresh grass, Krishna advised them to start worshipping Govardan hill instead. When they started celebrating and performed ceremonies for Govardan hill, Indra became angry and he ordered the clouds to destroy Gokul by causing heavy rains. The whole village was struck by heavy rains and was flooded. Everyone, including the cows and calves, prayed to Krishna to protect them. Krishna lifted Govardan hill using His left little finger, just like an umbrella. Everybody took shelter under the hill for seven days. Indra was wonder-struck by this feat by Krishna and stopped the rain felt sorry. The inhabitants of Gokul returned homes happily.









**I**n his final plan to kill Krishna, Kamsa invited Balaram and Krishna to Mathura to attend a festival. There, he commissioned an elephant to kill them. As they were entering, they found the elephant, Kovalayapida blocking the way. Krishna asked the care taker to remove the elephant. But he provoked the elephant to attack Krishna. It seized Krishna with its trunk. But Krishna forcefully punched the elephant and lifted it by its tail and dragged it backwards. Then He pushed the elephant down, as it tried to harm Him with its tusks. Then Krishna went near the fallen elephant and removed its tusks and killed it. Both the brothers took the tusks on their shoulders and marched triumphantly.







**W**hen Kamsa heard about the killing of Kunalayapida elephant he became very scared and worried. He arranged for a wrestling match in which he selected two of his best wrestlers Charuna and Mushtika to fight against Krishna and Balaram. Krishna and Balaram killed both the wrestlers.

Krishna attacked Kamsa by jumping over his guards. Kamsa was prepared for the attack. Krishna dragged Kamsa from his throne to the wrestling dais and thrashed him down. Simply by the stroke of His fist, Krishna killed him. Thus all the evil plans made by Kamsa to kill Krishna failed. Demigods showered flowers from the sky.

Thus ends the childhood pastimes and activities of Lord Krishna with the killing of Kamsa.



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