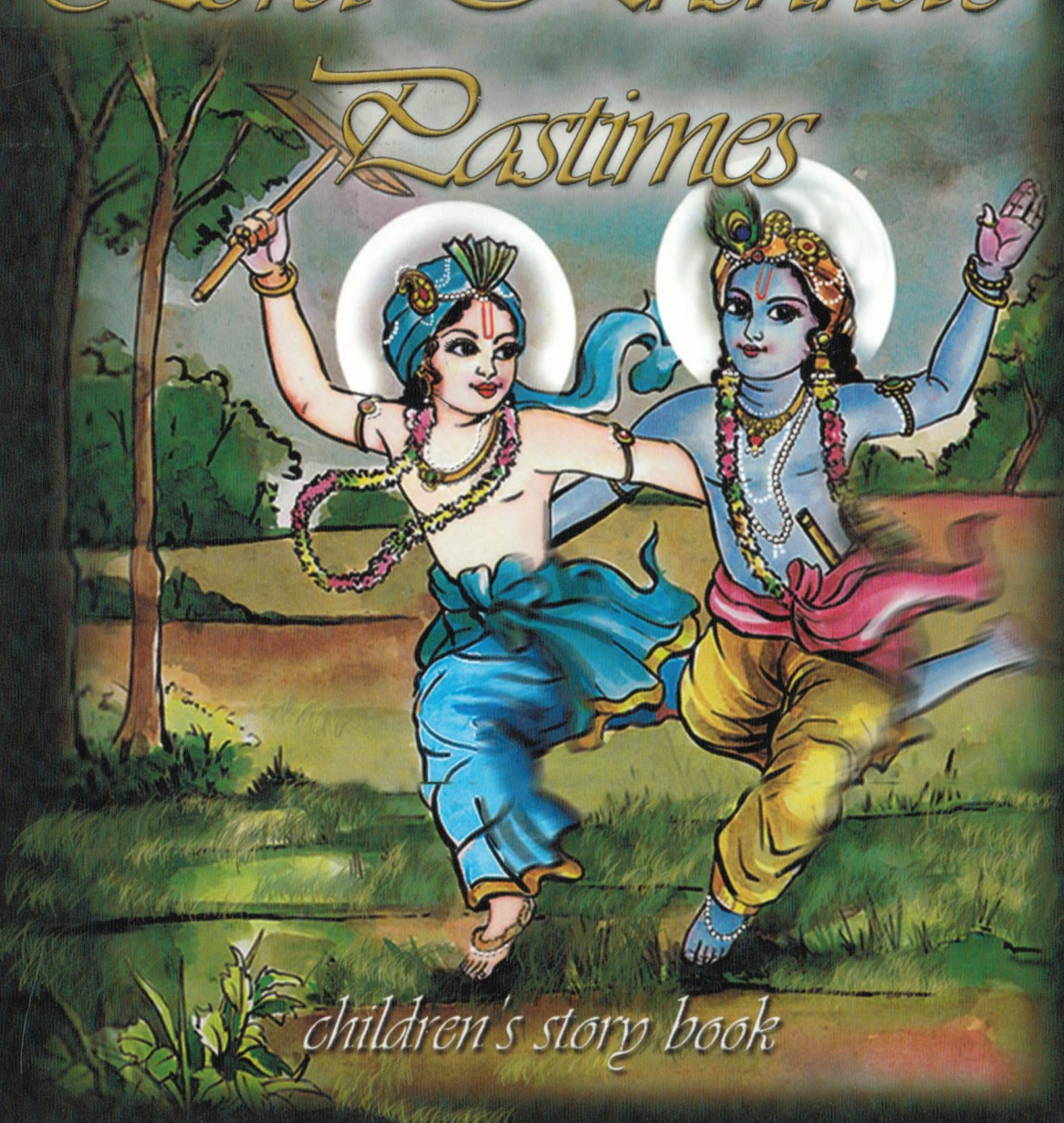


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*janma karma ca me divyam  
 evam yo vetti tattvatah  
 tyaktva deham punar janma  
 naiti mam eti so rjuna*



"One who knows the transcendent  
 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

*so let us start....*







# The Killing of Trinavarta

the Wind Demon

One day mother Yasoda was carrying Krishna in her arms. She suddenly felt heavy to lift Him and she placed Him on the ground. At that time, Trinavarta, a servant of Kamsa appeared there like a whirlwind in order to kill Krishna. He raised a great storm over Vrindavana. He carried Krishna on his shoulders and went high up in the sky. Krishna became heavy like a mountain and pulled him down. Krishna caught hold of the demon's neck tightly. Trinavarta was choked, his eyes popped and fell down dead. Mother Yasoda saw Krishna unhurt playing on the body of Trinavarta.







# The Killing of Phakrasura

the Wheel Demon

Lord Krishna was three months old. Mother Yasoda and Nanda maharaja arranged a nice birth day function. All the residents of Vrindavana were invited. Yasoda placed the child Krishna underneath a hand driven cart to sleep. Actually the wheel cart was a demon called Chakrasura. Child Krishna started crying being hungry. But mother could not hear Him, as she was attending the guests. Child Krishna lifted his legs and kicked in anger. His feet touched the wheel of the cart and it collapsed with big sound. The demon died. All the people were wonder struck seeing the wheel which was lying broken.





# *Deliverence of Nalakuvera and Manigriva*

Child Krishna was once tied to a wooden mortar by mother Yasoda for breaking a curd pot. Krishna found two Arjuna trees in the courtyard. These trees were in the past demigods cursed by Narada muni because of their misbehaviour. Krishna dragged the mortar in between the two trees. The two trees fell down and two divine persons appeared from the fallen trees. They were sons of Kuvera by name Nalakuvera and Manigriva. They regained their original form and offered their prayers to Krishna.





# The Killing of Aghasura

the Snake Demon

Aghasura was a dangerous demon sent by Kamsa to kill Krishna and his friends. Aghasura with his siddhi 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 with the throat of the demon. he was suffocated and fell down dead. Then Krishna and all the friends came out of the mouth of Aghasura. The demigods showered flowers on Krishna and praised Him.









# The Killing of Bakasura

the Crane Demon

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 name Baka in form of the crane to kill Krishna. As soon as Krishna went near the crane, he swallowed Him up. Krishna by becoming a fire ball burnt the throat of the crane from inside. Bakasura therefore spit Him. Krishna caught hold of the beaks of Bakasura and tear into two halves, just like splitting a blade of grass. Bakasura was thus killed by Krishna.







## The Killing of Dhenukasura

the Donkey Demon

Talavana was a big forest with full of palm trees. Once Krishna, Balarama and their friends entered this forest to taste the ripe palmayara nuts. The forest was guarded by Denukasura. He was a demon in the form of a donkey. Balarama forcefully shook some palmayara trees and the fruits fell down. Hearing the sound, Denukasura appeared there with his relative donkey demons and kicked Balarama and Krishna with their legs. Balarama and Krishna both playfully caught the hind legs of the donkeys and dashed against the palmyatree and disposed them all. Demigods showered flowers and the people of Gokul glorified Krishna and Balarama.





# Subduing Kaliya Snake

*the Snake Demon*

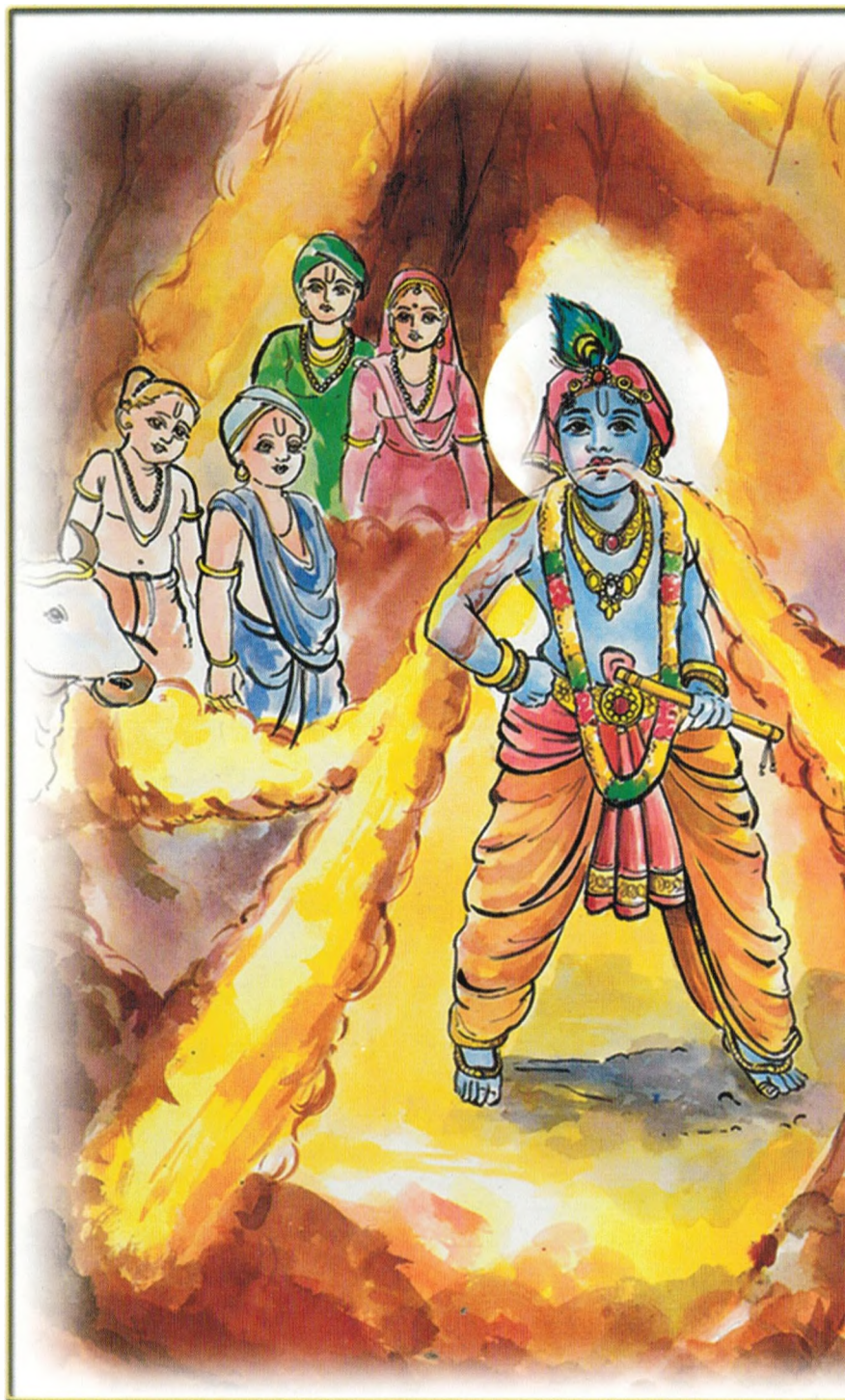
The waters of the river Yamuna was poisoned by the poisonous breath of the snake Kaliya. Krishna climbed up the Kadamba tree near by and jumped in the midst of the poisonous lake. Kaliya emerged with anger and twined his tail around Krishna. But Krishna freed Himself from snake's grip and placed His 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 save their husband. Krishna ordered Kaliya to vacate the river Yamuna.













# Devouring the Forest fire

Once the cows and cattle entered into a forest full of green grass on their own accord. They saw on entering, a forest fire and began to cry. They were frightened and called Balarama and Krishna to save them from the forest fire surrounding them. Krishna called the cows by their respective names. But they could not hear Him. So Krishna by His mystic power, swallowed up the flames of the forest fire. They were saved thus from the blazing fire.





# Worshipping the Govardana Hill

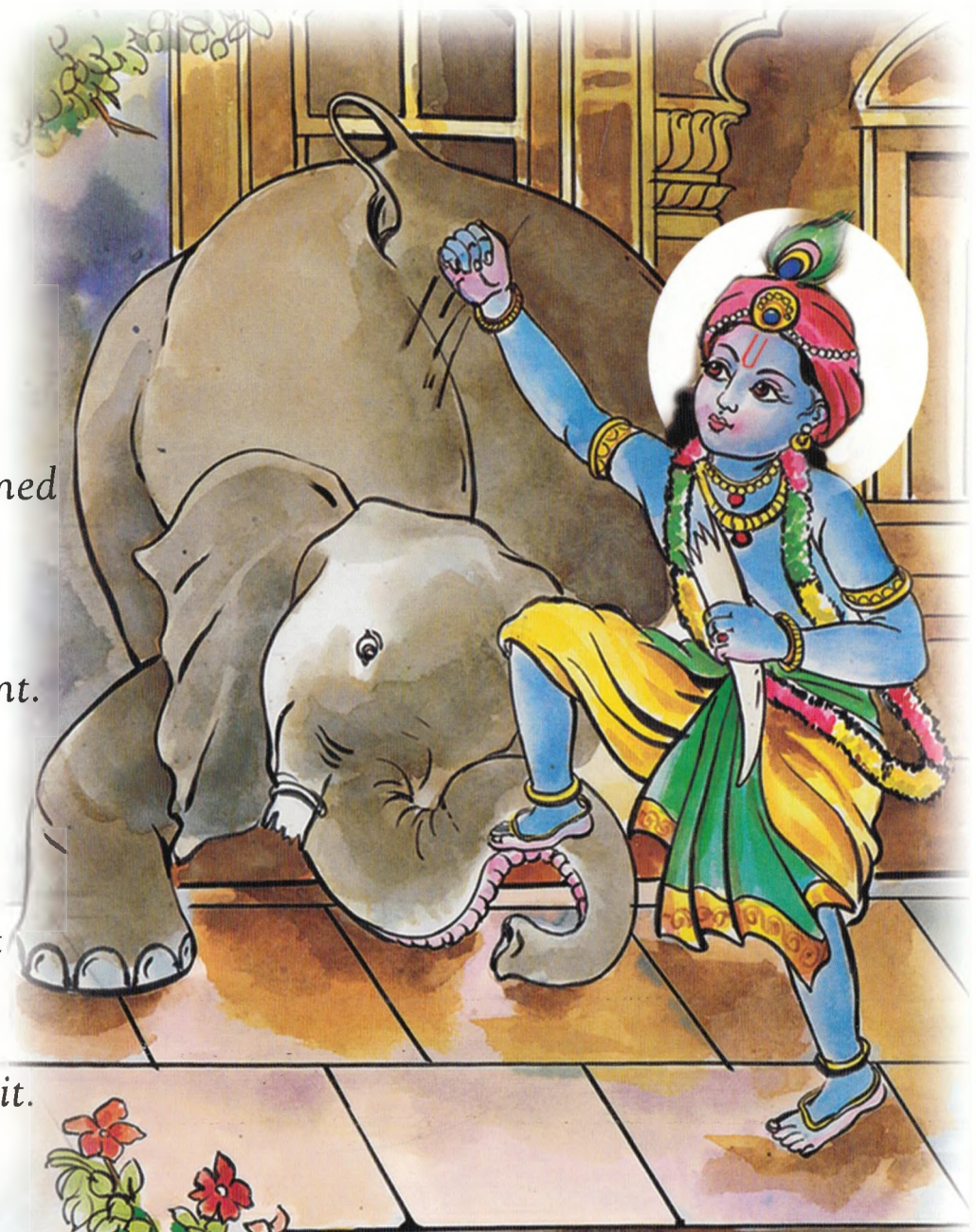
In Gokul, once in a year Nandamaharaja and the cowherd people used to worship Indra, the rain god. But once Krishna advised them to start worshipping the Govardana hill instead. Indra became angry and he ordered the clouds of pralaya to destroy the Gokul by causing heavy rains. Everyone including the cows and calves, prayed to Krishna to protect them. Krishna lifted the Govardana hill by His little finger just like a umbrella. Everybody took shelter under the hill for seven days. Indra was wonderstruck by this feat of Krishna and felt sorry and stopped the rain. The people of Gokul returned to their homes happily.





# The Killing of Kunalayapida the Elephant Demon

Kamsa planned to kill Krishna. So he 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, Kunalayapida 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 fisted 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 go over the fallen elephant and plucked its tusks and killed it. Both the brothers took the tusks on their shoulders and marched triumphantly.







# The Killing of Kamsa

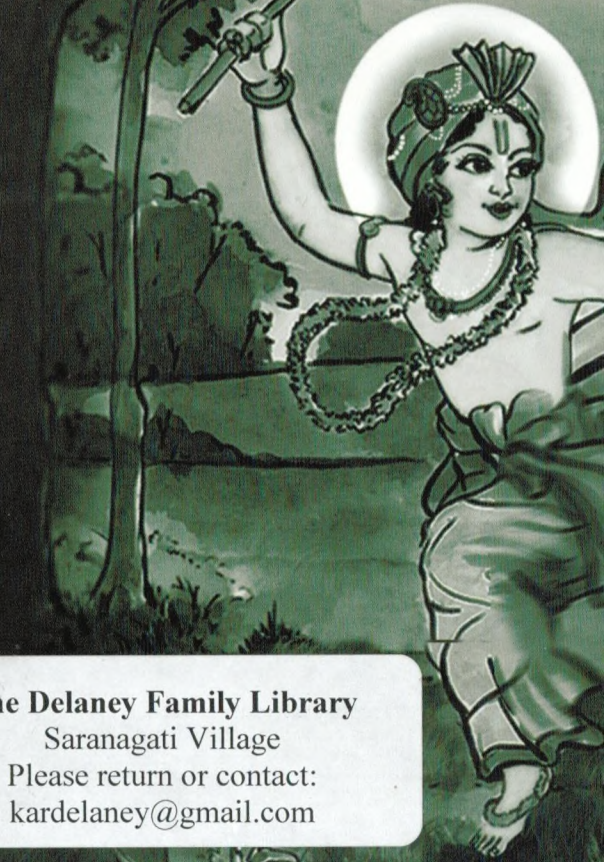
the Demon King

Kamsa was always planning and sending demons to Gokul to kill Krishna. Krishna was visiting Mathura to attend a festival and He became very angry when Kamsa ordered that He should be driven out of Mathura and all of Krishna's relatives and friends should be killed. Krishna attacked Kamsa by jumping over his guards. Kamsa was prepared for the attack. Krishna dragged Kamsa from his throne to the wrestling dias and threw him down. He straddled his chest and simply by the stroke of His fist, Krishna killed Kamsa. Krishna dragged him just as a lion drags an elephant after killing it.





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