

# MAHATMAS

## GREAT SOULS IN KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

### Narada and the Hunter

CHANTING THE PRAISES OF THE SUPREME LORD, NARADA FLIES TO VISIT THE FOREST OF PRIYA, IN ORDER TO TAKE HIS BATH IN THE GANGES...



SUDDENLY, A HIDEOUS SIGHT MEETS HIS EYES...



OTHERS! AND THEY'RE ALL HALF ALIVE!





AT EACH STEP THE HORROR GROWS GREATER!

AH! HERE IS THE WRETCH --A HUNTER!

THIS MAN IS CRAZED! I MUST SPEAK SOME SENSE TO HIM!

HA! ANOTHER DEER IS ABOUT TO FALL BY THE ARROW OF MRIGARI--THE ENEMY OF THE BEASTS!



NARADA STRIKES HIS TRANSCENDENTAL *VINA*, A GIFT FROM KRISHNA, AND ALL THE TRAPPED ANIMALS RUN AWAY...

WHAT'S THAT SOUND? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

MY ANIMALS! THEY'RE GONE!

HUNTER! I HAVE COME TO YOU!

WHO ARE YOU? I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE YOU! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME?



NEVER IN MY LIFE HAVE I FELT SUCH A SWEET SENSATION! MY HEART GROWS... LIGHT!

THIS MUST BE SOME TRULY SAINTLY PERSON!

THOUGH I AM STILL MRIGARI--I CANNOT HOLD AN ILL THOUGHT AGAINST HIM!



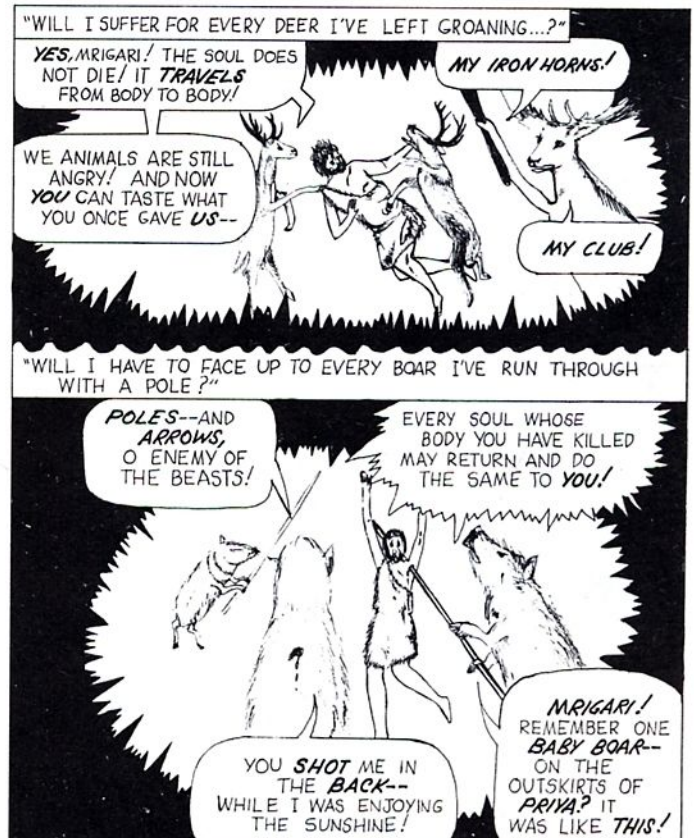
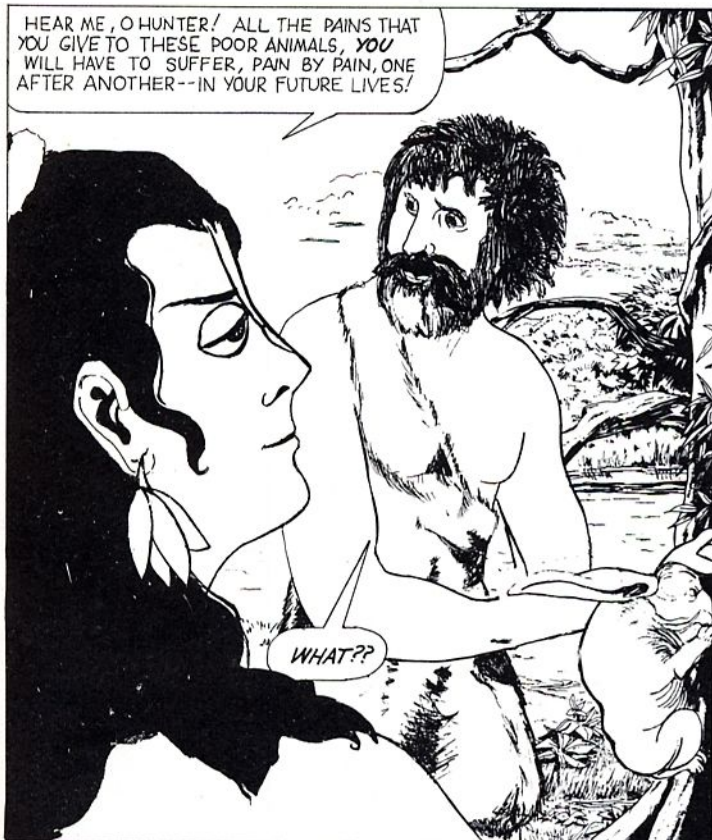
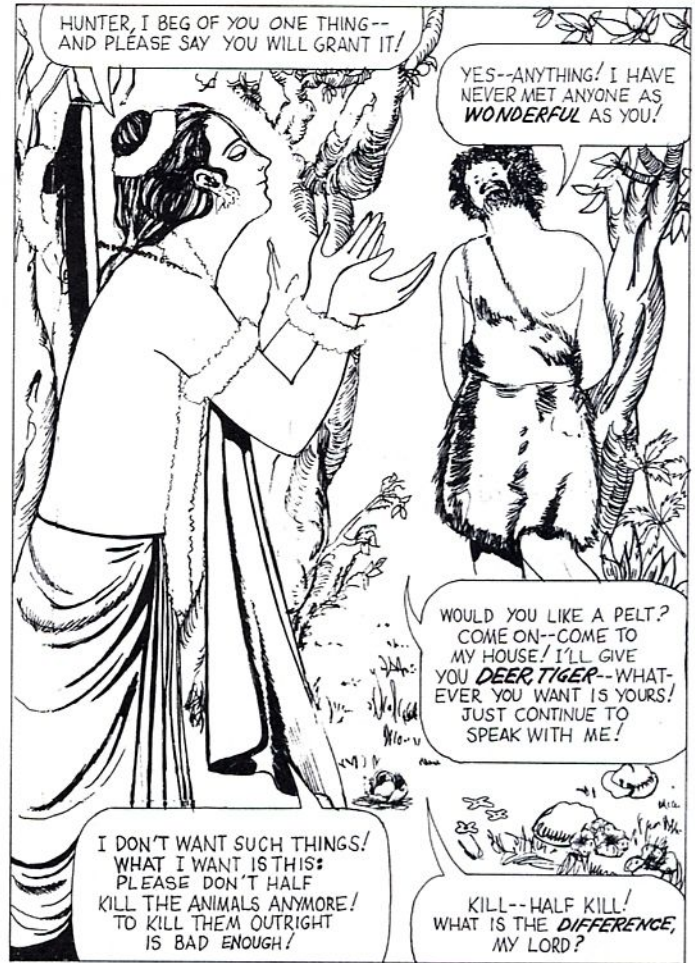
I AM NARADA, AND I HAVE COME TO ASK IF YOU CAN HELP ME FIND MY WAY!

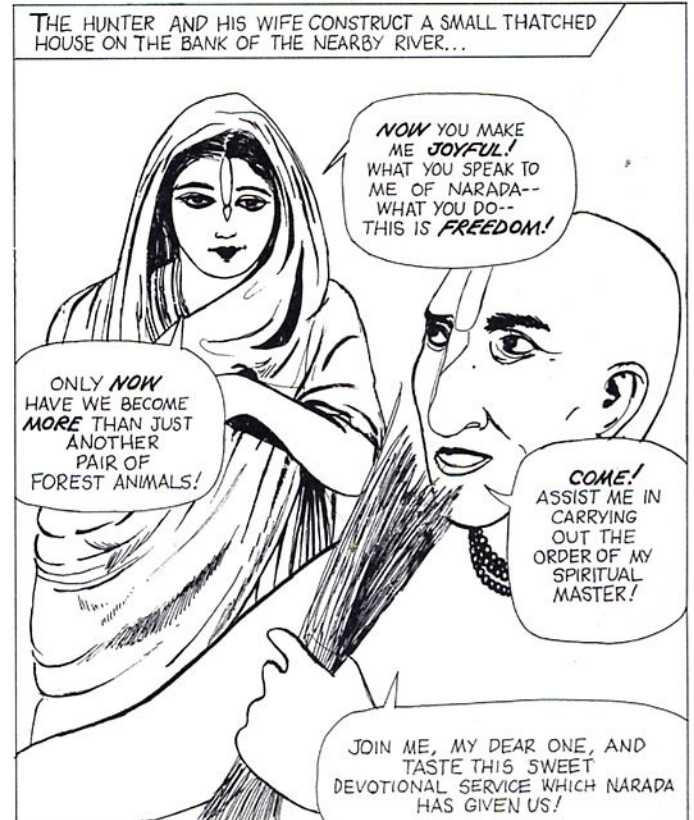
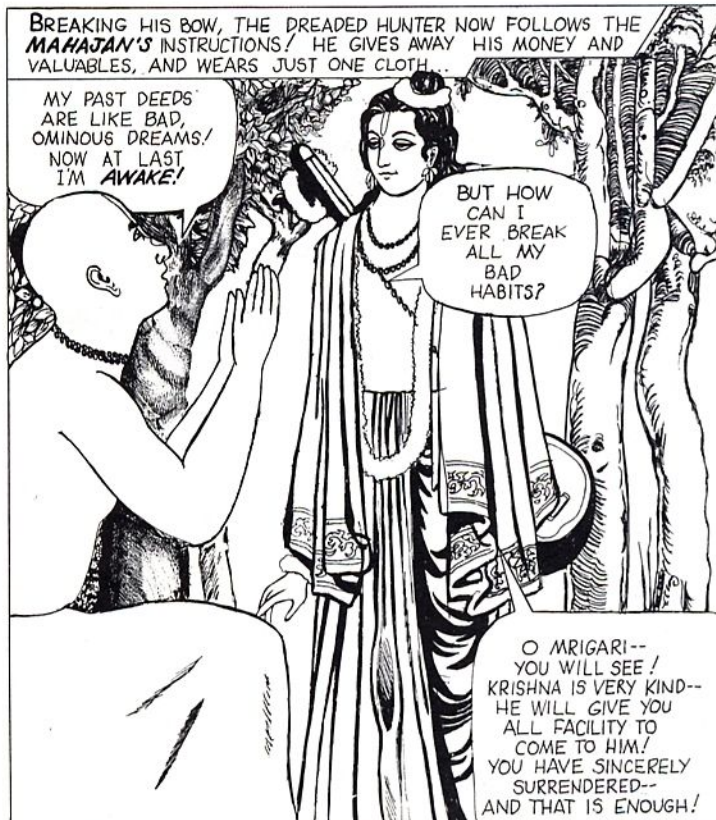
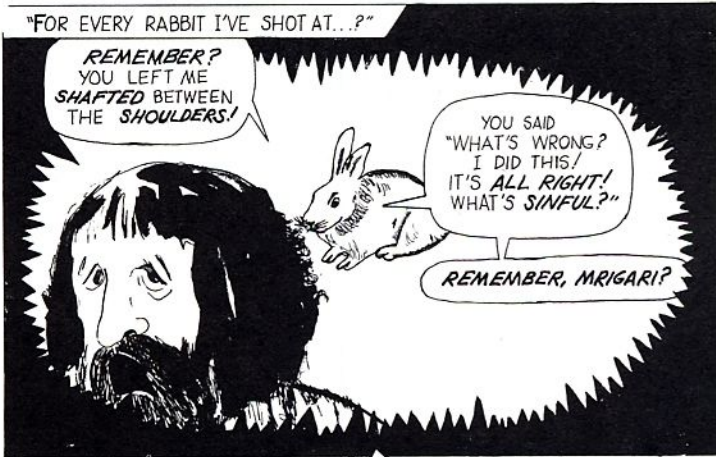
AND I AM MRIGARI! AND YOU HAVE JUST RUINED MY KILL!

THEY HAVE ALL ESCAPED! WHY DID YOU DO IT?

AS I WAS COMING DOWN THE PATH, I SAW THE CREATURES KICKING WITH PAIN! WHO HAS DONE THESE SINFUL ACTS?

SINFUL ACTS?? WHY, WHAT YOU SAW WAS QUITE ALL RIGHT! IT WAS DONE BY ME!





HE CHANTS *HARE KRISHNA*, AND DEPENDS UPON CHARITY FOR GRAINS--BUT ONLY TAKES WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR HIMSELF AND HIS WIFE...

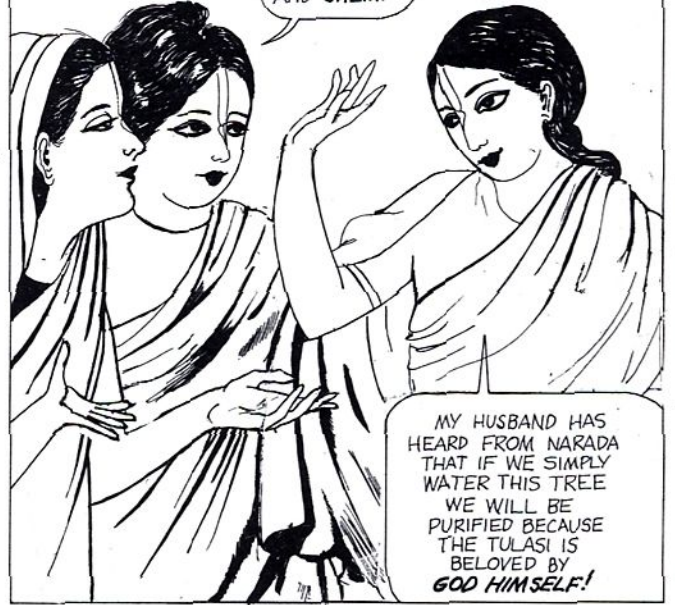


HE KEEPS THE SACRED TULASI PLANT BY HIS HOUSE, AND WATERS IT DAILY...

FROM OUR WINDOWS WE USED TO SEE YOUR HUSBAND *STALKING* IN THE WOODS--COVERED WITH BLOOD AND CURSING!

NOW HIS FACE HAS SUCH A *LUSTER!* AND HE'S SO *JOYFUL...* AND *CALM.*

IT IS ALL *NARADA'S GRACE!* SEE THIS TULASI PLANT?



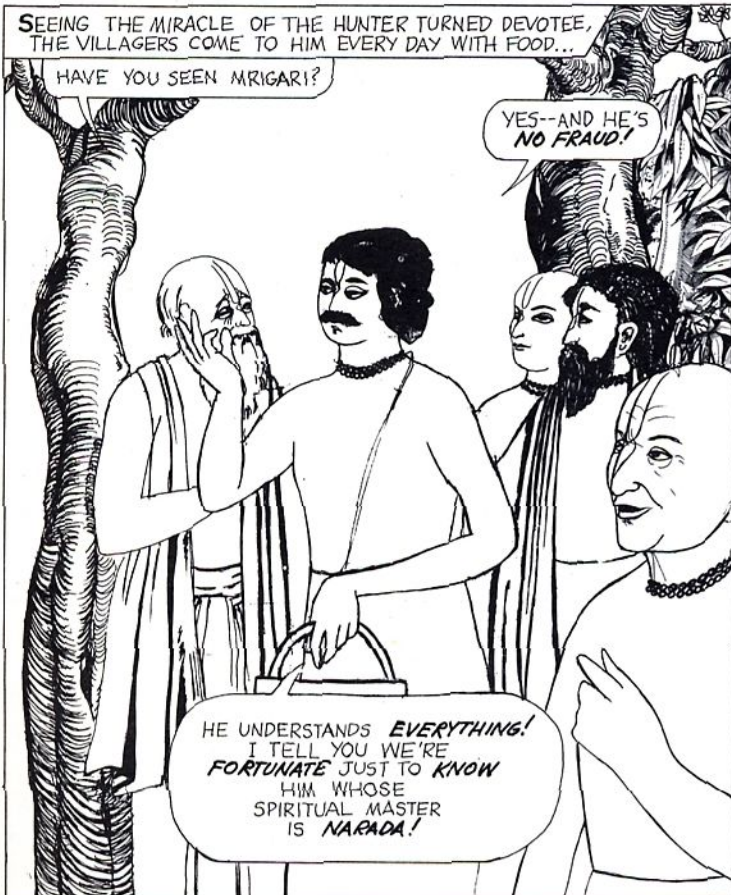
MY HUSBAND HAS HEARD FROM *NARADA* THAT IF WE SIMPLY WATER THIS TREE WE WILL BE PURIFIED BECAUSE THE TULASI IS BELOVED BY *GOD HIMSELF!*

SEEING THE MIRACLE OF THE HUNTER TURNED DEVOTEE, THE VILLAGERS COME TO HIM EVERY DAY WITH FOOD...

HAVE YOU SEEN MRIGARI?

YES--AND HE'S *NO FRAUD!*

HE UNDERSTANDS *EVERYTHING!* I TELL YOU WE'RE *FORTUNATE* JUST TO KNOW HIM WHOSE SPIRITUAL MASTER IS *NARADA!*



NO FEWER THAN TEN TO TWENTY EAT WITH MRIGARI EVERY DAY...

*ALL GLORIES TO YOU, GOOD FRIEND!* WE CAN NO LONGER CALL YOU ENEMY OF THE BEASTS.

WE'LL CALL YOU *SAGE!* HERE IS SOME FOOD WE'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU, O *SAGE!*

PLEASE--CALL ME THE *PUPIL OF NARADA!* I AM NOTHING ELSE!



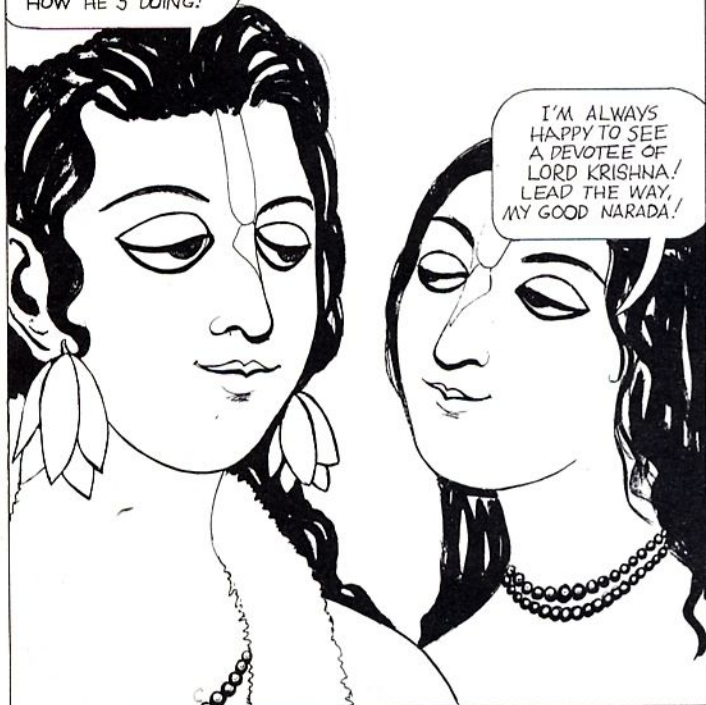
**KIRTAN**--THE SINGING OF GOD'S HOLY NAMES--SUDDENLY BREAKS FORTH IN THE EX-HUNTER'S YARD, LIKE A SPRING SHOWER COME TO A LAND OF DROUGHT...!



ONE DAY, AS NARADA AND HIS FRIEND PARBUT MUNI ARE PASSING THROUGH THE PRIYA FOREST...

I HAVE A DISCIPLE LIVING NEARBY IN THESE WOODS, PARBUT! LET'S STOP IN AND SEE HOW HE'S DOING!

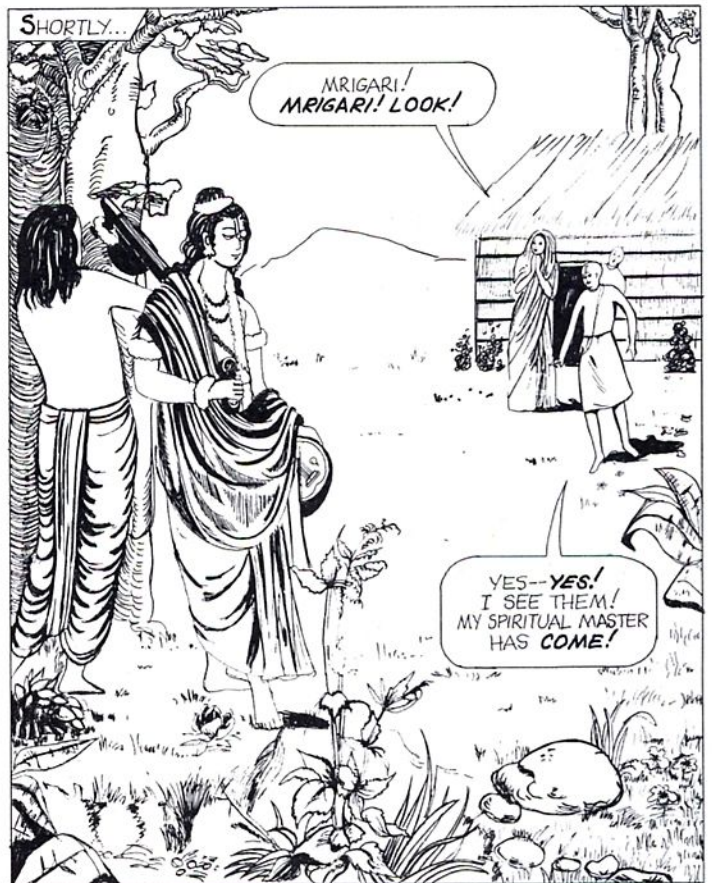
I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE A DEVOTEE OF LORD KRISHNA! LEAD THE WAY, MY GOOD NARADA!



SHORTLY...

MRIGARI! MRIGARI! LOOK!

YES--YES! I SEE THEM! MY SPIRITUAL MASTER HAS COME!



AS MRIGARI STARTS ACROSS THE FIELD...

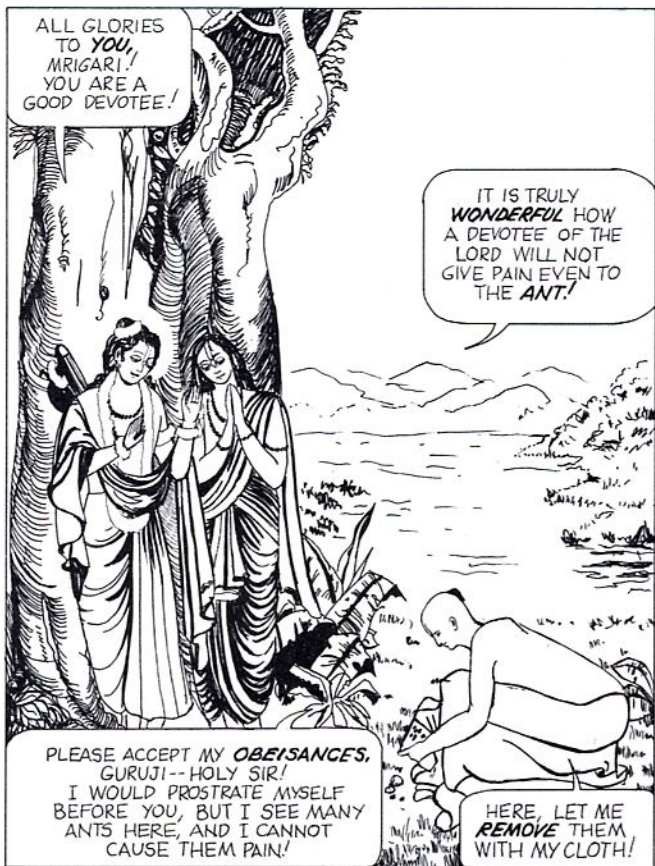
ANTS! I ALMOST CRUSHED THEM!

DEAR BROTHERS, DON'T FEAR--I SHALL NOT HARM EVEN **ONE** OF YOU!



ALL GLORIES TO YOU, MRIGARI! YOU ARE A GOOD DEVOTEE!

IT IS TRULY **WONDERFUL** HOW A DEVOTEE OF THE LORD WILL NOT GIVE PAIN EVEN TO THE ANT!



PLEASE ACCEPT MY **OBEISANCES**, GURUJI--HOLY SIR! I WOULD PROSTRATE MYSELF BEFORE YOU, BUT I SEE MANY ANTS HERE, AND I CANNOT CAUSE THEM PAIN!

HERE, LET ME **REMOVE** THEM WITH MY CLOTH!

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, MY BOY?

OH, YES, GURUDEV! SEE HOW NICELY THE TULASI HAS GROWN?



**HOLY NARADA!** PLEASE COME AND TAKE PRASADAM WITH US!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...

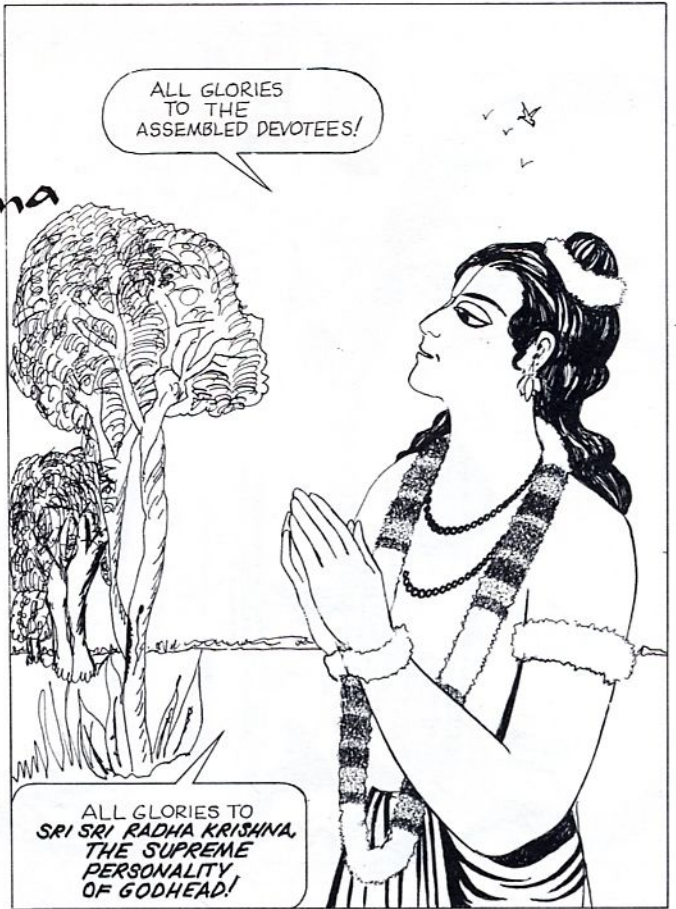
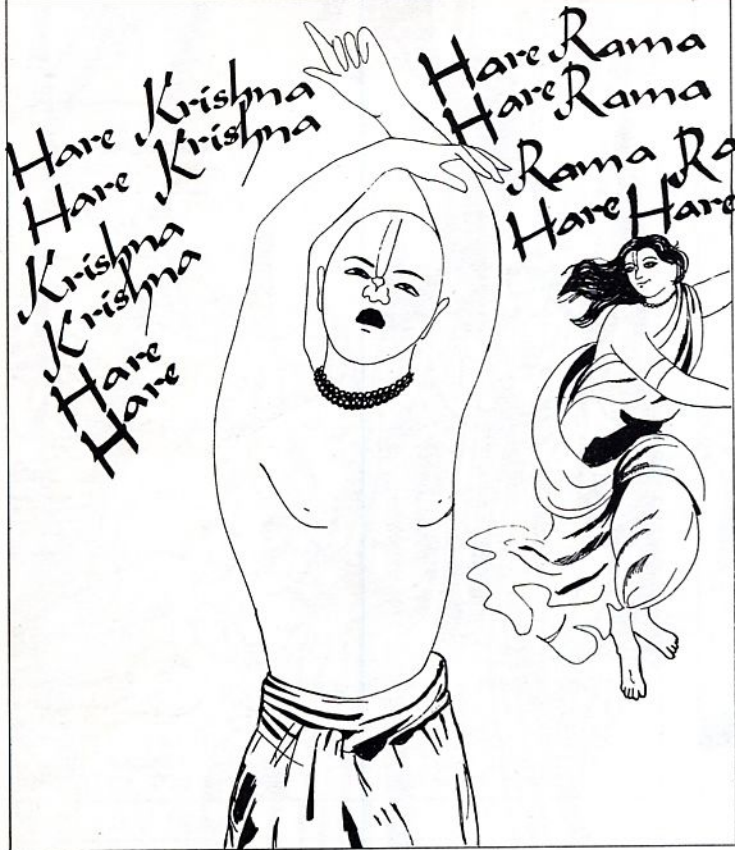
YOU HAVE A VERY NICE PLACE HERE! I CAN SEE THAT YOU HAVE GREATLY **IMPROVED**, AND I'M VERY PLEASED BY YOUR ARDENT SERVICE!

SIR, AS YOU ARE A FRIEND OF NARADA'S, YOU MUST KNOW THAT WE ARE ALWAYS IN **BLISS** FROM CHANTING THIS **HARE KRISHNA, HARE KRISHNA--** THIS **MANTRA** GIVEN US BY NARADA!

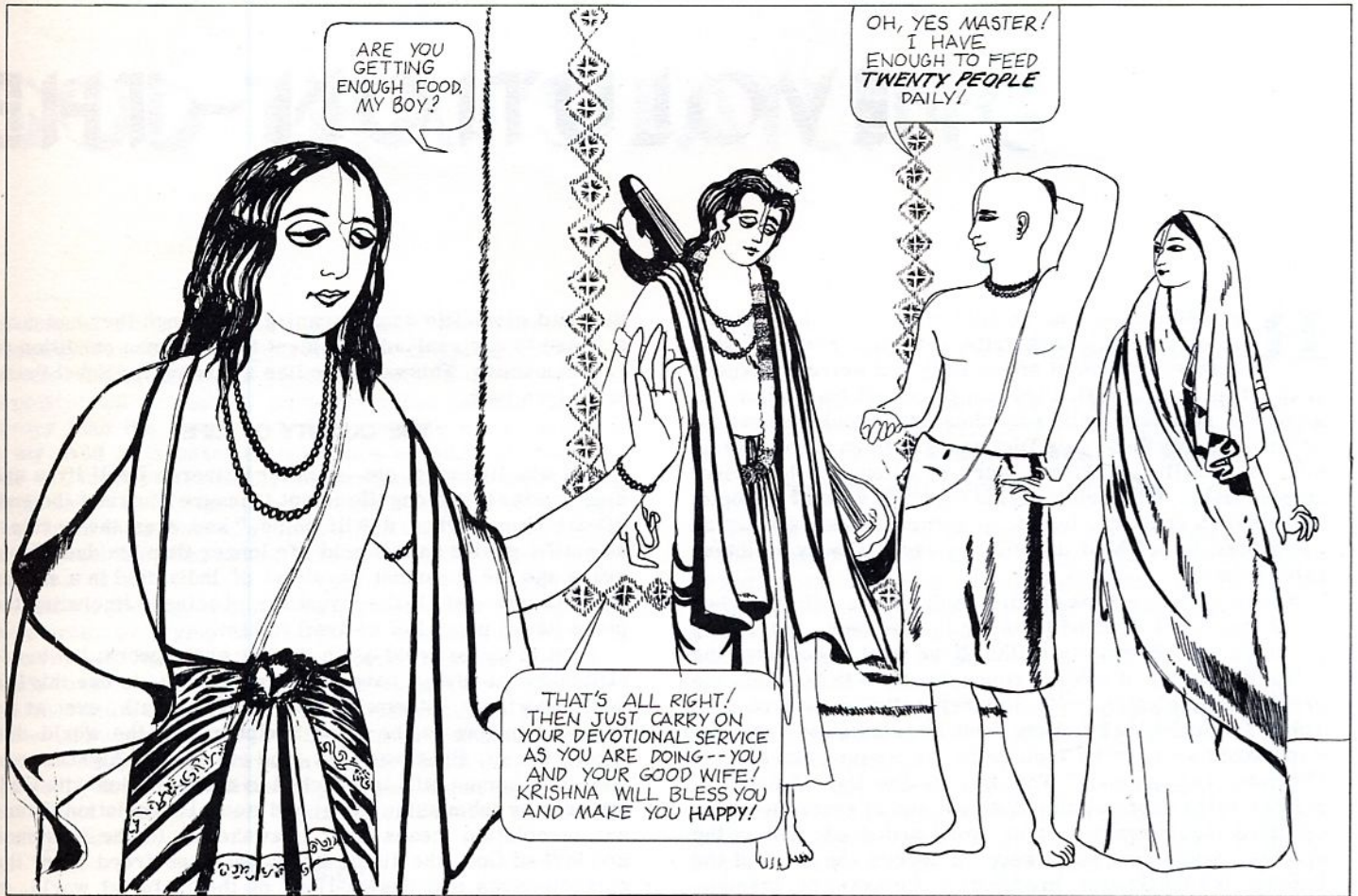


YOU MUST KNOW HOW SWEET THIS CHANTING IS-- SO THAT WE ARE ALWAYS SINGING THE **NAMES OF KRISHNA!**

THE EX-HUNTER AND HIS WIFE BEGIN TO FEEL ECSTASY--AND THEY GIVE VENT TO THEIR FEELINGS BY CHANTING...







ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH FOOD, MY BOY?

OH, YES MASTER! I HAVE ENOUGH TO FEED TWENTY PEOPLE DAILY!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT! THEN JUST CARRY ON YOUR DEVOTIONAL SERVICE AS YOU ARE DOING-- YOU AND YOUR GOOD WIFE! KRISHNA WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOU HAPPY!



THE GREAT SAGES MAY SPEAK OF KRISHNA, WHO IS THE SUPREME PERSONALITY OF GODHEAD! AND THE DEMIGODS MAY KNOW KRISHNA, WHO IS THE SUPREME CONTROLLER!

BUT I CANNOT KNOW KRISHNA! SO FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, I CAN ONLY WORSHIP MY SPIRITUAL MASTER, WHO HAS OPENED MY EYES FROM THE DARKNESS OF IGNORANCE, BY HIS DIVINE MERCY!

THE END

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