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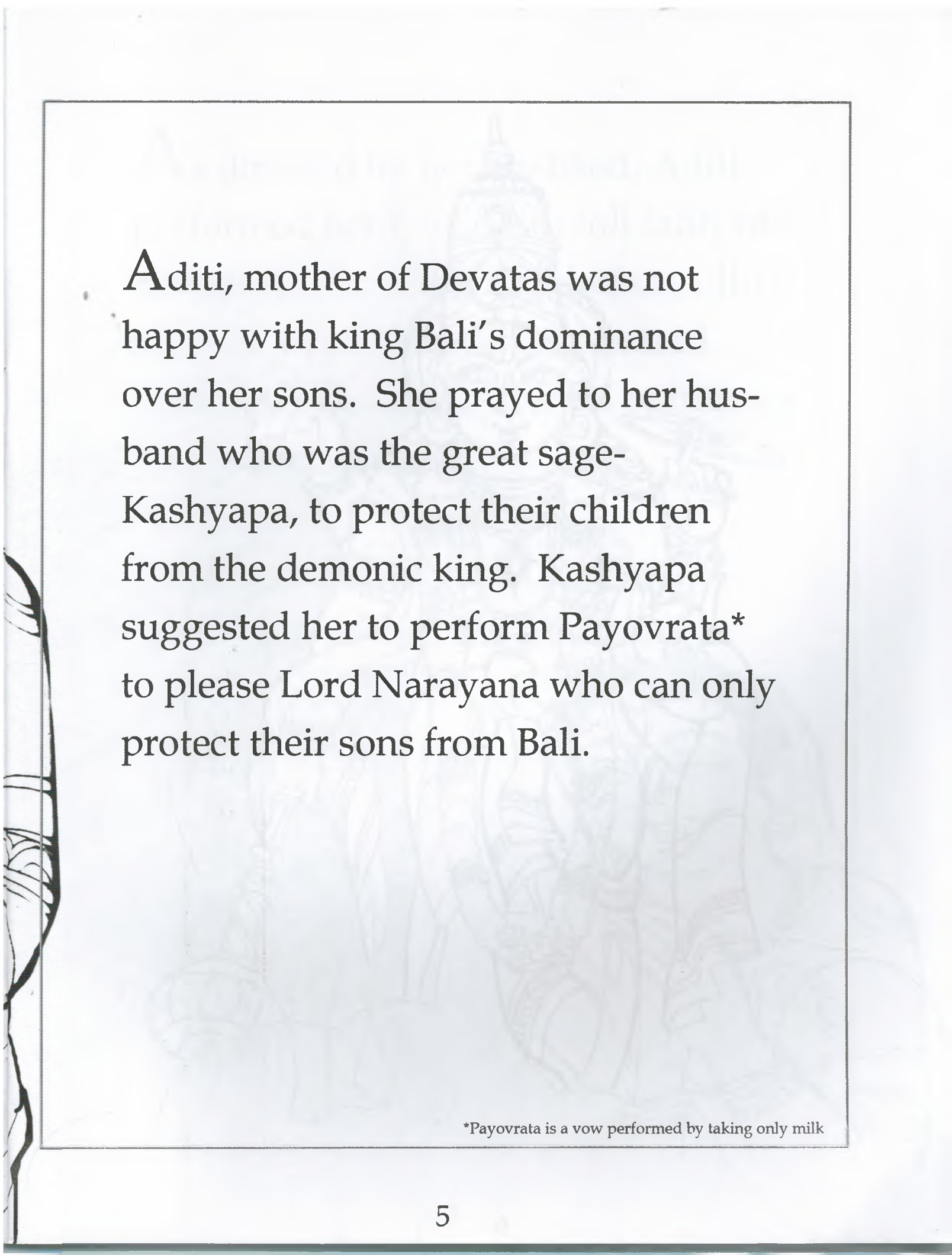


**B**ali a great demonic king, was the grandson of Prahlad Maharaj\*. He performed the vishwajit sacrifice and attained a golden chariot , celestial weapons and a special coat from Agni-Devata. With his new powers he invaded Indraloka. King Indra hid himself seeing the power of King Bali.

And thus King Bali ascended the throne of heaven and became the Lord of the three worlds.

\*read Prahlad book for details

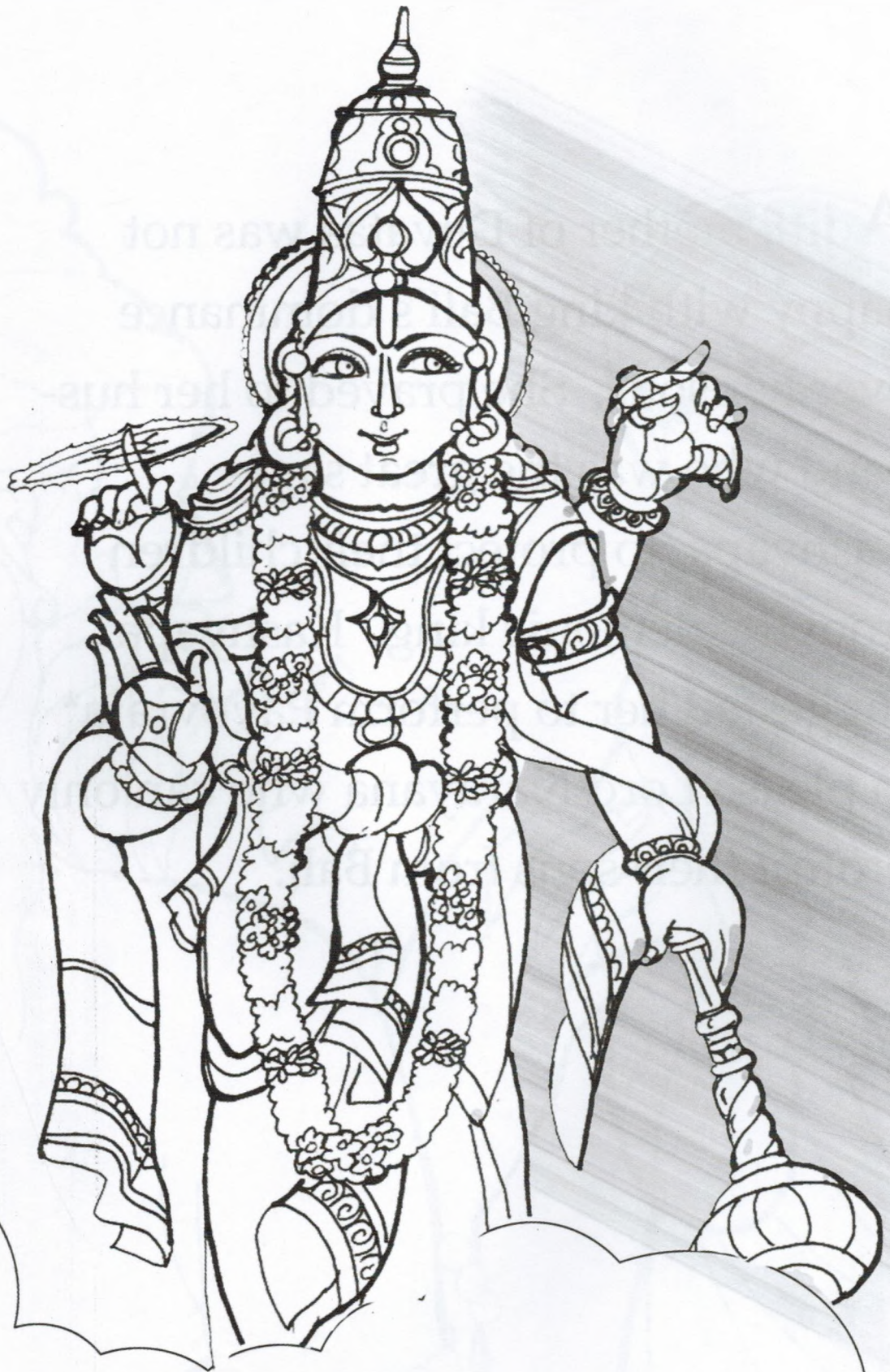


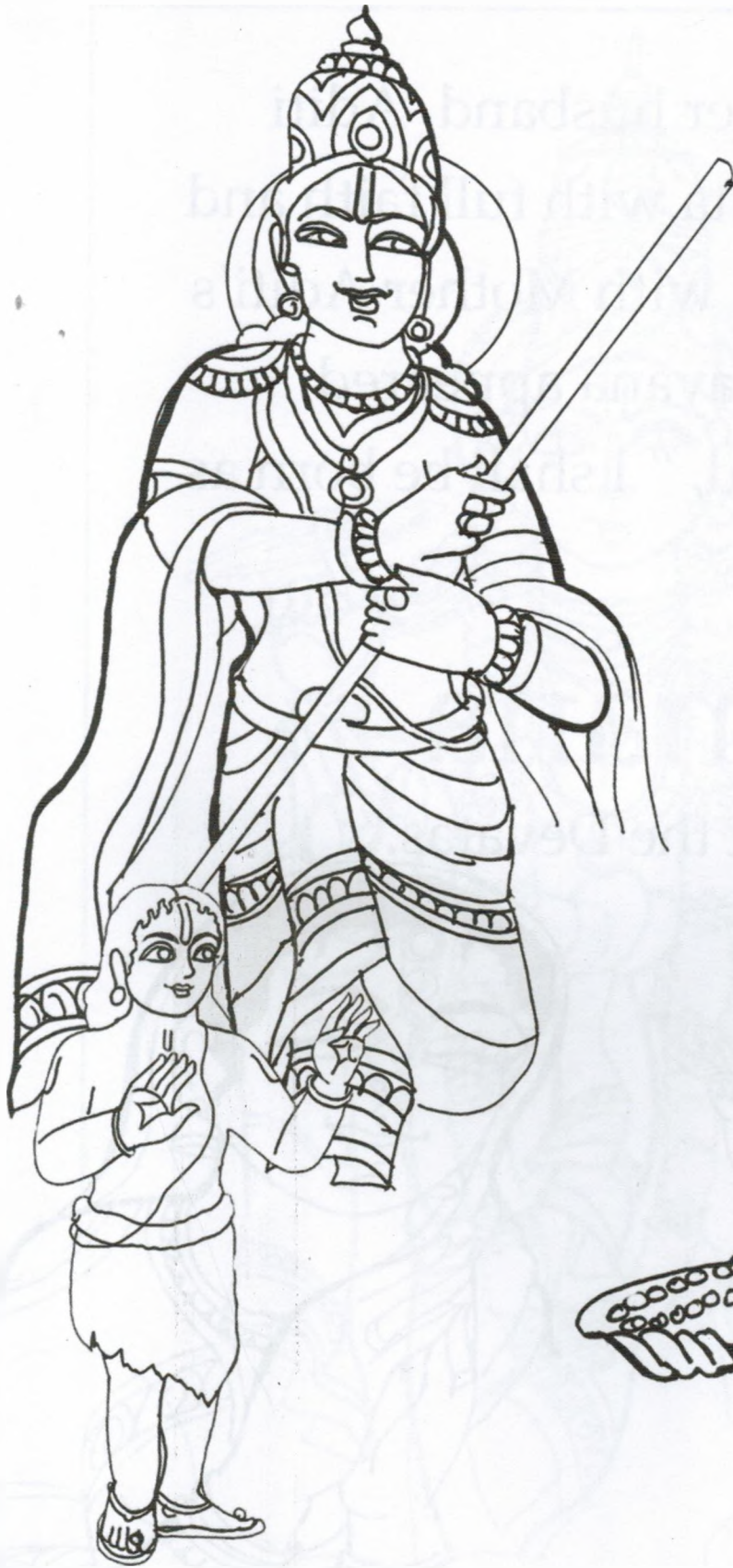


Aditi, mother of Devatas was not happy with king Bali's dominance over her sons. She prayed to her husband who was the great sage- Kashyapa, to protect their children from the demonic king. Kashyapa suggested her to perform Payovrata\* to please Lord Narayana who can only protect their sons from Bali.

\*Payovrata is a vow performed by taking only milk









**L**ord Narayana incarnated as Vamana.  
During His sacred thread ceremony,  
Devatas came and offered Him different  
gifts.....

Brihaspati offered Him sacred thread,  
Mother earth gave Him deer skin, Mother  
Saraswati gave Him neck beads,  
Chandra gave a danda (shaft) .....

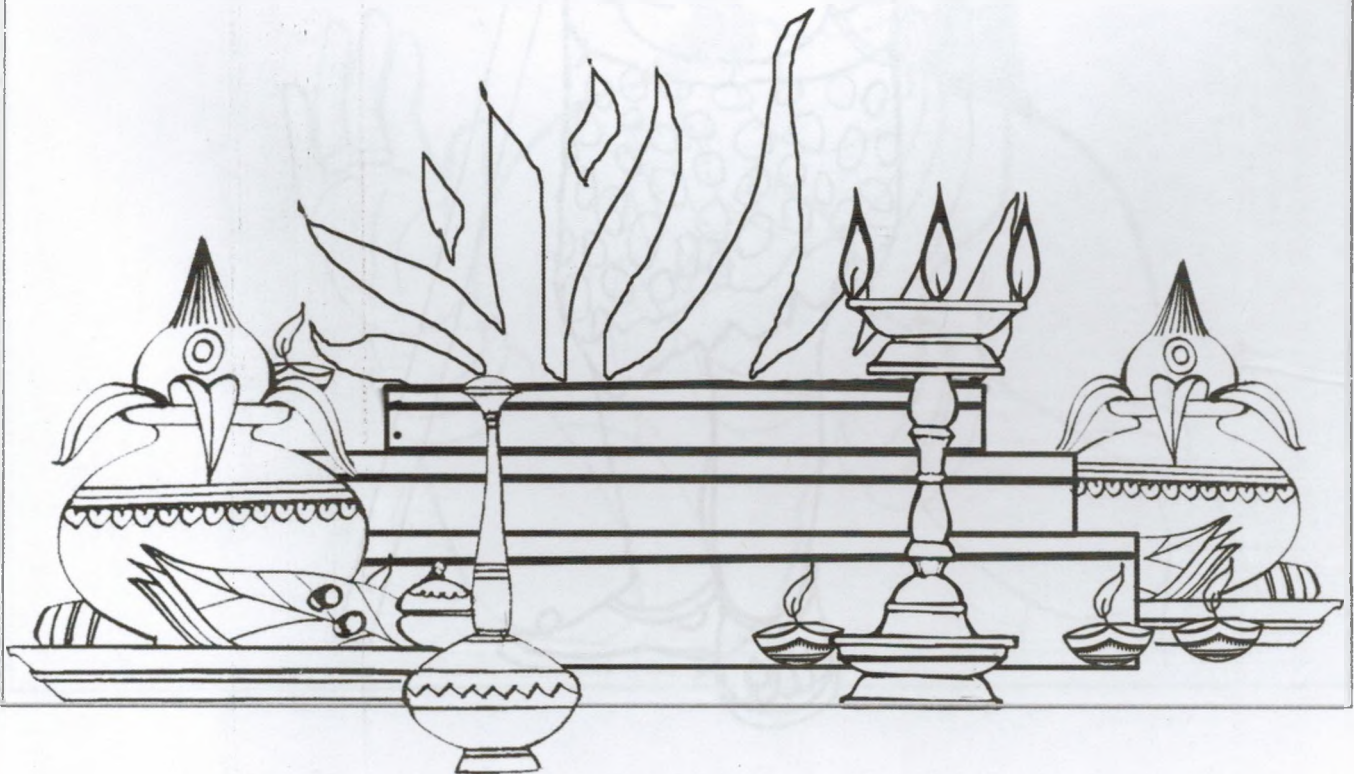




**I**ndra gave him an umbrella, Brahma  
gifted him Kamandalu (water-pot),  
Seven sages presented him kusha grass  
This way Vamana was welcomed.

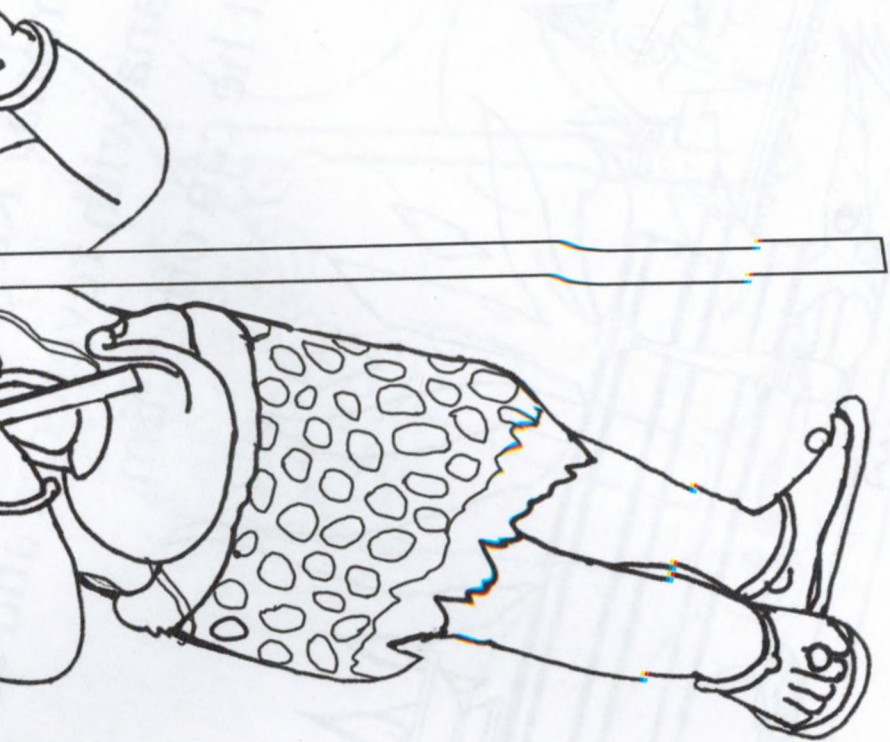


Vamana as dwarf Brahmana entered King Bali's palace. King Bali was performing Ashvamedha yajna to attain more power. Everyone including King Bali was astonished by the effulgence of Vamana. King Bali welcomed Vamana with reverence and asked what he can offer him.

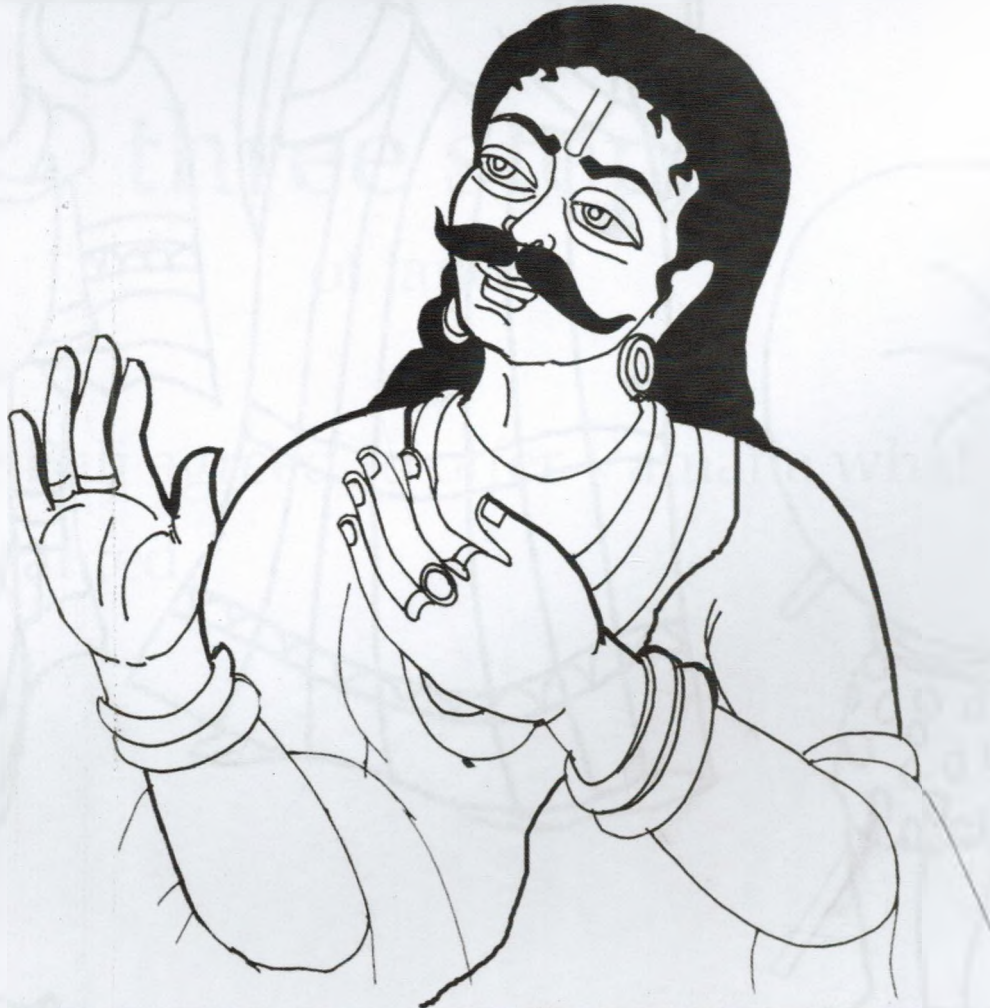








**V**amana smiled at King Bali and glorified his ancestors who were great kings. Then He asked the King to give Him only three steps of land which He will measure with His feet.





Vamana's request surprised King Bali. He asked Vamana to demand for something more as he was the king of three worlds. But Vamana kept insisting on only

**three steps**  
of land !

King Bali agreed to offer Vamana what He wanted.

**S**hukracharya was the Guru of Asuras. He was concerned about the well-being of King Bali.



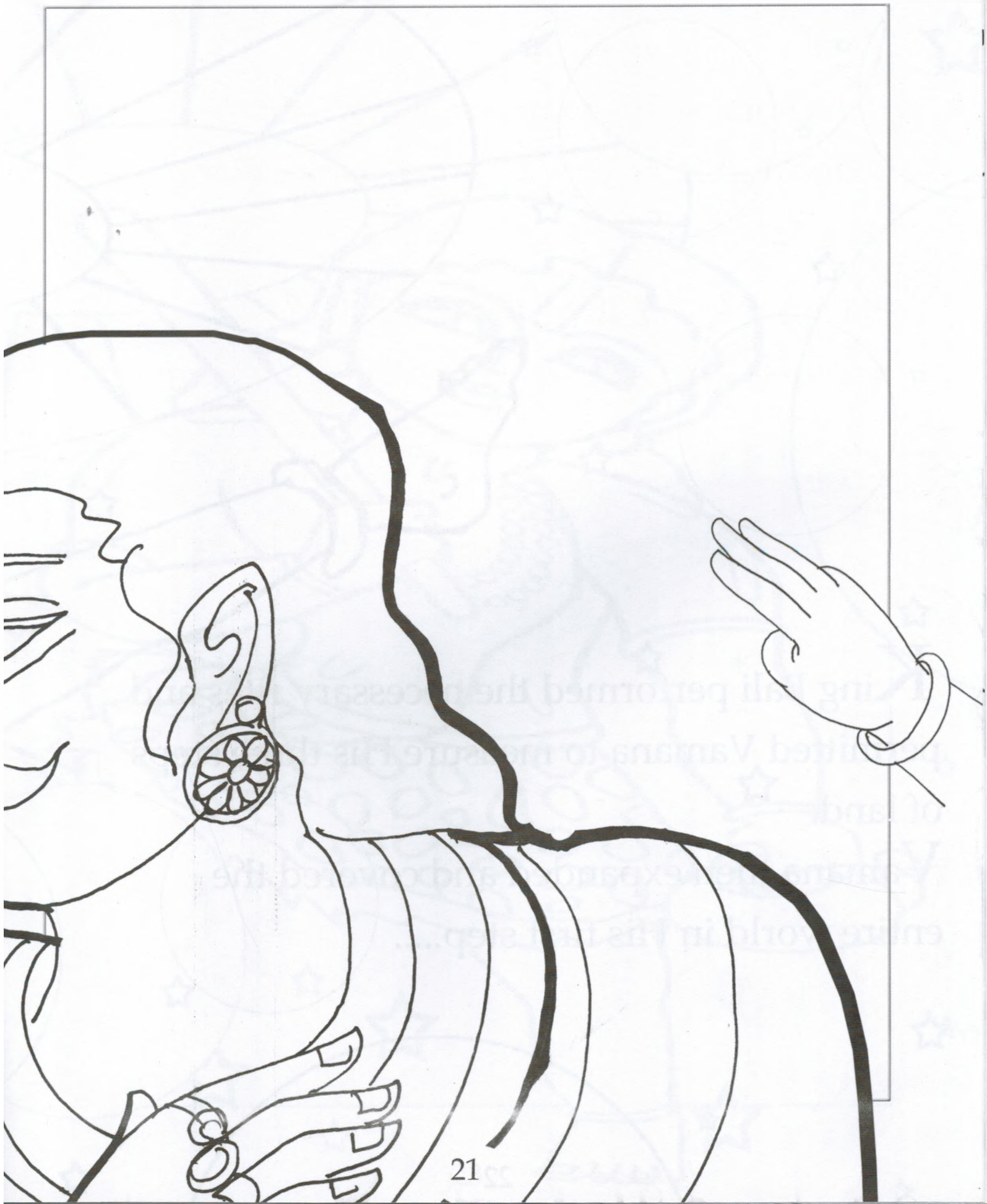
**S**hukracharya stopped the king from offering the land to Vamana. He warned the king that Vamana is none other than Lord Narayana who has come to defeat him and protect the Devatas.



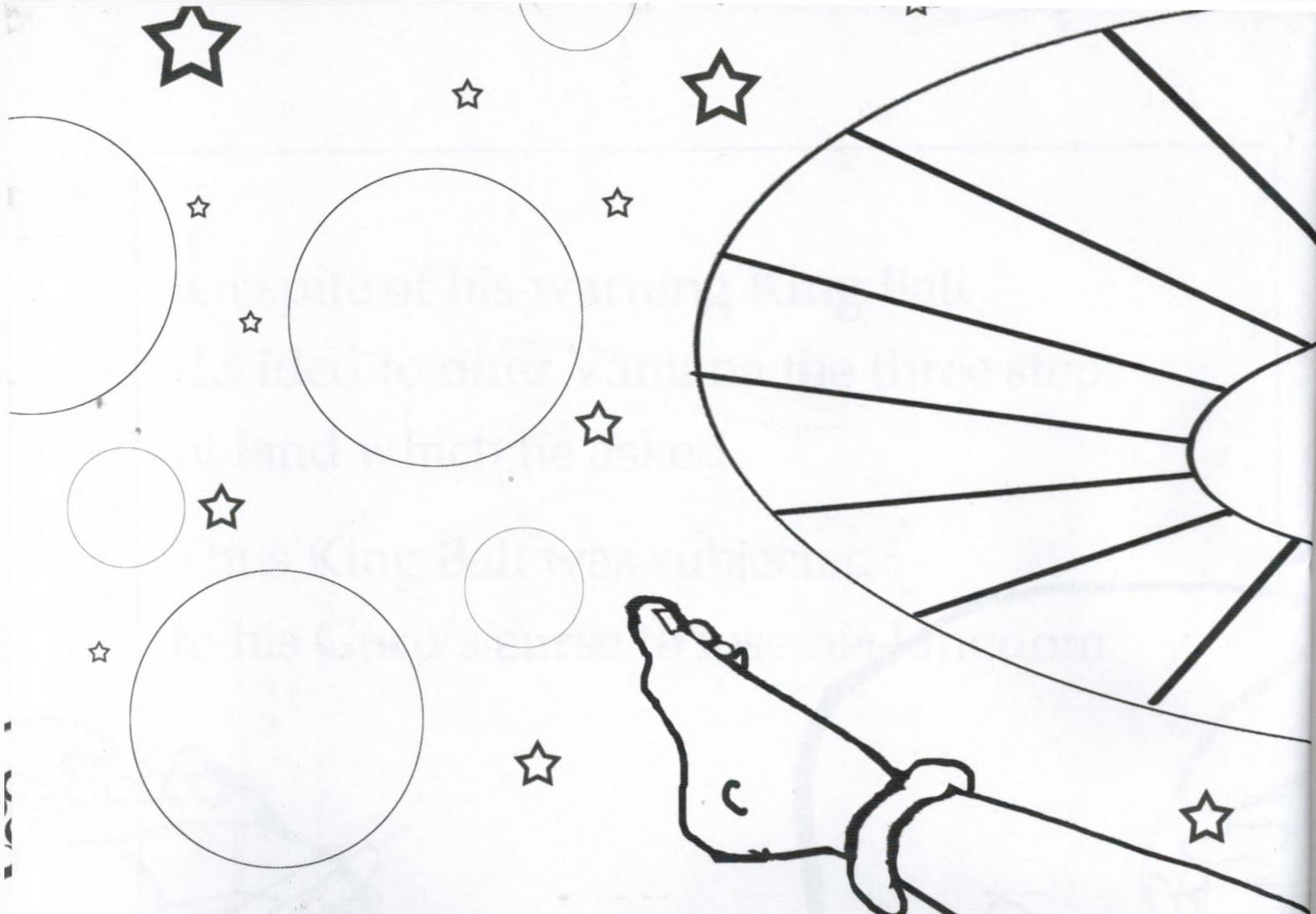
In spite of his warning King Bali decided to offer Vamana the three steps of land which he asked.

Thus King Bali was subjected to his Guru's curse to lose his kingdom.









☆ King Bali performed the necessary rites and permitted Vamana to measure His three steps of land. ☆

Vamana then expanded and covered the entire world in His first step.....







He expanded Himself in such a dimension that, first the galaxies became a crown on His head.....!

later the same galaxies became a dazzling neck ornament....!. as He kept expanding.....He kept expanding....the galaxies became His waist belt !

He expanded further.....



And now, the galaxies formed a beautiful anklet for His lotus feet. With His second step He covered the entire planetary systems.....

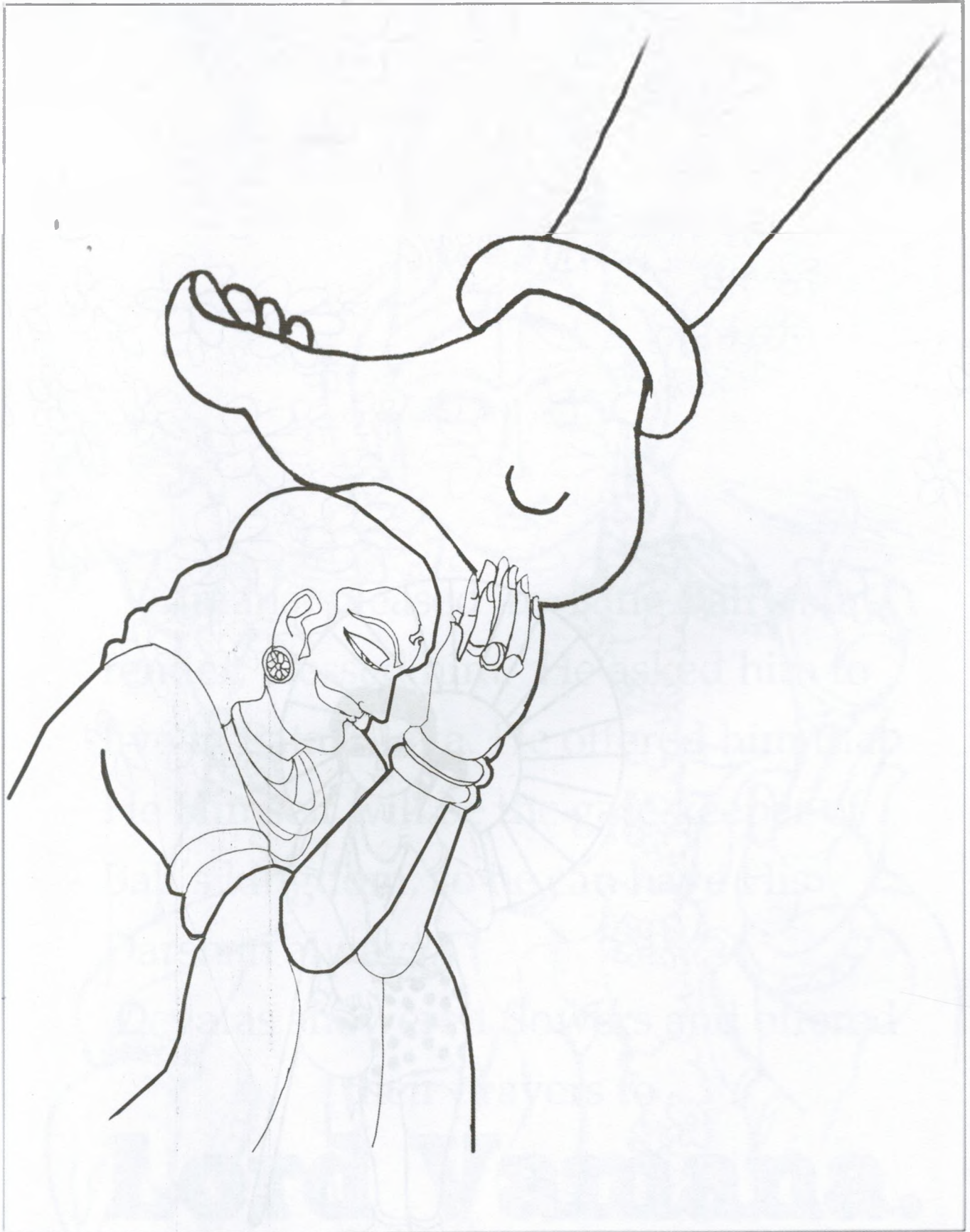
He then asked Bali,

“Where is My third step of land?”.

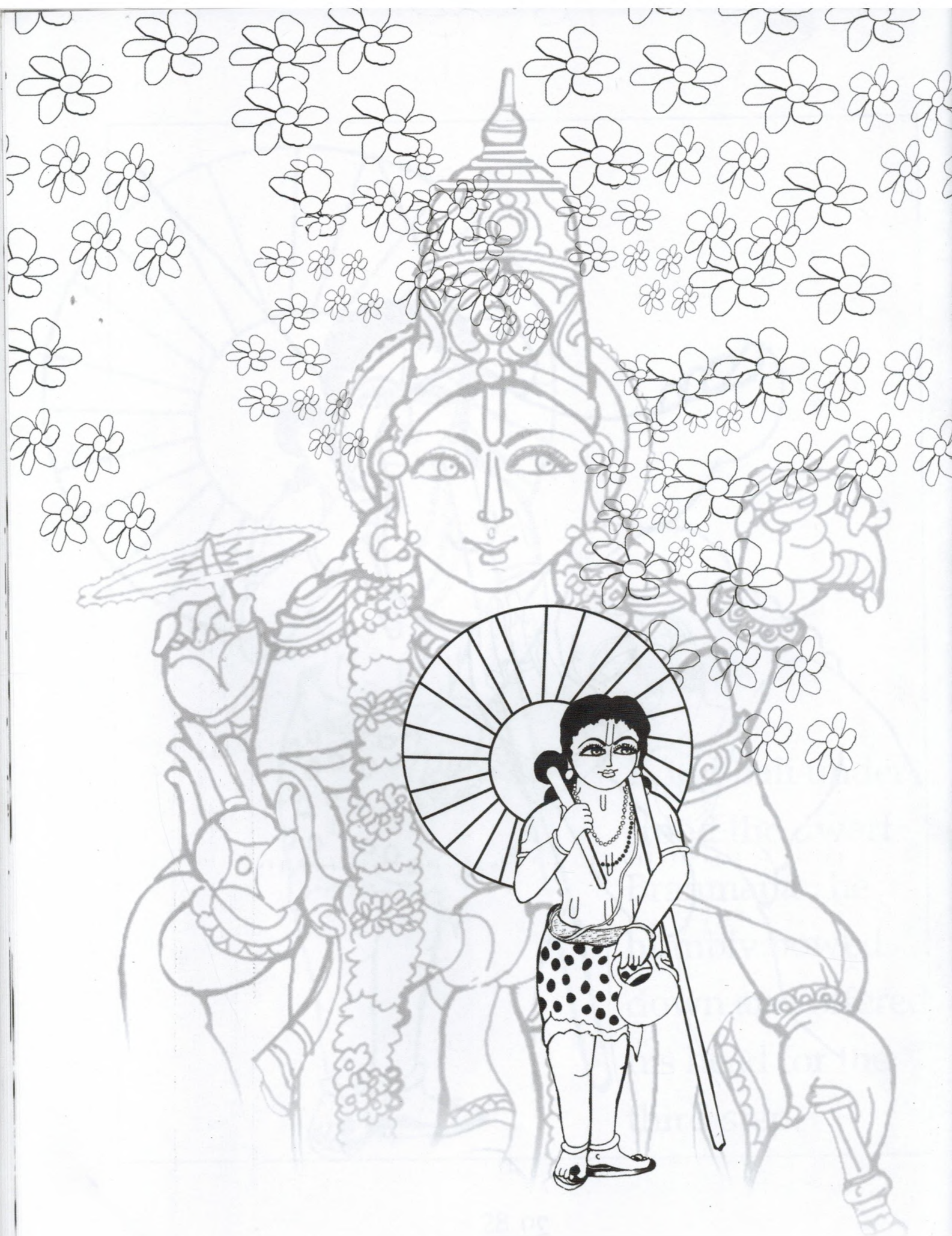


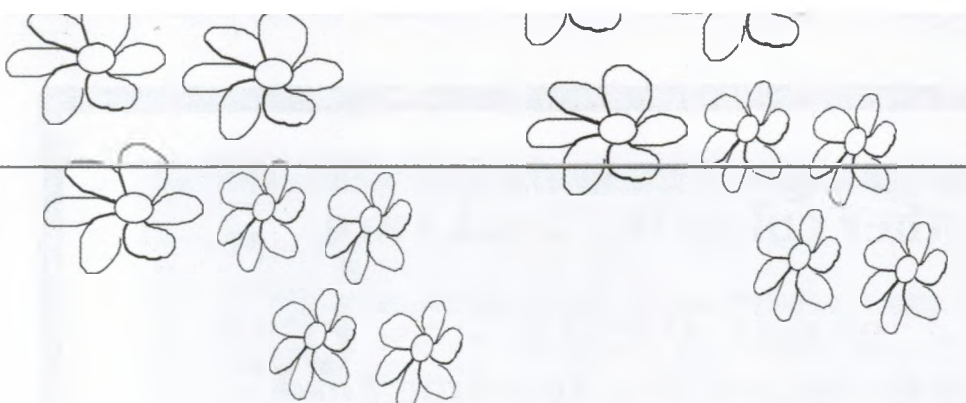


King Bali understood the dwarf Brahmana , he humbly bowed down and offered his head for the third step.









Vamana, pleased by King Bali's surrender, blessed him. He asked him to live in Patala-loka. He offered him that He Himself will be the gate-keeper of Bali's kingdom, so he can have His Darshan always.

Devatas showered flowers and offered  
their prayers to

**Lord Vamana.**

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