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# Source of Inspiration: "KRISHNA BOOK" by His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

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What? Kidnapped?? Who was kidnapped??? Which young girl was kidnapped????

Aren't you anxious to know who kidnapped whom?

Ha! Ha! Don't be so impatient. We'll disclose this fact in the following pages.

Here you are .....

She was Rukmini, This young, beautiful girl, Rukmini was the daughter of Maharaja Bhismaka, the king of Vidarbha, She gave her heart to Jord Krishna, simply by hearing about Him, through Narada,

After knowing that her elder brother, Rukmi, had fixed her marriage with the wicked Sisupala, Rukmini wrote a confidential letter to Krishna, through a Brahmana, in which she suggested that the Jord would come and kidnap her and make her

His wife.



King Bhismaka was not very enthusiastic about handing over his daughter to Sisupala, but was obliged to accept the marriage settlement due to his attachment for his eldest son Rukmi, who negotiated the marriage.



Took how elegant she looks while entering into the temple, accompanied by her mother, friend and her bodyguards!!!
Yet she is anxious to be kidnapped.



And To! there comes the chariot! zoom.....!!!
There, she is lifted by Tord Krishna and placed on the chariot!
Took, how the Tora is taking her away!!!
Tsn't He like a Tion taking away the deer amidst the jackals?





How perplexed and dumbstruck Jarasanda and other opposing Princes are!



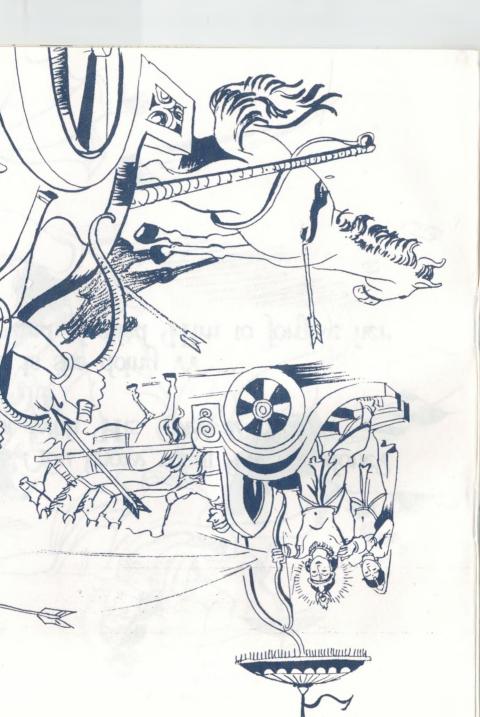
Regaining from the shock, they fled towards Krishna's chariot. But poor kings were not successful. Balarama along with strong military force arrived at the spot and fought with the opposing soldiers.

So they fled away and reported to Sisupala and others.



Enraged, Rukmi immediately rushed to the spot, stopped Jord Krishna and invoked Him for a fight.
Then what did he do?
He shot arrows at the Jord.
What happened then?
Jord Krishna immediately severed them.





Took! How furious the Jord is! You know what He has done? He got down from His chariot with His *Vishmu chakra*. What will happen now? Hey, look at Rukmini! What is she doing?? She fell at the Jords lotus feet and pleaded Him to forgive her elder brother.



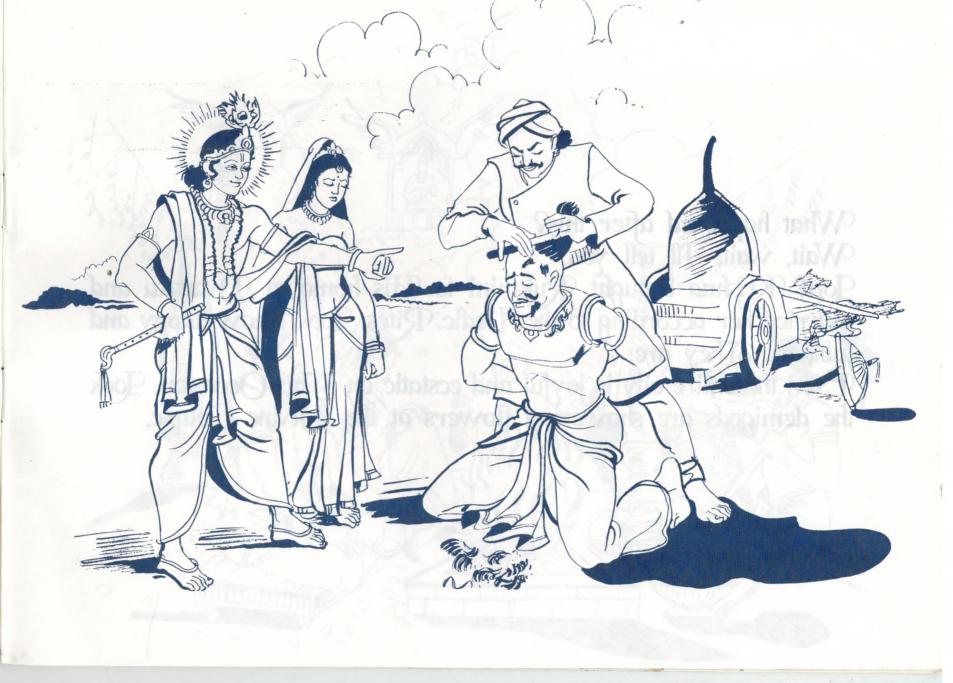
The Jord immediately became compassionate and excused Rukmi. But He did not want to leave him either.

So what did He do?

Oh look! what He had done to Rukmi!!!

He tied Rukmi.

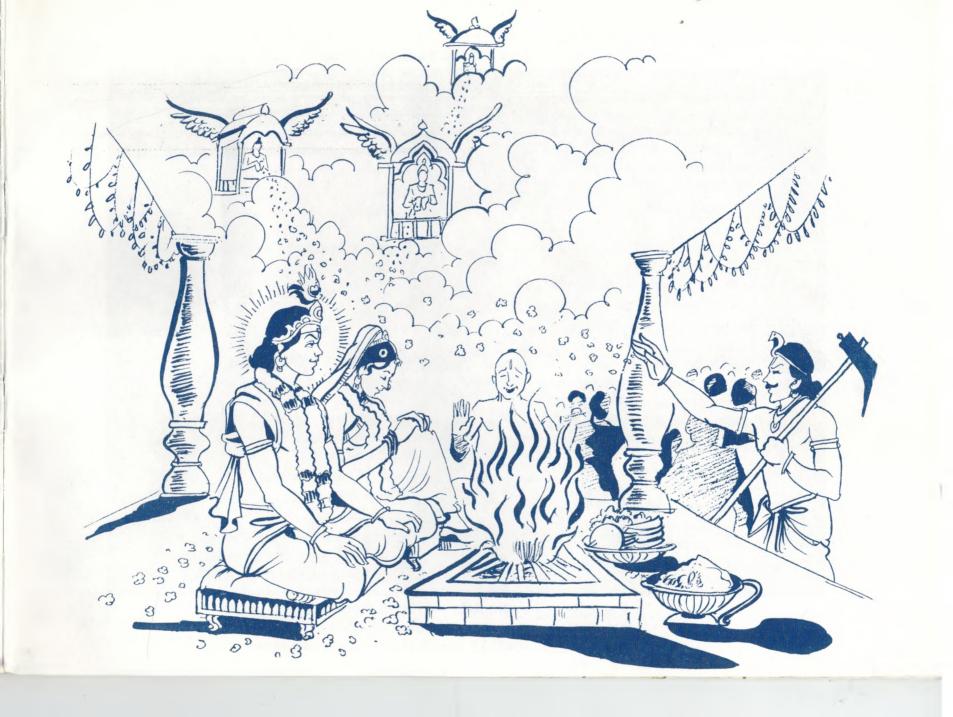
And there goes his hair, moustache and beard, leaving some spots here and there. Oh! what a shame! It is indeed worse than death to Rukmi.



What happened after this? Wait, wait, Ill tell you.

Jord Krishna brought Rukmini to His home at Dvaraka and married her according to the Vedic Rites. Jook! how happy and jubiliant They are!

jubiliant They are! Even the entire city is joyful and ecstatic on This Occasion. Jook the demigods are showering flowers at the Divine Couple.



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