

NARASIMHA AVATARA

INTRODUCTION

THE TWO DWARAPALAKAS OF VISHNULOKA WERE CURSED BY SANATHKUMARAS TO BE BORN ON EARTH AS THEY REFUSED THEM PERMISSION TO ENTER VISHNULOKA. LORD VISHNU GRANTED THEM THAT AFTER THREE BIRTHS THEY WOULD REACH HIM BACK. IN THEIR FIRST BIRTH, THEY WERE BORN AS HIRANYAKASIPU AND HIRANYAKSHA. THEIR THREE BIRTH STORIES ARE EXAMPLES THAT CONSTANTLY THINKING ABOUT THE LORD EVEN OUT OF FEAR OR HATRED WOULD TAKE ONE TO HIS ABODE.

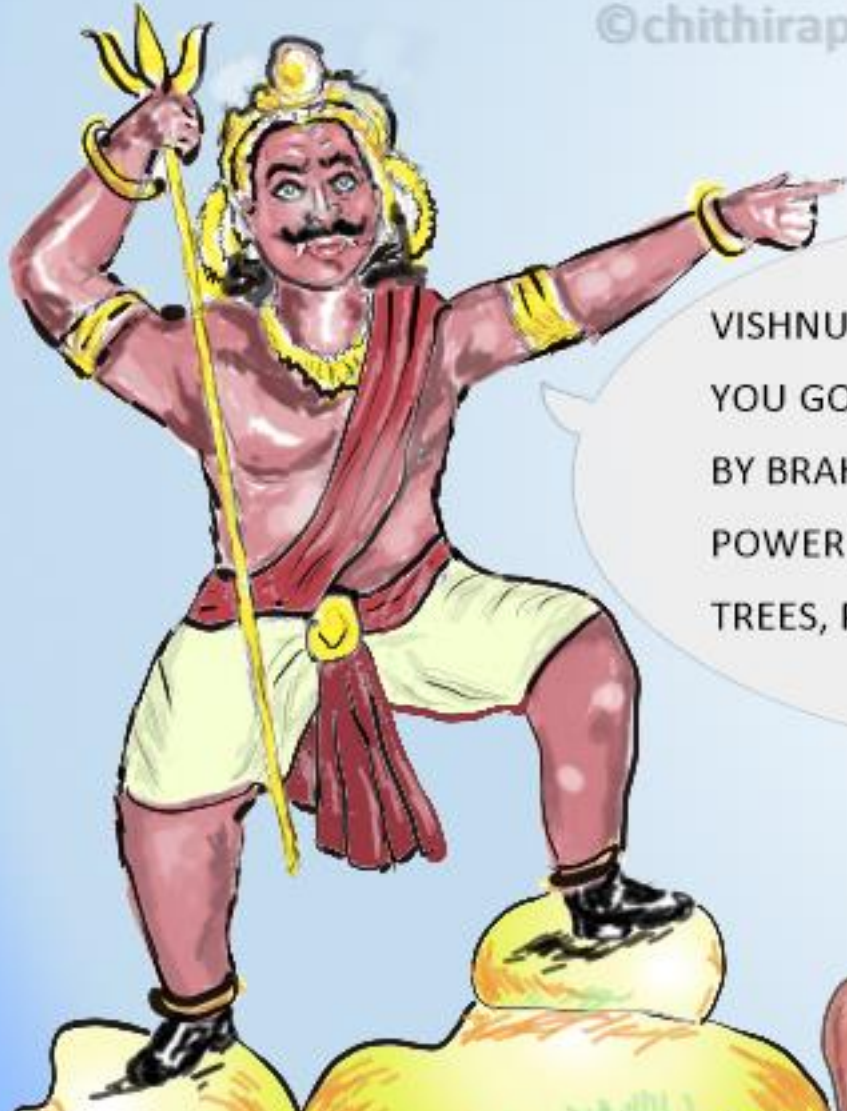
HIRANYAKASIPU AND HIRANYAKSHA WERE BORN TO SAGE KASHYAP AND THITHI AS ASURAS.

HIRANYAKSHA, THE YOUNGER ONE, SUBMERGED EARTH IN WATER AND MADE CREATION DIFFICULT. LORD VISHNU TOOK VARAHA AVATARA (WILD BOAR) AND LIFTED THE EARTH FROM WATER WITH HIS TUSKS, WHEN HIRANYAKSHA OBSTRUCTED HIM. LORD VARAHA KILLED HIRANYAKSHA IN BATTLE WITH HIS CHAKRAYUDHA AND LIFTED MOTHER EARTH FROM WATER.....

(....CONTD.)



Lord Varaha killed Hiranyaksha with his Chakrayudha after fierce battle and lifted mother Earth from Pralaya Samudhra

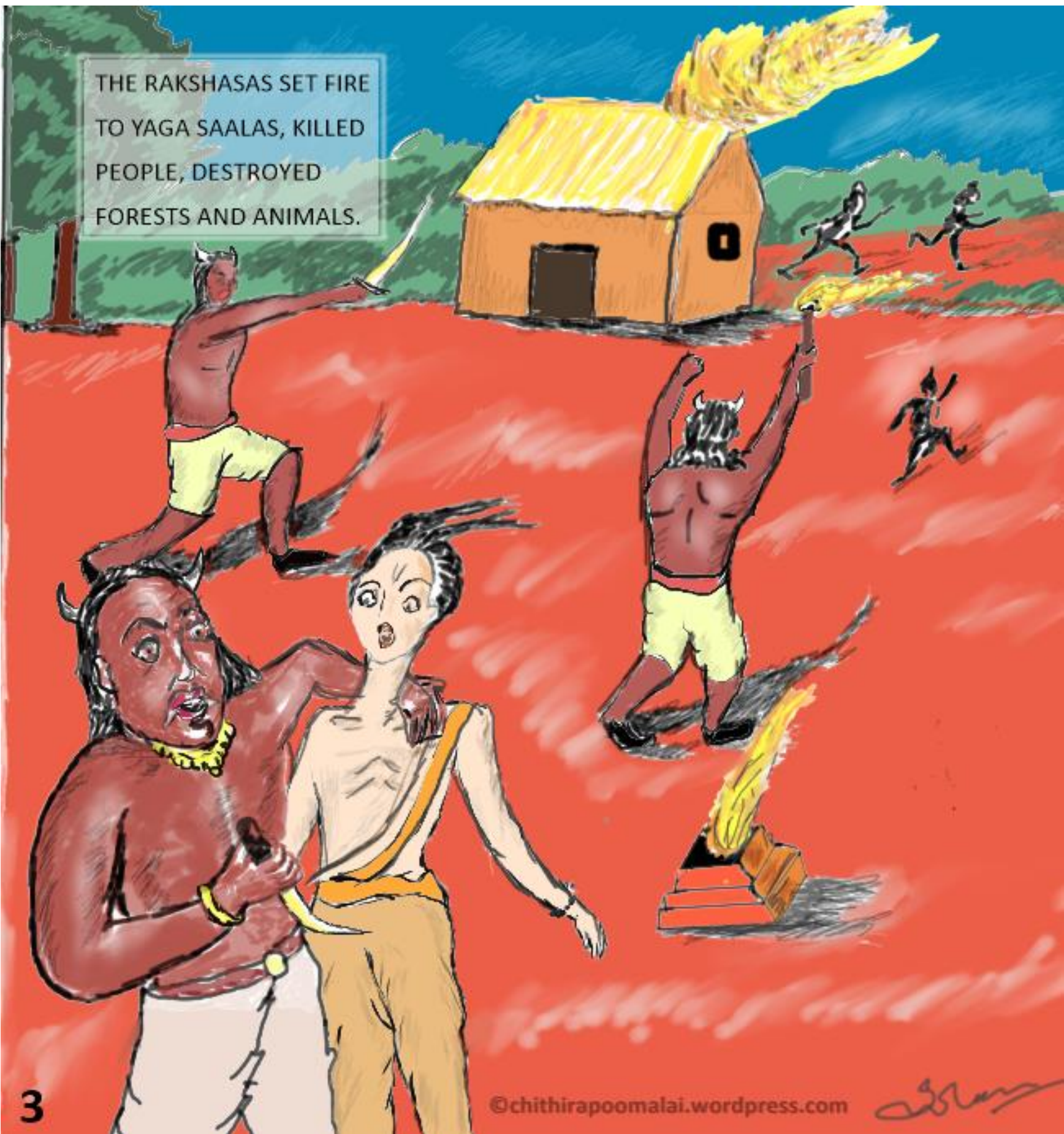


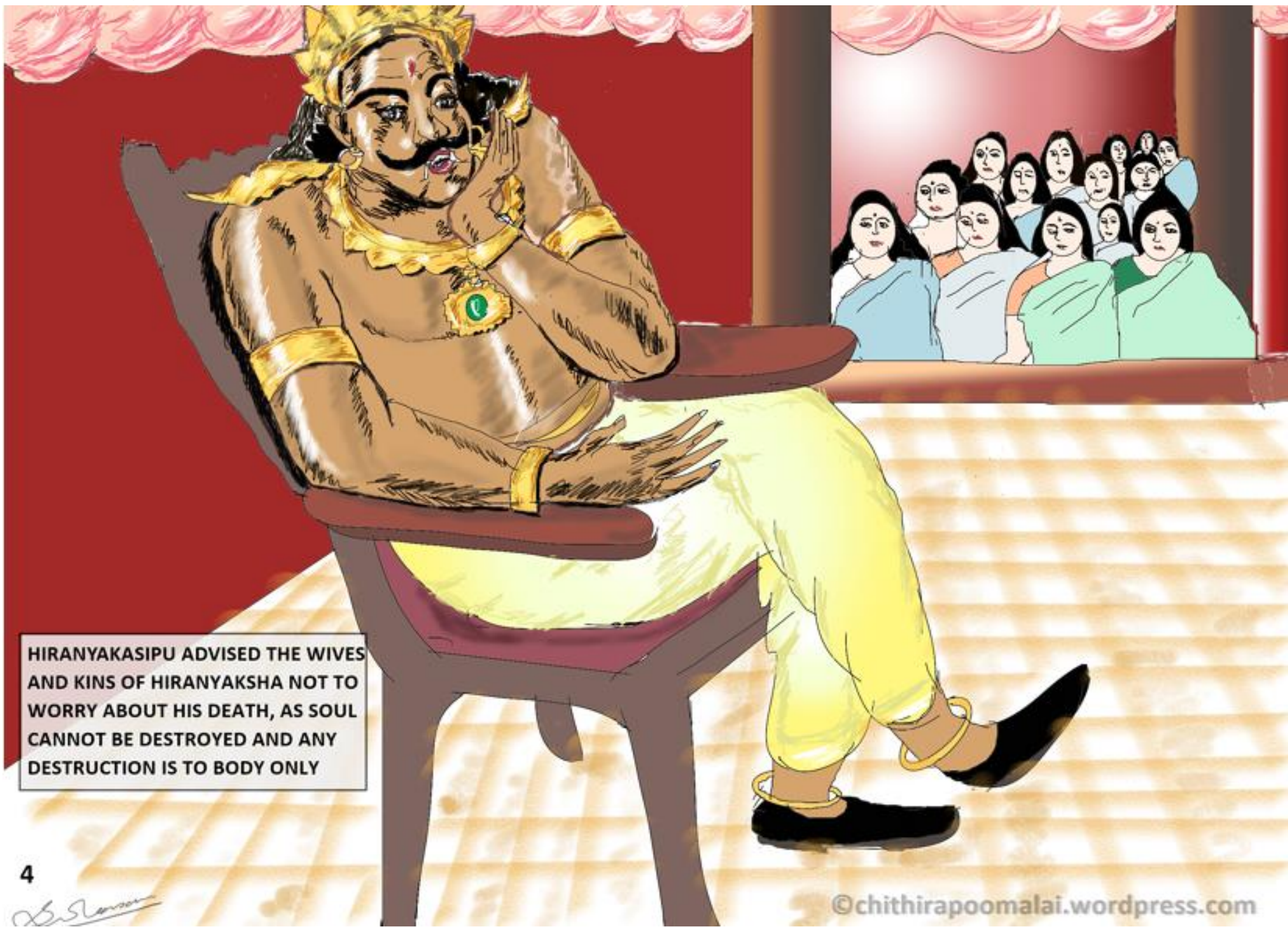
VISHNU IS MY ENEMY. I WILL DESTROY HIM. YOU GO AND DESTROY ALL YAGNAS DONE BY BRAHMINS AND THEN VISHNU WILL BECOME POWERLESS. KILL THE PEOPLE, DESTROY THE TREES, PUT EVERYTHING UNDER FIRE!



HIS ELDER BROTHER HIRANYAKASIPU WAS FURIOUS ON HEARING ABOUT THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER

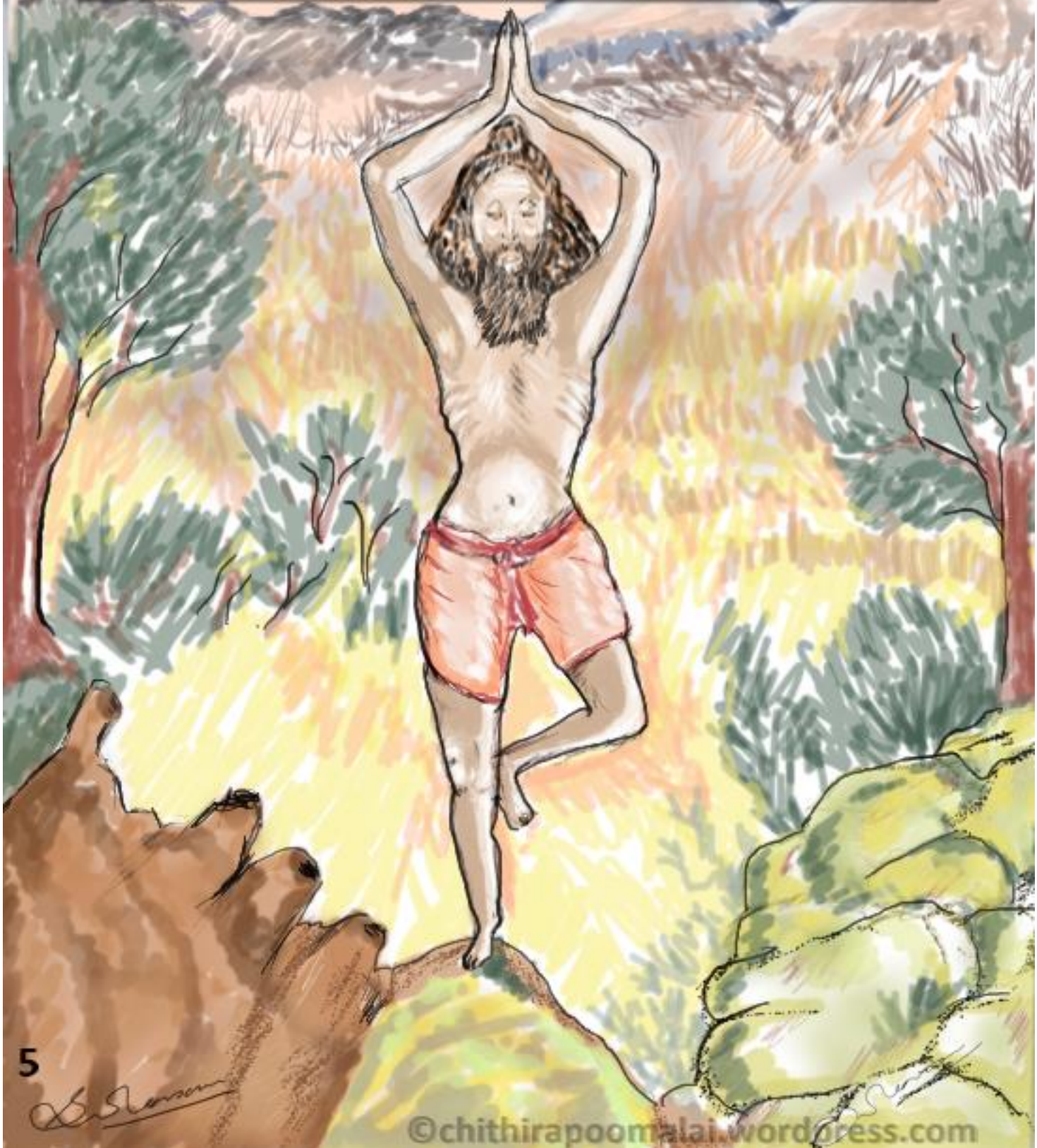
THE RAKSHASAS SET FIRE TO YAGA SAALAS, KILLED PEOPLE, DESTROYED FORESTS AND ANIMALS.





HIRANYAKASIPU ADVISED THE WIVES AND KINS OF HIRANYAKSHA NOT TO WORRY ABOUT HIS DEATH, AS SOUL CANNOT BE DESTROYED AND ANY DESTRUCTION IS TO BODY ONLY

HIRANYAKASIPU THEN DID INTENSE TAPA TO MAKE HIMSELF POWERFUL,
DEFYING DEATH, SO THAT HE COULD DESTROY DEVAS AND LORD VISHNU.
THE INTENSITY OF HIS TAPA BURNT THE THREE WORLDS.



WHEN HIRANYAKASIPU WAS DOING TAPA, DEVAS
ATTACKED HIS CITY AND INDRA KIDNAPPED
HIS PREGNANT WIFE KAYATHU, WHEN SAGE
NARATHA STOPPED HIM.

OH INDRA! WHY ARE YOU
KIDNAPPING THIS
PATHIVRATHA LADY?
IT IS A SIN!

SHE IS CARRYING THE CHILD OF THE
DEMON HIRANYAKASIPU. I WILL KILL
THE CHILD AND LEAVE HER BACK SAFE.

SHE IS HARMLESS. YOU CANNOT KILL THE CHILD AS HE IS BLESSED
BY LORD VISHNU. LEAVE HER WITH ME. I WILL TAKE CARE OF HER
TILL SHE DELIVERS THE CHILD.



INDRA LEFT KAYADHU WITH NARADA AND WENT AWAY. NARADA TAUGHT ALL GLORIES OF VISHNU TO KAYADHU WHO FREQUENTLY FELL ASLEEP, BUT THE CHILD WAS LISTENING!

LORD VISHNU IS THE ONLY REFUGE OF ALL JIVAS. SURRENDER UNTO HIM, HE WILL GIVE MUKTHI.

mm, mmm...

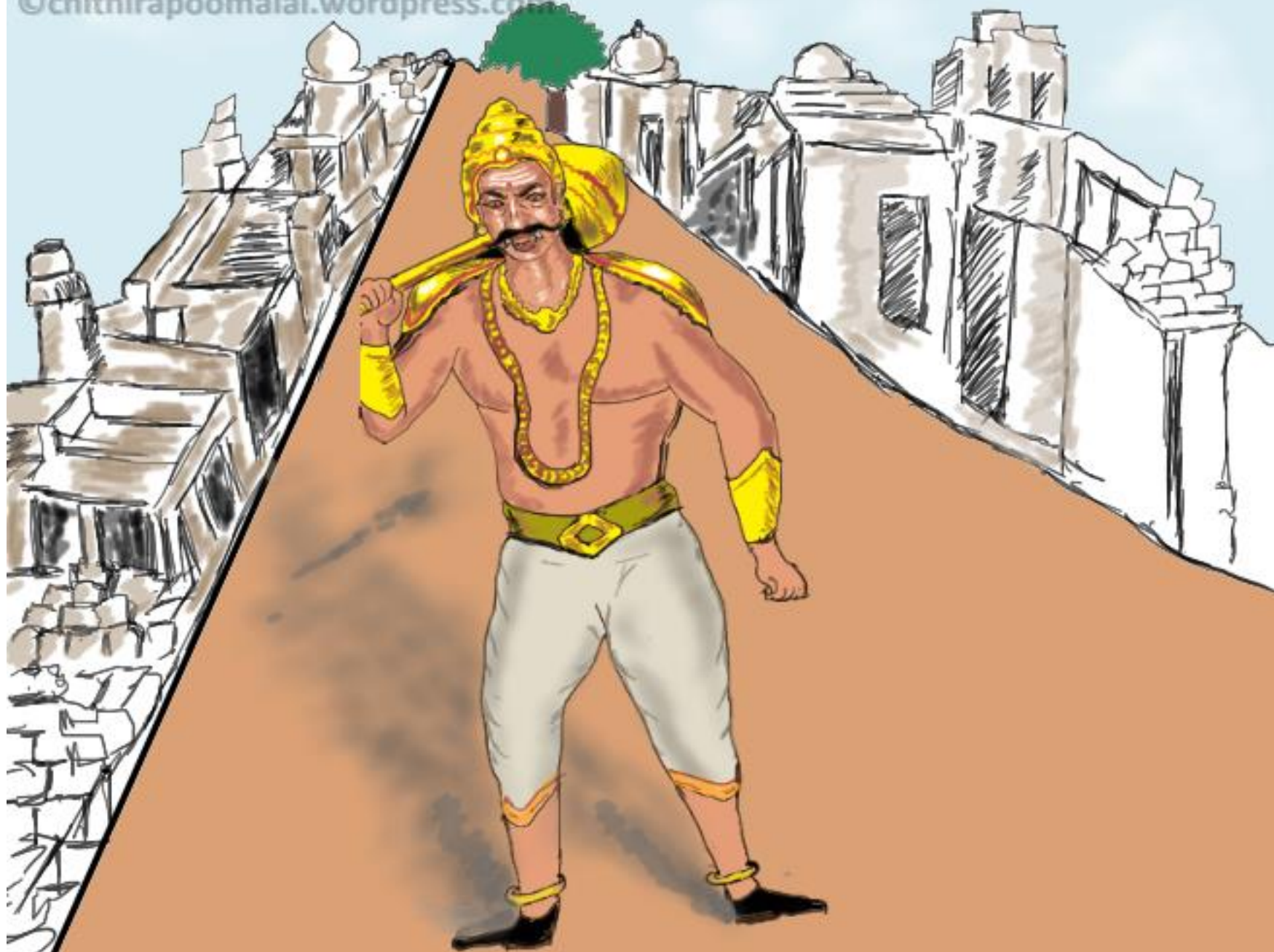
SHED ATTACHMENTS TO MATERIAL OBJECTS. WHATEVER BE ONE'S VARNA, ONLY THROUGH UNADULTERATED BAKTHI ONE ATTAINS MUKTHI. WHAT IS THE DIFFICULTY IN RECITING THE NAMES OF SRIMAN NARAYANA?

BRAHMA WAS PLEASED WITH THE TAPA OF HIRANYAKASIPU
ANS CAME DOWN TO HIM

OH SON OF KASHYAPA! I AM PLEASED WITH
YOUR TAPA. I GIVE STRENGTH TO YOUR BODY.
ASK ME ANY BOON. I WILL GIVE YOU.

I GIVE YOU THE
BOONS. I AM
PLEASED.

OH BRAHMA DEVA! I SHOULD NOT GET KILLED BY
ANY BEING CREATED BY YOU, NOT IN DAY OR NIGHT,
NOT INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, NOT ON FLOOR OR SKY,
NOT BY ANY WEAPON, NOT BY HUMANS, DEVAS, ASURAS,
NAGAS, ANIMALS OR PLANTS, NOT BY LIVING OR
NON LIVING THINGS. THIS IS THE BOON I NEED.



HIRANYAKASIPU, WITH A STRONG BODY, WON THE THREE WORLDS, DEVAS, ASURAS, HUMANS, NAGAS, DIKBALAKAS AND OTHERS AND BROUGHT THEM UNDER HIS CONTROL.

HE DESTROYED THE CITIES OF DEVAS AND CAPTURED THE ADODE OF INDRA.

HE SEARCHED FOR VISHNU, BUT COULD NOT FIND HIM ANYWHERE.

©chithirapoomalai.wordpress.com

THE DEVAS PRAYED TO LORD NARAYANA AND SURRENDERED TO HIM

OH! PARAMATMA! PLEASE SAVE US FROM THE TYRANNY OF THIS ASURA HIRANYAKASIPU. ONLY YOU CAN DESTROY HIM AND SAVE THE WORLD.

DONT WORRY, HIRANYAKASIPU IS NEARING HIS END AND WILL SOON BE DESTROYED BY ME.
WHEN HE STARTS CREATING HARM TO HIS SON AND MY BAKTHA PRAHLATHA, I WILL KILL HIM.



Sninivasan

@chithirapoomalai.wordpress.com

WHEN HIRANYAKASIPU REACHED BACK HIS PALACE HE CALLED HIS SON PRAHLATHA AND TALKED TO HIM WITH LOVE.

MY SON! TELL ME WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU. DO YOU KNOW I AM THE LORD OF THE WORLD NOW?

DEAR FATHER! ONLY BAGAWAN VISHNU IS LORD OF EVERYTHING. NOTHING BELONGS TO US. EVERYTHING INCLUDING OUR SOUL BELONG TO SRIMAN NARAYANA THE PARAMATHMA. SO DETACHMENT IN MATERIAL THINGS IS GOOD TO ME.



OH WRETCHED SON!
WHO SPOILED YOUR
MIND LIKE THIS?
DID ANY OF THE SPIES OF
VISHNU INJECTED
THIS POISON IN YOU?

HIRANYAKASIPU CALLED THE GURU AND ORDERED HIM.



TAKE HIM TO YOUR GURUKULA. TEACH HIM WHAT IS GOOD FOR HIM UNDER ME. TEACH HIM I AM THE LORD OF THE WORLD AND LET HIM REALIZE THAT.

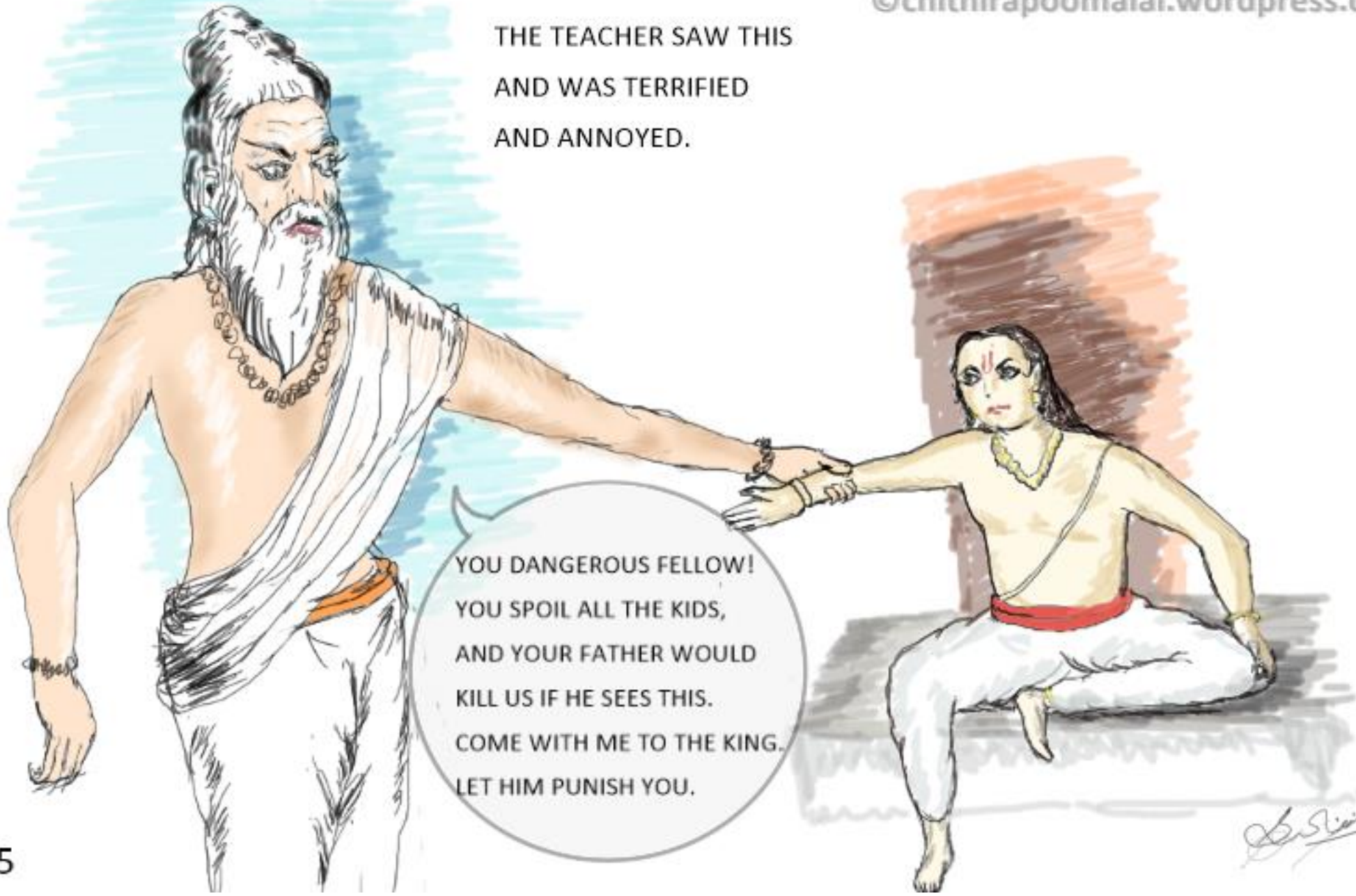
©chithirapoomalai.wordpress.com

PRAHLATHA WENT TO GURUKUL.
BUT INSTEAD OF LEARNING WHAT
WAS TAUGHT TO HIM, HE STARTED
TEACHING HIS FELLOW STUDENTS
WHAT IS REAL TRUTH.



FRIENDS! UNDERSTAND VISHNU
IS THE PARAMATMA AND LORD
OF THE UNIVERSE. BY SURRENDERING
TO HIM AND SERVING HIM YOU CAN
REACH MOKSHA.

Abhishek



THE TEACHER SAW THIS
AND WAS TERRIFIED
AND ANNOYED.

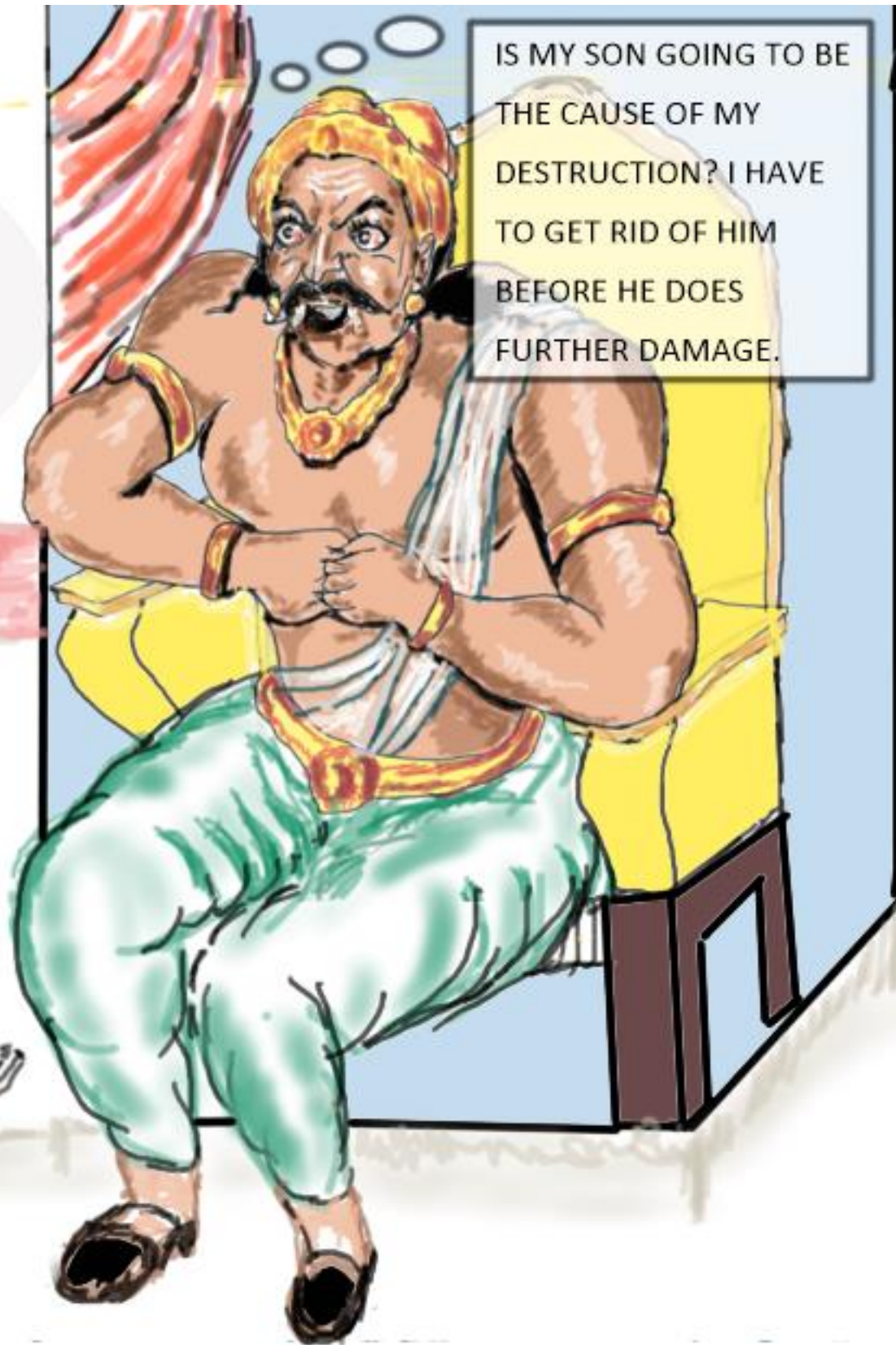
YOU DANGEROUS FELLOW!
YOU SPOIL ALL THE KIDS,
AND YOUR FATHER WOULD
KILL US IF HE SEES THIS.
COME WITH ME TO THE KING.
LET HIM PUNISH YOU.

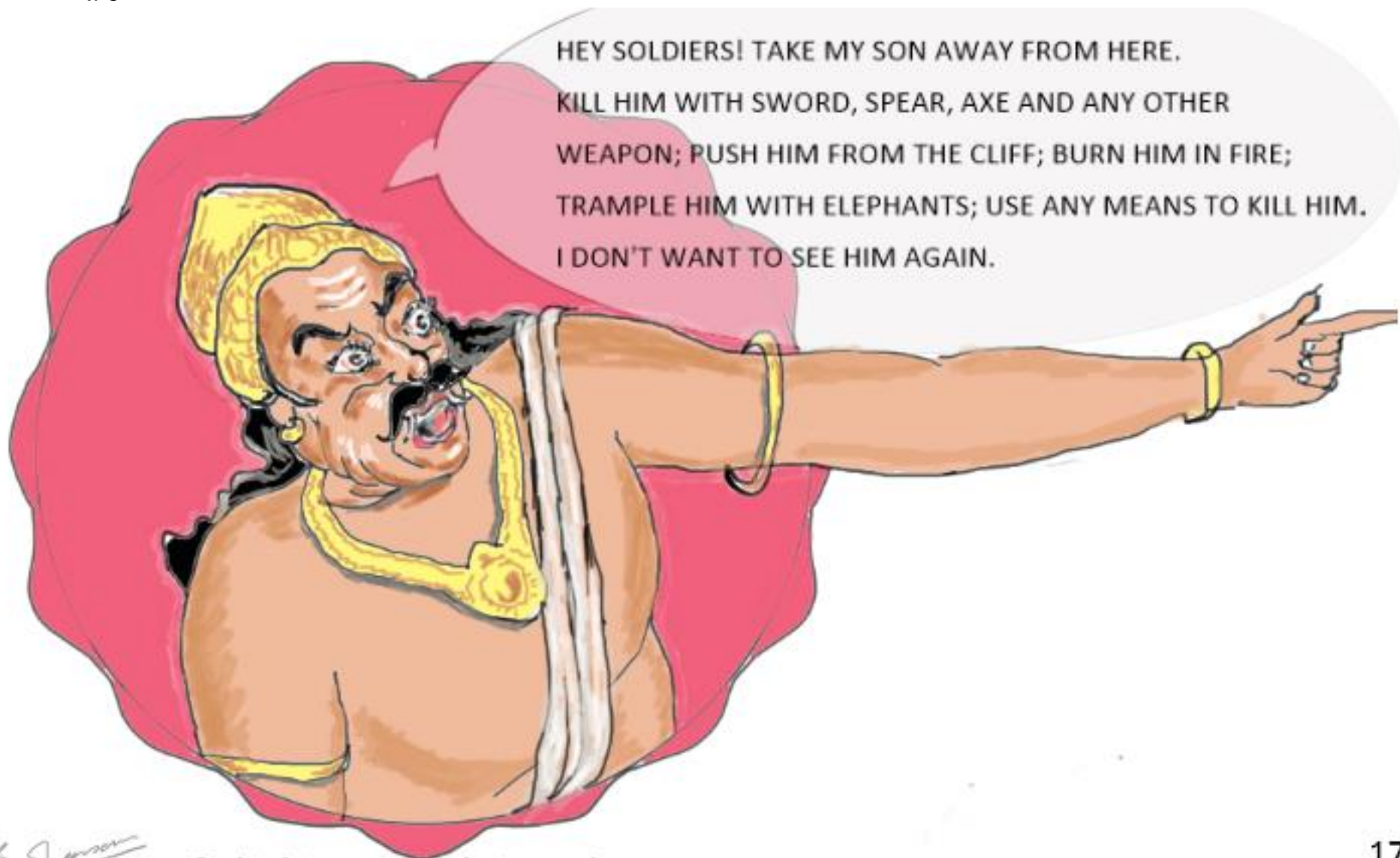
Dr. Srinivasan

THE TEACHER PLEADED TO
THE KING

OH MY LORD! YOUR SON IS TELLING WHAT
IS NOT TAUGHT BY ME. HE IS SPOILING
ALL OTHER FELLOW STUDENTS. I CANNOT
KEEP HIM IN GURUKULAM

IS MY SON GOING TO BE
THE CAUSE OF MY
DESTRUCTION? I HAVE
TO GET RID OF HIM
BEFORE HE DOES
FURTHER DAMAGE.





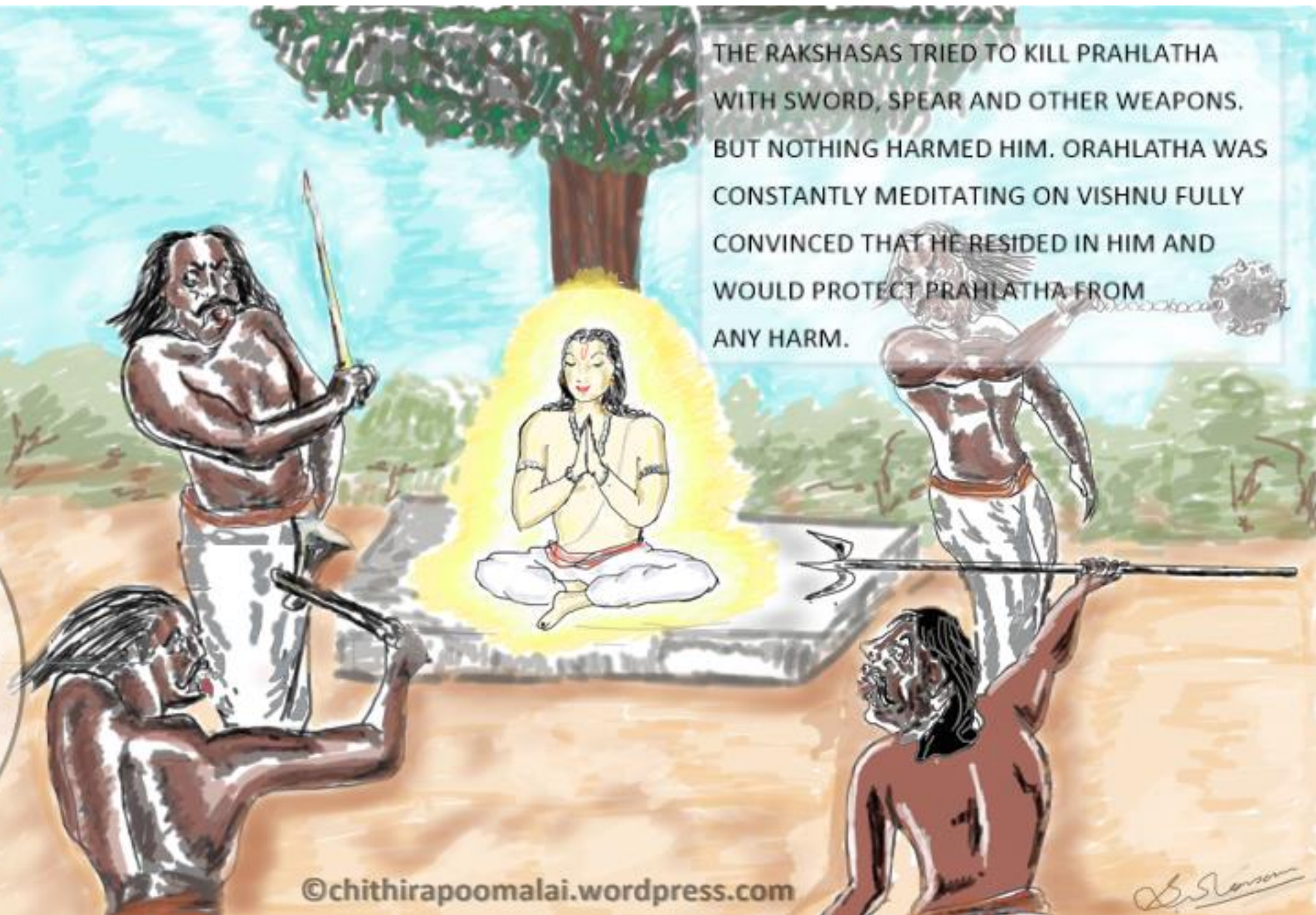
HEY SOLDIERS! TAKE MY SON AWAY FROM HERE.
KILL HIM WITH SWORD, SPEAR, AXE AND ANY OTHER
WEAPON; PUSH HIM FROM THE CLIFF; BURN HIM IN FIRE;
TRAMPLE HIM WITH ELEPHANTS; USE ANY MEANS TO KILL HIM.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

Chithirapoomalai

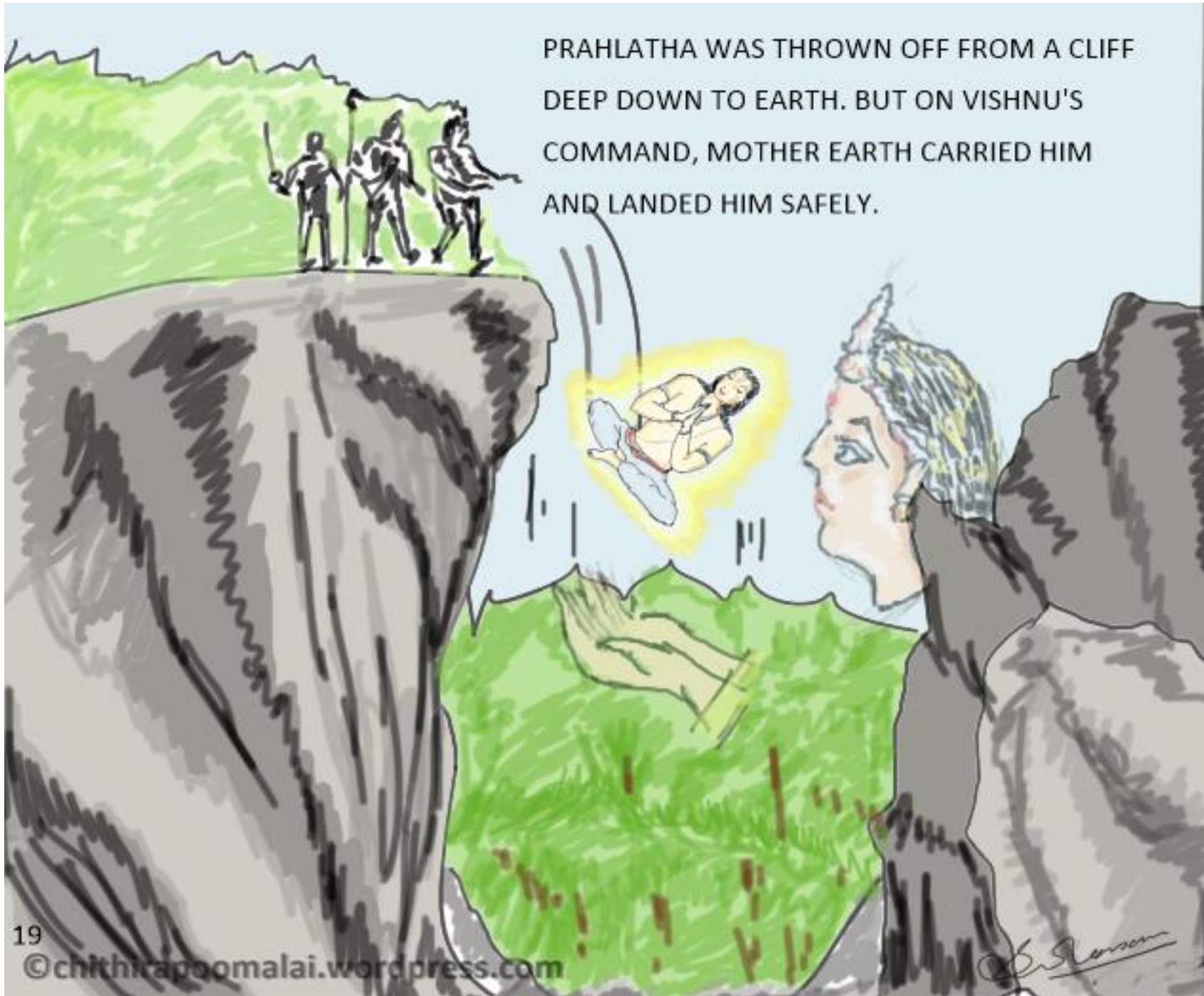


HE IS NOT KILLED BY ANY WEAPON. HE IS HAVING EXTRA ORDINARY POWER. IT WORRIES ME. HE HAS TO BE KILLED BY ANY MEANS.

THE RAKSHASAS TRIED TO KILL PRAHLATHA WITH SWORD, SPEAR AND OTHER WEAPONS. BUT NOTHING HARMED HIM. ORAHLATHA WAS CONSTANTLY MEDITATING ON VISHNU FULLY CONVINCED THAT HE RESIDED IN HIM AND WOULD PROTECT PRAHLATHA FROM ANY HARM.

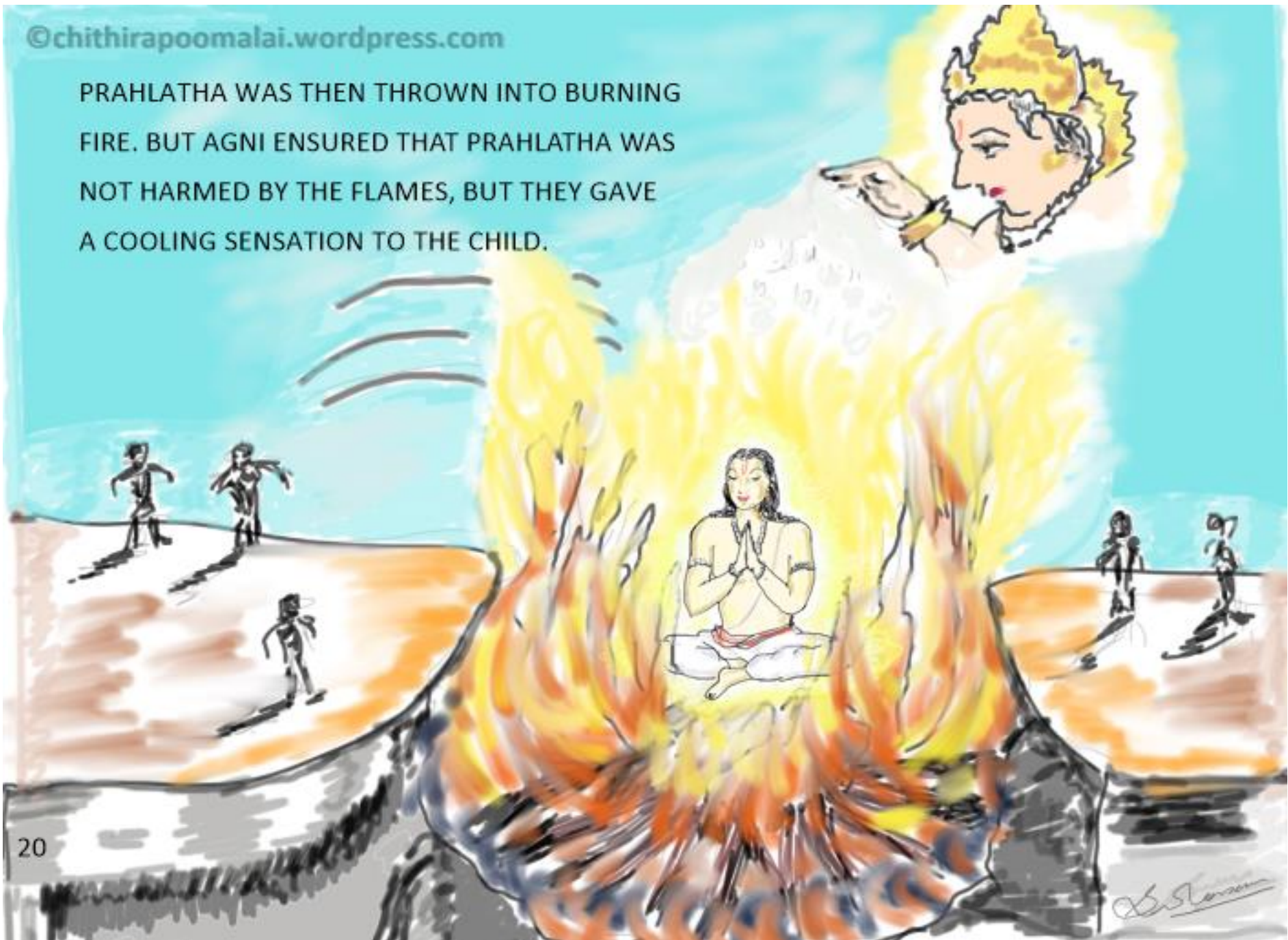


PRAHLATHA WAS THROWN OFF FROM A CLIFF
DEEP DOWN TO EARTH. BUT ON VISHNU'S
COMMAND, MOTHER EARTH CARRIED HIM
AND LANDED HIM SAFELY.



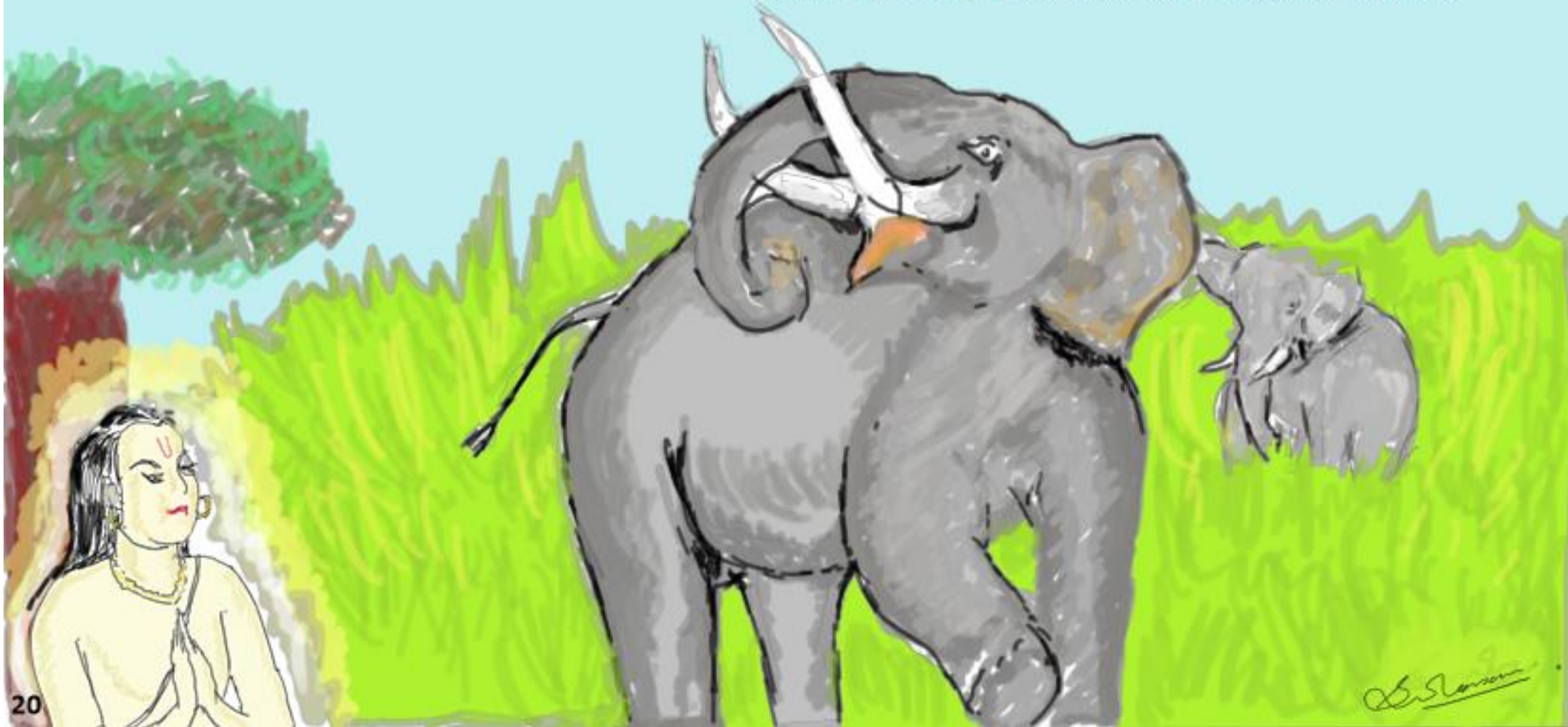
©chithirapoomalai.wordpress.com

PRAHLATHA WAS THEN THROWN INTO BURNING FIRE. BUT AGNI ENSURED THAT PRAHLATHA WAS NOT HARMED BY THE FLAMES, BUT THEY GAVE A COOLING SENSATION TO THE CHILD.



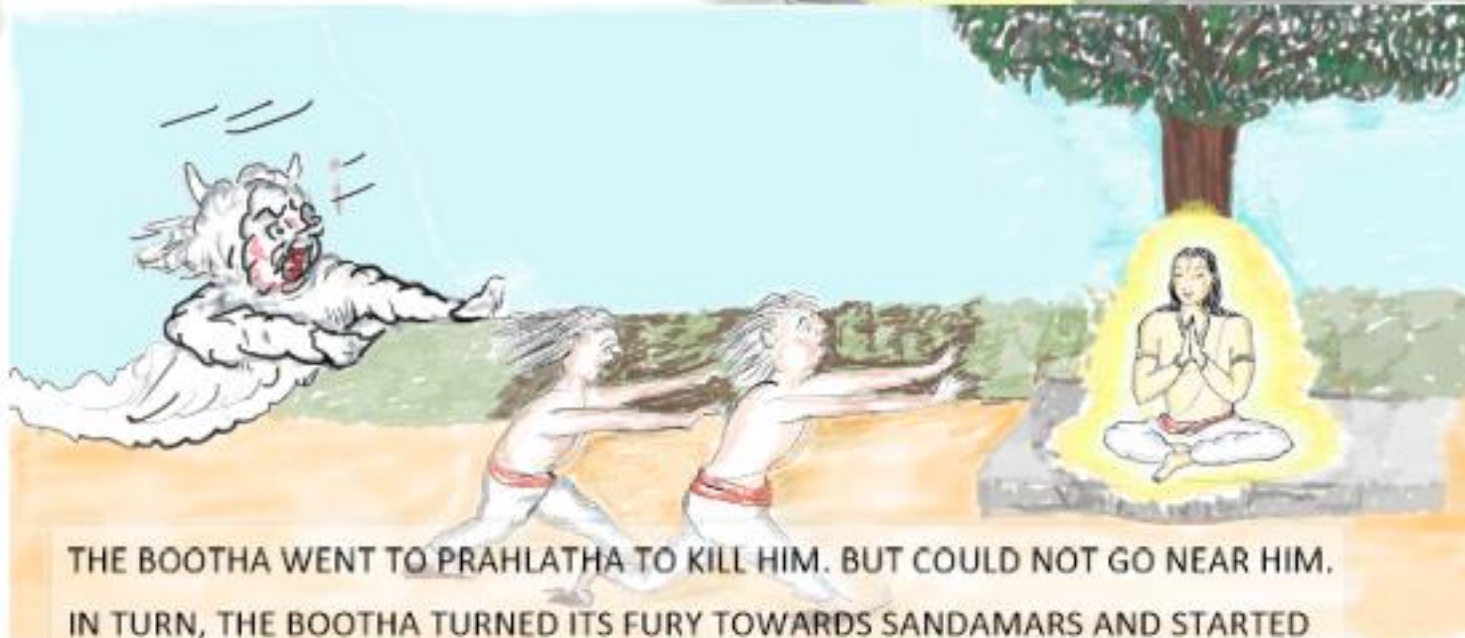
©chithirapoomalai.wordpress.com

WILD ELEPHANTS WERE DRIVEN TO HIM TO TRAMPLE HIM AND CRUSH HIM TO DEATH. BUT THE ELEPHANTS COULD NOT GO NEAR HIM BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF HIS DEVOTION SURROUNDING HIM.





SANDAMARS WERE SONS OF GURU SUKRACHARIA. THEY WANTED TO HELP THE KING. THEY DID A YAGNA ANS CREATED A BOOHTA AND ORDERED HIM TO KILL PRAHLATHA.



THE BOOHTA WENT TO PRAHLATHA TO KILL HIM. BUT COULD NOT GO NEAR HIM. IN TURN, THE BOOHTA TURNED ITS FURY TOWARDS SANDAMARS AND STARTED CHASING THEM.

THE SANDAMARS CAME RUSHING TO PRAHLATHA SEEKING REFUGE. PRAHLATHA ORDERED THE BOOHTA TO GO AWAY. THE BOOHTA VANISHED, AFRAID OF THE CHILD.

©chithirapoomalai.wordpress.com

YOU FOOL! YOU DON'T REALIZE I AM THE LORD OF THE WORLD. YOU ARE GOING TO DIE SOON. SOMEONE IS SAVING YOU FROM BEHIND. WHO IS HE? WHERE IS HE? ASK HIM TO COME IN FRONT OF ME.

THE ONE WHO CREATES AND PROTECTS THIS WORLD IS PROTECTING ME. HE IS **SHRI HARI**. HE RESIDES IN ME. HE IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE. THERE IS NO PLACE, WHERE HE IS NOT PRESENT.

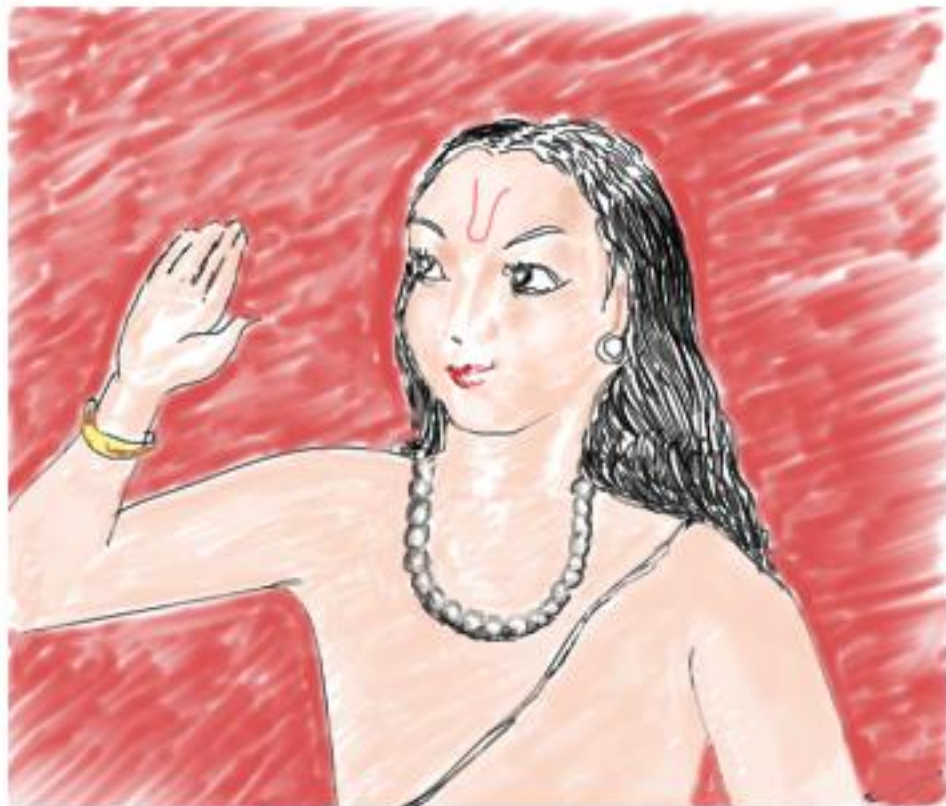
HAVING FAILED IN ALL HIS ATTEMPTS TO KILL PRAHLATHA, HIRANYAKASIPU ENCOUNTERED HIM DIRECTLY.





HARI IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE?
SHOW ME A PLACE WHERE HE IS
NOW. I WANT TO FIGHT AND KILL
HIM. I AM INVINSIBLE!

MY LORD **SHRI HARI** IS
PRESENT EVERYWHERE.
HE IS IN ALL THESE PILLARS
AND EVEN IN SMALL
DUST PARTICLE!





WHAT? HARI IS
PRESENT IN EVERY
PILLAR? IS HE
IN THIS PILLAR?
THIS WAS BUILT
BY ME. I WILL
BREAK IT.
IF YOUR HARI
IS NOT
PRESENT HERE,
I WILL KILL YOU
LIKE LION
DEVOURING
ELEPHANT BY
BREAKING OPEN
ITS HEAD.

HIRANYAKASIPU THEN HIT THE
PILLAR WITH HIS MACE WITH ALL
HIS MIGHT. AS THE PILLAR STARTED
BREAKING, THERE CAME A HUGE
NOISE FROM THE PILLAR, A ROAR
STARTED COMING OUT. THE NOISE
SHOOK THE WHOLE WORLD!



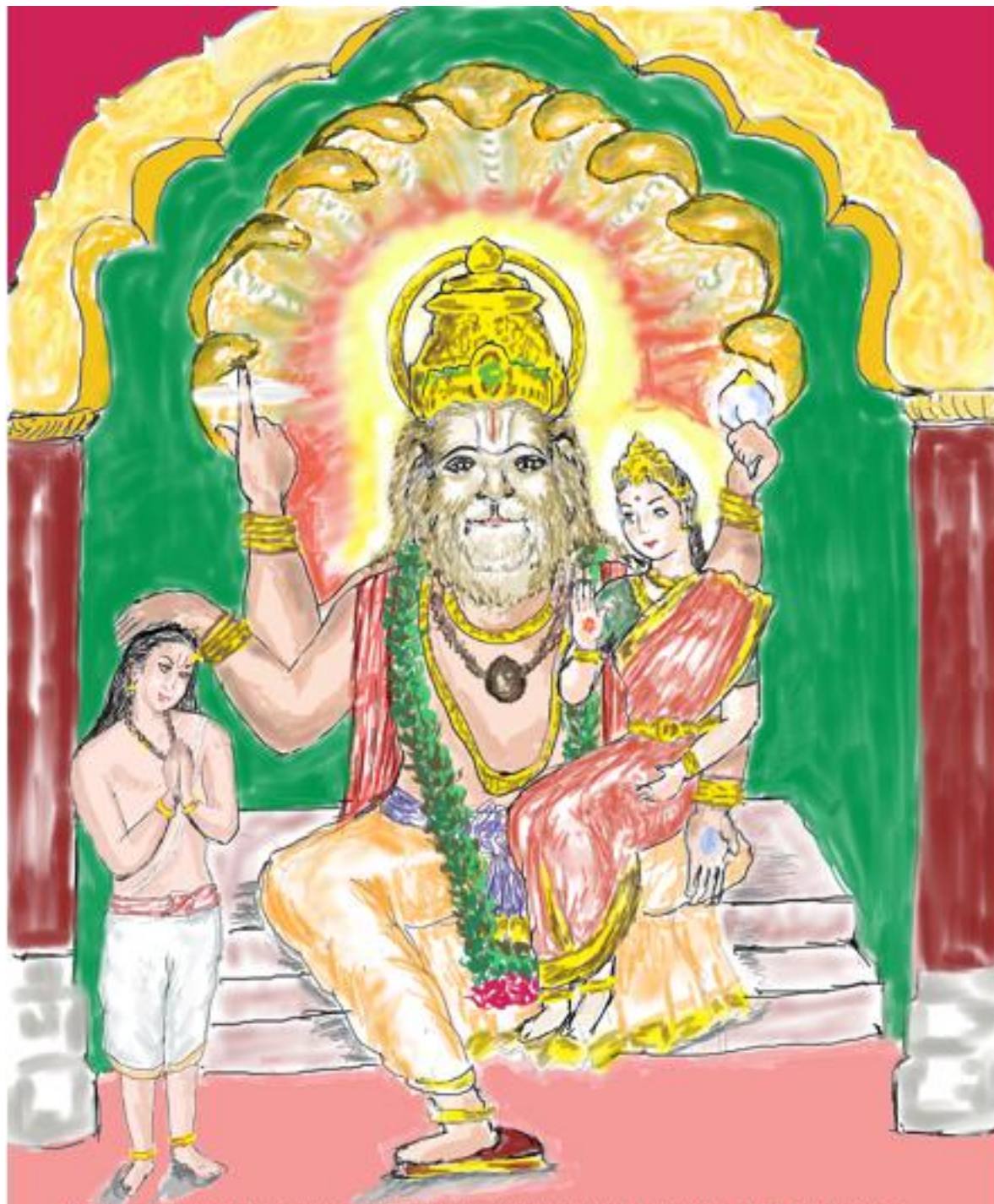
IN ORDER TO PROVE THE TRUTH IN PRAHLATHA'S WORDS, FROM THE PILLAR EMERGED OUT **SHRI HARI** IN THE FORM OF HUGE NARASIMHA, WHICH WAS NEITHER HUMAN NOR ANIMAL. IT HAD THE FACE OF A LION WITH OPEN MOUTH LIKE A CAVE IN A MOUNTAIN.



IT HAD HUMAN BODY OF HUGE SIZE, WITH FINGER NAILS AS ITS WEAPON. THE NARASIMHA PLUCKED ASURA HIRANYAKASIPU LIKE GARUDA PLUCKING A SNAKE.



LORD NARASIMHA OVERPOWERED HIRANYAKASIPU, CARRIED HIM TO ENTRANCE STEPS (NEITHER INSIDE NOR OUTSIDE). KEPT ASURA ON HIS THIGHS (NOT ON FLOOR OR IN SKY). IN TWILIGHT TIME (NOT DAY OR NIGHT), THE LORD USED HIS FINGER NAILS AS WEAPON (NOT LIVING OR NON-LIVING) AND TORE HIS CHEST JUST LIKE GARUDA TEARING A POISONOUS SNAKE. THE ASURA FELL DEAD.



SHRI NARASIMHA IN HIS UGRA FORM WITH ANGER TO HIRANYAKASIPU WHO HARMED HIS BAKTHA PRAHLATHA, COULD NOT BE PACIFIED BY BRAHMA, RUDHRA AND EVEN BY MAHALAKSHMI. WHEN PRAHLATHA WENT TO HIM THE LORD GOT PACIFIED AND HE FONDLY PUT HIS HAND ON PRAHLATHA'S HEAD AND ATTAINED THE PASTURE OF **LAKSHMI NARASIMHA** TO BLESS THE WORLD. HE IS **PRAHLATHA VARATHAN.**

UGRAM VEERAM MAHAA-VISHNUM, JWALANTHAM SARVATHO MUKHAM
NRISIMHAM BHEESHANAM BHADRAM MRITYU-MRITYUM NAMAAMYAHAM
SHRI NARASIMHA ANUSHTUP MANTRAM