

Krishna saves Vrindavan from the forest fire (Davanal Lila)



From the Shri Krishna's Forest-Fire Lila collection

Before we begin



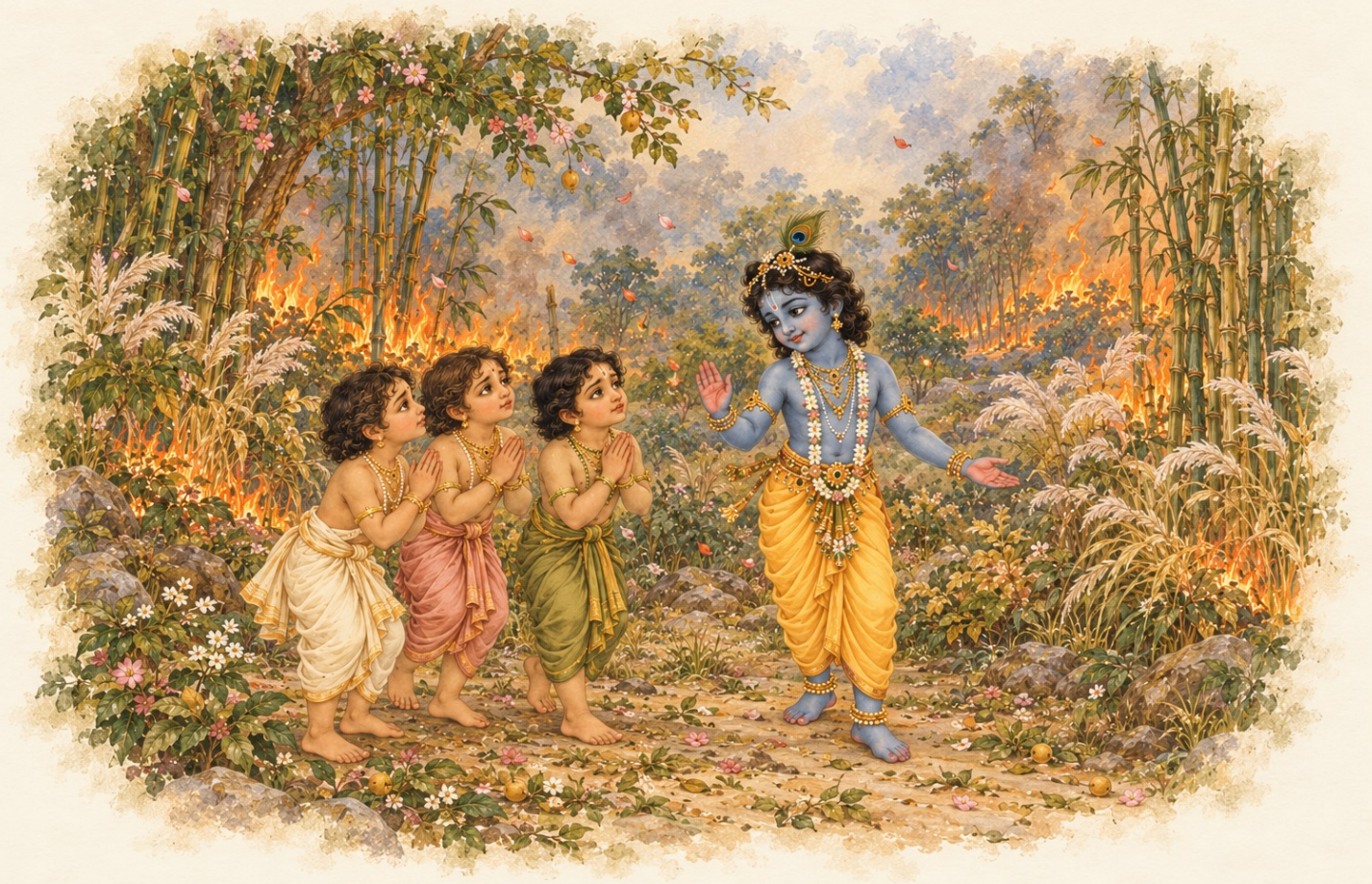
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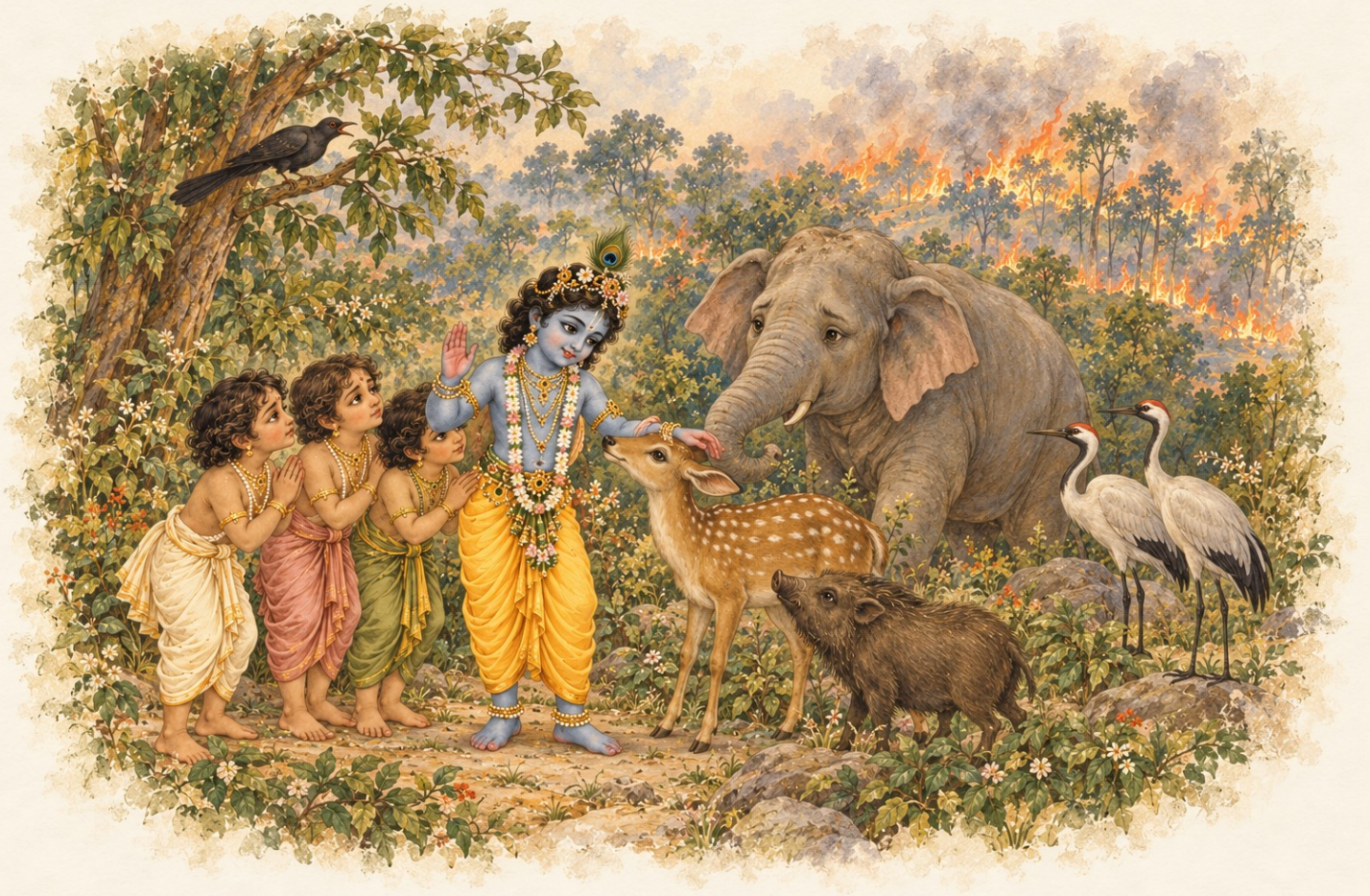
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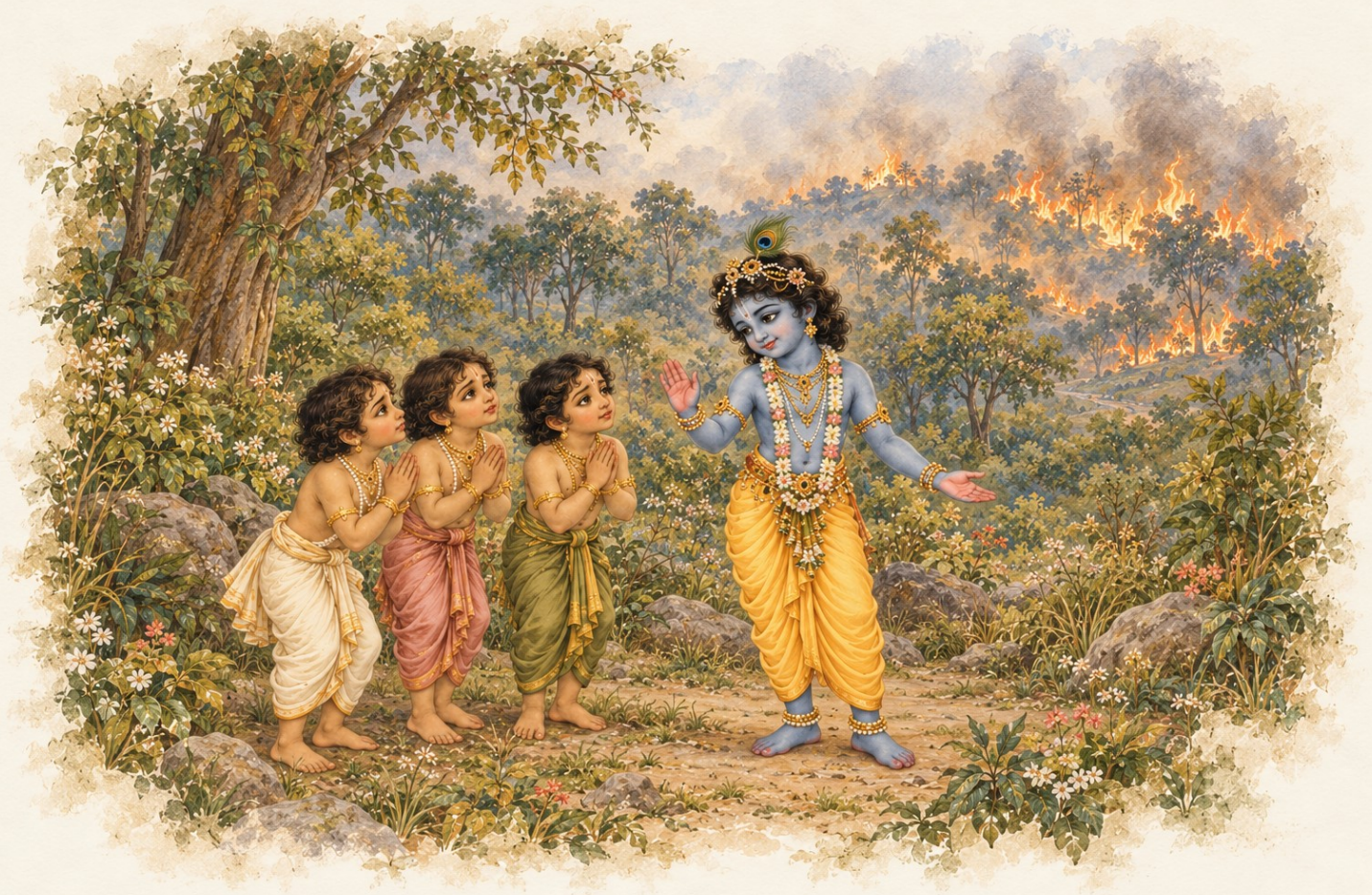
A forest fire had broken out in Vraj, the land of Krishna. Flames appeared all around. There was fire in every direction, and those in danger called to Gopal, their beloved Krishna. They asked Him to save them from the fire that surrounded them.



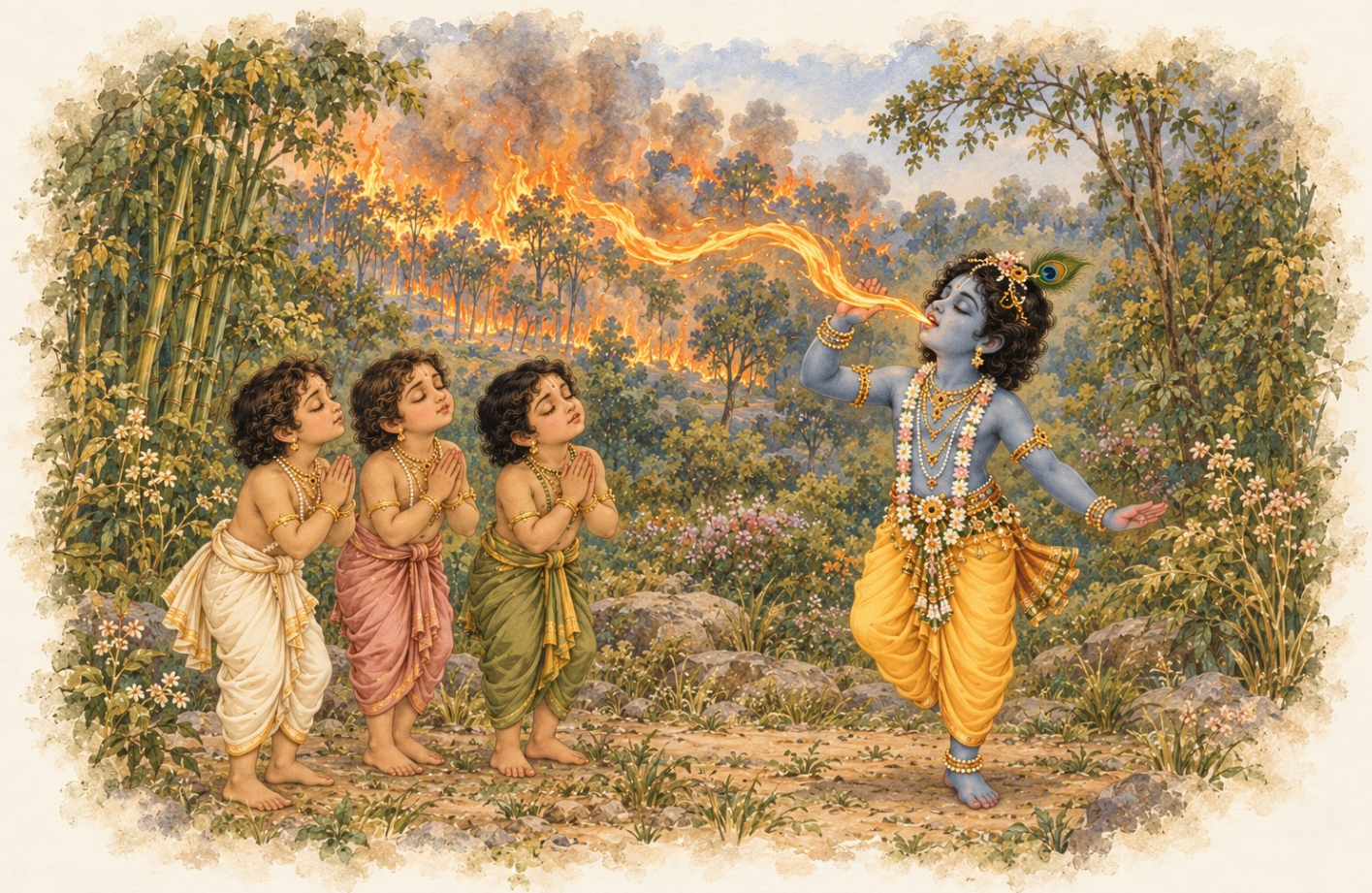
The flames leaped through the reeds. Bamboo burst, and the dry grass crackled. Little glowing embers flew through the air. Flowers and fruit fell as the fire spread among the plants. All around, the forest was caught in the fierce, leaping flames.



Smoke rose and spread across the sky. The creatures of the forest were in distress. Deer, wild boars, and elephants suffered in the heat. Cuckoos and cranes were in danger too. The fire troubled them all, from the great elephants to the little birds.



Then Krishna spoke. He was Nandalal, the beloved son of Nanda, and He smiled as He reassured them. “Do not be afraid,” He said. “All of you, close your eyes.” In the middle of their fear, Krishna gave them these gentle words.



Krishna drew the whole forest fire into His mouth. All those leaping flames, all that fierce fire, were taken into Him. The fire that had surrounded them could no longer harm them. Gopal, whom they had called upon for help, had saved them.



The fire was gone. Krishna had taken it all into Himself and freed them from fear. He was Brajalal, the beloved child of Vraj, who had saved them from the flames. Those who had called to Gopal in danger were safe through His loving protection.

Kirtans Used

Collection: Shri Krishna Ki Davanal Lila
Shri Krishna’s Forest-Fire Lila

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Abake Rakhi Lehu — “Save us now, Gopal”

Poetic signature: Sur.

Raga: Kedaron.

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Page mapping

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PDF 5: verse 3 — smoke and the distressed creatures.

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