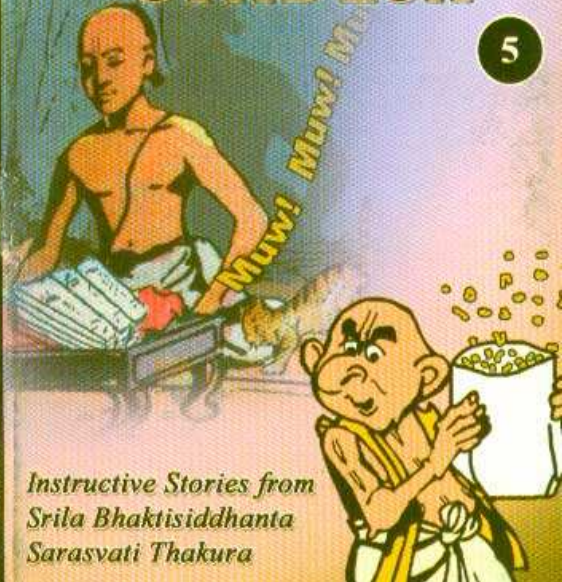


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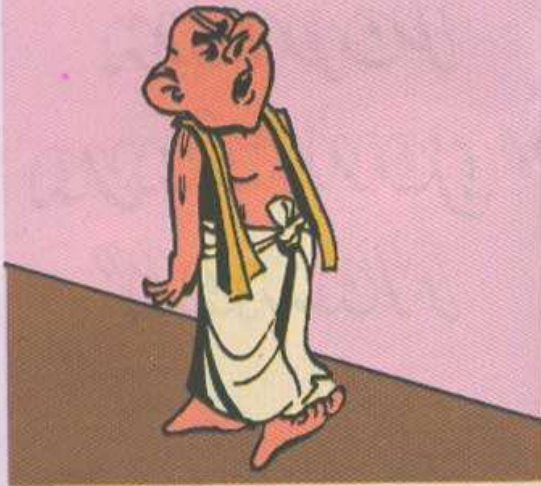
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*Instructive Stories from
Srila Bhaktisiddhanta
Sarasvati Thakura*

*Flying
Popcorn
"Govindaya
Namat"*

Harakanta Cakravarti happened to be a famous Vaisnava in some village.



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Cakravarti Thakur never enjoys anything without offering it to the Lord first.



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At the Pausa Sankranti festival, Cakravarti bought some popcorn from the market for his wife's lunch. By chance there was a strong storm and the popcorn started blowing out of his paper-bag.



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At that time some acquaintances came to see him and feeling somehow

Govindaya namah!



Let the rest of the popcorn fly from this bag as an offering it to the Lord

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Cakravarti' wife asked his son to find the whereabouts of his father



go and see where father has gone, he is still not returned!!!!

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The boy found his father on the way



Father, mother has been waiting for a long time for the popcorn.

Thus Cakravarti was put to shame as the true fact was disclosed by his son in front of several gentlemen.

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Those who are anxious for their sense gratification but outwardly pretend to be pious for earning name and fame, are just pretending to be pious. In fact, the popcorn was bought for self-satisfaction, but when it could not be enjoyed properly, offering it to the Lord was not real devotional service.

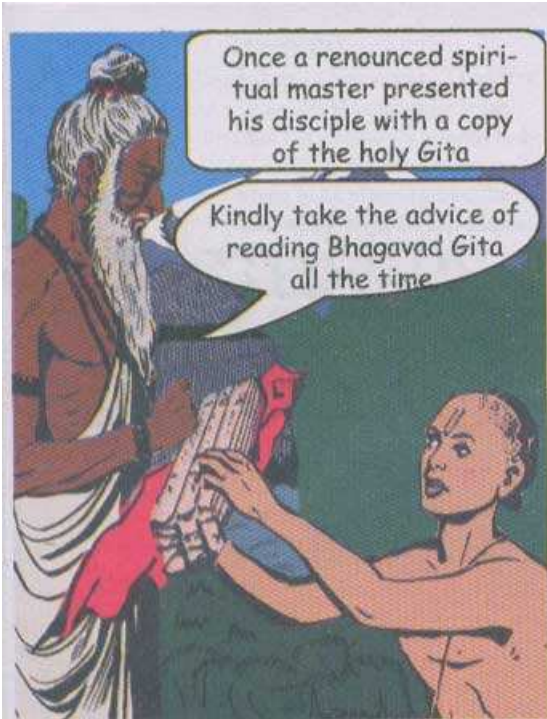
When a materialistic person fails to protect his material gains in spite of all efforts, he may start saying, "O Lord, You are the Lord of keeping as well as killing" - that is not true surrender.



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A Family for the Gita

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Once a renounced spiritual master presented his disciple with a copy of the holy Gita

Kindly take the advice of reading Bhagavad Gita all the time



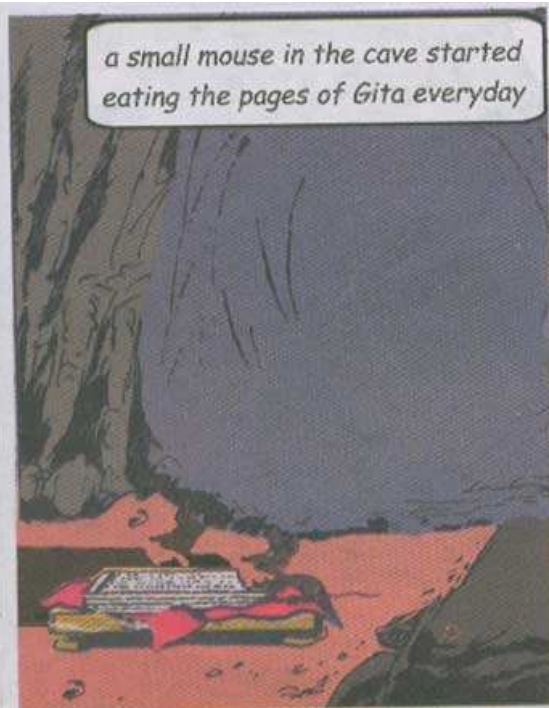
As per Your wish Master!



*dharmā-kṣetre kuru-kṣetre
samaveta yuyutsavaḥ
mama kaha paṇḍavaḥ caiva
kim akurvata sañjaya*

He started studying the Gita sitting inside a cave on the Vindhya hills

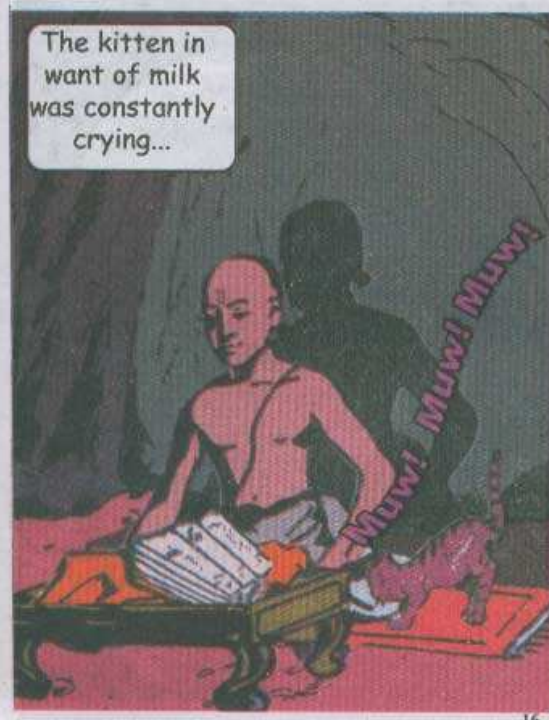




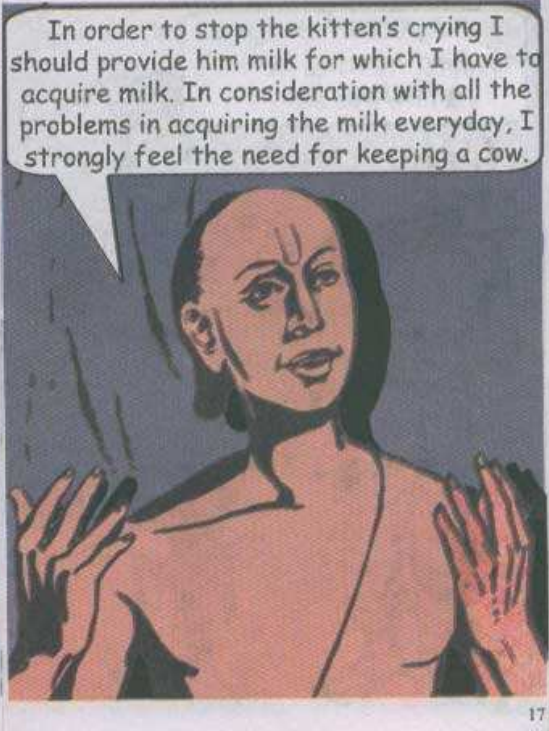
a small mouse in the cave started eating the pages of Gita everyday



Oh my God! I am extremely irritated with this mouse. I will bring a kitten to stop the mischief of this mouse...



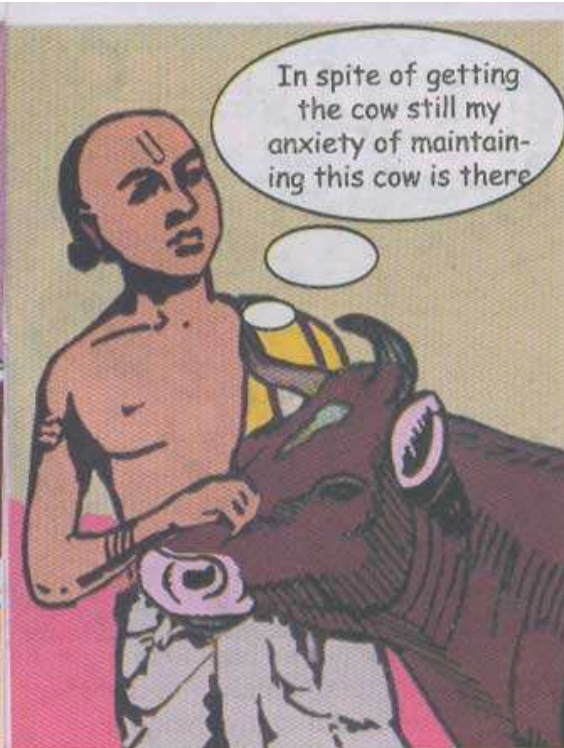
The kitten in want of milk was constantly crying...



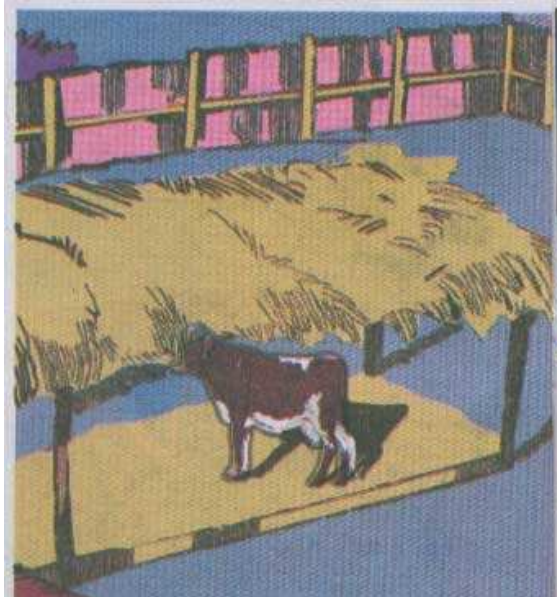
In order to stop the kitten's crying I should provide him milk for which I have to acquire milk. In consideration with all the problems in acquiring the milk everyday, I strongly feel the need for keeping a cow.



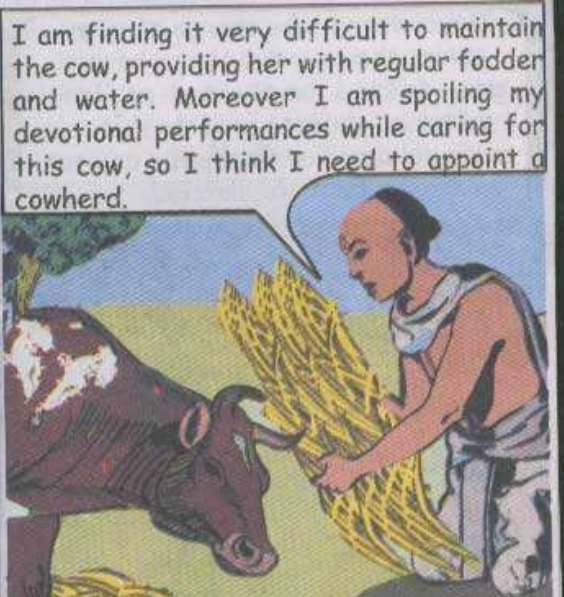
By the grace of the Lord one kind-hearted person gifted one cow.



In spite of getting the cow still my anxiety of maintaining this cow is there



The disciple built a barn with much labor and effort to make the cow stay safely and comfortably.



I am finding it very difficult to maintain the cow, providing her with regular fodder and water. Moreover I am spoiling my devotional performances while caring for this cow, so I think I need to appoint a cowherd.

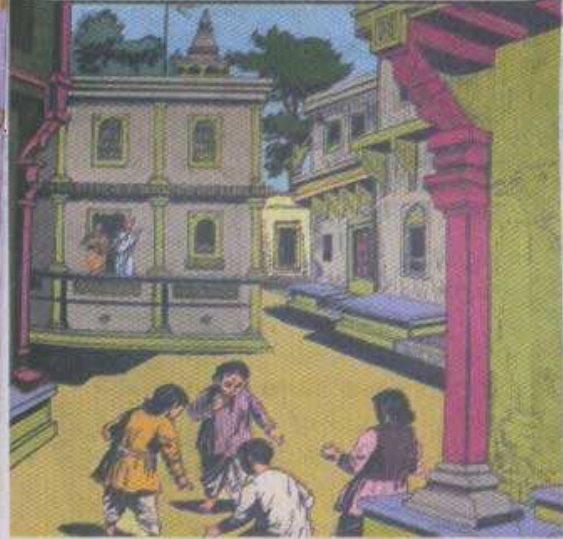
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The cowherd took charge of maintaining the cow. But then who was going to feed the cowherd, and look after his duties regularly. After much deliberation finally the anxious student got married



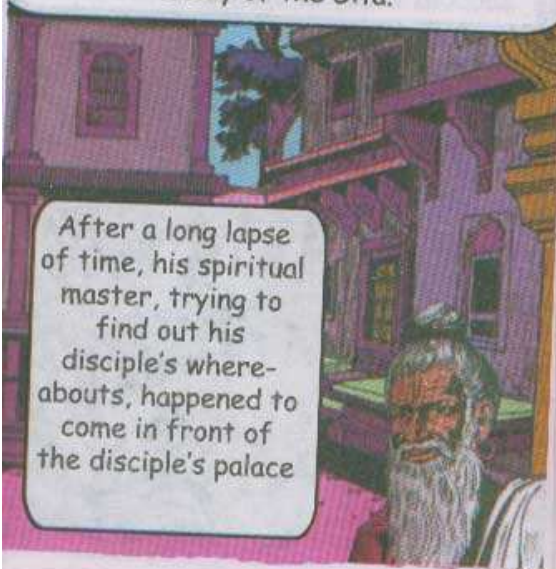
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Gradually his family grew up. He acquired vast property, manpower and a big palace. The sannyasi thus became an out-and-out family man, leaving aside his study of the Gita.



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After a long lapse of time, his spiritual master, trying to find out his disciple's whereabouts, happened to come in front of the disciple's palace



What is all these?

O, Master, this family I had to build up for the sake of your Gita, you remember

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A truly Kṛṣṇa conscious person should not increase the magnitude of his wants and requirements to the name of 'yukta-vairagya' (proper renunciation). A living entity engaged in devotional service should never consider himself to be equal in status and position with a perfectly liberated great soul.

One who is engaged in devotional service, either as a sannyasi or as a gṛhastha, must adhere strictly to the scriptural injunction which prescribes thus: 'yavannirvaha pratigraha' - he should endeavour only for that much which is essentially required in favour of worshipping Sri Hari. His material activities should neither be excessive, nor very scanty as either of them leads to diversion from spiritual upliftment.

Persons undertaking the rigours of celibacy (brahmacharya), seclusion (vanaprastha), and renunciation (sannyasi) as their ways of living (asrama) and so staying in a secluded holy place such as a math, away from home for engrossing themselves in the devotional services to Lord Sri Hari, might also find themselves entangled in such a 'family' for the sake of the Gita, in case they become

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to attain material reputation and fame and we try to lord it over everything. This will cause us utter spiritual destruction.

It is therefore most essential to pray for the mercy of pure honest devotees, constantly keeping ourselves in their uncontaminated association with complete loyalty and allegiance and thus exposing before them all our misgivings so that we may be blessed with their inestimable guidance.



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enchanted with the thoughts of daily wants and requirements, thus deceiving themselves in the name of favouring devotional services to Lord Sri Hari. So, an honest person must be careful. He must not fall under the clutches of illusory energy (maya) while pretending to acquire favourable objects for devotional services to Sri Hari. The material senses are always thirsty for objects of sense gratification.

Pretending to attain perfection through carefully listening and adhering to myriads of injunctions from great liberated souls, our wicked, mischievous, uncontrollable, extroverted mind along with its propensities, endeavours to acquire gratifying objects falsely ascribing them as favourable to devotional service to Sri Hari, while taking recourse to hypocritical diplomatic demeanours. Many of us become highly attracted to material knowledge. In the name of studying scriptures or learning erudition!

We become much attached to physical comfort and to our dependant wife and children through self-deception of undergoing family life with a plea to observe 'yukta-vairagya' (proper renunciation) and offering devotional services to Lord Sri Hari simultaneously.

Even after becoming a sannyasi, a brahmachari, a Kṛṣṇa conscious gṛhastha or a vanaprastha, many of us desire

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