

The Right Whip

A stylized illustration of a chariot pulled by horses, with a driver and a large orange flag. The chariot is yellow and green, and the horses are grey and brown. The background is dark with a spotlight effect on the chariot.

for the Right Dog

*Instructive Stories from the teachings of
Srla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur*

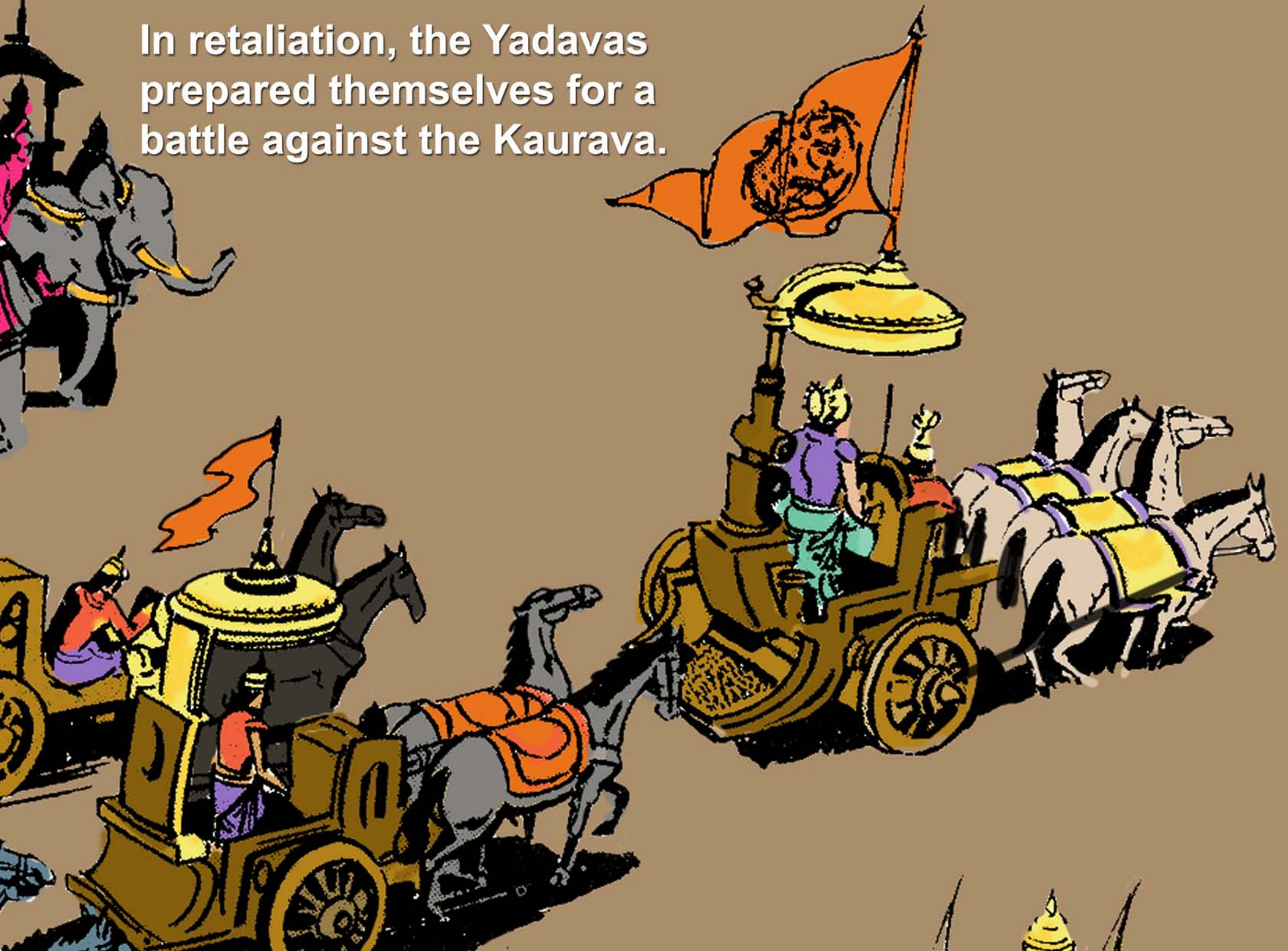
Samba, the son of Sri Krsna, was born with his wife Jambavathi. Once Samba abducted Laksmana, the daughter of Duryodhana, from the assembly of her probable suitors (svayamvara-sabha).



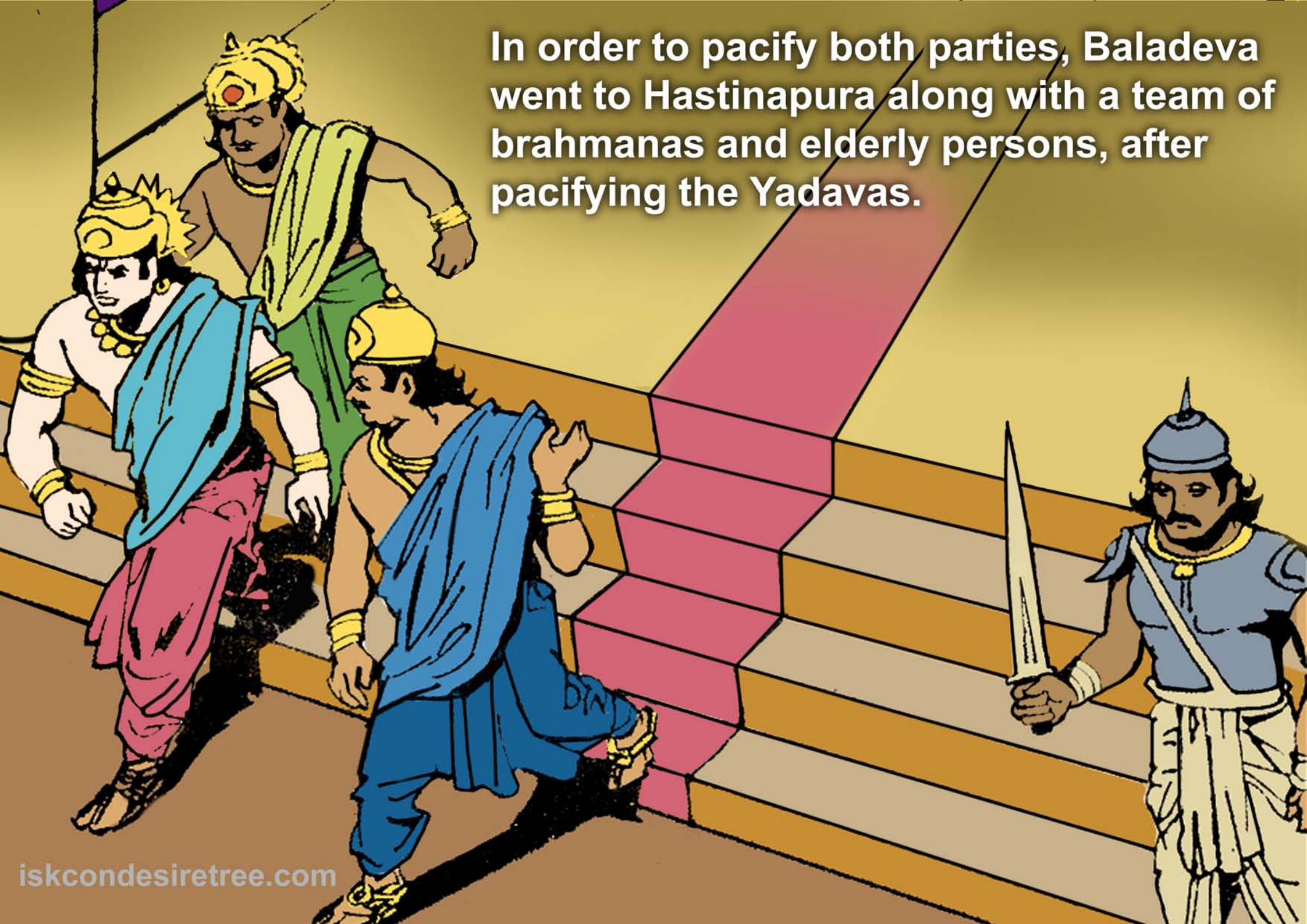
Then four of the Kaurava heroes captured Samba, chained him up and took him along with Laksmana to Hastinapura.



In retaliation, the Yadavas prepared themselves for a battle against the Kaurava.



In order to pacify both parties, Baladeva went to Hastinapura along with a team of brahmanas and elderly persons, after pacifying the Yadavas.

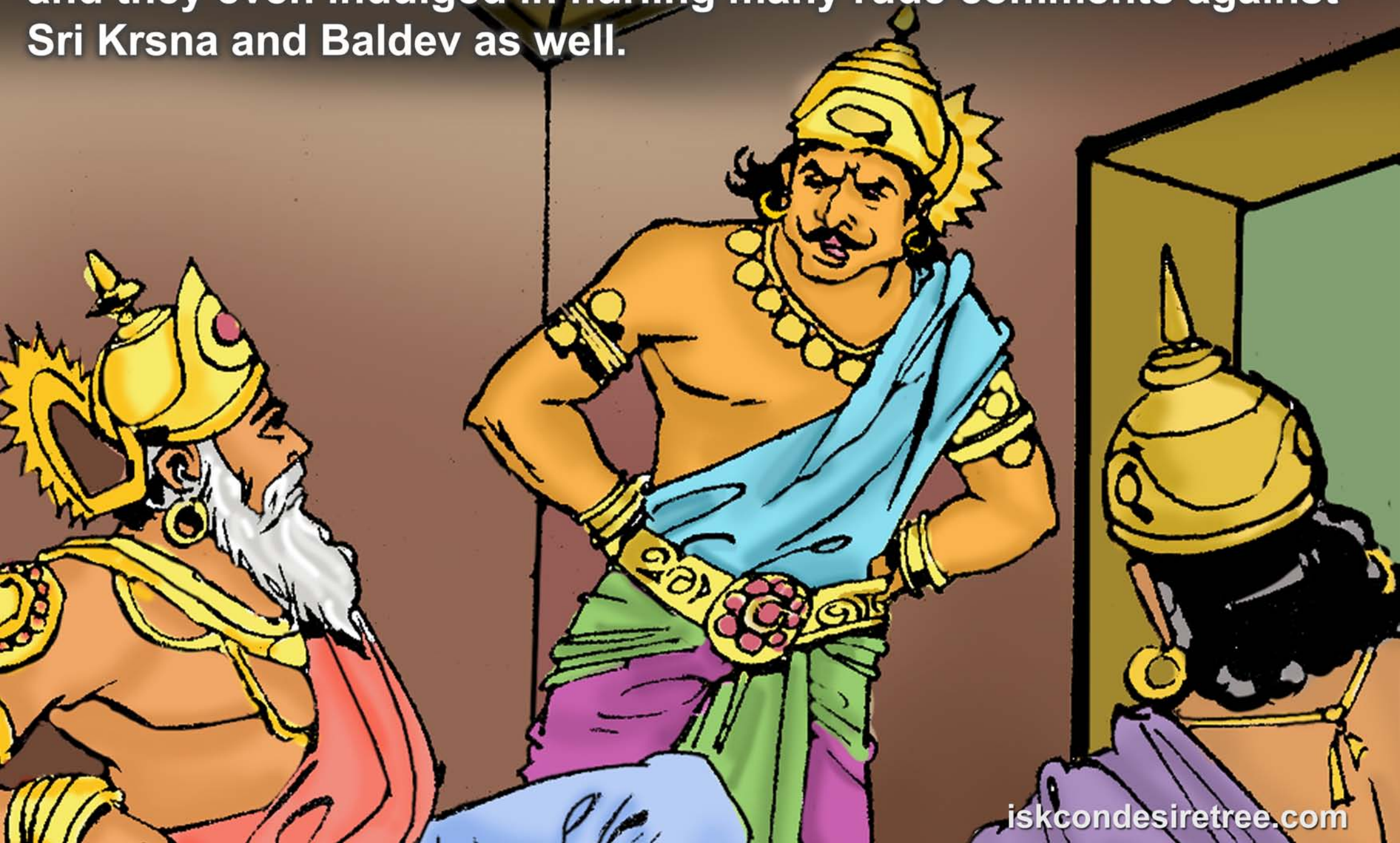




**Baladeva conveyed the order
of King Ugrasena to the Kauravas.**

**You being fortified
with a large number of
soldiers have overpowered
and captured Samba. Hand
over Samba back!**

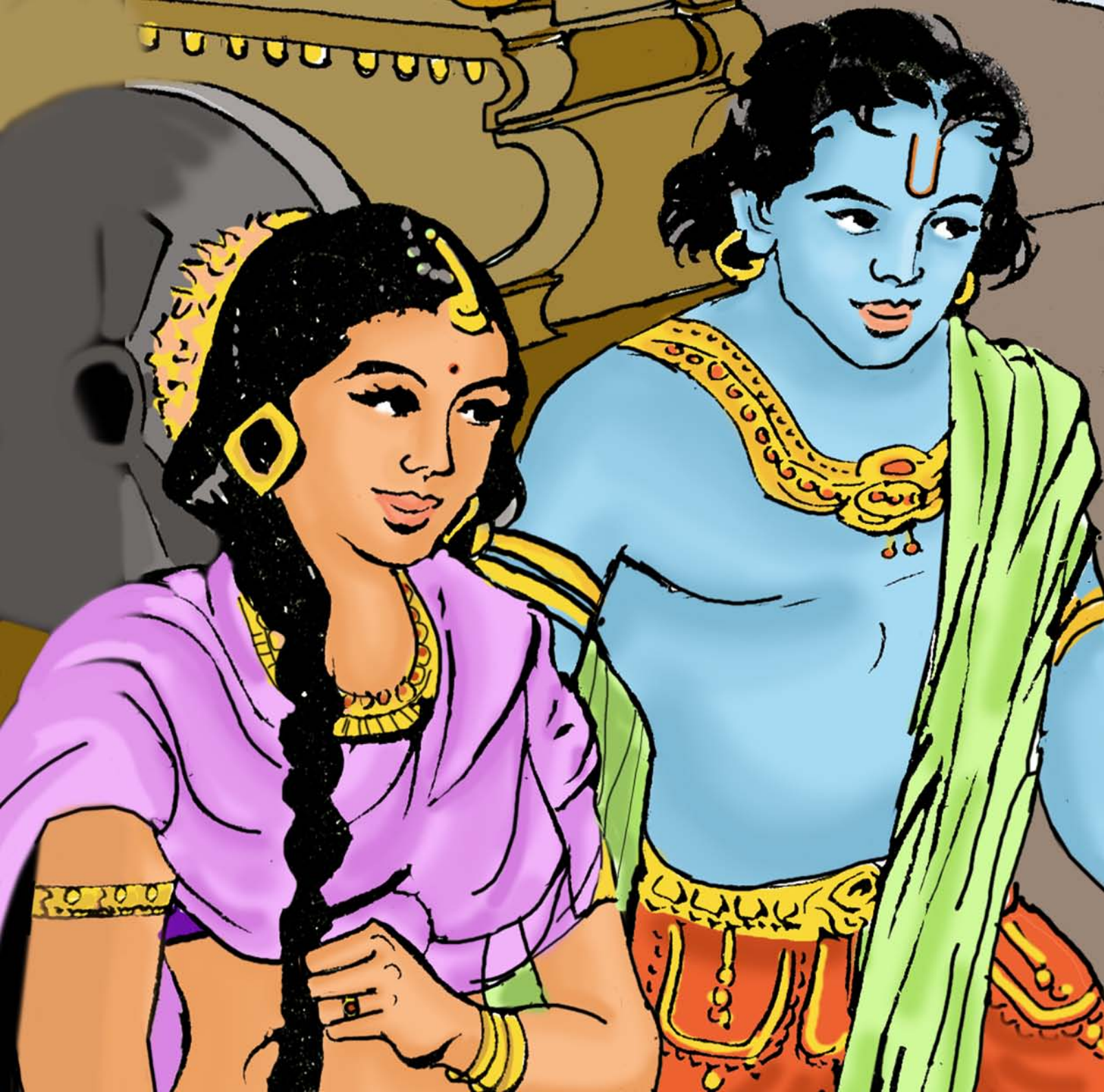
Upon hearing this order, the Kauravas became greatly agitated and started arrogantly making insinuations against the Yadavas and they even indulged in hurling many rude comments against Sri Krsna and Baldev as well.



Baldev threatened to Kauravas...

If you do not release Samba,
then I will submerge the entire city of
Hastinapur into the Ganges by my
powerful plough.





**By this threat
the Kauravas
became very
afraid and
released Samba
and Laksmana
immediately.**

Purport :

In this respect Sri Sukadeva Goswami said,
nunam nana-mdonnaddhah
santim necchanti asadhavah /
tesam hi prasamo dandah
pasunam lagudo yatha //

“Clearly as many as passions of these scoundrels have made them so proud that they do not want peace. Then let them be pacified by physical punishment, as animals are with a stick.” (Srimad Bhagavatam 10.68.31)

Evil-minded persons who are mad with wealth, followers and the like, obviously are unwilling to make peace. As brute animals are subdued only with the use of the right whip or stick, so these animal-like beings deserve no other treatment than beating with a club. Such rogues are not qualified to pay any heed to good advice whatsoever. So beating with a whip is the only true lesson for them.

NOTE :

Quite often Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Prabhupada used to quote the above-noted verse, strongly advocating appropriate punishment instead of good advice to such critics of Lord Sri Hari, the spiritual masters, and the Vaisnavas, as those people are deemed to be demoniac atheists only.

People who have no respect for any good advice in this world, usually turn a deaf ear to any preaching. It is also offensive to offer such good advice and preaching to them. They should simply be treated on the principle of the “right whip for the right dog.”

A Vaisnavas tolerate alot of vindication on his person and also overcomes hundreds of insinuations as such. But he is unable to stand any criticism against his spiritual master and the Vaisnava community. It is considered to be a true Vaisnava attitude that one becomes agitated at any criticism hurled against the spiritual master and the Vaisnava community in general.

The impersonalists consider the spiritual masters and the Vaisnavas on the same level as common people only, and as such, they advise one to be falsely tolerant and as submissive as grass whenever confronted with a critical estimate of the spiritual master and the Vaisnavas.