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DEDICATION

OUR HUMBLE PRANAMS IN THE LOTUS FEET OF HIS HOLINESS

HH Srimath Srinivasa Ramanuja Maha Desikan (ThiruKudanthai (KaTandethi) Andavan) (adiyEn's Ellu Tha-Tha) in middle flanked by His Two Gurus in Poorvaashram 38th Pattam Azagiasingar HH Sri Srinivasa SatakOpa Yathindra Maha Desikan (ThiruKudanthai Azagiasingar) on the right and 28th Pattam Parakala Jeer HH Sri Srinivasa Brahmatantra Parakala Jeer (Thadimari Swami) on the left. This Presentation is dedicated to all the Three Holiness.

Dear Children ,
This time your Sridhar uncle is
going to tell the vaibhavam or
story of Lord Srinivasa the
Pratyaksha Deivam of Kali Yuga.

Dear Children before proceeding to Śrinivasa Vaibhavam, I would like to transport you all to Previous Avathara of Lord Maha Vishnu. That is Varaha Avathara. Do u know how and why our beloved Lord took Varaha Avathara. Lord Maha Vishnu was resting on Adhi Śesha with Maha Lakshmi at his side in Śrī Vaikuntham - his abode. Then Great Rishis Sanath Kumaras visited Śrī Vaikuntham and wanted to pay their respects to Lord Maha Vishnu, So they politely approached the Gate keepers of Vaikuntham Jaya and Vijaya, asked the permission to allow them to meet Lord Narayana. The Rishi Kumaras were small in size, so Jaya and Vijaya were little arrogant and spoke very roughly with them. Getting angry, the Rishis immediately cursed the arrogant Gate Keepers to be born as demons or Asura in Bhoolokam. At this, the Dwarapalakas came to their senses and begged to be forgiven, Then Maha Vishnu intervened. Normally a shaapa or curse once given cannot be taken back, only the intensity or power of it can be reduced etc So the option was given to Jaya and Vijaya whether they would like 7 Janmas in which they will be friend to the Lord, or 3 Janmas during which they will be enemy to the Lord. Immediately Jaya and Vijaya preferred the latter as they did not want to be separated from their lord for long time.



Maha Vishnu In Vaikuntham
Guarded by divine Dwarapalakas (gate Keepers)
Jaya and Vijaya

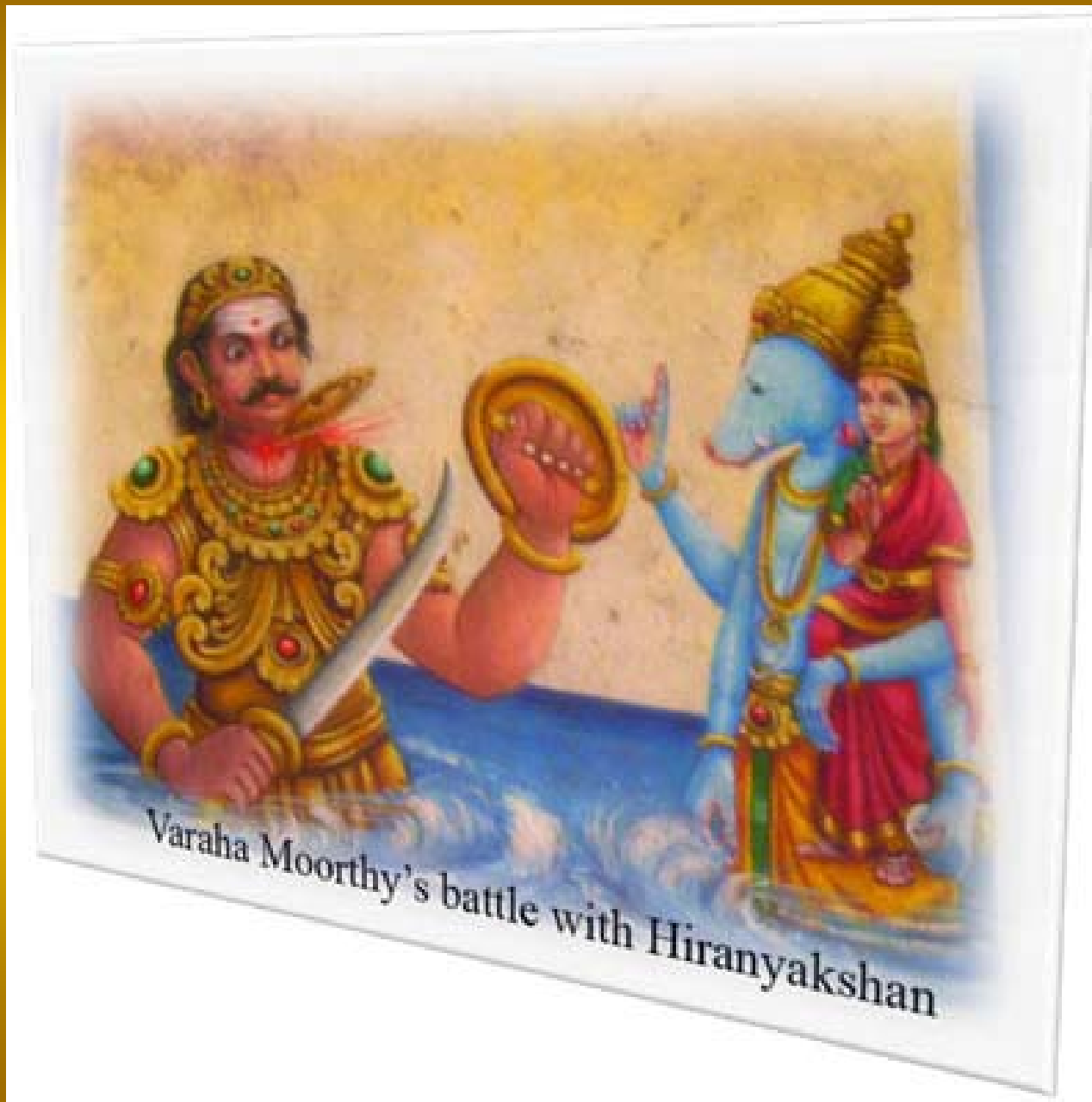
In first Janma the dvarapAlakAs, were born as Hiranyakshan and Hiranyakashipu, in the next Janma they lived as Ravana and Kumbhakarna, and in the last Shishupala and Dhantavakra. Now we will come back to our story. That is Varaha Avathara. Here Hiranyakshan took the Mother Earth/Bhoomi Pirati and hid it under the nether world or we can say in Pathala Loka beneath the sea. As usual our Karuna Murthy Lord Maha Vishnu took the form of Wild Boar (Swetha Varaha Moorthy) and slayed Hiranyakshan and rescued our Bhoomi Pirati (See the beautiful Picture in the next slide). Then he settled in Swetha Varaha Kshetra (thar is the present day Thirupathi). Then He took Narasimha Avathara and slayed Hirenyakashipu. In Second Janma Jaya and Vijaya were born as Ravana and Kumbhakarna, Maha Vishnu took the Avathara of Lord Rama and he slayed them and finally in the Third Janma Jaya and Vijaya were born as Shishupala and Dhantavakra and Maha Vishnu took the Avathara of Lord Krishna and he slayed them.

Narasimha Avathara



Varaha Avathara





Varaha Moorthy's battle with Hiranyakshan

At the beginning of the current Swetha Varaha Kalpa, (Kalpa is a Sanskrit word that roughly means lots of years!) Well, at this time, the **Whole** universe was filled with water and the Earth was immersed in it.

Lord Narayana assumed the form of a white boar (Varaha avathara) and **d**
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d into the water to lift the **Earth**.

While doing all this, he slew the demon Hiranyakshan who was obstructing Him and rescued the Earth.

Just like he did for the Earth, Sriman Narayana will come to rescue everyone and fight all evil people like he did with the demon, to save those whom he loves. And he loves little children like you very much 😊
So what can you give him as a **present** in return? Well.....

You can all be good! Study well! And **pray** everyday to him! Can you do that?

Now...see the pictures below and look how Lord Varaha carries Mother Earth safely? That is how he will be with all you kids too! Can you tell me the names of the things that he is carrying in his upper hands?...Come on...you can do it 😊 If you like...you can ask your mom or dad to tell you...



Brahma, Rudra and the other Devas praised Sri Swetha Varaha for saving the Earth from the clutches of wicked demon Hiranyakshan.

All of them chanted the Vedas and showered flowers on Bhagavan.

Lord Vishnu decided to stay on Earth in the form of Sri BhU Varaha for some time, to punish the wicked and protect the good people.



The place where he stayed came to be known as **Varaha Kshetra** and after that the Varaha Kalpa started.

Now...what is a Kalpa...do you remember?

Now we have learnt so much...we know what a kalpa is, who Jaya and Vijaya are, who hid Mother EARTH in the pAtAla IOka and how Lord Varaha rescued the Earth AND MOST IMPORTANT of All We know Bhagavan Loves us ALL 😊

SO let us get on with the story....and stories have a way of **growing** and **growing** and **growing**...don't they? The more there is to hear, the more fun it is..isn't it?

Next I am going to tell you about the story of a lady called as VAKULA DEVI. Now she is a very IMPORTANT lady! In fact she is going to be the adopted mother of Lord Sriman Narayanan when he comes to the Earth later in the story as Srinivasa.

So pay **attention!**

Let us all now close our eyes and imagine we are going back in Time!. Everything is so easy when the eyes are closed, don't you agree ?☺ Okay, then, on count of three...one...two...three...**whoosh!**

Now that was easy, wasn't it?

Now children we are in the Period when our Lord Maha Vishnu moved and played with all of us, as Sri Krishna.

We know Yashoda brought up Sri Krishna, the son of Devaki, in his early years. However, Yashoda was not blessed to witness the marriage of Sri Krishna with Rukmini and she felt very sad.

So Sri Krishna promised to fulfill her desire in her next birth, when she will be born as **Vakula Devi** and he will come back to Earth as Srinivasa.

So Yashoda was reborn as Vakuladevi and was serving Lord Varaha swami, who sent her later to serve Lord Srinivasa when he arrived as promised earlier! How Vakula Devi and Srinivasa met and what happened after that all comes later in our story.....

Isn't it wonderful to know that Bhagavan always fulfils his promises!

So, now we are beginning to see how the stage is being slowly set for Sri Maha Vishnu to take the Avathara (which means incarnation) of Pratyaksha Devatha (again a Sanskrit word which roughly translates to someone who is immediately present) of Kaliyuga Lord Srinivasa. For everything there will be a background story for the Lord to come to the earth, Some Body has to be the reason for Avathara of Lord maha Vishnu.



Brahma Devan

So now in our story enters the legendary Sage Narada. Children do you know who Sage Naradha is? He is the son of Lord Brahma. He is popular mythological figure and you can find him in almost all the Mythological stories.

Sage Narada is a popular figure with a Musical instrument known as Thumburuveena. He will always utter the name of Lord Narayana. He is known as Kalahapriya which means he is fond of making mischief, which always leads to a fight between others but eventually results in something good!. Sage Narada appears in almost in every avathara of Lord Vishnu!

Now the next scene in our story happens on the bank of river Ganges, The sages/Rishis headed by Kashyapa began to perform a Homa or yagna on the banks of the Ganges.



Sage Narada

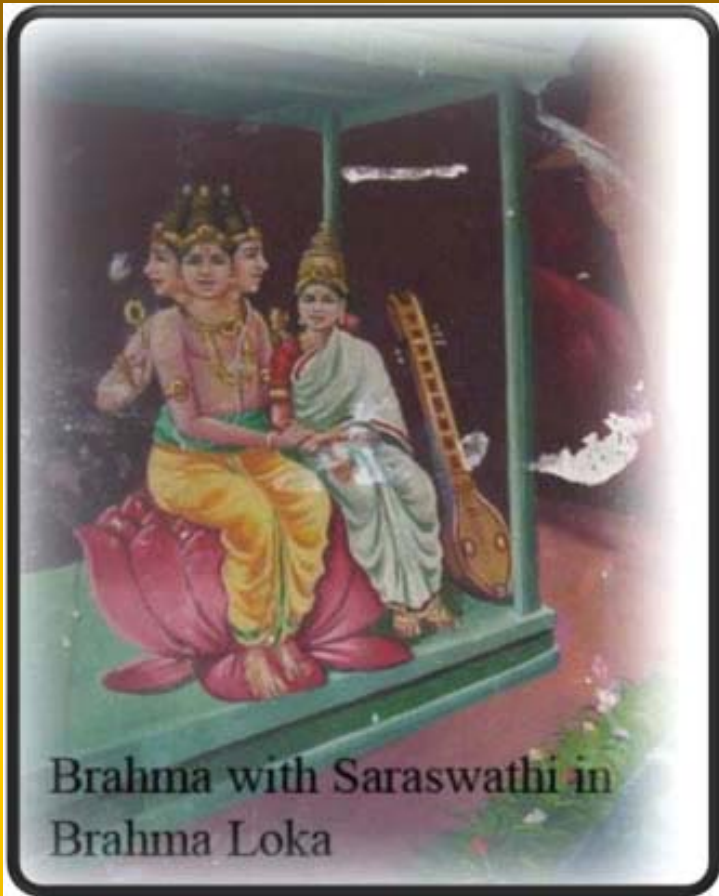
Sensing a ripe opportunity to make mischief and thereby make the avatharam of Lord Srinivasa possible our dear Sage Narada landed amidst the Rishis and asked them why they were performing the sacrifice, who would be pleased by it, who is going to take the Havis and Poorna Ahuthi or Final Offering.



None of the Rishis could answer the question asked by Sage Naradha ☹



The Rishis had a meeting and finally they approached a Maharishi by name Bhrigu, and sought his wise counsel to the problem faced by them. For that Sage Brighu took charge and told he will personally visit all three lokas of the Trimoothys and then decide who should get the Mariyada (Honor) of receiving the Final offering .



Brahma with Saraswathi in
Brahma Loka

Our Sage Brighu began his mission by first going to **Ṣatyaloka**, where Lord Brahma lived. There he felt insulted that neither BrahmA nor Ṣaraswathi paid any attention or respect to him, but were rather keenly reciting the four vedas in praise of Ṣrیمان Narayana. The enraged Ṣage Brighu cursed BrahmA.



After that Bhrigu left Satyaloka for **Kailasa**, the abode of Lord Shiva.



At Kailasa too, Bhrigu found to his dismay that Lord Shiva was spending his time pleasantly with Parvati and did not notice his arrival and presence. Then Parvati suddenly saw the sage and drew the attention of Shiva about the presence of the sage.



Lord Śiva became **furious** at Bhrigu's intrusion and tried to destroy him.

But before that the sage cursed Lord Śiva and left for **Vaikuntham** abode of **Śrīman Narayana!**

When Sage Brighu arrived at Sri Vaikuntham, Lord Sri Man Narayana was reposing on Adisesha with Sri Mahalakshmi in service at His feet.



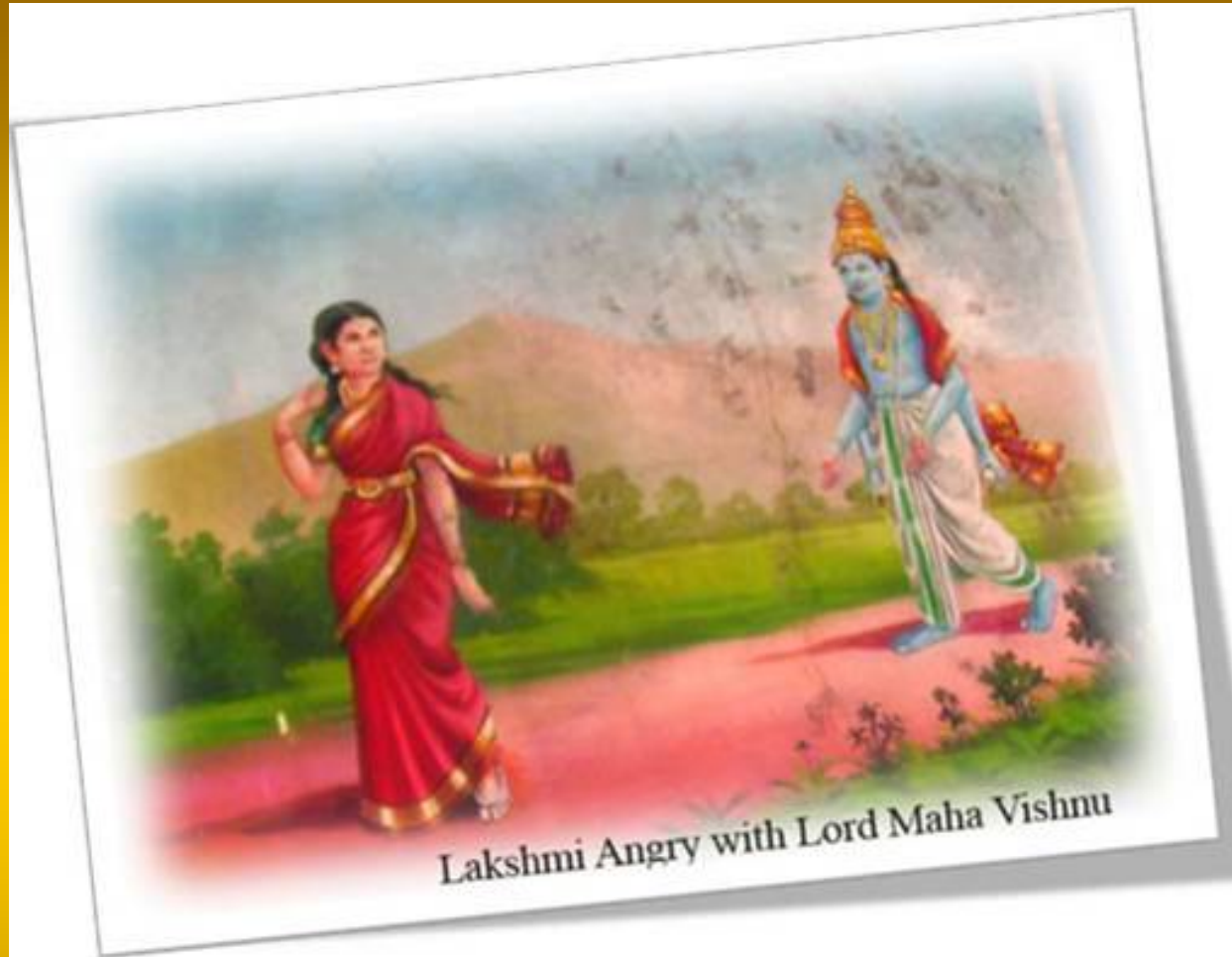
Sage Bhṛigu Kicking in the Vakshathalam of Lord.



Sage Brighu finding that Śrīman Narayana also did not notice his arrival, became **Very angry** and he went straight to the Lord and kicked on His **Vakshasthalam**/chest, the place very dear to Śrī Mahalakshmi and where she likes to stay close to Her husband!



At once, Lord Vishnu apologized to the angry sage and pressed his feet to soothe the pain caused to Bhrgu's leg when he kicked! In the process the Lord removed the third eye in the foot of the sage, (The third eye in the leg of the sage Bhrgu gave power as to defy the Devas). The sage was pleased and decided that Lord Vishnu was the most supreme of the trimurthis and conveyed the same to the Rishis. Thereupon, they decided that Lord Vishnu was the fruit of the Yagya.



Śrī Mahalakshmi, who is our Jagan Matha, was very much angered by the action of her Lord in apologizing to Bhrigu who had committed an offence. So she left Vaikuntham without listening to the words of the Lord 😞

Let us all now once more close our eyes and imagine we are going back in Time!. Okay, then, on count of three...one...two...three...**whoosh!**

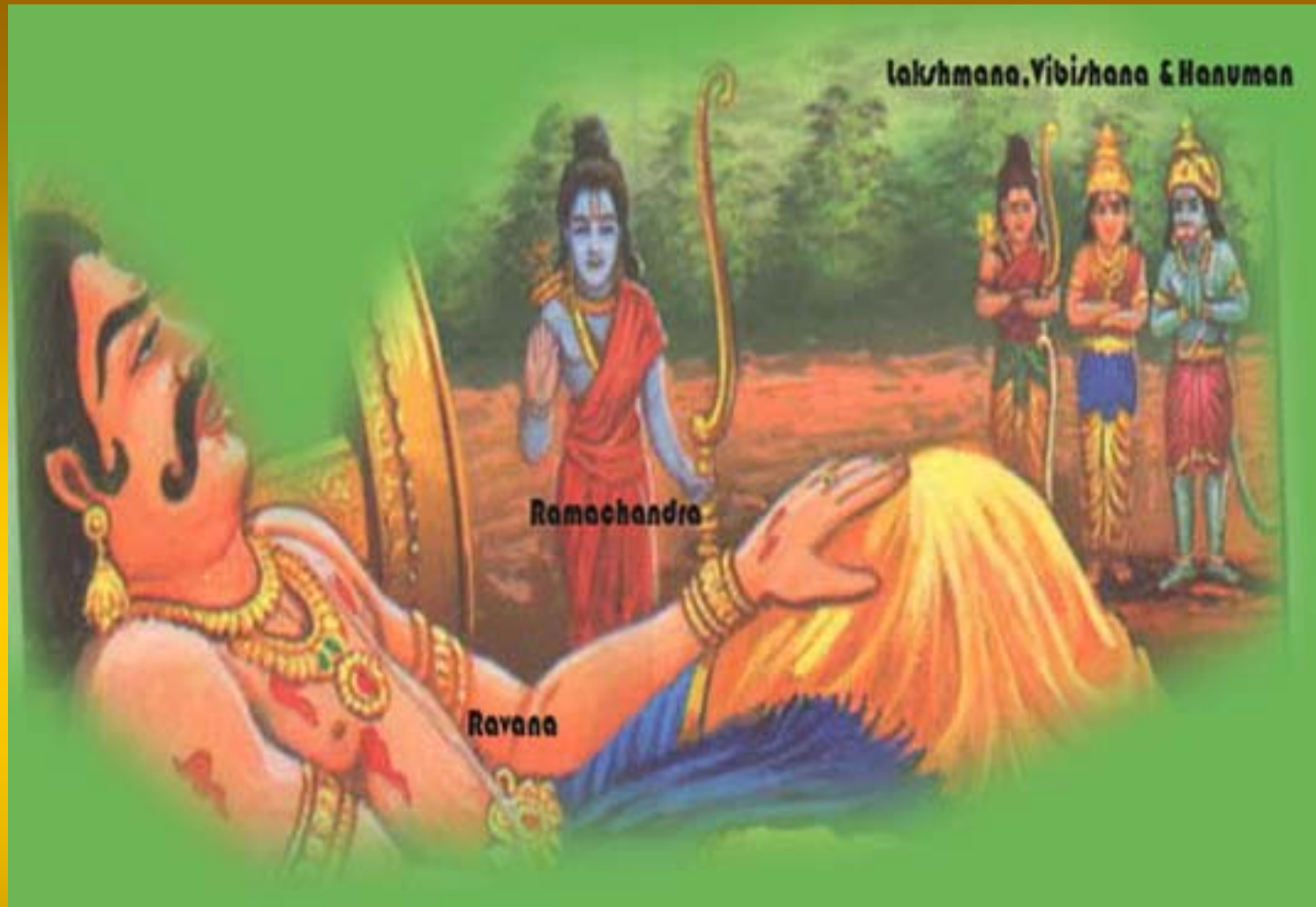
We are now in the Times of Rama. In Sanskrit we call it as the **Ramayana yuga**. Look carefully he may just be coming around the corner in his beautiful chariot with his lovely wife Seetha!

During the Ramayana period, there was a good and pious young woman who lived in the forest called as Vedavathi. She was an amsam - a part of Bhoomi Devi herself. Just like how you kids have some part of your father or mother in you! She was doing penance in the forest.

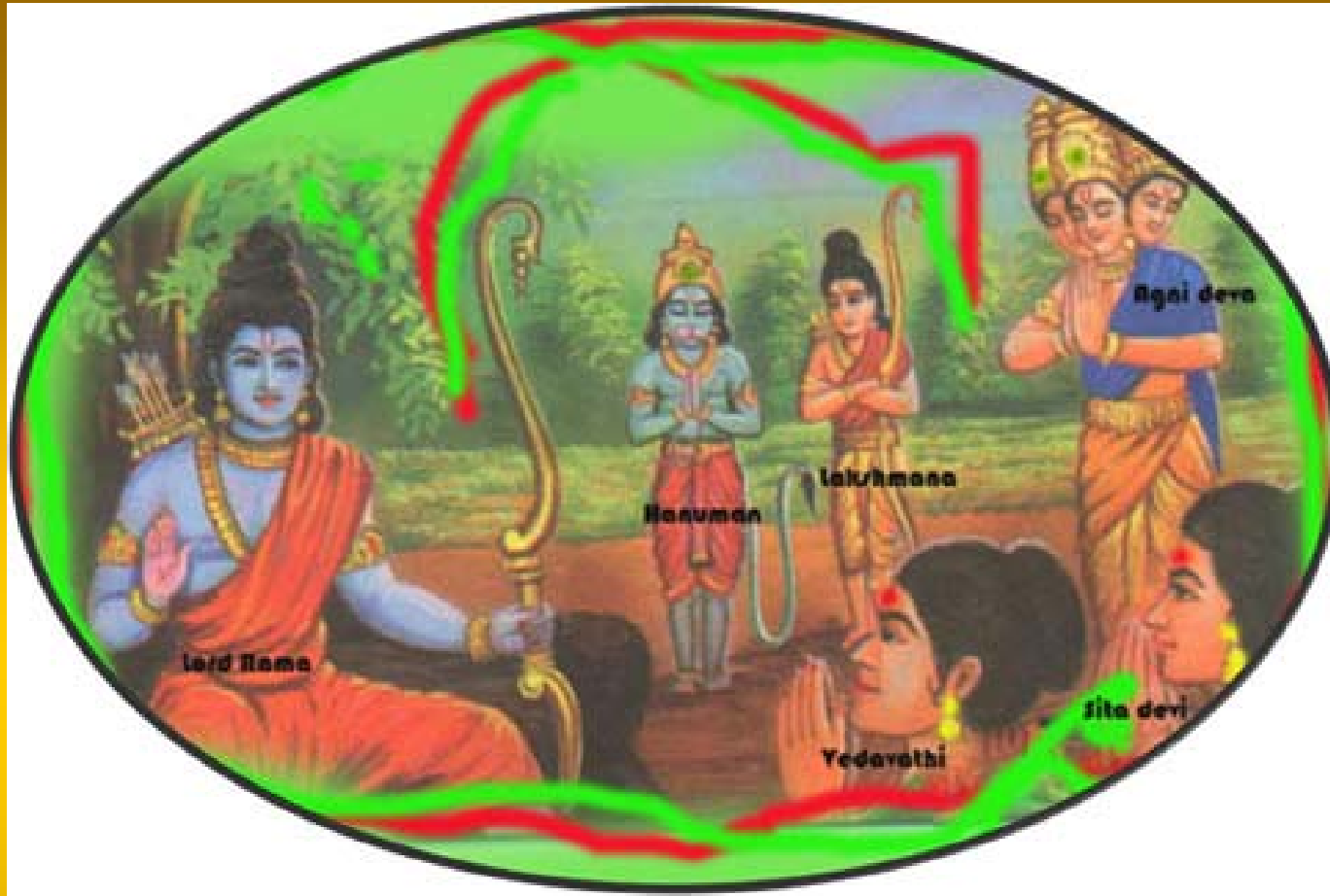
Asura King Ravana was passing through the forest and he was stunned by Vedavathi's beauty. He wanted to marry her against her will. So she cursed him that she would bring about his death. To prove her words were true, Vedavathi walked into the fire, but Agni the God of fire rescued her. He left Vedavathi in his house under the care of his wife Swaha Devi.



Then at a later time, at a place called Panchavati when asura King Ravana was about to carry Sita Devi in the absence of Lord Rama and Lakshmana Agni tricked Ravana into carrying Vedavathi instead of Sita to Lanka and Agni took Sita Devi to his house, where she stayed under the safety of Agni and his wife.



You must all by now know the story of **Śrī Rāma** and how after the End of battle at Lanka he killed the **evil** Ravana. After that Vedavathi who was the one imprisoned in Lanka in the place of **Śita**, did Agni Pravesha, that is walked into Fire to prove her purity!



As soon as Vedavathi entered the Fire, then Agni Bhagavan brought forth the real Sita who had been spending all this time at Agni's house, to Rama. Seeing both the ladies together, Rama asked in surprise as to who was the other lady with Agni Bhagavan? Then Agni explained the whole situation to him. Thankful for her help, Rama promised her that in his future Avatharas he will definitely marry Vedavathi.

So, Children we are now back to our story, after a quick trip in Time to see what happened to Vedavathi in the Ramayana Yuga. Just remember that now in her present birth in this story, she is going to be very very lucky ☺

At that time Thondai mandalam (the Tamil name for the region around Andhra Pradesh - Tamilnadu) was ruled by a King named Akasha raja belonging to Chandra Vamsa (his brother was Thondaman). Akasha Raja did not have any children so he decided to perform a Homa (Sacrifice). As a part of the Homa he was asked to plough the fields. When he was ploughing the fields his plough got stuck in the Earth, and when he looked down, he was astonished to find a lotus Bud in the ground and when he opened the Lotus Bud he found a beautiful female child.



Akasha Raja was joyous on seeing the child. He decided to bring up the child so he carried it to the palace and handed it over to the Queen, then they heard a **Asiriri** (A divine Voice from Celestial world) instructing to bring this child as his own and if he did so his fortune will swell.



The happy King and queen named the child as **Padmavathi** as the child was found in the lotus.

As the time passed by Princess Padmavathi was brought up by the King Akasha Raja and his wife with lots of love and affection, and as time grew our Princess Padmavathi also grew up into beautiful maiden. She used to spend time with her maid in garden. One day our Sage Naradha as usual descended on earth and came to the place where Padmavathi was playing with her maids and also picking up flowers from the garden. Then Sage Naradha asked her to show her palm so that he can analyse her future!

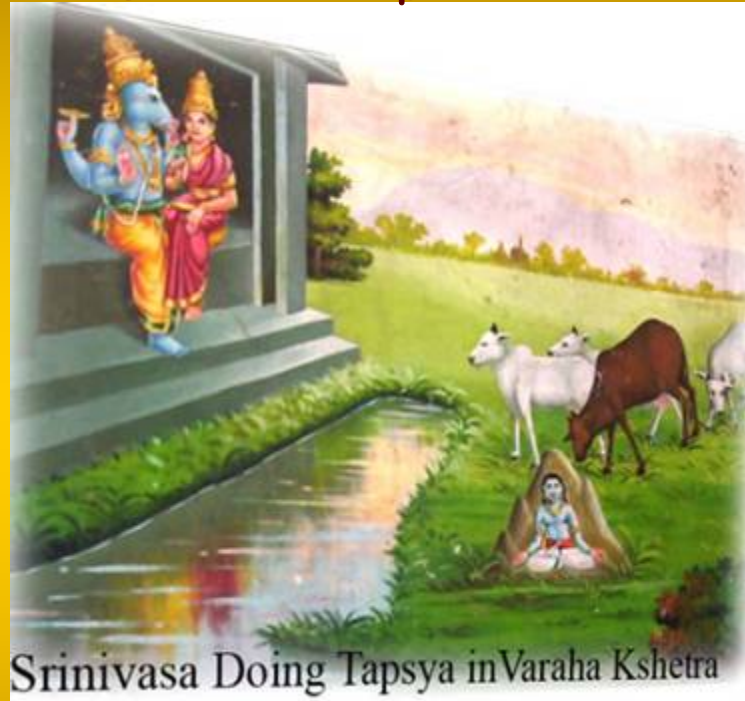


Narada analyses Padmavati's hand in the Garden



Sage Narada told that he can foresee that **Lord Maha Vishnu** himself would be **Padmavati's Husband**. Children as I told you at the beginning, **Sage Naradha** will do some mischief which will end up in good, so we must think that **Time has come for some good thing to happen!**

After the departure of **Śri Mahalakshmi**, **Lord Vishnu** came to this Earth to do Tapas and assumed the name **Śrinivasa**, and decided to stay in **Śweta Varaha Kshetra**. Then he went to Lord Varaha who has the presiding deity of the Kshetram and requested his permission to stay in this Śri Kshetram. Lord Varaha immediately recognized who Śrinivasa was and allowed him to stay.



Srinivasa Doing Tapsya in Varaha Kshetra

Then **Śrinivasa** chose a site and stayed close to Varaha Śwami Temple. (Later on Lord Śrinivasa ordained that a pilgrimage to His shrine would not be complete unless it starts with bath in the **Varaha Pushkarini** and darshan of **Śri Varahaswami** first. Also the first puja and naivedyam should be offered to **Śri Varahaswami**. Then only Bhaktha should come and have his darshan.)



Brahma and Maheshwara could not bear the condition of our dejected Lord Maha Vishnu living in solitude, so they decided to assume the forms of a cow and its calf to serve Him.

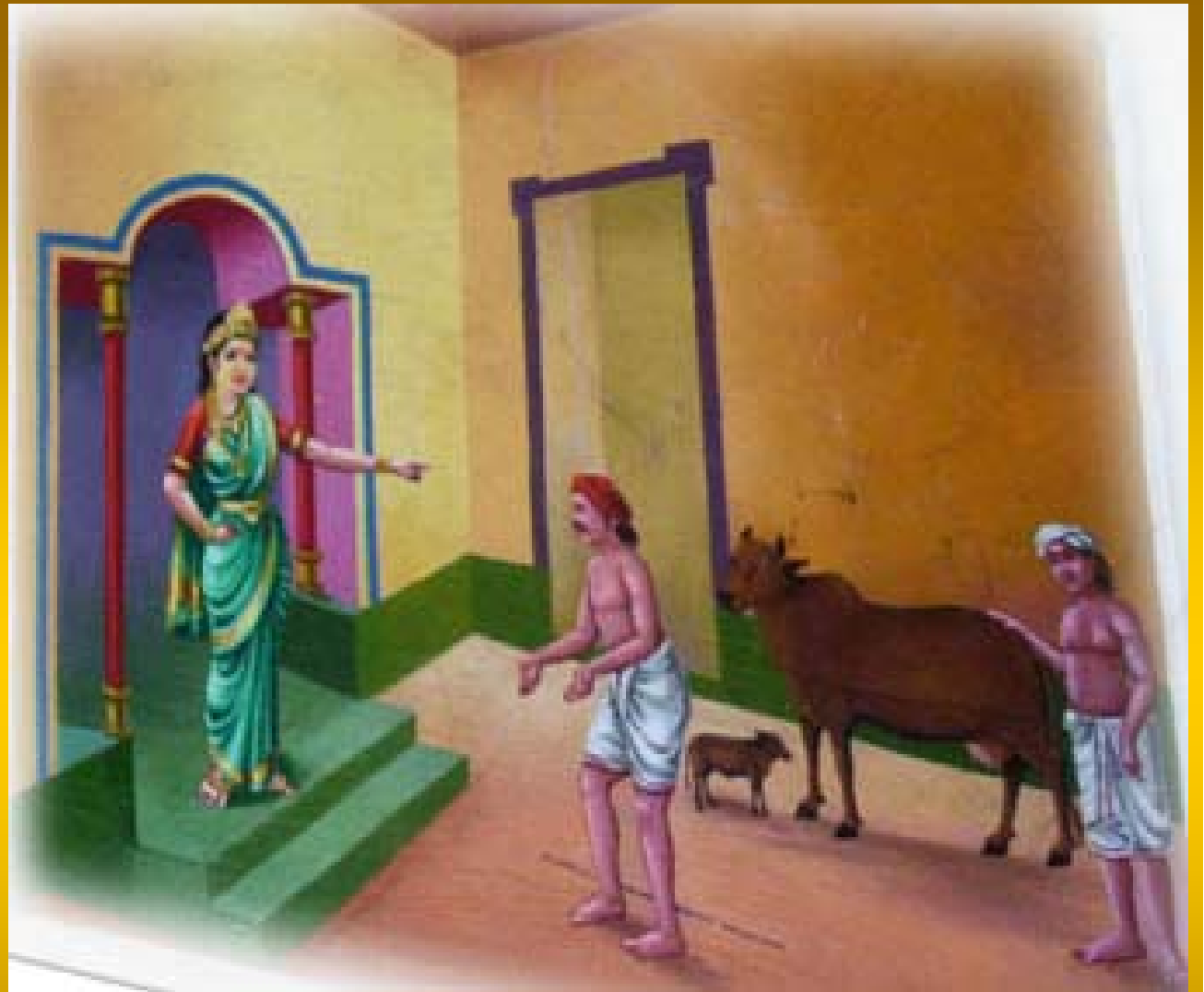
Surya, informed our mother Mahalakshmi of this and requested her to assume the form of a cowherdess and sell the cow and calf to the king of the Chola country so that it will be useful to Lord Maha Vishnu.





Then Mother Mahalakshmi went to the king of the Chola country and sold the cow and its calf. Then King sent them to graze on the Venkata Hill along with his herd of cattle under the care of a cow herd. **Discovering Lord Vishnu on the ant-hill, the cow provided its milk, and thus fed the Lord.**

Meanwhile, at the palace the queen discovered that only this particular new cow was not yielding any milk, the queen scolded the cowherd severely and warned him of dire consequence if he did not find the reason for cow not yielding any milk.



After being scolded by the Queen, the cowherd followed the cow to ascertain the loss of milk, then he hid himself behind a bush and discovered the cow emptying her udder over the ant-hill.



Angered by the cow's strange conduct, the cowherd aimed a blow with his axe on the head of the cow.

But our Lord Vishnu who is a Karuna Murthy rose from the ant-hill and received the blow on himself to save the cow.

Then seeing blood on our Lord Vishnu the cowherd was shocked and he fell down and died.

The cow got scared, on seeing the dead cowherd, so it returned to the palace and started bellowing in fright and its body was full of blood stains. Hearing the noise, the King came out and saw the bloodied cow and could not understand what had happened. But the cow lead the King from the Palace back to the place of incidence. So the King followed the cow!



Finally the cow brought the King to the place of grazing near the Ant Hill. The King was surprised to see the cowherd lying dead and was wondering what happened.



Lo and Behold! Our Lord Srinivasan rose from the Ant Hill and cursed the King saying "He will become an asura." The King pleaded that he did not do any mistake, But the Lord told that even if his Subject commits mistakes then that sin also comes on the head of the King.

But our Karuna Murthy told that His Curse will come to an end when Lord Will wear the **Kireetam** (Crown) presented by the Akasharaja when Lord marries **Padmavathi Thayar** !

Now both Lord Srinivasa and Sri Padmavathi were growing up. He into a handsome man and she into a beautiful maiden.

One day while hunting in the forest, he pursued a wild elephant, and landed up in the garden where Padmavathi and her maids were playing.

On seeing the sight of the wild elephant Padmavathi and her maids became scared.



To everybody's surprise the Elephant immediately turned around and Saluted the supreme Lord ŚriniVasa and disappeared into the forest.

Lord ŚriniVasa who was following the elephant was also surprised, Then he saw the frightened maidens of the Princess. They accosted and questioned him as to who he was.

Our Lord introduced himself to the Maidens and in turn asked about the Princess.



The maidens informed our Lord that the princess was Padmavathi and she was the only foster daughter of the King Akasha Raja.



Our Lord was captivated by the stunning beauty of Padmavathi. He conveyed his interest in Padmavathi, to the maids. The Maids got angry and started throwing stones at our Lord, so he left his horse behind and returned to his abode. (Children! this is just a play of our Lord's Leela Vibhuthi! He is very Powerful, but just pretends to have nothing extraordinary in him. Don't suspect our Lord's Capacity!)

Lord Śrinivasa became gloomy at his home and when his Foster mother Vakuladevi brought the dinner plate full of his favorite delicacies, he did not show any interest in food.



Since a mother always knows if anything is wrong with her child, she realised his gloom and cajoled him to tell the reason. The Lord then honestly told his mother that he has fallen in love with the Princess Padmavathi, and he will not be happy unless he marries her.

When his mother asked about Padmavathi, Lord Śrinivasan told her the whole episode of Vedavathi and the Lord's promise to wed in her this birth (in his avataram of Śrinivasan). We saw the story on Vedavathi earlier!

After listening to Lord Śrinivasa about the story of Vedavathi and his promise to marry her in this avathara as Śrinivasa (Vedavathi's Avathara as Padmavathi), Vakula Devi being a good mother knew that her child Śrinivasa will not be happy unless he married Padmavathi.



So she decided to meet Akasha Raja and his wife and ask for the hand of Padmavathi for our Beloved Lord Śrinivasa!



On the way to Royal palace Vakula Devi met the maid servants of Padmavathi and understood from them that Padmavathi had She also lost her heart to Lord Śrinivasa and wanted to marry him only. So like a true mother she went along with the maid servants to meet the Queen.

Meanwhile in the palace Padmavathi was sick and gloomy. Akasha Raja and queen Dharani Devi did not know the reason for the sadness of Padmavathi. But Padmavathi's friends told them about her Love for Lord Srinivasa of Thiruvenkata Hills!

Akasha Raja went to Bhruspathi and wanted to know how to proceed further in this matter of marriage of Padmavathi with Srinivasa. The guru advised the King to go ahead with the marriage!



After Śrinivasa's foster mother Vakula Devi left for the Palace, Śrinivasa was restless and wondered whether his mother would succeed in her mission! (Children even though he is the Supreme Lord and sarvaantharyami, but since he has taken birth as human, he just acted like one!)



So he disguised himself as a fortune teller and went near the Palace, he caught the eyes of Padmavathi's maids. They invited the fortune teller to the Palace and meet the queen. But fortune teller refused to enter the palace until Queen herself invited her.

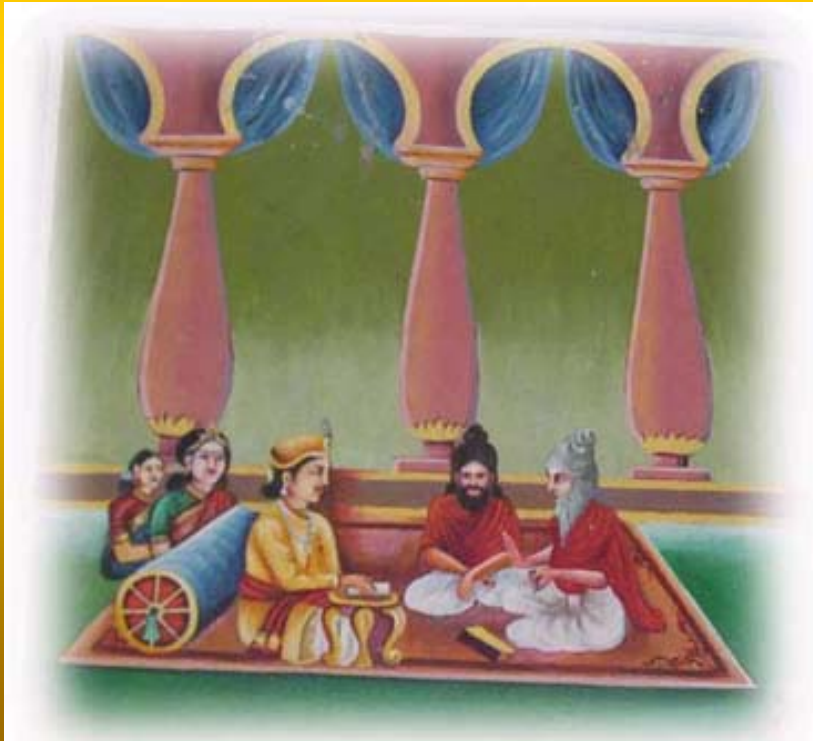
The Maids of Padmavathi went and conveyed the same to the Queen, so the Queen herself came out and invited the fortune teller and led her to Princess Padmavathi's chambers.

Then fortune teller after making lots of fuss about food, drink and thAmbula, finally began her predictions by looking at Padmavathi's hand. She correctly diagnosed the reason for Padmavathi's sickness and also advised the Queen to marry Padmavathi to Srinivasa.

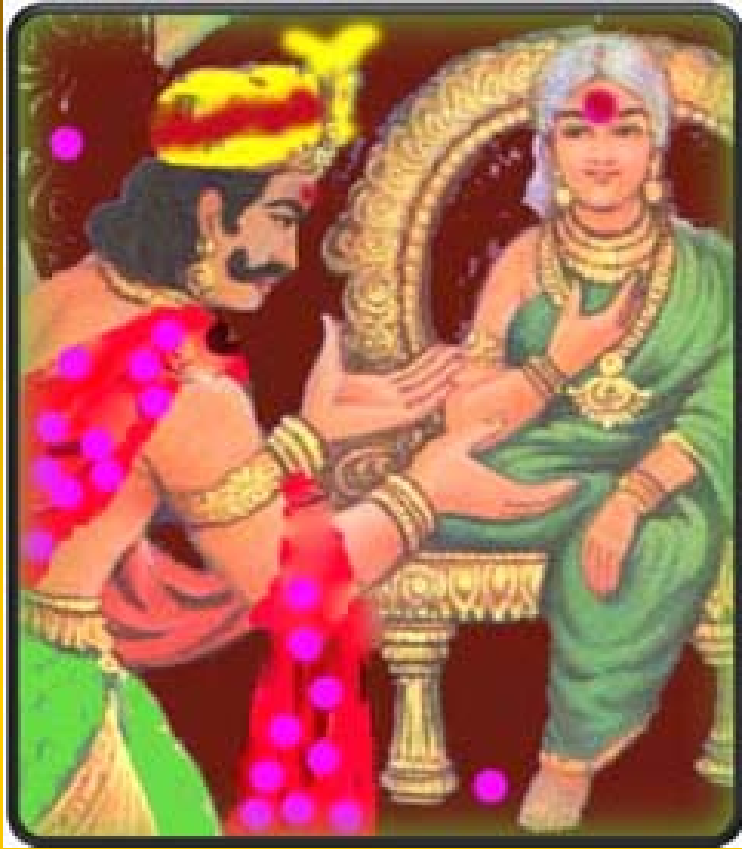


The fortune Teller further told that Srinivasa's foster mother named Vakula Devi would approach the King and queen on behalf of Srinivasa, to request formally for the alliance of Padmavathi. Then the Lord who was disguised as the fortune teller went away after taking the sambavana.

As predicted by the fortune teller Vakula Devi arrived at palace and she was received with full honors and taken to the Queens chamber. Vakula Devi informed that she has come on behalf of her foster son Srinivasa seeking the hand of Padmavathi.



The King too heard about of the predictions of the Fortune teller. As predicted Vakula Devi also had come seeking the alliance of Padmavathi! Seeing all this, Akasha Raja decided upon the marriage of Padmavathi to Lord Srinivasa. The Raja then asked the palace Prohithas to fix an early Muhurtham for the marriage.



Akasha Raja discussed the preparations with his ministers and counsellors. Then a formal letter requesting Śrinivasa to come and marry the Princess was drafted.

Then Akasha Raja entrusted the delivery of the letter to **Śuka mahamuni** also known as **Śukhabrahman.**



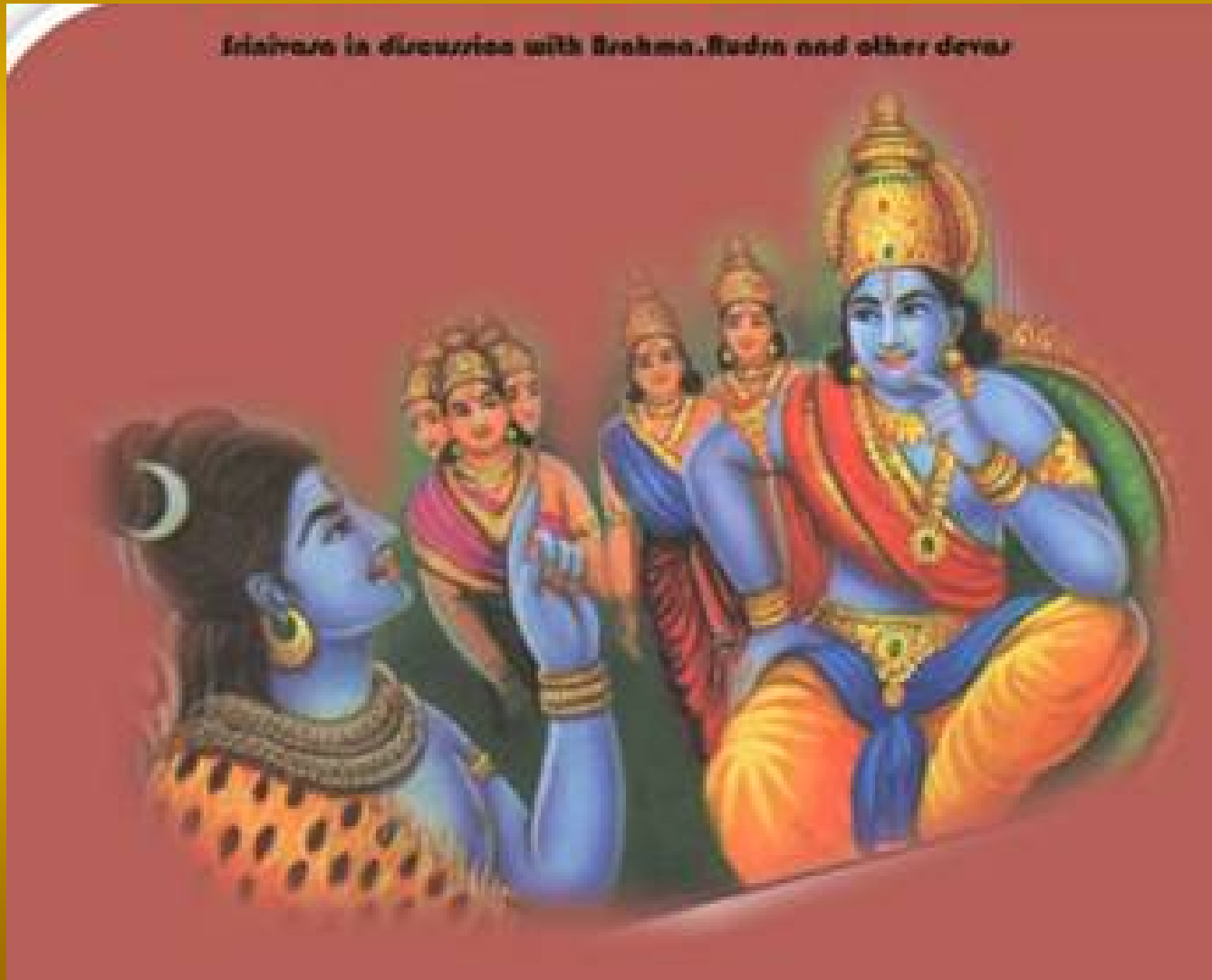
Śuka went to the Thiru Venkata hills accompanied by Śrinivasa's mother Vakuladevi. He presented the patrika to Lord Śrinivasa, on seeing the Patrika Śrinivasa was very much pleased.



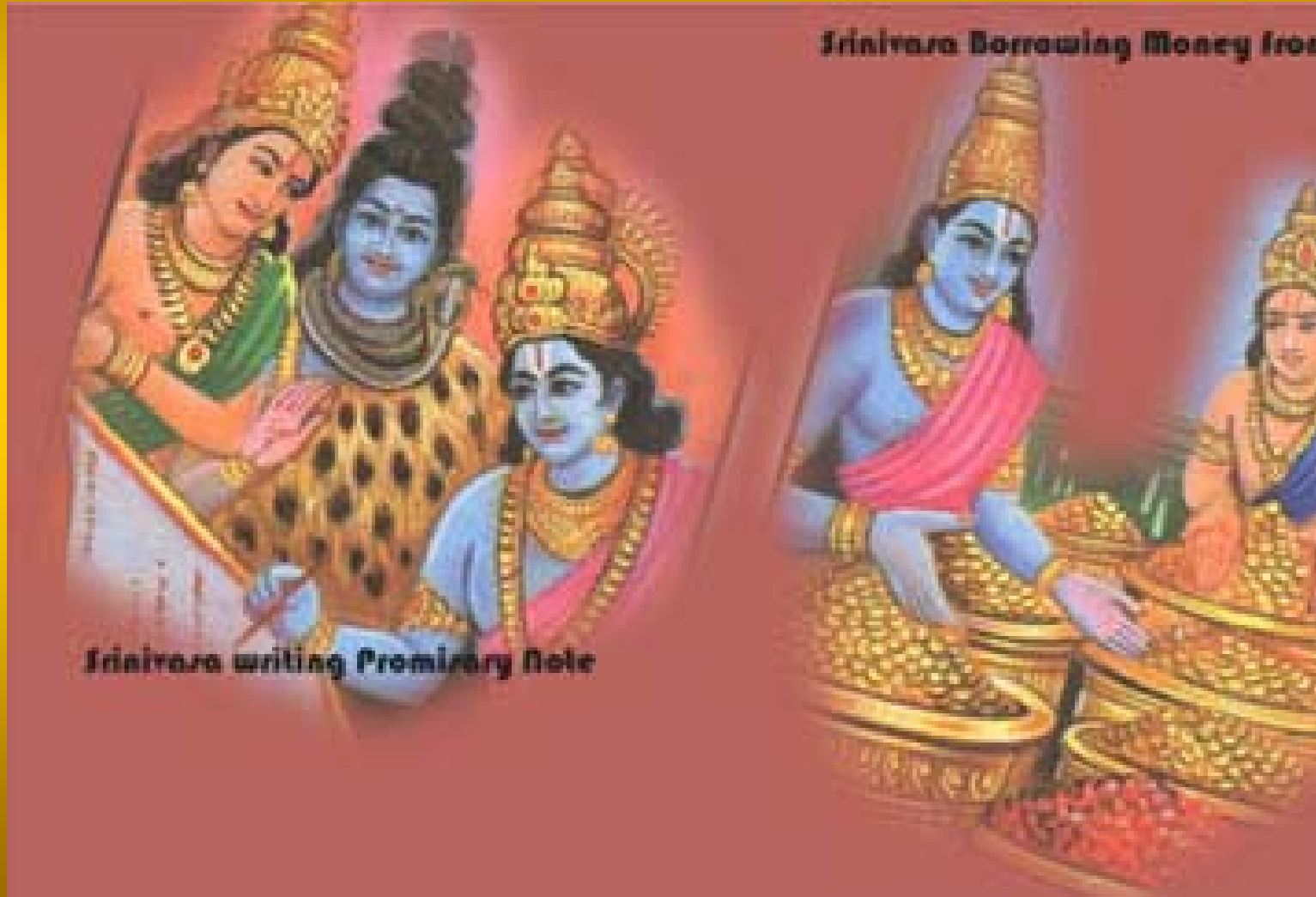
Then Lord sent his garland for Padmavathi through Śuka as the acceptance of the proposal.



Since there was precious little Time left to arrange, Lord Śrinivasa immediately invited all the other Gods to inform them of the proposal and sought their co-operation for the marriage.



As we all know children, since Goddess Maha Lakshmi was not with Lord, he did not have much Money, so he went to Kubera and asked for a Loan on interest payment! Then Kubera lent money to Lord Srinivasa to meet the expenses of the marriage.



Then all the other Goddesses came and decorated him with ornaments and prepared him for the Marriage!



Lord Śrinivasa, along with Lord Brahma, Lord Śiva and gathering of all gods started the journey to the Palace of Akasha Raja in his Divine vehicle Garuda.!



As the procession of Srinivasa and his entourage reached the entrance of the Town they were received by King Akasha Raja with full honors (Poornakumbha Mariyada) and then Lord was made to sit on a decorated Elephant and taken in procession to the Royal Palace for the Marriage Ceremony!



Then with resounding ghOsham of Veda mantrams and mangaLa vAdyams and in the august presence of other Gods and devAs, Lord ŚriniVasan married Śrī PadmAvathi!



The Grand Finale – Sri Srinivasa ThirukkalyANam



namO Sri VenkatEsaya! namO Sri SrinivAsaya!

Sri PadmAvathi Thayar sametha Sri Srinivasa PerumAL
ThiruvADigaLE SaraNam!



**PadmAvathi ThAyAr
Moolavar**



**Sri devi bhUdevi sametha
Sri SrinivAsa PerumAL**



**PadmAvathi ThAyAr
Utsavar**

SUBHAMASHTHU

Children Everything has to come to an end, so this is your uncle Şridhar taking leave of you for now!

I promise to meet you all once again with Chithra Ramayana, Chithra Yathiraja Charithram and Chithra Şri Perumpudhur Mahathmiyam!

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