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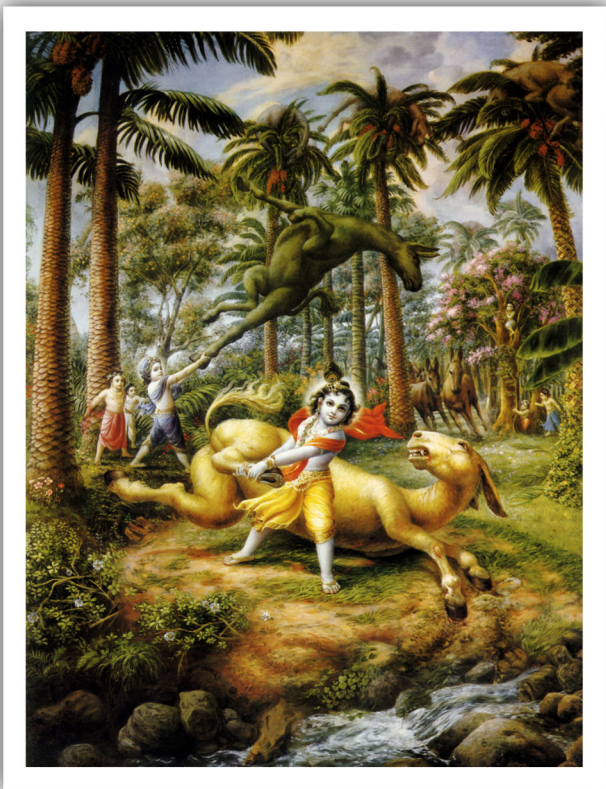
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Lord Balarama

Killing of Dhenukasura



Dhenukasura was a powerful demon who had assumed the form of an ass. With his demon friends he was occupying Talavana, one of the twelve forests of Vrindavana. Out of fear of these demons no one could approach Talavana and enjoy the numerous flowers and fruits in the forest.

Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama, induced by their cowherd friends, entered the forest desiring to eat the fruits. They began shaking the fruit trees, making a big noise.



Dhenuka, furious at the intrusion, attacked Lord Balarama with his rear legs, but Balarama easily picked him up by his legs and whirled him around until he died. As the other demon friends of Dhenuka rushed to attack, Krishna and Balarama picked them up and threw them on trees, killing

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them. Gradually, the baby asses came to attack, who were picked up and thrown on the trees by the small cowherd friends of Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama.

Soon the forest was free of all demons, and it appeared that the bent trees were being directed by Balarama to pay obeisances to Krishna.