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Once upon a time there was a Raja named Utt■nap■da born of Svayambhuva Manu,1st man on earth.He had 2 beautiful wives - Suniti & Suruchi & two sons were born of them Dhruva & Uttama respectively.
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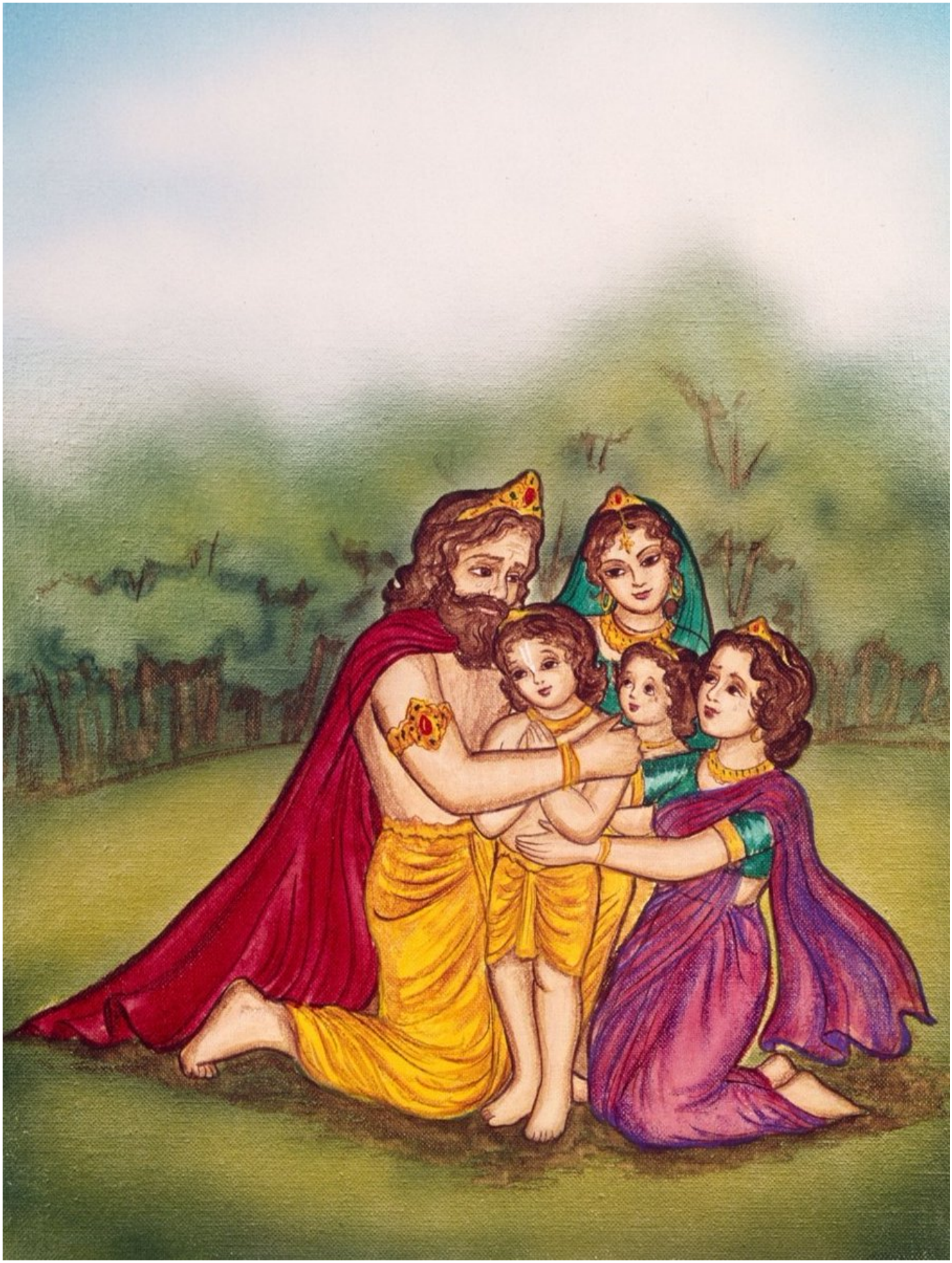


Prabhu says i reside in the heart of my bhakt.

Guess the event. pic.twitter.com/yFUmbfe5KL

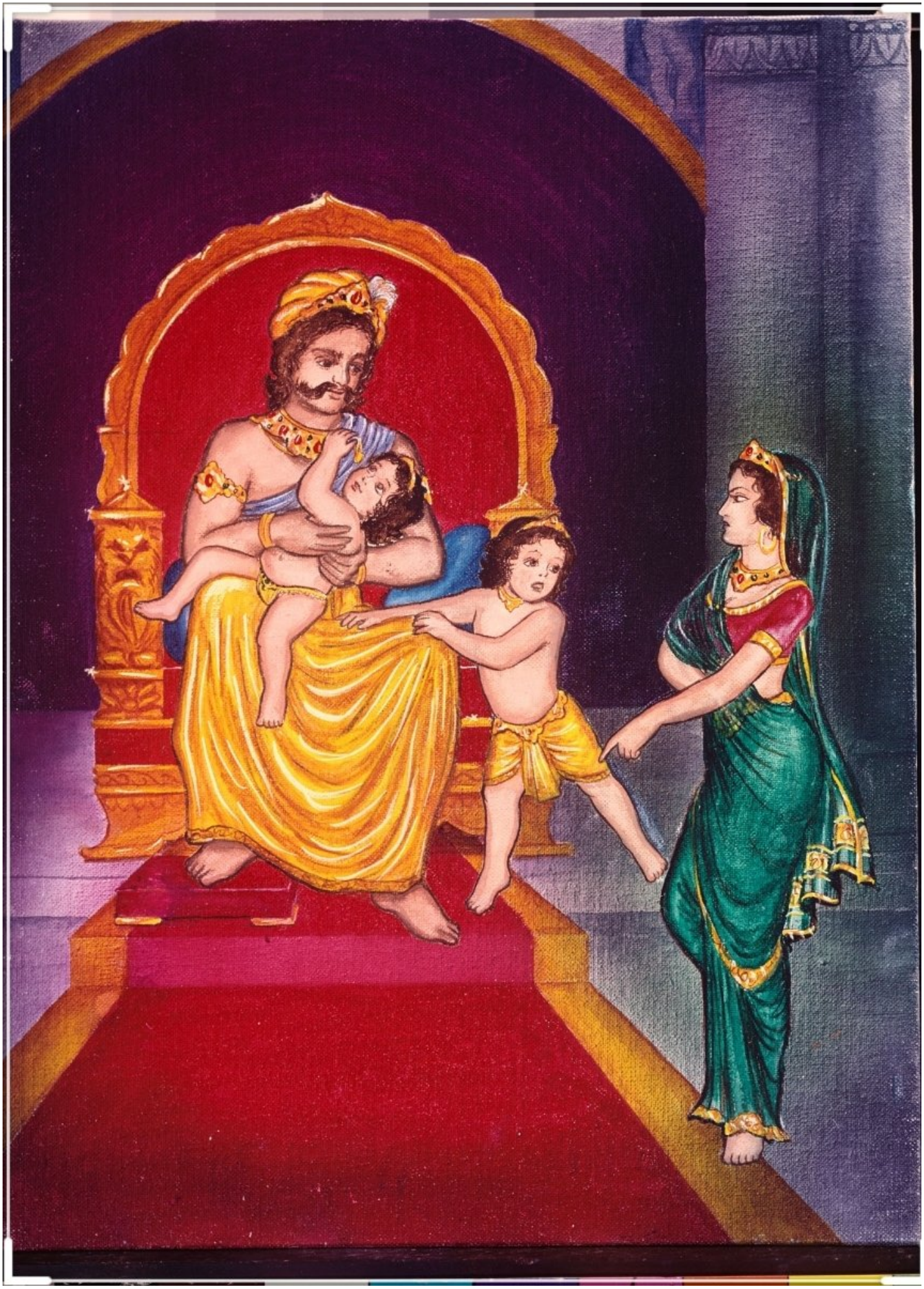
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Now Suniti was the daughter of a tribal chief while Suruchi was the daughter of a rich king. Hence Suruchi was always favored the most by Raja while Suniti was ignored. But while Suniti was gentle & kind hearted by nature Suruchi was venomous inside.
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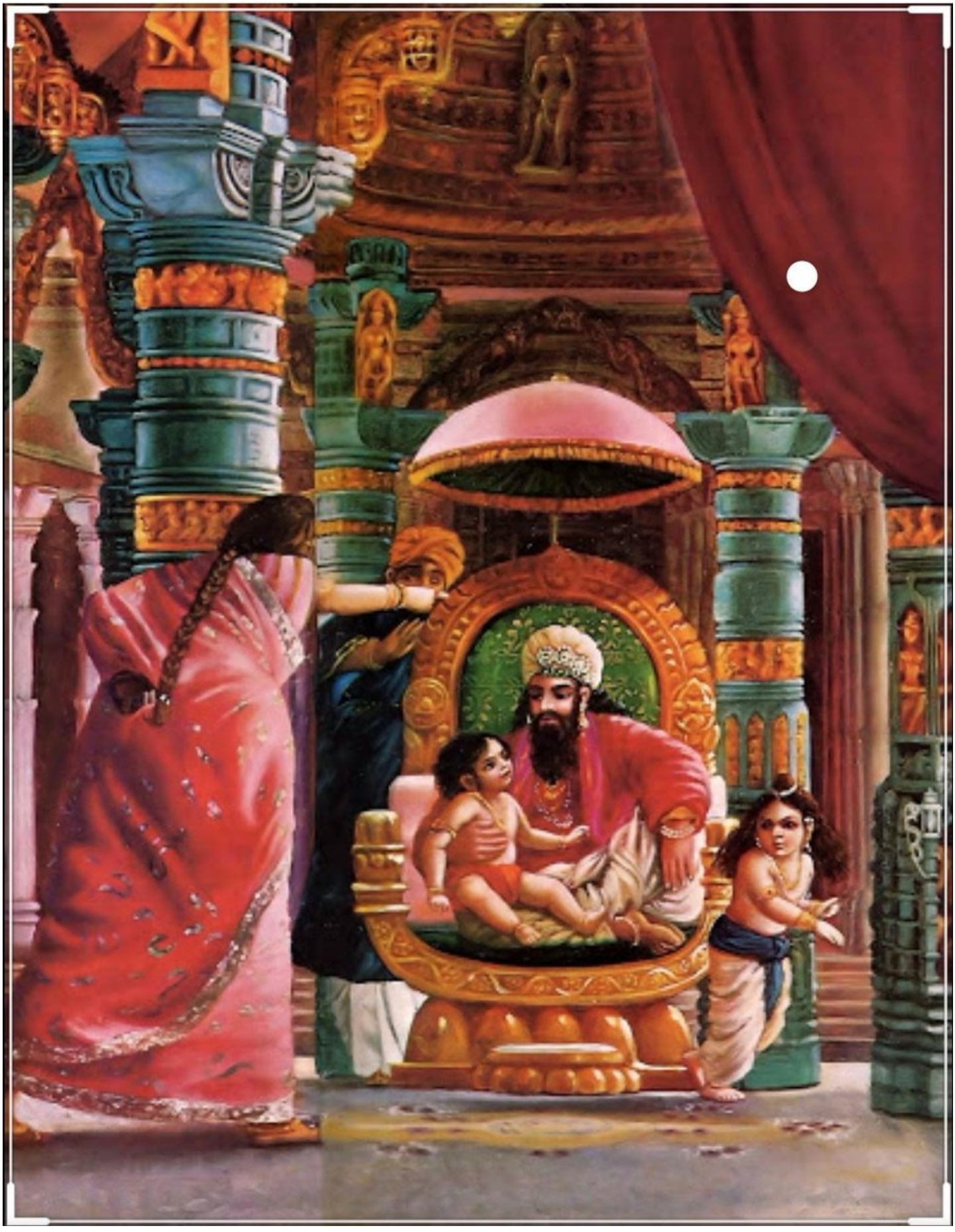


The story is of a time when ideally the eldest son of the king becomes the heir to the throne. Hence the sinhasan of the Raja belonged to Dhruva.This is why Suruchi who was the 2nd wife nourished poison in her heart for Dhruva as she knew her

son will never get the throne.



One day when Dhruva was just 5 years old he went on to sit on his father's lap. Suruchi, the jealous queen, got enraged and shoved him away from Raja as she never wanted Raja to shower Dhruva with his fatherly affection.



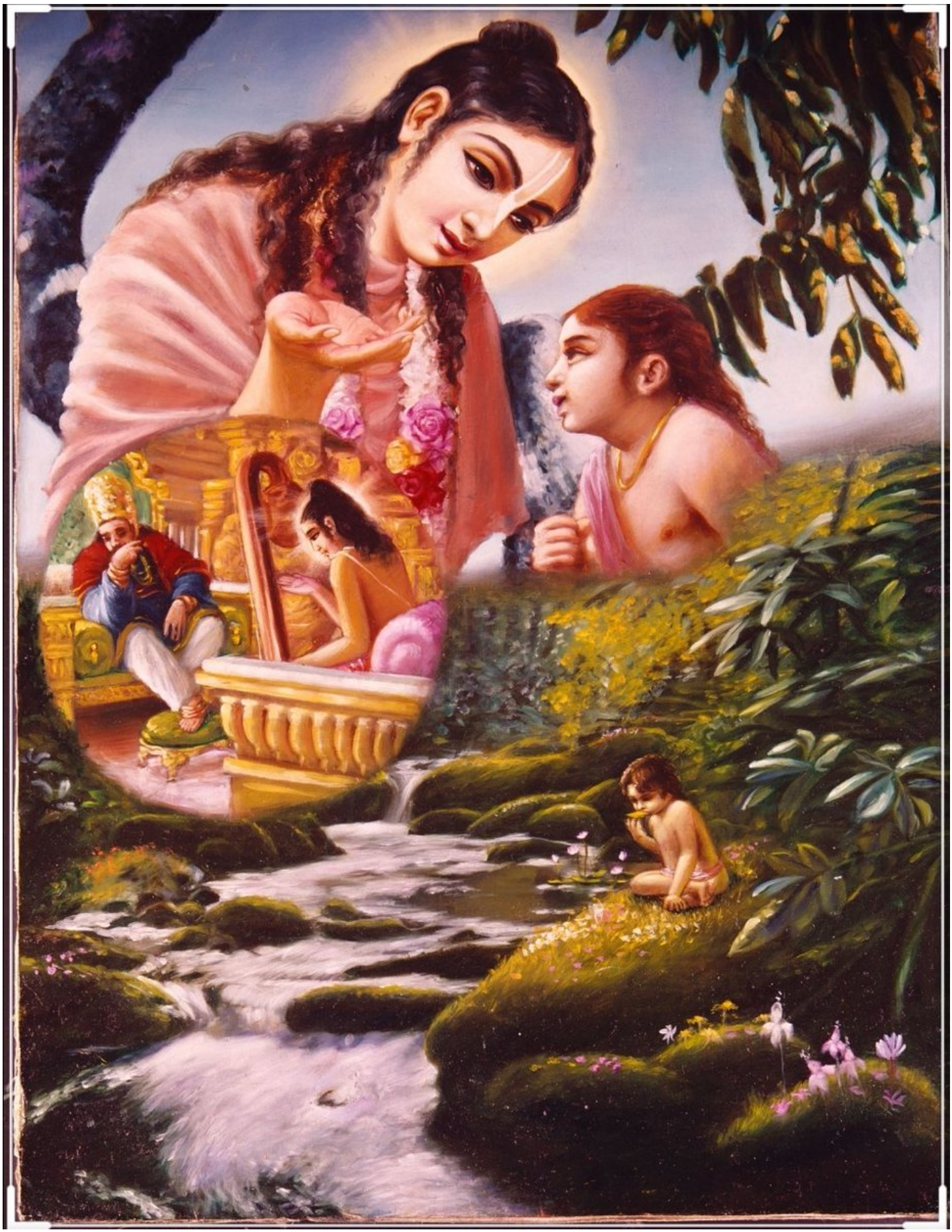
Dhruva protested questioning his step mother "why can't i sit on my own father's lap?" A furious Suruchi berated him saying "only God can allow him that privilege. Go ask him"



Heartbroken little Dhruva went to his mother crying with his grievances. Now Suniti, as gentle she was, tried consoling his distraught child but Dhruva was determined to hear of his fate from the God himself .



Seeing his resolve, Suniti bade him farewell as he set out on a lonely journey to the forest.He was determined to seek his rightful place.Noticing this resolve,sage Narada appeared before him & tried to desist him from assuming a severe austerity upon himself at such early age.



But, Dhruva's fierce determination knew no bounds. Hence the astonished sage guided him towards his goal by teaching him the mantra Om Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya to meditate on when seeking lord Vishnu.



The austerity of his tapasya shook the heavens and the Lord appeared before him in his Garuda, but the child would not open his eyes because he was still merged in his inner vision of Vishnu's form described to him by Narada.



Finally Vishnu had to make the inner vision of Dhruva disappear to make him open his eyes. Upon opening his eyes Dhruva's heart was filled with ecstasy.



He was so spellbound with the divine presence of Vishnu that he became speechless. Finally Vishnu touched his right cheek with his p■ñcajanya sankh to spark off his speech.



Vishnu being pleased with Dhruva's tapasya asked him for varad■na. Dhruva by this time had totally forgotten the very reason he initiated his strong penance. His mind was totally immersed with the beauty of Vishnu.



He remorsefuly said that being uneducated he did not know how to sing the praise of Lord Vishnu, and therefore asked the varad■n of a knowledge of stuti (hymn in the praise of Vishnu). He wanted to dedicate his entire life to Vishnu.



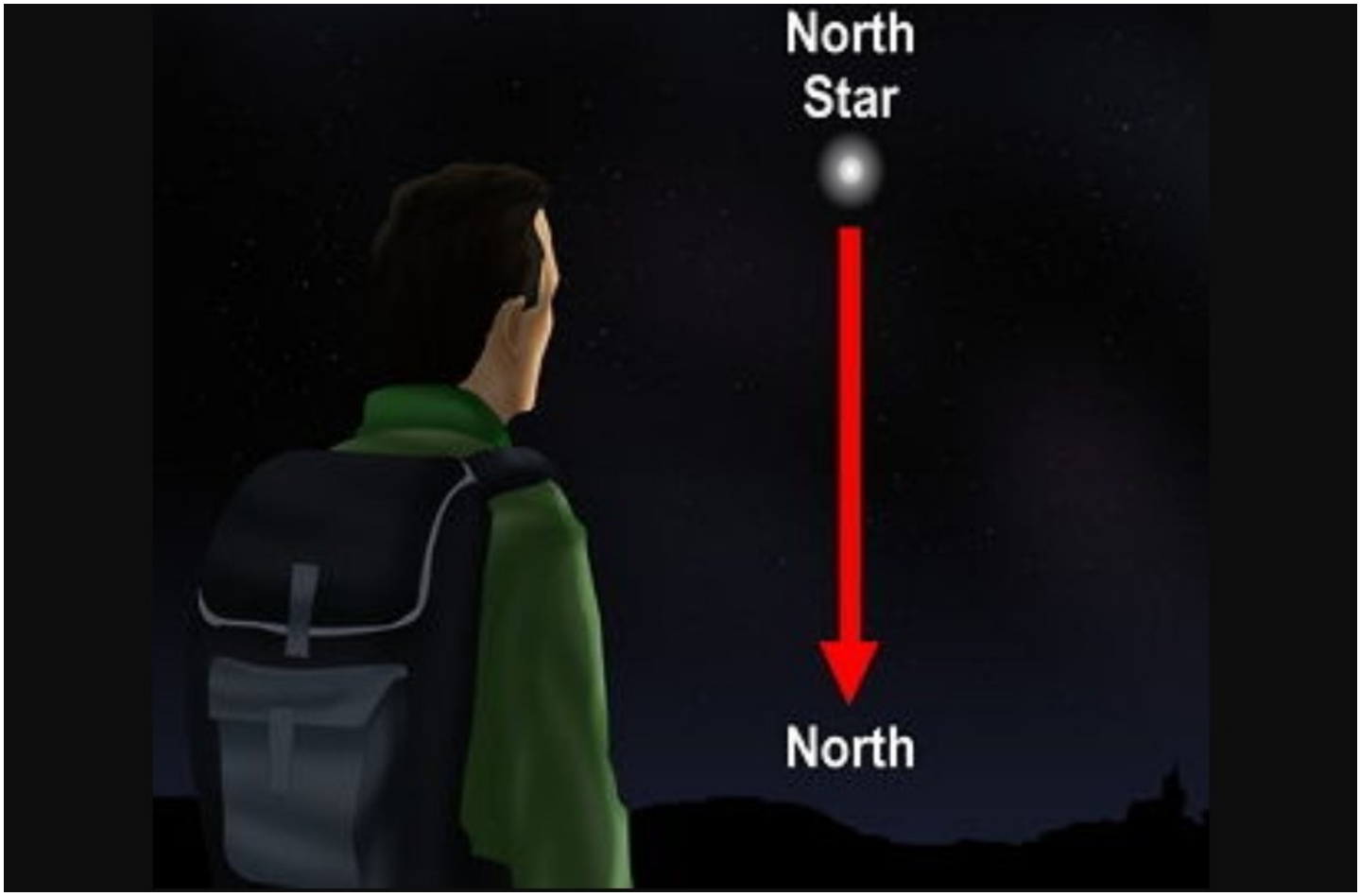
Renunciation of worldly desire is known to be the ultimate bliss in Sanatan Dharma.Hence Vishnu decreed upon him the boon that Dhruva will attain Dhruvapada,the state where he would be a celestial body which would not even be touched by the Maha Pralaya, or the final cataclysm.



He returned to his kingdom to be crowned as the king of his father's kingdom & ruled it justly. After a blissful life Saptarshis decided to give him a seat amongst themselves as the most revered star in the sky.



After his death he became the brightest star in the sky - Dhruvatara or Polestar. It can be spotted easily by naked eye.



All the other stars and constellations move around it throughout the year but Dhruv tara does not change its position in the sky. This is because of its alignment with the Earth's axis of rotation. Travelers look up to this star to find their way as it always points North.



The Place where Dhruva performed tapasya is known as Dhruva-teela, located on banks of river Ganga in Bithoor (near Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh). There's a small temple in that place.
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