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Tour to Mahavideh





Trimantra

Namo Arihantanam
Namo Siddhanam
Namo Aayariyanam
Namo Uvazzayanam

Namo lo ye Savva Saahunam

Eso pancha Namukkaro,

Savva Pavappanashano

Mangalanam cha Savvesim,

Padhamam Havai Mangalam

Aum Namoh Bhagavate Vasudevaya

Aum Namah Shivaaya

Jai Sat Chit Anand.



Shree Simandhar Swami is the current living Tirthankar Bhagwan in Mahavideh Kshetra. Param Puja Dada Bhagwan became substantively acquainted with Shree Simandhar Swami, after attaining Atma Gnan (Knowledge of the Self) in 1958 and this devout connection with Simandhar Swami remained right to the end.

Param Puja Dada Bhagwan had a deep inner desire that all living beings on Bharat Kshetra, should know about Simandhar Swami, pray to Him day and night and establish a connection with Simandhar Swami such that they would be reborn in Mahavideh Kshetra, attain Swami's darshan, attain Keval Gnan (Absolute Knowledge) and go to Moksh (Liberation).

Illustrated in this children's picture story, through the character of Kashmi, in a way that is easily comprehensible by children, are the occasions of the life of Simandhar Swami starting from his childhood, youth, marriage, all the way to Him taking diksha (Renunciation) and attaining Keval Gnan (Absolute Knowledge). The Tirthankar

Bhagwan's height, qualities, atishayo - uniqueness, deshna (discourse), and the Samovasaran have been captivatingly presented. In addition, knowledge about the kind of suitability one should nurture to reach Bhagwan has been obtained through the medium of Param Puja Dadashri's auspicious speech and exemplified in the book. It is our humble hope that after being introduced to the ever helpful, current living Arihant (one who has conquered his internal enemies) children too will be drawn to the one of a kind, Shree Simandhar Swami.

In this children's story about the present living Tirthankar Bhagwan Shree Simandhar Swami, descriptions from various scriptures as well as Param Puja Dada Bhagwan's divine speech have been compiled and presented in a way that is easily comprehensible by children. In this context, should this story seem contradictory in any way, then the error is on the part of the author's of the story, for which we humbly seek your forgiveness.

- Jai Sachidanand

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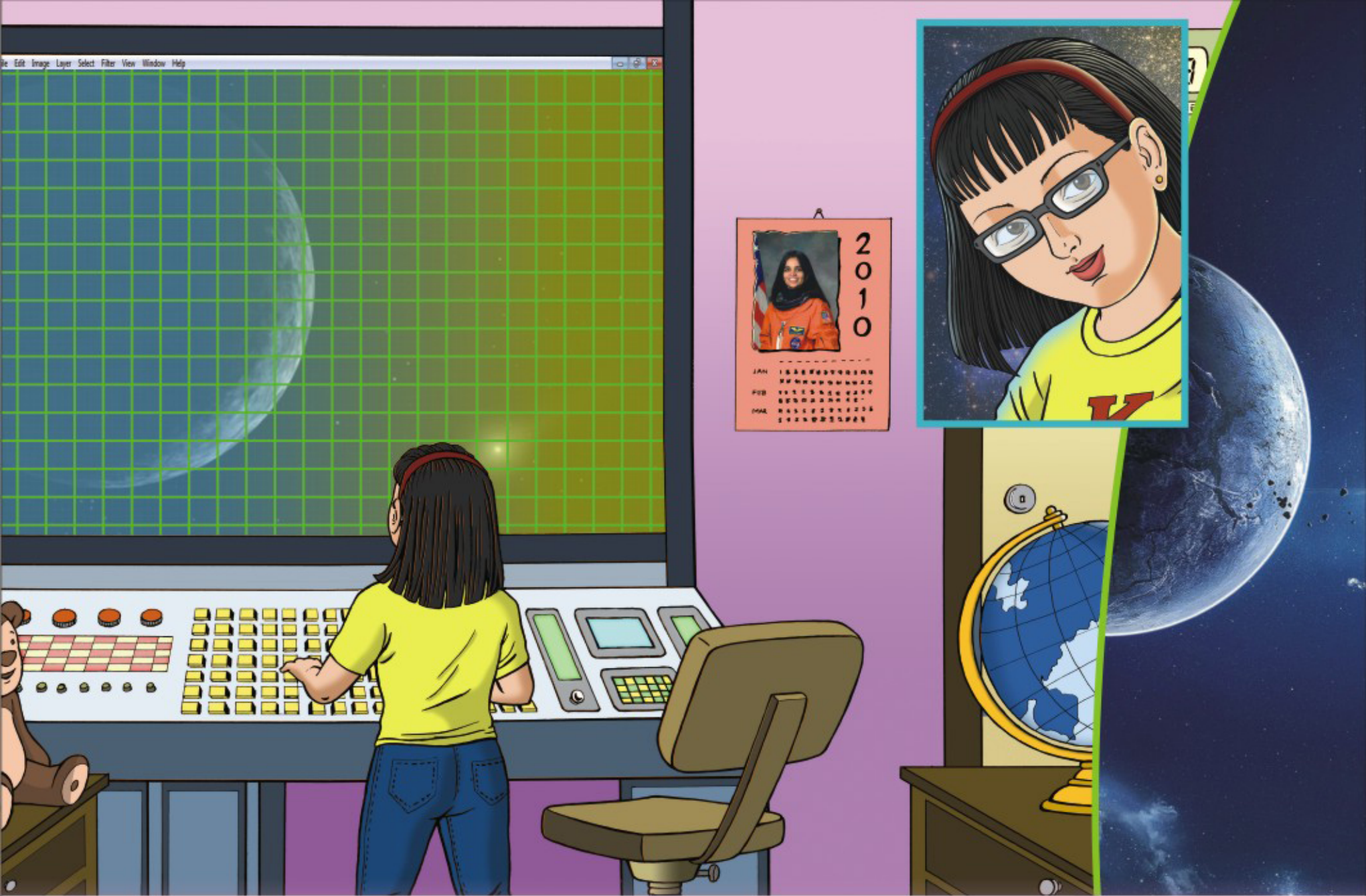
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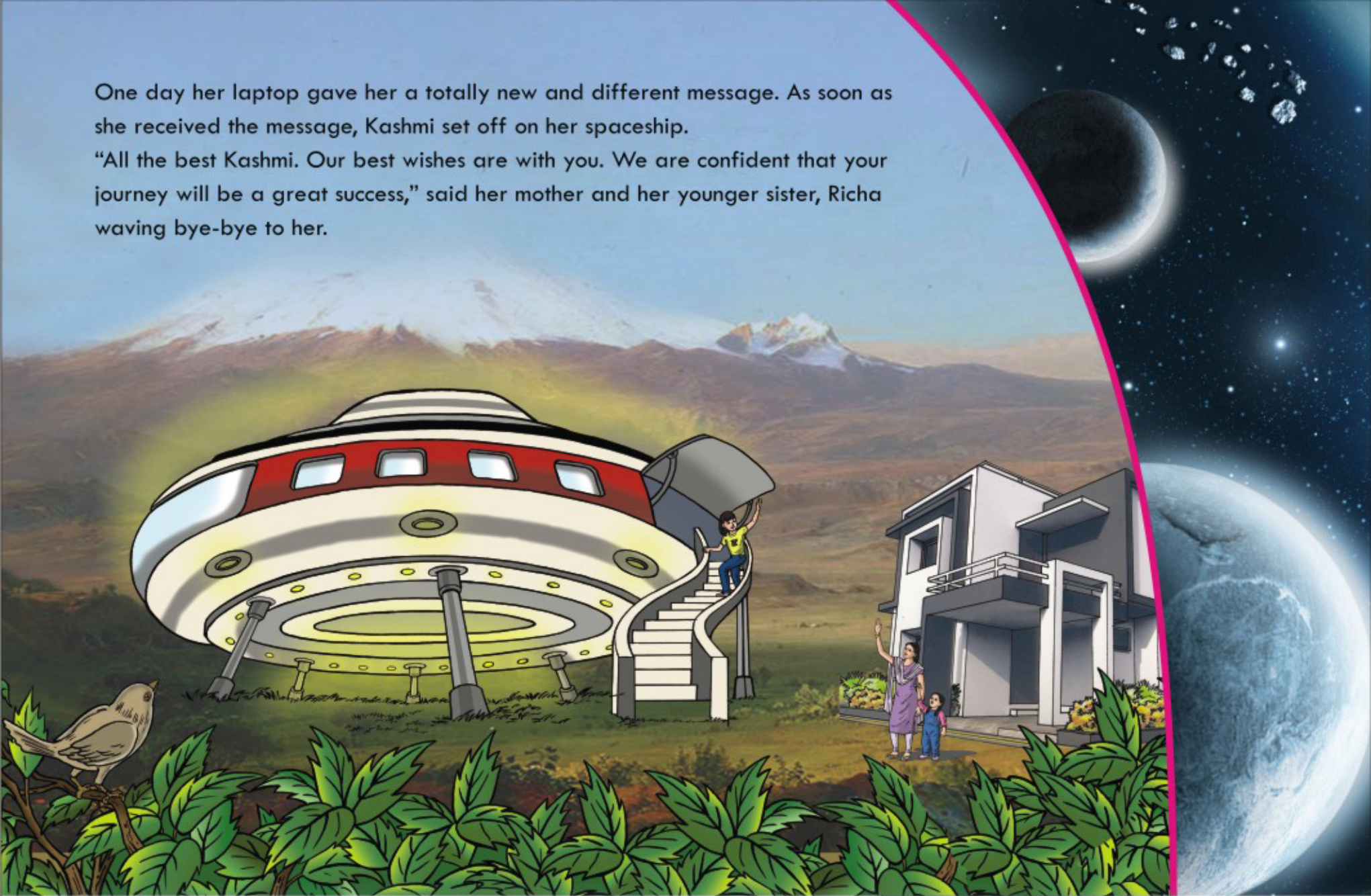




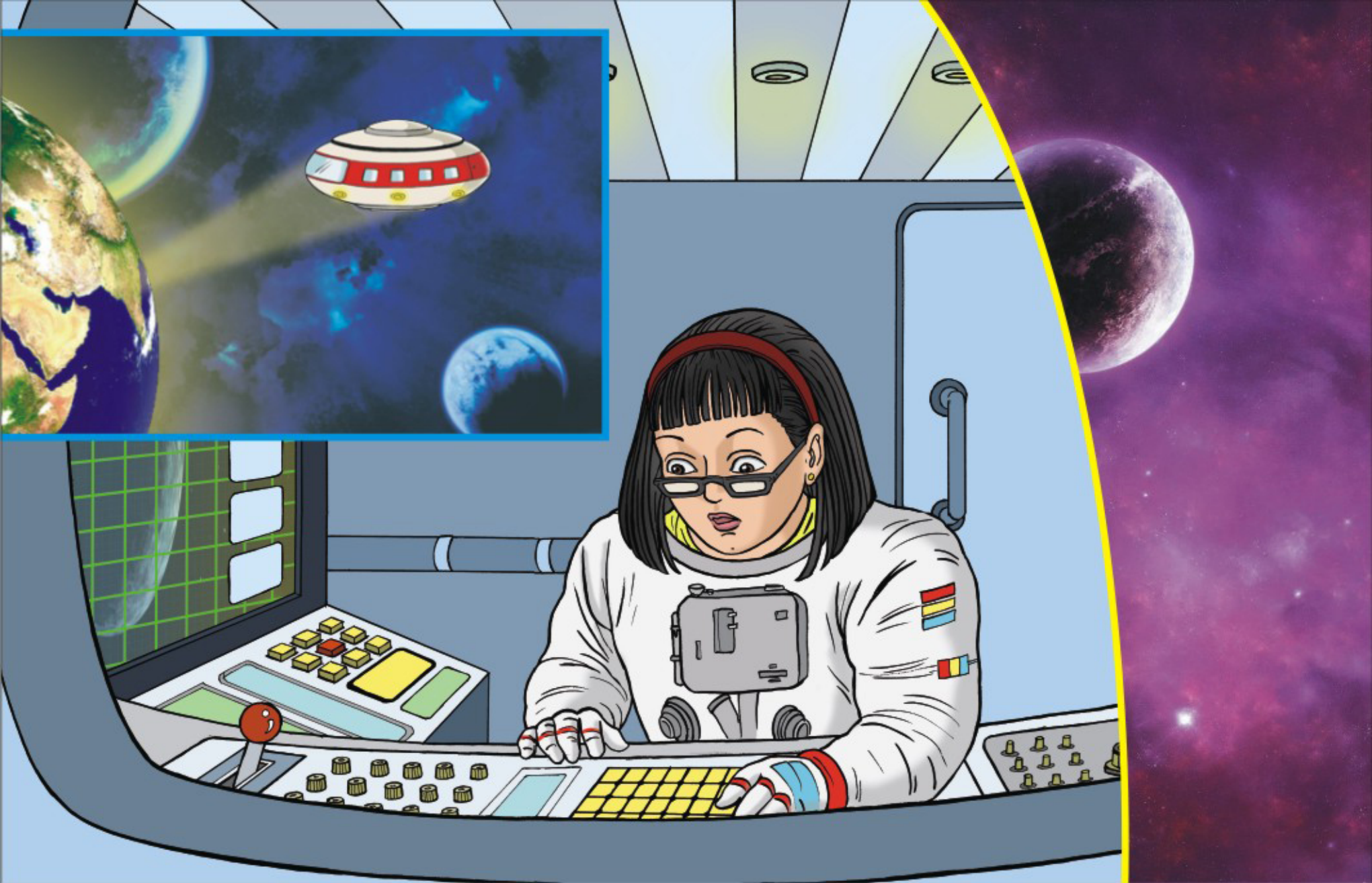
Little Kashmi is a 10 year old child scientist, who finds it extremely interesting to make new discoveries. She becomes especially delighted whenever her magical laptop gives her any information about outer space!

One day her laptop gave her a totally new and different message. As soon as she received the message, Kashmi set off on her spaceship.

"All the best Kashmi. Our best wishes are with you. We are confident that your journey will be a great success," said her mother and her younger sister, Richa waving bye-bye to her.



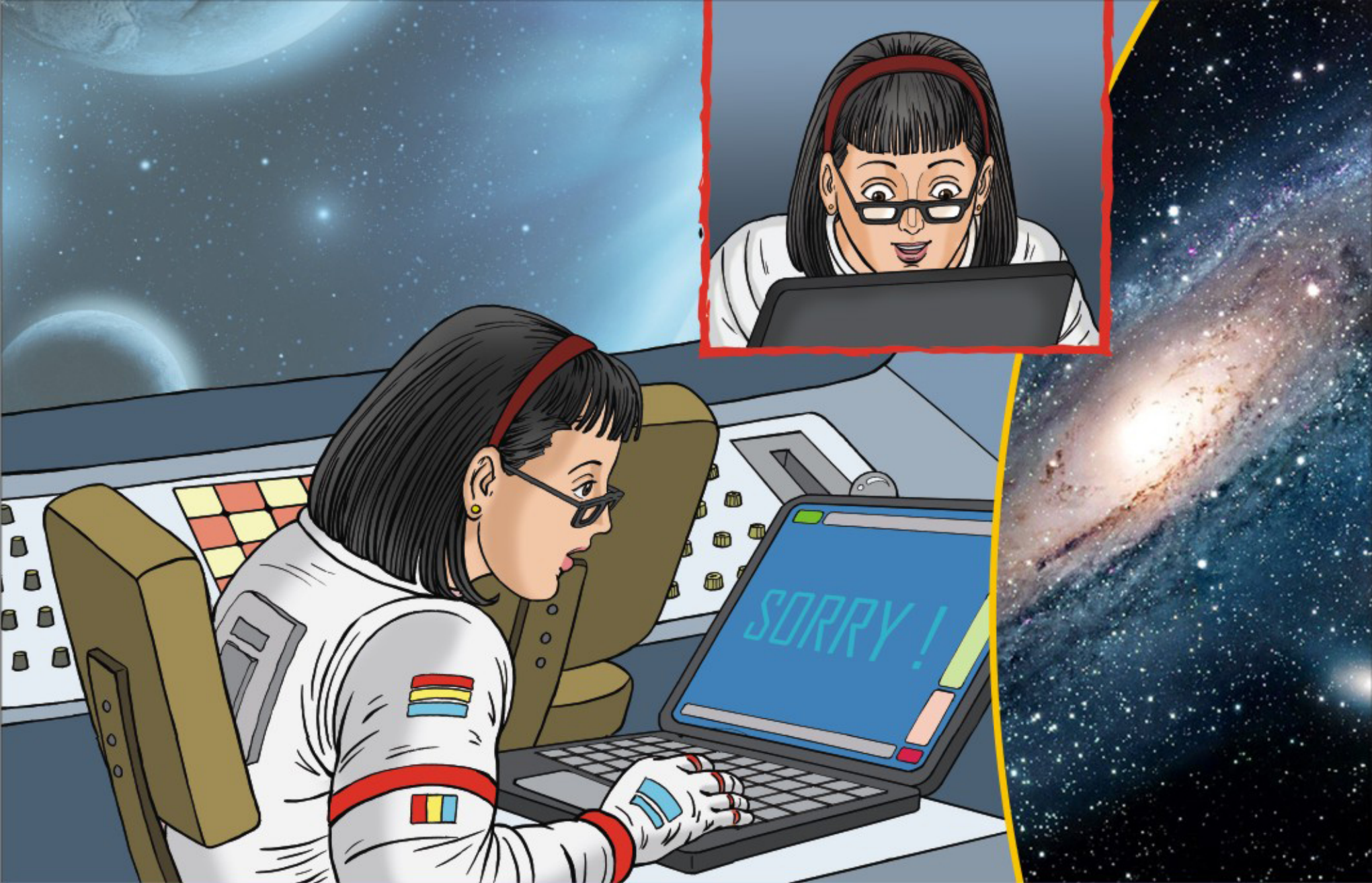
"Thank you mummy, thank you Richa, bye...bye..." and with a ZOOOOOOOMMM within moments her space-shuttle flew into the sky, on its inter-galactic journey.



As soon as the spaceship was airborne Kashmi said with excitement, "WOAH! I am flying the spaceship sooo fast." Just then...splutter, splutter, splutter, sput..sput..sput..thud!! As the spaceship came to a stop, Kashmi exclaimed aloud, "Oh no! The spaceship has broken down because of the high speed. Now, what will I do? Yes! When else will my magical laptop come handy, let me ask for information about where I can find the closest human population around here."



Kashmi immediately typed into the laptop, "What is our current location in space? Will we find any help here?" Just then, a message popped up on the laptop screen, "We have come very very far from our Earth. Closest to our current location is Mahavideh Kshetra, where Simandhar Swami resides, but the space shuttle will not be able to get there."



Kashmi asked with surprise, "Mahavideh Kshetra! Simandhar Swami! What is that? This is the first time I've heard these names. Can you show me all the information you have on them?"

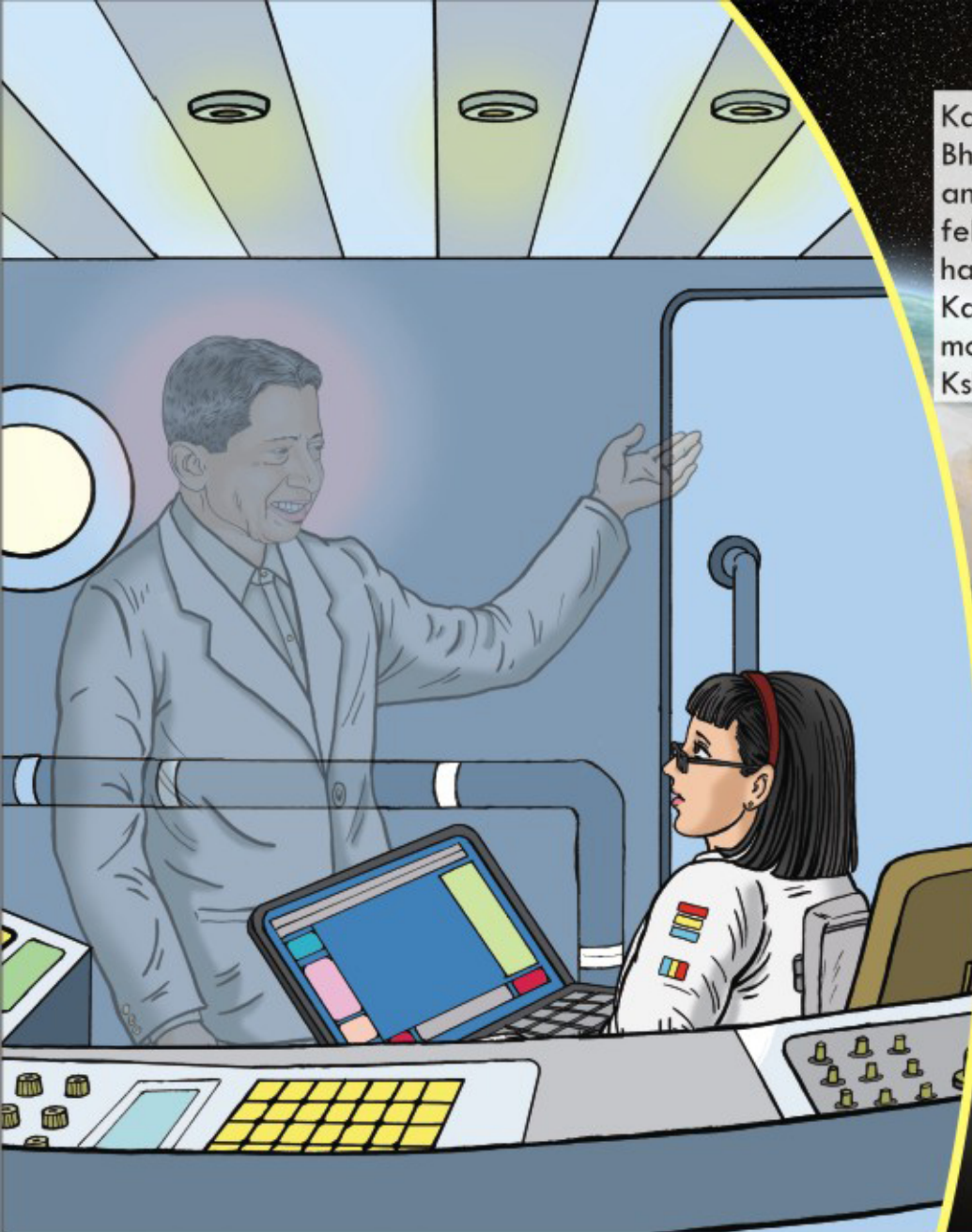
The screen displayed, "Sorry, this information can only be found from a spiritual scientist, that is, a Gnani Purush."

Ecstatic Kashmi said, "Oh, really! Then, please find me such a spiritual scientist."



The screen showed, "Yes, right away. In Bharat Kshetra, there is a Gnani Purush named Param Puja Dada Bhagwan. We will be able to get all the information about Mahavideh Kshetra as well as Simandhar Swami through him. We are able to communicate with him. Would you like to speak with him?"

Hearing this Kashmi became impatient. She immediately typed the name "Param Puja Dada Bhagwan" and Dada Bhagwan appeared on the laptop screen.



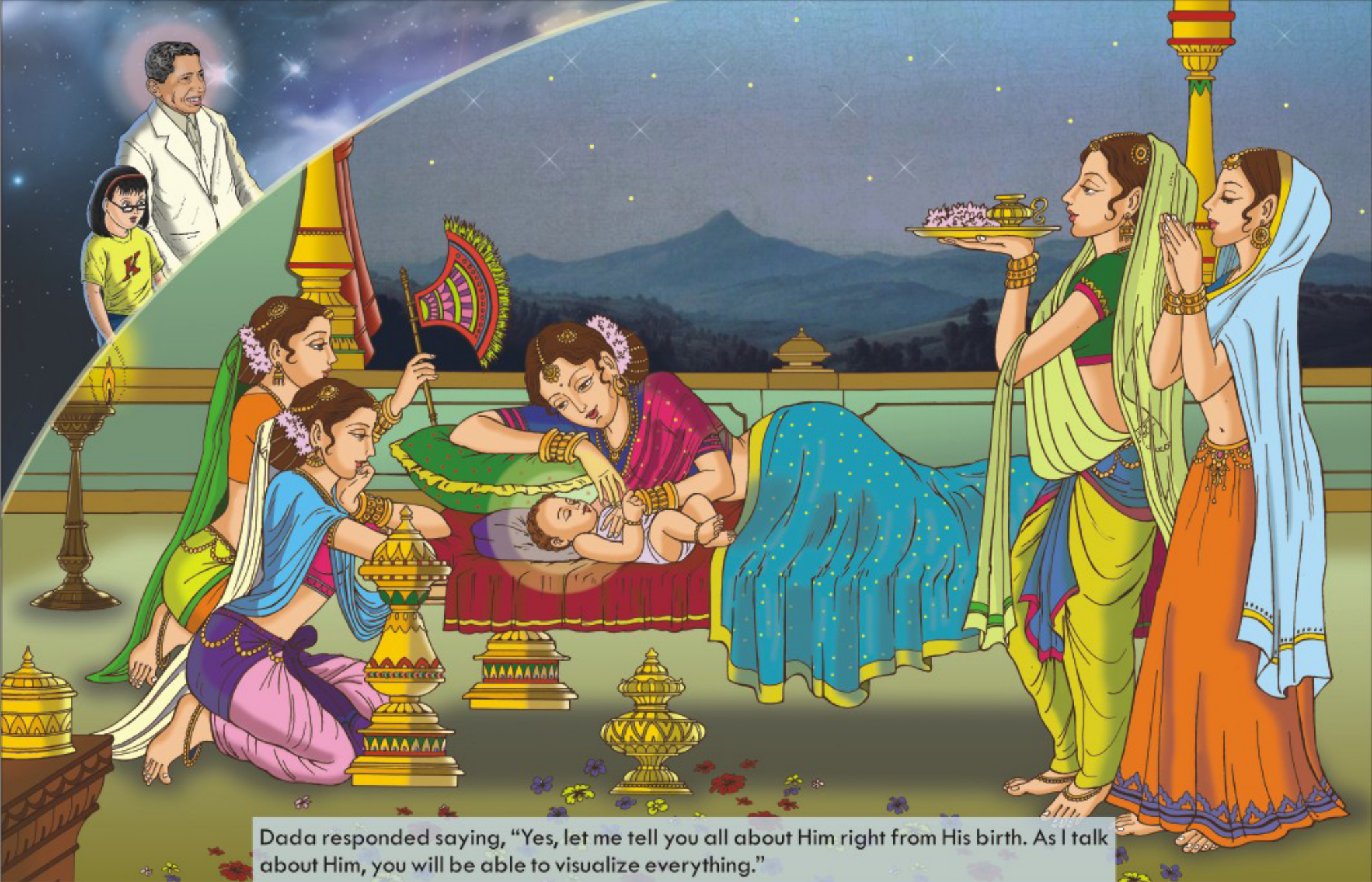
Kashmi could not take her eyes off Dada Bhagwan. His face was soft with a gentle smile and his eyes were overflowing with love. She felt like Dada was her very own and that she had known him forever.

Kashmi gazed at Dada without a blink for a few moments and asked, "Dada, what is Mahavideh Kshetra?"



Dada lovingly replied...

It is another planet just like ours. Mahavideh Kshetra is millions of miles away from our Earth. We cannot get there by plane or even by rocket. Currently a living, walking, talking Tirthankar Bhagwan 'Shree Simandhar Swami' resides there. Kashmi was curious to know more about Simandhar Swami, she enquired, "Dada, please tell me about Simandhar Swami right from the beginning?"

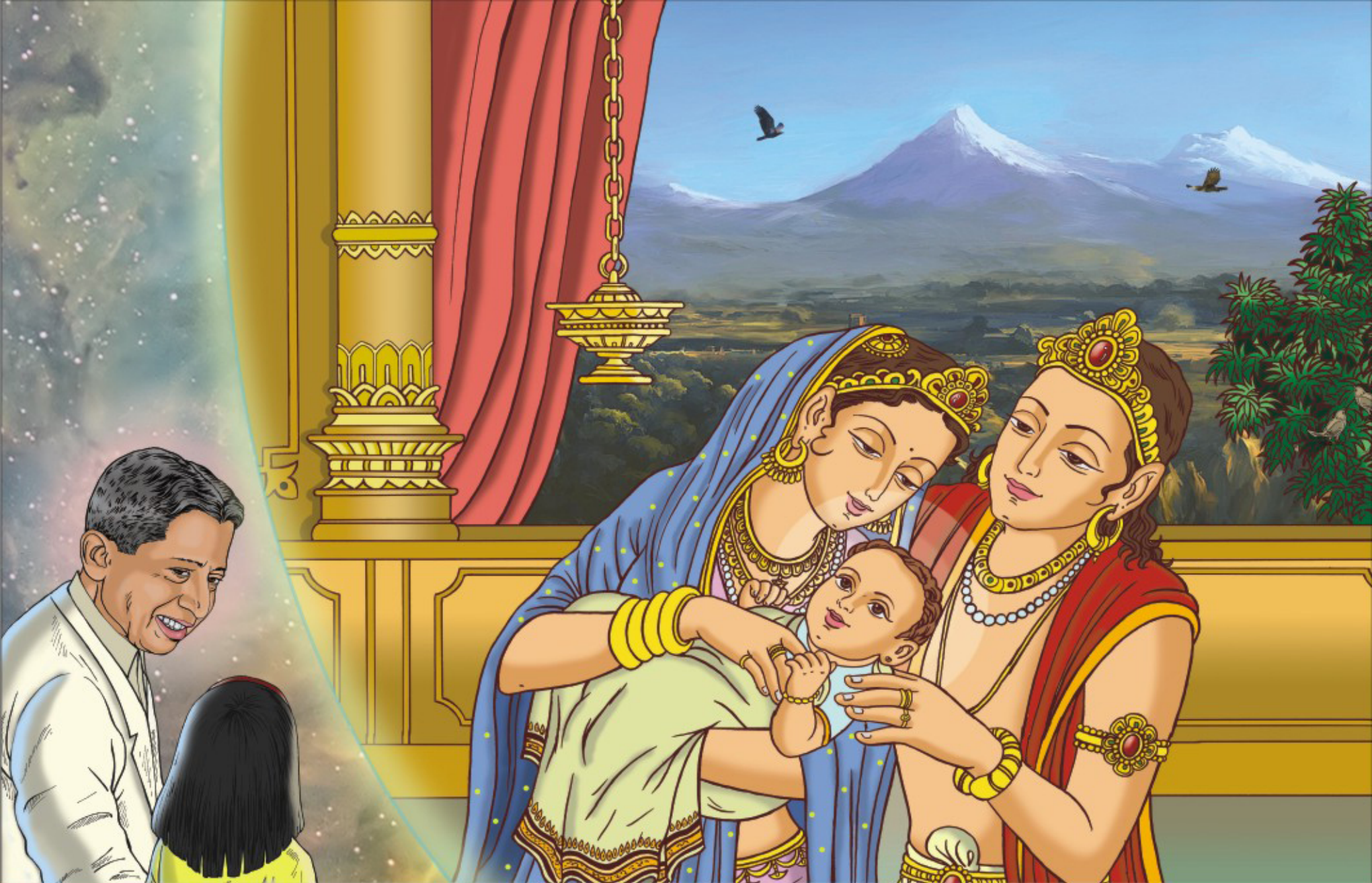


Dada responded saying, "Yes, let me tell you all about Him right from His birth. As I talk about Him, you will be able to visualize everything."

"Yes, yes," said Kashmi eagerly with her eyes glued to the screen.

Dada said, "Look here, Bhagwan has just been born. Do you see, when Bhagwan is born He does not cry like us, instead His face is brimming with a gentle and carefree smile!"

Seeing His face Kashmi exclaimed, "Wow, Bhagwan looks so divine!"



Dada said, "Did you know that before a Tirthankar Bhagwan is born, His mother has fourteen auspicious dreams!"

"What are the names of Simandhar Swami's parents?" asked Kashmi.

Dada replied, "His mother's name is 'Satyaki Devi' and His father's name is 'King Shreyance.' Upon Bhagwan's birth, not only are His parents in bliss, but the entire kingdom is full of joy."



Upon seeing so many celestial gods, Kashmi asked, "Where are all these celestial gods taking Bhagwan? What is going on?"

Dada explained, "Indradev himself along with all the celestial gods are taking Bhagwan to the top of Mount Meru to celebrate His birth with great joy and jubilation." Kashmi stared at the screen in astonishment.



All the celestial gods and goddesses were dancing while playing the drums, flutes, pipes and celestial horns. Indradev had even taken baby Bhagwan onto his lap and was bathing Him with milk. There was a twinkle in Kashmi's eyes. She had never seen such a grand celebration before. Kashmi wished that she too could be there.



Dada continued, "Look here, now Bhagwan has become as old as you. He is playing games with other children. Do you know who His friends are?"

Shaking her head Kashmi replied, "No, I don't know. Who are they?"

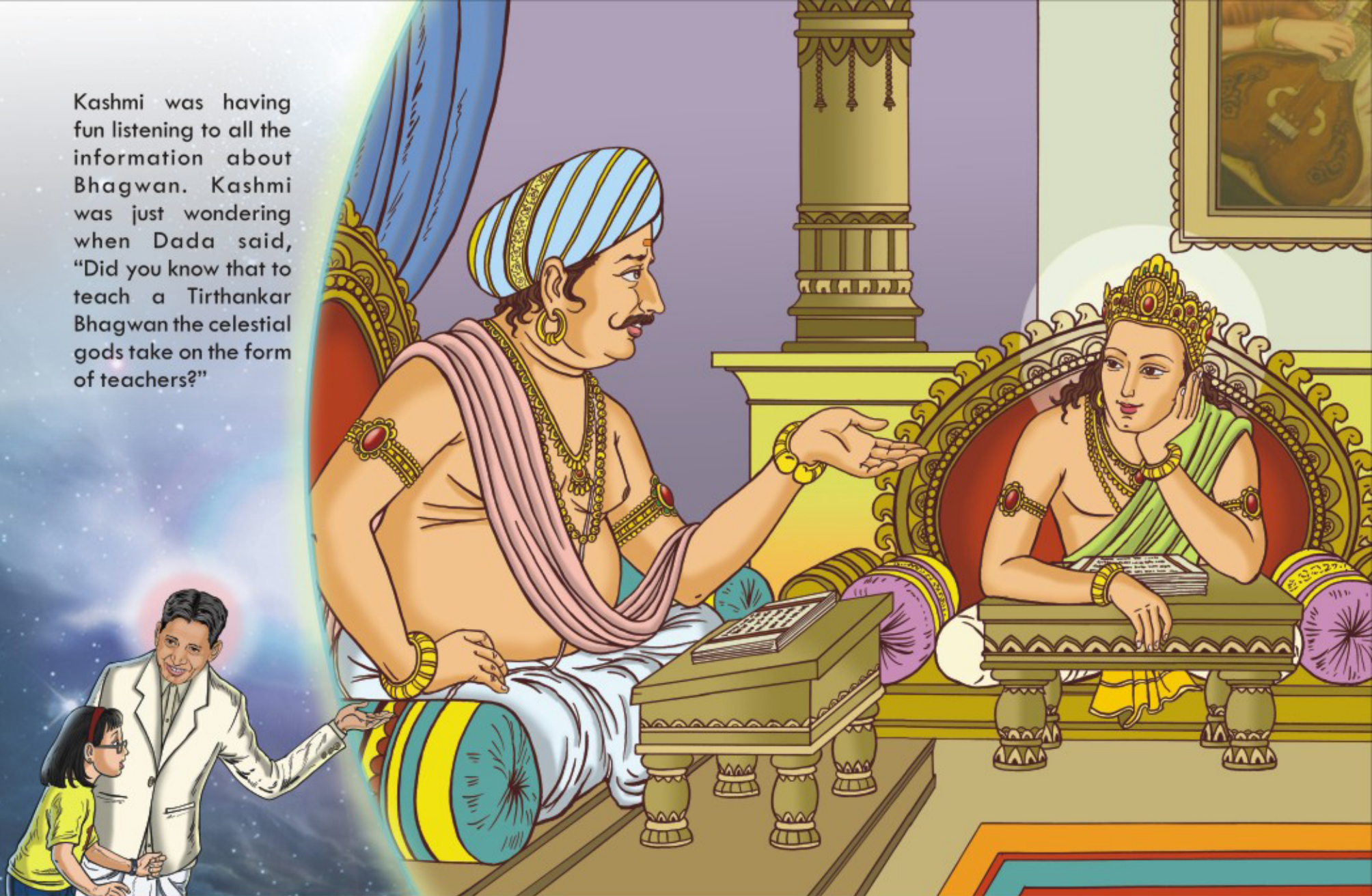
Dada answered saying, "All these celestial gods have assumed the child form to come play with Him, in order to save Him from bad company."

Kashmi said with surprise, "Oh wow, this is something entirely new! Alas! If only these celestial gods came to play with me too..."



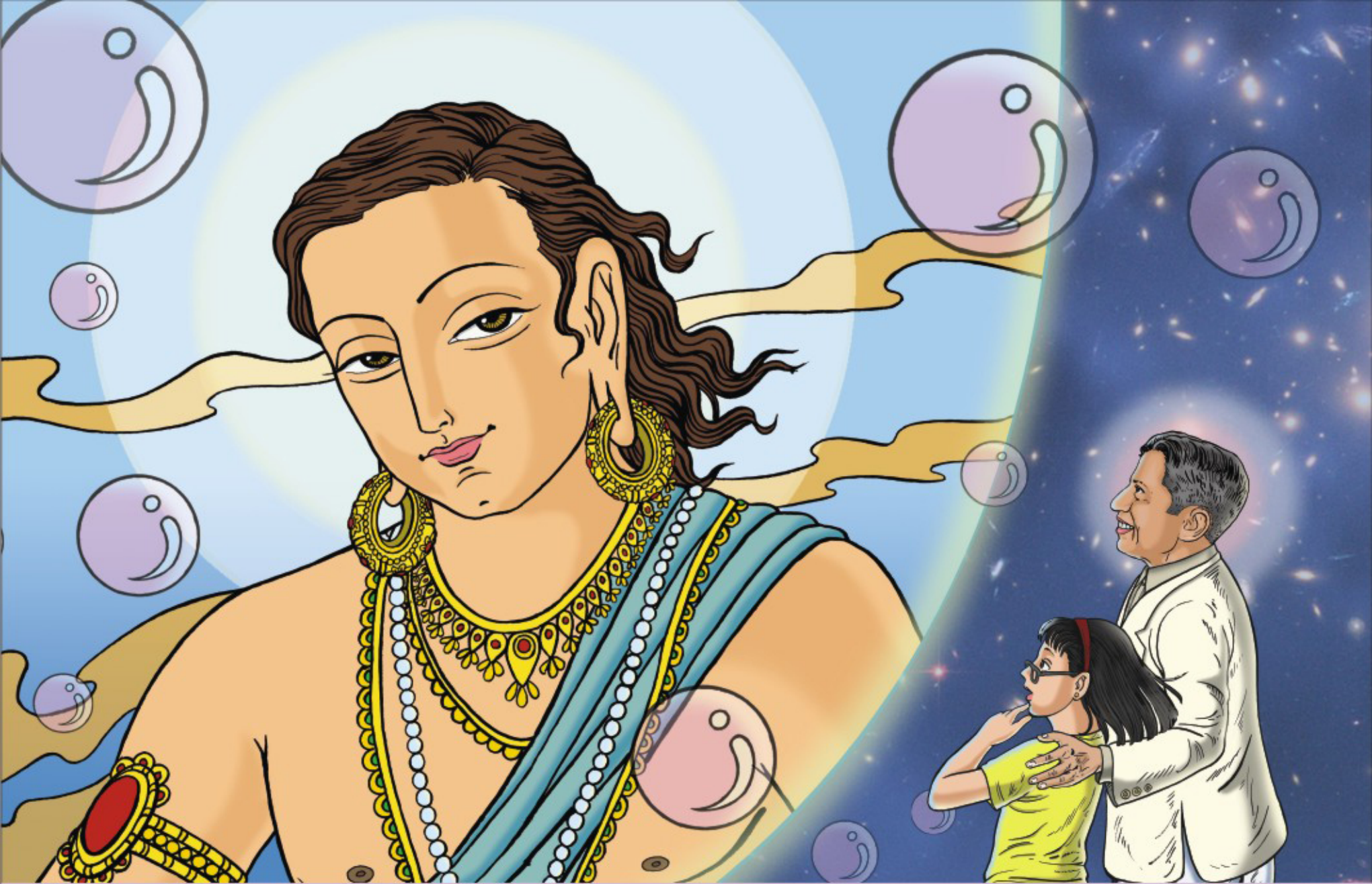
Giving Kashmi more information Dada said, "See, no matter how much Bhagwan plays He does not get tired. He doesn't even break into a sweat. See how alert and energetic He looks! His body always emits a sweet fragrance and did you know, Bhagwan's blood is white in colour."

Kashmi was having fun listening to all the information about Bhagwan. Kashmi was just wondering when Dada said, "Did you know that to teach a Tirthankar Bhagwan the celestial gods take on the form of teachers?"



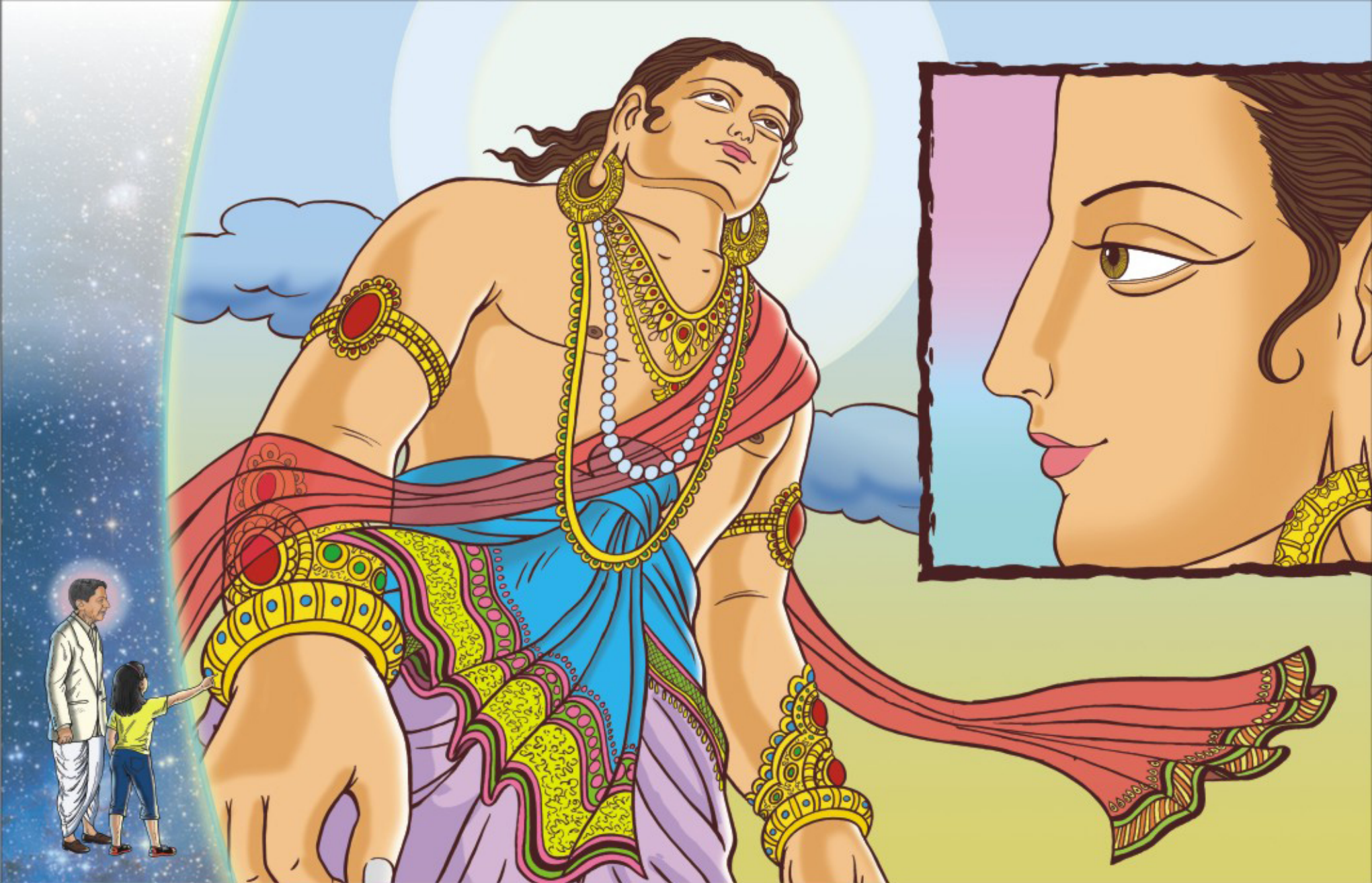
Inquisitively Kashmi asked, "But does Bhagwan remember everything He is taught?"

Dada said, "Oh! Bhagwan finishes His education within a short period of time. All the super-computers invented by humans cannot match up to Him. Right from birth He has many different kinds of knowledge and He is extremely intelligent. His chit is completely clean and pure."



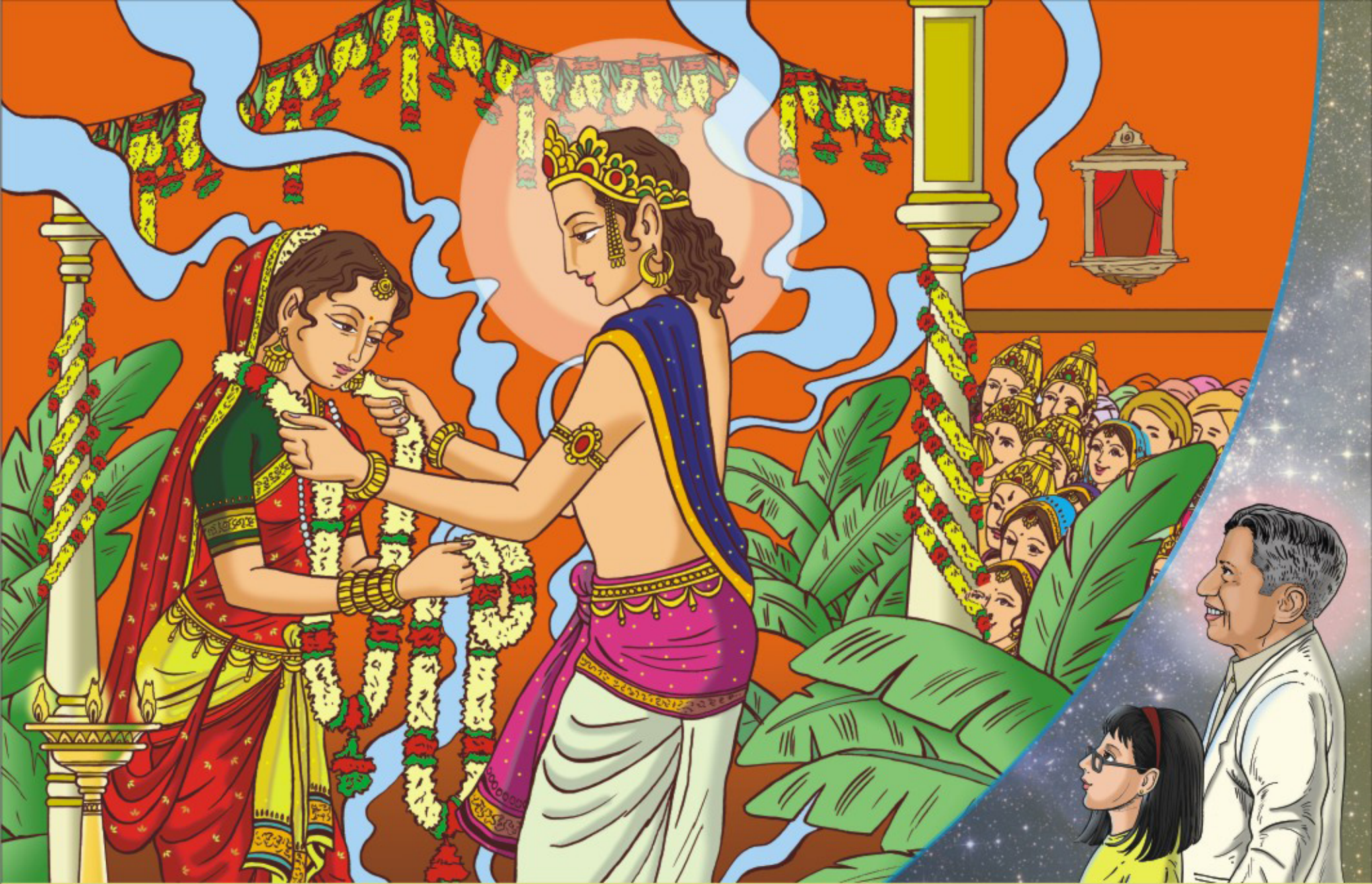
Seeing the changing scene on the screen Kashmi exclaimed, "Who is this?"

Dada said, "Now, Bhagwan is a young man. His handsomeness is unparalleled in the world. He is very attractive and radiant. No-one else in this universe has atoms like His."

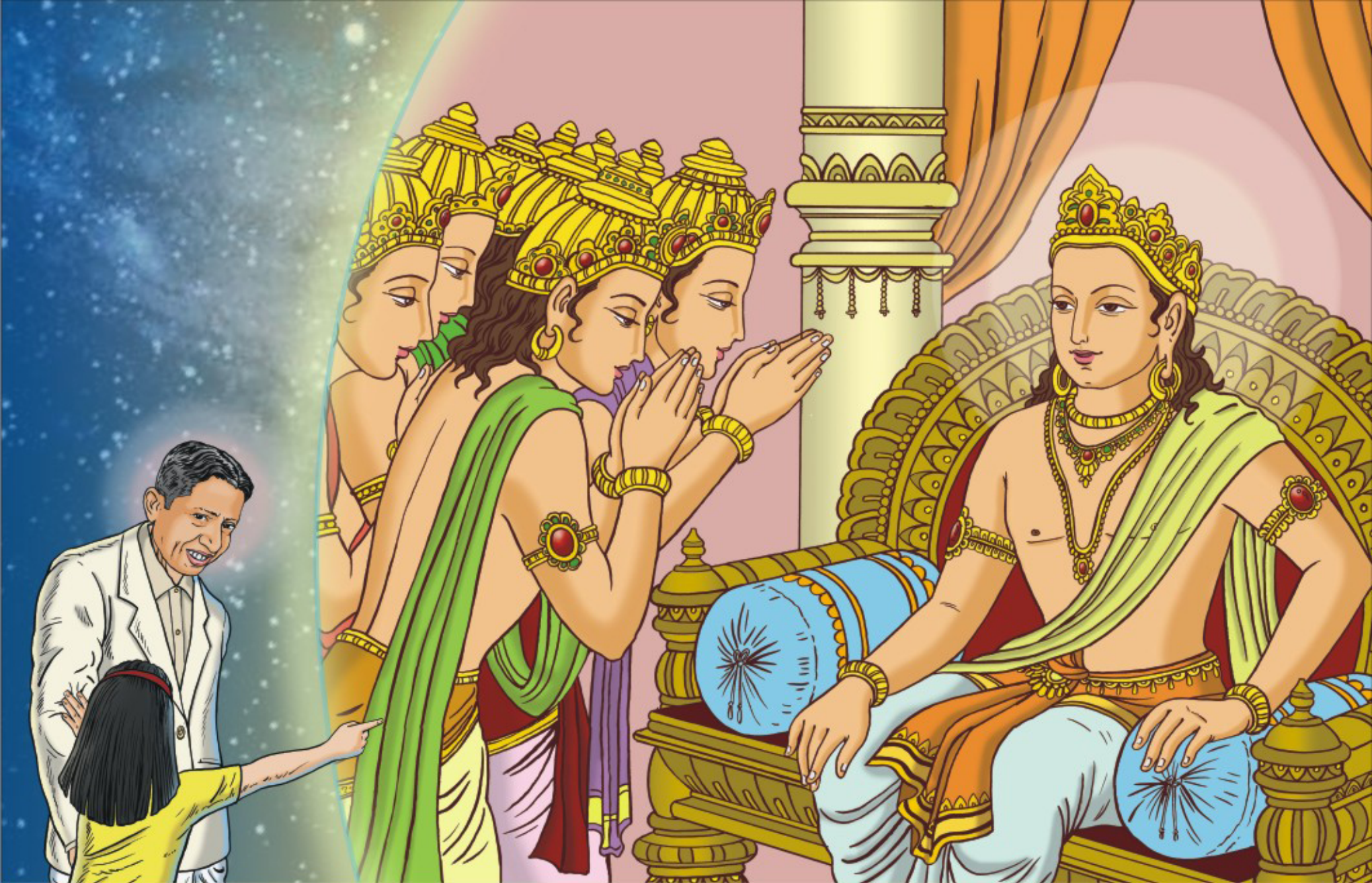


Seeing Bhagwan's height on the screen, Kashmi couldn't help saying, "Oh my goodness! Bhagwan is sooo tall! His height must be ... my God ... I would probably look like an ant next to Him."

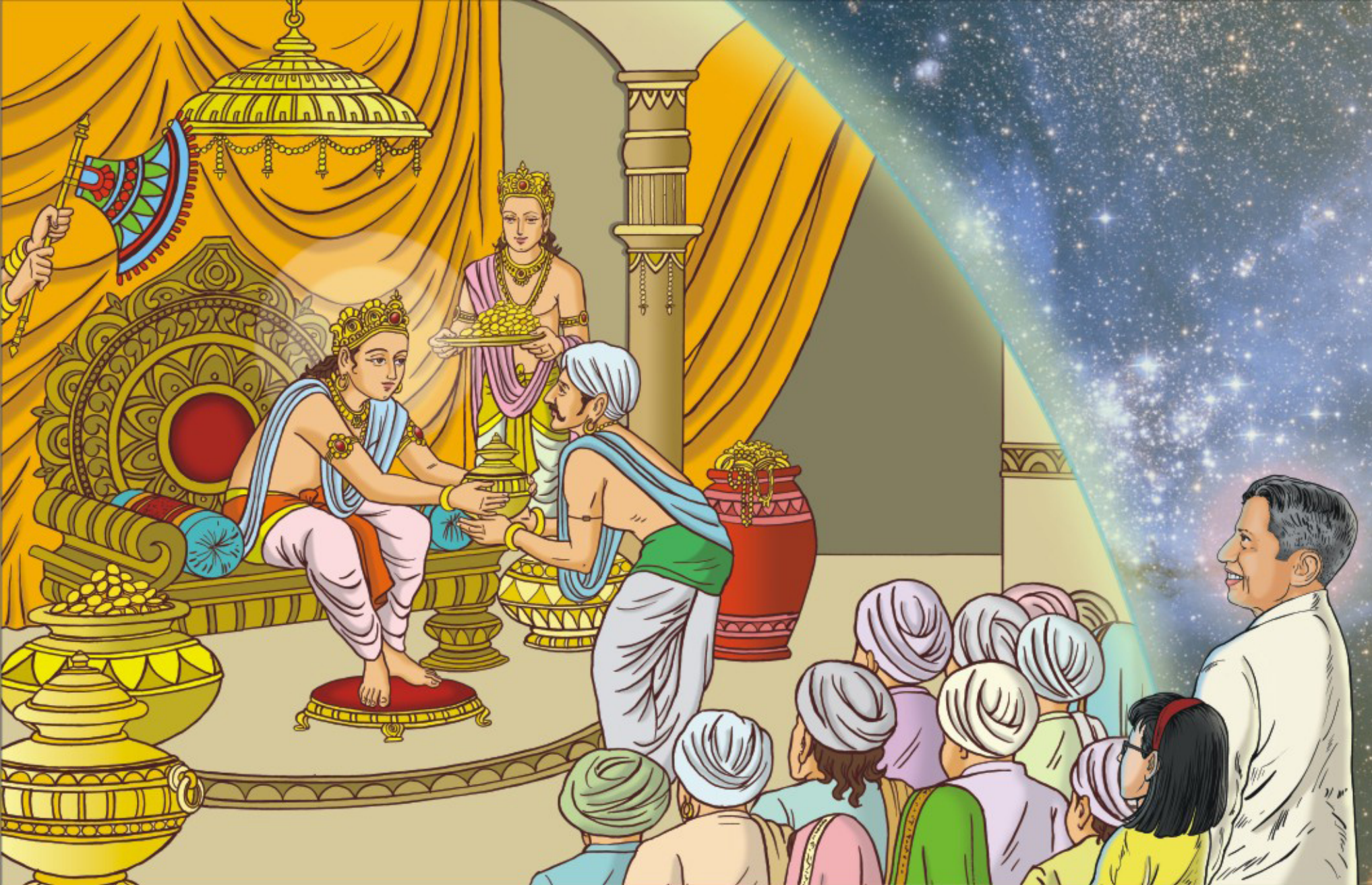
Dada said, "Bhagwan's height is 500 dhanushya, which is over 3000 feet. In fact His nose alone is 100 feet."



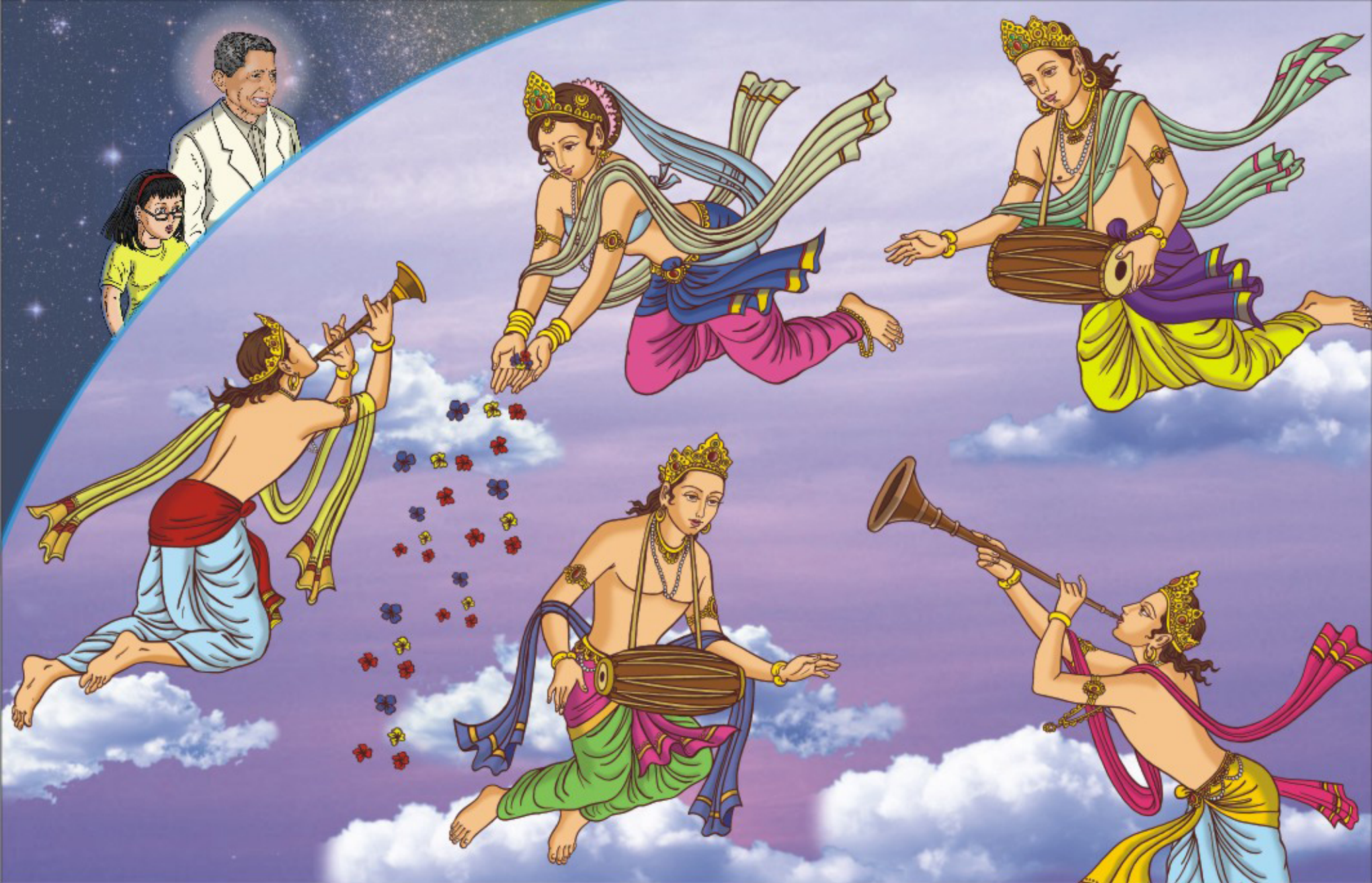
Seeing a scene of celebration Kashmi asked, "Oh, what is going on here?"
"Bhagwan is getting married to princess Rukshmanidevi," informed Dada.



Seeing the next scene Kashmi whispered softly, "Who are all these people? Why have they come to Bhagwan?" Dada said, "The celestial gods have come to request Bhagwan to renounce His worldly life and take diksha for the salvation of the world."

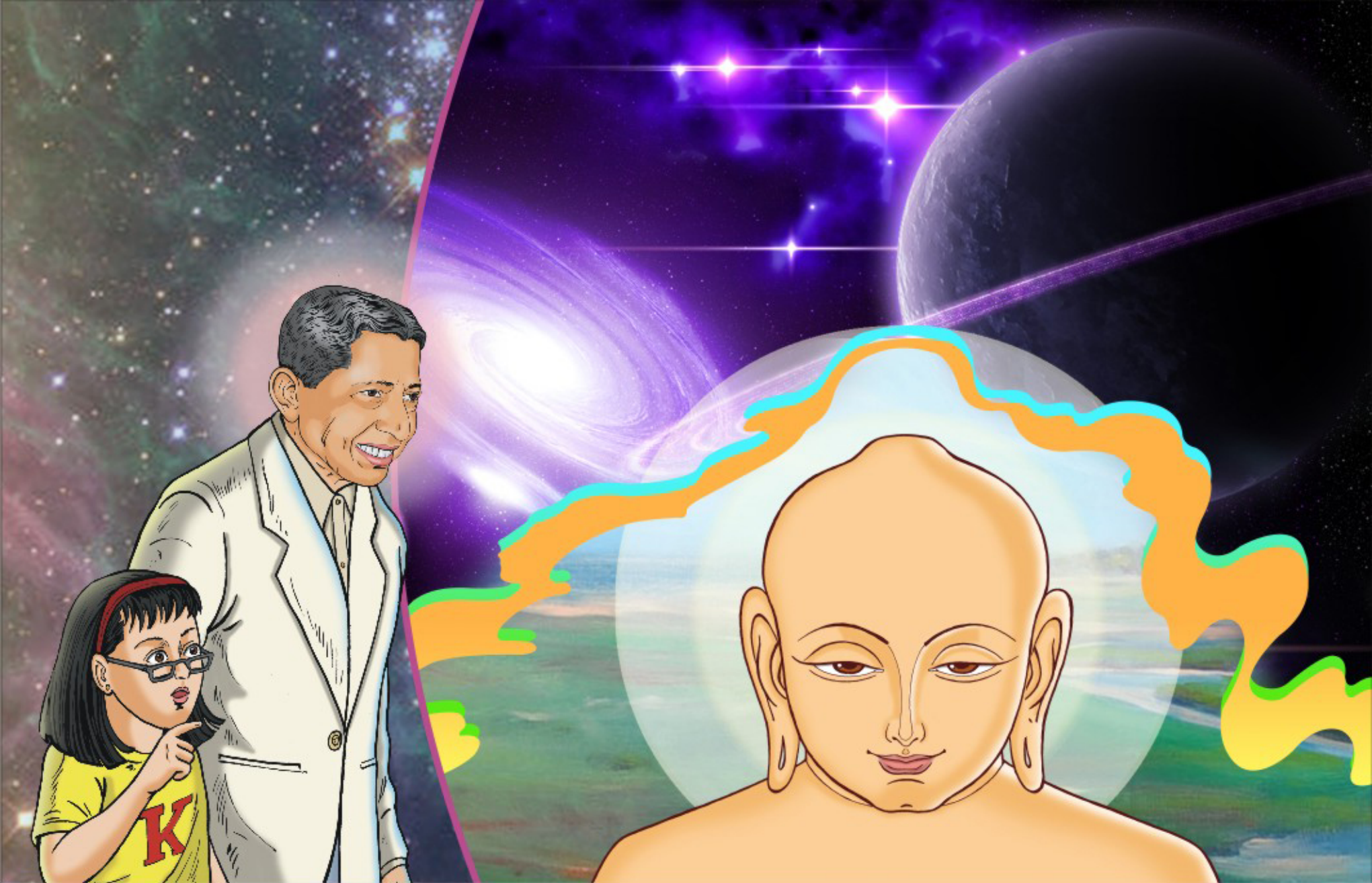


Kashmi immediately asked, "Upon the request of the celestial gods Bhagwan immediately took diksha and set off? He did not even have a moment's thought about all the worldly pleasures He was leaving behind? Bhagwan is unbelievable!" Dada replied to Kashmi with a lot of compassion saying, "Compared to the bliss of the soul, the happiness from living in a royal palace is nothing. That is why He is leaving it all behind. One more fascinating thing is that before taking diksha, Bhagwan donates continuously with His own hands for one whole year. This act of giving is called varshidaan."



Seeing all the celestial gods and goddesses dancing, singing and playing the drums, flutes, pipes and celestial horns Kashmi thought that another Bhagwan had been born.

Just then Dada said, "This is a celebration to commemorate Tirthankar Bhagwan Simandar Swami's keval gnan."



Upon hearing this Kashmi was lost in thoughts for a while. When she could no longer contain herself she asked, "What is keval gnan? "

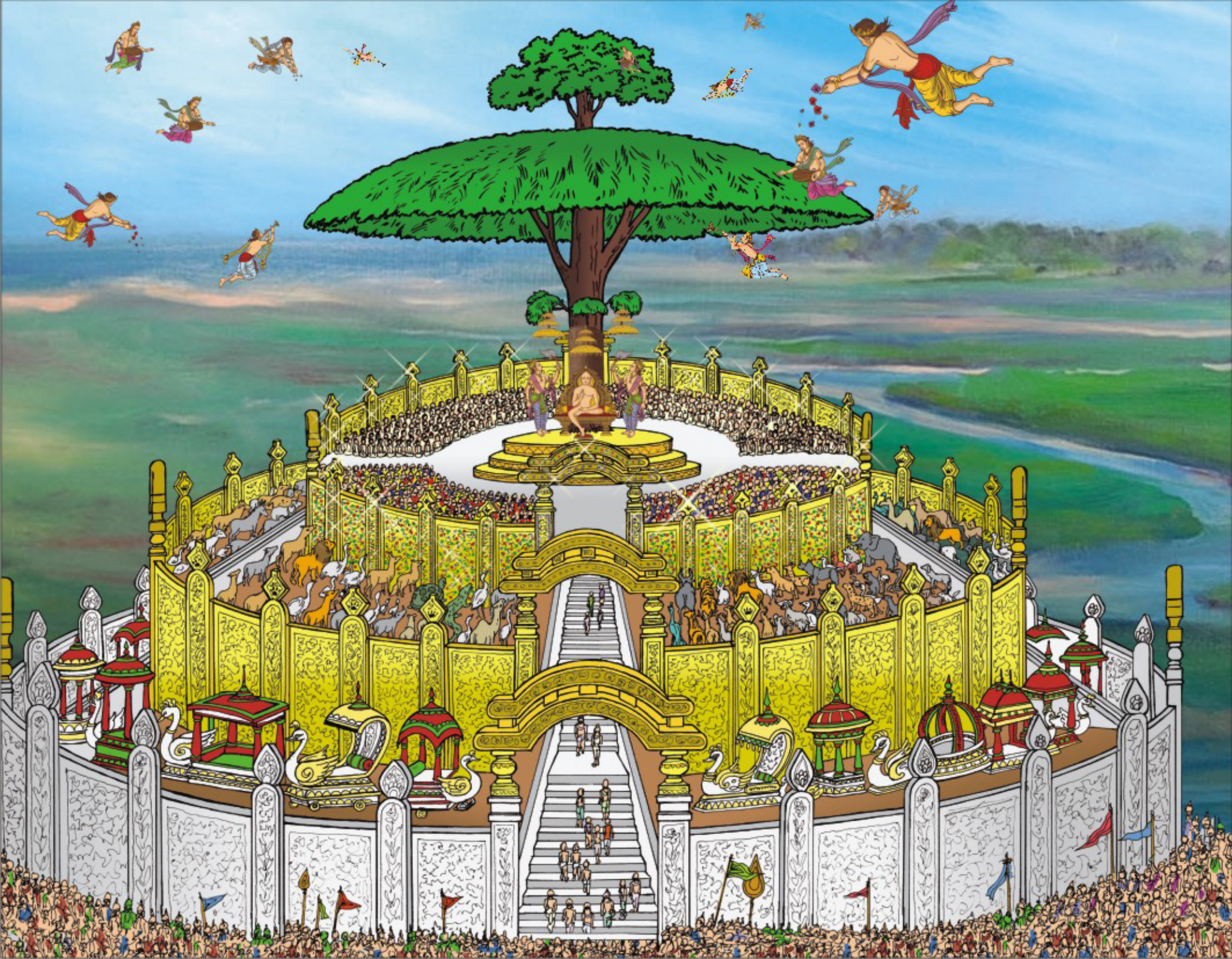
Dada said, "Keval gnan means Bhagwan is able to see the entire universe, understand it, know it and still remain in complete samadhi and remain eternally in the bliss of the soul. Bhagwan can see that you are currently learning about Him."

“Oh really! That means Bhagwan must be happy with me, right?” Kashmi asked happily. Dada explained, “Bhagwan does not become pleased or displeased with anyone. His love for everyone is always consistent! Bhagwan is vitraag.” Astonished Kashmi exclaimed, “Is that so!”

Dada said, “When Bhagwan attains keval gnan, then the celestial gods shower Him with flowers and sandalwood powder. Everyone goes to pay their respects to the living God that has manifested.”









Kashmi inquisitively asked, "What does Bhagwan do after attaining keval gnan?"

Dada answered saying, "After Bhagwan attains keval gnan the celestial gods set up a samovasaran which is the religious assembly of a Tirthankar Bhagwan. A samovasaran is made up of three levels. Each level has four gates.

- The first level is made up of silver. Arrangements are made within this level to keep vehicles and horses.

- The second level is made up of gold. Animals and birds are found here.

- The third level is made up of precious gems. Seated within this level are sadhus, sadhvis, ganadharo, kings and emperors, celestial gods and goddesses and ordinary humans. In the middle of this level is the Ashoka tree. Behind Bhagwan is a bhavmandal and above Him is a three tiered canopy providing shade. Bhagwan faces the east direction and celestial gods create a reflection of Bhagwan facing the other three directions. In this way, Bhagwan's face can be seen from all directions and no-one has a view of His back. This is called the chaumukhi state.

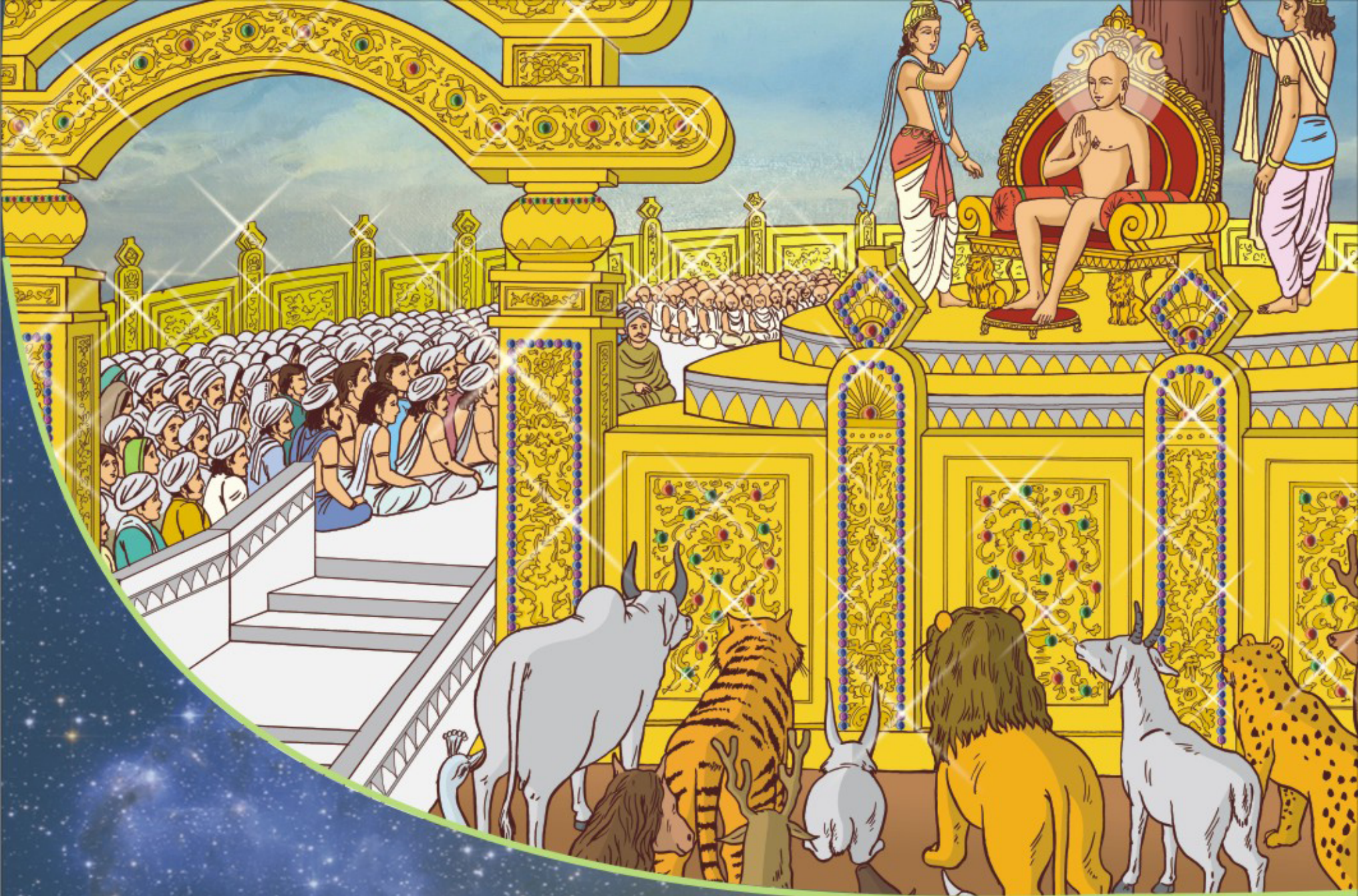
Seated on the throne, Bhagwan gives deshna. Bhagwan's speech is called deshna and it flows constantly for the salvation of people."

Dada continued patiently, "See this, to listen to Bhagwan's desha, tigers, rabbits, lions, lambs and all the other animals have forgotten their violent or fearful nature and other animosities and are sitting next to each other. The best part of it all is that while sitting there, no-one feels hungry, thirsty or tired. Everything becomes calm.

Seeing all the animals together Kashmi questioned, "How can all these animals understand Bhagwan's speech?"

Dada responded with a laugh, "Yes, that's a good question. You have a valid point. Bhagwan's speech is phenomenal. Every living creature understands Bhagwan's speech in their own language and it is such that no one feels hurt by it."





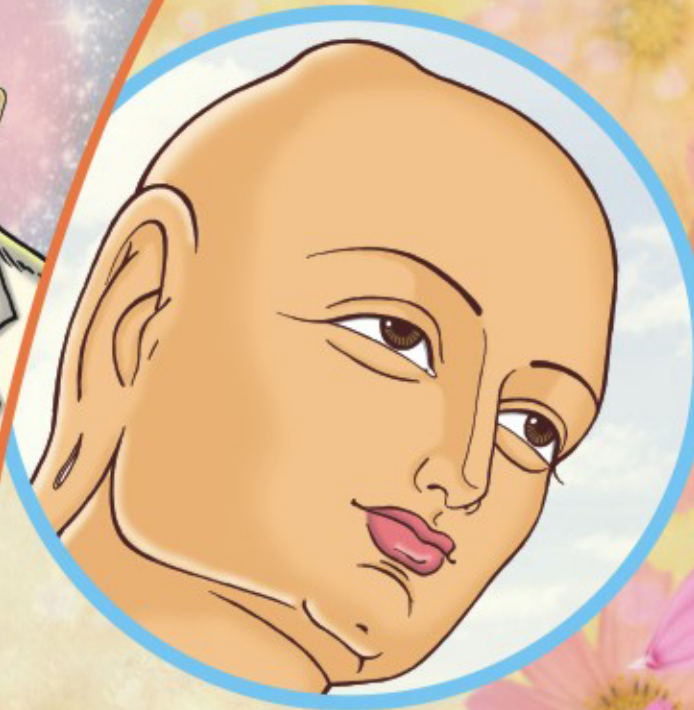


Dada said to Kashmi, "Now let me show you a scene that will not only surprise you but also make you very happy.

- Trees bend over and provide shade. Thorns turn upside down on their own, so that Bhagwan does not get hurt by them.
- Wherever Bhagwan sets His foot, a lotus flower appears underneath to protect His foot.
- Celestial gods and goddesses fan Him with silver fans."

Bhagwan's hair, moustache-beard, nails, and body hair do not grow.

- Wherever Bhagwan goes there is an abundance of fruits from all seasons.
- There are no diseases or illnesses up to 500 jojan around Him.
- There is no epidemic of insects, rodents or vermin.
- Millions of gods and goddesses are always at Bhagwan's service.



Upon seeing this, Kashmi stared without a blink. She thought in her mind, "Tirthankar Bhagwan's are this extraordinary!"



Seeing how incredible Bhagwan is, Kashmi had a question, "How did Simandhar Swami Bhagwan become a Tirthankar?" Dada said, "From many past lives those who, constantly desire nothing but the salvation of people, continuously think of ways in which others can get peace and happiness, and continuously think of how others can realize their souls and attain moksh, can become Tirthankars."

Kashmi was extremely pleased to hear this response and thought, "What a beautiful intention!"



With a lot of feeling, Kashmi asked, "I would like to go to Him. I would like to pay my respects to Him. Can I go there?"

"No, you cannot go there with this physical body. To go there you would have to be born there," Dada answered with a lot of empathy. Kashmi immediately asked with humility, "What do I do if I want to be born there?"

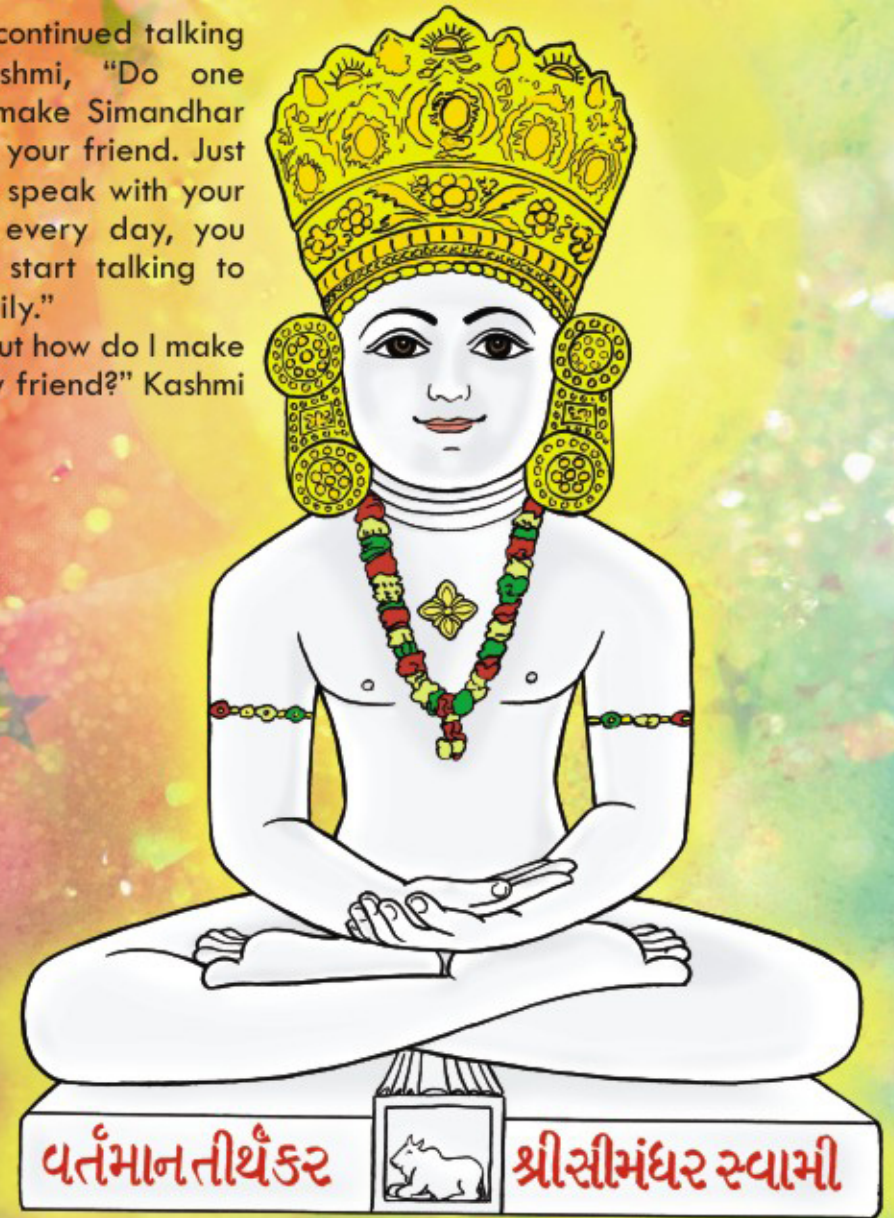


Explaining further Dada said, "You should stay lovingly with everyone, do not hurt anyone. In fact you should not even have the intention to hurt others and if you do hurt someone then immediately ask for forgiveness. Then you will be born in Mahavideh Kshetra. Yes, in addition you should worship Simandhar Swami and ask to have the suitability to be born as a human in that Kshetra."

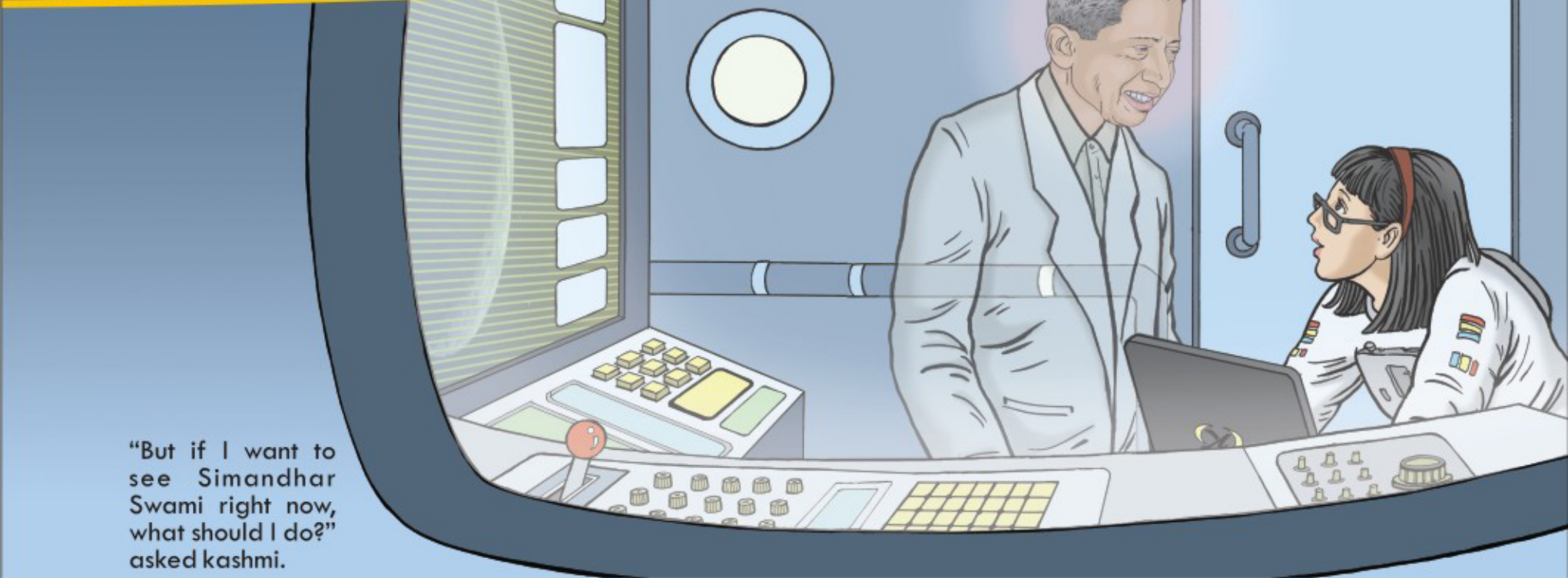


Dada continued talking to Kashmi, "Do one thing, make Simandhar Swami your friend. Just as you speak with your friend every day, you should start talking to Him daily."

"Yes, but how do I make Him my friend?" Kashmi asked.



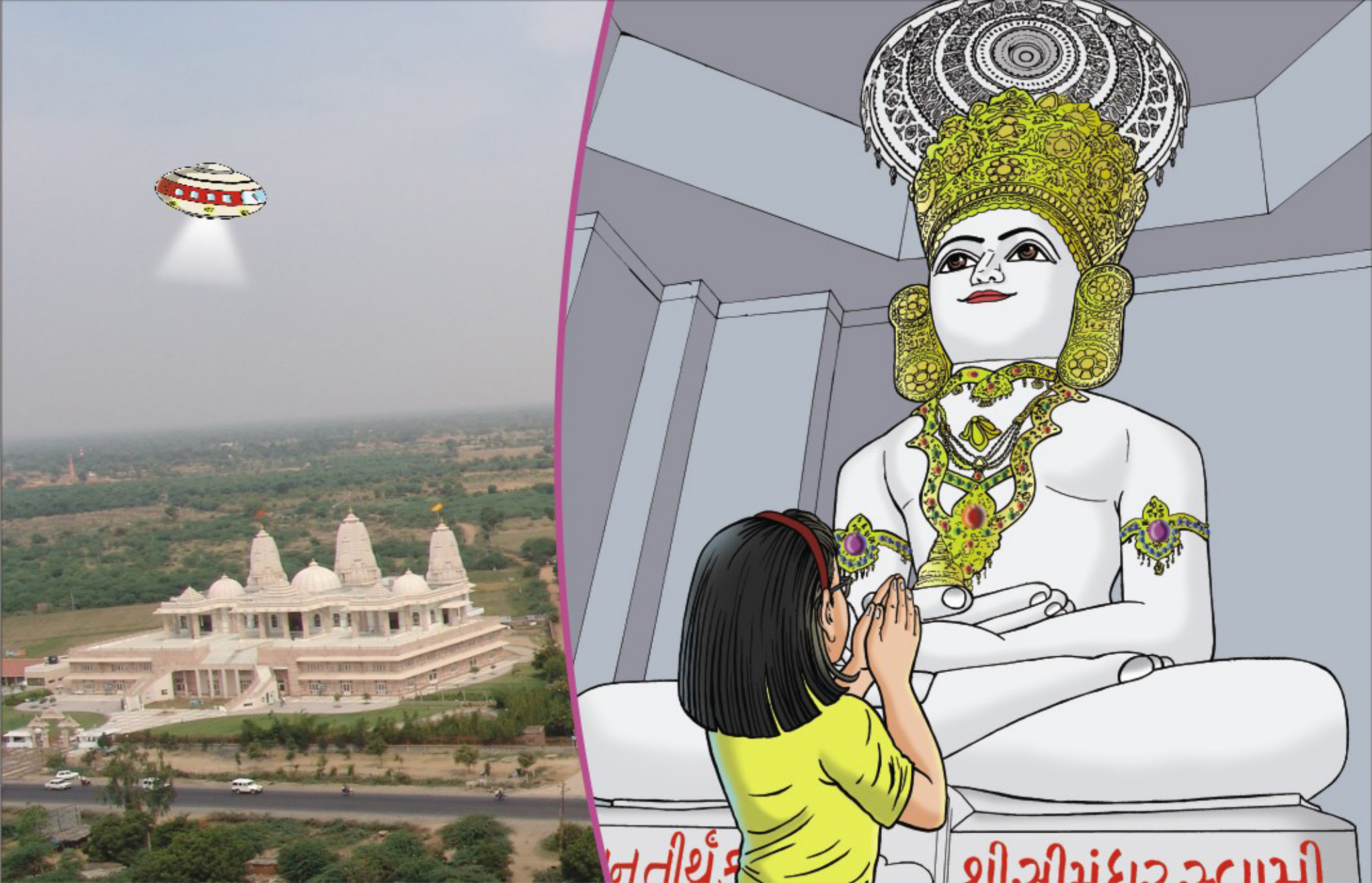
Dada replied, "You should pray to Him every day 'Dear Bhagwan, may my next birth be at your feet and in your shelter. Make me like you and please take me to moksh.' You will pray like this, won't you?" Hearing the prayer Kashmi was touched and her eyes welled up with tears. She said, "Yes, I will definitely pray to Him."



"In Bharat kshetra near Ahmedabad, in Adalaj there is a Trimandir where the divine chetna of Simandhar Swami Bhagwan can be felt in His murti," Dada said.

"But my spaceship has broken down. Now ...," Kashmi began to think.

Just then, the spaceship made a sput, sput, sput ... noise and a green light could be seen. The spaceship started up and took off. Kashmi was delighted.



Seeing the murti of Simandhar Swami, Kashmi expressed her thanks to Dada Bhagwan in her mind and she prayed, **“Dear Bhagwan, may my next birth be at your feet and in your shelter. Make me like you and please take me to moksh.”**

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