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Srimad Bhagavatam  
(Krishna Book)

### The Deliverance of Dvidida Gorilla

- ॐ While Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued to speak on the transcendental pastimes and characteristics of Lord Kṛṣṇa, King Parīkṣit, upon hearing him, became more and more enthusiastic and wanted to hear further.
- ॐ Śukadeva Gosvāmī next narrated the story of Dvidida, the gorilla who was killed by Lord Balarāma.
- ॐ This gorilla was a great friend of Bhaumāsura, or Narakāsura, who was killed by Kṛṣṇa in connection with his kidnapping sixteen thousand princesses from all over the world.
- ॐ Dvidida was the minister of King Sugrīva.
- ॐ His brother, Mainda, was also a very powerful gorilla king.
- ॐ When Dvidida gorilla heard the story of his friend Bhaumāsura's being killed by Lord Kṛṣṇa, he planned to create mischief throughout the country in order to avenge the death of Bhaumāsura.
- ॐ His first business was to set fires in villages, towns and industrial and mining places, as well as in the residential quarters of the mercantile men who were busy dairy farming and protecting cows.
- ॐ Sometimes he would uproot a big mountain and tear it to pieces.
- ॐ *In this way he created great disturbances all over the country, especially in the province of Kathwar. The city of Dvārakā was situated in this Kathwar province, and because Lord Kṛṣṇa used to live in this city, Dvidida specifically made it his target of disturbance.*
- ॐ Dvidida was as powerful as ten thousand elephants.
- ॐ Sometimes he would go to the seashore, and with his powerful hands he would create so much disturbance in the sea that he would flood the neighboring cities and villages.
- ॐ Often he would go to the hermitages of great saintly persons and sages and cause a great disturbance by smashing their beautiful gardens and orchards.
- ॐ Not only did he create disturbances in that way, but sometimes he would pass urine and stool on their sacred sacrificial arenas.
- ॐ He would thus pollute the whole atmosphere.
- ॐ He also kidnapped both men and women,
- ॐ taking them away from their residential places to the caves of the mountains.
- ॐ After putting them within the caves, he would close the entrances with large chunks of stone, like the bhṛṅgī insect, which arrests and carries away many flies and other insects and puts them within the holes of the trees where it lives.
- ॐ Thus Dvidida regularly defied the law and order of the country.
- ॐ Not only that, but he would sometimes pollute the female members of many aristocratic families by forcibly raping them.

- ॐ While creating such great disturbances all over the country, sometimes he heard very sweet musical sounds from Raivataka Mountain, and so he entered that mountainous region.
- ॐ There he saw Lord Balarāma in the midst of many beautiful young girls, enjoying their company while singing and dancing.
- ॐ He became captivated by the beauty of Lord Balarāma's body, whose every feature was very beautiful, decorated as He was with a garland of lotus flowers.
- ॐ Similarly, all the young girls present, dressed and garlanded with flowers, exhibited much beauty.
- ॐ Lord Balarāma seemed fully intoxicated from drinking the vāruṇī beverage, and His eyes appeared to be rolling in a drunken state.
- ॐ Lord Balarāma appeared just like the king of the elephants in the midst of many she-elephants.
- ॐ This gorilla by the name Dvividā could climb up into the trees and jump from one branch to another.
- ॐ Sometimes he would jerk the branches, creating a particular type of sound—kilakilā—so that Lord Balarāma was greatly distracted from the pleasing atmosphere.
- ॐ Sometimes Dvividā would come before the women and exhibit different types of caricatures.
- ॐ By nature young women are apt to enjoy everything with laughter and joking, and when the gorilla came before them they did not take him seriously but simply laughed at him.
- ॐ However, the gorilla was so rude that even in the presence of Balarāma he began to show the lower part of his body to the women,
- ॐ and sometimes he would come forward to show his teeth while moving his eyebrows.
- ॐ He disrespected the women, even in the presence of Balarāma.
- ॐ Lord Balarāma's name suggests not only that He is very powerful but that He takes pleasure in exhibiting extraordinary strength.
- ॐ So He took a stone and threw it at Dvividā.
- ॐ The gorilla, however, artfully avoided being struck by the stone.
- ॐ In order to insult Balarāma, the gorilla took away the earthen pot in which the vāruṇī was kept.
- ॐ Dvividā, being thus intoxicated with his limited strength, began to tear off all the valuable clothes worn by Balarāma and the accompanying young girls.
- ॐ He was so puffed up that he thought Balarāma could not do anything to chastise him,
- ॐ and he continued to offend Balarāmajī and His companions.
- ॐ When Lord Balarāma saw the disturbances created by the gorilla and heard that he had already performed many mischievous activities all over the country,
- ॐ He became very angry and decided to kill him.

- ॐ Immediately He took His club in His hands.
- ॐ The gorilla could understand that now Balarāma was going to attack him.
- ॐ To counteract Balarāma, he immediately uprooted a big oak tree, and with great force he came and struck Lord Balarāma's head.
- ॐ Lord Balarāma, however, immediately caught hold of the big tree and remained undisturbed, just like a great mountain.
- ॐ To retaliate, He took His club, named Sunanda, and hit the gorilla with it, severely injuring his head.
- ॐ Currents of blood flowed from the gorilla's head with great force, but the stream of blood simply enhanced his beauty, like a stream of liquid manganese coming out of a great mountain.
- ॐ The striking of Balarāma's club did not even slightly disturb him.
- ॐ On the contrary, he immediately uprooted another big oak tree and, after clipping off all its leaves, again struck Balarāma's head with it.
- ॐ But Balarāma, with the help of His club, tore the tree to pieces.
- ॐ Since the gorilla was very angry, he took another tree in his hands and struck Lord Balarāma's body.
- ॐ Again Lord Balarāma tore the tree to pieces, and the fighting continued.
- ॐ Each time the gorilla would bring out a big tree to strike Balarāma, Lord Balarāma would tear the tree to pieces by the striking of His club,
- ॐ and the gorilla Dvividā would clutch another tree from another direction
- ॐ and again attack Balarāma in the same way.
- ॐ As a result of this continuous fighting, the forest became treeless.
- ॐ When no more trees were available, Dvividā took help from the hills and threw large pieces of stone, like rainfall, upon the body of Balarāma.
- ॐ Lord Balarāma, in a great sporting mood, began to smash those big pieces of stone into mere pebbles.
- ॐ The gorilla, being bereft of all trees and stone slabs, now stood before Balarāma and waved his strong fists.
- ॐ Then, with great force, he began to beat Lord Balarāma's chest with his fists.
- ॐ This time Lord Balarāma became most angry.
- ॐ Since the gorilla was striking Him with his hands, Lord Balarāma would not strike him back with His own weapons, the club or the plow.
- ॐ Simply with His fists He struck the collarbone of the gorilla.
- ॐ This blow proved fatal to Dvividā, who immediately vomited blood and fell unconscious upon the ground.
- ॐ When the gorilla fell, all the hills and forests appeared to totter.

- ॐ After this horrible incident, all the Siddhas, great sages and saintly persons from the upper planetary system showered flowers on the person of Lord Balarāma and vibrated sounds glorifying His supremacy.
- ॐ All of them chanted, “All glories to Lord Balarāma! Let us offer our respectful obeisances unto Your lotus feet.
- ॐ By killing this great demon, Dvividā, You have initiated an auspicious era for the world.”
- ॐ All such jubilant sounds of victory were heard from outer space.
- ॐ After killing the great demon Dvividā and being worshiped by showers of flowers and glorious sounds of victory, Balarāma returned to His capital city, Dvārakā.