

# When Kṛṣṇa Killing Demons Is Joyful!

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Śrīla Prabhupāda's Garden

I went to New Dvārakā for about one week with Kīrtanānanda Mahārāja, to receive *brāhmaṇa* initiation. Each evening at dusk, Śrīla Prabhupāda went to his garden to hear Kṛṣṇa Book. A few fortunate disciples were able to join him.

By Kṛṣṇa's grace, I was asked to read. I spent each day in anticipation of this blissful activity. Seated on his *āsana* under the arch of a vine-covered trellis, Śrīla Prabhupāda usually kept his hand in his bead bag. Sometimes we heard him softly chant the *Mahā-mantra*. He carefully listened to Kṛṣṇa Book and sometimes smiled as he heard the delightful activities of Kṛṣṇa and His brother Balarāma.

One evening as I read the story “Deliverance of Dvidida Gorilla,” Śrīla Prabhupāda smiled broadly while hearing the mischievous nature of Dvidida. He chuckled when I read the passage, “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.”

I sensed the story was going to get better, and it did.

“Not only did he create disturbances in that way,” I continued, “But, sometimes he would pass urine and stool on their sacred sacrificial arena.”

Śrīla Prabhupāda laughed so hard I stopped reading for a moment. Seeing his reaction we all experienced incredible bliss. He ecstatically slapped his leg. He liked hearing about Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma killing the demons.

– “What’s the Difficulty?” – Śrutakīrti Prabhu

We never tire of hearing the transcendental pastimes of the Personality of Godhead, who is glorified by hymns and prayers. Those who have developed a taste for transcendental relationships with Him relish hearing of His pastimes at every moment.

– ŚB 1.1.19