

Killed Keśin who came to the Vraja in the guise of a horse and became Keśava; killed one Vyoma in the guise of a gopāla; seen milking cows with Rāma by Akrūra who came to Dvārakā at the instance of Kāṁsā; agreed readily to start for Mathurā at Akrūra's message. With Akrūra, the two brothers arrived at Mathurā. and asked their friend to go home. He requested them to visit his house to which they agreed only after vanquishing Kāṁsā. Next day afternoon, the two brothers and their Gopa followers went round the city and the women from terraces enjoyed the sight of Kṛṣṇa and Rāma. On the way he met a washerman and asked for good clothes. On his refusal, he was killed, and all his clothes taken and distributed to his Gopas. Then they met a garland-maker Sudāma who voluntarily offered flower-garlands. Him he blessed and went. Next he saw a hunch-back woman carrying unguents to Kāṁsā. For the mere asking she offered the whole of it to them. So Kṛṣṇa converted her to a handsome lady who invited him to her house. This was agreed after finishing his work. Then they went through the bazaar and were rewarded with betels, sandal, etc., by merchants. Lastly they entered the place where the bow festival was held. Kṛṣṇa broke it easily. The guards who attacked them were put to death. It was evening when they returned to the camp outside the city.²⁰

On his way to the wrestlers' arena, Kṛṣṇa vanquished Kuvalayāpiḍa with some effort. Taking its tusks, entered the enclosure with Balarāma. Accepted challenge from the wrestler Cānūra. The latter fell dead after fighting. The same fate met Śāla and Tośalaka. Finding Kāṁsā ready to attack his relations, Kṛṣṇa overpowered him and killed him in a minute: condoled with the women of the dead and set his parents free; consoled his parents for their troubles and was embraced by them in love. Enthroned Ugrasena, as Yadus could not sit on the throne owing to a curse of Yayāti. A reign of peace ushered in Mathurā.²¹

²⁰ Bhā. X. Chaps. 37. 42; Vi. V. 16. 7-16, 23; Chaps. 18, 19.

²¹ Bhā. X. Chaps. 43-44 and 46. 1-19; Vi. V. 9. 8-33; Chap. 20.