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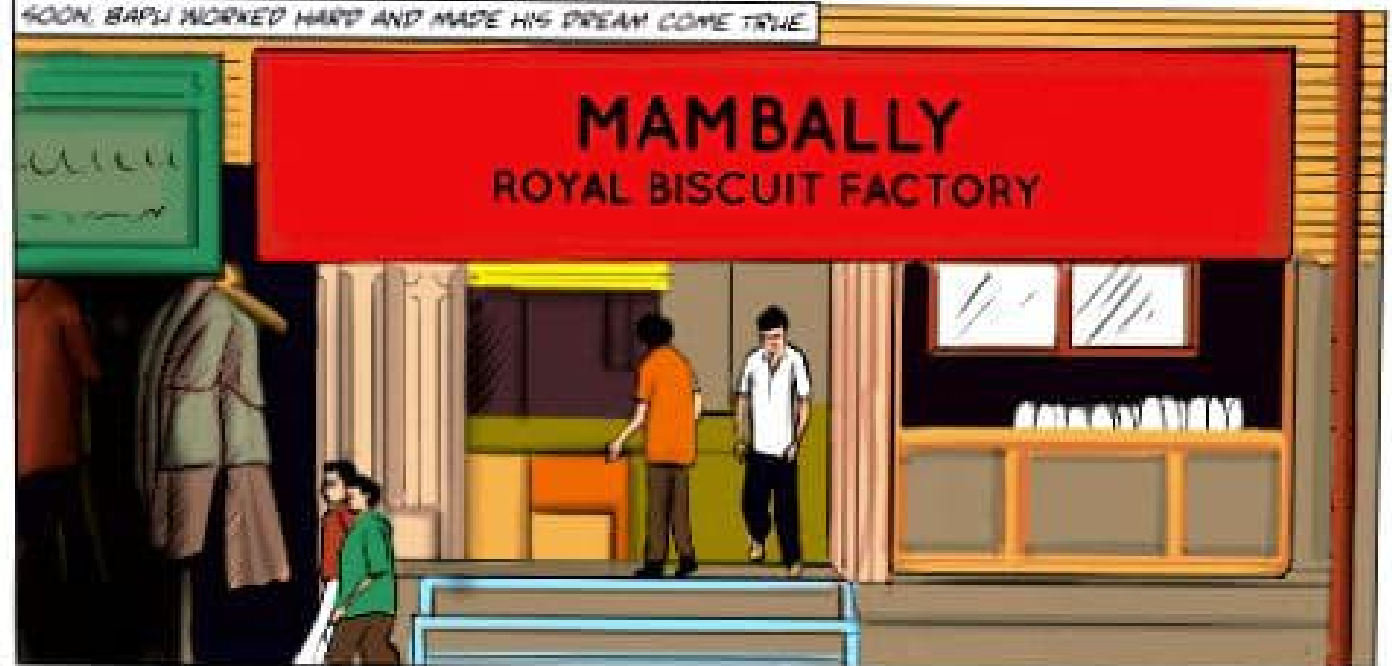
IT WAS 1880. MAMBALLY BAPU HAD JUST RETURNED FROM BURMA TO HIS HOUSE IN THALASSERY IN NORTH KERALA.

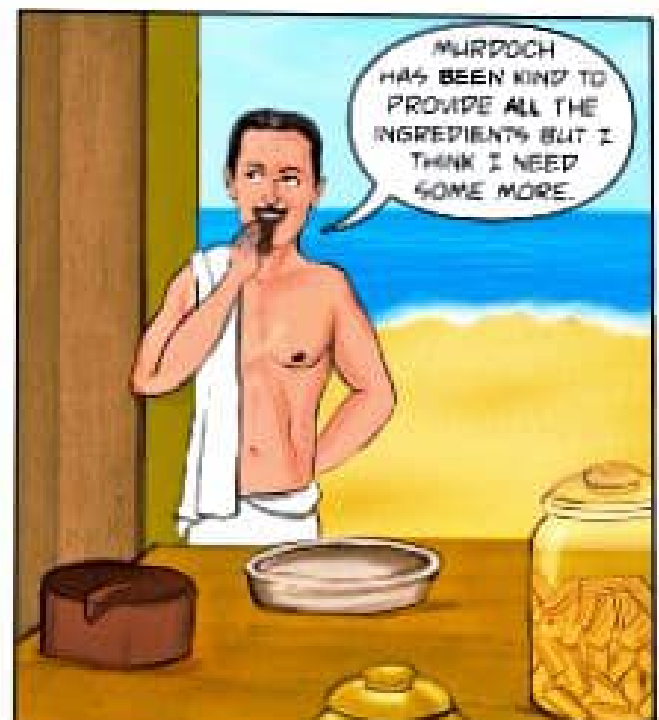
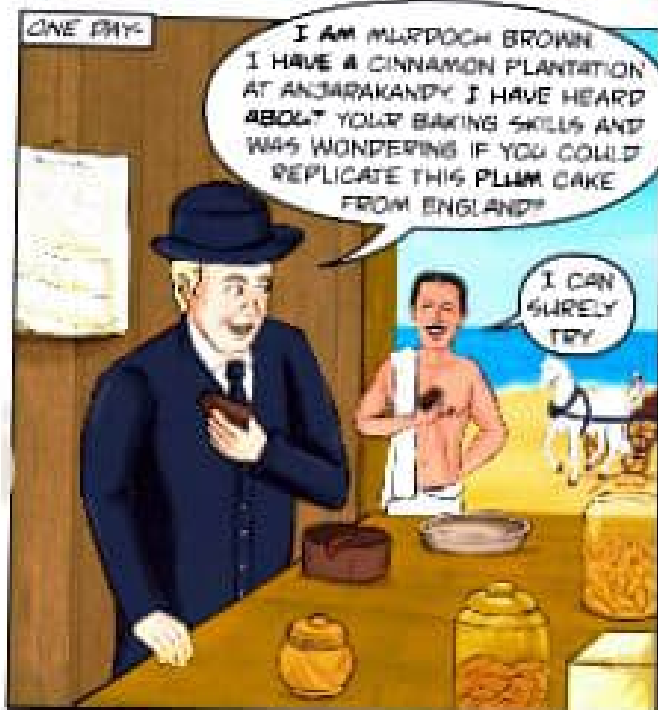


WHILE BAPU RESUMED HIS USUAL BUSINESS OF SHIPPING TEA, MILK AND BREAD TO BRITISHERS IN EGYPT, HIS MIND WAS WANDERING ELSEWHERE.



SOON, BAPU WORKED HARD AND MADE HIS DREAM COME TRUE.





*NOW KNOWN AS MAHA



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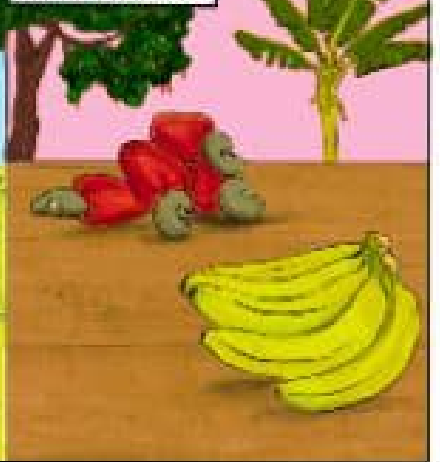
BAPU WENT ON TO PROCURE -
THE CORRECT MOULD FROM A
BLACKSMITH IN DHARMADAM.



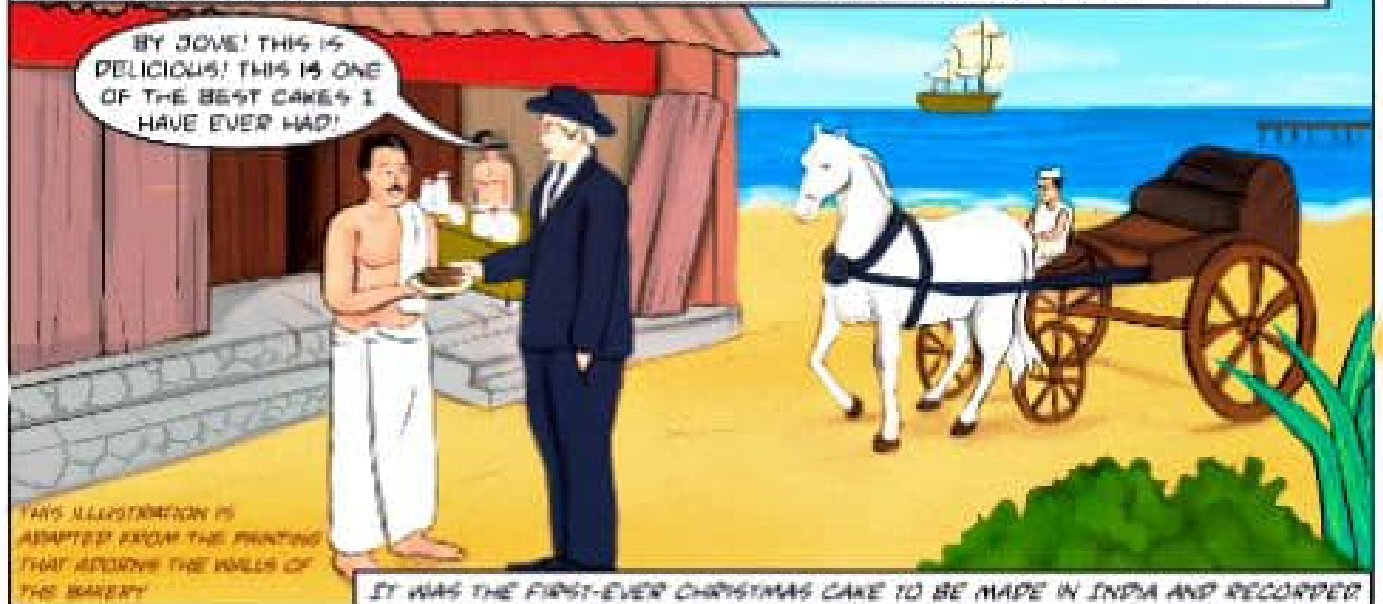
CONDIMENTS FROM THE FARMS OF
MALABAR



A LOCAL BREW MADE FROM
CASHW-APPLE AND
KADAI (PATHAM)



ON DEC 20TH, 1883, WHEN MURDOCH VISITED BAPU'S BAKERY TO TASTE BAPU'S VERSION OF PLUM CAKE -



THIS ILLUSTRATION IS
ADAPTED FROM THE PRINTING
THAT ADORN THE WALLS OF
THE BAKERY

IT WAS THE FIRST-EVER CHRISTMAS CAKE TO BE MADE IN INDIA AND RECORDED

BAPU'S CHRISTMAS CAKE BECAME EXTREMELY
POPULAR AMONG THE LOCALS. HIS BUSINESS
SKY-ROCKETED IN NO TIME. OVER THE YEARS,
HIS DESCENDANTS HAVE SET UP SUCCESSFUL
BAKERY CHAINS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.



*A VARIETY OF BANANA



THALASSERY REMAINS
A TRAILBLAZER IN THE CAKE
INDUSTRY TO DATE.
EVEN TODAY, EVERY YEAR,
THE BAKERY CHAIN IS PACKED
WITH HUGE ORDERS FOR
CHRISTMAS CAKES FROM ITS
CUSTOMERS FROM INDIA AS
WELL AS ACROSS THE WORLD