

TINKLE
TALL TALES

NO.2

DEFECTIVE DETECTIVES

ONE TOON, ONE STORY, ONE-DERFULLY LONG



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CAST OF CHARACTERS

RAVI AND RAHUL DELIGHT IN PLAYING DETECTIVE. THEY GIVE THEMSELVES PRENTENTIOUS CODE NAMES LIKE AGENT QUICKSILVER, AGENT FIREBALL, ETC. AND SET OUT TO NAB LAWBREAKERS. THEY HAVE A HARD TIME FINDING CRIMES THAT REQUIRE THEIR ATTENTION. SOMETIMES THEY SEE CRIME WHERE NONE EXISTS, BUT OCCASIONALLY THEY DO STUMBLE ON TO THE REAL THING, AND THEN LUCK AND THEIR NATURAL CLUMSINESS SEE THEM THROUGH.

RAVI'S YOUNGER SISTER, SAM (SAMHITA) WHO ALSO WANTS TO BE A CRIME FIGHTER, IS ALWAYS SNOOPING AROUND TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BOYS ARE UP TO AND MUCH TO HER BROTHER'S ANNOYANCE OFTEN UPSTAGES THEM.

THE DEFECTIVE DETECTIVES SERIES WAS BORN OUT OF A STORY SENT BY THEN TINKLE READER, ANISHA HARIHARAN (NOW KARTHIK). AFTER THE FIRST STORY APPEARED IN TINKLE IN AUGUST 2006, THE EDITORS DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH THE ADVENTURES OF THE BUMBLING DUO. ONE OF THE EDITORS WROTE THE SECOND STORY AND THE SERIES WAS KEPT GOING BY STAFF WRITERS THEREAFTER. ALL IMAGES OF THE VARIOUS CHARACTERS IN THE COMIC HAVE BEEN CREATED BY ABHIJEET KINI WHO CONTINUES TO ILLUSTRATE THE SERIES.

ANISHA, THE ORIGINAL WRITER, EVENTUALLY JOINED THE TINKLE TEAM.

RAHUL AND RAVI LOVED PLAYING DETECTIVE. THEY GAVE EACH OTHER CODE NAMES AND TRIED TO SOLVE CRIMES.



Defective Detectives made its debut in *Tinkle* 526. Ravi and Rahul looked a lot different from what they do now!



Sam made her first appearance in the third story 'I Spy' by Rajani Thindia.



MADNESS AT MIDNIGHT

IT WAS A GOOD DAY FOR RAHUL. FOR STARTERS, IT WAS A FRIDAY AND A LONG LAZY WEEKEND LAY AHEAD...



...AND NOW AT THE LIBRARY, A BIT OF GOOD NEWS!

IS IT HERE YET?

HAAA, IT'S HERE. I NEED TO STICK THE LIBRARY STAMP ON IT. WHY DON'T YOU COME BY AND BORROW IT AFTER SCHOOL'S OVER?

RAHUL HAD BEEN WAITING TO READ IT FOR MONTHS. HE COULDN'T PAY ATTENTION AT ALL IN CLASS.

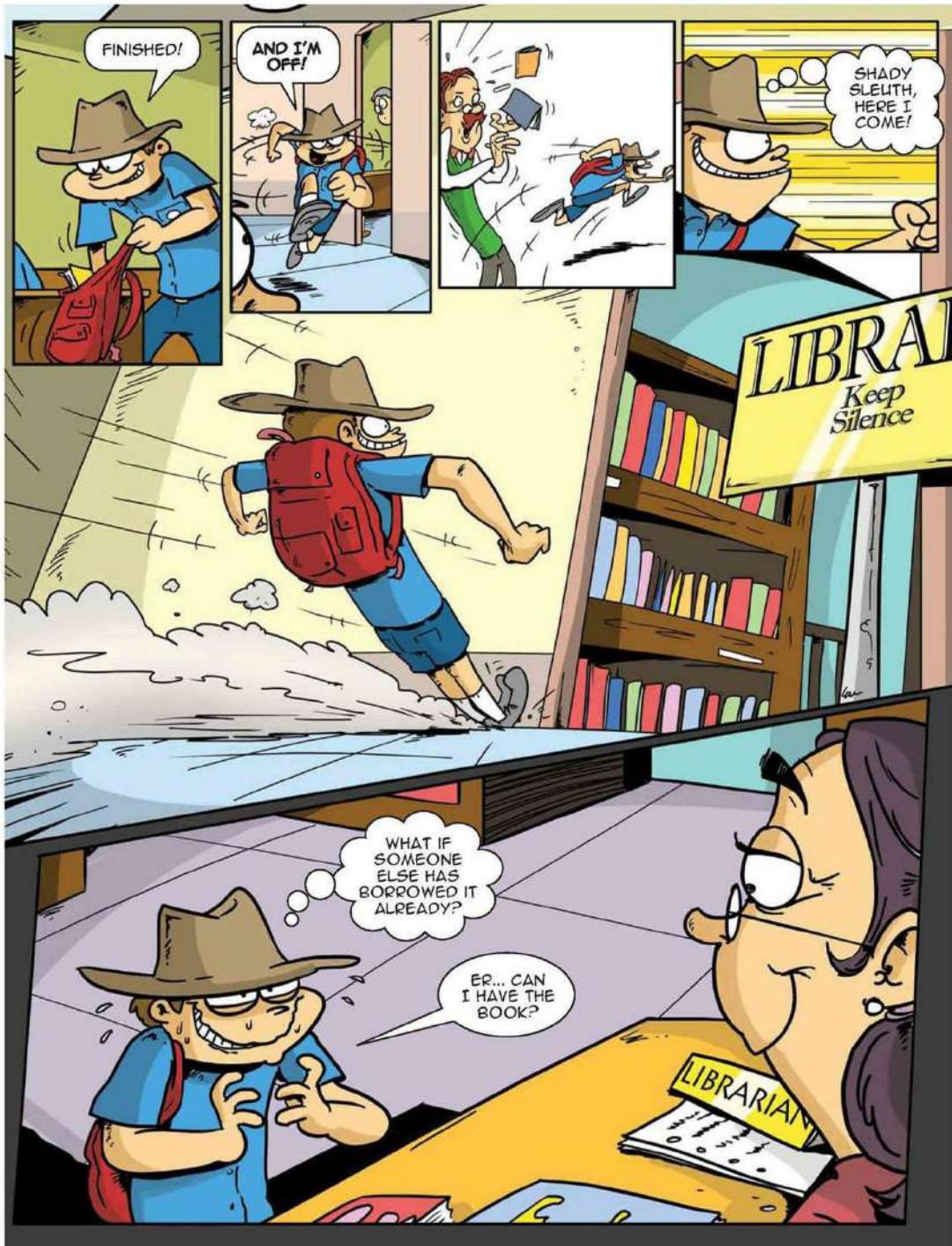
MATHS, GEOGRAPHY, AND FINALLY THE HINDI PERIOD. RAHUL RACED THROUGH HIS HINDI ESSAY—

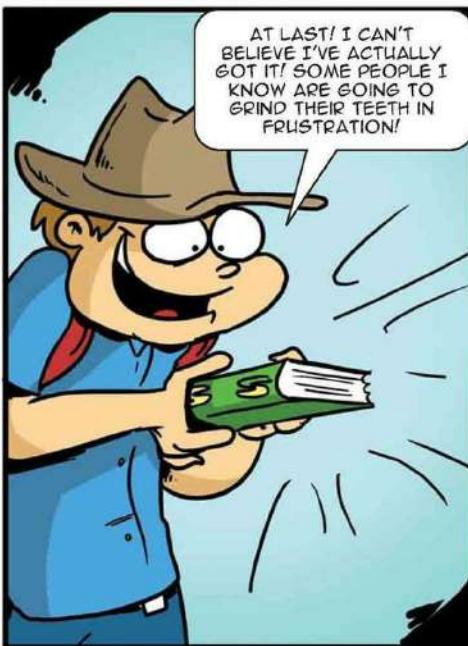
...AND SO, 5 IS THE REMAINDER, WHICH MEANS THAT X IS...

THE NEW SHADY SLEUTH BOOK IS OUT!

DONE!







AS IF ON CLUE, HIS GROUCHY CLASSMATE SALIL APPEARED IN THE CORRIDOR, OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY.

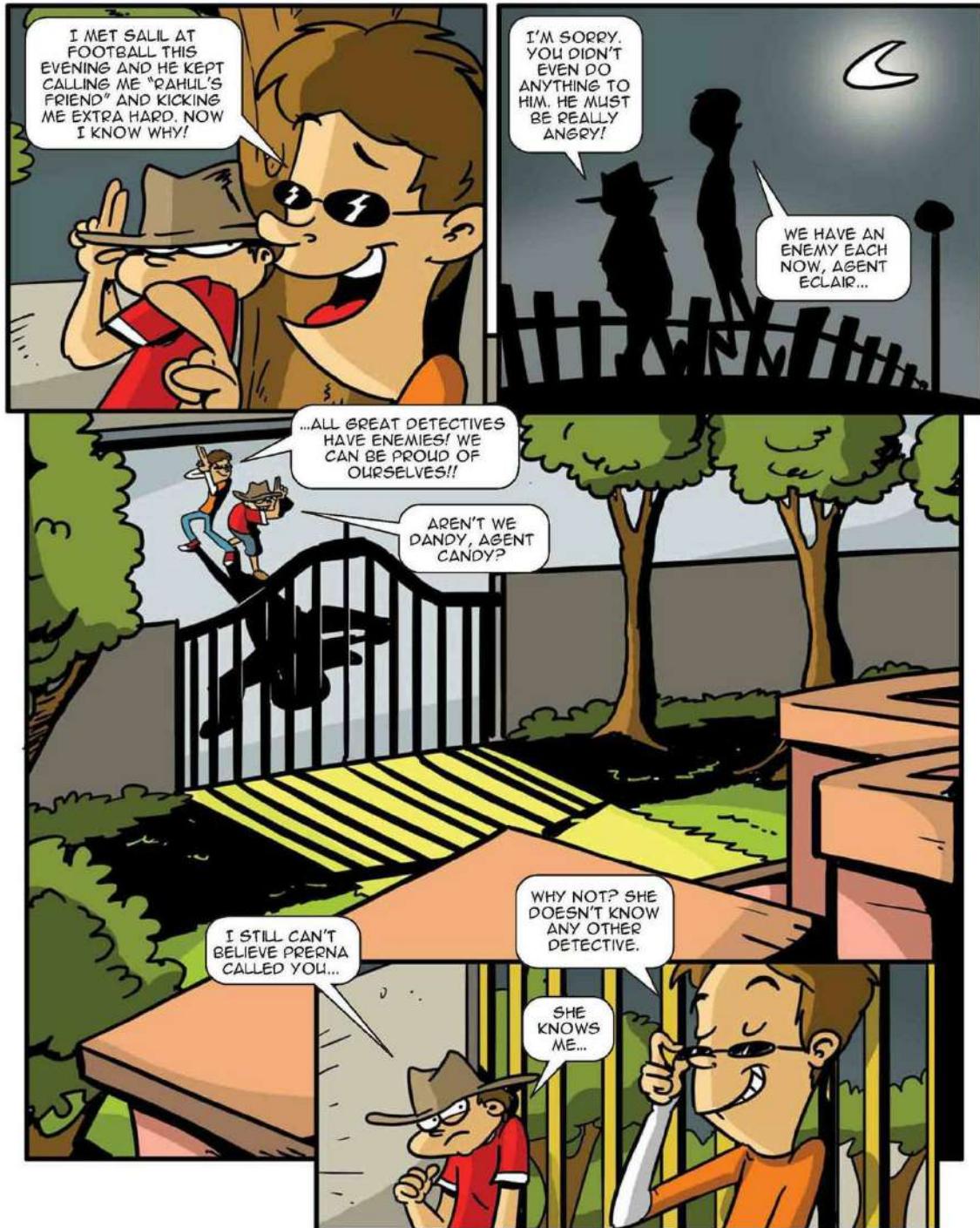
















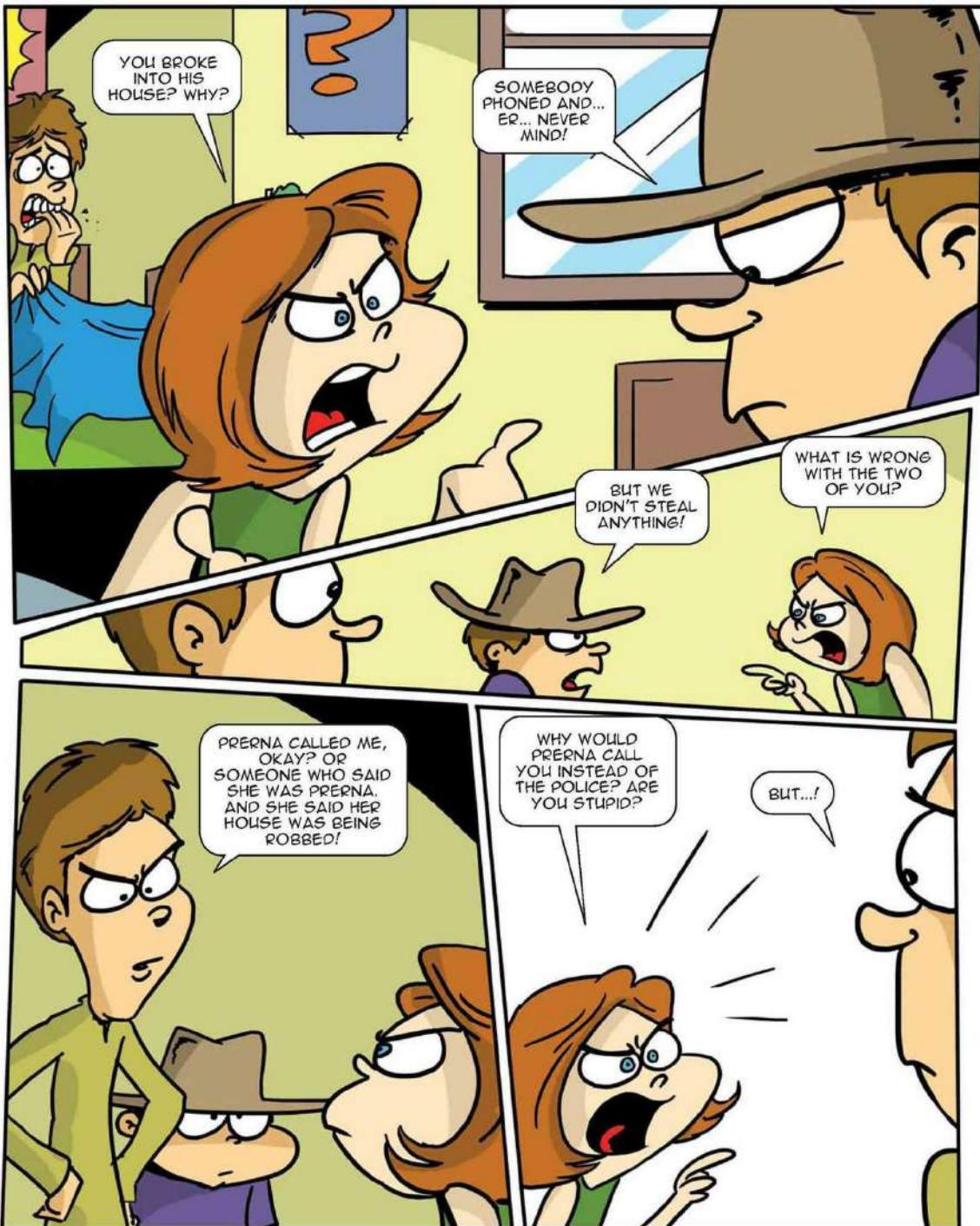


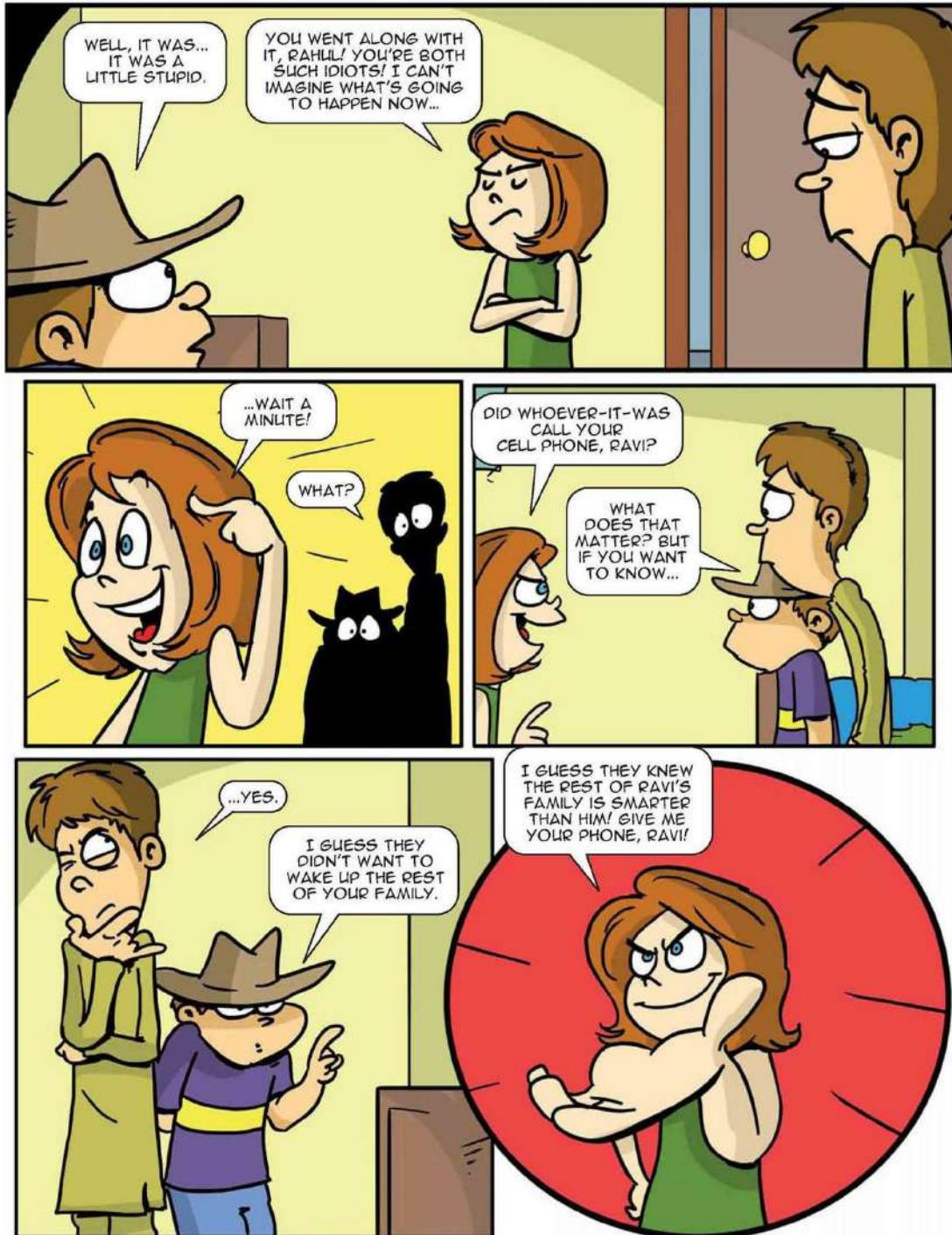


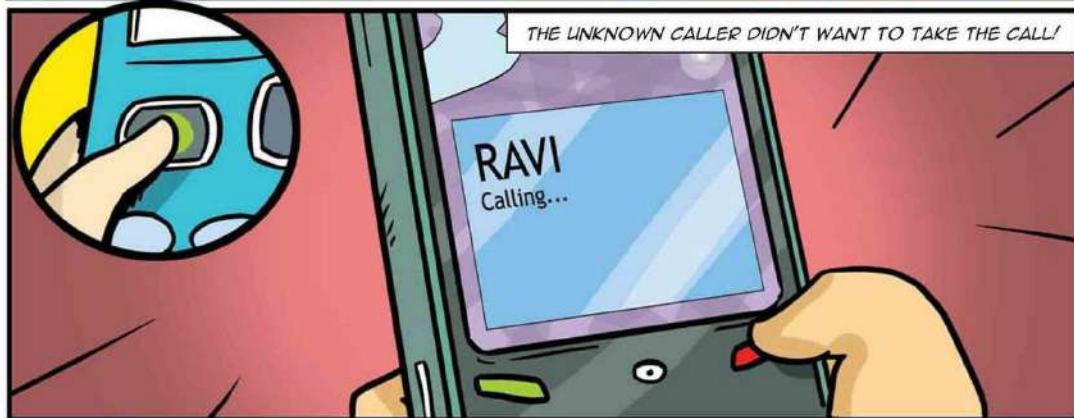


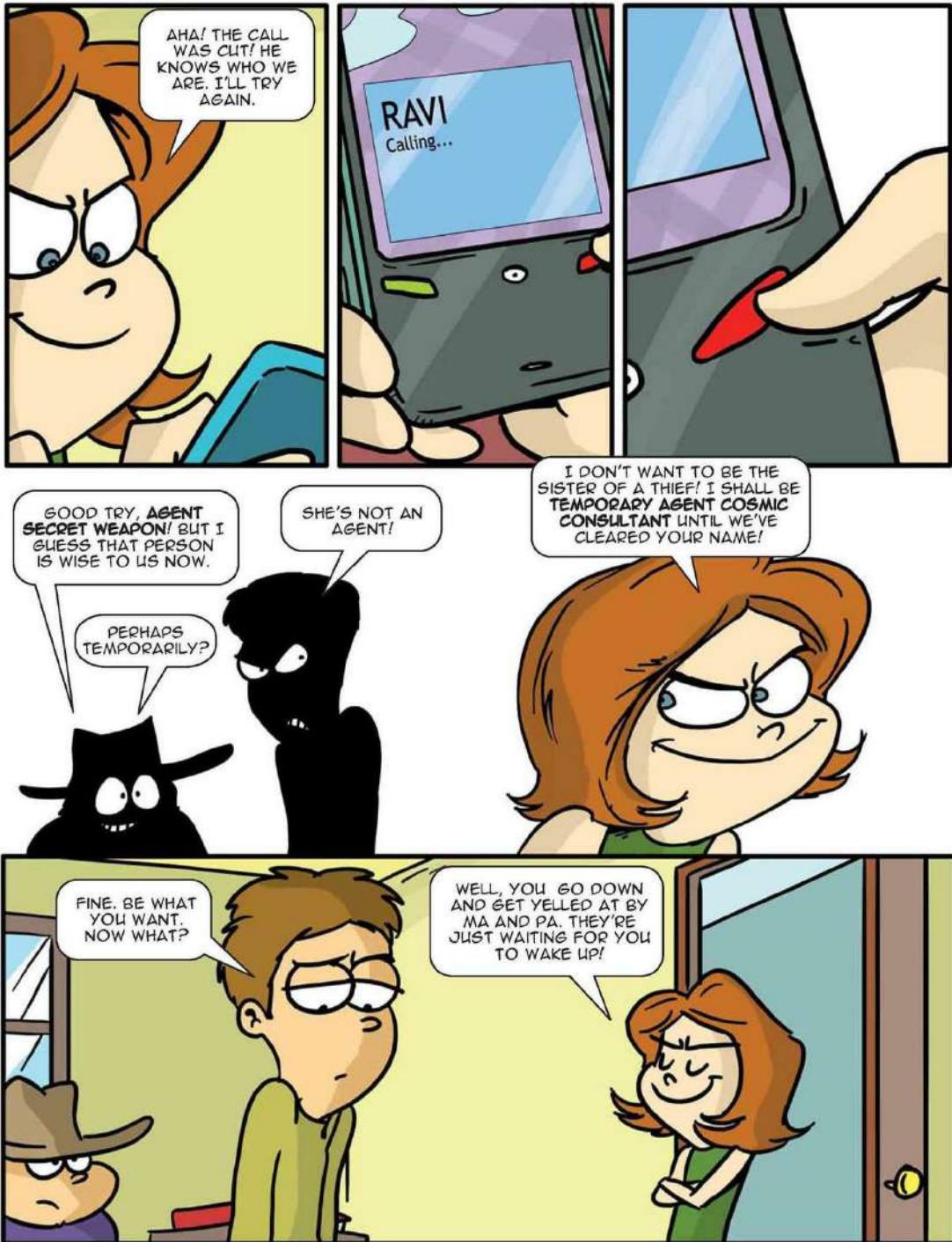












THE DEPRESSED DUO DECIDED TO SPLIT. RAHUL MADE HIS WAY BACK HOME AND GOT AN EARFUL FROM HIS MOTHER—

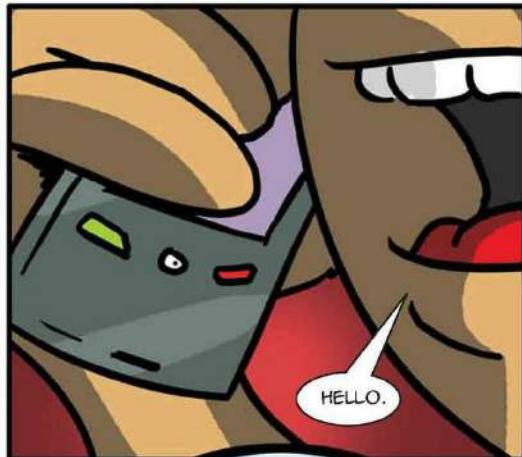


RAHUL WENT TO HIS ROOM TO READ HIS BOOK. BUT HE COULDN'T CONCENTRATE ON SHADY SLEUTH'S MYSTERY. NOT WHEN HE HAD HIS OWN MYSTERY TO SOLVE! SUDDENLY HE HAD A BRAINWAVE...



RAHUL SAT IN BED FOR A MOMENT...

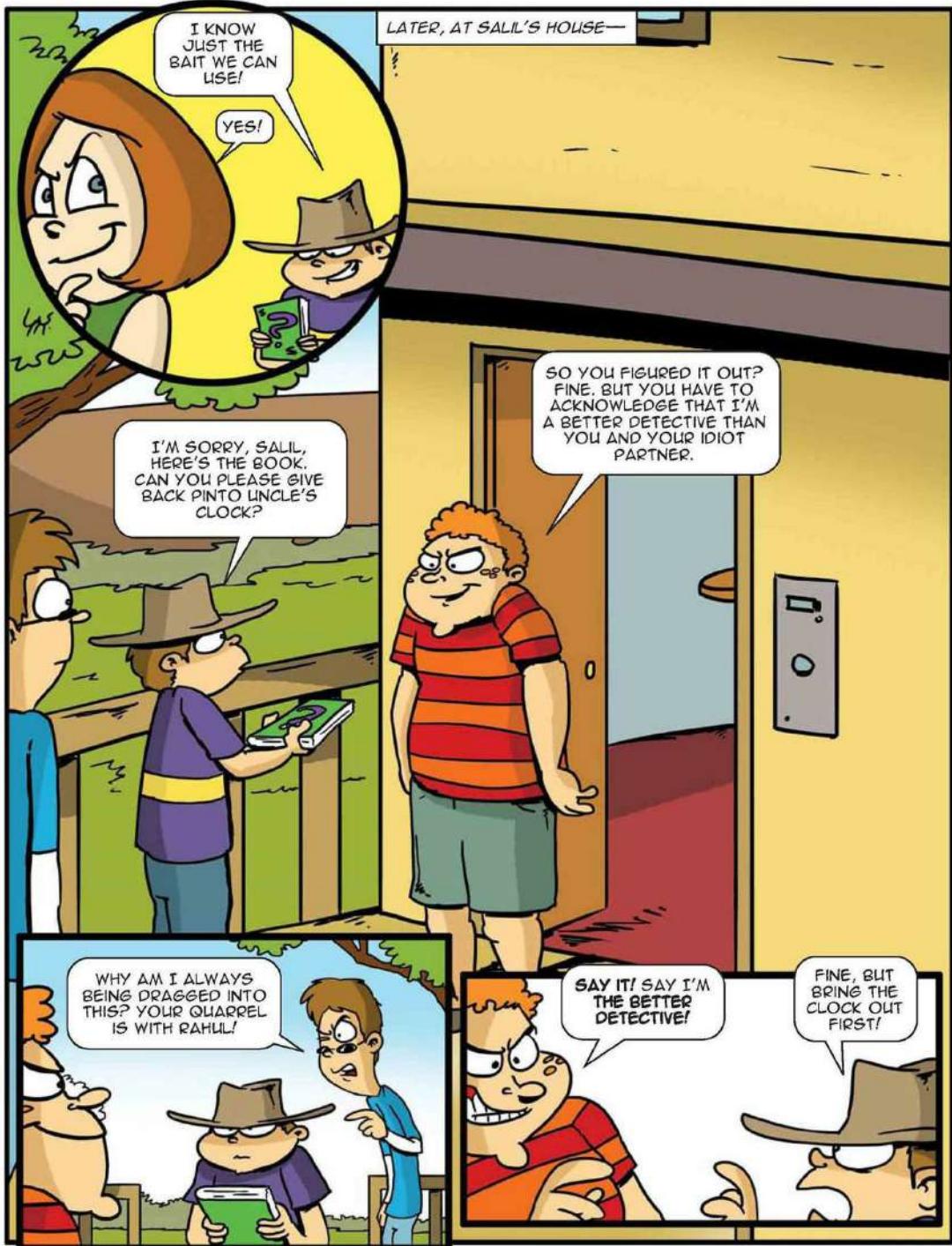










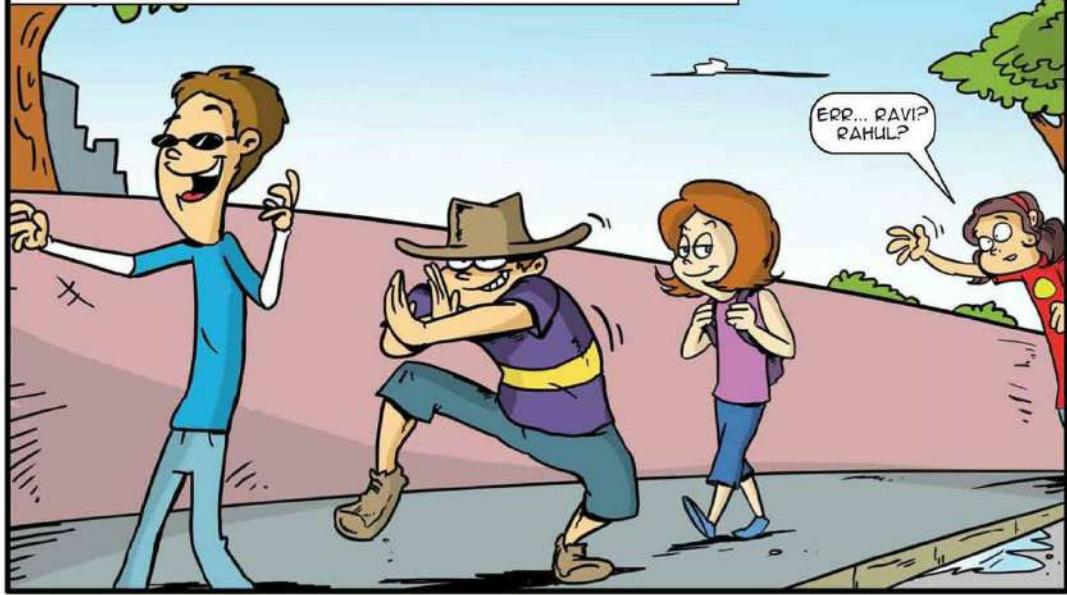








IT WAS A GLORIOUS DAY OF TRIUMPH FOR OUR HEROES. JUSTICE WAS SERVED, EVIL WAS PUNISHED AND OUR HEROES' REPUTATION RESTORED.





I ACTUALLY WANTED
TO THANK THEM FOR
FINDING THE CULPRIT,
AND GETTING THE
CLOCK BACK.

SAVE IT. AGENTS
ARMADILLO AND
ANTELOPE HAVE BEEN
CLOCKED OUT FOR
THE DAY.



THE MALTESE TERRIER

LIKE EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, RAVI WOKE UP QUITE LATE.







THE ANNUAL DOG SHOW WAS BEING HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF RAVI'S SCHOOL. BY THE TIME THEY GOT THERE, THE SHOW WAS WELL UNDER WAY.

RAJAN'S ANNUAL DOG SHOW

BARKING MAD SINCE 1960

SO MANY DOGS!

THERE WERE BIG DOGS, SMALL DOGS, THIN DOGS, FAT DOGS, HAIRY



DOGS, HAIRLESS DOGS, LONG POINTY-NOSED DOGS, NOSE-LESS DOGS,
DOGS WITH LEGS LIKE SKYSCRAPERS, AND DOGS WITH NO LEGS AT ALL.

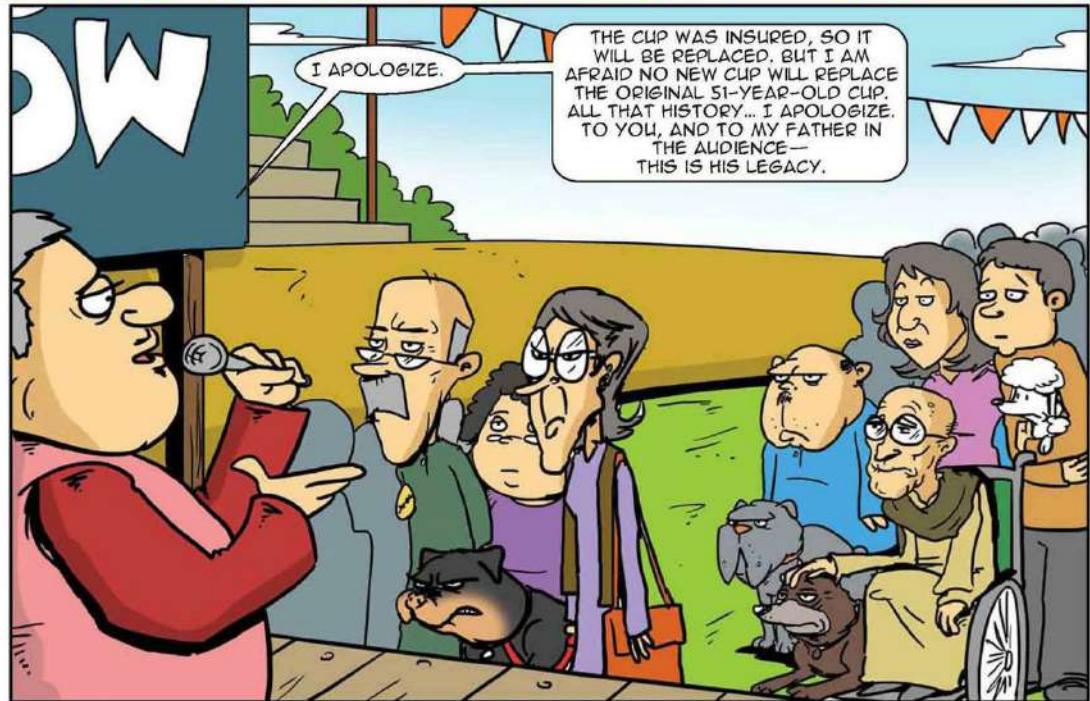
























MADNESS AT MIDNIGHT

A PHONE CALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. A ROBBERY IN A SCHOOLMATE'S HOUSE. IT'S THE PERFECT CASE FOR THE DEFECTIVE DETECTIVES... TO BUNGLE UP. AND BOY, DO THEY DO IT ROYALLY! SO MUCH SO THAT THEY ARE BRANDED 'THIEVES' AND LEFT TO THE MERCY OF THEIR ETERNAL RIVAL, SAMHITA. HAS IT REALLY COME TO THIS? CAN THE DETECTIVE DUO PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE AND RESTORE THEIR PRIDE?

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WHEN THE DEFECTIVE DETECTIVES TAKE ON A DOG SHOW, THINGS GET BARKING MAD! THE PRIZE CLIP GOES MISSING AND ALL THE TRACKING SKILLS OF THE DUO LEAD TO DEAD ENDS. CAN THEY STILL STEAL THE SHOW?

