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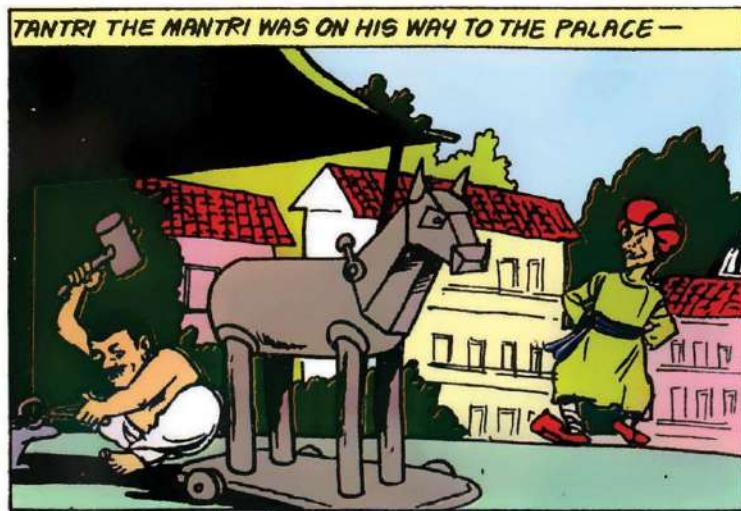


A Collection of Stories from 30 Years of **TINKLE**

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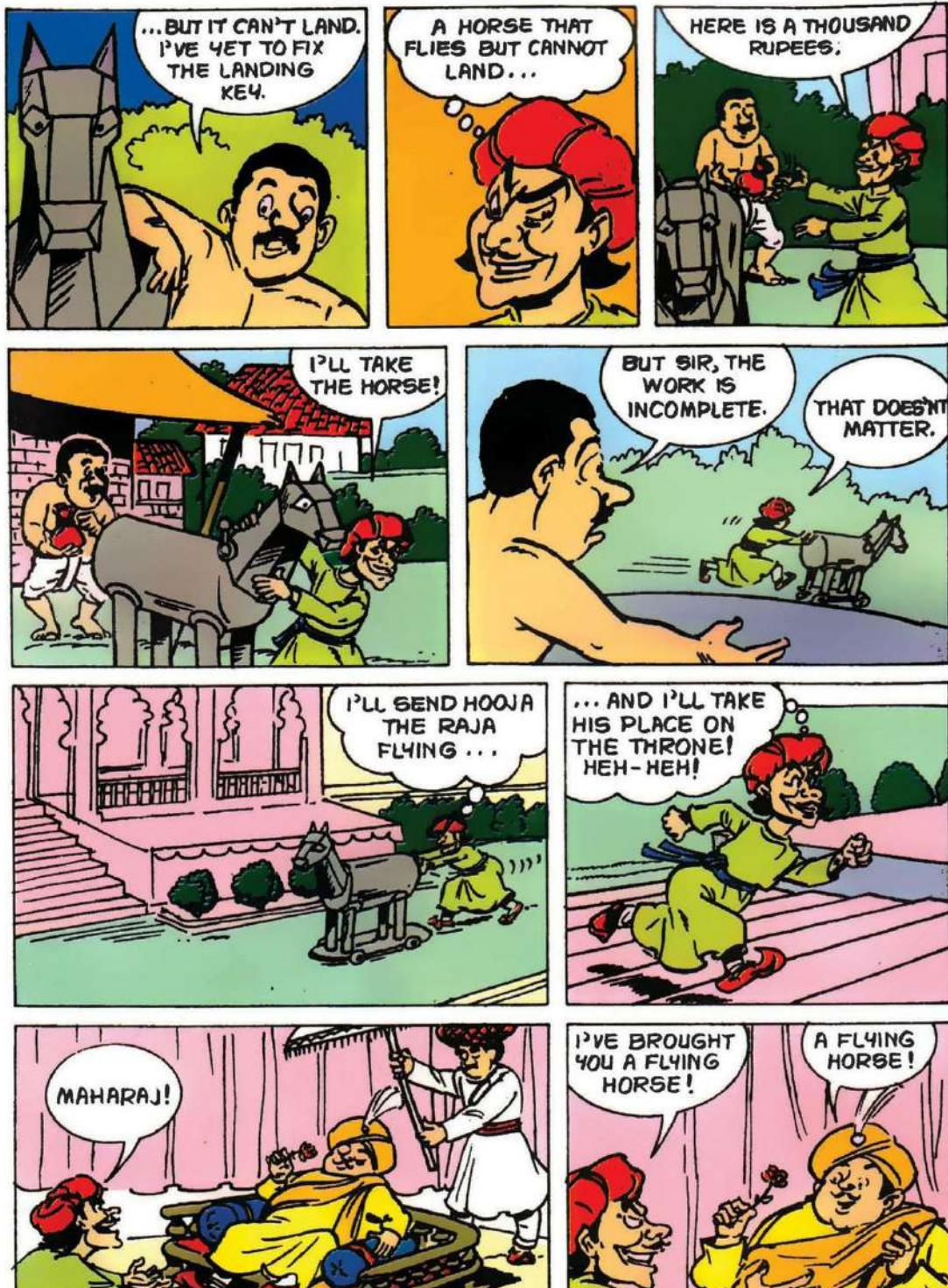


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Illustrations: Ashok Dongre



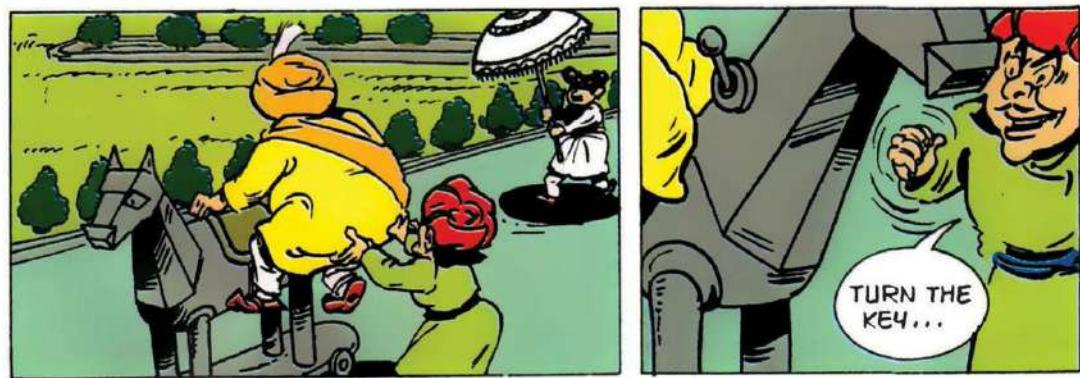
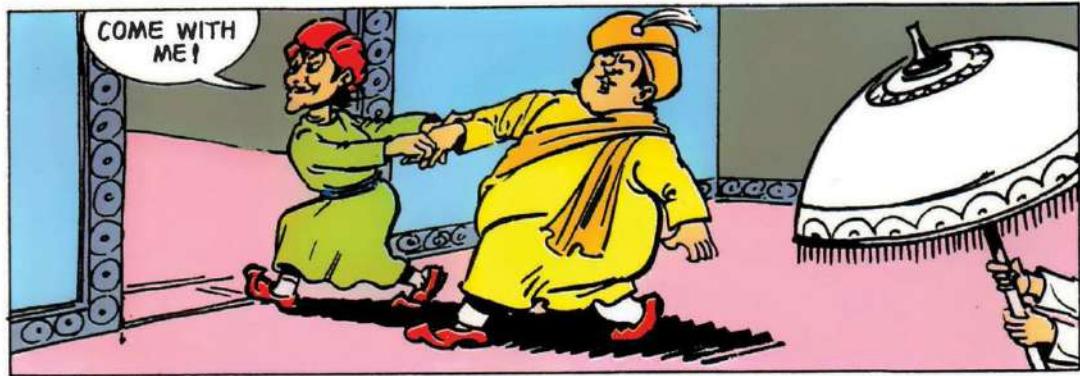


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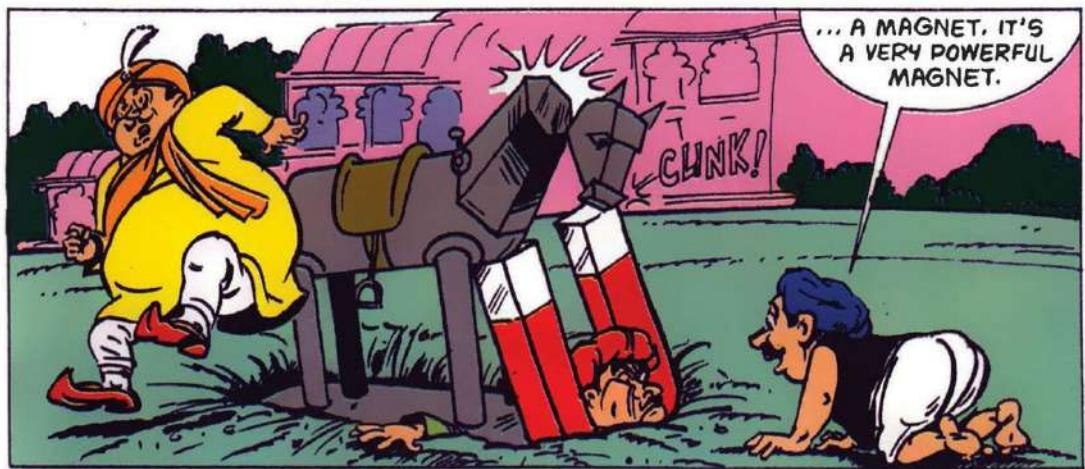






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Changing Times

In the two decades from 1984 to 2004 several artists and writers worked on the Tantri series at different times. Ajit Vasaikar who succeeded Dongre as artist shared Shakespeare's view that villains should have a 'lean and hungry look'. He changed Tantri's appearance beyond recognition, turning him into a beanpole. Hooja took on a beefy appearance and lost his air of innocence. The next artist, Anand Mande, continued in the same vein, but gave both men longer, fleshier noses and better headgear.

Another radical change in the physical appearance of the protagonists occurred towards the end of the 1990s when Savio Mascarenhas became the main artist for the series. Savio gave both Tantri and Hooja a facelift, and reduced the difference in their heights to practically nil. Savio had other commitments and was pressed for time, especially when he started illustrating the Shikari Shambu comics episodes. In 2000, the editors decided to hand over the responsibility of illustrating the Tantri series to Prachi Killekar. Prachi made a faltering start, confused by the different representations of Hooja and Tantri she had to choose from, but eventually came up with their present forms.

She continues to be the illustrator for the series.



Ashok Dongre



Ajit Vasaikar



Anand Mande



But, the theme remained the same:



WRITERS

Many of the Tantri episodes are based on stories sent by Tinkle readers. But quite a few are written by professional comics writers – among them, Prasad Iyer, Luis Fernandes, Alok Mathur, Reena Puri, and in recent times, Rajani Thindiaith and R. Nalini.



TANTRI THE MANTRI

UMBRELLA!

Based on a story sent by:
Amol Ashok Gopale,
Mumbai - 400 022.

Illustrations :
Prachi Killekar

IT WAS A DARK AND GLOOMY DAY...



WHY! WHY!
WHY! ...



... WHY CAN'T
HOOJA JUST BE
STRUCK BY
LIGHTNING!



DUSHTABUDDI! I WANT
YOU TO MAKE... AN
UMBRELLA THAT
ATTRACTS LIGHTNING!

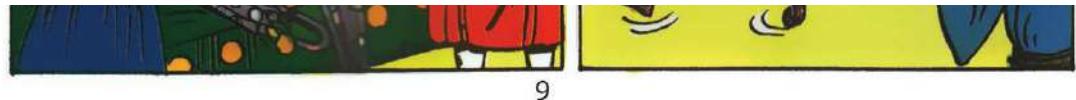
OOO! AN EVIL
SCHEME FOR
AN EVIL
MIND.



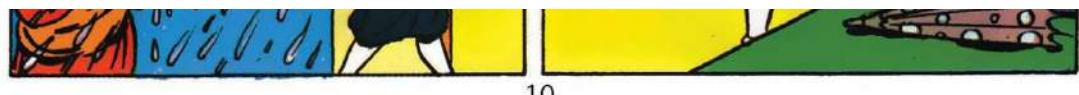
**WELL... TANTRI SURE HAD BEEN
STRUCK BY SOMETHING.**











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TANTRI
THE
MANTRI

Coconut Bomb

Based on a story sent by:
H. S. Vinay.

Illustrations :
Prachi Killekar

AH ! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SCENE. WISH I COULD PUSH RAJA HOOJA OFF ONE OF THESE MOUNTAINS.

I WISH SOMEBODY COULD COME UP WITH A FOOLPROOF PLAN TO PUSH RAJA HOOJA OFF THE THRONE.

HERE I AM !

IT WAS DHOOM, THE MAGICIAN.

DHOOM, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY ?

ANOTHER MISCHIEF.
BEHOLD ! A COCONUT BOMB !

FOR A HUNDRED GOLD COINS,
YOU CAN BLOW THE KING UP.

HMM... NOT BAD. I'LL TAKE IT.

TANTRI DIRECTLY WENT TO THE KING'S PALACE AND FOUND HIM STROLLING IN THE GARDEN.

HERE'S MY CHANCE ! I'LL JUST THROW













HOOJA COULD NOT IMAGINE ANY CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE BOMB AND THE COCONUT.



TANTRI THE MANTRI
THE RECORD RUN

Based on a story sent by:
Sanjay B. Kulkarni,

Illustrations : Prachi Killekar

AT THE ANNUAL SPORTS MEET HOSTED BY KING SUMANTRA OF SUMANTRAPUR —

THE RESULTS BEFORE OUR LAST EVENT ARE :
KING ZORAWAR'S TEAM : 20 POINTS
AND A TIE BETWEEN KING HOOJA'S TEAM AND KING SUMANTRA'S TEAM,
BOTH AT 35 POINTS !



THE FINAL EVENT WAS A 100-METRE RACE.

WITH THE CHAMPION SPRINTER, MAKHAN SINGH, ON OUR TEAM.
WE WILL SURELY WIN.

I'M CONFIDENT THAT MY MEN WILL TAKE THE TROPHY HOME.

I BET ONE QUARTER OF MY KINGDOM ON MY VICTORY.

DONE ! WHOEVER LOSES THE RACE, LOSES A QUARTER OF HIS KINGDOM TO THE WINNER.

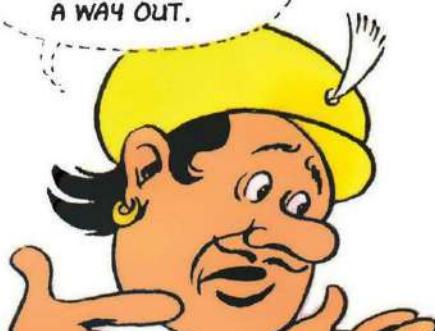
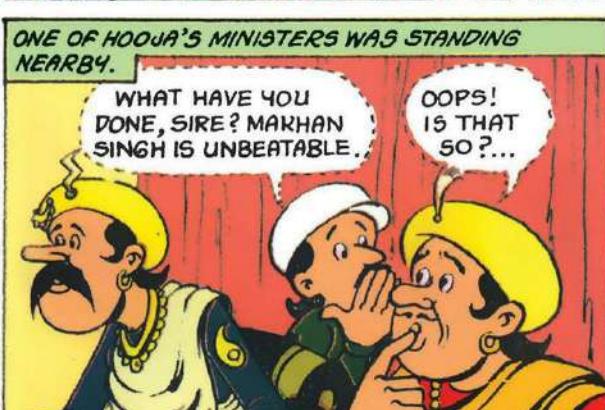


ONE OF HOOJA'S MINISTERS WAS STANDING NEARBY.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, SIRE ? MAKHAN SINGH IS UNBEATABLE.

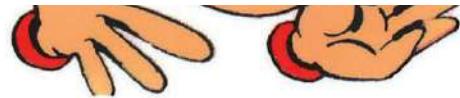
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... WHERE'S TANTRI ? I'M SURE HE'D FIND A WAY OUT.





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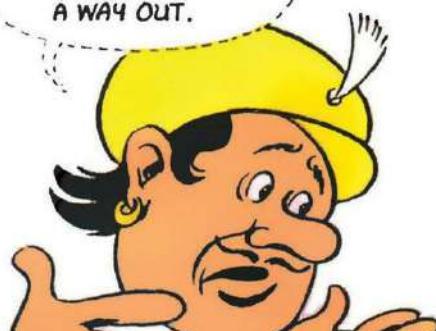
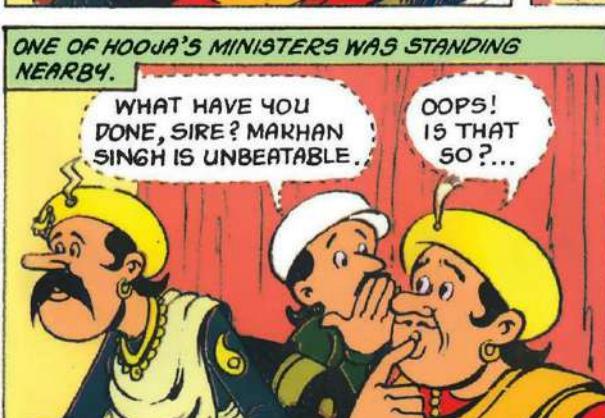


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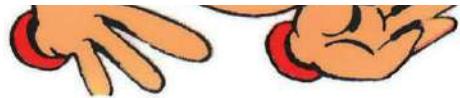
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TANTRI THE MANTRI

VALIANT HOOJA

Story :
S. Charulatha

Script :
Reena I. Puri

Illustrations :
Prachi Killekar

TANTRI WAS PAYING A SECRET VISIT TO KING DAMRU'S COURT.

....SO IF THAT PODGY KING OF YOURS CAN BE REMOVED, I WILL CROWN YOU KING AND RULE THROUGH YOU.

SUITS ME FINE.

HERE WAS ANOTHER EXCELLENT PLOT TO OVERTHROW KING HOOJA.

KING DAMRU DECLARED WAR ON HOOJA'S KINGDOM.

DAMRU HAS WRITTEN THAT PEOPLE WITH FAT BELLIES SHOULD BE COOKS AND NOT KINGS.

WHAT AN INSULT, YOUR MAJESTY! YOU MUST LEAD US TO WAR.

LEAD! I COULD ALWAYS SUPERVISE FROM THE BACK.

NO, SIRE. A KING MUST LEAD.

HOOJA HAD TO AGREE. BUT LATER —

TANTRI, YOU MUST BE WITH ME ALL THE TIME, YOU ARE MY GOOD LUCK CHARM.

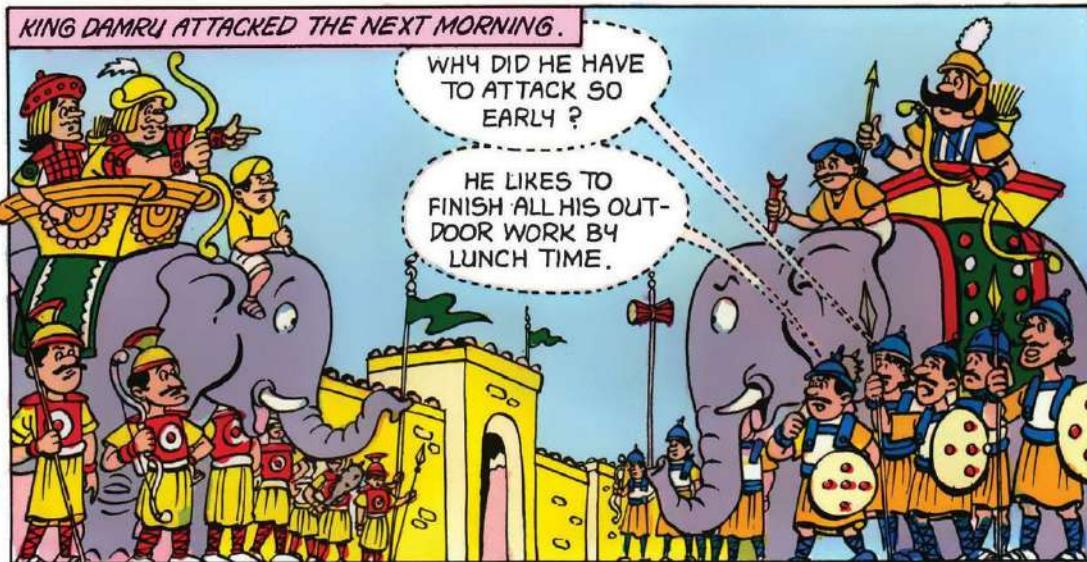
B..BUT, SIRE....

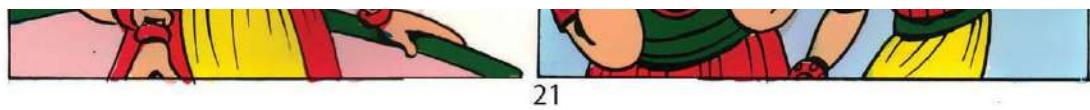
NO 'BUTS'. YOU WILL SIT BY ME IN THE HOWDAH*.

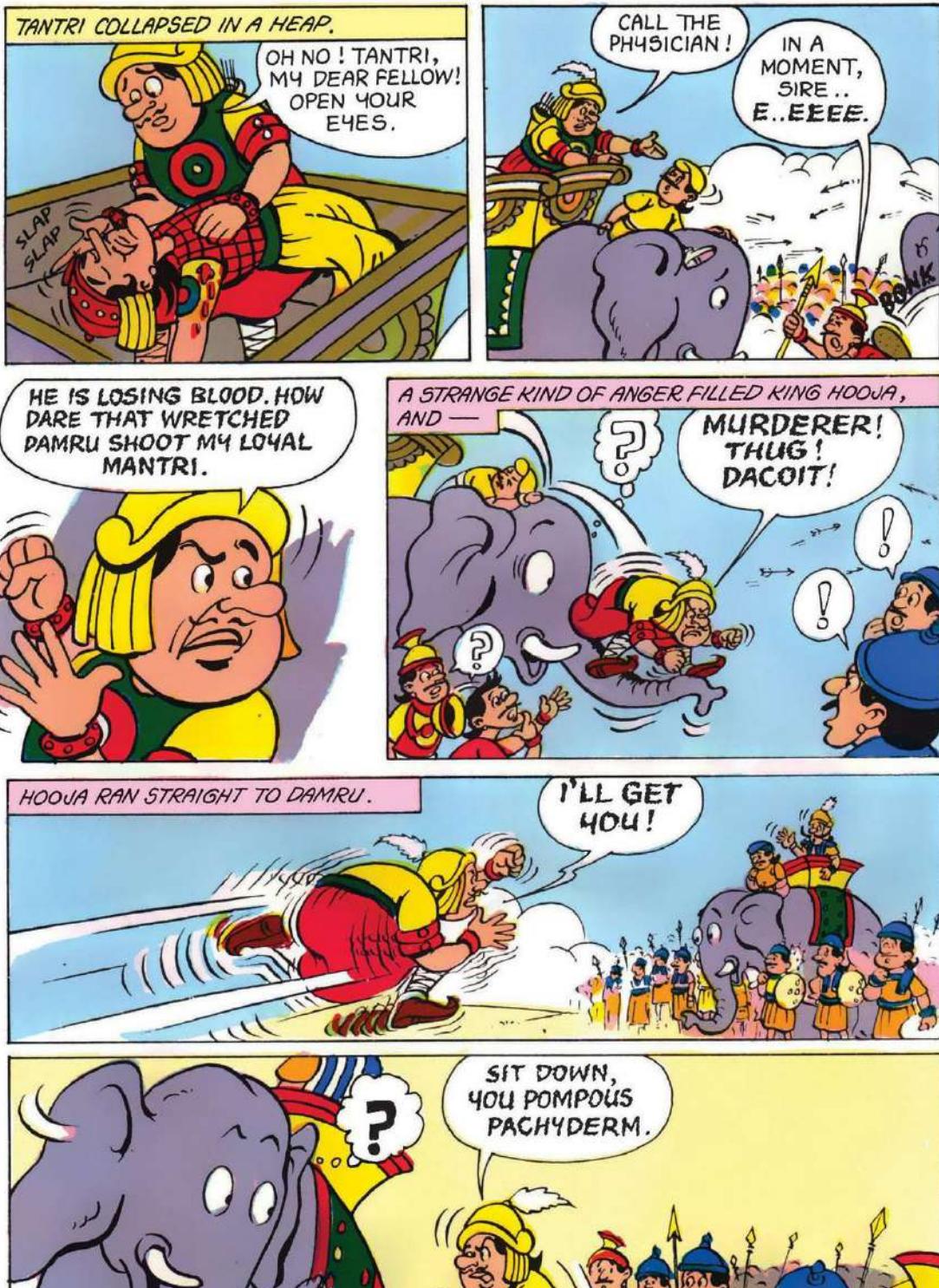




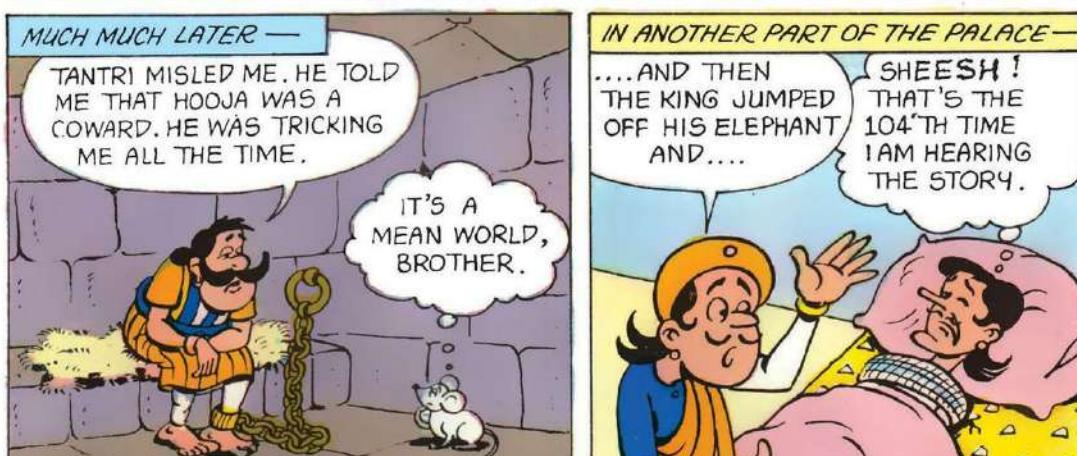
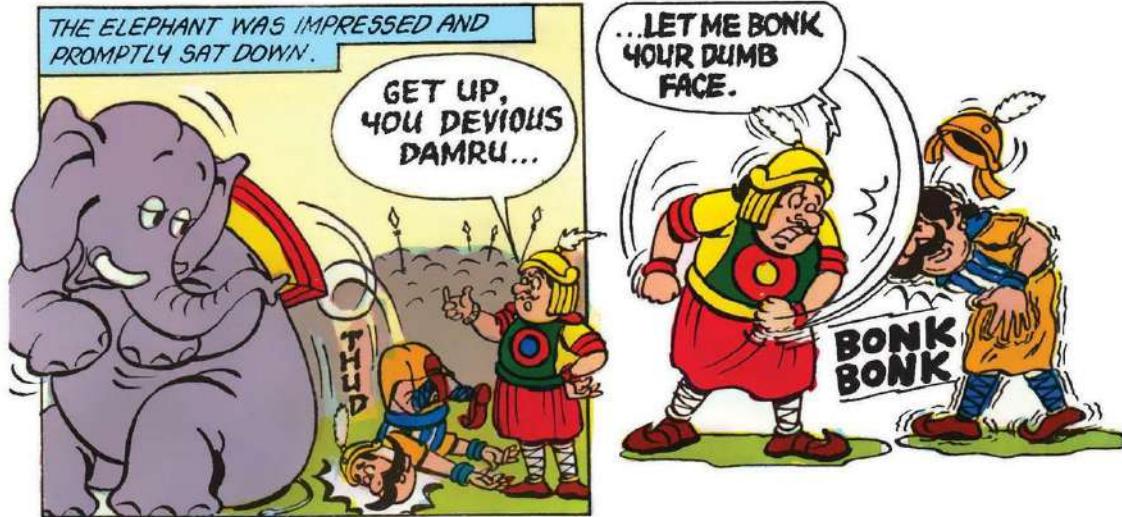
* DECORATED SEAT ON TOP OF AN ELEPHANT. 20







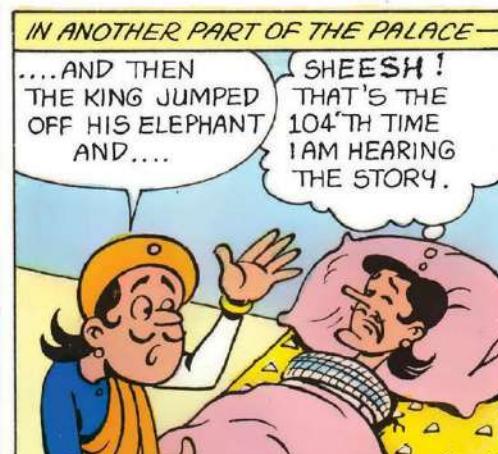
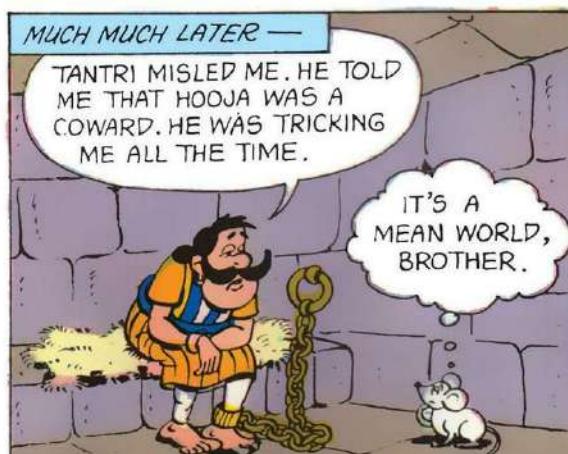
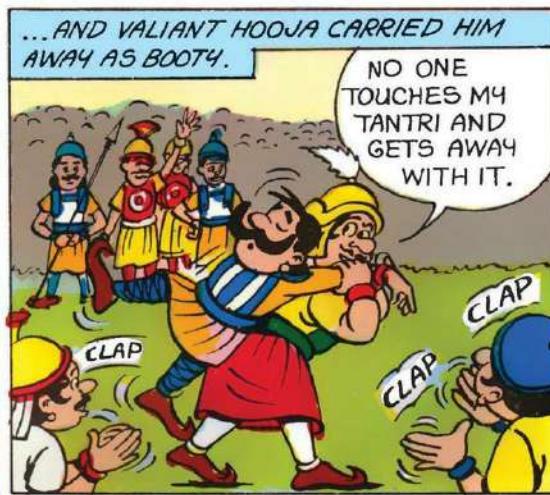
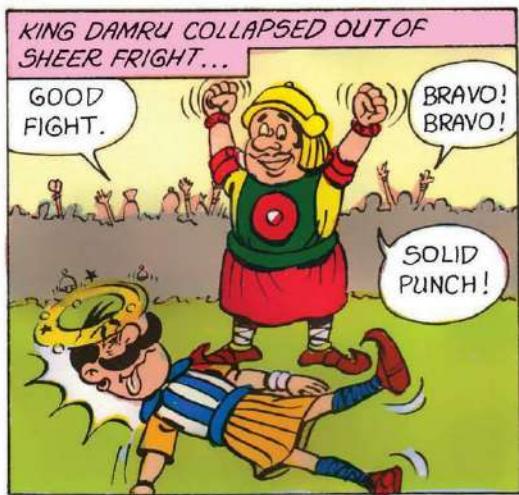






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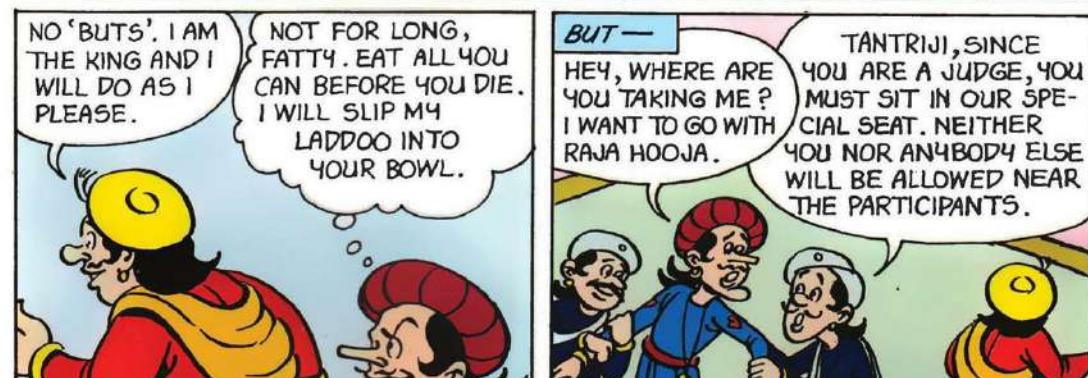
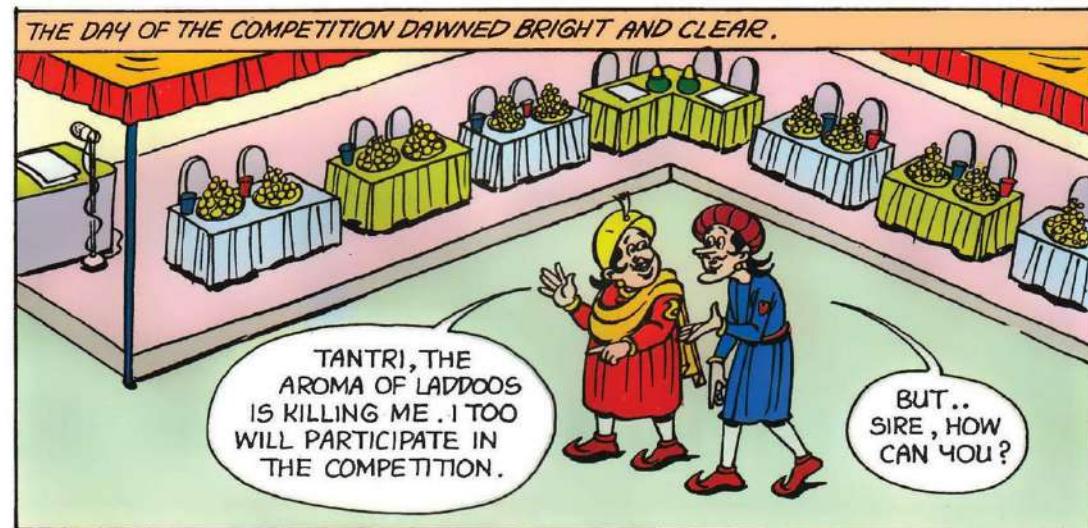
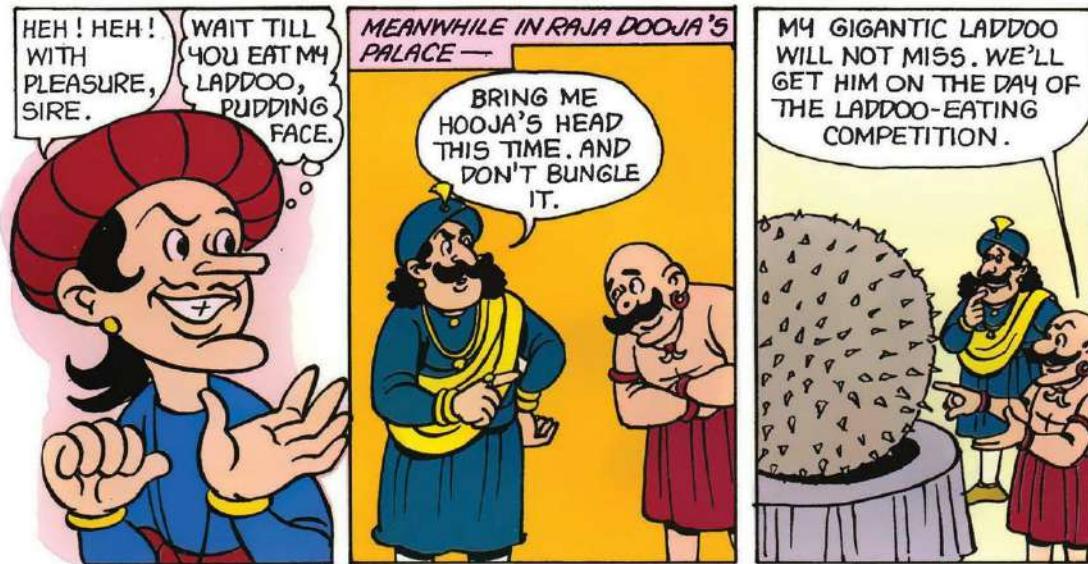






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THE LADDOO IN HIS POCKET HAD
EXPLODED.



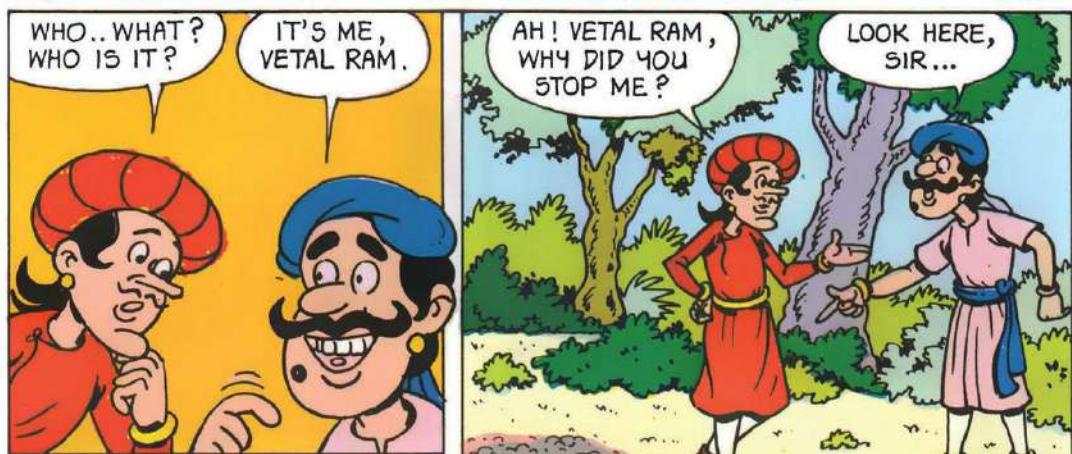
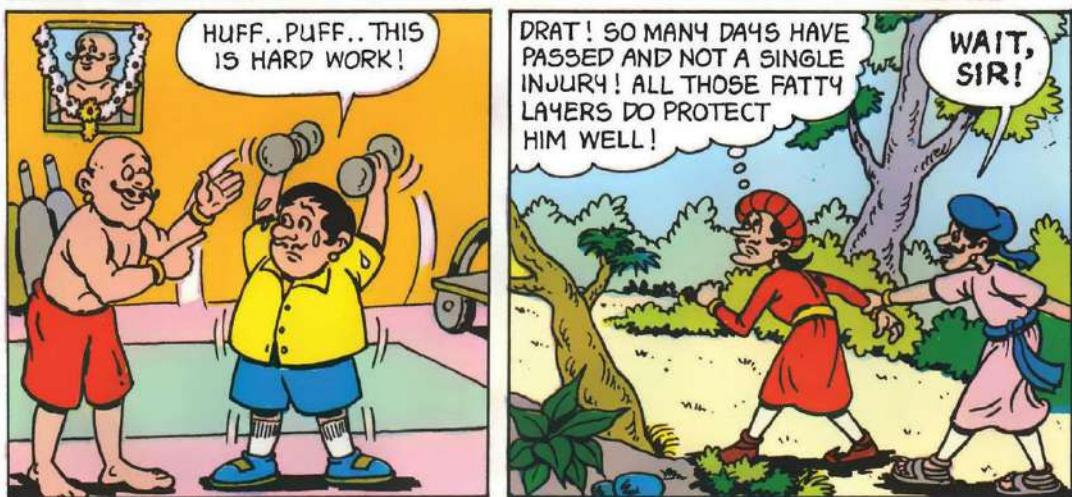
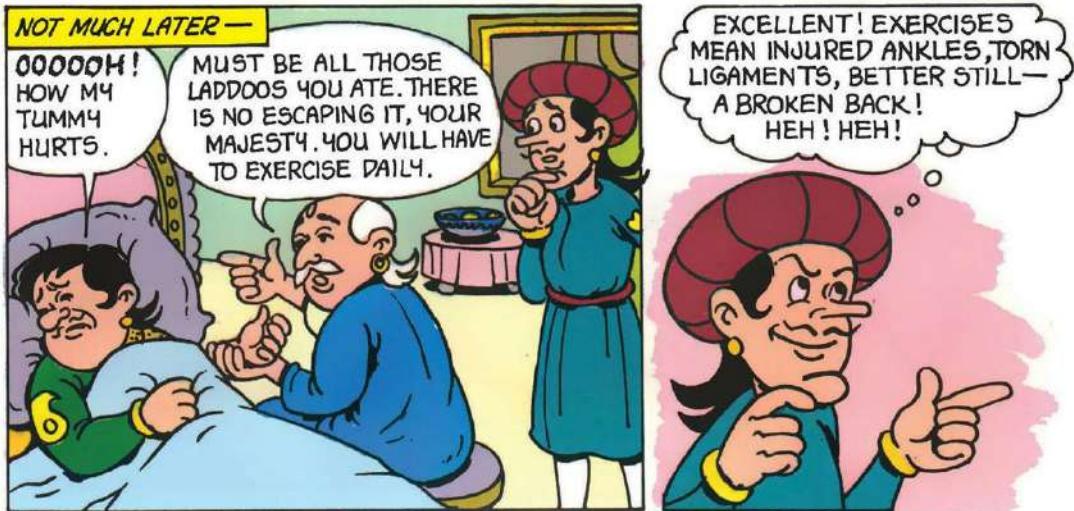
TANTRI THE MANTRI

'THE PITFALL'

Based on a story sent by:
D. Rakesh,
Illustrations: Prachi Killekar







VETAL RAM WAS THE ROYAL
GARDENER.











TANTRI THE MANTRI THE PIRATE BOMBARDIER

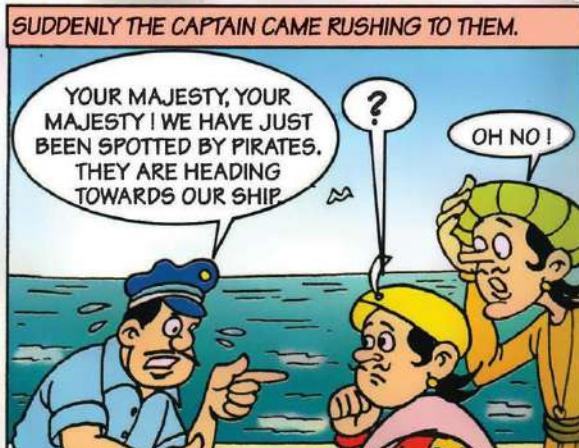
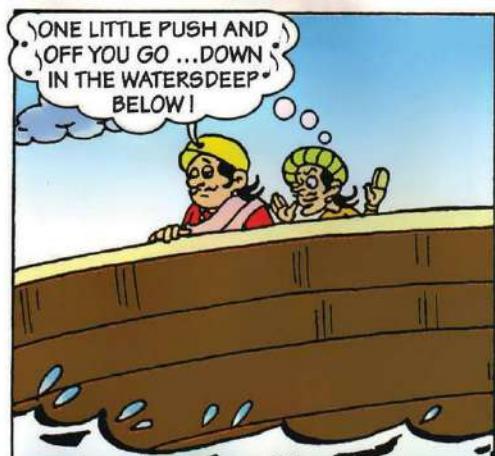
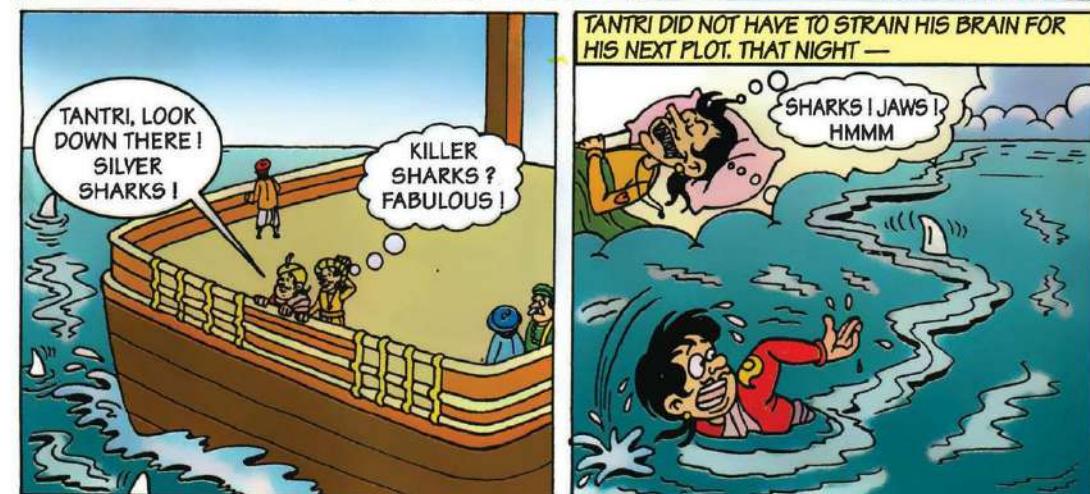
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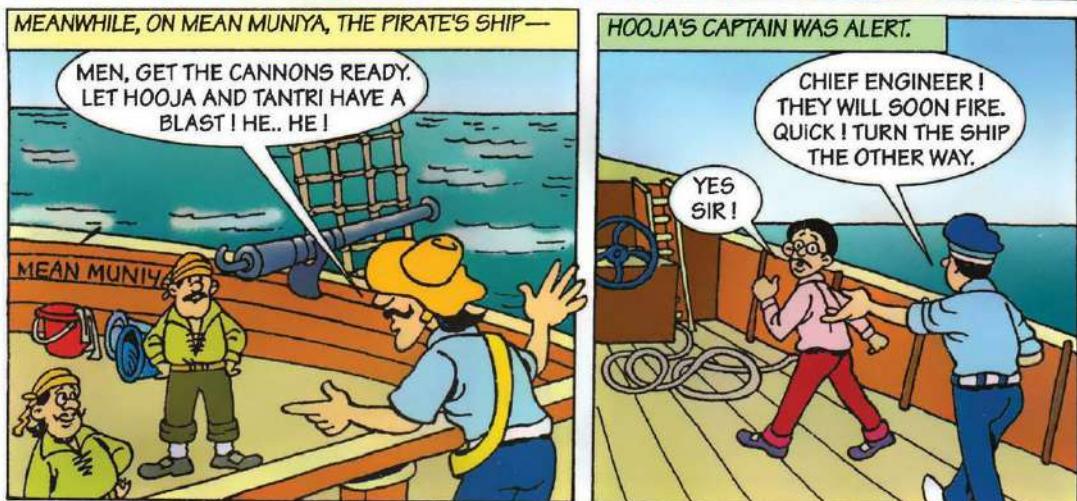
RAJA HOOJA WAS ON HIS WAY TO SEE HIS AILING GRANDMOTHER IN SRI LANKA.

POOR GRANDMOTHER IS IN THE HOSPITAL, TANTRI.
THIS SHIP SHOULD GO FASTER!

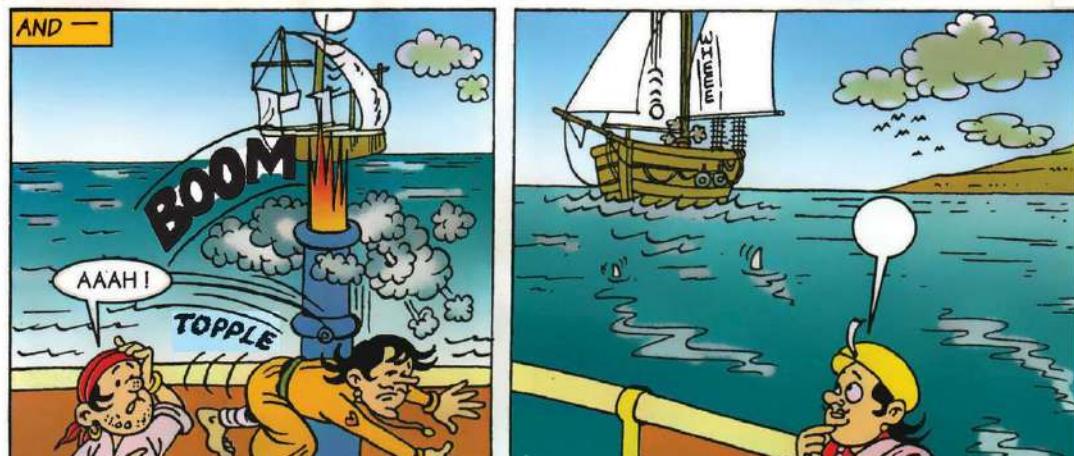
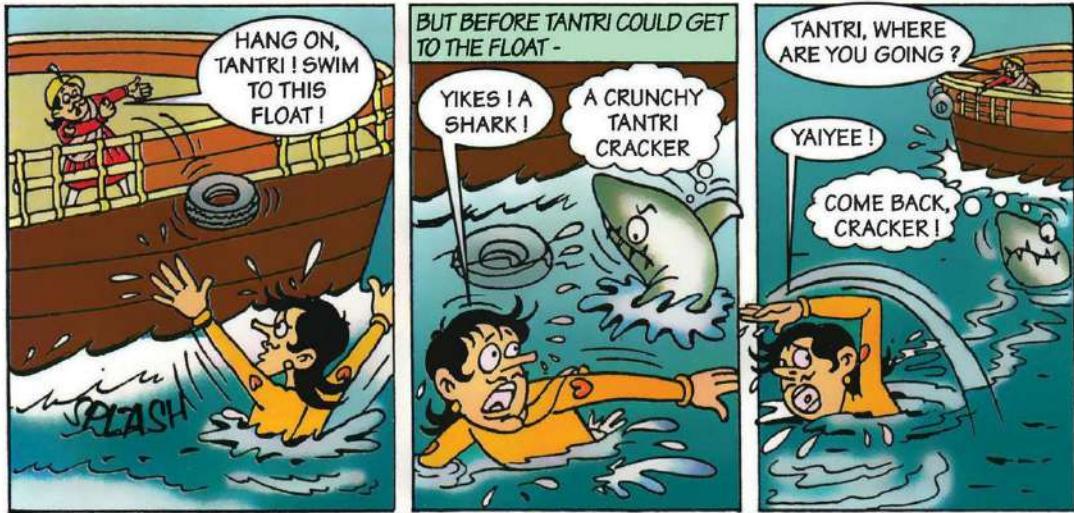
DON'T WORRY,
YOUR MAJESTY.
WE'LL BE THERE
SOON.



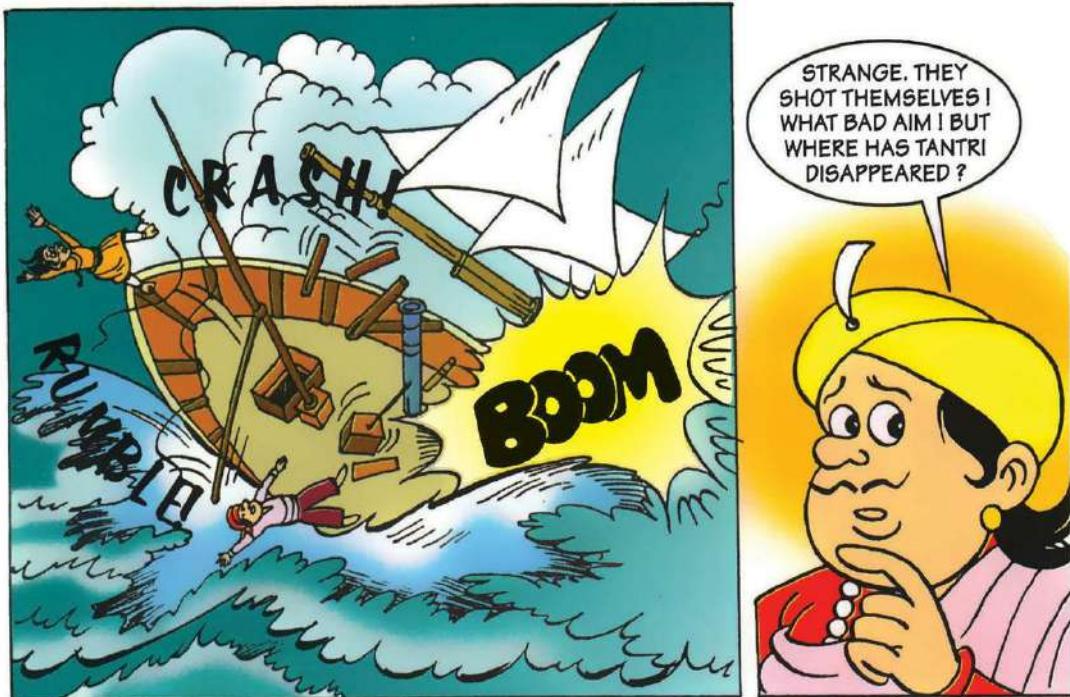


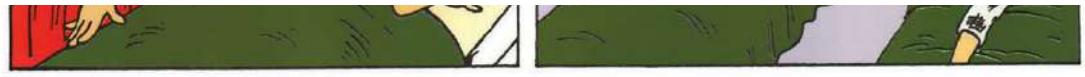










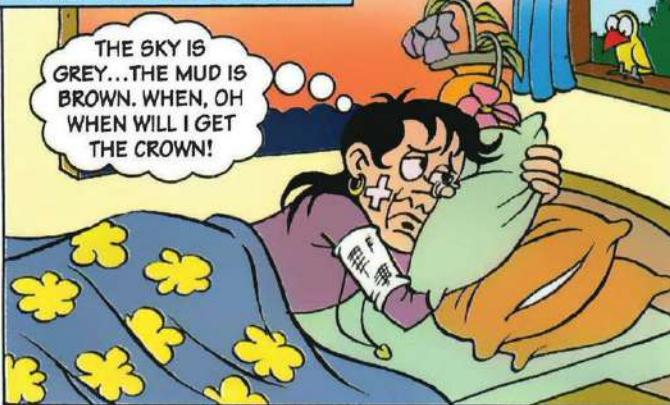


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THE RAJA'S NEW CLOTHES

Based on a story sent by:
Pranjal Pran Salkia
Illustrations:
Prachi Killekar

TANTRI WAS RECOVERING FROM YET ANOTHER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO GRAB THE THRONE.



NEVERTHELESS TANTRI WAS CURIOUS.



ANYONE WHO WEARS THIS SHIRT WILL HAVE A BOUT OF ITCHING AND THEN FALL UNCONSCIOUS.

HMM... VERY SMART. BUT WILL IT SUIT HOOJA?



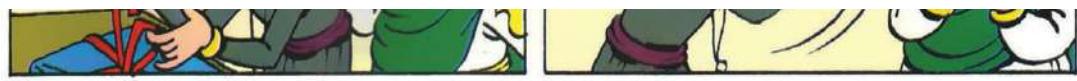
OF COURSE IT WILL, TANTRI. SPECIALLY WHEN THE ITCHING BEGINS!

HOW FUNNY HOOJA WILL LOOK! YES, I'LL TAKE THE SHIRT, KUBUDDHI.









LATER, WHEN RAJA HOOJA OPENED THE GIFT IN HIS CHAMBER.

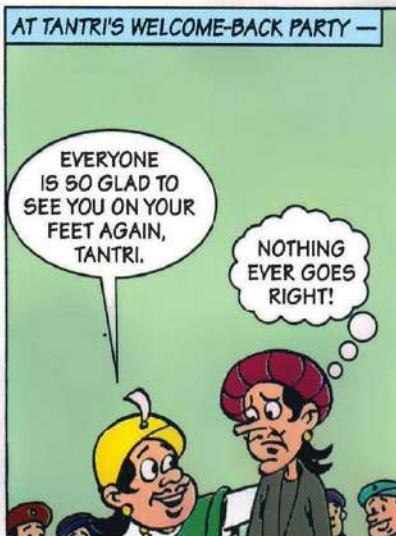


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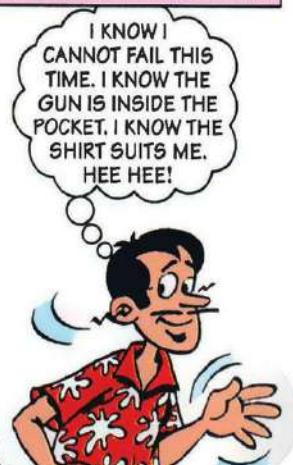


RAJA HOOJA WENT TO THE WINDOW.

POOR MAN... I SHOULD GIVE HIM SOMETHING.



AT TANTRI'S WELCOME-BACK PARTY —
AND JUST OUTSIDE THE PALACE DR KNOW WAS GETTING READY.









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TANTRI THE MANTRI The Pepper Plot

Based on a story sent by:
Abir Dasgupta,

Illustrations :
Prachi Killekar

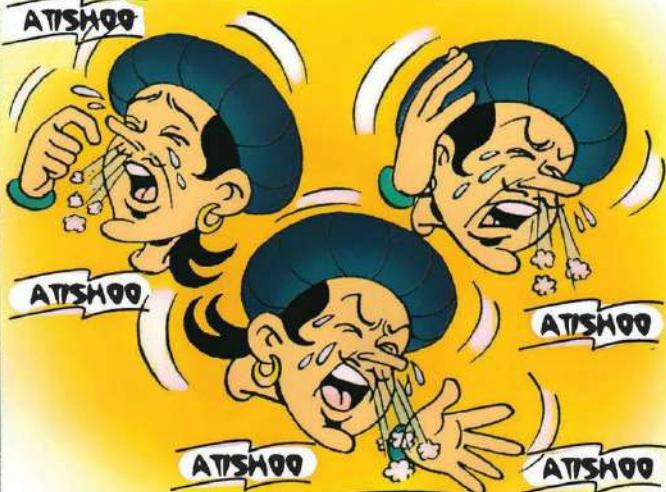
TANTRI WAS PACING UP AND DOWN.

I NEED A PLOT,
AN EFFECTIVE PLOT
TO MAKE ME KING TODAY.
I NEED A PLOT,
A SUPER PLOT,
TO KEEP HOOJA AWAY!

SUDDENLY —



ATISHOO



YOU FOOL! ATISHOO ...
WHAT IS ATISHOO ...
IN THE POT?

P. P. PEPPER,
SIR.

IMBECILE! THE SNEEZING ...
ATISHOO ... ALMOST BLINDED ME
... ATISHOO ... HAD I HIT MY HEAD ...
ATISHOO ... ON A PILLAR ... ATISHOO ...
I COULD'VE BEEN KILLED ...





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TANTRI THE MANTRI in TANTRI THE KING?

Story: Reena I. Puri
Script: Janaki Viswanathan
Illustrations : Prachi Killekar





SO THE VERY NEXT DAY —



WHEN THEY REACHED THE TOP OF TIGI HILLS —











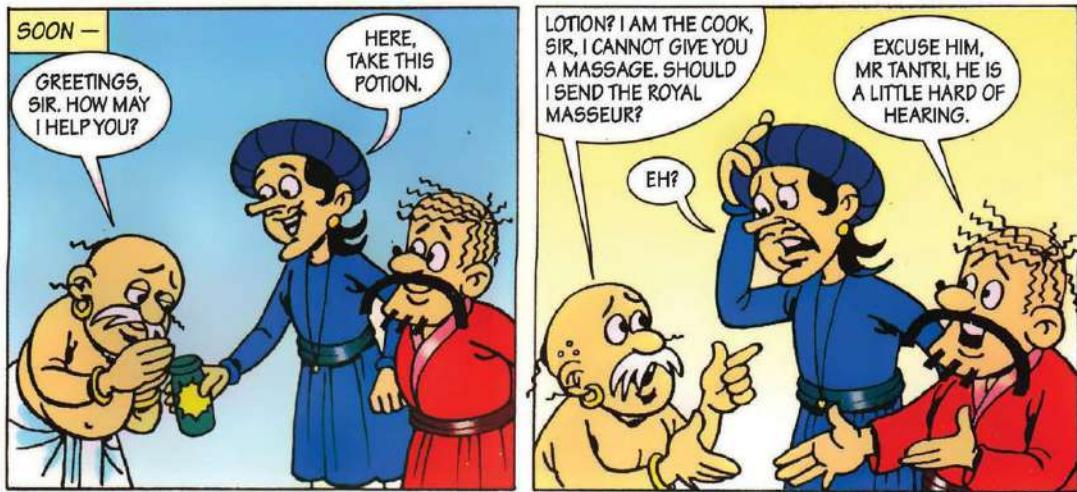






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* POTATO

OWWI



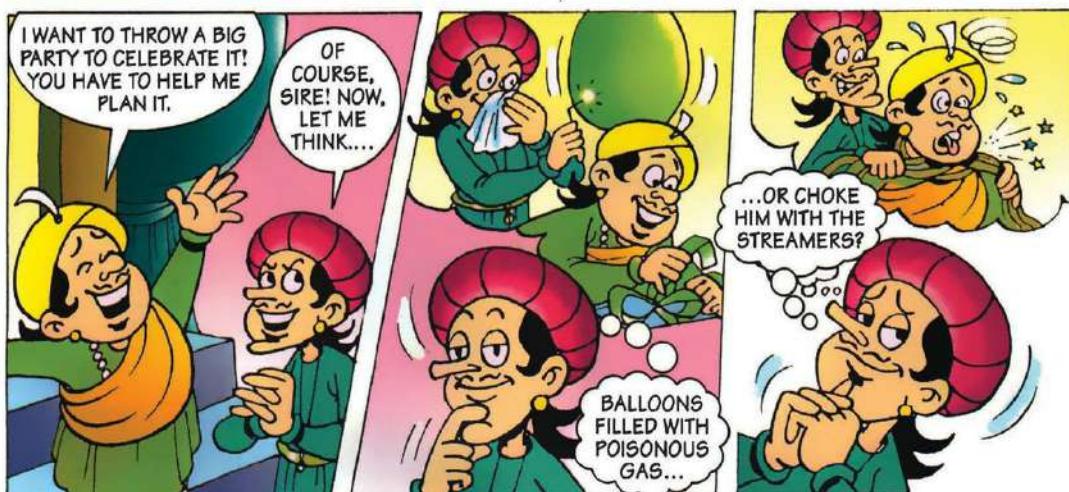
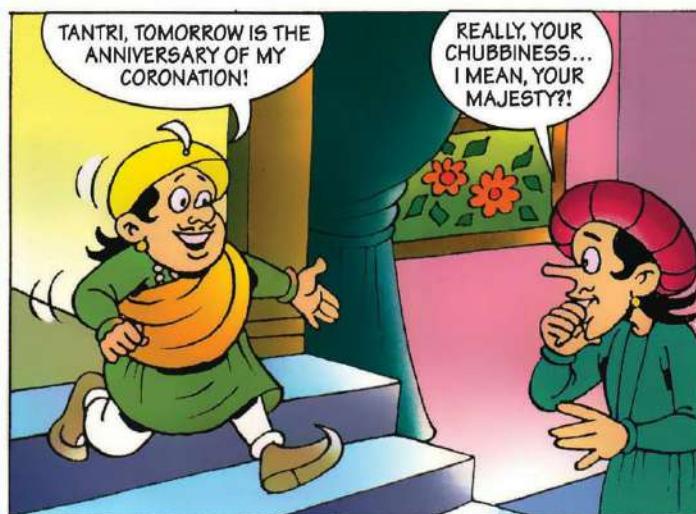
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Tantri and the Bees

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Aravind Bhangale,

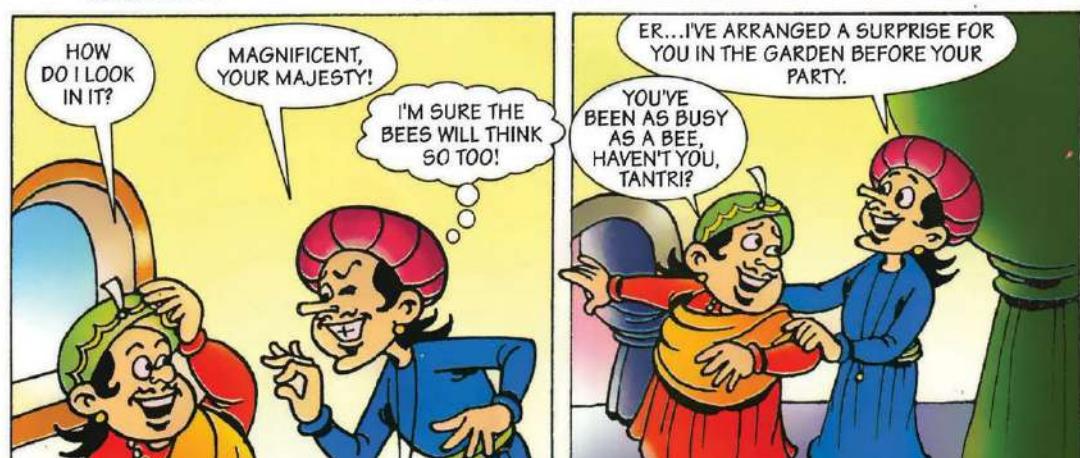
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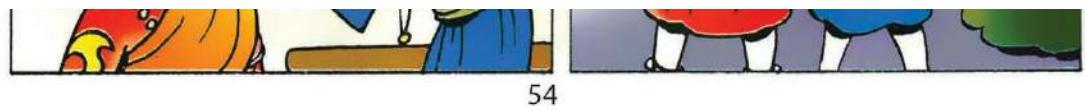
















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Third Time Unlucky

Story: Jubel D'Cruz
Script: Janaki Viswanathan
Illustrations: Prachi Killekar















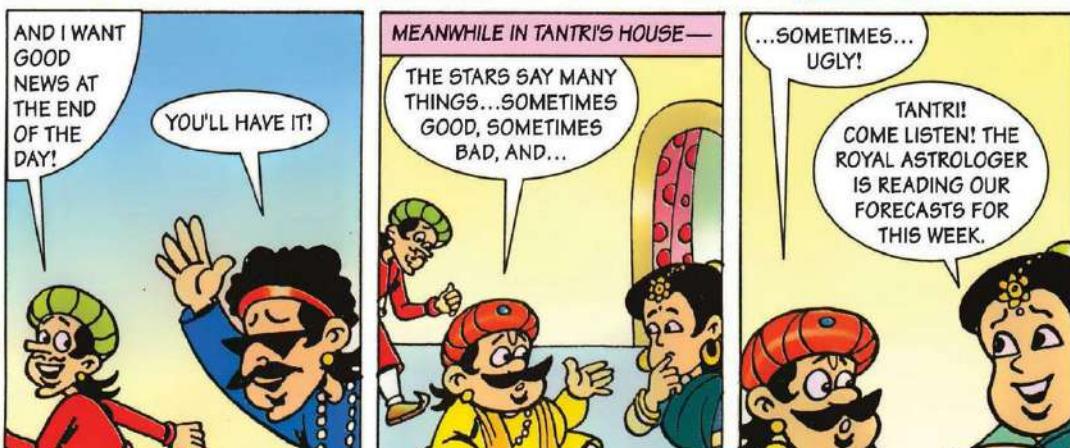
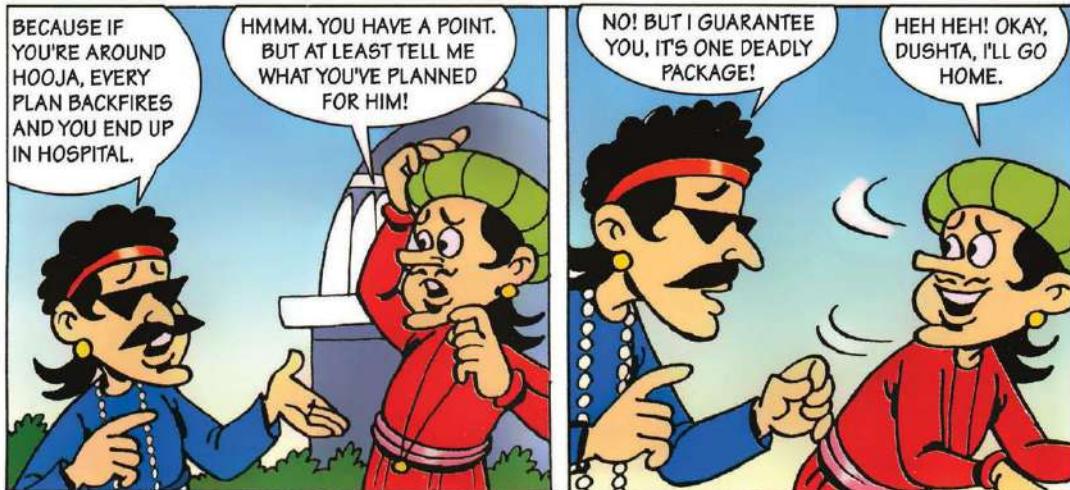
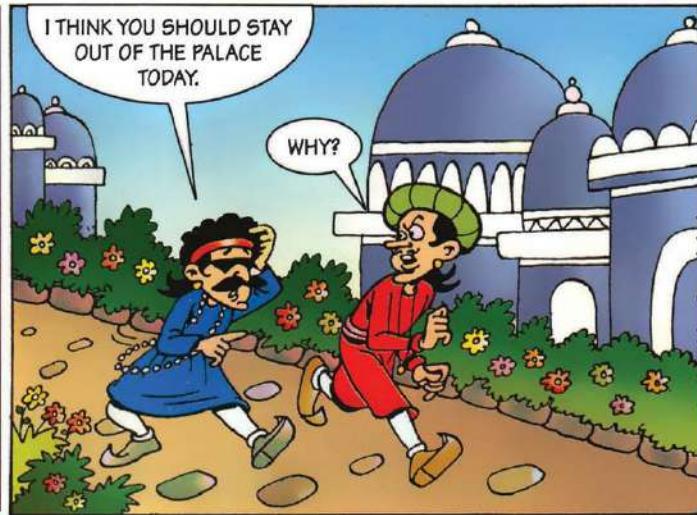


TANTRI, THE SAVIOUR

Story: Savio & Gayathri

Script: Janaki Viswanathan

Illustrations: Prachi Killekar

















Afloat with **TANTRI THE MANTRI**

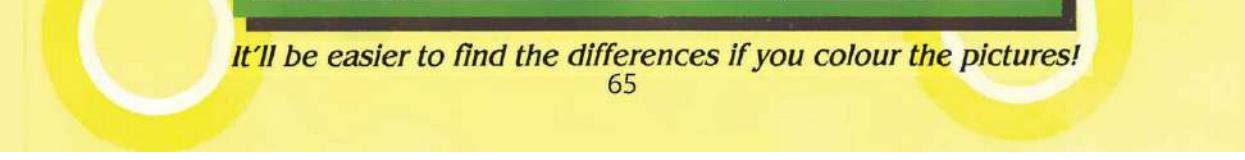
TANTRI THE MANTRI IS TAKING RAJA HOOJA FOR A RIDE. LOOK AT THE TWO PICTURES CAREFULLY. ALTHOUGH THE TWO SCENES SEEM TO BE IDENTICAL, THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES. CAN YOU SPOT 7 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES?

A



B





It'll be easier to find the differences if you colour the pictures!

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TANTRI THE MANTRI IN WINDY MOUNTAIN

By: Luis Fernandes
Illustrations: Prachi Killekar

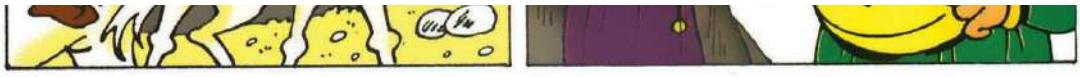












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Watch out! The notorious Tantri the Mantri is back! And Raja Hooja better be on guard, because Tantri will stop at nothing this time! Read on as Tantri tries to feed the king to deadly silver sharks, push him off a cliff, and feed him a ladoo... which is set to blow up! Will Tantri finally get Hujli's throne? Dive right into this Collection to find out!

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