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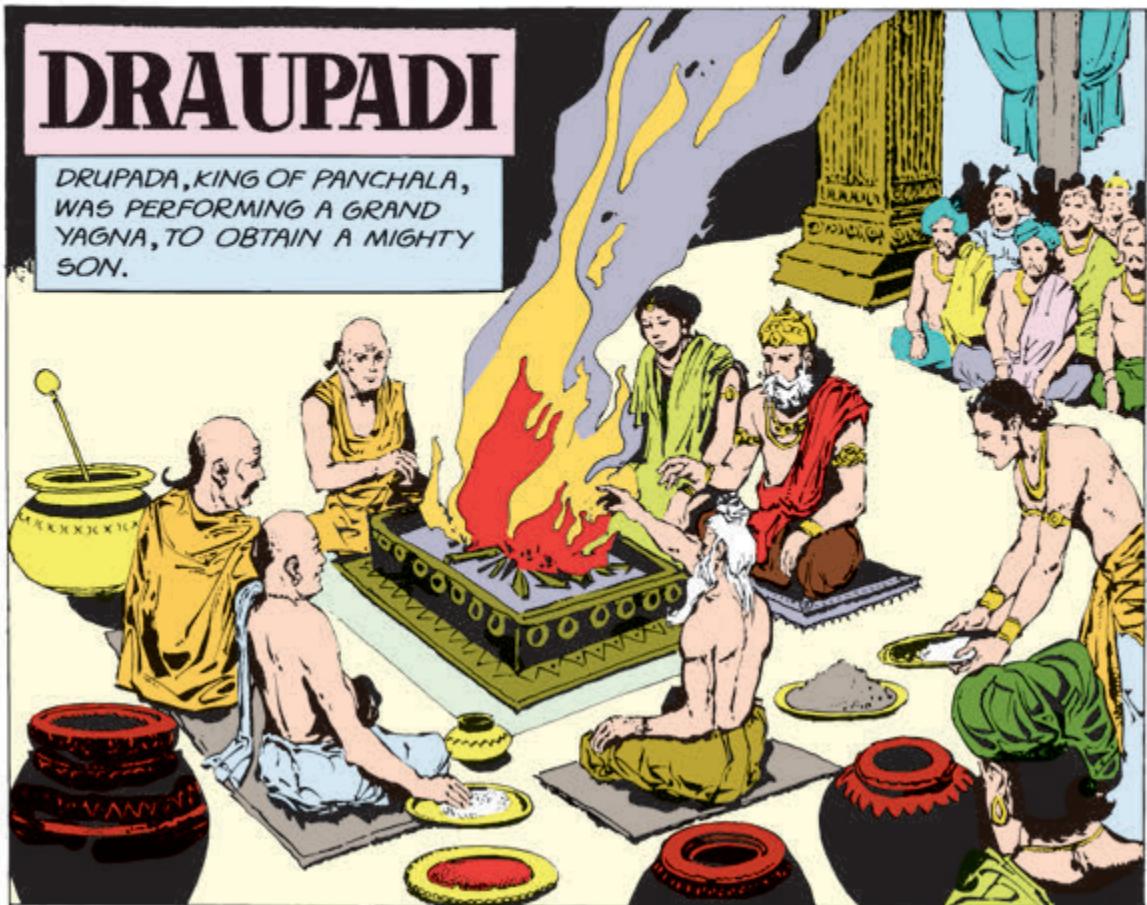
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DRAUPADI

DRUPADA, KING OF PANCHALA,
WAS PERFORMING A GRAND
YAGNA, TO OBTAIN A MIGHTY
SON.



AS THE FLAMES OF THE SACRIFICIAL FIRE LEAPED HIGH -

MAY AN EXCELLENT SON EMERGE FROM THIS FIRE!



AND FORTHWITH FROM THE FIRE SPRANG A YOUTH, HANDSOME, STRONG AND ARMOUR-CLAD.

LET THE BOY BE CALLED DHRISHTADYUMNA.



THEN TO THE AMAZEMENT OF ALL, THERE AROSE FROM THE SAME FIRE
A DARK MAIDEN, TOO, WFTING THE FRAGRANCE OF THE BLUE LOTUS
IN BLOOM.

THIS GIRL IS AN
EXCEPTIONAL WOMAN.
SHE WILL BRING
ABOUT THE
DESTRUCTION OF
THE KAURAVAS.

THE BRAHMANS CHOSE A NAME FOR HER.

DARK AND
BEAUTIFUL
AS SHE IS,
LET HER BE
NAMED
KRISHNAA.



AS THE
DAUGHTER OF DRUPADA
SHE
SHALL BE
CALLED
DRAUPADI.

FROM THE MOMENT HE
RECEIVED THE UNEXPECTED
CELESTIAL GIFT OF THIS
UNMATCHED GIRL AS HIS
DAUGHTER, ONE THOUGHT
OBSESSED DRUPADA—HER
MARRIAGE.

ARJUNA, THE
VALIANT PANDAVA WOULD
HAVE BEEN AN IDEAL
HUSBAND FOR MY DAUGH-
TER. IF ONLY HE, HIS
MOTHER, AND BROTHERS
HAD SURVIVED
THAT FATEFUL
FIRE AT
VARANA-
VATA.

HE PONDERED FOR A WHILE. THEN-



THE PANDAVAS, YUDHISHTHIRA, BHEEMA, ARJUNA, NAKULA AND SAHADEVA, HOWEVER WERE NOT DEAD. THE PLAN OF THEIR COUSINS, THE ENVIOUS KAURAVAS, TO KILL THEM HAD FAILED.



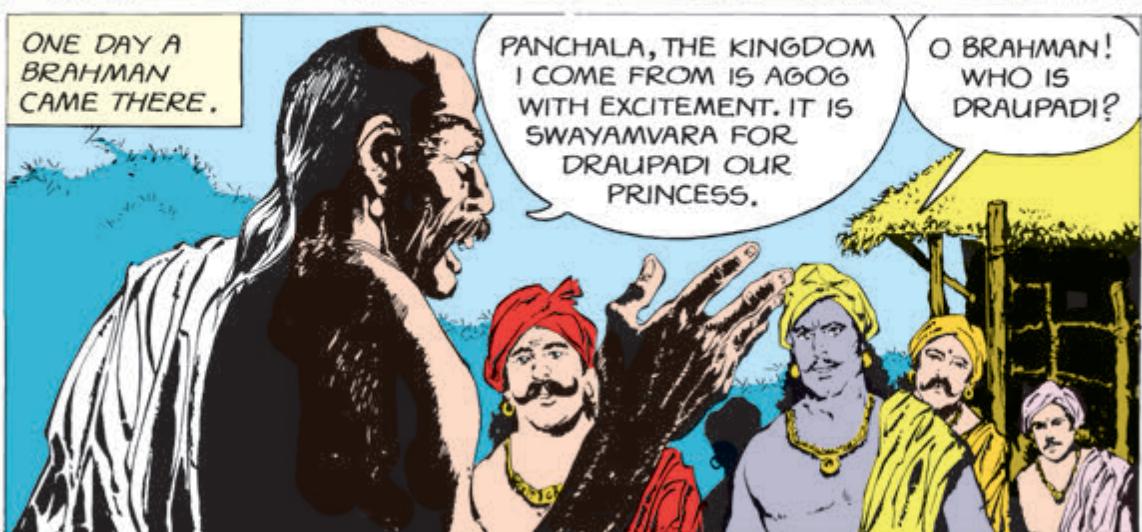
AT THAT MOMENT
DISGUISED AS
BRAHMANS THEY
WITH THEIR MOTHER
KUNTI, WERE AT
EKACHAKRAPURA.



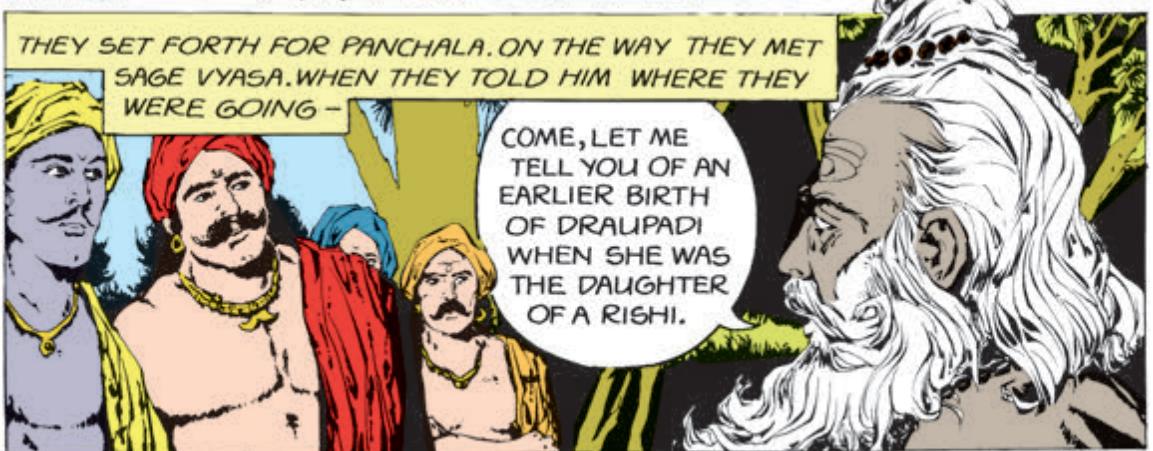
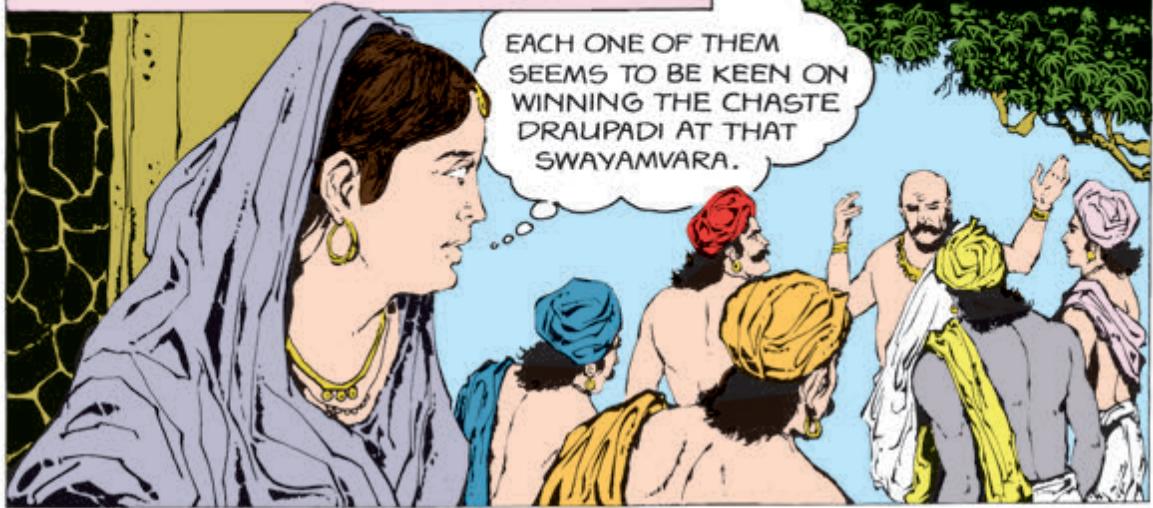
ONE DAY A
BRAHMAN
CAME THERE.

PANCHALA, THE KINGDOM
I COME FROM IS AGOG
WITH EXCITEMENT. IT IS
SWAYAMVARA FOR
DRAUPADI OUR
PRINCESS.

O BRAHMAN!
WHO IS
DRAUPADI?



AS THE PRINCES LISTENED TO HIS STORY, KUNTI WATCHING THEIR FACES GUessed THE STATE OF HER SONS' MINDS.



"THOUGH BEAUTIFUL,
CHASTE AND ACCOM-
PLISHED SHE WAS FATED
TO REMAIN UNMARRIED."



"YEARS OF PENAENCE
BROUGHT THEIR REWARD.
SHIVA APPEARED BEFORE
HER."



"IN UNCONTROLLED
EAGERNESS THE
GIRL REPEATED
HER REQUEST
FIVE TIMES."

AN ACCOMPLISHED
HUSBAND...AN
ACCOMPLISHED
HUSBAND...AN...



"SHIVA'S WORDS ONCE
UTTERED COULD NOT BE
REVOKED. BUT—"



YOU, THE FIVE PANDAVAS, ARE THE FIVE HUSBANDS DRAUPADI IS DESTINED TO HAVE. DESTINY AWAITS YOU IN PANCHALA. MAKE HER YOURS.

AND VYASA WENT HIS WAY.

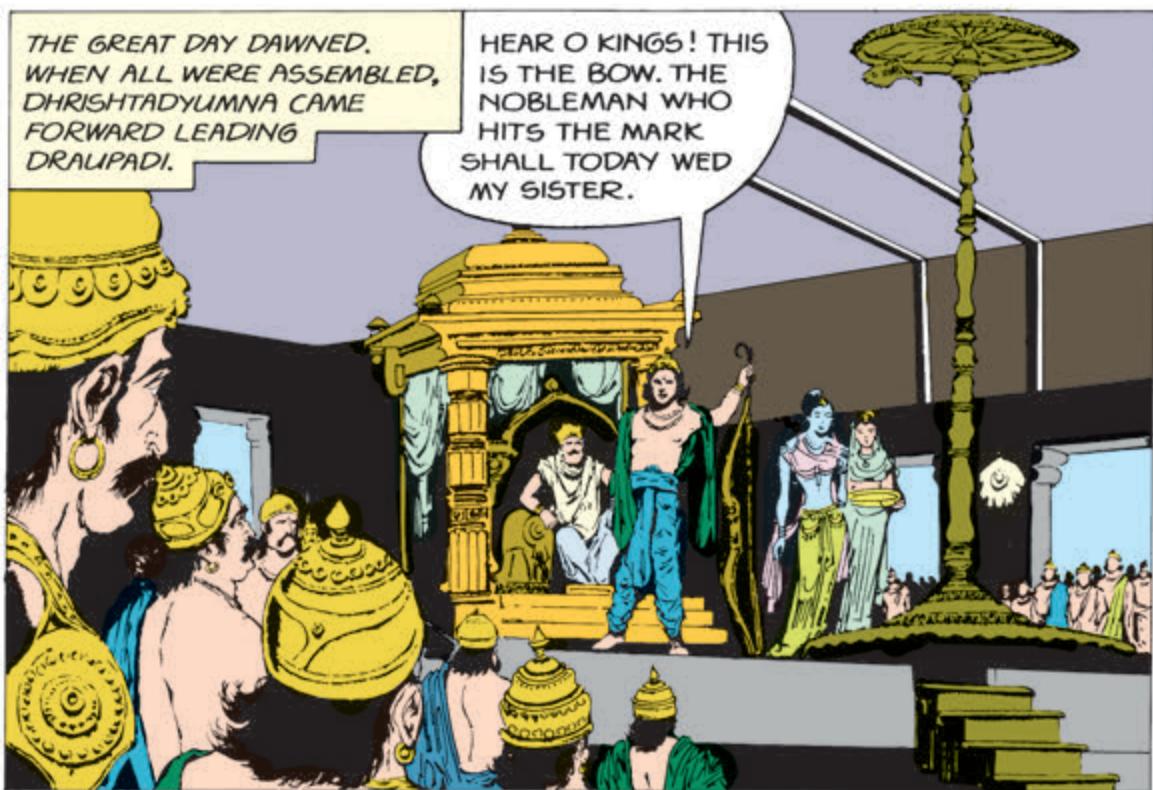
FULL OF HOPE, THE PRINCES AND THEIR MOTHER PROCEEDED TO PANCHALA.

THE CAPITAL CITY OF PANCHALA WAS HUMMING WITH EXCITEMENT.

THEY SAY THAT DURYODHANA AND THE KAURAVAS WITH SHAKUNI, THEIR UNCLE, AND KARNA THEIR FRIEND, ARE HERE.

KUNTI AND HER SONS CHOSE A POTTER'S HOUSE TO LIVE IN. AFTER RESTING FOR SOME TIME—

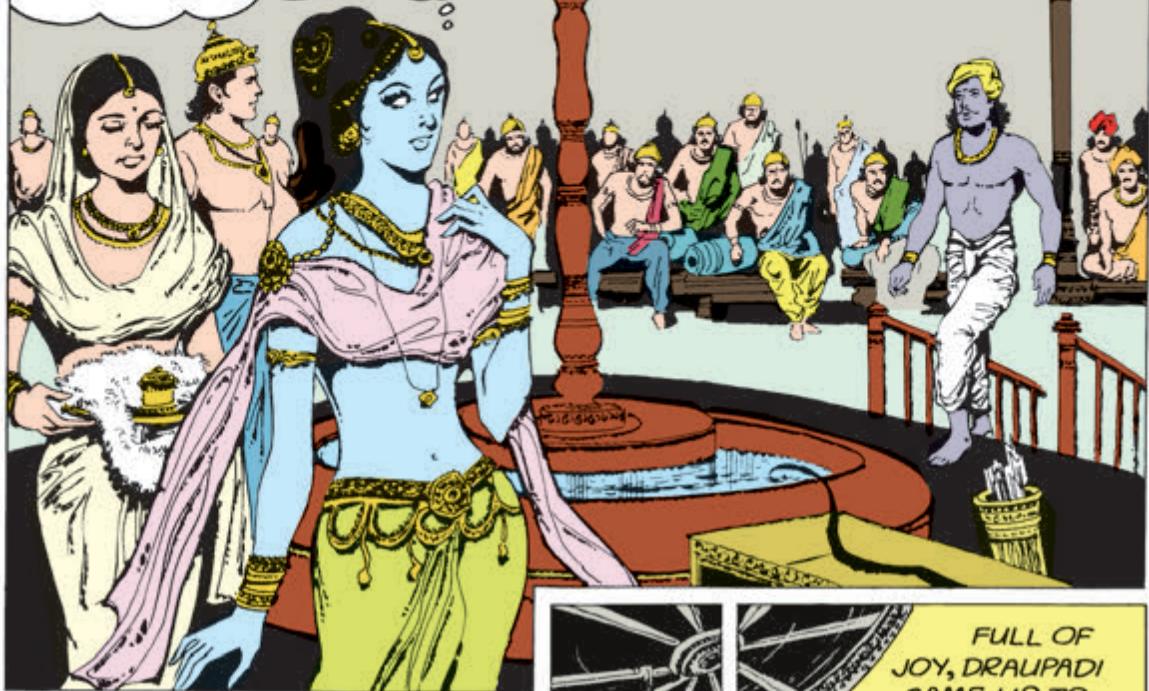
LET US GO TO THE SWAYAMVARA AND TAKE OUR PLACE AMONG THE BRAHMANS.



*SUTA = AN INFERIOR KSHATRIYA.

ONE BY ONE THE OTHERS TRIED AND FAILED. WHEN ALL OF THEM HAD GIVEN UP, ARJUNA STEPPED FORWARD.

A HUMBLE BRAHMAN, YET HOW NOBLE AND CONFIDENT IS HIS BEARING.



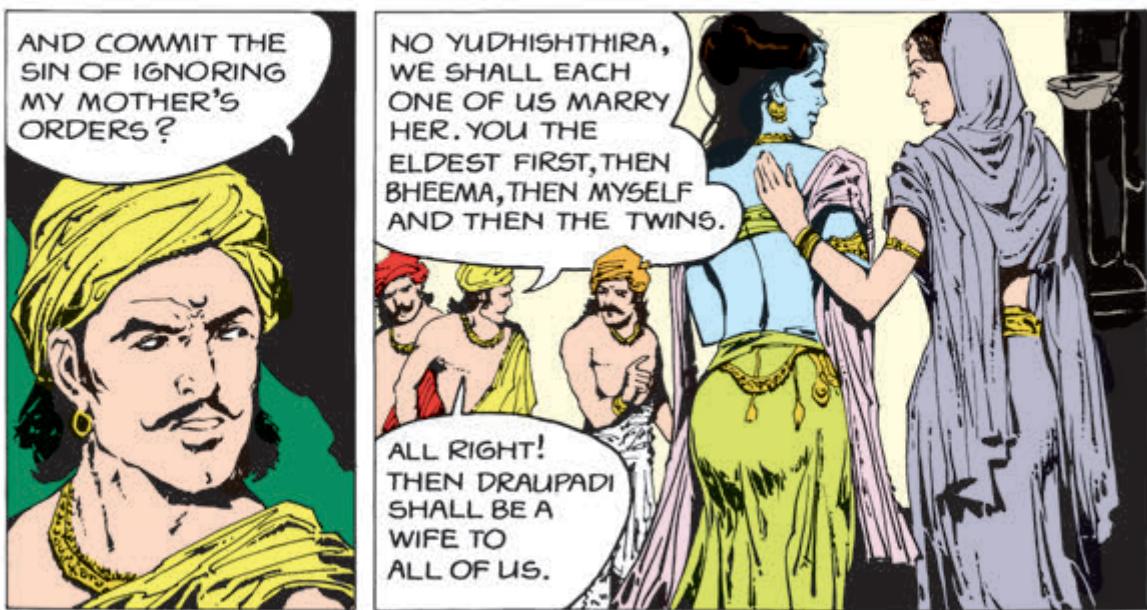
ARJUNA'S ARROW FOUND ITS MARK.



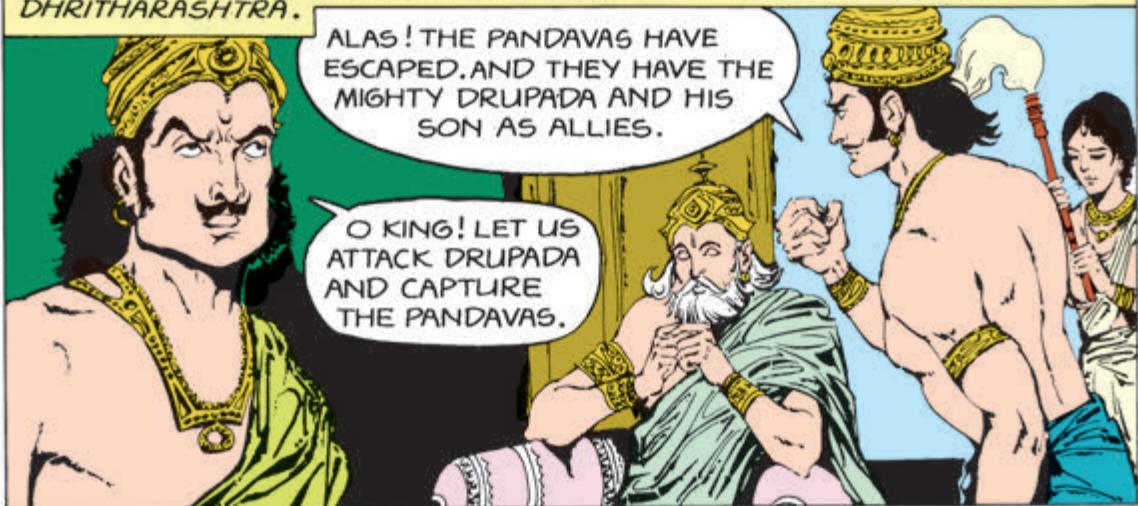
HE HAS
SUCCEEDED!!

FULL OF
JOY, DRAUPADI
CAME UP TO
ARJUNA WITH A
GARLAND OF
FLOWERS.

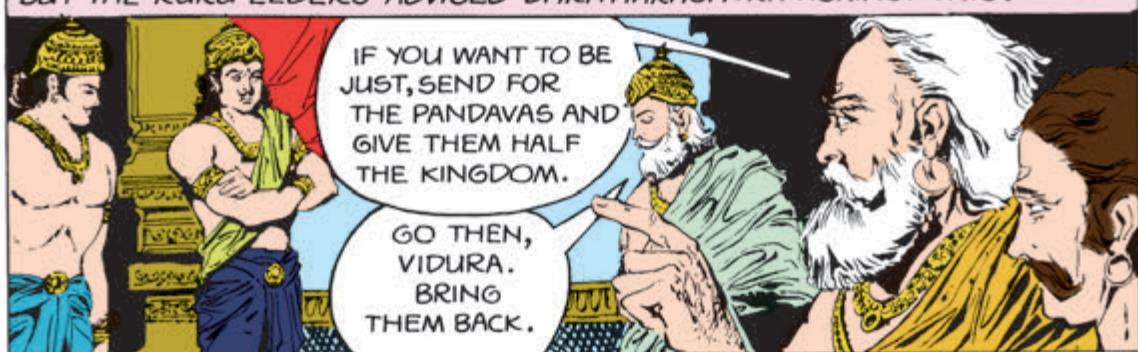




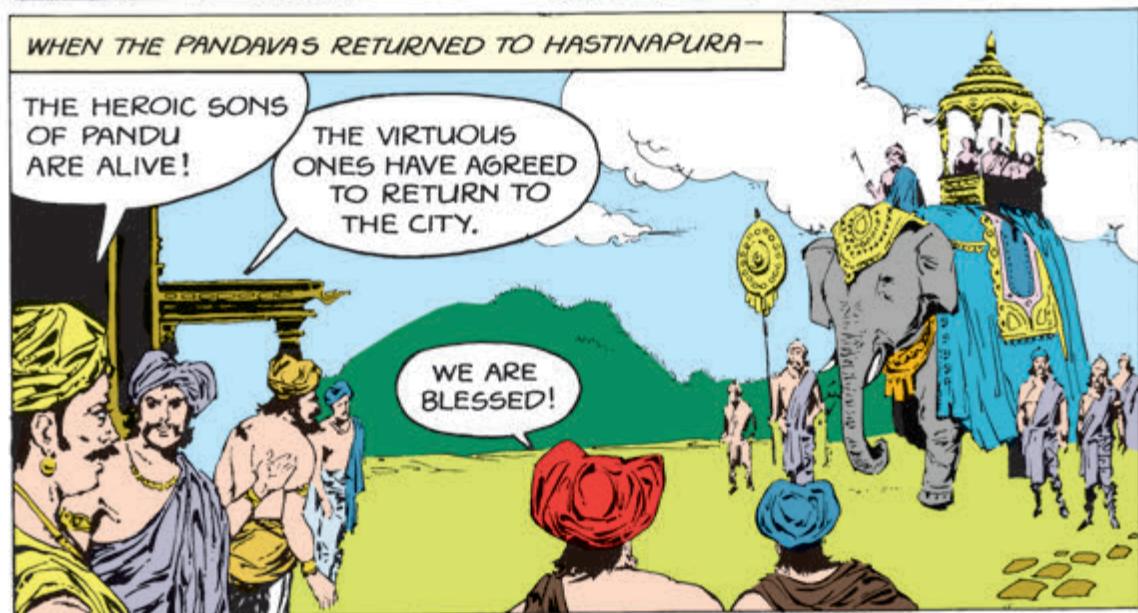
BY THEN DURYODHANA HAD LEARNT THAT IT WAS THE PANDAVAS WHO HAD WON DRAUPADI. BACK AT HASTINAPURA HE WENT TO HIS FATHER, THE BLIND DHRITHARASHTRA.



BUT THE KURU ELDERS ADVISED DHRITHARASHTRA AGAINST THIS.



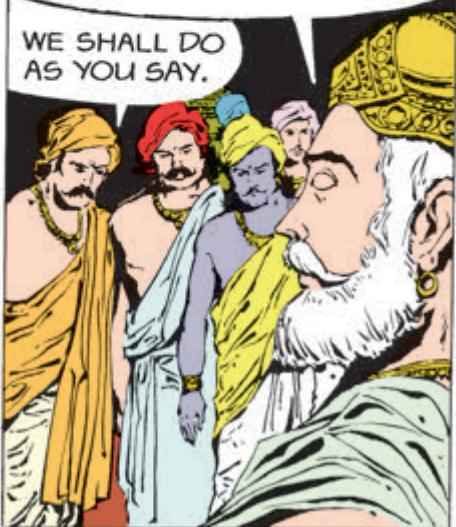
WHEN THE PANDAVAS RETURNED TO HASTINAPURA—



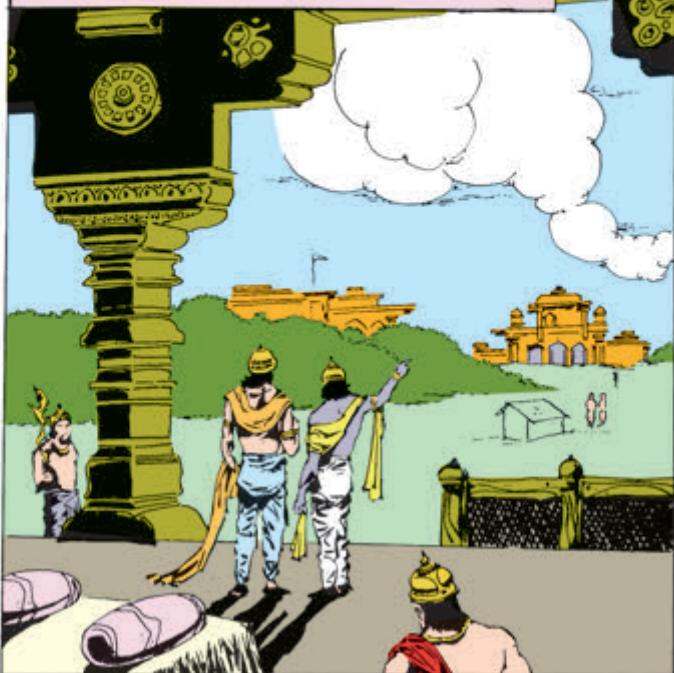
WHEN THEY CAME TO PAY
THEIR RESPECTS TO
DHRITHARASHTRA -

I GRANT YOU HALF THE
KINGDOM. GO TO
KHANDAVAPRASHTHA AND
RULE FROM THERE. MAY
ALL PROSPERITY BE YOURS.

WE SHALL DO
AS YOU SAY.



HAVING OBTAINED THEIR RIGHTFUL SHARE
OF THE KINGDOM THE EVER-TRUTHFUL
YUDHISHTHIRA AND HIS BROTHERS
RULED VIRTUOUSLY OVER IT.



DURYODHANA, MORE ENVIOUS THAN EVER,
PLOTTED WITH
HIS UNCLE
SHAKUNI.

O UNCLE,
IS THERE
NO WAY
TO RUIN
MY
COUSINS?

THERE IS. BY A
GAME OF DICE.
YUDHISHTHIRA
IS AN ADDICT
AND I AM
SHARP. WE
WILL WIN.

WHEN THE
INVITATION
TO PLAY
REACHED
YUDHISHTHIRA -

I AM UNWILLING
TO GAMBLE WITH
SHAKUNI WHO,
IT IS KNOWN,
CHEATS AT DICE.
BUT I MUST
ACCEPT THE
ROYAL
CHALLENGE.



AT THE GAME YUDHISHTHIRA STAKED ALL HIS WEALTH, THEN HIS BROTHERS AND THEN HIMSELF, AND LOST ALL.

O KING, THERE IS STILL ONE DEAR STAKE YOU HOLD ON TO - DRAUPADI. STAKE HER AND WIN YOURSELF BACK.

SHAME!
SHAME!



YUDHISHTHIRA HAD TO AGREE. SHAKUNI CAST THE DICE.

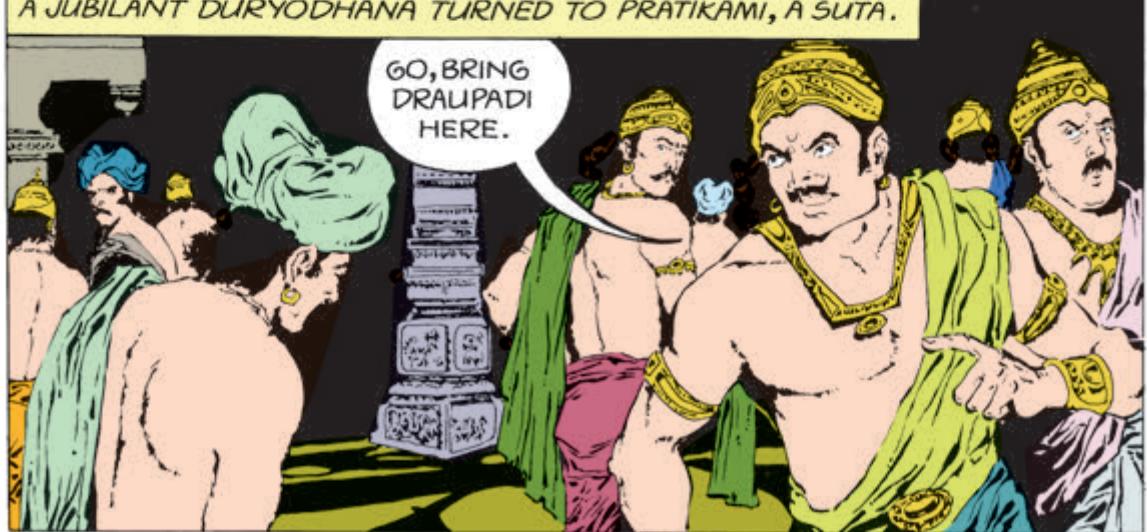
ALAS! ALAS! FOR THIS SIN THE KURUS WILL BE DESTROYED.

LOOK! I WIN AGAIN.



A JUBILANT DURYODHANA TURNED TO PRATIKAMI, A SUTA.

GO, BRING DRAUPADI HERE.



PRATIKAMI VENTURED GINGERLY INTO DRAUPADI'S PRESENCE.

I HAVE COME TO TAKE YOU TO DURYODHANA. YOU HAVE BEEN STAKED AND LOST BY YUDHISHTHIRA.

A KING STAKING HIS WIFE, AWAY ! ALAS HE WAS SURELY INTOXICATED WITH DICE.

DID HE HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO STAKE ?



HE DIDN'T. HE STAKED AND LOST ALL, EVEN HIMSELF.

WHEN PRATIKAMI CARRIED DRAUPADI'S QUERY TO DURYODHANA -

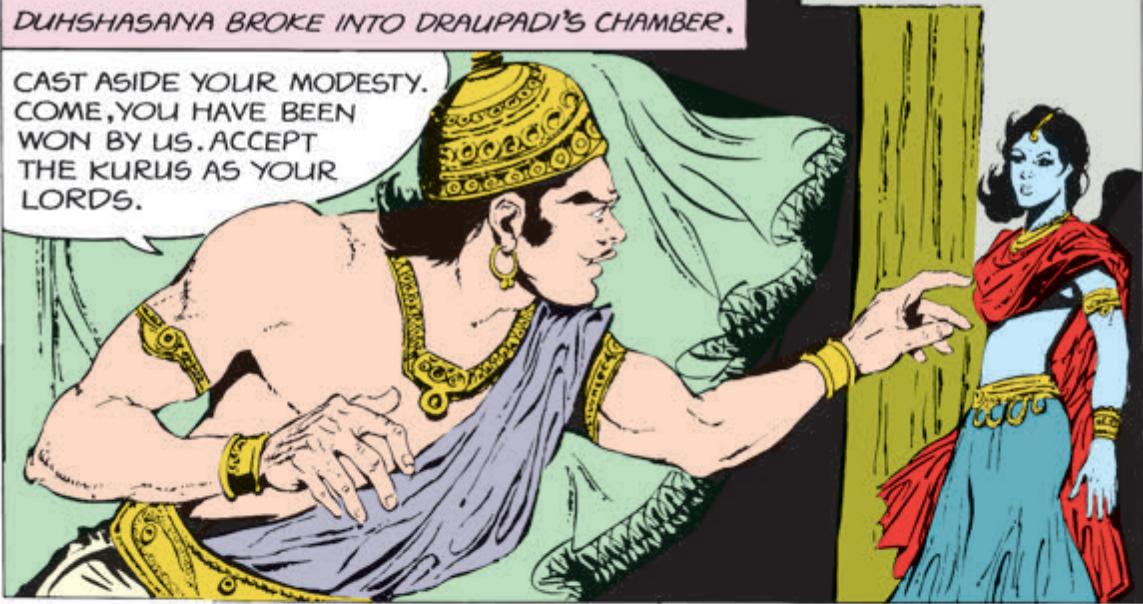
GO BACK AND FIND OUT WHOM HE LOST FIRST - HIMSELF OR ME ? THEN COME TO TAKE ME.

SHE SHALL GET HER ANSWERS HERE. GO, DUHSHASANA. BRING HER TO US.



DUHSHASANA BROKE INTO DRAUPADI'S CHAMBER.

CAST ASIDE YOUR MODESTY.
COME, YOU HAVE BEEN
WON BY US. ACCEPT
THE KURUS AS YOUR
LORDS.

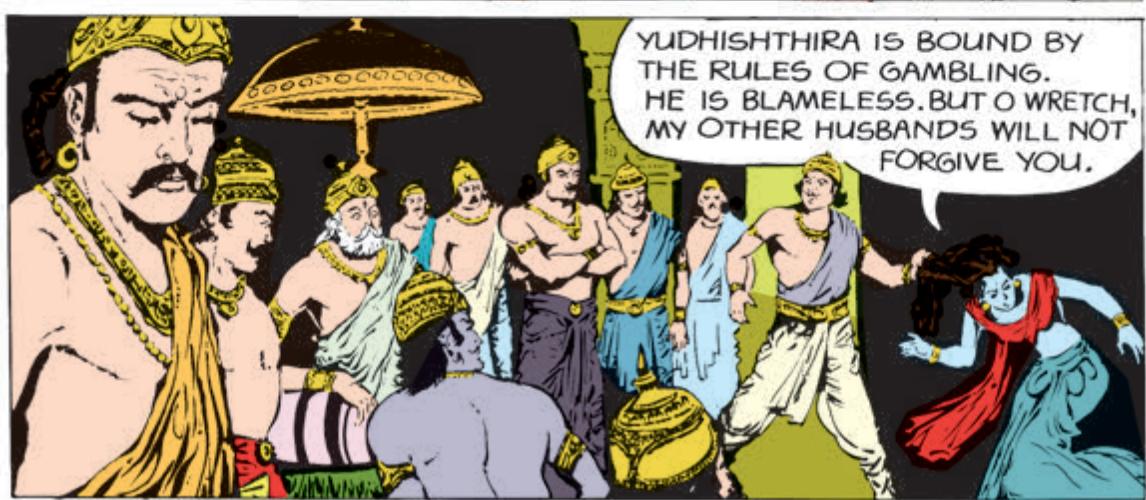


DRAUPADI TRIED
TO RUN AWAY
BUT ROARING
WITH ANGER,
DUHSHASANA
RAN AFTER HER.

COME HERE,
YOU SLAVE...



YUDHISHTHIRA IS BOUND
BY THE RULES OF GAMBLING.
HE IS BLAMELESS. BUT O WRETCH,
MY OTHER HUSBANDS WILL NOT
FORGIVE YOU.



AS DUHSHASANA DRAGGED DRAUPADI IN, NOT A WORD OF PROTEST ROSE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.



WHILE CRYING THUS IN DISTRESS SHE CAST A GLANCE AT HER HELPLESS HUSBANDS.

YUDHISHTHIRA, LOOK AT HER GLANCES FULL OF MODESTY AND ANGER AND KNOW THAT YOUR ACT WAS A HIGHLY IMPROPER ONE.



AT THAT MOMENT-

THE VERY CLOTHES SHE IS WEARING BELONG TO US! SHE IS OUR SLAVE.



THEN LO! AS ONE GARMENT WAS REMOVED, ANOTHER MIRACULOUSLY COVERED HER.



FRUSTRATED AND ASHAMED DUHSASANA SAT DOWN. BHEEMA, QUIVERING WITH ANGER, TOOK AN OATH.



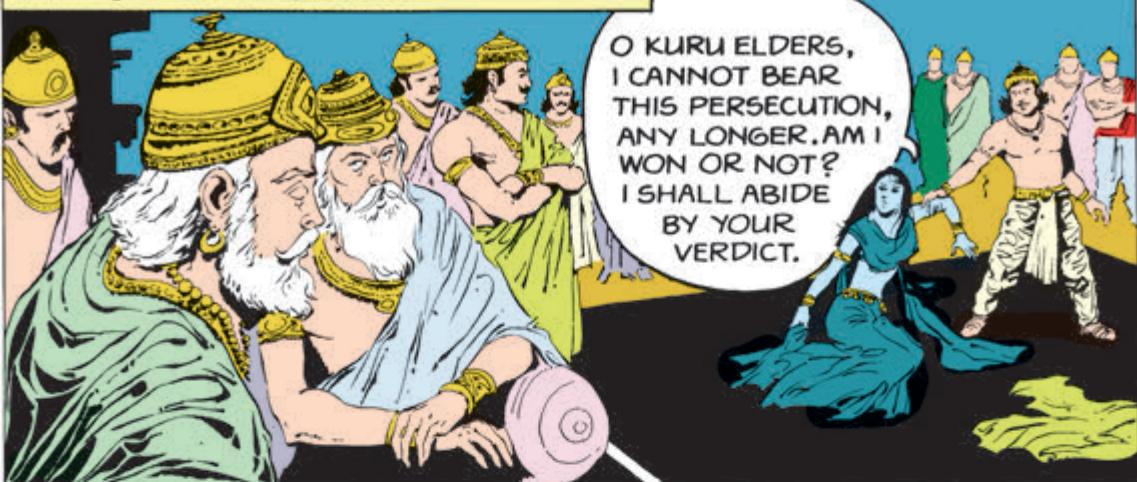
I SHALL, IN THE BATTLEFIELD, TEAR OPEN THE BREAST OF THIS VILLAIN OF THE BHARATA RACE, AND DRINK HIS LIFE BLOOD.

THEN ALL THE ASSEMBLED KINGS CENSURED THE SONS OF DHRITHARASHTRA.

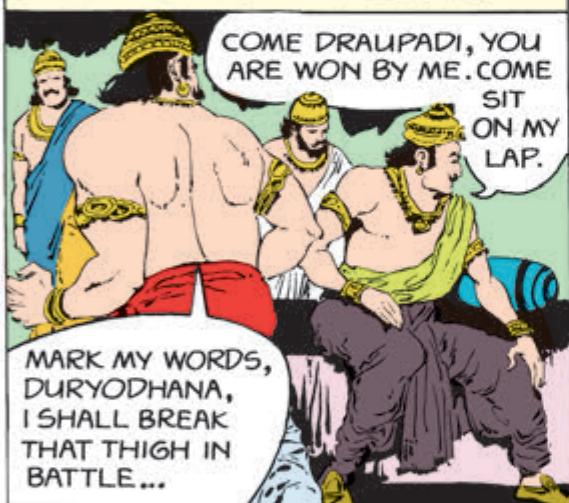
ALAS! THE KURUS HAVE NOT YET ANSWERED THE QUESTION PUT TO THEM.



DUHSHASANA TRIED TO DRAG DRAUPADI AWAY BUT SHE RESISTED.



AS SHE WAITED FOR THE VERDICT,
DURYODHANA BECAME BOLDER.



AT THAT MOMENT JACKALS HOWLED,
ASSES BRAYED AND BIRDS OF PREY
SHRIEKED. DHRITHARASHTRA WAS
ALARMED BY THESE EVIL PORTENTS.

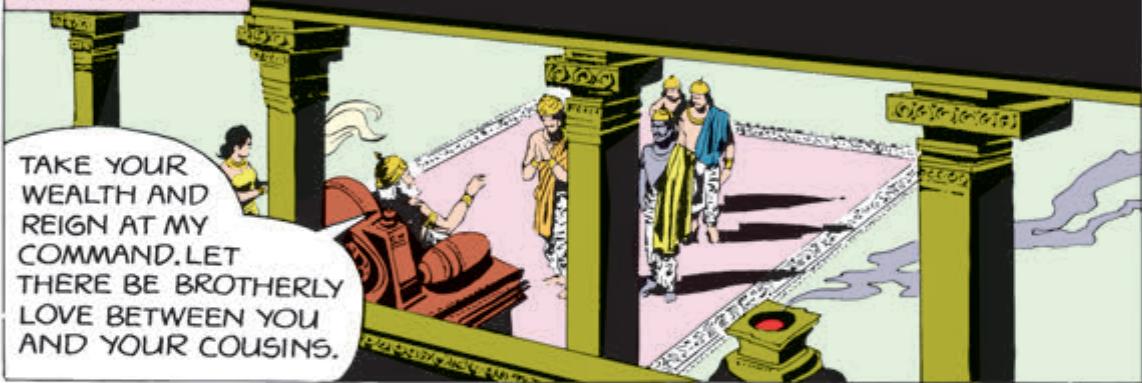


LET YUDHISHTHIRA BE FREED
FROM SLAVERY. LET NOT
POSTERITY SPEAK OF OUR SON
AS BORN OF A SLAVE.

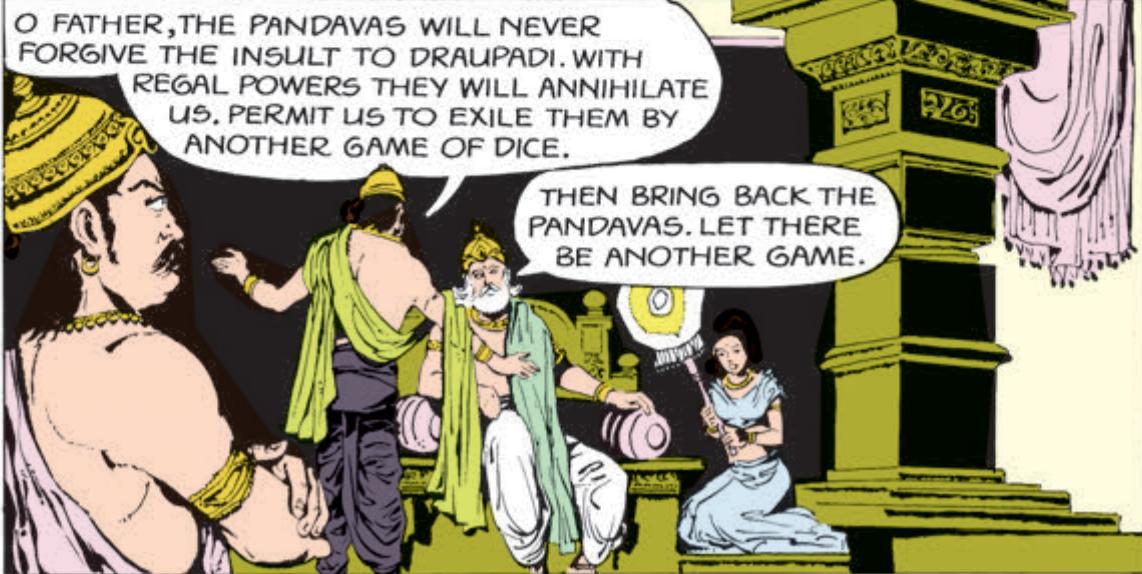




LATER WHEN YUDHISHTHIRA APPROACHED DHRITHARASHTRA TO TAKE LEAVE OF HIM—



WHEN DURYODHANA LEARNT OF THIS HE WENT TO DHRITHARASHTRA.



YUDHISHTHIRA WAS AWARE OF SHAKUNI'S DECEPTION, STILL HE CAME BACK TO THE DICE.

THE LOSERS MUST GO INTO EXILE TO THE FOREST FOR TWELVE YEARS, AND PASS THE THIRTEENTH YEAR IN SOME INHABITED PLACE - UNRECOGNISED. IF RECOGNISED THEY MUST RETURN TO AN EXILE OF ANOTHER TWELVE YEARS. ON THE EXPIRY OF THE THIRTEENTH YEAR THE LOSER WILL GET BACK HIS KINGDOM.

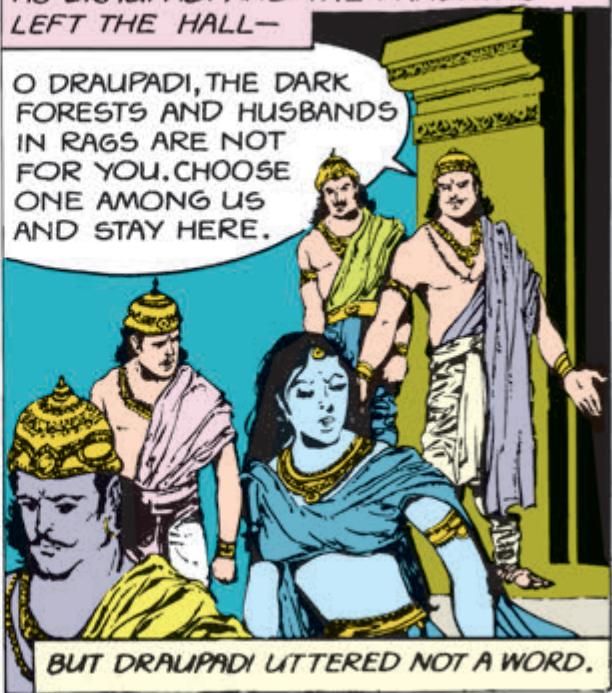


YUDHISHTHIRA AGREED AND SHAKUNI CAST THE DICE.



AS DRAUPADI AND THE PANDAVAS LEFT THE HALL -

O DRAUPADI, THE DARK FORESTS AND HUSBANDS IN RAGS ARE NOT FOR YOU. CHOOSE ONE AMONG US AND STAY HERE.



BUT DRAUPADI UTTERED NOT A WORD.

AFTER CONSOLING THEIR WEEPING MOTHER KUNTI, DRAUPADI AND THE PANDAVAS SET OUT FOR THE FOREST.

I VOW THAT THIRTEEN YEARS HENCE THE WIVES OF THOSE VILLAINS WILL LANGUISH IN DESOLATE WIDOWHOOD.



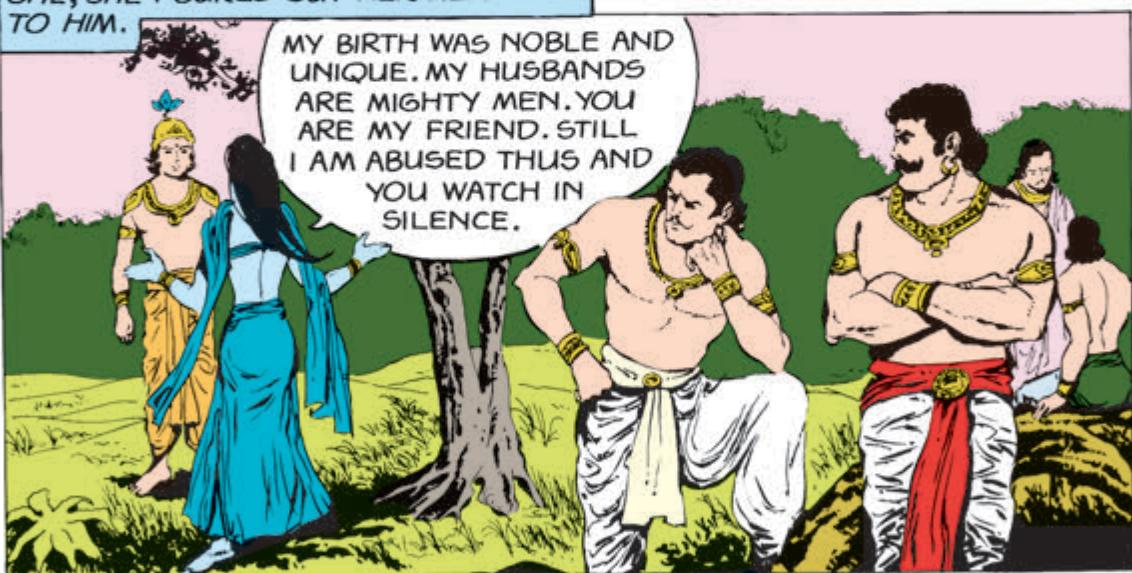
LORD SURYA BROUGHT A GIFT FOR THE VIRTUOUS PANDAVAS AS THEY ENTERED THE FOREST.

FOOD COOKED IN THIS VESSEL WILL BE INEXHAUSTIBLE AT EACH MEAL TILL DRAUPADI EATS.



KRISHNA DIVINING THE SAD PLIGHT OF THE PANDAVAS, CAME TO THEM. WHEN DRAUPADI SAW THE COMPASSIONATE ONE, SHE POURED OUT HER HEART TO HIM.

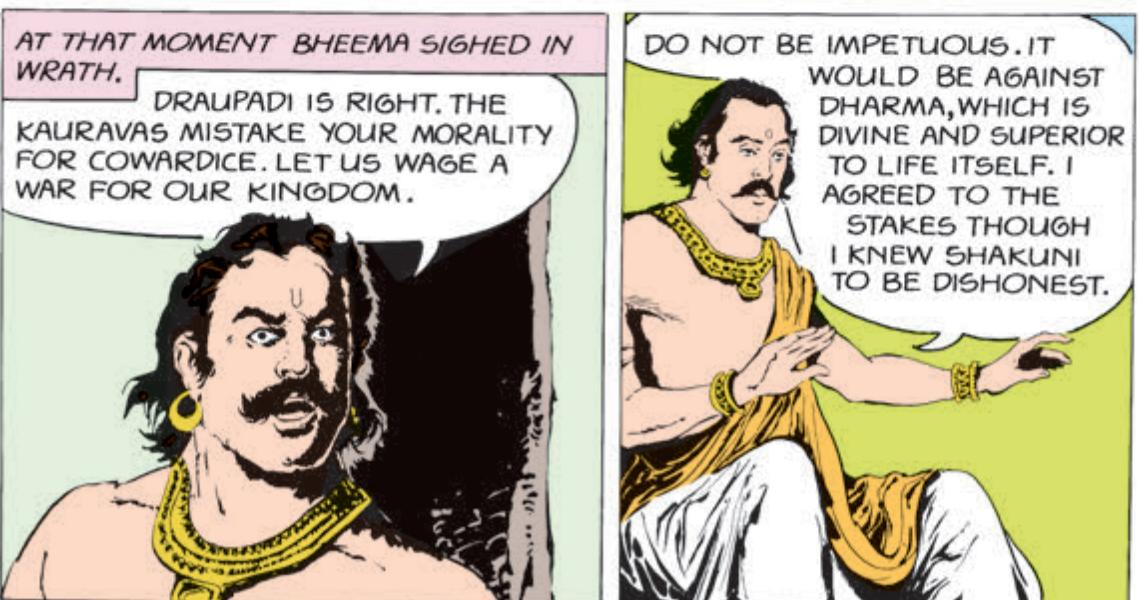
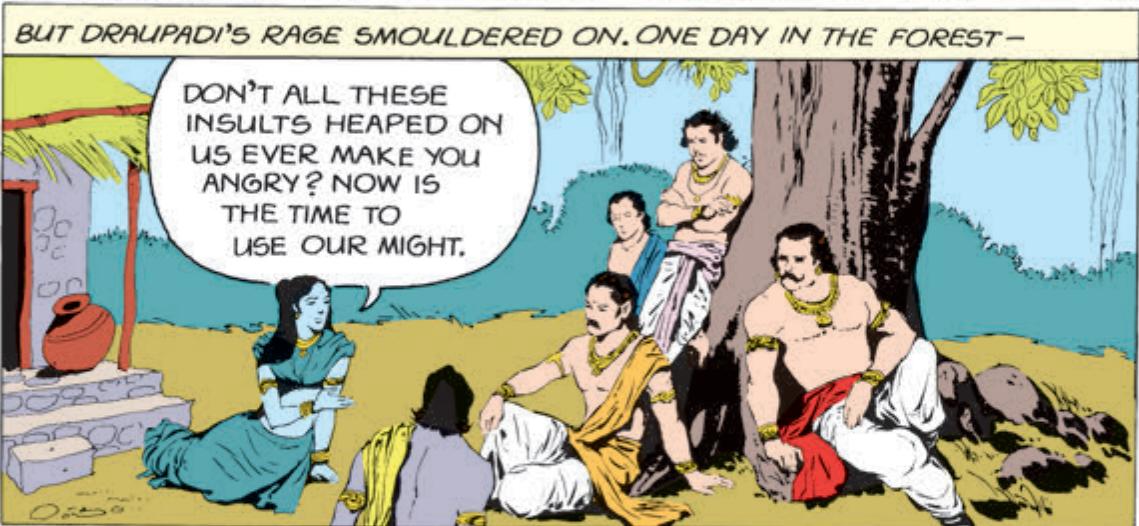
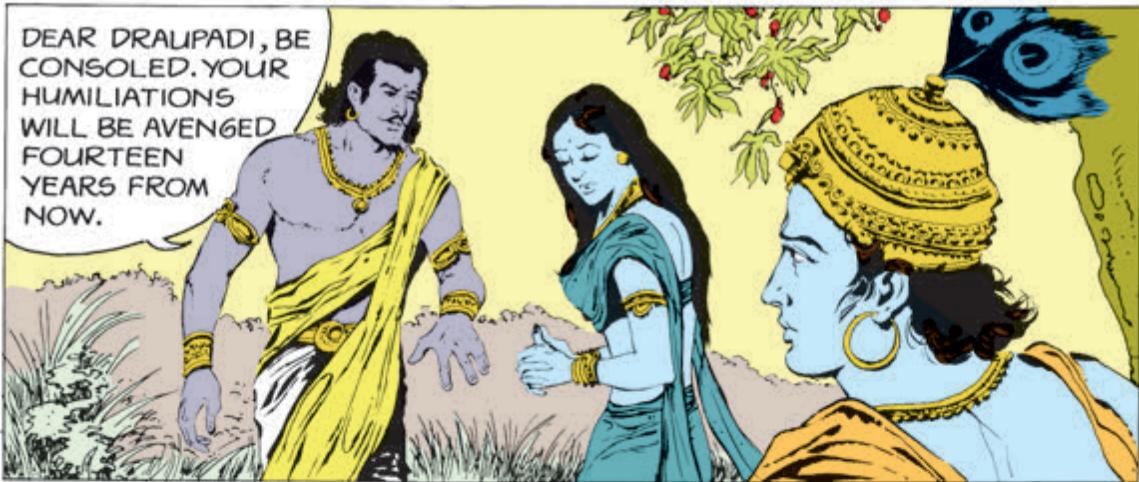
MY BIRTH WAS NOBLE AND UNIQUE. MY HUSBANDS ARE MIGHTY MEN. YOU ARE MY FRIEND. STILL I AM ABUSED THUS AND YOU WATCH IN SILENCE.



MOVED BY HER DISTRESS, KRISHNA TOOK AN OATH.

THE WIVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE INJURED YOU WILL SUFFER THIS AGONY. YOU SHALL YET REIGN AS THE QUEEN. MY WORDS SHALL NOT BE IN VAIN.





MANY WERE THE SAGES WHO VISITED THE PANDAVAS IN THE FOREST. DRAUPADI FED ALL OF THEM TAKING CARE TO BE THE LAST TO EAT.



THE HAPPINESS OF THE PANDAVAS IN EXILE ROUSED THE ENVY OF DURYODHANA. HE PLOTTED AGAINST THEM.



DURVASA CAME AND WAS PLEASED WITH DURYODHANA'S LAVISH HOSPITALITY.



DURVASA AGREED AND ARRIVED AT THE FOREST.

WELCOME, O REVERED SAGE. COME BACK AFTER YOUR ABLUTIONS AND PRAYER AT THE RIVER YONDER.

WE WILL COME. LET DRAUPADI HAVE A GOOD MEAL READY FOR US.



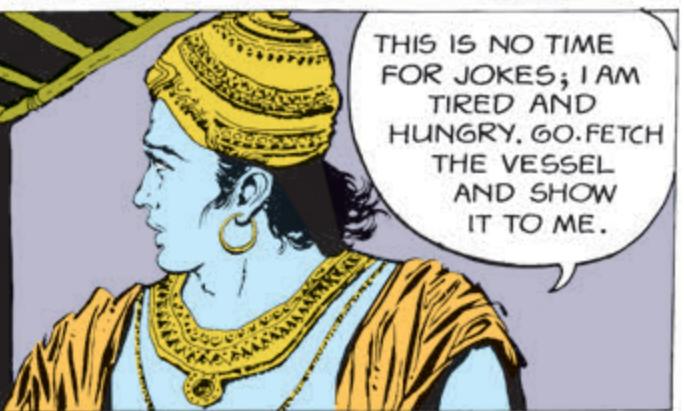
DRAUPADI WAS AGHAST.



KRISHNA, THE ALL-KNOWING, APPEARED.



DRAUPADI WAS MISERABLE.



WHEN DRAUPADI
BROUGHT THE
VESSEL -



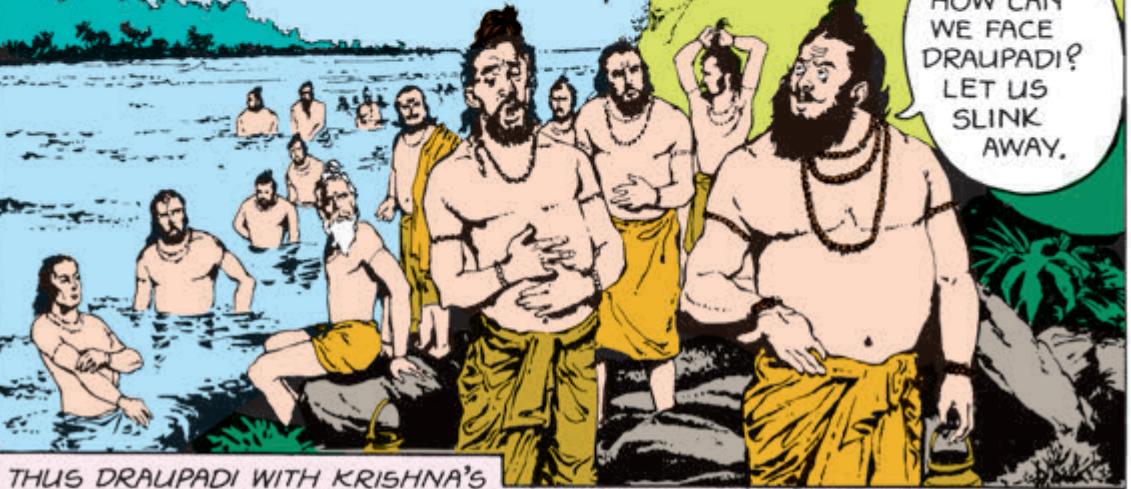
MAY THE
SOUL OF THE
UNIVERSE BE
SATIATED WITH IT.

MEANWHILE AT THE RIVER-

NOT A
SINGLE MORSEL
FOR ME. NO!

I FEEL AS IF
I'VE EATEN
FOR SIX.

HOW CAN
WE FACE
DRAUPADI?
LET US
SLINK
AWAY.



THUS DRAUPADI WITH KRISHNA'S
HELP THWARTED DURYODHANA'S ATTEMPT TO HARASS THEM.

THE YEARS PASSED. AT LAST THE THIRTEENTH AND THE MOST DIFFICULT
YEAR CAME ROUND.

WE SHALL SPEND
THIS YEAR IN THE
SERVICE OF KING
VIRATA. I WILL GO
AS KANKA, AN
EXPERT IN DICE.

I WILL GO AS A
COOK-BALLAVA.

WE WILL TEND
HIS HORSES AND
GRAZE HIS COWS.

I WILL
GO AS A
DANCE
TEACHER.

I WILL GO AS
SAIRANDHRI AND
SEEK SERVICE AS
QUEEN SUDHESHNA'S
MAID.

SO IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
GUISES DRAUPADI AND THE
PANDAVAS SOUGHT AND
SECURED SERVICE IN THE
PALACE OF VIRATA.

TEN MONTHS HAD PASSED WHEN KEECHAKA, THE QUEEN'S BROTHER, WAS SMITTEN BY THE BEAUTY OF DRAUPADI.

WHO OWNS YOU?

I AM THE WIFE OF FIVE MIGHTY GANDHARVAS.



BUT THIS DID NOT DAMPEN KEECHAKA'S ARDOUR.

I AM A SLAVE TO YOUR BEAUTY. BE MY WIFE.



THE REJECTED KEECHAKA APPEALED TO HIS SISTER.

IT IS EITHER SAIRANDHRI OR DEATH, FOR ME. HATCH A PLOT, SUDESHNA, TO SEND HER TO ME.

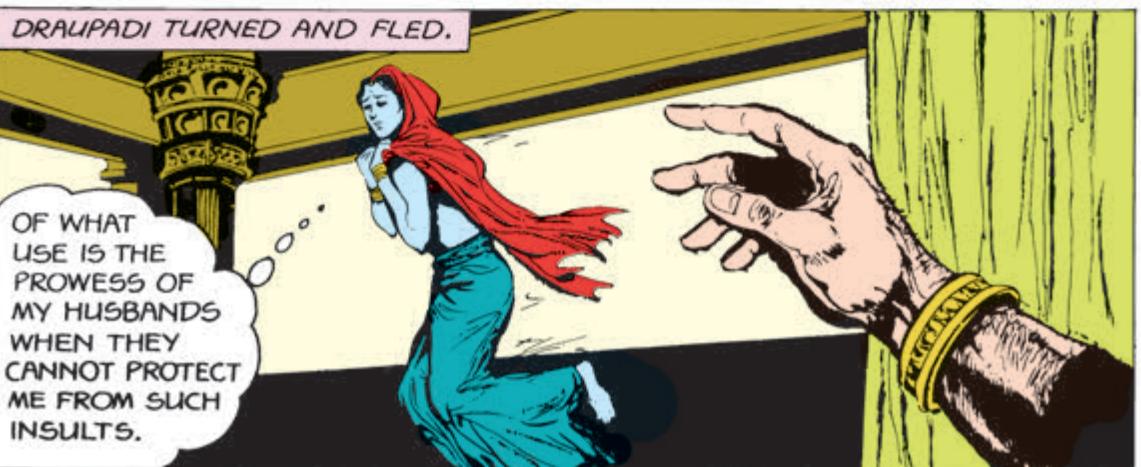
I SHALL TRY.



KEECHAKA LEFT AND SUDESHNA SENT FOR DRAUPADI.

GO TO KEECHAKA AND BRING ME SOME WINE. I AM THIRSTY.

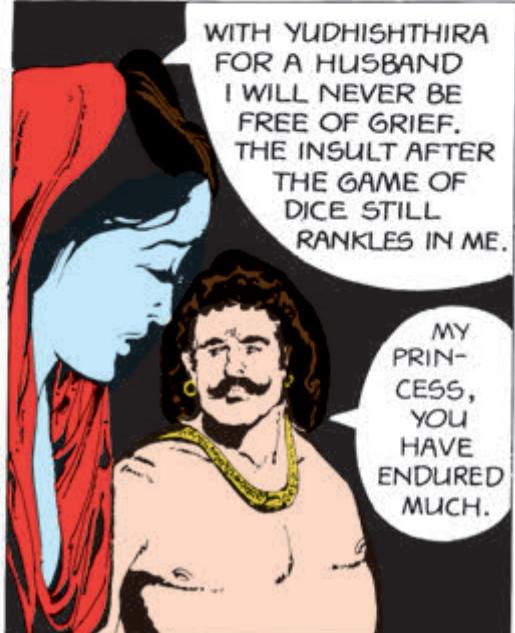




KEECHAKA CAUGHT UP WITH HER AND KICKED HER IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL. YUDHISHTHIRA AS KANKA WAS HELPLESS.



THAT NIGHT DRAUPADI WENT TO BHEEMA.

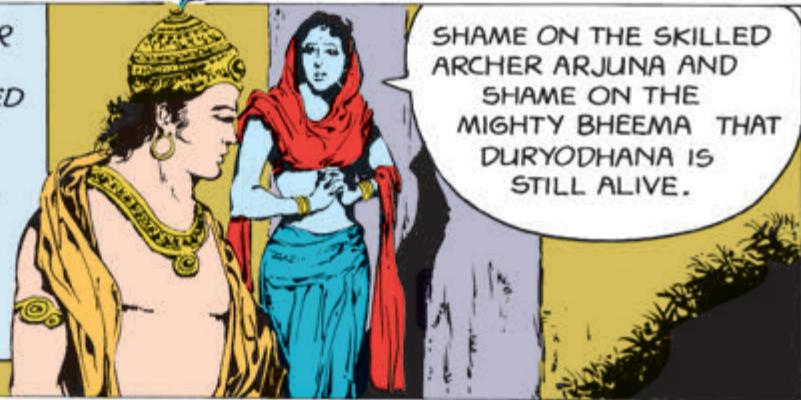




DRAUPADI DID AS SHE WAS TOLD. BHEEMA LAY IN WAIT. THE MOMENT KEECHAKA ENTERED-



THE FOURTEENTH YEAR CAME ROUND. BUT DURYODHANA REFUSED TO SURRENDER EVEN FIVE VILLAGES, LEAVE ALONE THE KINGDOM. WHILE THE PANDAVAS WERE PLANNING THEIR NEXT MOVE DRAUPADI TURNED TO KRISHNA.



THEN OVERCOME BY EMOTION SHE WEPT ALOUD.

O KRISHNA ! THESE TRESSES WERE SEIZED BY DUHSHASANA. I WILL KNOW NO PEACE TILL HIS HANDS ARE RIPPED OFF.



THIRTEEN YEARS HAVE I WAITED KEEPING THE EMBERS OF REVENGE GLOWING IN MY HEART !



KRISHNA WAS QUICK TO ASSURE HER.

O DRAUPADI, YOU WILL SEE YOUR ENEMIES KILLED AND YOUR HUSBANDS REINSTATED.

WAR WAS DECLARED BETWEEN THE PANDAVAS AND THE KAURAVAS - A WAR THAT LASTED EIGHTEEN LONG DAYS. ON THE BATTLEFIELD, BHEEMA ATTACKED DUHSHASANA AND BROKE HIS LIMBS.

THIS FOR DRAGGING DRAUPADI BY THE HAIR AND ATTEMPTING TO DISROBE HER.

THEN BHEEMA FULFILLED THE TERRIBLE OATH HE HAD TAKEN THIRTEEN YEARS AGO.

I WILL SOON REDEEM MY OTHER PLEDGE BY BREAKING THE THIGH OF DURYODHANA.

THE BATTLE RAGED ON. WITH THE SKILFUL MANOEUVRING OF KRISHNA, THE VICTORY OF THE PANDAVAS BECAME A CERTAINTY.

AT LAST BHEEMA HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE UP HIS MACE AGAINST DURYODHANA.



BHEEMA AND DURYODHANA BOTH MIGHTY WARRIOR,
FOUGHT LONG AND HARD.



AS INTENDED BHEEMA
HEARD THIS. THE
MEMORY OF THE
GREAT OUTRAGE
CAME VIVIDLY TO
HIS MIND.

YOU DARED
INSULT
DRAUPADI
IN THE
ASSEMBLY
BECAUSE
I WAS
HELPLESS.



HE LOOKED UP AND SAW KRISHNA SLAP HIS THIGH.



BHEEMA TOOK THE CUE.

TODAY WILL I BREAK THAT THIGH. TODAY WILL I FULFIL MY VOW.



THEN THE VICTORIOUS PANDAVAS BLEW THEIR CONCHES. BHEEMA'S OATHS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT. KRISHNA'S PROMISE TO DRAUPADI WAS FULFILLED.

YUDHISHTHIRA BECAME THE EMPEROR AND DRAUPADI ONCE MORE THE CHERISHED QUEEN OF POWERFUL, VIRTUOUS KINGS.



WHICH OF THE ACKS HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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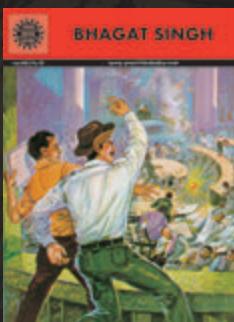
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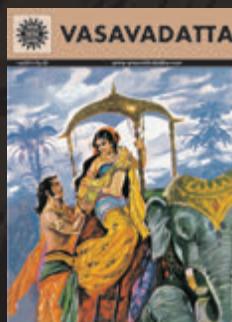
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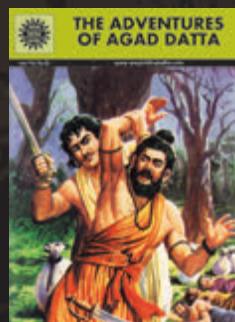
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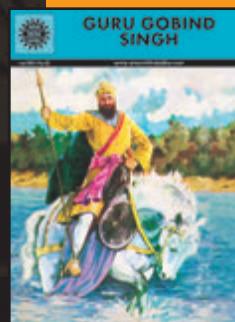
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