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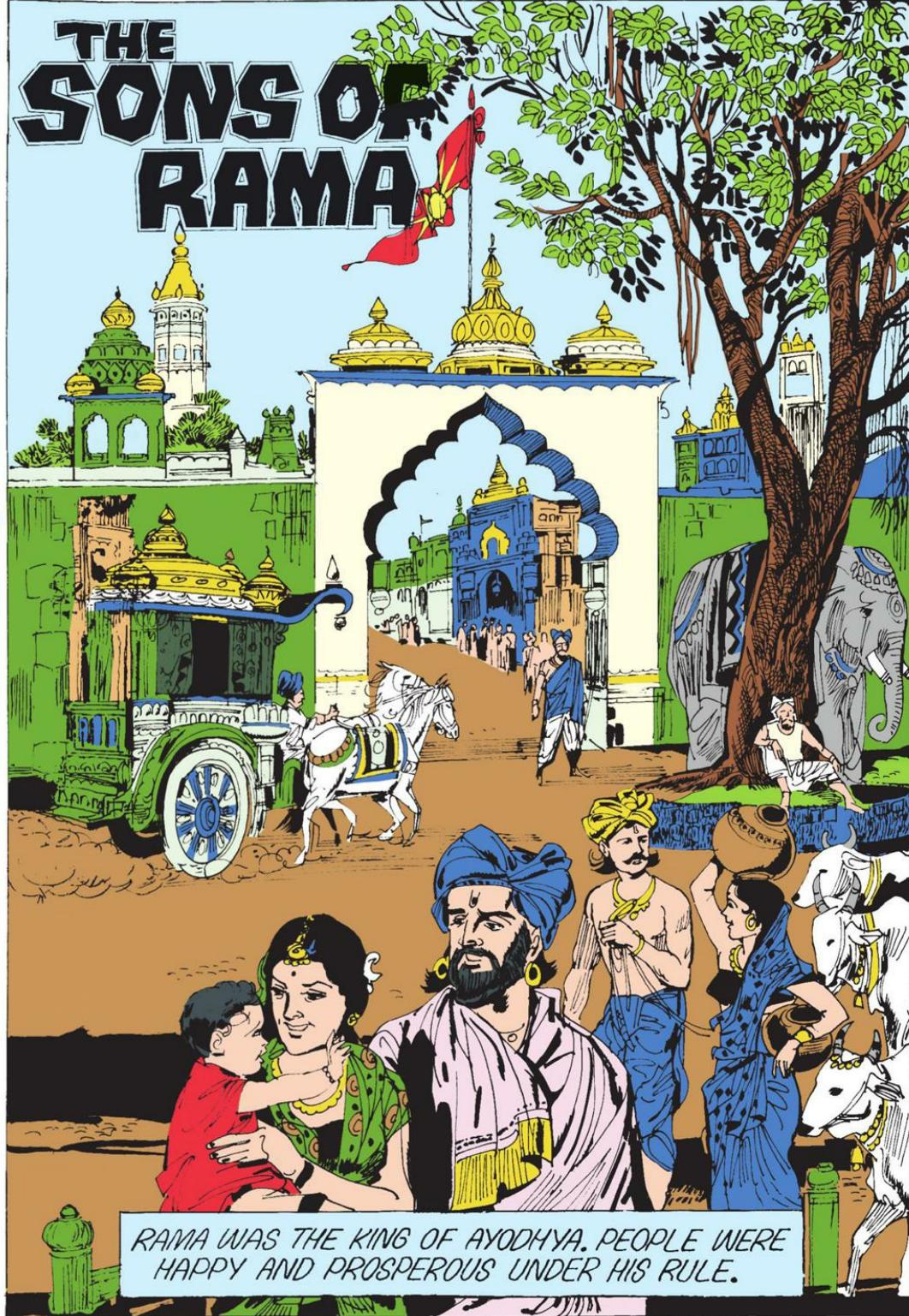
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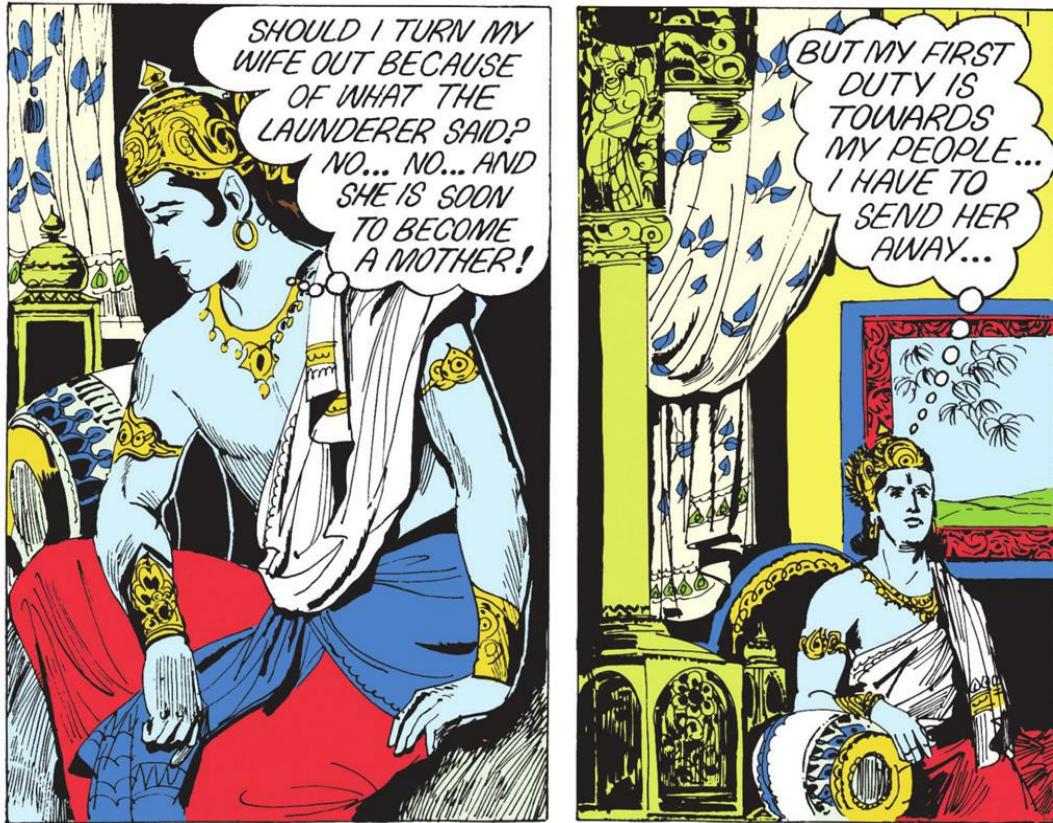
RAMA WAS THE KING OF AYODHYA. PEOPLE WERE
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS UNDER HIS RULE.

WITH HIS BROTHERS, LAXMANA, BHARATA AND SHATRUGHNA, RAMA USED TO VISIT HIS PEOPLE AND LISTEN TO THEIR PROBLEMS...



... AND EVERY EVENING WITH HIS QUEEN SITA, HE RECEIVED HIS MEN. ONE EVENING -

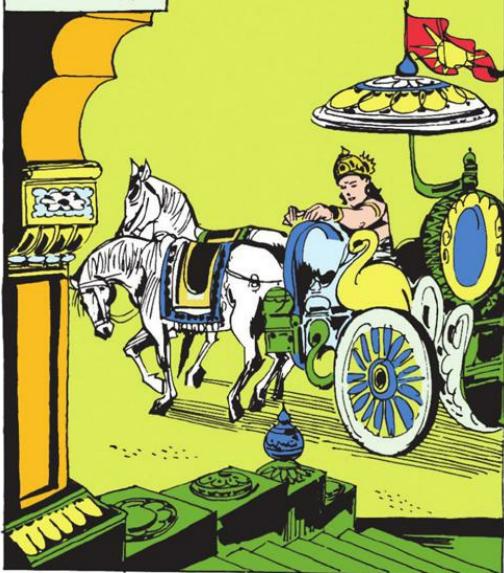




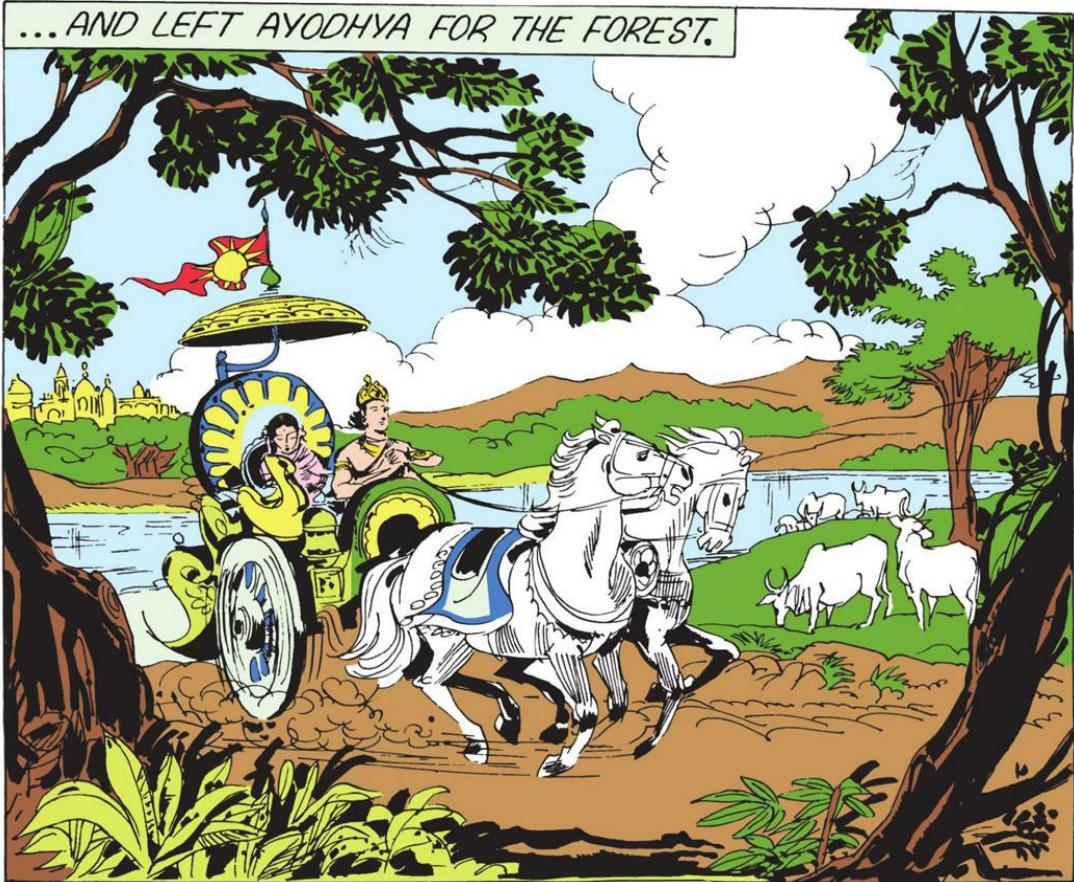
THE FOLLOWING DAY HE SENT FOR LAXMANA.



LAXMANA GOT HIS CHARIOT READY...



...AND LEFT AYODHYA FOR THE FOREST.



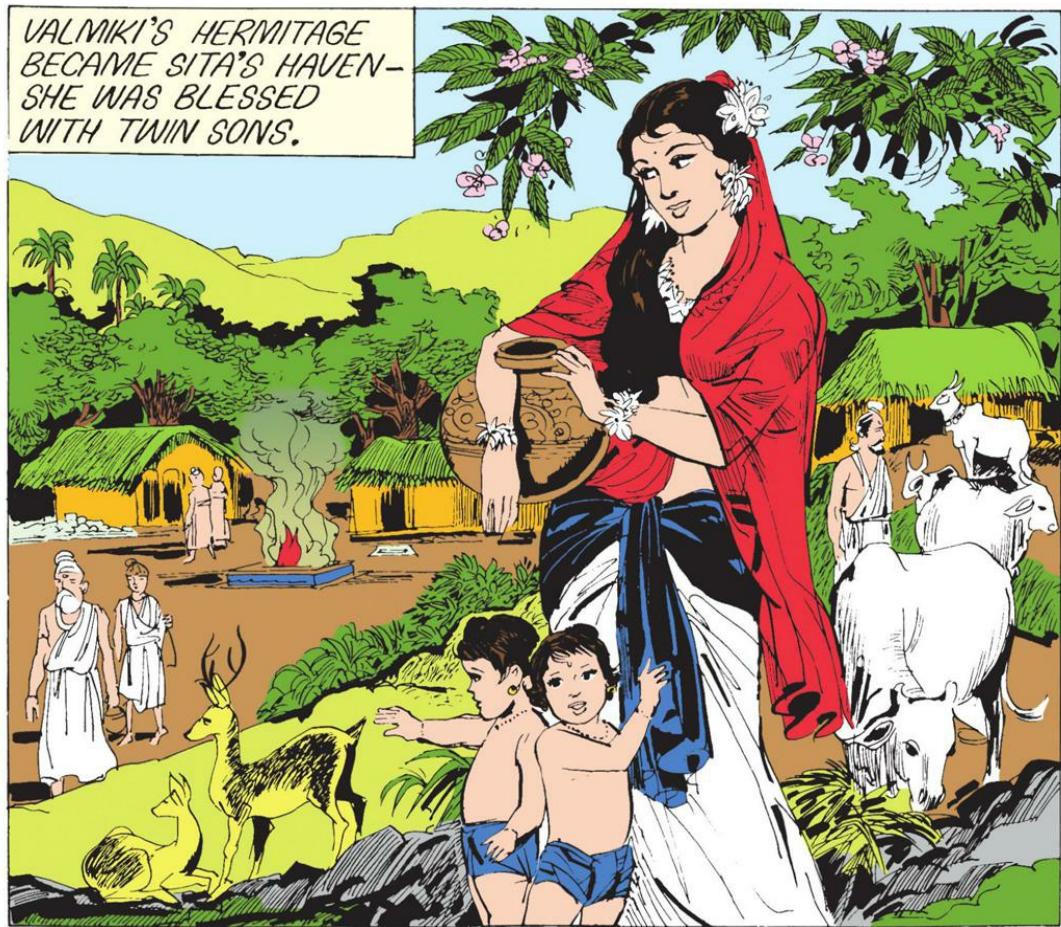
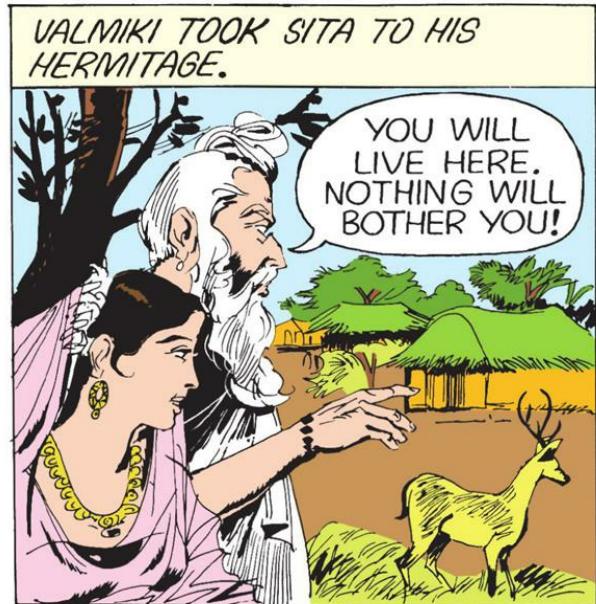


AFTER LAXMANA LEFT FOR AYODHYA, SITA WAS ALONE IN THE JUNGLE.

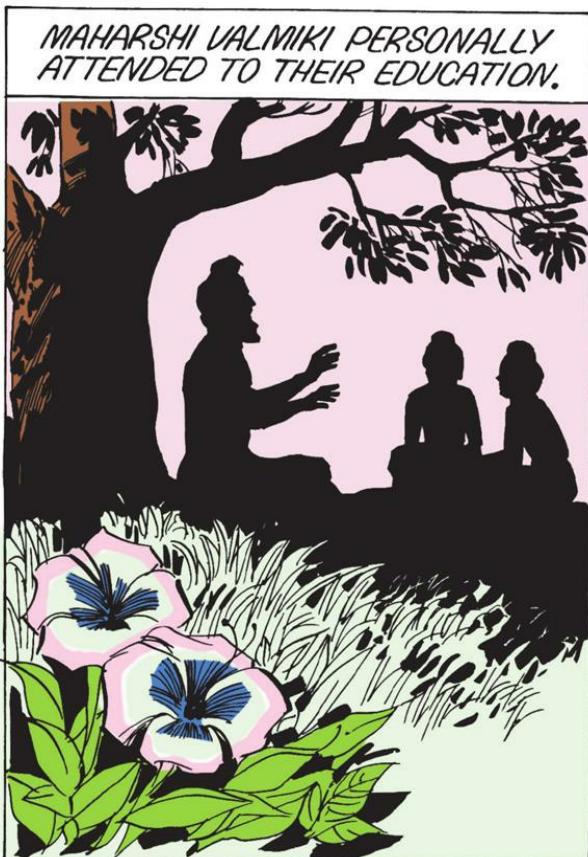
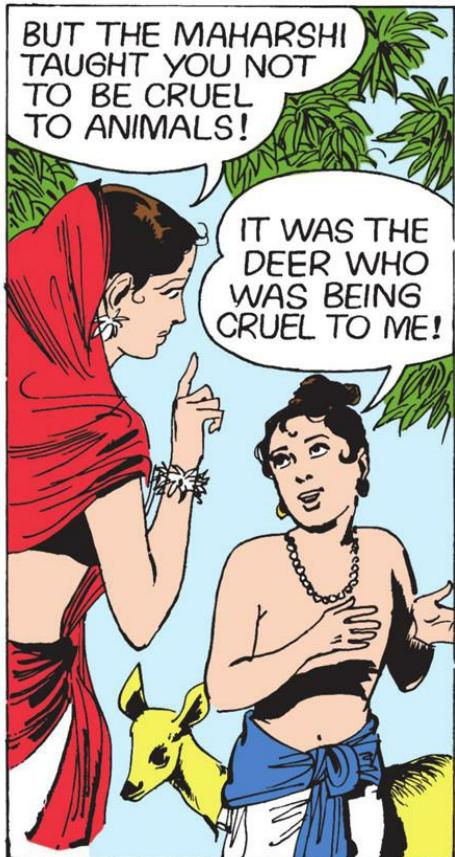
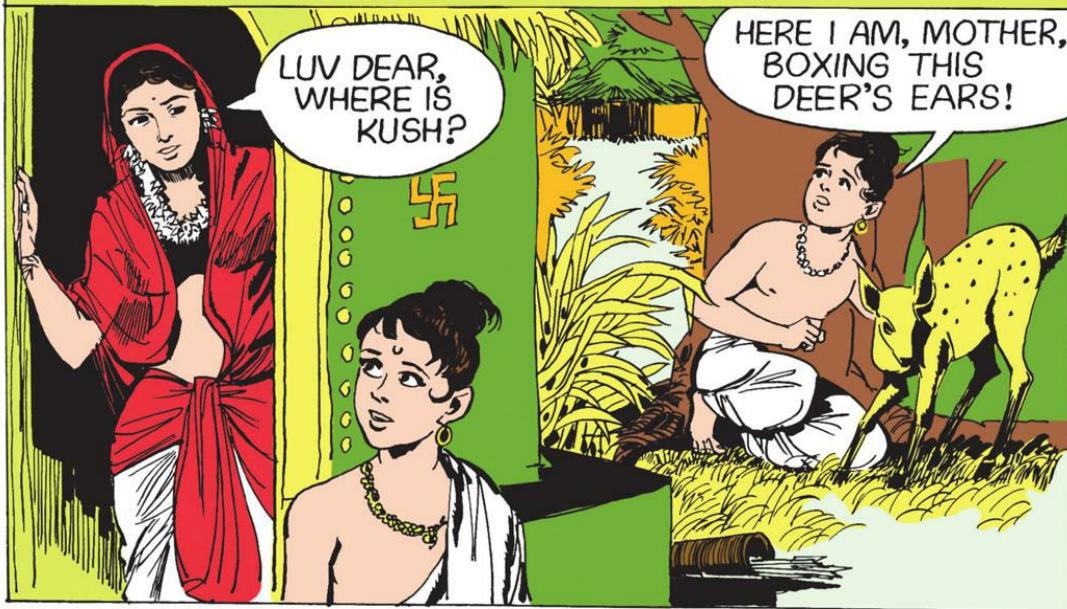


JUST THEN A SERPENT APPEARED.





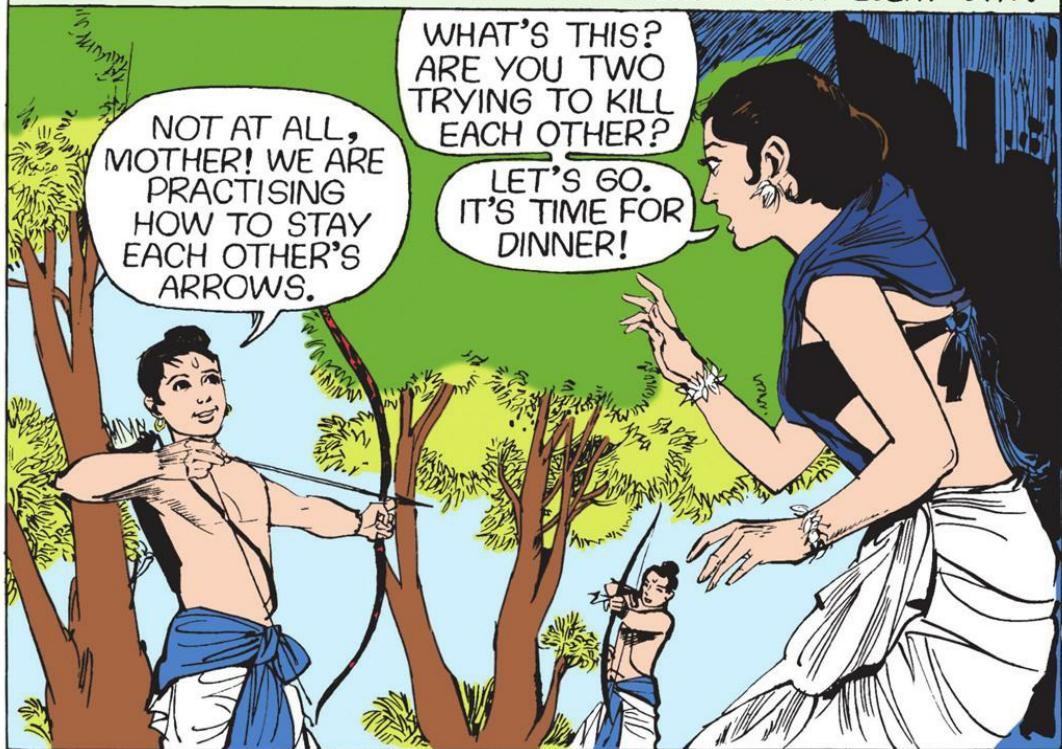
AS TIME PASSED, SITA'S TWIN SONS, LUV AND KUSH, GREW UP.



HE TAUGHT THEM THE USE OF ARMS AS WELL.



LUV AND KUSH PRACTISED WHAT THEY WERE TAUGHT EVERY DAY.



VALMIKI TOLD THEM THE STORY OF THE RAMAYANA, OF HOW RAMA BROKE THE BOW OF LORD SHIVA AND MARRIED VAIDEHI.

THAT IS NOTHING.
I CAN ALSO BREAK
A BOW.



"KAIKEYI BANISHED RAMA INTO THE JUNGLES FOR FOURTEEN YEARS."

I'M GOING INTO THE JUNGLES TO KEEP MY FATHER'S PROMISE!

I WANT TO GO WITH YOU!



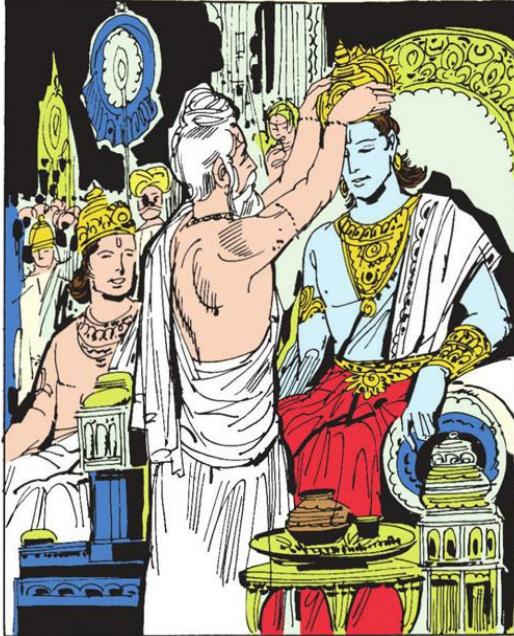
"ONE DAY AS RAMA WENT AFTER A DEER, RAVANA KIDNAPPED VAIDEHI."



"IN THE BATTLE THAT FOLLOWED, RAVANA WAS KILLED BY RAMA."



"AFTER SPENDING FOURTEEN YEARS IN EXILE, RAMA RETURNED TO AYODHYA AND WAS CROWNED KING."



"ONE DAY, BECAUSE OF WHAT A LAUNDERER SAID, RAMA BANISHED VAIDEHI!"

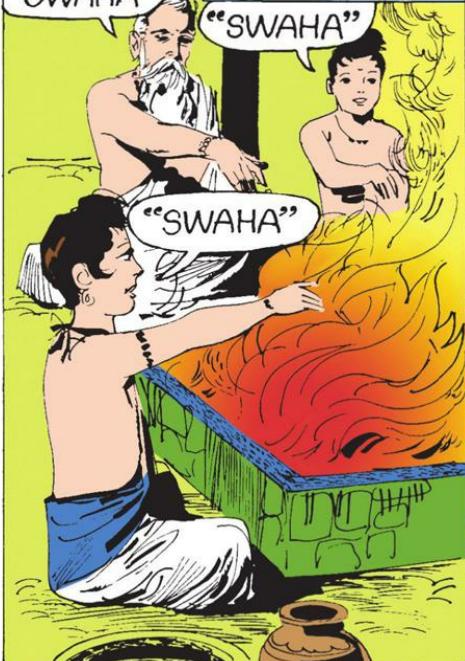


"VALMIKI TAUGHT THEM OF
"YAJNA" AND SUCH OTHER
MATTERS TOO."

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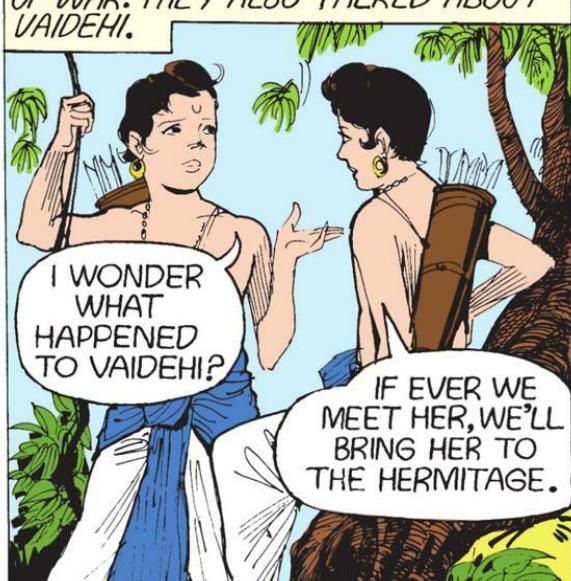


"EVERY DAY THEY PRACTISED THE ARTS
OF WAR. THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT
VAIDEHI."

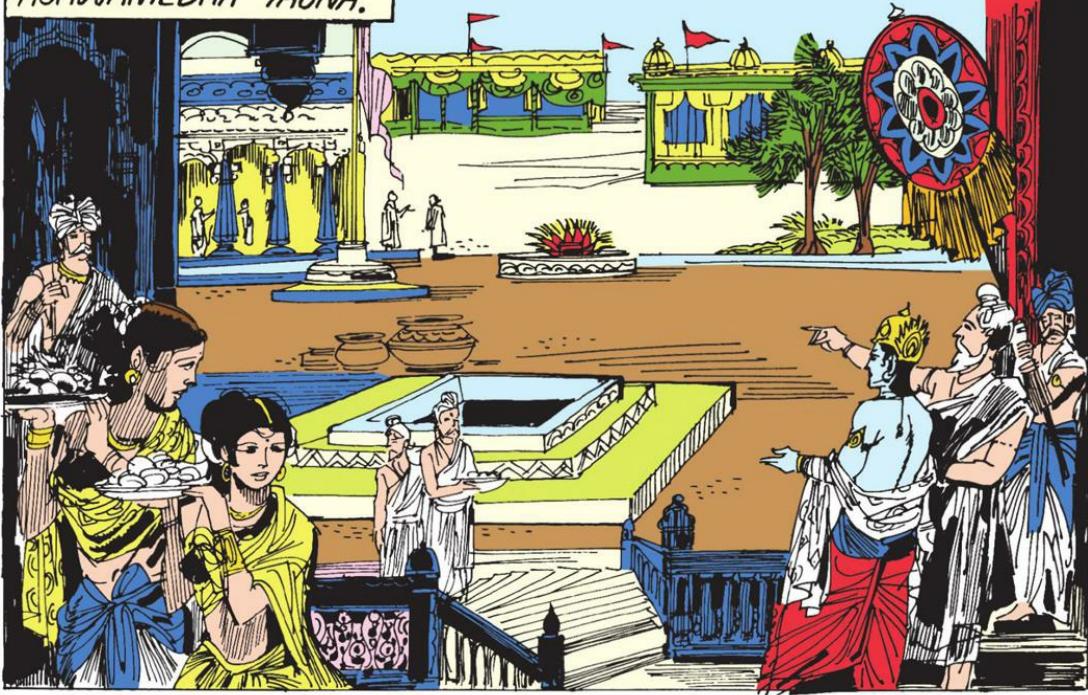
I WONDER
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO VAIDEHI?

IF EVER WE
MEET HER, WE'LL
BRING HER TO
THE HERMITAGE.

THEY DID NOT REALISE THAT
VAIDEHI WAS NONE OTHER
THAN SITA, THEIR MOTHER.



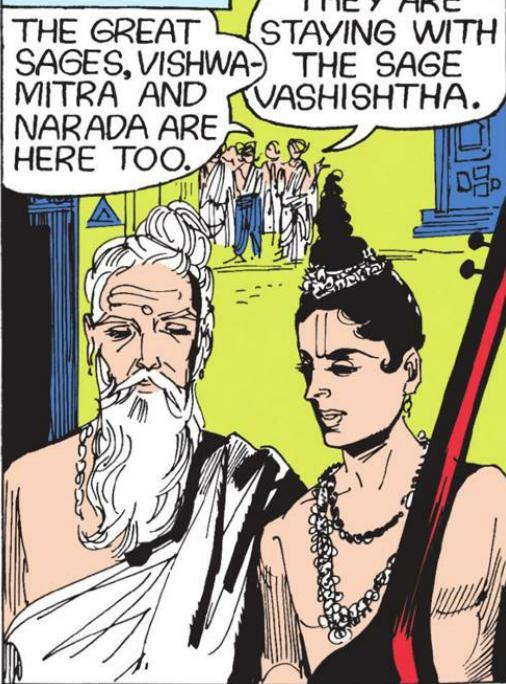
MEANWHILE, IN AYODHYA RAMA PREPARED TO PERFORM THE ASHWINAMEDHA YAJNA.



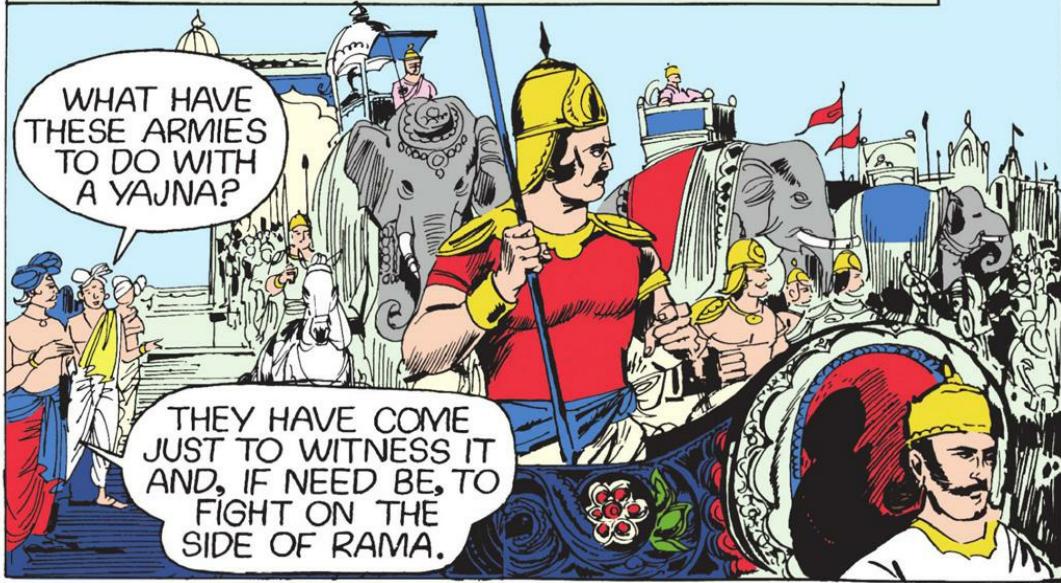
AS PEOPLE PASSED BY HIS ROYAL PALACE -



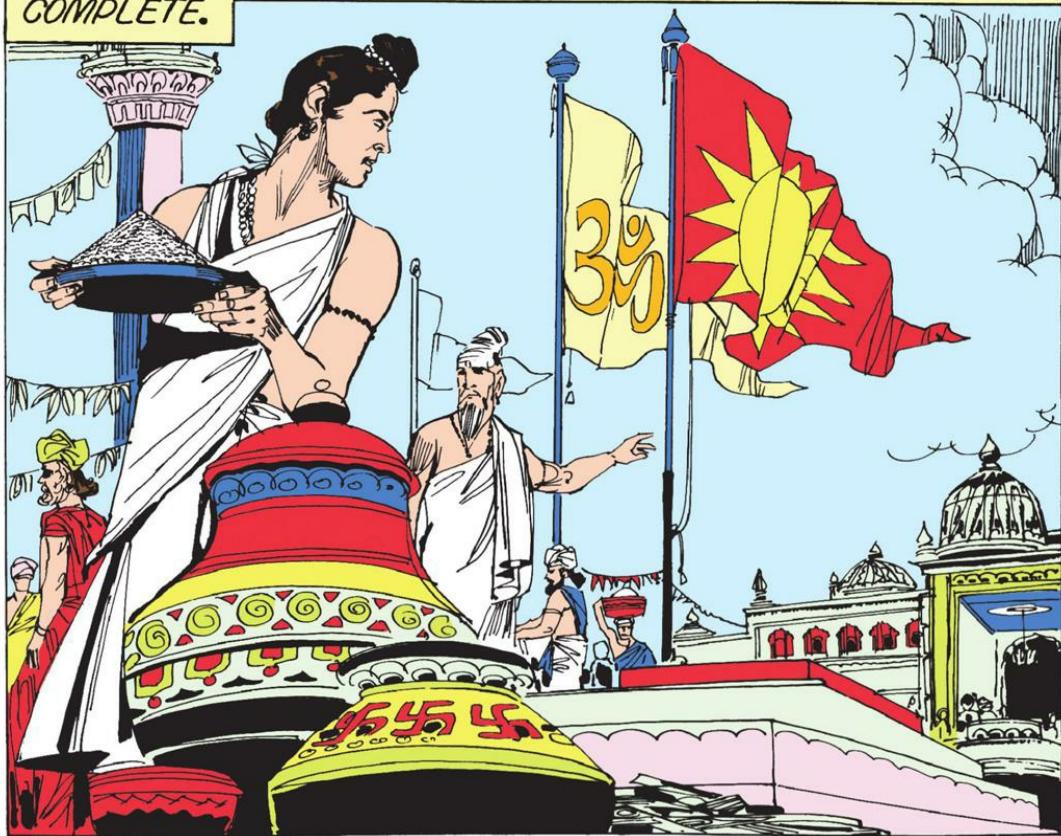
ALL WERE INVITED TO THE YAJNA.



RULERS FROM ALL AROUND CAME WITH THEIR ARMIES.



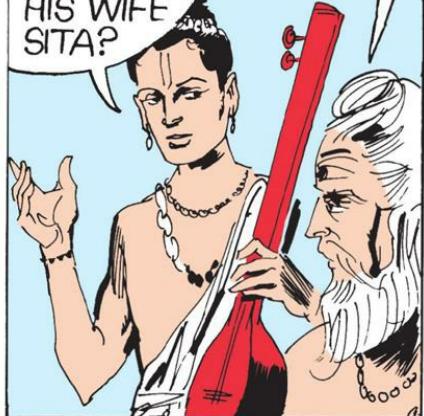
THE YAJNASHALA WAS DECORATED; PREPARATIONS WERE NOW COMPLETE.



BUT NARADA HAD SOMETHING TO SAY TO VISHWAMITRA.

HOW CAN RAMA PERFORM THE YAJNA WITHOUT HIS WIFE SITA?

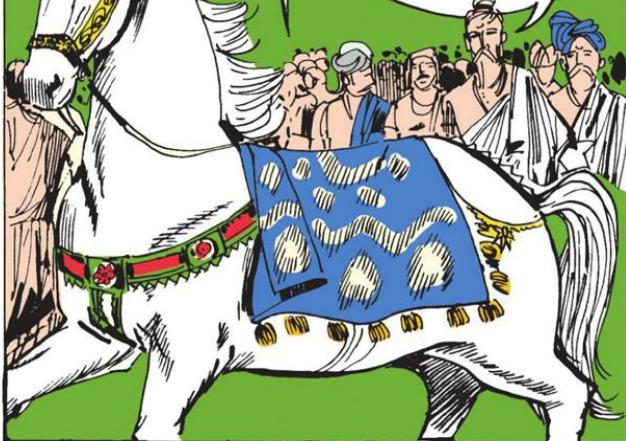
HE WILL HAVE TO USE A GOLDEN STATUE OF HER!



A WHITE HORSE WITH BLACK EARS WAS GOT READY FOR THE YAJNA.

THE HORSE IS MAGNIFICENT!

EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS. EXCEPT FOR SITA'S ABSENCE.

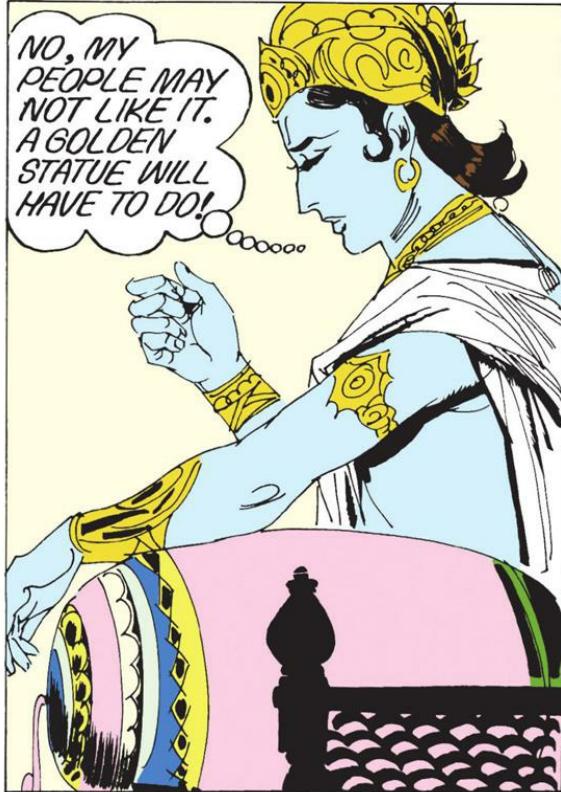


THE MENTION OF SITA SET RAMA THINKING.

I SHOULD SEND LAXMANA TO LOOK FOR SITA.

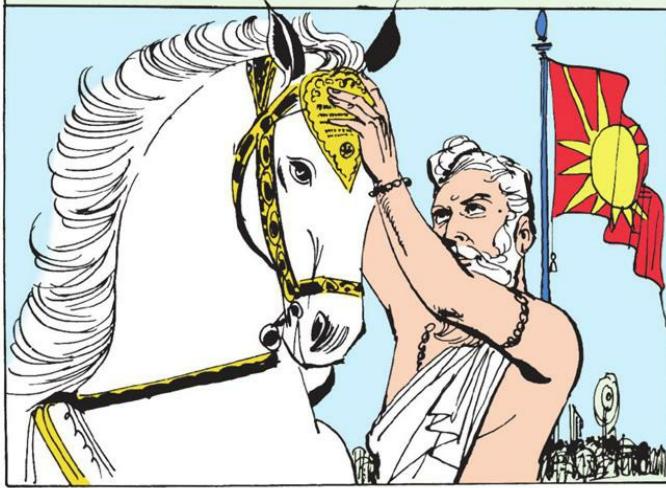


NO, MY PEOPLE MAY NOT LIKE IT. A GOLDEN STATUE WILL HAVE TO DO! Oooooo...

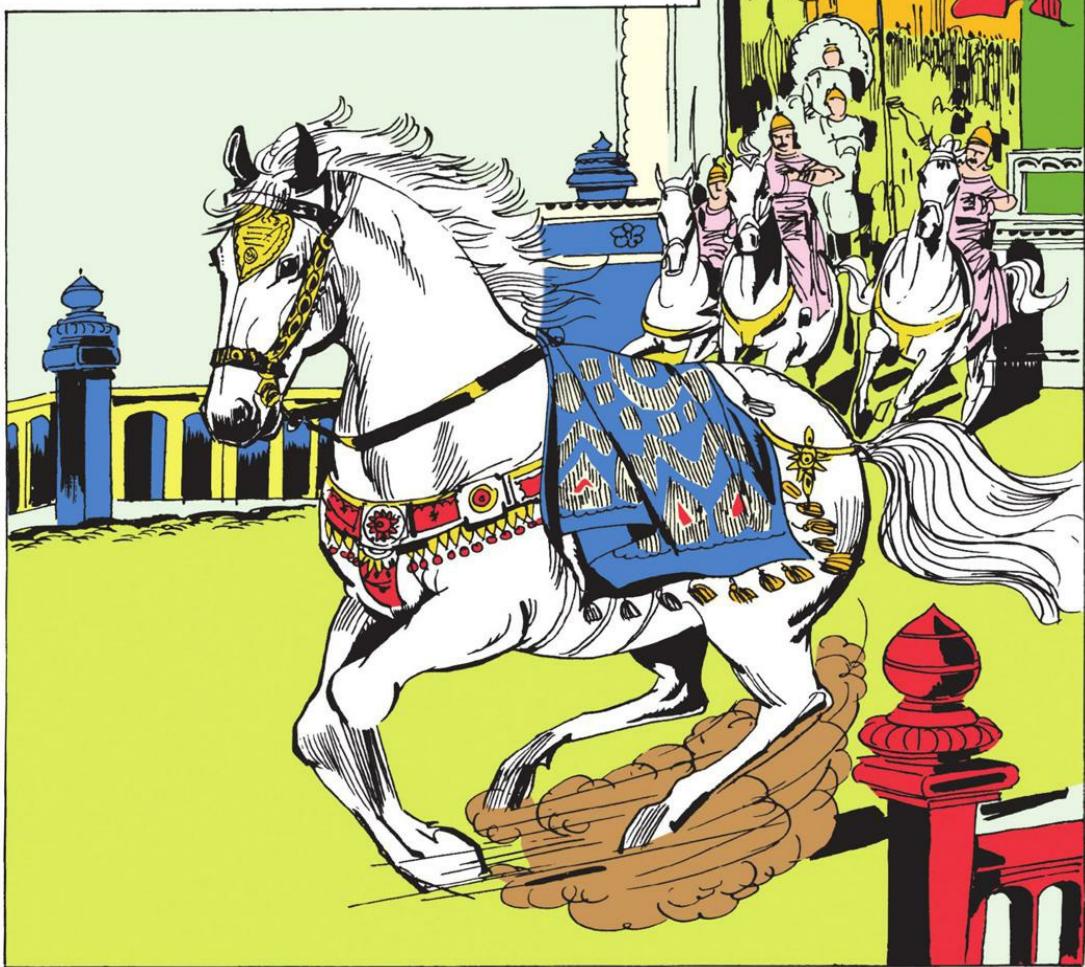


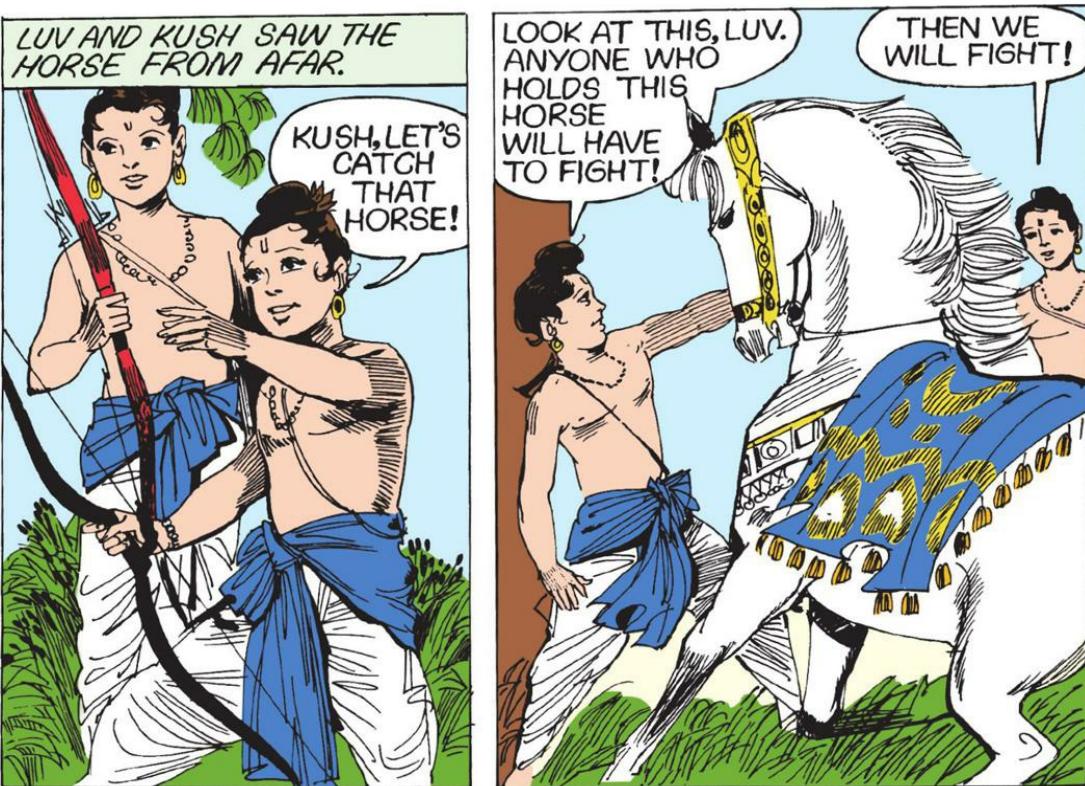
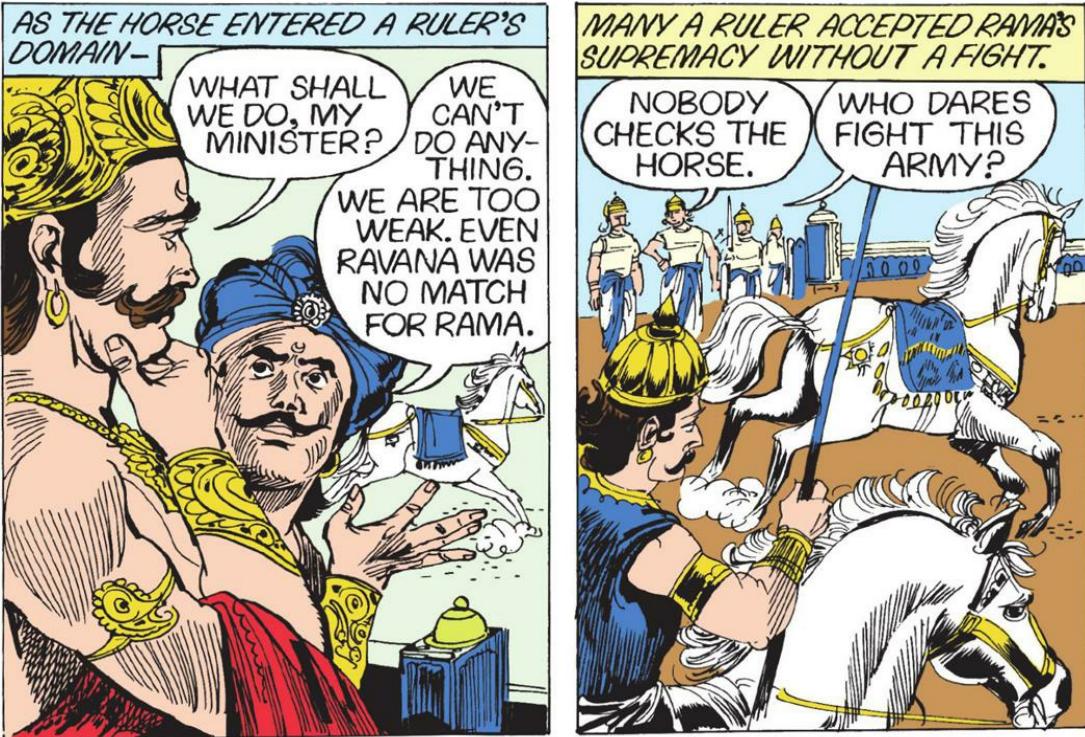


VISHVAMITRA TIED THE CEREMONIAL GOLD LEAF ON THE HORSE'S FOREHEAD.

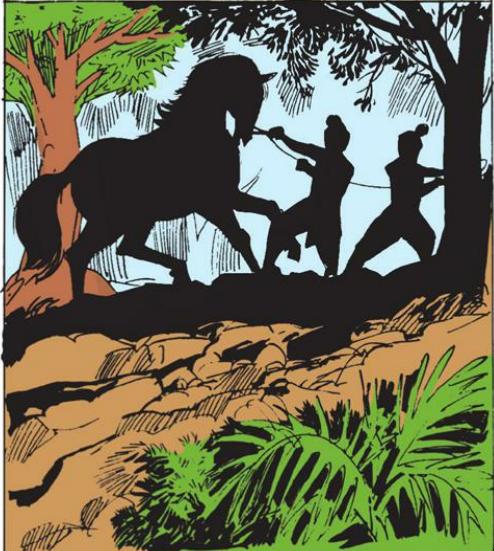


THE HORSE WAS THEN LET LOOSE AND THE ARMY FOLLOWED IT.

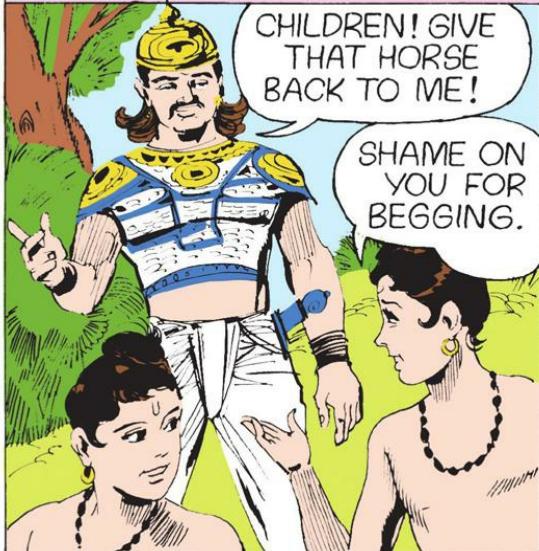




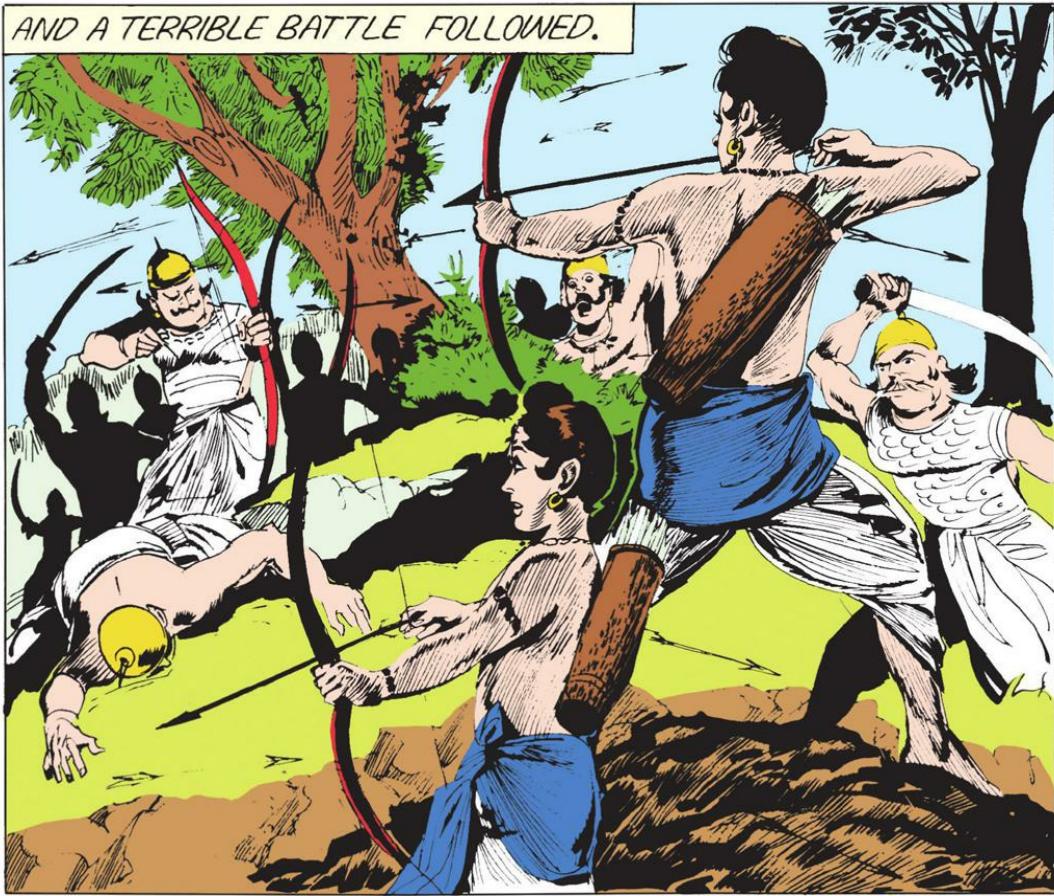
LUV AND KUSH TIED THE HORSE TO A TREE.

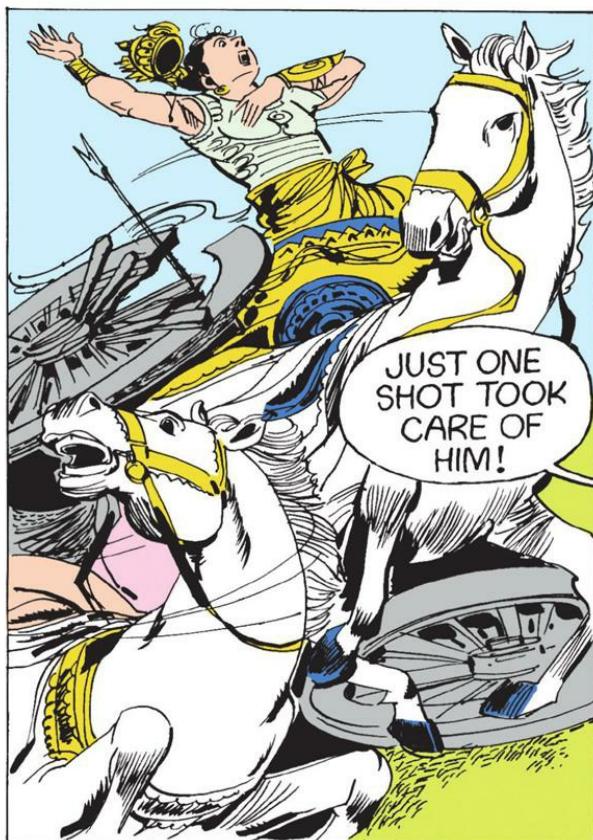


ONE OF RAMA'S SOLDIERS CAME UP TO THEM.

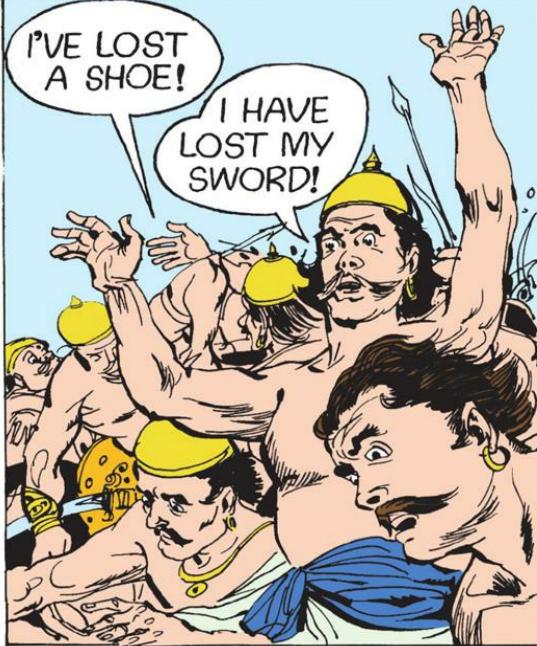


AND A TERRIBLE BATTLE FOLLOWED.





AS SHATRUGHNA FELL, RAMA'S ARMY FLED IN DISARRAY.



SOME OF THE SOLDIERS WENT UP TO RAMA.



RAMA WAS DISTURBED.

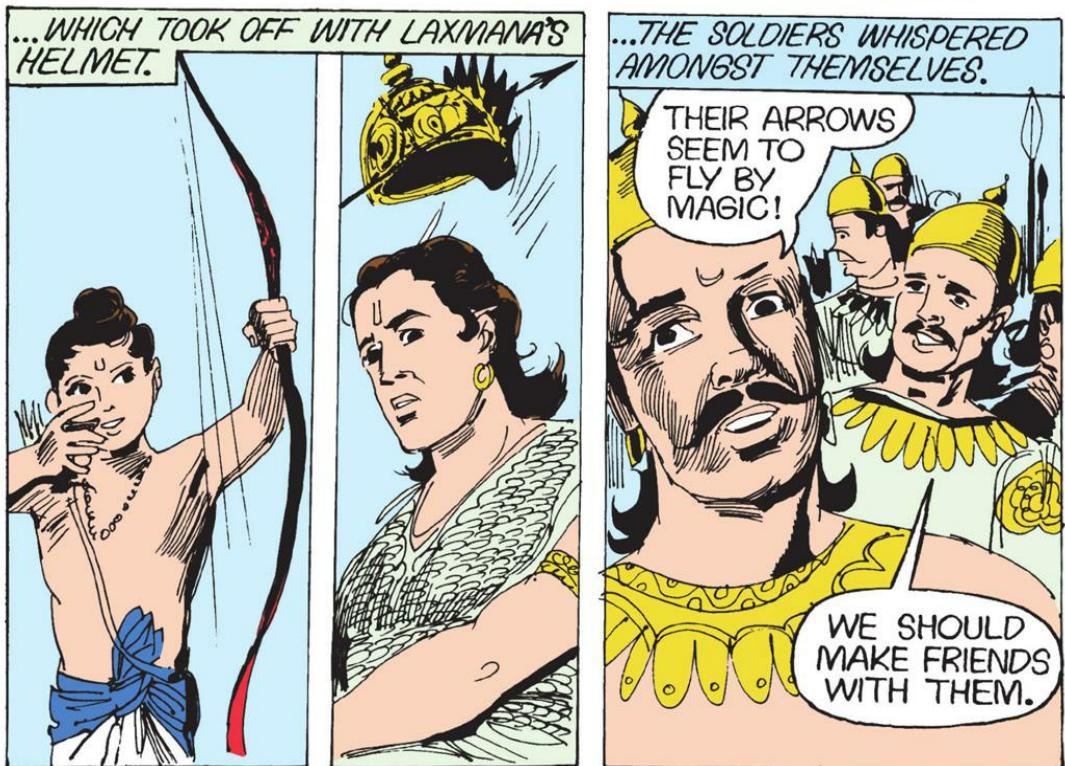


LAXMANA MARCHED WITH THE ARMY.

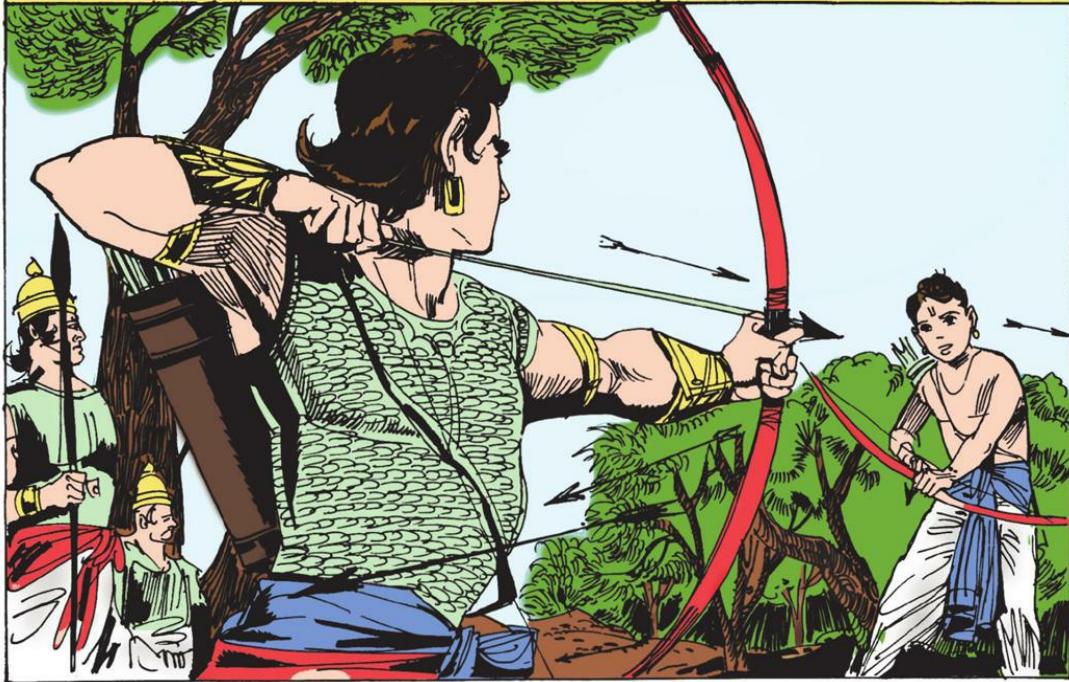


LAXMANA WAS LOST IN THOUGHT.

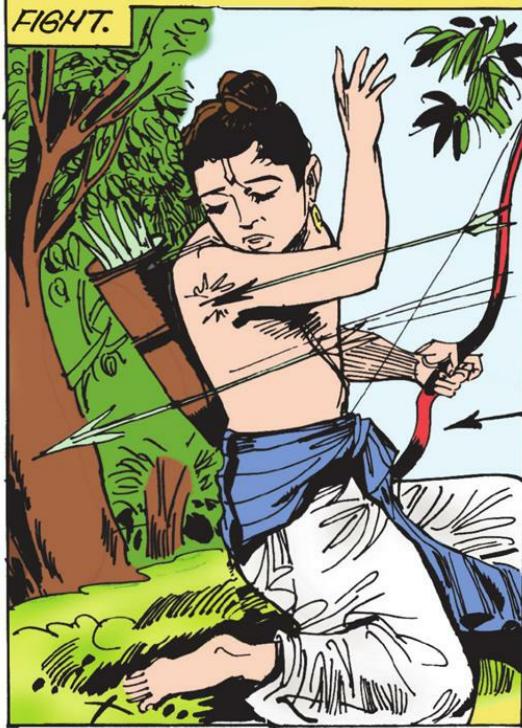




KUSH AND LAXMANA ENGAGED IN A FURIOUS BATTLE.



KUSH WAS WOUNDED IN THE FIGHT.



ENRAGED, LUV CHALLENGED LAXMANA TO A DUEL.



LUV HAD HIS REVENGE. LAXMANA FELL UNCONSCIOUS.

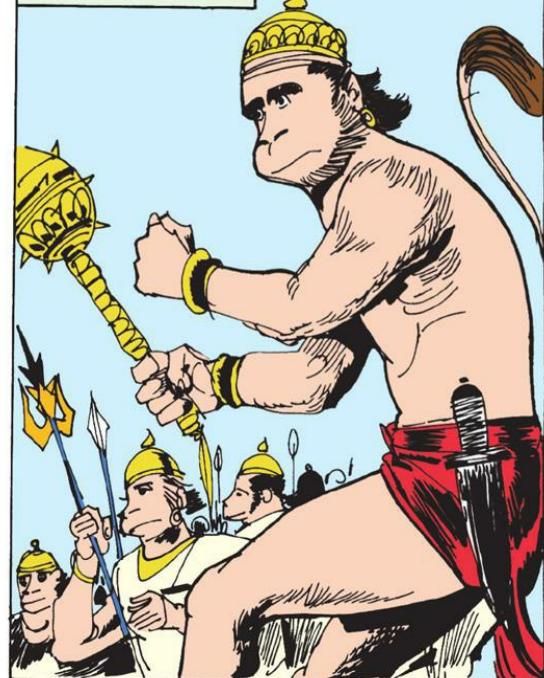


RAMA WAS VERY UPSET WHEN
HE HEARD THE NEWS.

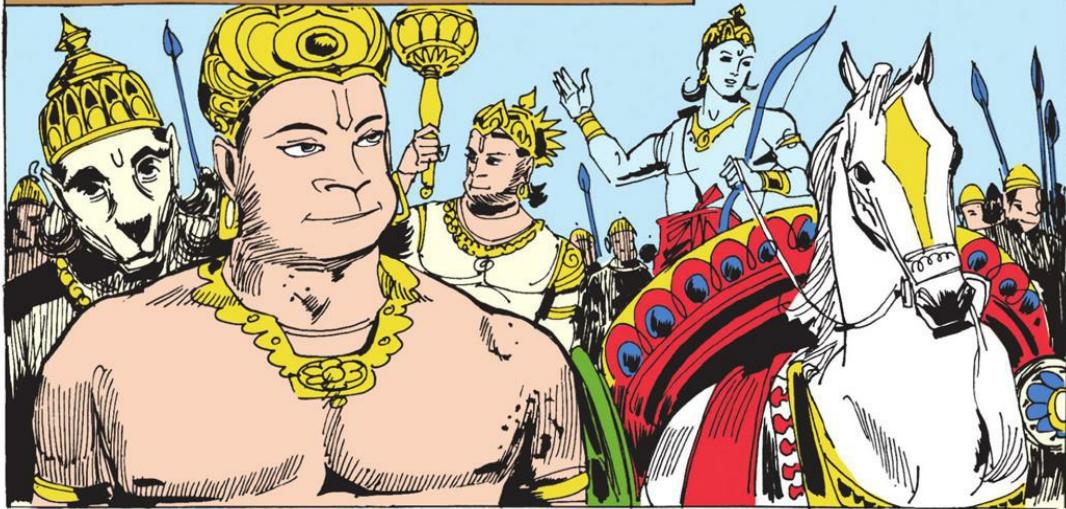
NOW BHARATA,
YOU MUST GO
WITH THE
MONKEY
FORCES.



AND THE MONKEYS PREPARED
FOR BATTLE.



HANUMAN ALSO ACCOMPANIED BHARATA.



LUV AND KUSH EXCHANGED MEANINGFUL LOOKS.

SAY, LET'S MAKE MONKEYS OUT OF THESE MONKEYS!

THE SOONER THE BETTER!



INSTANTLY AN ARROW STRUCK HANUMAN'S MACE.

THESE BRATS DESERVE TO BE KILLED!



THE MONKEY FORCES WENT INTO ACTION AGAINST LUV AND KUSH.

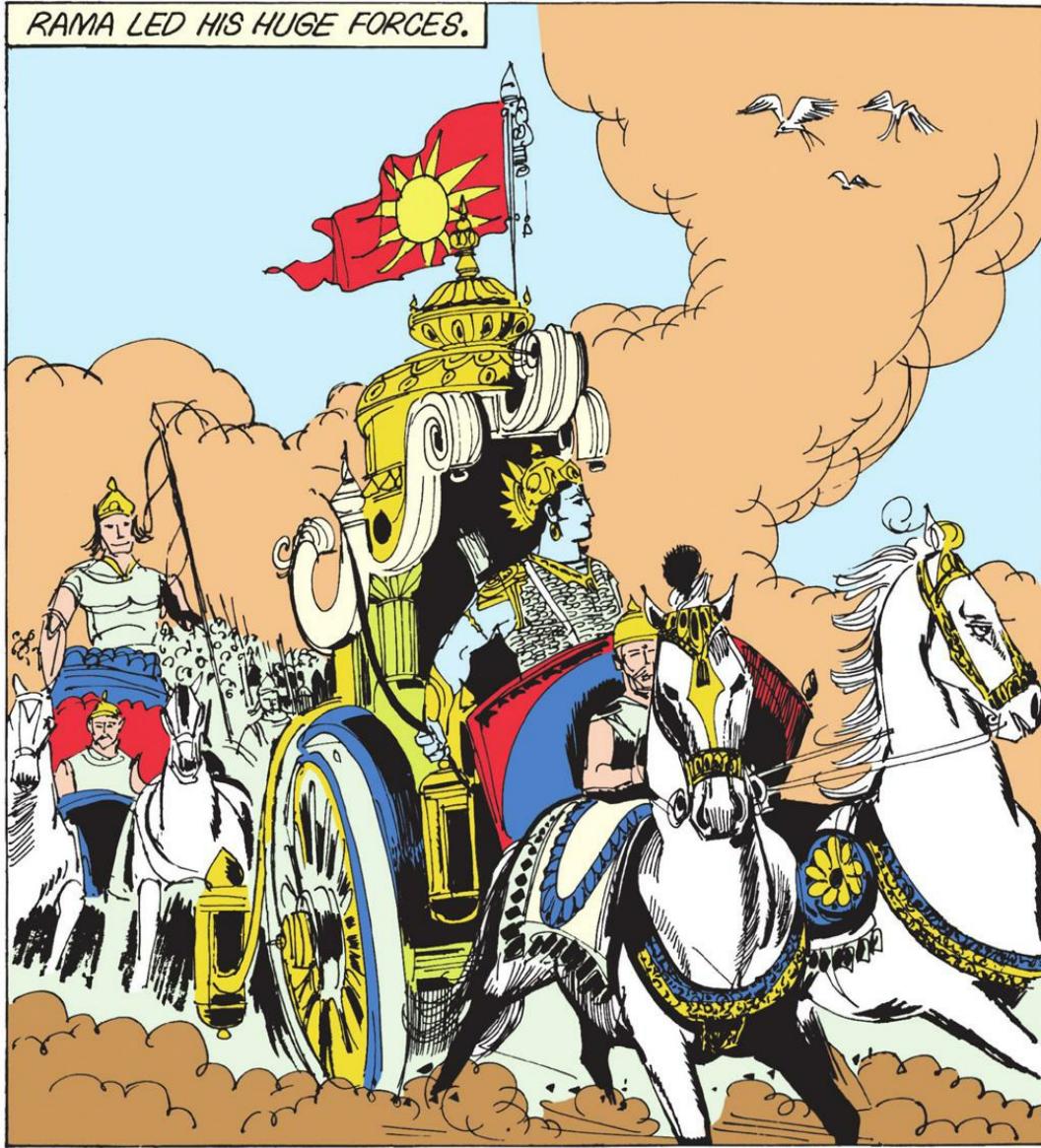
...BUT PROVED UNEQUAL TO THE TASK.



BHARATA ALSO FELL AND HANUMAN HURRIED BACK TO RAMA.



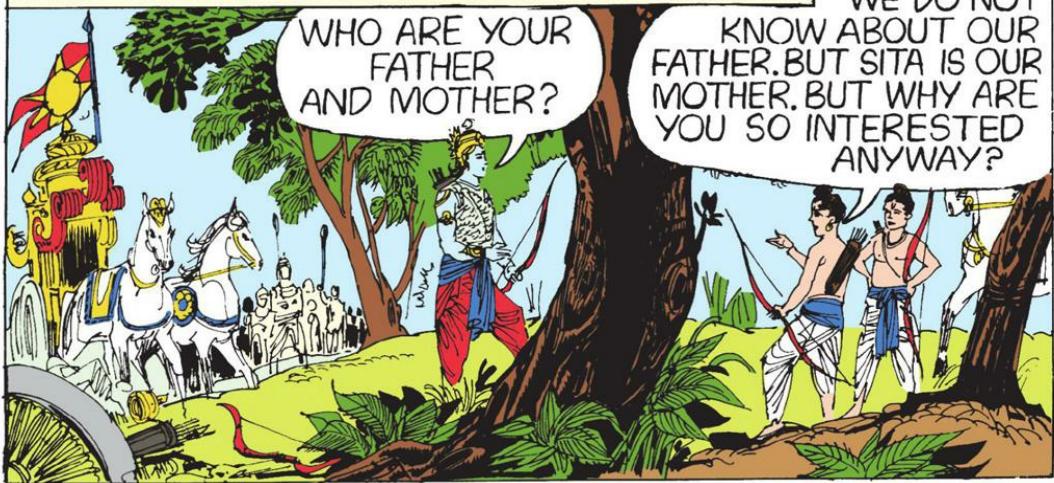
RAMA LED HIS HUGE FORCES.



RAMA DECIDED TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CHILDREN.

WHO ARE YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER?

WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT OUR FATHER. BUT SITA IS OUR MOTHER. BUT WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED ANYWAY?



THOUGH THE BOYS DID NOT KNOW THEIR FATHER, RAMA RECOGNISED THEM. HIS BOW DROPPED FROM HIS HANDS.

YOU ARE SITA'S...

LOOK, HE IS FAINTING! AND JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT WE SAID. LET'S GO AND TAKE CARE OF HIS ARMY.



SOON LUV AND KUSH HAD THE MONKEYS AT THEIR MERCY.



THEY TIED HANUMAN NEAR THE HORSE.



THE MONKEYS DEALT WITH, LUV AND KUSH RETURNED TO RAMA.



WITH THE HORSE AND THE CROWN, LUV AND KUSH APPROACHED THEIR MOTHER.



WE HAVE BROUGHT HOME PRECIOUS BOOTY, MOTHER!

HEAVENS! NO! DID YOU KILL HIM?



AS RAMA RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS VALMIKI BROUGHT LUV AND KUSH TO MEET HIM.

MAHARSHI!

HE DID NOT DIE MOTHER, HE IS ALIVE!

HERE ARE YOUR SONS, RAMA!

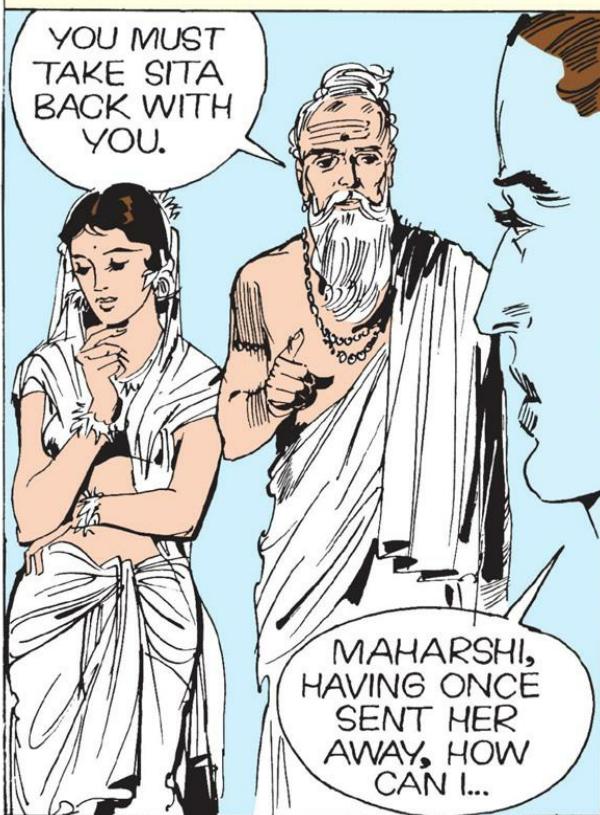


VAIDEHI OF THE RAMAYANA IS NONE OTHER THAN OUR MOTHER, LUV!

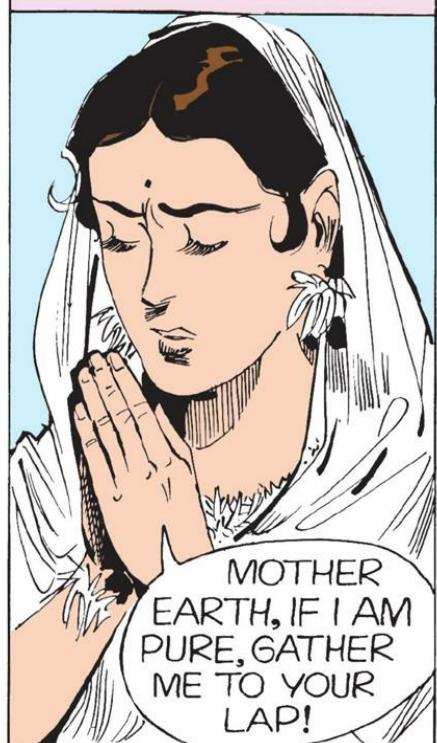
HANUMAN WAS STILL TIED UP.

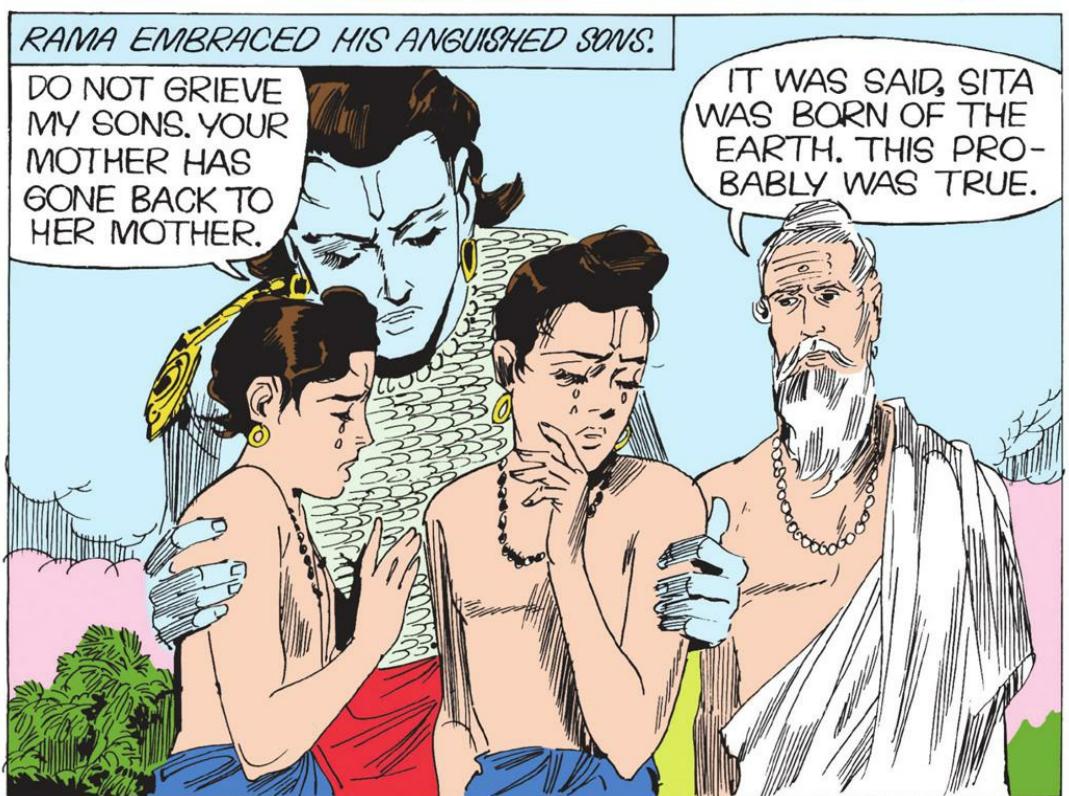
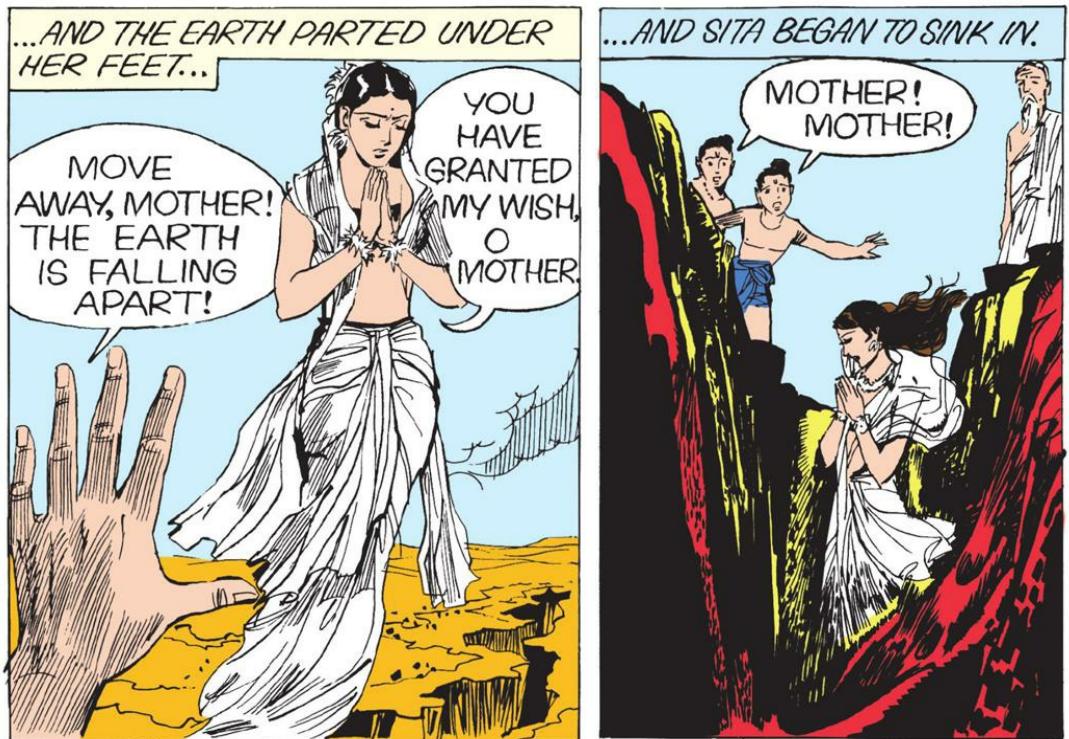


VALMIKI BROUGHT SITA FORWARD.



SITA COULD NOT BEAR THE HUMILIATION ANY MORE.





WITH HIS SONS AND HIS ARMY,
RAMA RETURNED TO AYODHYA.



WHICH OF THE ACKS HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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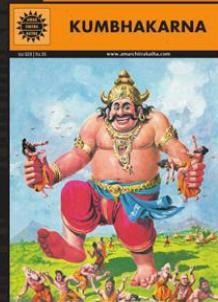
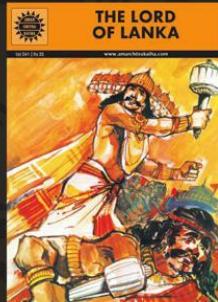
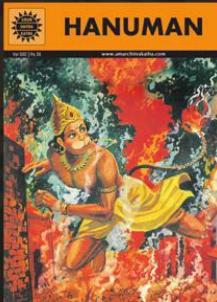
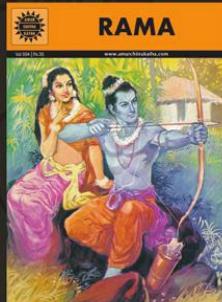
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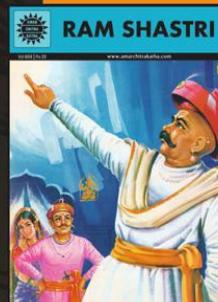
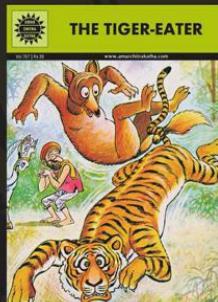
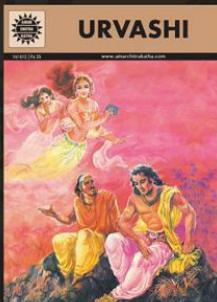
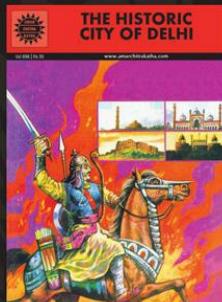
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