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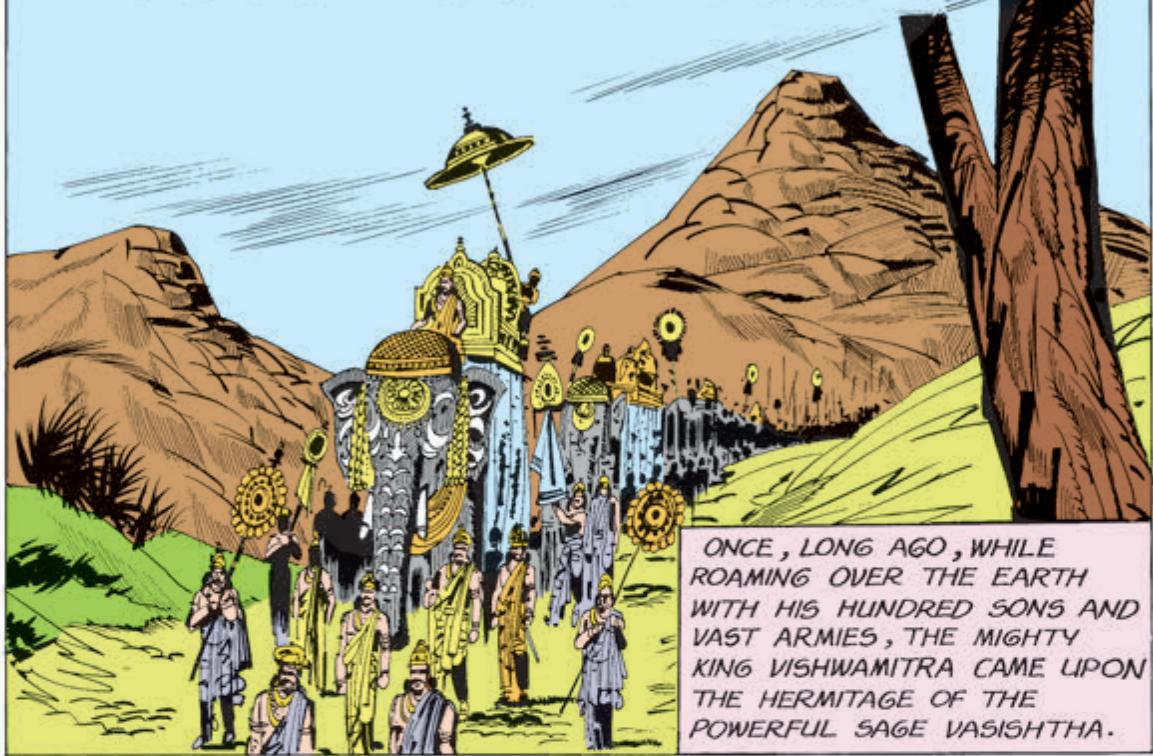
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# VISHWAMITRA



ONCE, LONG AGO, WHILE ROAMING OVER THE EARTH WITH HIS HUNDRED SONS AND VAST ARMIES, THE MIGHTY KING VISHWAMITRA CAME UPON THE HERMITAGE OF THE POWERFUL SAGE VASISHTHA.



VISHWAMITRA WALKED UP TO VASISHTHA.

I BOW MY HEAD AT YOUR FEET.

WELCOME O KING. COME, SIT DOWN. I PRESUME ALL IS WELL IN YOUR KINGDOM.



VISHWAMITRA SAT NEAR THE SAGE AND THEY TALKED OF MANY THINGS. THEN -

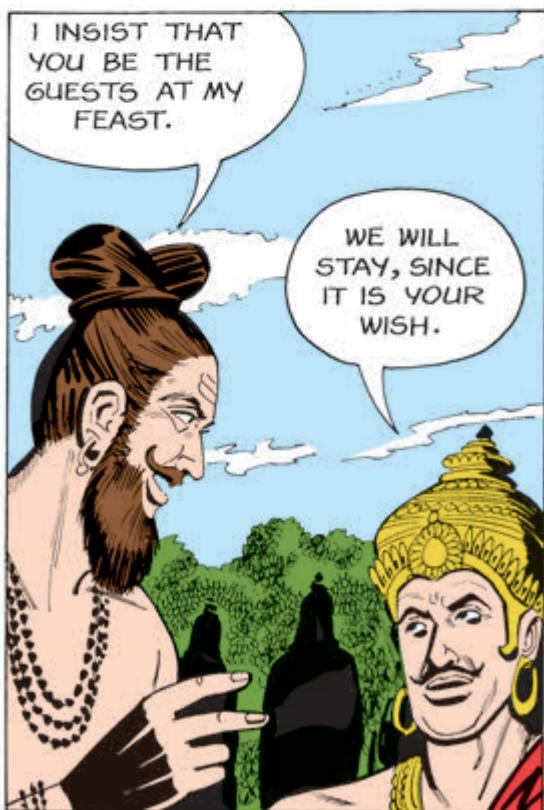
I WISH TO HONOUR YOU AND YOUR ROYAL RETINUE. PLEASE LET ME BE THE HOST AT A BANQUET WORTHY OF YOU.

O WISE SAGE, THE VERY SIGHT OF YOU IS A PRIVILEGE AND THIS GRACIOUS WELCOME, AN HONOUR. PRAY PERMIT US TO DEPART NOW.



I INSIST THAT YOU BE THE GUESTS AT MY FEAST.

WE WILL STAY, SINCE IT IS YOUR WISH.



THEREUPON VASISHTHA SENT FOR HIS FAVOURITE COW, THE DIVINE KAMADHENU.\*

DEAR KAMADHENU, PROVIDE US WITH FOOD FIT FOR A GREAT KING.



\* THE WISH - FULFILLING

IN AN INSTANT, THERE EMERGED FROM THE DIVINE COW, CHOICE FOOD FOR THE ROYAL VISITORS.



VISHWAMITRA AND HIS MEN ATE TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT.

I HAVE NEVER TASTED SUCH DELICACIES BEFORE. KAMADHENU SHOULD BELONG TO ME !

WHEN THE FEAST WAS OVER -

KAMADHENU IS A JEWEL AND JEWELS BELONG TO THE KING. BY RIGHT SHE SHOULD BE MINE. YET I WILL GIVE YOU A HUNDRED THOUSAND MILCH COWS IN RETURN.

NO. I CANNOT PART WITH HER EVEN FOR 1,00,00,000 COWS.

VASISHTHA'S REFUSAL MADE VISHWAMITRA'S DESIRE KEENER. HE INCREASED HIS PRICE.



I WILL GIVE YOU 14,000 ELEPHANTS HARNESSSED AND CAPARISONED IN GOLD, 800 CHARIOTS OF SOLID GOLD EACH DRAWN BY FOUR MILK-WHITE HORSES, 11,000 THOROUGH-BRED HORSES ALSO HARNESSSED IN GOLD AND 10 MILLION COWS OF VARIOUS HUES. ALL THIS AND AS MUCH GOLD AS YOU WANT, SHALL BE YOURS. GIVE ME KAMADHENU.

BUT VASISHTHA TURNED DOWN THE OFFER.

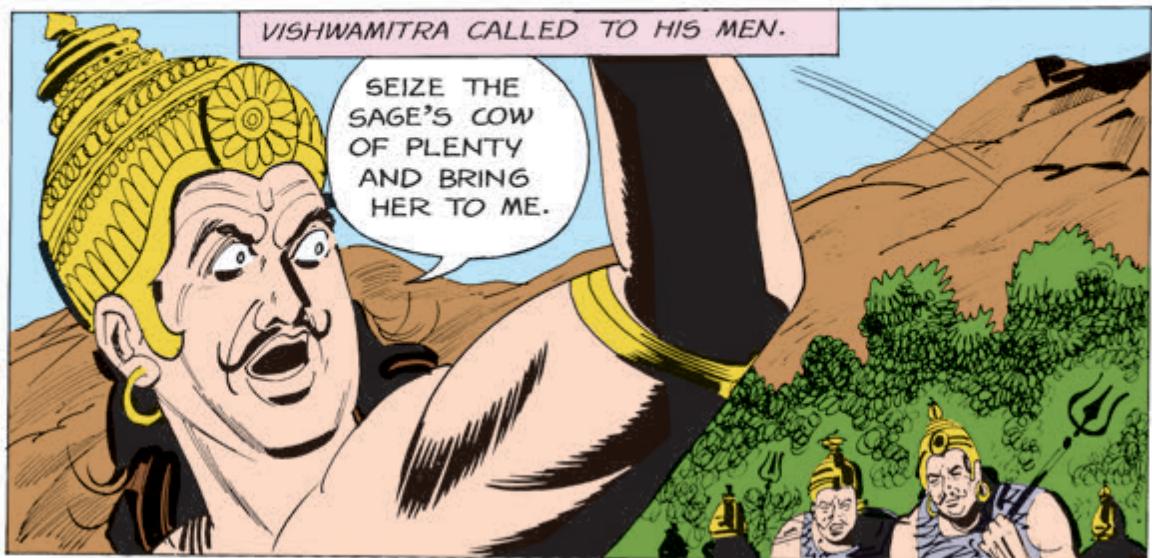
FOR NO TREASURE ON EARTH WILL I PART WITH HER, O KING. SHE IS THE VERY SOURCE OF MY SPIRITUAL LIFE. SHE PROVIDES ME WITH ALL I NEED FOR MY RITUALS.

THEN I SHALL HAVE TO TAKE HER AWAY BY FORCE.



VISHWAMITRA CALLED TO HIS MEN.

SEIZE THE SAGE'S COW OF PLENTY AND BRING HER TO ME.



THE KING'S MEN FELL UPON THE BEWILDERED KAMADHENU.

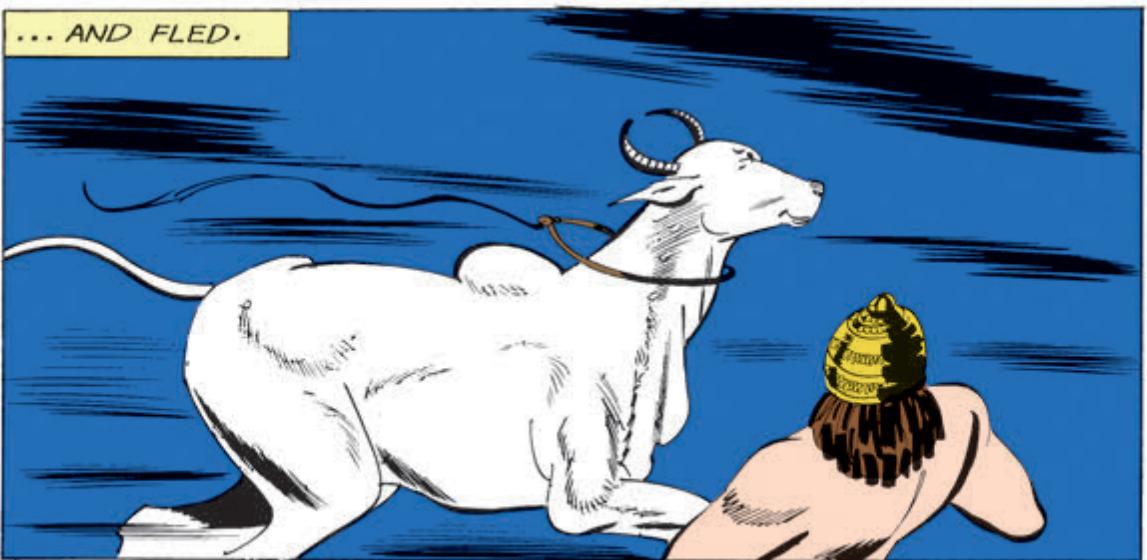
WHY DOES THE HOLY ONE PERMIT THIS OUTRAGE? I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED AND SERVED HIM! I WILL SHAKE OFF MY TORMENTORS AND GO TO HIM.



KAMADHENU  
TOSSSED  
ASIDE HER  
CAPTORS ...



... AND FLED.



SHE STOOD BEFORE VASISHTHA,  
WEEPING AND LOWING.

O LORD, HAVE  
YOU FORSAKEN  
ME? DID YOU  
NOT SEE HOW  
I WAS TREATED?

DEAR ONE, I AM  
HELPLESS AGAINST  
THE KING AND HIS  
MIGHTY ARMY.



KAMADHENU WAS NOT  
CONVINCED.

YOUR SPIRITUAL POWERS ARE  
DIVINE AND BOUNDLESS. HIS  
MORTAL STRENGTH IS GREAT  
BUT LIMITED. O HOLY ONE,  
COMMAND ME AND BY YOUR  
LIMITLESS SPIRITUAL POWERS  
I SHALL HUMBLE THE PRIDE  
OF THIS WICKED  
WARRIOR.

SO BE IT,  
KAMADHENU.



SO KAMADHENU LOWED LOUD AND LONG. HORDES  
AND HORDES OF WARRIORS SPRANG UP MIRACULOUSLY  
AND CHARGED AT THE KING'S SOLDIERS ...



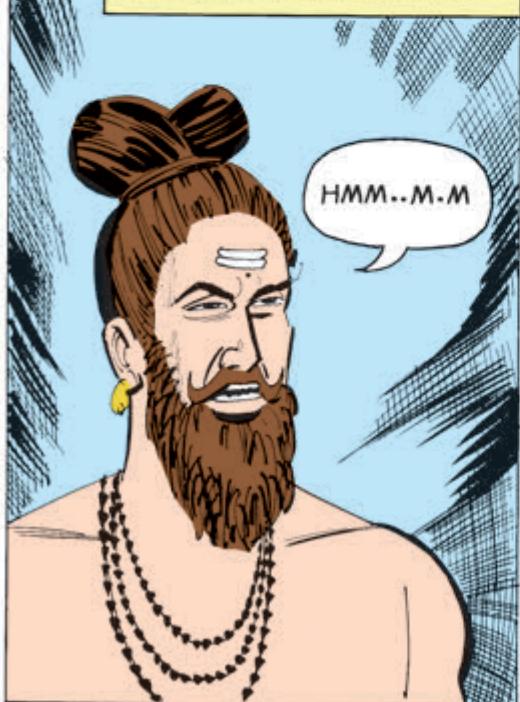
...AND SOON DESTROYED THEM.



ENRAGED, THE SONS OF VISHWAMITRA RUSHED TOWARDS VASISHTHA.



THE SAGE STOOD FIRM AND CALM. HE UTTERED BUT ONE SYLLABLE...



...THE MERE SOUND OF WHICH BURNT THE PRINCES AND THEIR HORSES, CHARIOTS, WEAPONS AND ALL.



VISHWAMITRA RETURNED TO HIS KINGDOM FULL OF GRIEF AND SHAME. THERE -



HE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE HIMALAYAS AND BEGAN PRACTISING SEVERE AUSTERITIES

I SHALL PROPIETATE LORD SHIVA AND BY HIS GRACE AVENGE THE DEATH OF MY GLORIOUS SONS.



AT LAST SHIVA WAS PLEASED. HE STOOD BEFORE VISHWAMITRA.

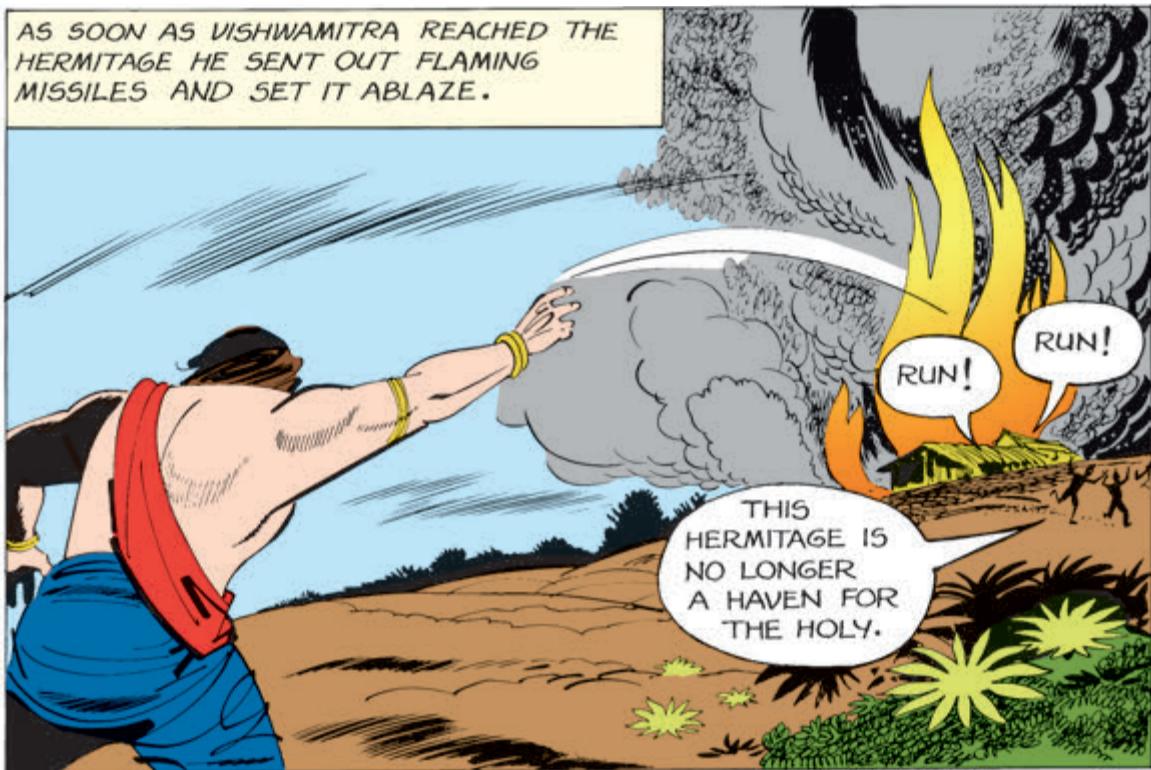


SHIVA GRANTED THE BOON AND WENT BACK TO HIS ABODE.

A TRIUMPHANT VISHWAMITRA NOW TURNED HIS FOOTSTEPS TOWARDS VASISHTHA'S HERMITAGE.



AS SOON AS VISHWAMITRA REACHED THE HERMITAGE HE SENT OUT FLAMING MISSILES AND SET IT ABLAZE.



VASISHTHA TRIED TO STOP THEM, BUT IN VAIN.



A DEADLY SILENCE DESCENDED OVER THE DESERTED HERMITAGE. IT WAS BROKEN BY THE RESONANT VOICE OF VASISHTHA.

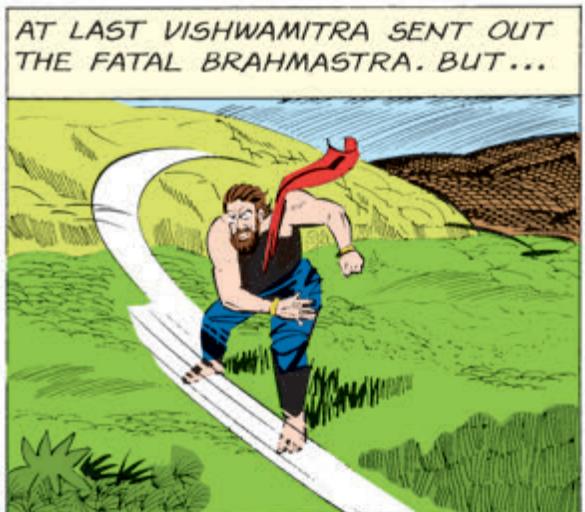


SNATCHING HIS STAFF HE ADVANCED TOWARDS VISHWAMITRA.

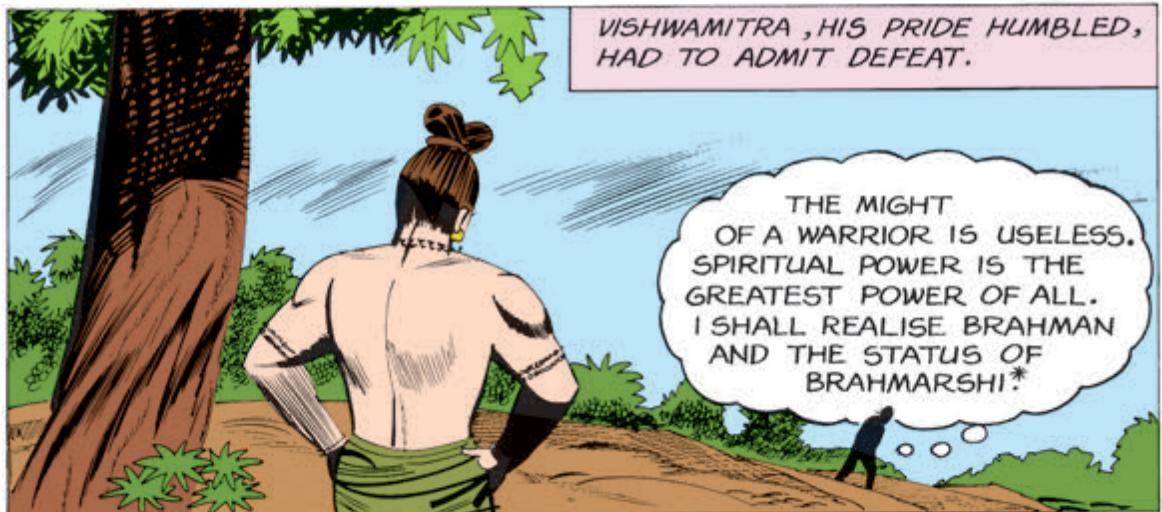


VISHWAMITRA HURLED THE WEAPON.  
BUT —





VISHWAMITRA, HIS PRIDE HUMBLED,  
HAD TO ADMIT DEFEAT.



HE LAID DOWN HIS ARMS AND WENT HOME TO HIS QUEEN.

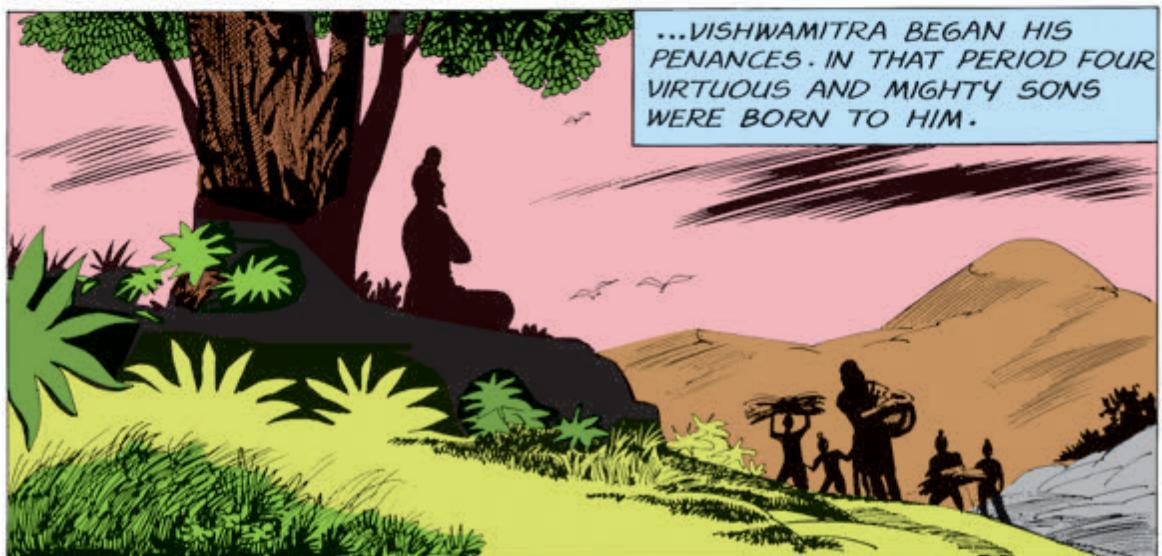
I WANT TO BECOME AS YOU COMMAND, MY LORD.  
A BRAHMARSHI.  
WE SHALL GO TO A HERMITAGE IN THE SOUTH.  
THERE YOU WILL HELP ME IN MY PENANCES.



SO VISHWAMITRA AND HIS QUEEN SET OUT. THEY REACHED THE CHOSEN HERMITAGE AND ...



...VISHWAMITRA BEGAN HIS PENANCES. IN THAT PERIOD FOUR VIRTUOUS AND MIGHTY SONS WERE BORN TO HIM.

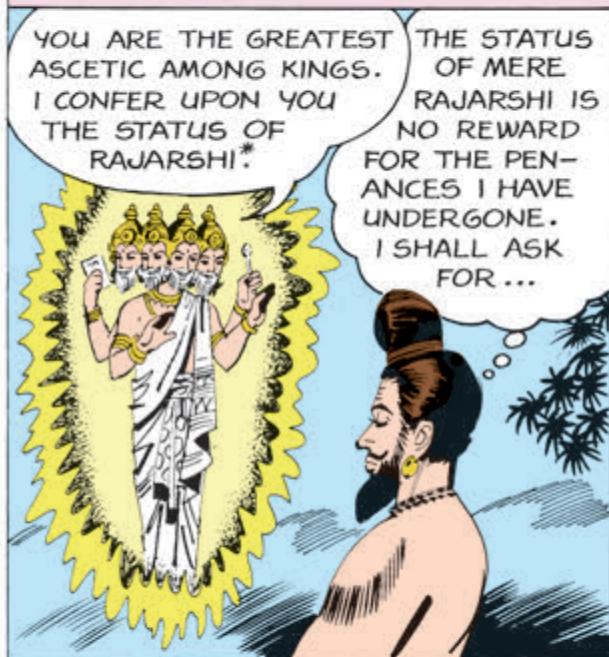


\* BRAHMA RISHI.

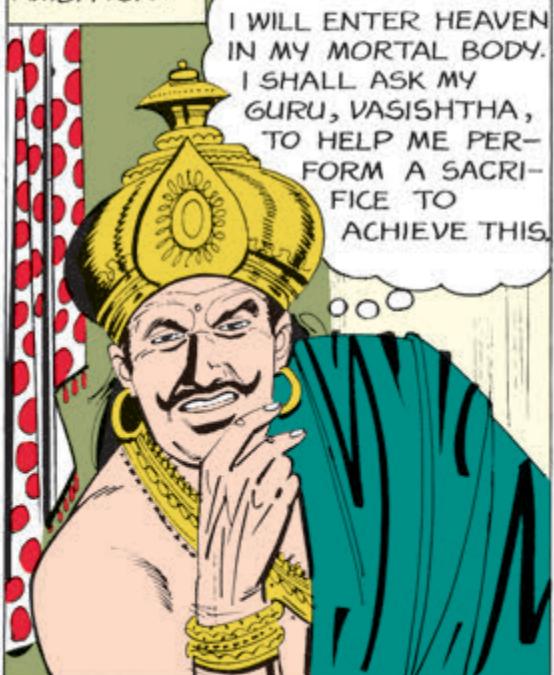
THEN VISHWAMITRA CONTINUED HIS AUSTERITIES WITH GREATER SEVERITY UNTIL BRAHMA HAD TO APPEAR BEFORE HIM.

BUT BRAHMA HAD ALREADY DEPARTED. VISHWAMITRA WAS DEJECTED.

IN SPITE OF ALL MY PENANCES I AM ONLY A RAJARSHI TO THE GODS. I WILL STRIVE HARDER FOR GREATER SPIRITUAL POWERS.



MEANWHILE TRISHANKU, A GREAT KING OF THOSE TIMES, WAS SUDDENLY SEIZED WITH AN AMBITION.



HE SENT FOR VASISHTHA.

I WISH TO ENTER HEAVEN IN THIS MORTAL FRAME OF MINE, SO...

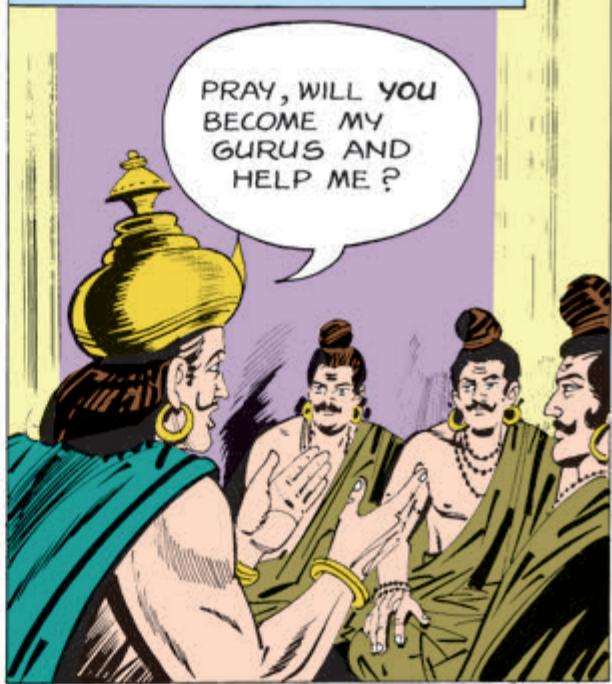
NO!  
O KING! THAT CAN NEVER BE!



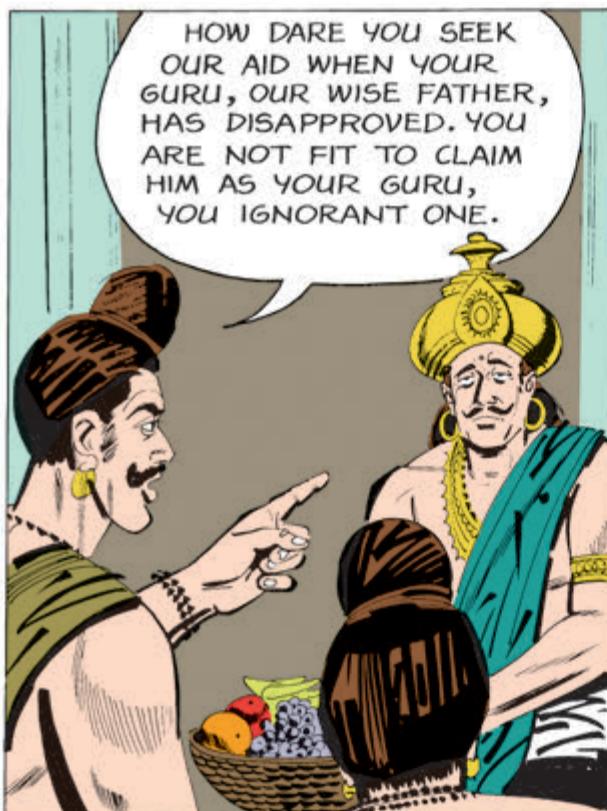
BUT TRISHANKU REFUSED TO GIVE UP THE IDEA.



THERE TRISHANKU TOLD THE SONS OF VASISHTHA OF THEIR FATHER'S DECISION.



HOW DARE YOU SEEK OUR AID WHEN YOUR GURU, OUR WISE FATHER, HAS DISAPPROVED. YOU ARE NOT FIT TO CLAIM HIM AS YOUR GURU, YOU IGNORANT ONE.



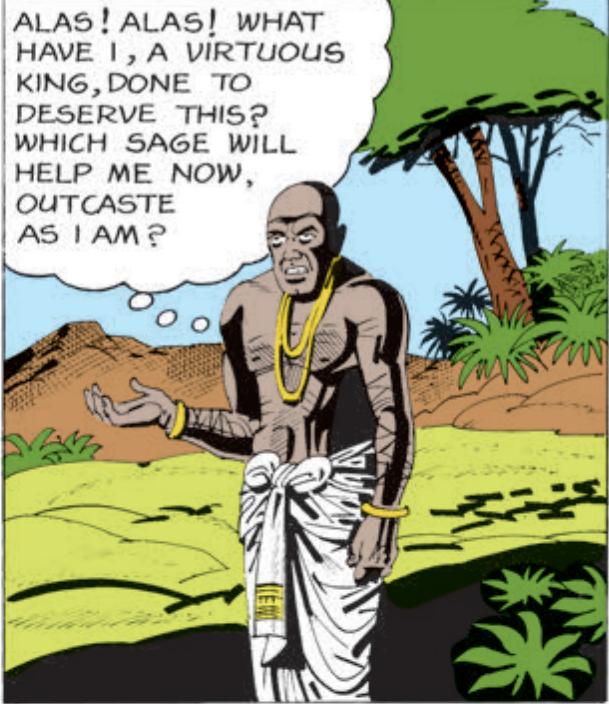
BUT TRISHANKU WAS BENT UPON PERFORMING THE SACRIFICE.



THE SONS OF VASISHTHA WERE FURIOUS WITH THE ADAMANT KING.



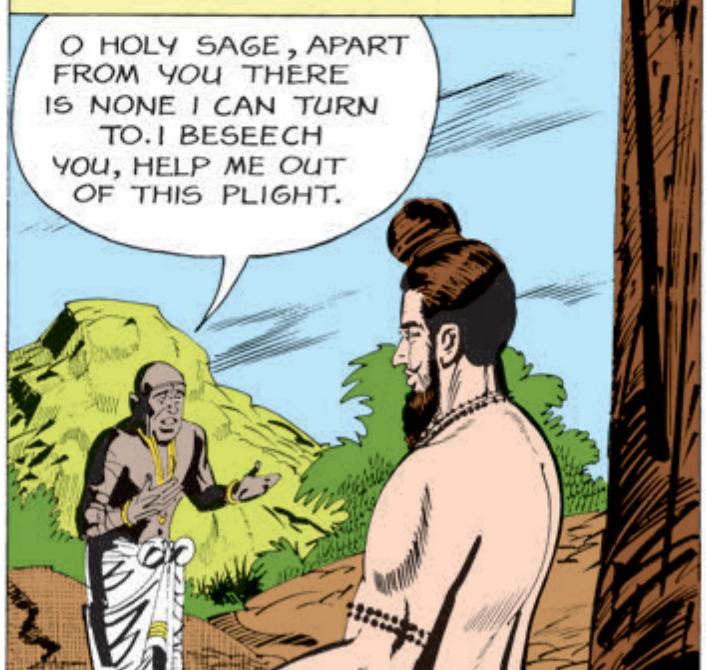
TO HIS DISMAY TRISHANKU FOUND HIS BODY TRANSFORMED.



THEN SUDDENLY, HE REMEMBERED VISHWAMITRA.



AS HE EXPECTED, VISHWAMITRA RECEIVED HIM COMPASSIONATELY AND LISTENED TO HIS TALE OF WOE.



\* AN OUTCASTE

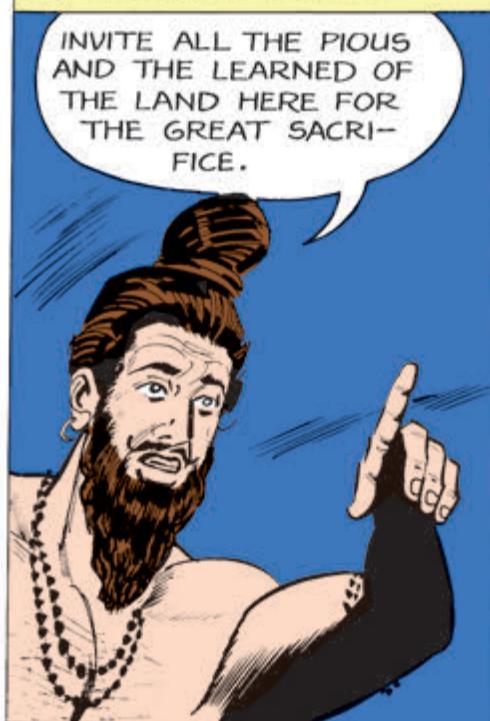
VISHWAMITRA CONSOLED AND COMFORTED THE MISERABLE KING.



VISHWAMITRA SUMMONED HIS SONS TO HIM.



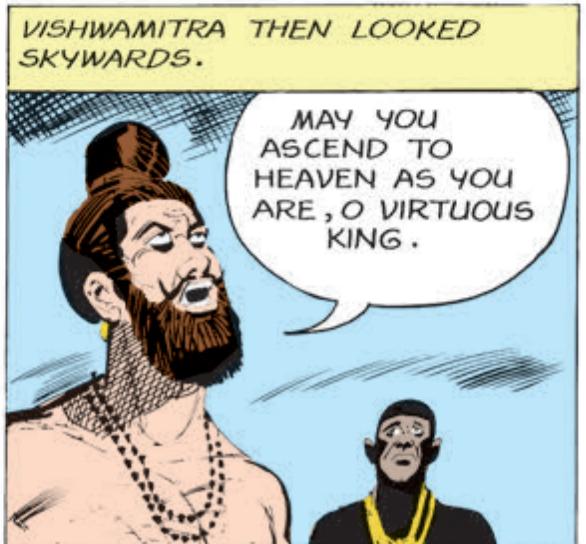
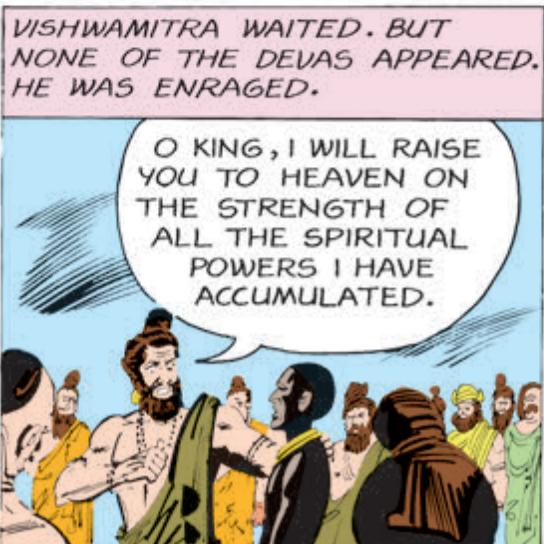
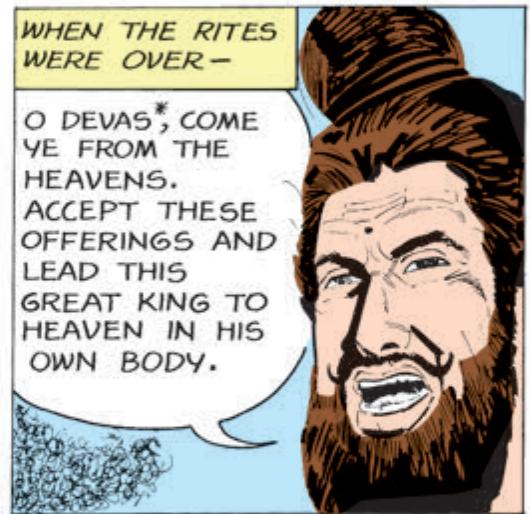
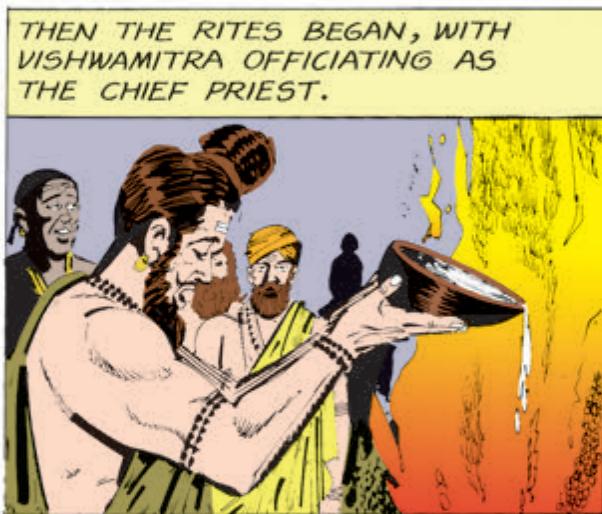
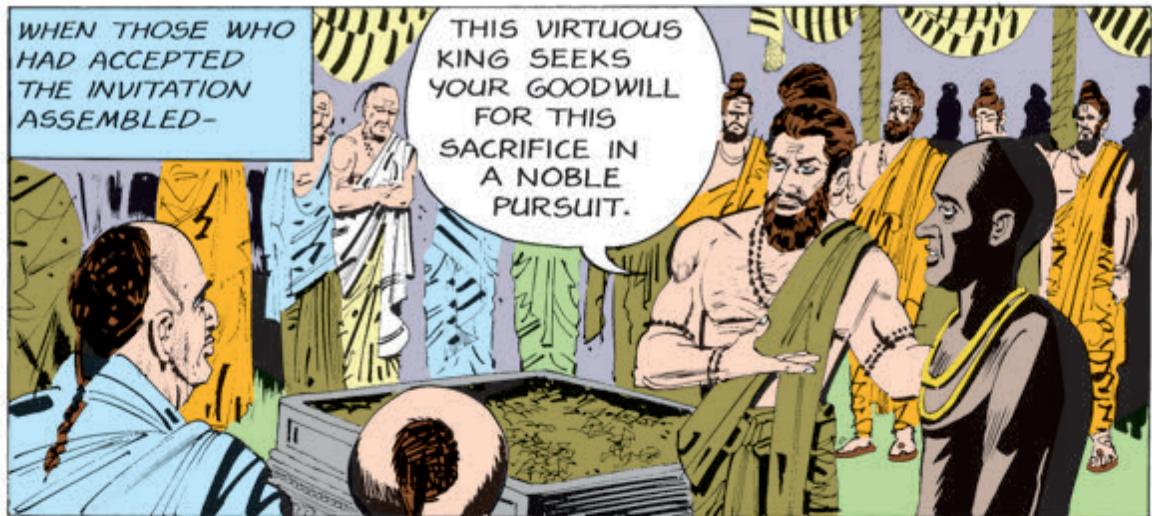
NEXT VISHWAMITRA CALLED HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM.



THE DISCIPLES RETURNED AFTER A FEW DAYS.

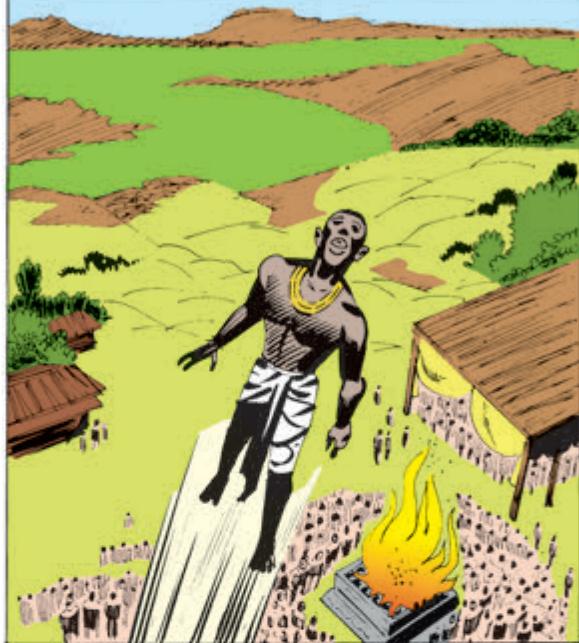


\* ASSOCIATING ONESELF WITH UNTOUCHABLES MADE ONE UNCLEAN.



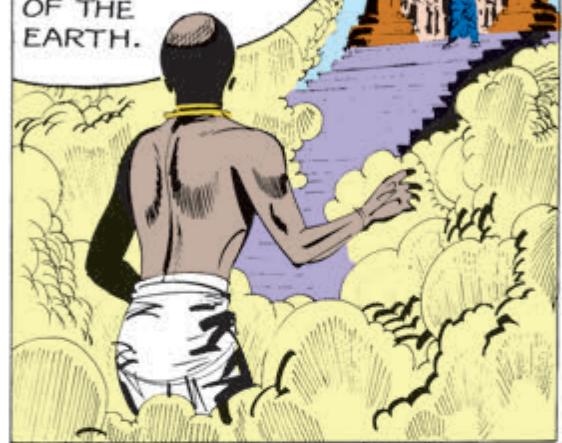
\*GODS

HARDLY HAD VISHWAMITRA UTTERED THESE WORDS THAN THE ASCENSION OF TRISHANKU BEGAN.



BUT WHEN HE REACHED HEAVEN, INDRA AND THE DEVAS BARRED HIS ENTRY.

WRETCH! YOU HAVE BEEN CURSED BY YOUR GURU'S SONS. HEAVEN HAS NO PLACE FOR YOU. MAY YOU GO DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH.



TRISHANKU BEGAN FALLING DOWN, DOWN -

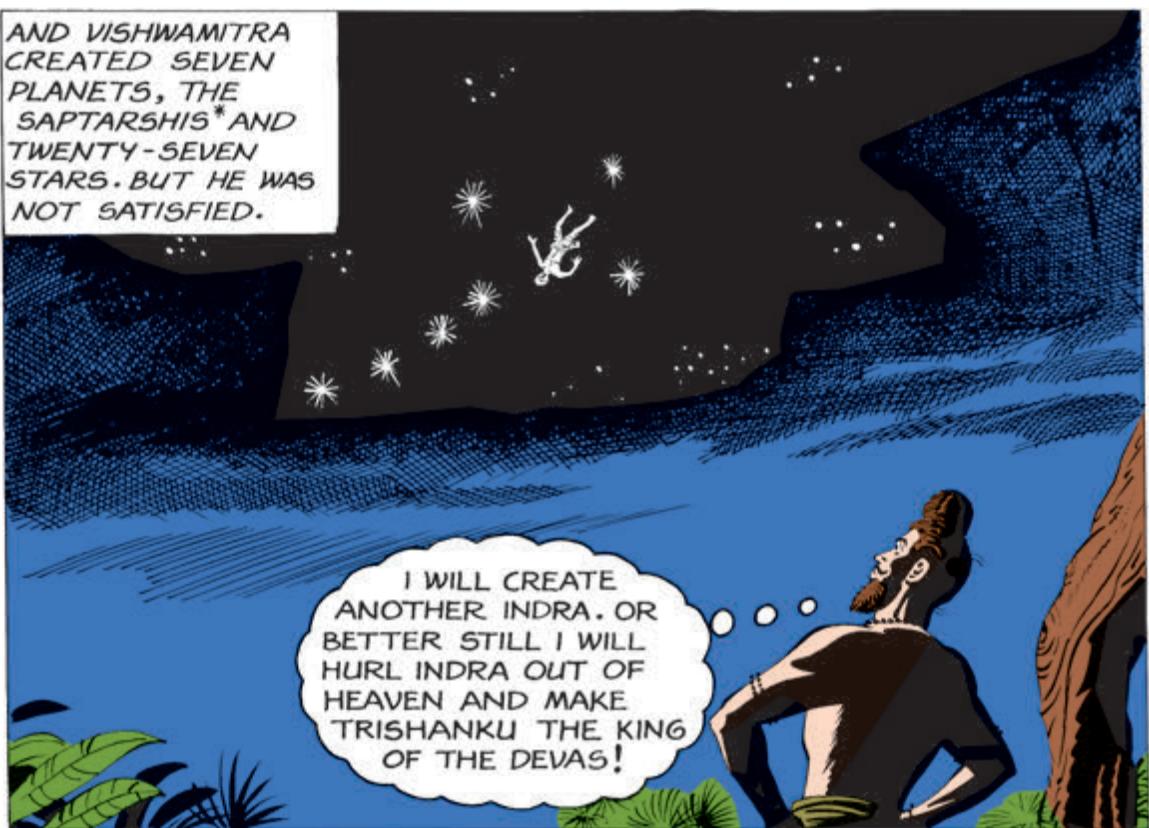


VISHWAMITRA WOULD NOT ACCEPT DEFEAT.

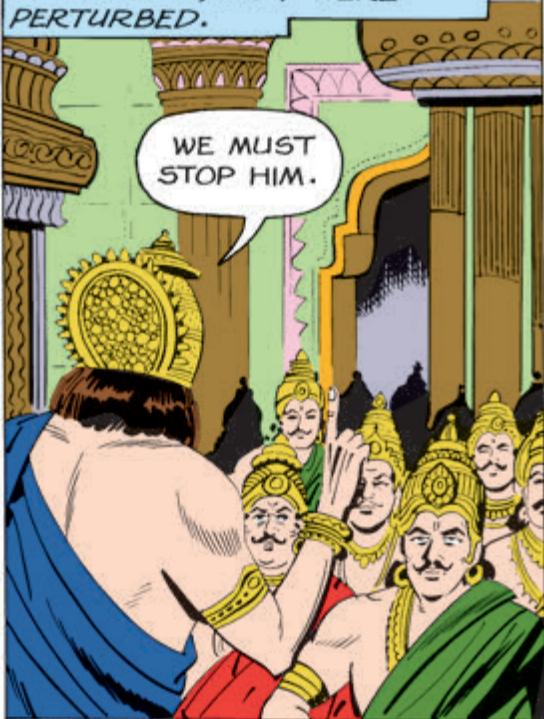
MAY YOU STOP WHERE YOU ARE. I SHALL CREATE A HEAVEN AROUND YOU.



AND VISHWAMITRA CREATED SEVEN PLANETS, THE SAPTARSHIS\* AND TWENTY-SEVEN STARS. BUT HE WAS NOT SATISFIED.



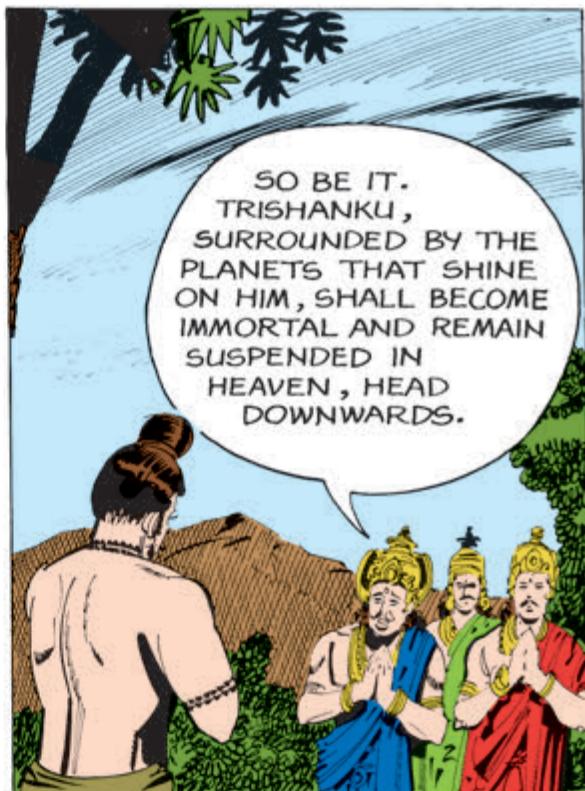
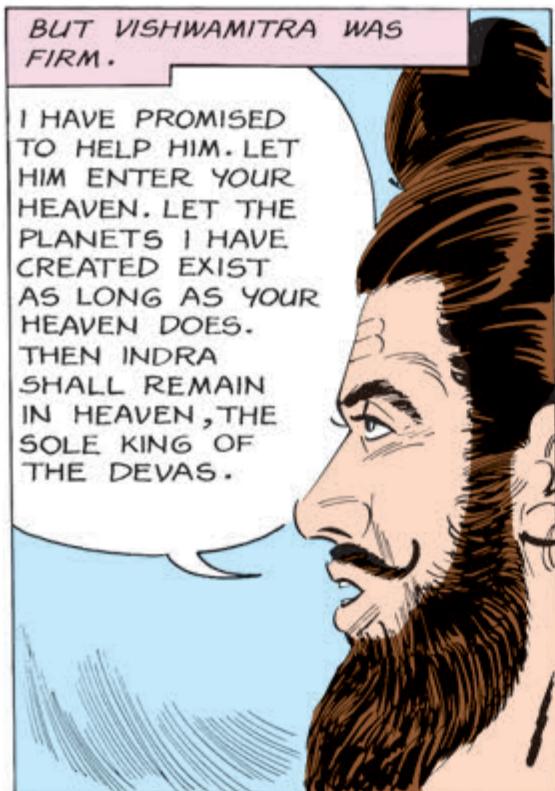
WHEN THE DEVAS DIVINED HIS INTENTIONS, THEY WERE PERTURBED.



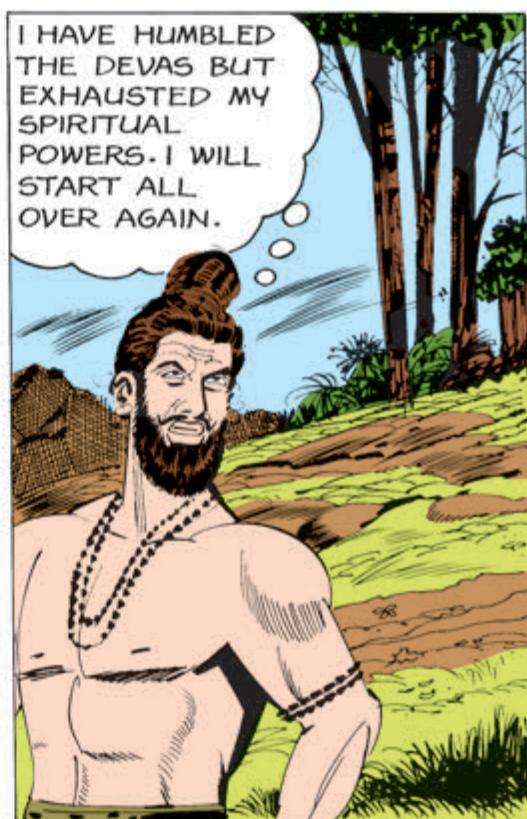
THEY APPEARED BEFORE HIM AND PLEADED WITH HIM.



\* SAPTA RISHI

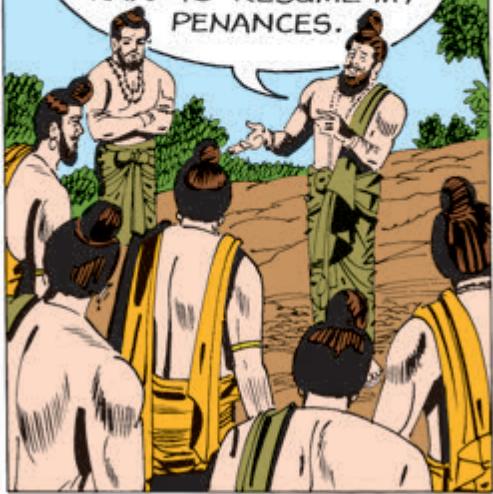


AS THE DEVAS, HEAVING SIGHS OF RELIEF, DEPARTED TO HEAVEN-



HE TURNED TO HIS SONS AND DISCIPLES.

THE WORLD HAS BEEN TOO MUCH WITH ME HERE. MY PENANCES HAVE COME TO NAUGHT. I SHALL GO WEST TO THE PEACEFUL PUSH-KAR TO RESUME MY PENANCES.



MEANWHILE AMBARISHA, KING OF AYODHYA, HAD DECIDED TO PERFORM A SACRIFICE. BUT -

YOUR MAJESTY, THE SACRIFICIAL ANIMAL HAS BEEN STOLEN.

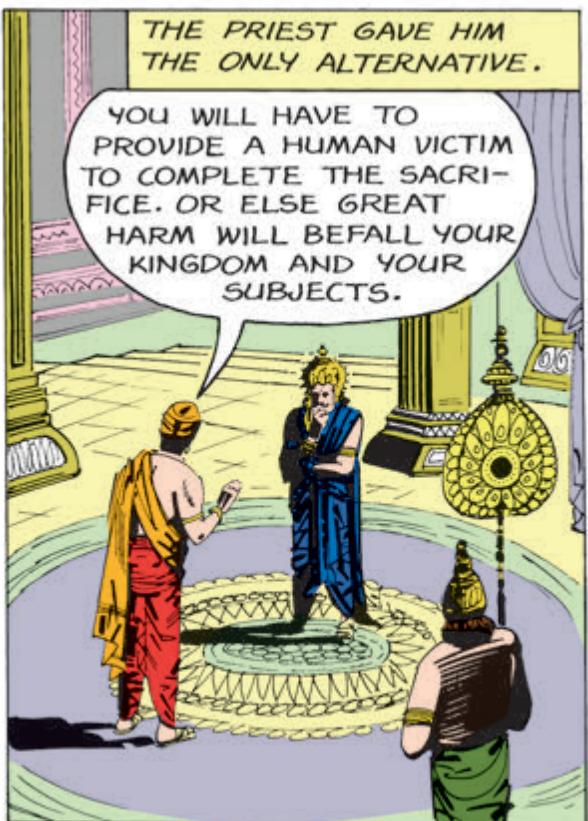


AMBARISHA HUNTED FAR AND WIDE FOR THE ANIMAL. BUT AS INDRA WAS THE UNKNOWN THIEF HIS SEARCH WAS HOPELESS.



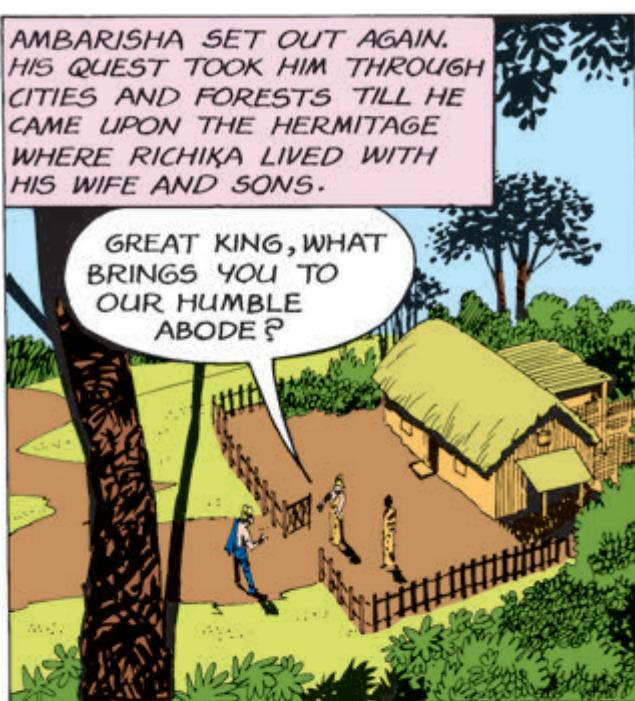
THE PRIEST GAVE HIM THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE.

YOU WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE A HUMAN VICTIM TO COMPLETE THE SACRIFICE. OR ELSE GREAT HARM WILL BEFALL YOUR KINGDOM AND YOUR SUBJECTS.



AMBARISHA SET OUT AGAIN. HIS QUEST TOOK HIM THROUGH CITIES AND FORESTS TILL HE CAME UPON THE HERMITAGE WHERE RICHIKA LIVED WITH HIS WIFE AND SONS.

GREAT KING, WHAT  
BRINGS YOU TO  
OUR HUMBLE  
ABODE?



AMBARISHA TOLD HIM ALL.

O SAGE, GIVE ME ONE OF YOUR SONS FOR 100,000 COWS AND HELP ME COMPLETE THE SACRIFICE.



RICHIKA AND HIS  
WIFE LOOKED AT  
EACH OTHER.

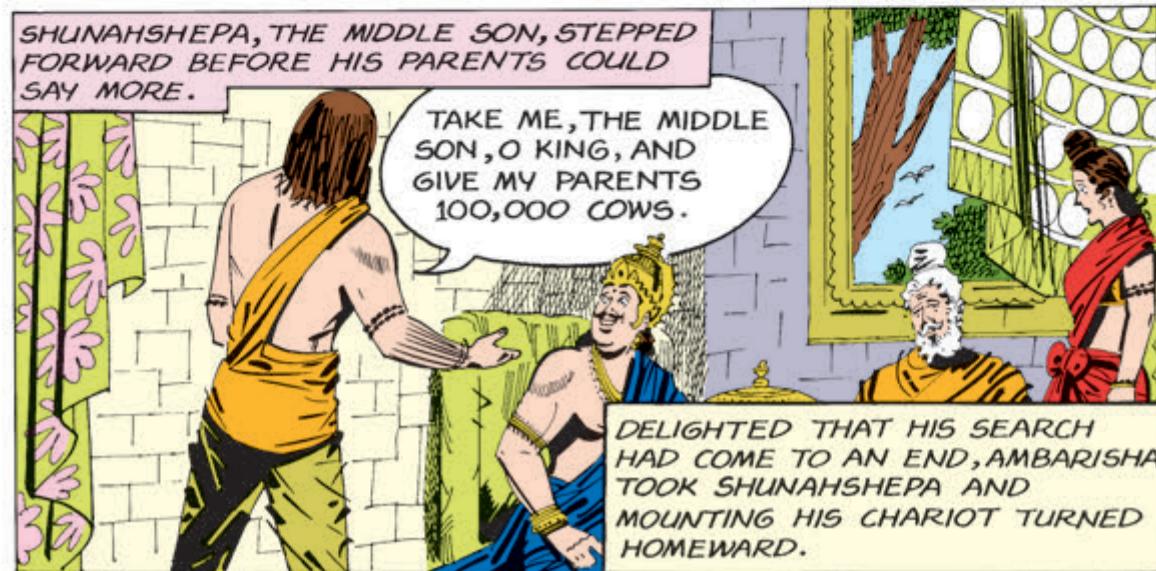
I WILL  
NEVER GIVE  
UP MY  
ELDEST  
SON.

MY YOUNGEST  
SHALL EVER  
REMAIN WITH  
US.



SHUNAHSHEPA, THE MIDDLE SON, STEPPED FORWARD BEFORE HIS PARENTS COULD SAY MORE.

TAKE ME, THE MIDDLE SON, O KING, AND  
GIVE MY PARENTS  
100,000 COWS.

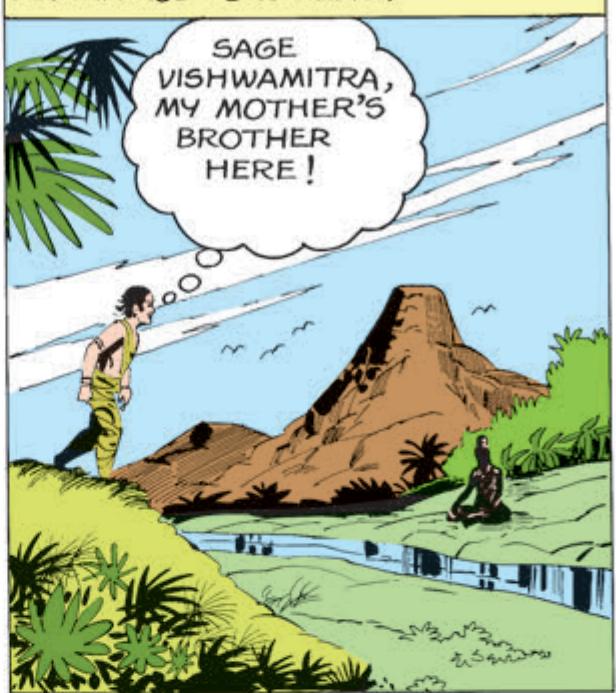


DELIGHTED THAT HIS SEARCH  
HAD COME TO AN END, AMBARISHA  
TOOK SHUNAHSHEPA AND  
MOUNTING HIS CHARIOT TURNED  
HOMEWARD.

ON THE WAY THEY HAD TO PASS THROUGH THE FOREST OF PUSHKARA.



AS THE KING RESTED, SHUNAHSHEPA WANDERED ABOUT THE HERMITAGE. SUDDENLY -



SHUNAHSHEPA RAN TO HIM, FELL AT HIS FEET AND TOLD HIM ALL. THEN -

O HOLY ONE, I HAVE NEITHER FATHER NOR MOTHER. O LORD, PROTECT ME. LET ME LIVE, LEAD A SPIRITUAL LIFE AND ATTAIN HEAVEN.

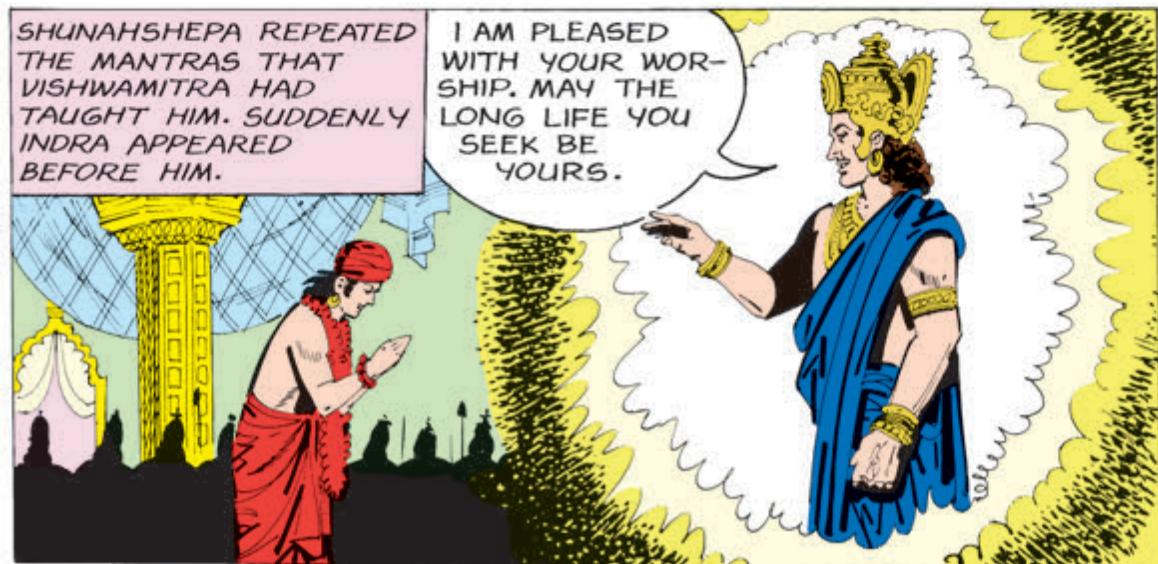
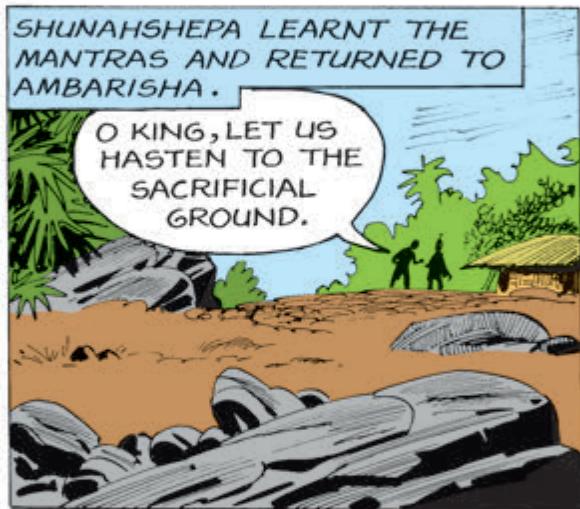
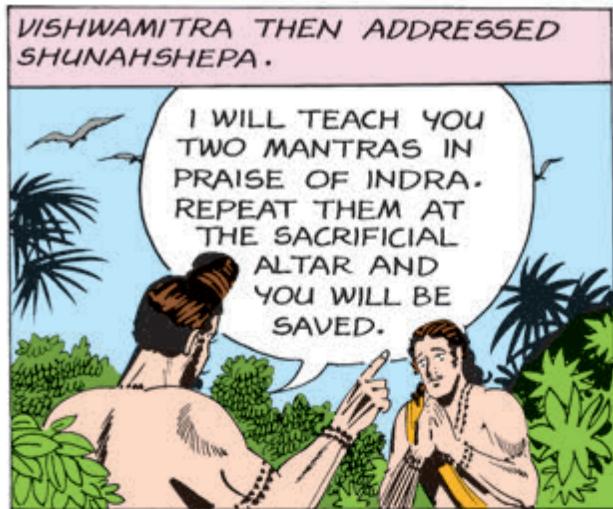
BE CONSOLED, O VIRTUOUS SON. I WILL NOT LET YOU DIE.



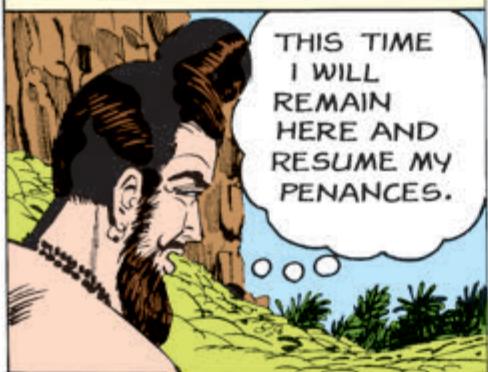
VISHWAMITRA TURNED TO HIS SONS.

SHUNAHSHEPA HAS SOUGHT MY PROTECTION. ONE OF YOU TAKE HIS PLACE AND RESCUE HIM. I HAVE GIVEN HIM MY WORD. HELP ME KEEP IT.



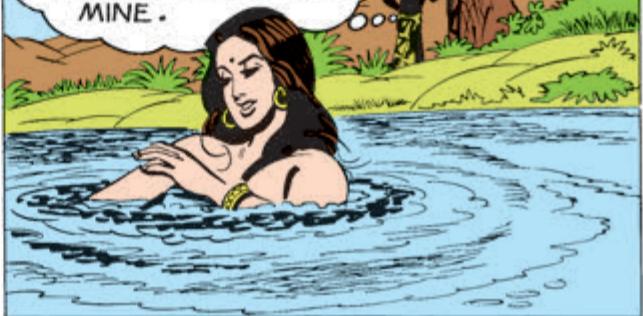


HE HAD KEPT HIS WORD BUT VISHWAMITRA HAD ONCE AGAIN SPENT HIS SPIRITUAL FORCE IN CURSING HIS SONS.



ONE DAY WHILE HE WAS ON THE BANK OF THE PUSHKARA LAKE—

IT'S THE IRRESISTIBLE APSARA, MENAKA.  
I MUST MAKE HER MINE.



AS MENAKA CAME OUT OF THE LAKE, VISHWAMITRA DECLARED HIS LOVE TO HER.



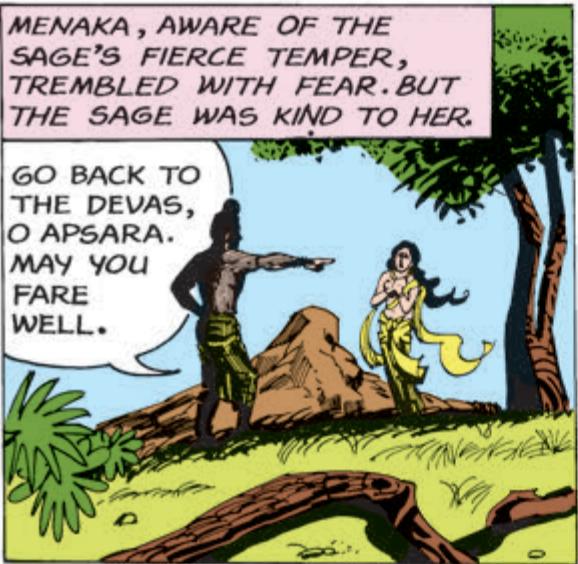
A FEW YEARS PASSED BEFORE VISHWAMITRA SUDDENLY REALISED HIS FOLLY.

I SEE NOW!  
THE DEVAS  
MUST HAVE  
SENT YOU  
HERE TO  
DISTRACT  
ME.



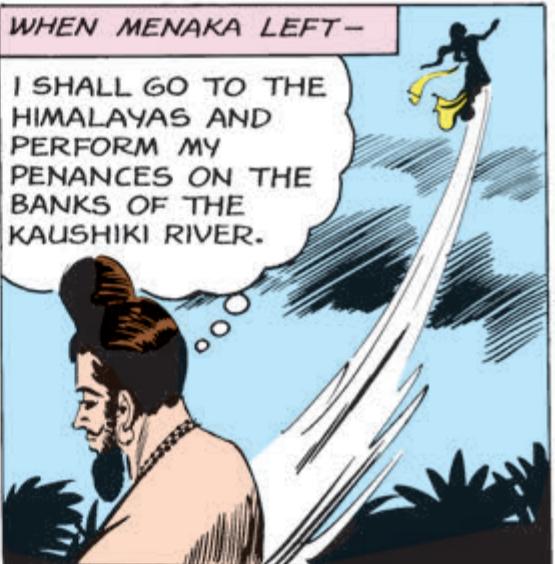
MENAKA, AWARE OF THE SAGE'S FIERCE TEMPER, TREMBLED WITH FEAR. BUT THE SAGE WAS KIND TO HER.

GO BACK TO THE DEVAS, O APSARA. MAY YOU FARE WELL.



WHEN MENAKA LEFT—

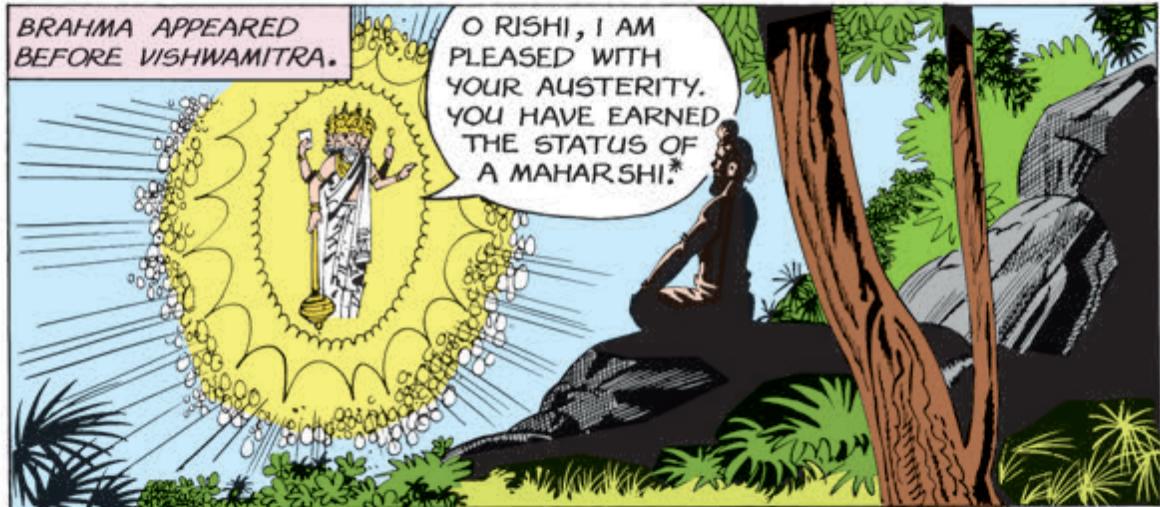
I SHALL GO TO THE HIMALAYAS AND PERFORM MY PENANCES ON THE BANKS OF THE KAUSHIKI RIVER.



SO SEVERE WERE HIS PENANCES THERE THAT THE DEVAS WERE PERTURBED. THEY APPROACHED BRAHMA.



BRAHMA APPEARED BEFORE VISHWAMITRA.



MY PENANCES WERE FOR THE STATUS OF A BRAHMARSHI. YOU REGARD ME ONLY AS A MAHARSHI. I WILL HAVE TO SUBDU MY PASSIONS FURTHER.

YES. YOU HAVE NOT YET GAINED MASTERY OVER YOUR SENSES.



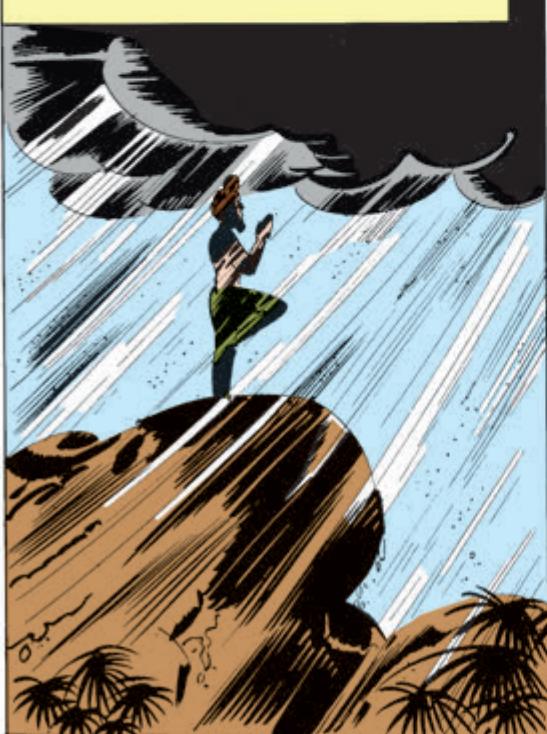
WHEN BRAHMA DEPARTED,  
VISHWAMITRA INTENSIFIED HIS  
AUSTERITIES.



IN SUMMER HE STOOD ON ONE FOOT  
IN THE MIDST OF FIVE BLAZING  
FIRES, LIVING ONLY ON AIR.



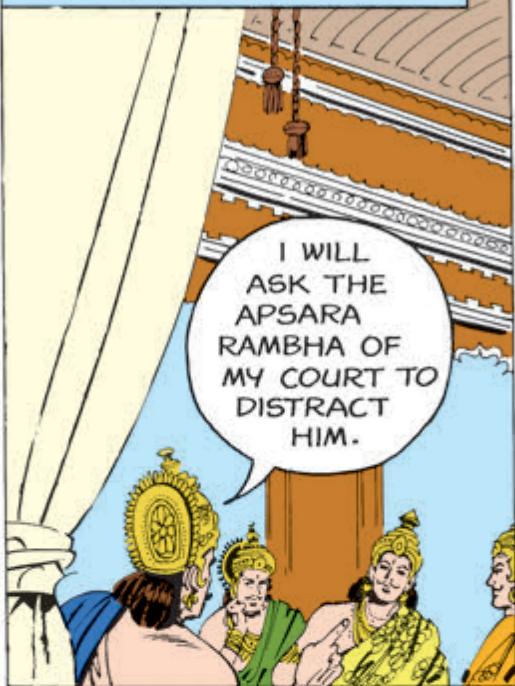
THROUGH THE RAINY SEASON  
HE CONTINUED STANDING.



AND IN WINTER HE STOOD  
IN THE MIDDLE OF A  
COLD STREAM.



THE DEVAS WERE ONCE AGAIN PERTURBED. THEN INDRA HAD AN IDEA.



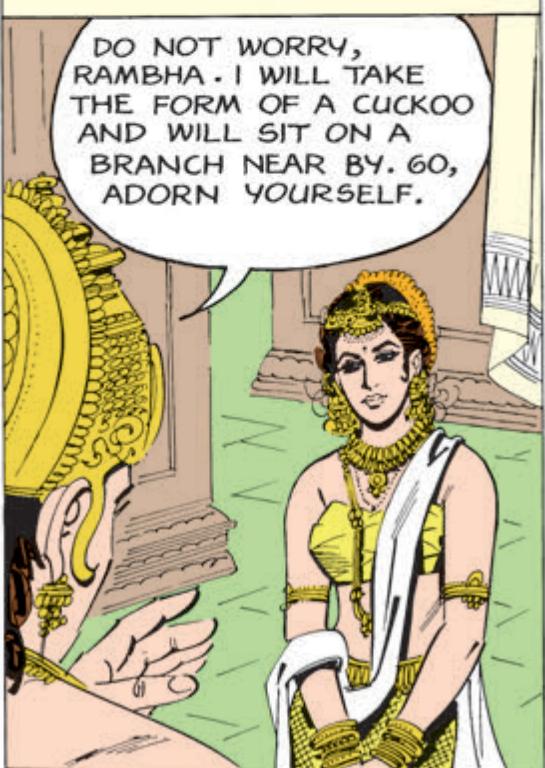
HE SENT FOR RAMBHA.

YOU MUST ATTRACT MAHARSHI VISHWAMITRA AND DISTURB HIS PENANCES.



BUT INDRA REASSURED HER.

DO NOT WORRY, RAMBHA. I WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A CUCKOO AND WILL SIT ON A BRANCH NEAR BY. GO, ADORN YOURSELF.



AS SOON AS RAMBHA WAS READY, THEY CAME TO VISHWAMITRA'S GROVE.

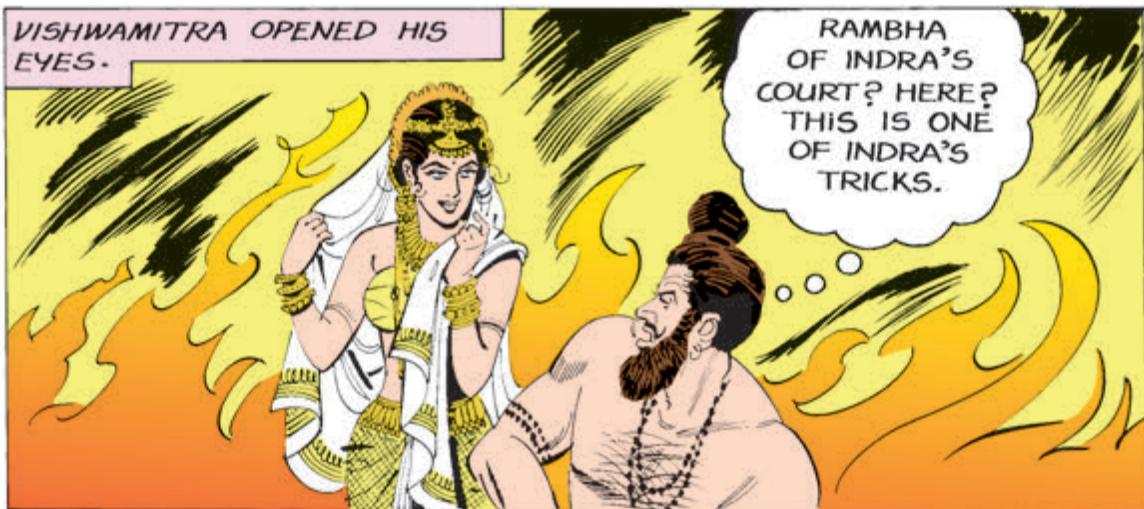
I WILL ROUSE HIM WITH MY NOTES. THAT IS THE MOMENT FOR YOU TO APPROACH HIM.



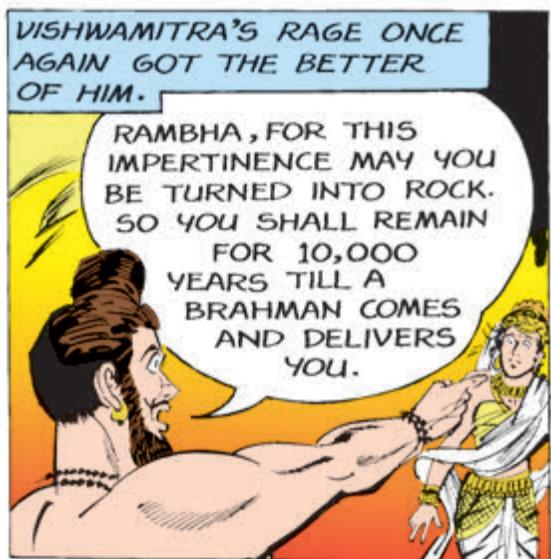
INDRA BEGAN WARBLING. RAMBHA WALKED TOWARDS VISHWAMITRA.



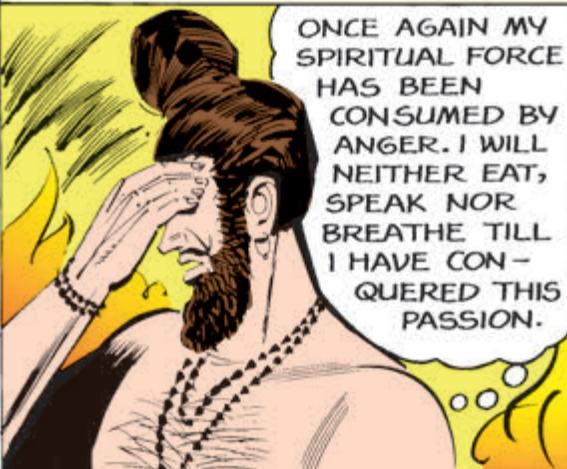
VISHWAMITRA OPENED HIS EYES.



VISHWAMITRA'S RAGE ONCE AGAIN GOT THE BETTER OF HIM.



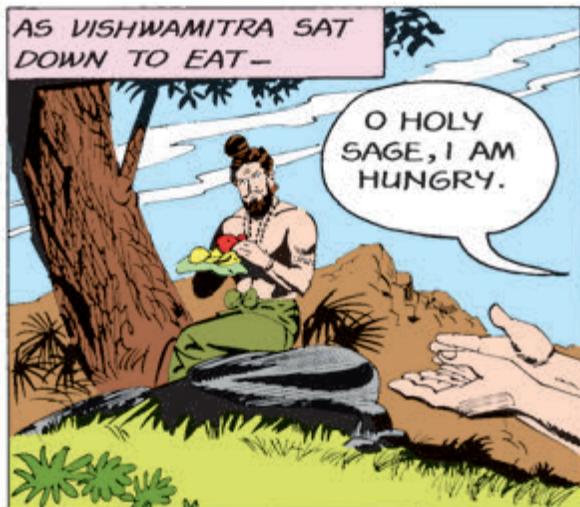
WHEN HE HEARD THIS, INDRA FLED FROM THE SCENE.



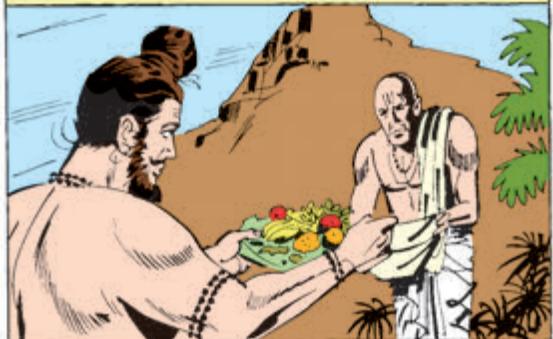
VISHWAMITRA WENT EASTWARD AND BEGAN HIS MOST SEVERE AUSTERITIES. WHEN HE WAS SURE THAT HE HAD CONQUERED ANGER—



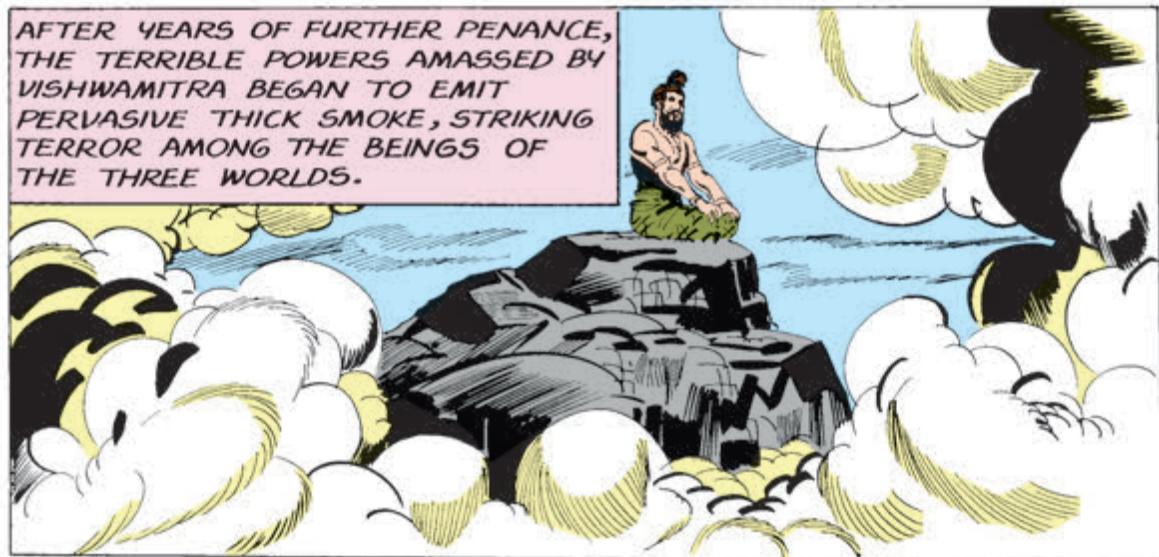
AS VISHWAMITRA SAT DOWN TO EAT—



IT WAS INDRA WHO HAD COME IN THE GUISE OF A BRAHMAN TO TEST HIM. VISHWAMITRA WITHOUT UTTERING A WORD OFFERED HIM THE FOOD.



AFTER YEARS OF FURTHER PENANCE, THE TERRIBLE POWERS AMASSED BY VISHWAMITRA BEGAN TO EMIT PERVERSIVE THICK SMOKE, STRIKING TERROR AMONG THE BEINGS OF THE THREE WORLDS.



TERRIFIED, INDRA AND THE DEVAS WENT TO BRAHMA.

IF THE STATUS OF BRAHMARSHI IS NOT GRANTED TO VISHWAMITRA NOW, HE WILL DESTROY THE THREE WORLDS AND THEN HE WILL BE CONTENT ONLY WITH THE SOVEREIGNTY OF MY HEAVEN.

DO NOT FEAR. I SHALL GRANT HIM THE STATUS OF BRAHMARSHI. HE DESERVES IT.

BRAHMA ACCCOMPANIED BY ALL THE DEVAS APPEARED BEFORE THE SAGE.

O VISHWAMITRA, BY THE POWER OF YOUR PENANCES YOU HAVE ACHIEVED THE STATUS OF BRAHMARSHI.

THEN INSTRUCT ME IN THE LORE OF THE BRAHMAN AND LET VASISHTHA ACKNOWLEDGE MY PRESENT STATUS.

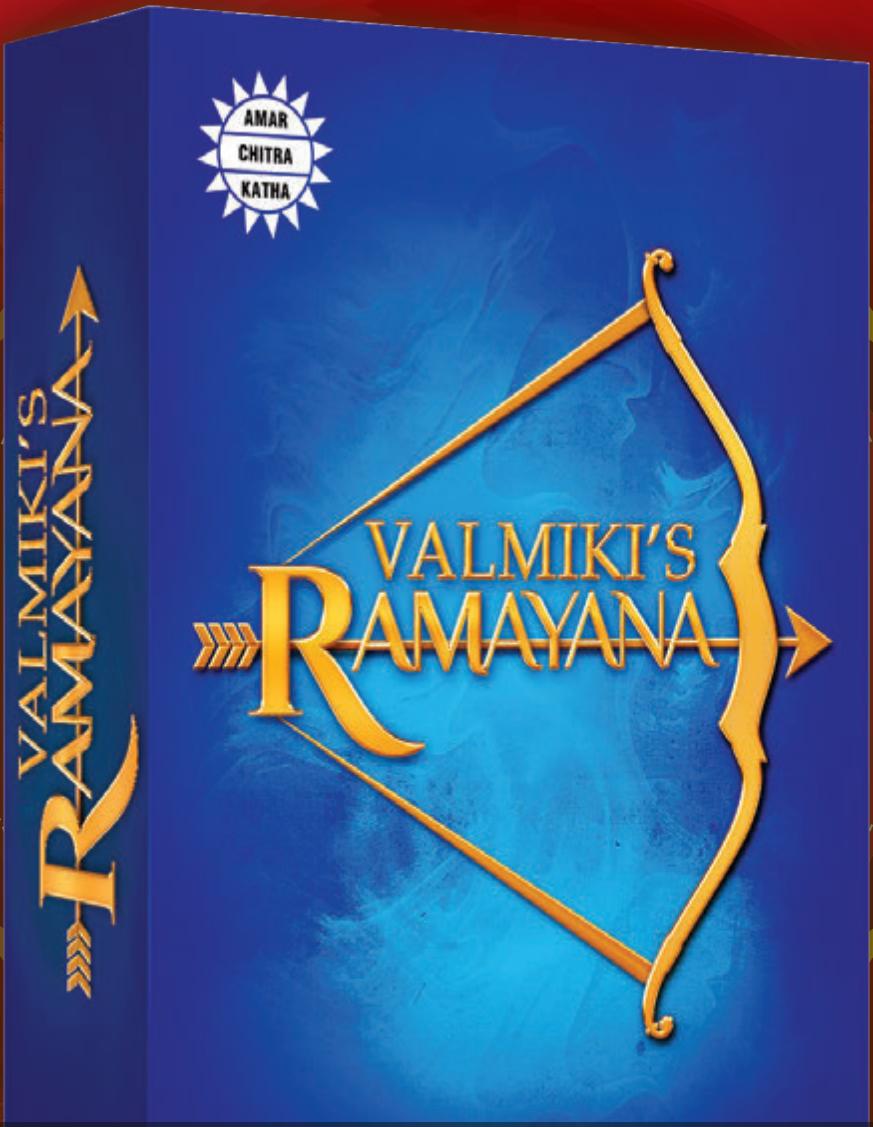
THE GODS LED VASISHTHA TO VISHWAMITRA.

MY GREETINGS TO YOU, O BRAHMARSHI.

VISHWAMITRA TOO PAID HOMAGE TO VASISHTHA. THEN, HAVING ACHIEVED WHAT HE HAD SET OUT TO ACHIEVE, VISHWAMITRA ENRICHED THE WORLDS WITH HIS GOOD DEEDS.



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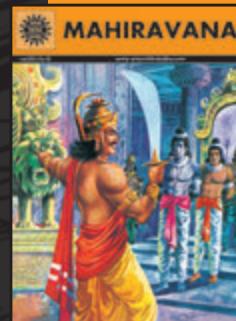
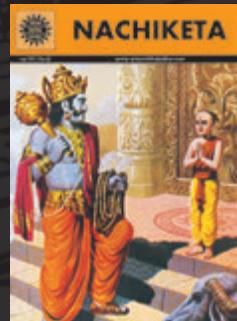
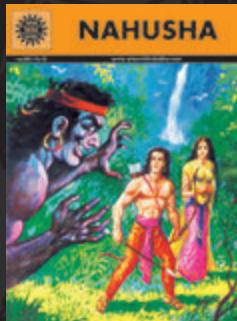
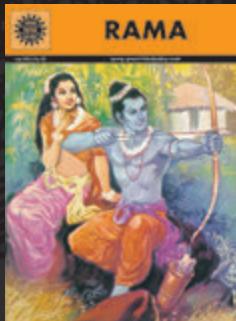


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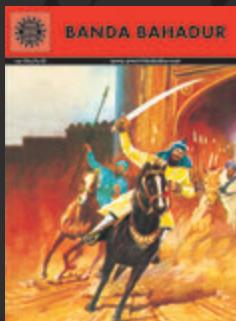
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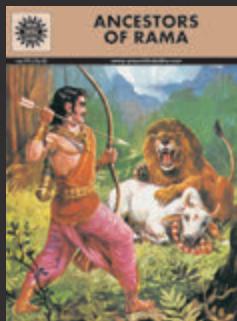
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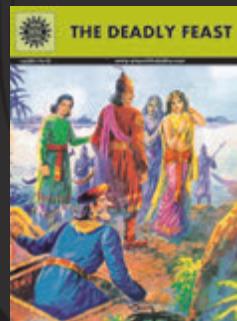
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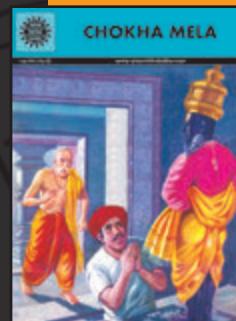
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