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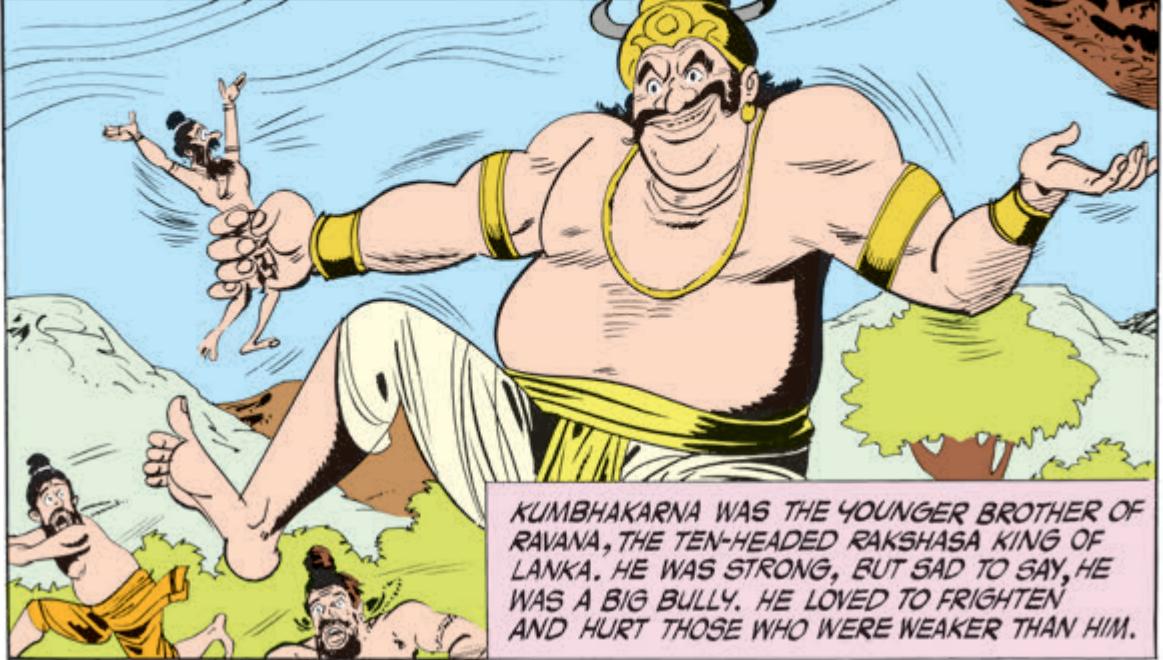
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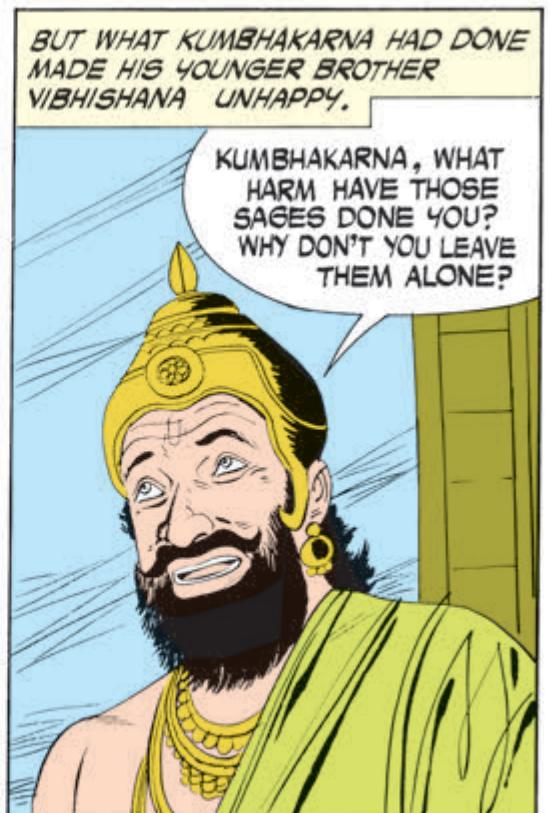
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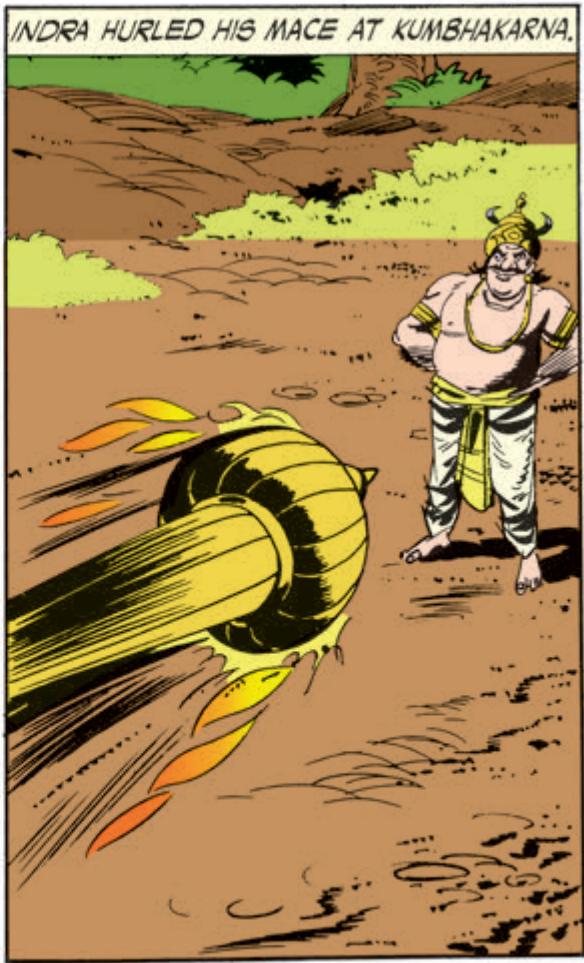
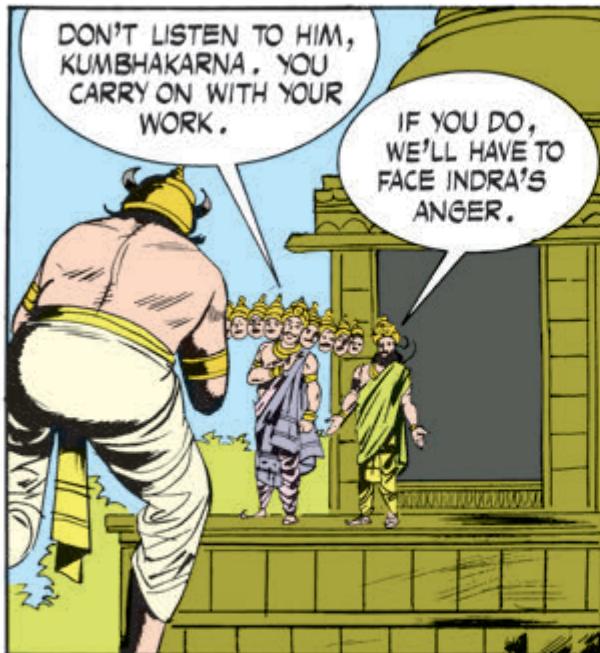
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KUMBHAKARNA



KUMBHAKARNA WAS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF RAVANA, THE TEN-HEADED RAKSHASA KING OF LANKA. HE WAS STRONG, BUT SAD TO SAY, HE WAS A BIG BULLY. HE LOVED TO FRIGHTEN AND HURT THOSE WHO WERE WEAKER THAN HIM.





BUT—



OH! NO! HE HAS
SWALLOWED
IT!



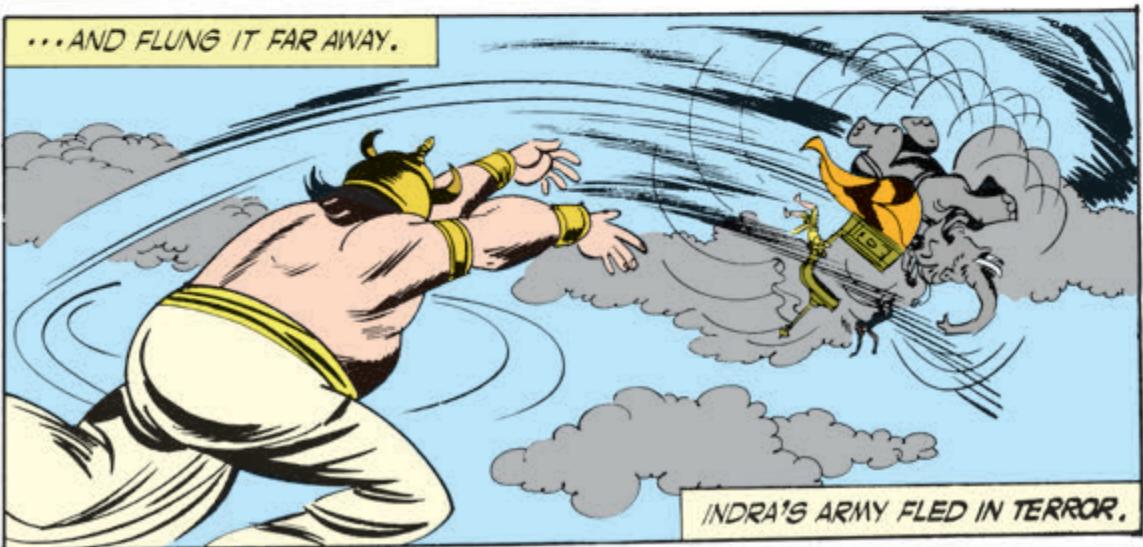
THEN KUMBHAKARNA LEAPT FORWARD...



... CAUGHT HOLD OF INDRA'S
ELEPHANT BY ITS TUSKS...



... AND FLUNG IT FAR AWAY.



INDRA'S ARMY FLED IN TERROR.

WHEN KUMBHAKARNA TOLD RAVANA WHAT HE HAD DONE—

NO ONE CAN BEAT YOU, KUMBHAKARNA. YOU'RE THE MIGHTIEST OF THE MIGHTY.

THEN WHY DON'T WE CONQUER THE THREE WORLDS?

NOT YET. WE'RE STRONG AND POWERFUL. BUT WE MUST PRAY TO LORD BRAHMA AND GET MORE STRENGTH AND MORE POWER.

THEN LET'S DO SO.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, VIBHISHANA?

I TOO WANT TO PRAY TO LORD BRAHMA, BUT FOR A DIFFERENT REASON.

THE THREE BROTHERS WENT TO A LONELY, QUIET PLACE AND BEGAN TO PLEASE BRAHMA BY THINKING ONLY OF HIM AND NOTHING ELSE.

RAVANA, YOU WILL BE THE LORD OF THE THREE WORLDS.

BRAHMA WAS PLEASED. HE APPEARED BEFORE THEM.



WHEN INDRA HEARD THAT, HE WAS WORRIED.

BEFORE BRAHMA GIVES KUMBHAKARNA A BOON, I MUST DO SOMETHING.



HE WENT TO SARASWATI, THE GODDESS OF SPEECH.

O SARASWATI, ONLY YOU CAN SAVE US NOW.

HOW CAN I HELP YOU?



WHEN KUMBHAKARNA ASKS FOR A BOON, WILL YOU CAST A SPELL ON HIS TONGUE?

LEAVE IT TO ME. I'LL MAKE HIM ASK FOR A FOOLISH BOON.

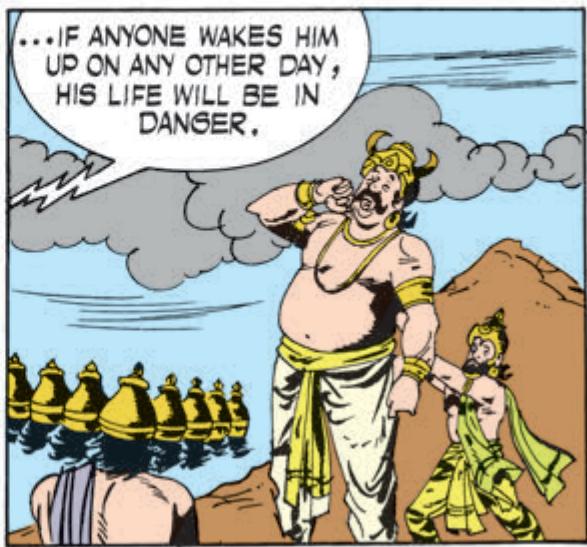
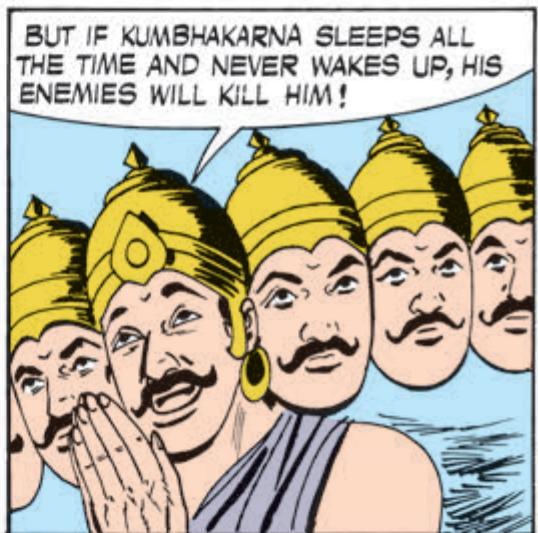


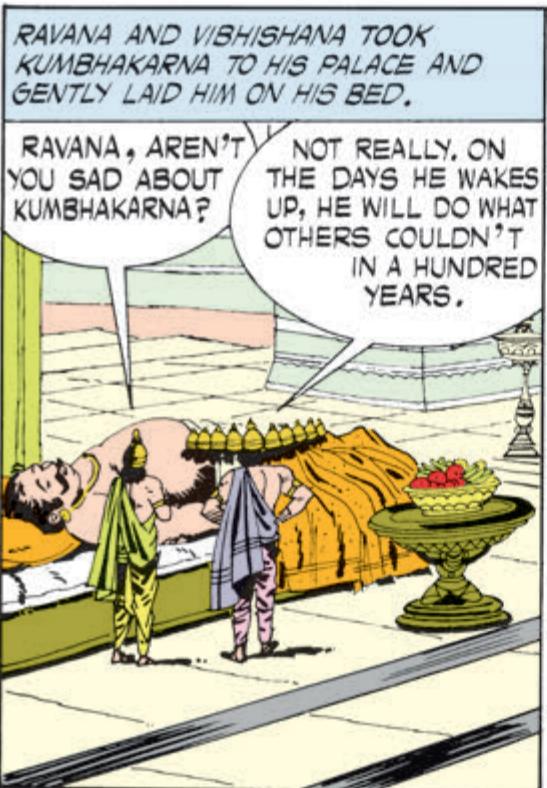
MEANWHILE VIBHISHANA TOO HAD BEEN GIVEN A BOON. NOW IT WAS KUMBHAKARNA'S TURN.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, KUMBHAKARNA?



BEFORE KUMBHAKARNA COULD SPEAK, SARASWATI CAST HER SPELL!





INSTEAD OF TAKING HIS BROTHER'S ADVICE, RAVANA CARRIED AWAY SITA, THE WIFE OF RAMA, THE PRINCE OF AYODHYA.



AT LANKA, RAVANA KEPT SITA IN HIS ASHOKA GARDEN WHICH WAS FAR AWAY FROM HIS PALACE. VIBHISHANA CAME TO SEE HIM.

WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS WRONG. SITA IS RAMA'S WIFE. TAKE HER BACK TO HIM.

DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO!



IF YOU DON'T TAKE SITA BACK TO RAMA, I'LL GO AWAY FROM LANKA.

AND I WON'T STOP YOU!



VIBHISHANA LEFT AND WENT TO RAMA WHO WAS MARCHING TOWARDS LANKA WITH A HUGE ARMY OF MONKEYS.

RAMA, YOU ARE GOOD.
I'M ON YOUR SIDE.
I'VE COME TO SERVE
YOU, TO FIGHT FOR
YOU.

WELCOME,
VIBHISHANA.



WITH THE HELP OF THE MONKEYS, RAMA BUILT A BRIDGE ACROSS THE SEA TO LANKA. HIS BROTHER LAKSHMANA WAS VERY HAPPY.

WE'LL SOON DEFEAT RAVANA AND RESCUE SITA.

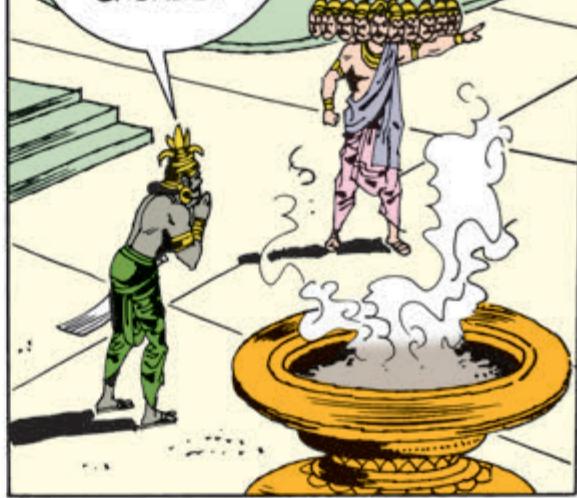
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT. BUT WE'LL SUCCEED.



AT LANKA —

MY LORD, RAMA AND HIS MONKEYS ARE CROSSING THE SEA. THEY'LL SOON BE ON OUR SHORES.

LET BHASMALECHANA FIGHT THEM BACK.



WITH ONE LOOK, HE'LL DESTROY ALL OF THEM.

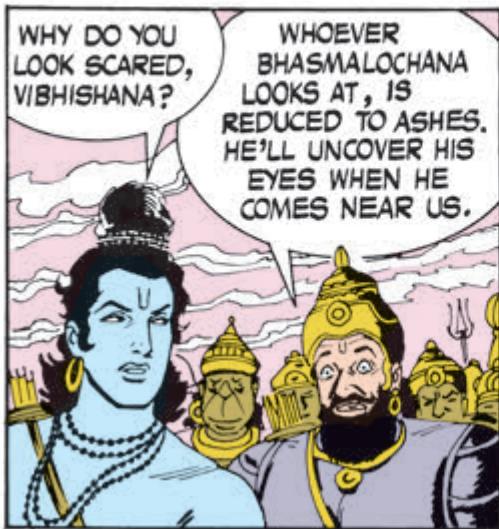


WHEN RAMA AND HIS ARMY REACHED THE SHORES OF LANKA —

WHO IS THAT STRANGE WARRIOR RIDING TOWARDS US? WHY HAS HE COVERED HIS EYES?

IT'S BHASMALECHANA!





RAMA QUICKLY CREATED MILLIONS OF MIRRORS AND AIMED THEM AT BHASMA-LOCHANA.



BEFORE BHASMALOCHANA COULD UNCOVER HIS EYES, THE MIRRORS HAD SURROUNDED HIM.



WHEN THE TERRIBLE RAKSHA OPENED HIS EYES, HE FELT HUNDREDS OF EYES BURNING INTO HIM. THEY WERE THE REFLECTIONS OF HIS OWN FIERY EYES!



AND THE NEXT MOMENT, BHASMALOCHANA WAS BURNT TO ASHES.

WICKED
BHASMALOCHANA
IS DEAD! VICTORY
TO RAMA!

AFTER THAT, MANY RAKSHASAS
CAME TO FIGHT RAMA. BUT ALL
OF THEM WERE KILLED BY HIM.
AT LAST RAVANA HIMSELF CAME.

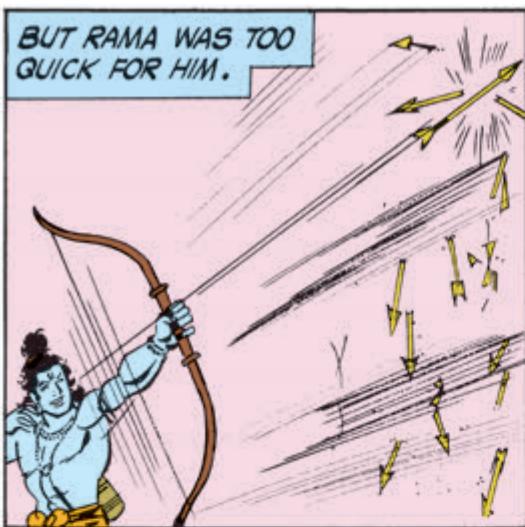
RAVANA, GET READY
TO DIE. NO ONE CAN
SAVE YOU!

RIDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF HANUMAN,
THE MIGHTY MONKEY-WARRIOR, RAMA.
LET FLY HIS ARROWS.

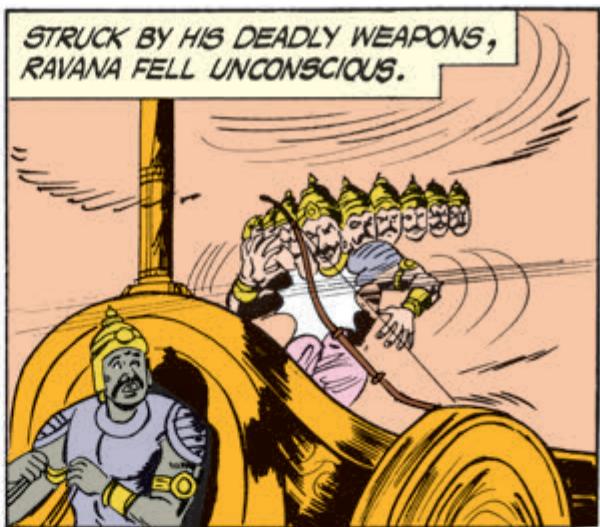
RAVANA TOO TOOK AIM...

...AND SHOT AT RAMA.

BUT RAMA WAS TOO QUICK FOR HIM.



STRUCK BY HIS DEADLY WEAPONS,
RAVANA FELL UNCONSCIOUS.



AFTER A WHILE, HOWEVER,
HE WAS ON HIS FEET
AGAIN. BUT—

TAKE CARE OF
YOUR CROWNS,
RAVANA.

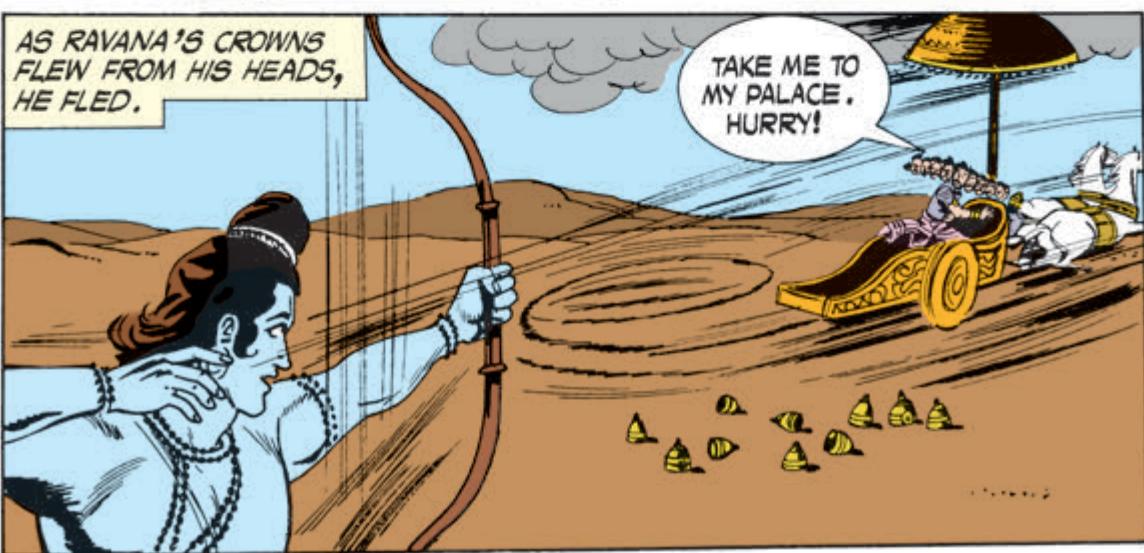


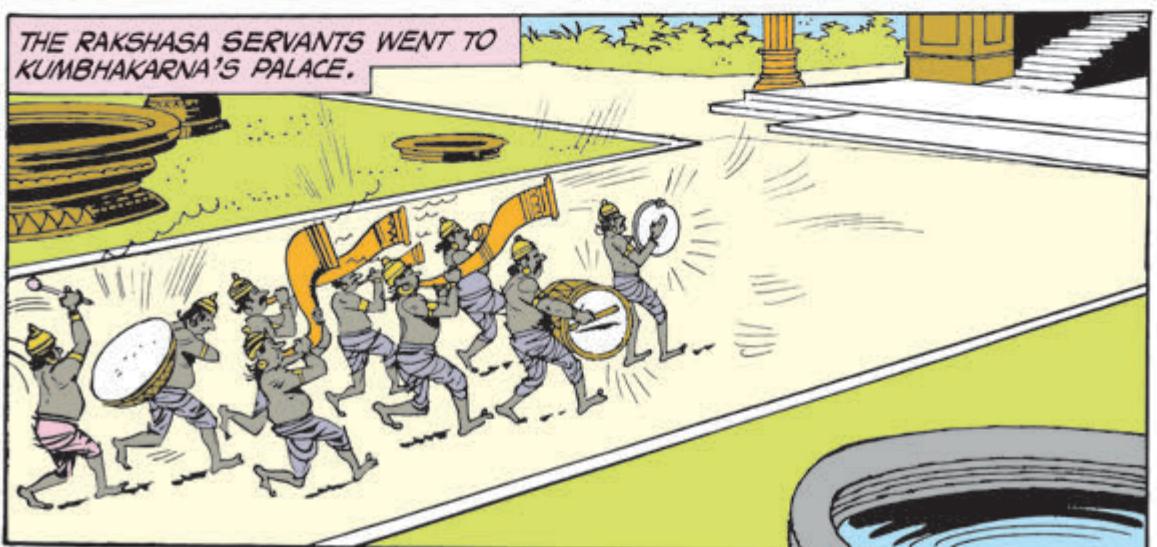
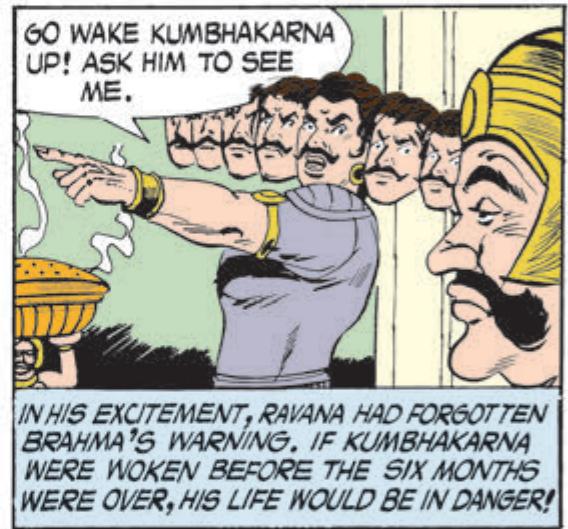
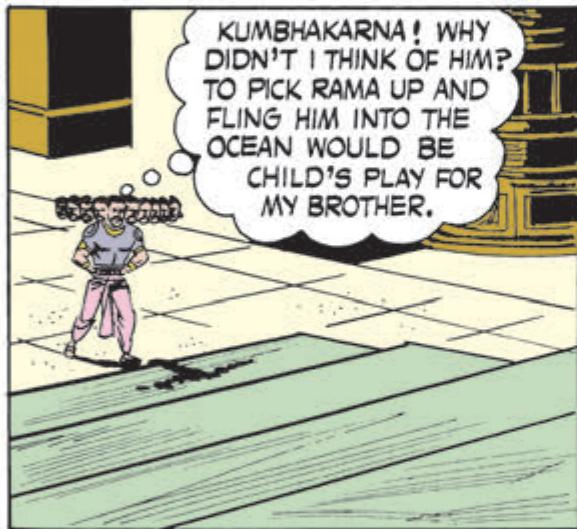
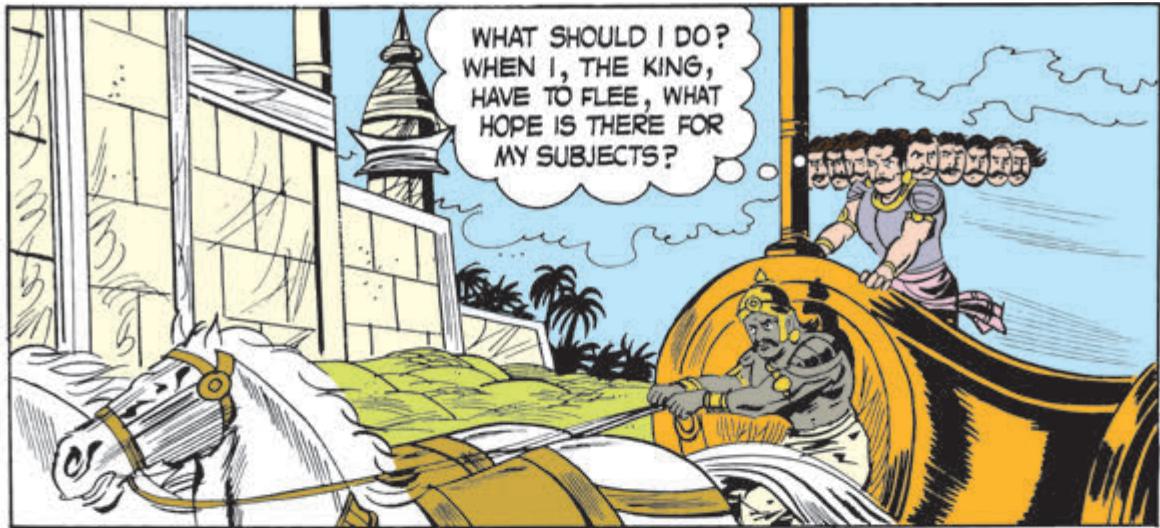
THE NEXT MOMENT RAMA FLUNG
A CRESCENT-SHAPED WEAPON AT
HIM.



AS RAVANA'S CROWNS
FLEW FROM HIS HEADS,
HE FLED.

TAKE ME TO
MY PALACE.
HURRY!





KUMBHAKARNA WAS FAST ASLEEP.
AS HE BREATHED OUT...



.... THE RAKSHASAS WERE SWEPT OFF THEIR FEET...



...AND AS HE BREATHED IN, THEY WERE PULLED TOWARDS HIS NOSTRILS.



I CAN'T SEE
ANYTHING !
WHERE
AM I ?

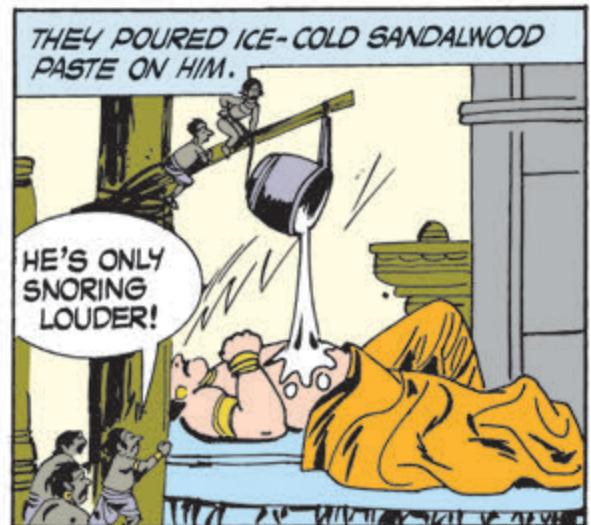
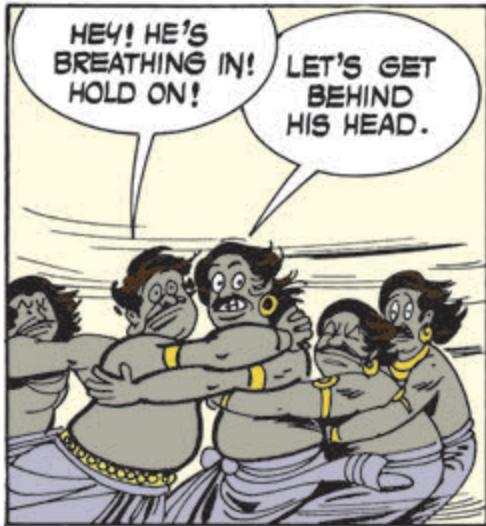
WE ARE IN
KUMBHAKARNA'S
NOSE !



THEN AS KUMBHAKARNA BREATHED
OUT —

WE ARE OUT !
SAFE !

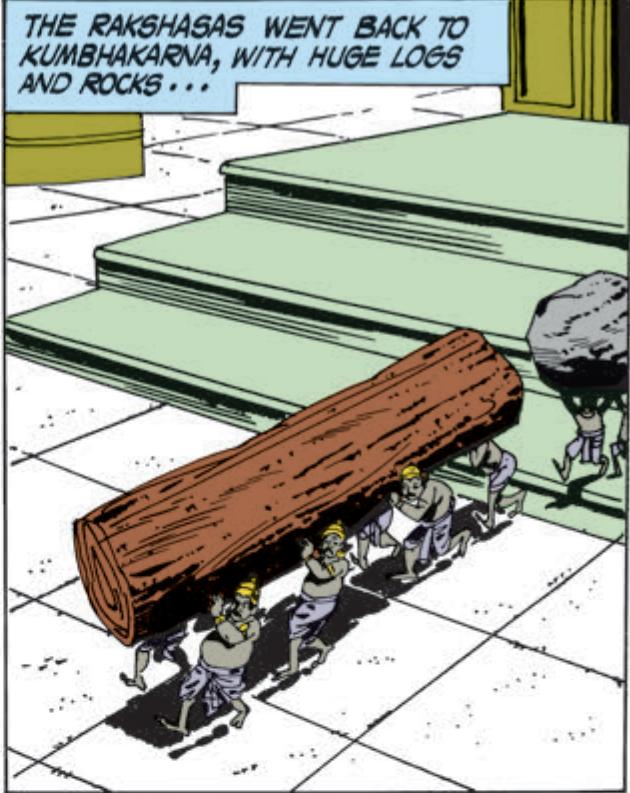




THE RAKSHASAS WENT BACK TO RAVANA.



THE RAKSHASAS WENT BACK TO KUMBHAKARNA, WITH HUGE LOGS AND ROCKS ...



... WHICH THEY FLUNG AT THE SLEEPING RAKSHASA.



THEN THEY BROUGHT ELEPHANTS AND MADE THEM WALK ON HIM.







THE NEXT MOMENT—

HO! HUM!

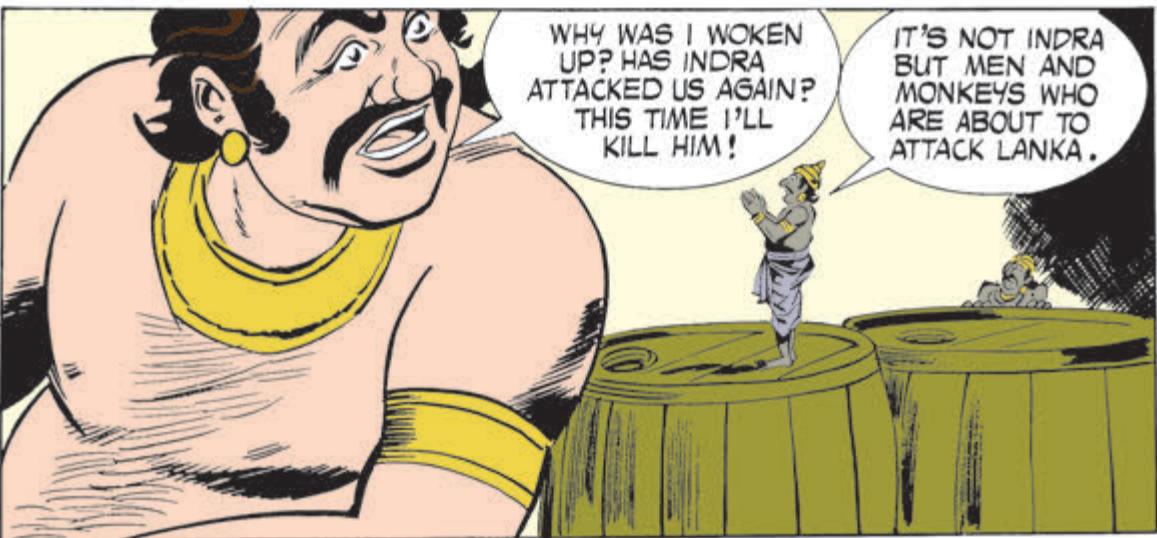
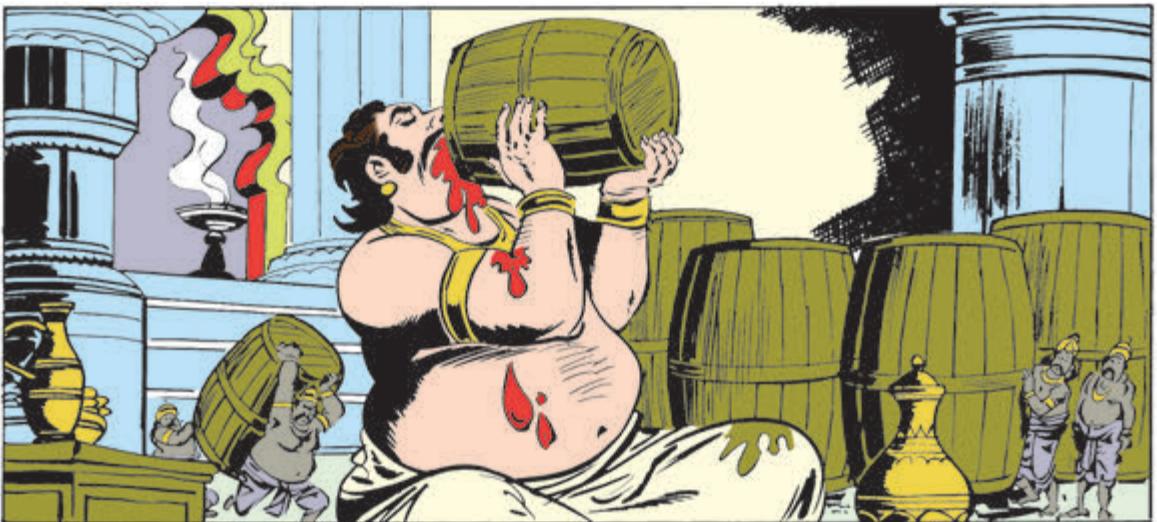
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WHO DARES
DISTURB MY
SLUMBER?

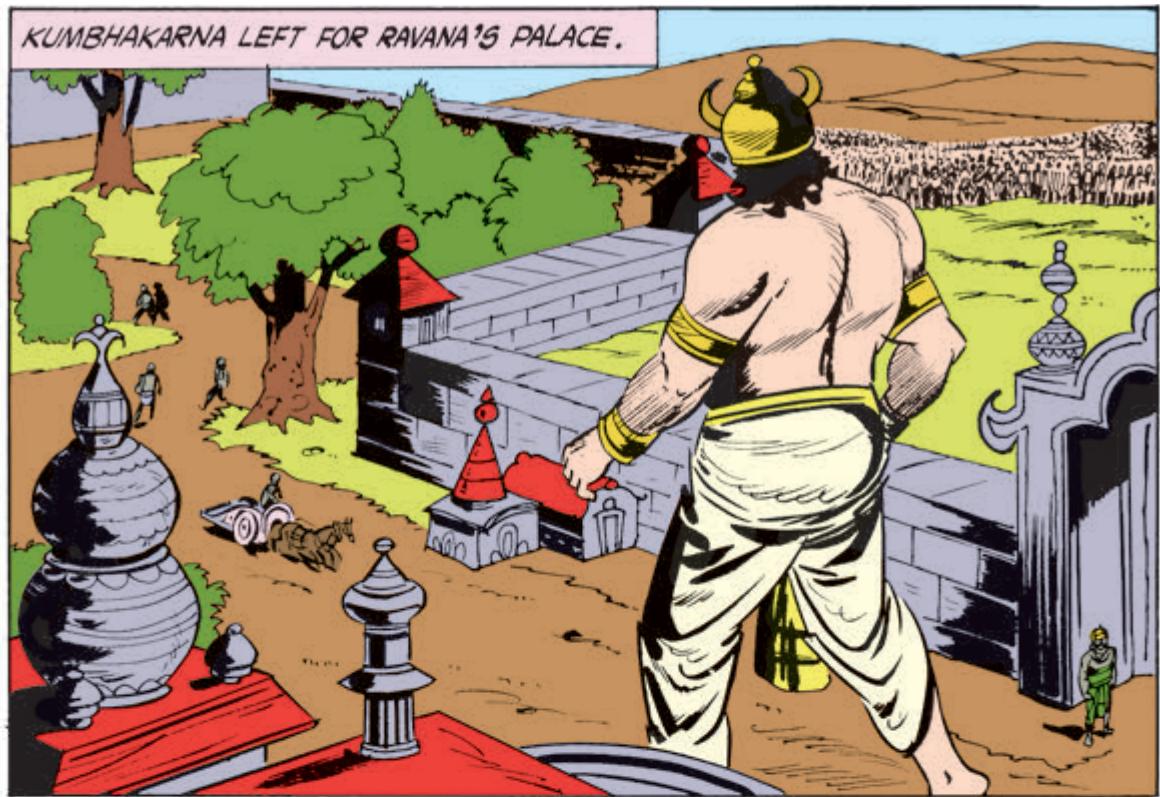
THE LORD OF
LANKA WISHES
TO SEE YOU.

I'M HUNGRY.
I MUST WASH AND
EAT, FIRST.

THE RAKSHASAS QUICKLY
SET HUGE PILES OF FOOD
BEFORE HIM.



KUMBHAKARNA LEFT FOR RAVANA'S PALACE.



WHAT CAN I
DO FOR
YOU?

WHO ARE YOU
AFRAID OF? WHY
THIS BATTLE WITH
MEN AND
MONKEYS?

IT'S A
LONG
STORY...



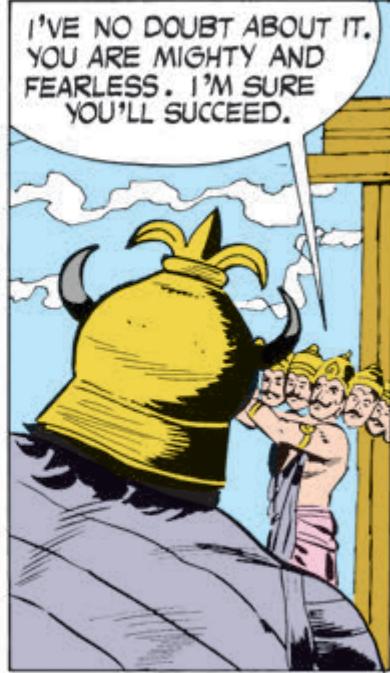
RAVANA TOLD KUMBHAKARNA ALL ABOUT HIS WAR WITH RAMA.

RAMA SEEMS TO BE A GREAT MAN. WHAT IF HE'S LORD VISHNU IN HUMAN FORM?

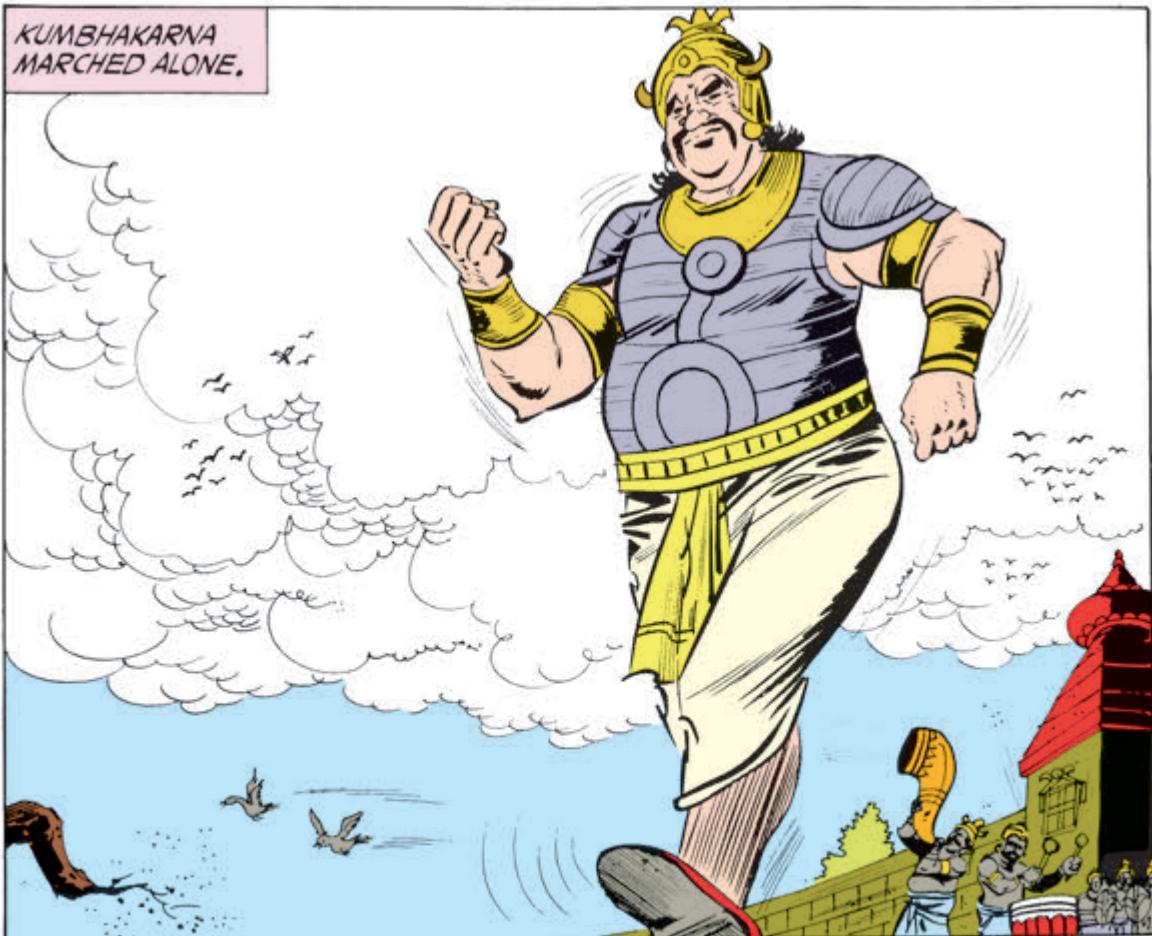
IMPOSSIBLE! HE'S ONLY A CUNNING MAN. HE MUST BE KILLED.

IT SHALL BE DONE. I'LL KILL OUR ENEMIES AND PROTECT OUR CITY.

I'VE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. YOU ARE MIGHTY AND FEARLESS. I'M SURE YOU'LL SUCCEED.



KUMBHAKARNA MARCHED ALONE.



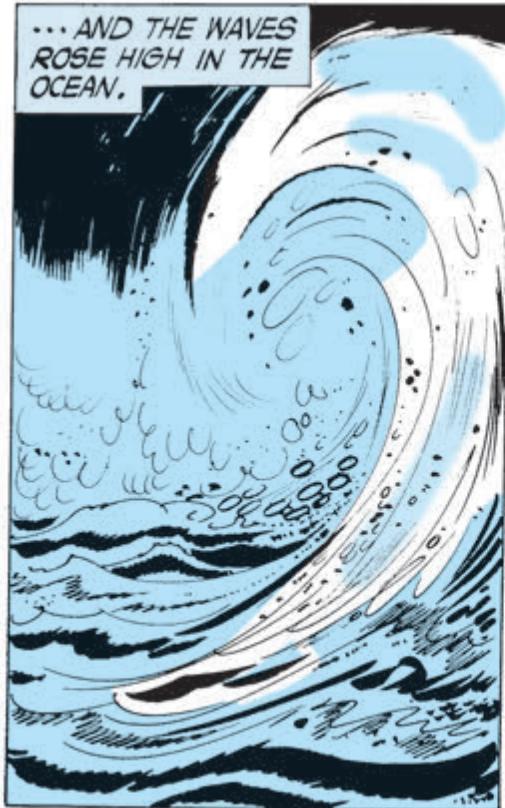
HE WAS FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE BY TWO THOUSAND SLAVES CARRYING A HEAVY IRON ROD, THE WEAPON OF THE MIGHTY RAKSHASA.



THE EARTH SHOOK UNDER HIM...

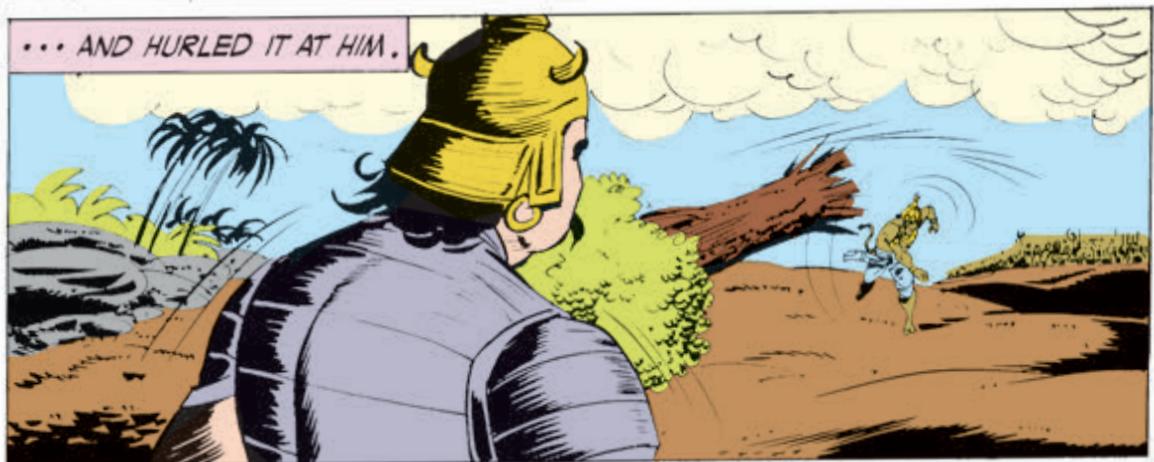


...AND THE WAVES ROSE HIGH IN THE OCEAN.



THE MONKEY-WARRIORS TREMBLED WITH FEAR.





SUGREEVA, THE MONKEY-KING,
CHALLENGED KUMBHAKARNA
TO A FIGHT.

HEY! KUMBHAKARNA,
WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT
WITH ME? I'LL KILL
YOU WITH ONE
BLOW.



KUMBHAKARNA HELD OUT HIS HAND
FOR THE MIGHTY IRON ROD.



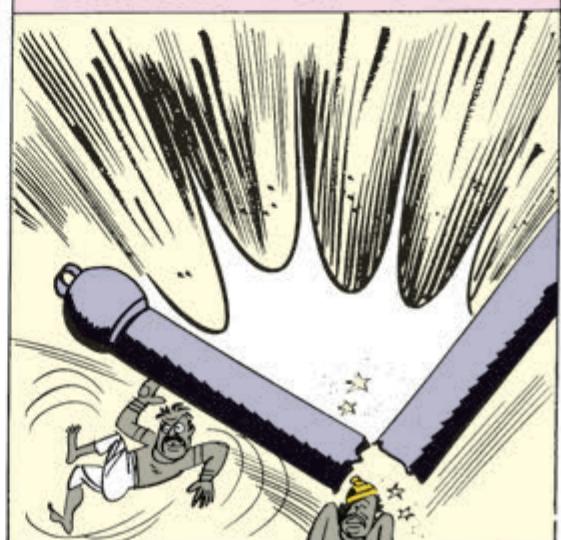
BUT SUGREEVA SPRANG UP...



... TORE AWAY THE ROD ...



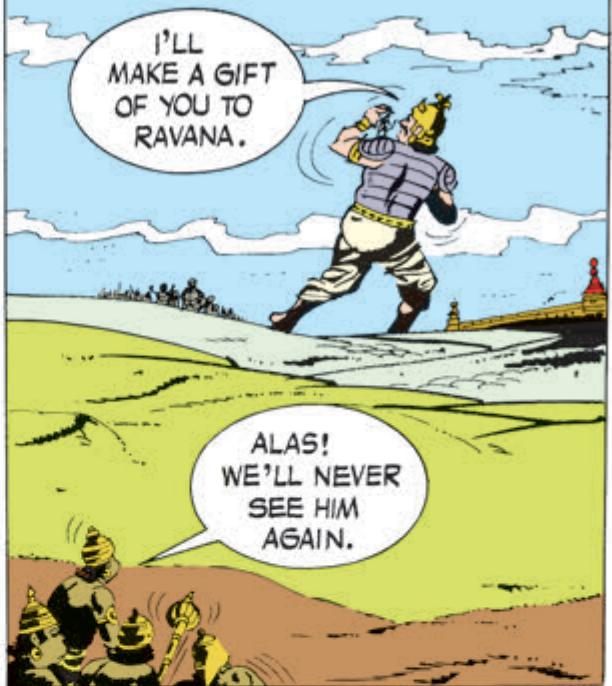
... AND DASHED IT TO THE GROUND.



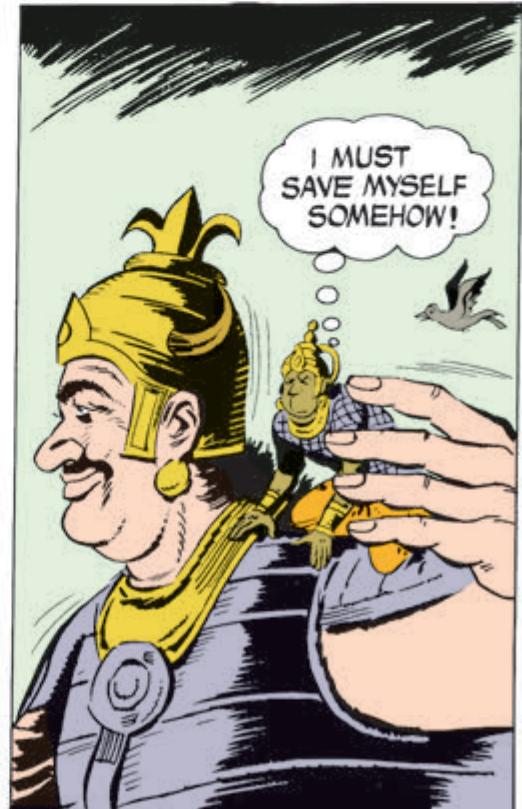
THE NEXT MOMENT KUMBHAKARNA PICKED HIM UP...



... AND MARCHED OFF TOWARDS RAVANA'S PALACE.



AS KUMBHAKARNA WALKED THROUGH THE CITY, THE RAKSHASAS MADE FUN OF SUGREEVA.



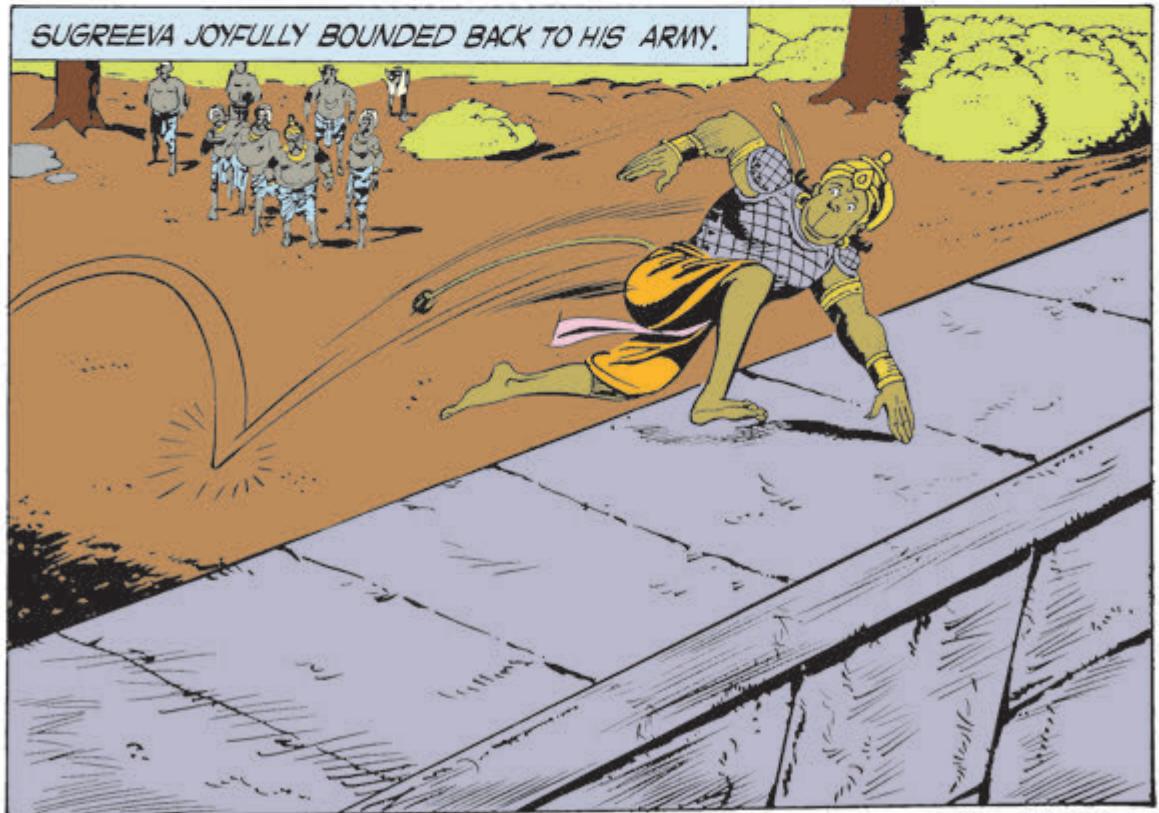
SUDDENLY, SUGREEVA TORE OFF KUMBHAKARNA'S EAR.

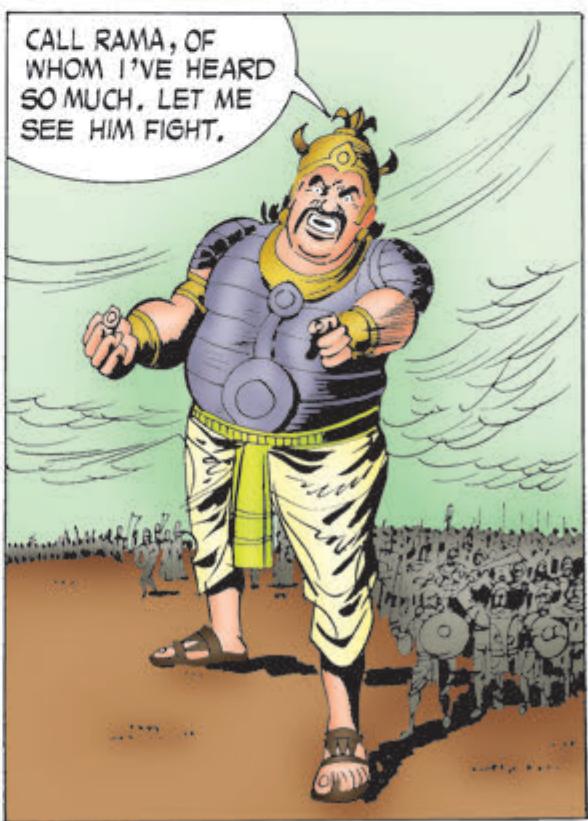
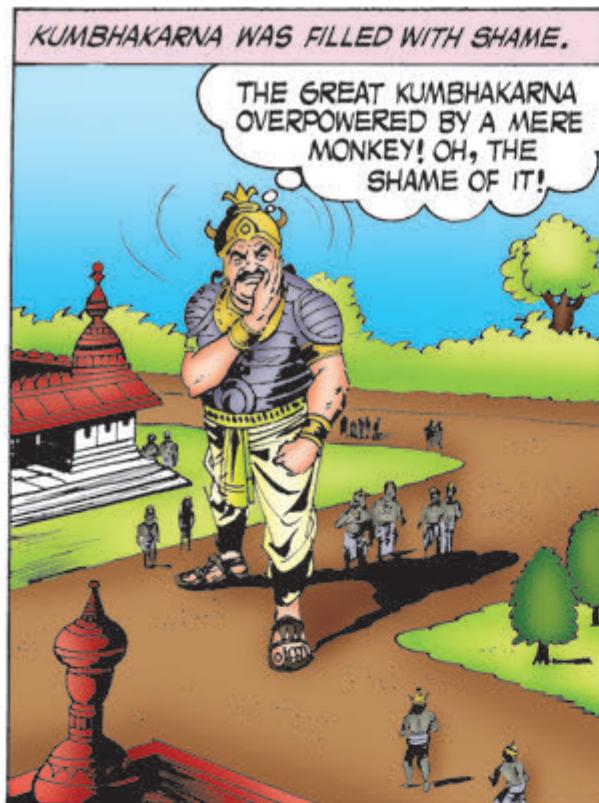


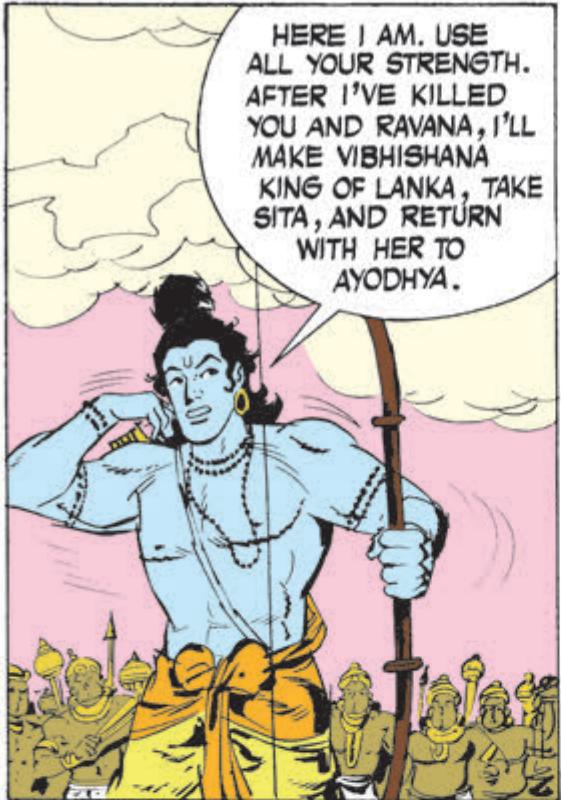
KUMBHAKARNA SHRIEKED AND FLUNG HIM AWAY.



SUGREEVA JOYFULLY BOUNDED BACK TO HIS ARMY.







THE ARROW FOUND ITS MARK.



WHEN THE NEWS REACHED RAVANA—

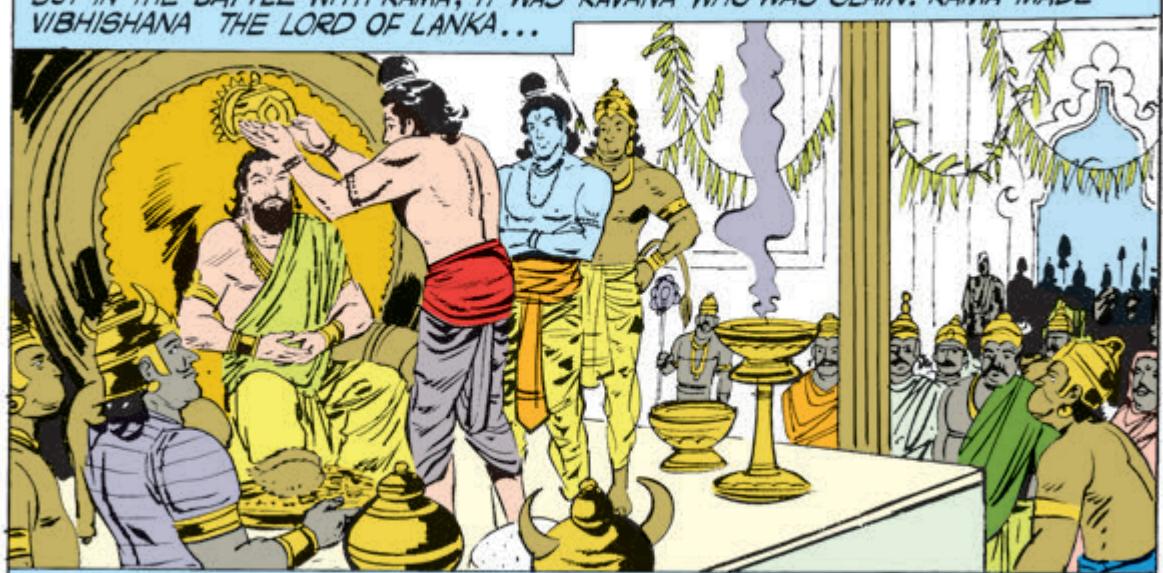
ALAS! WHY DID I WAKE UP MY BROTHER IN SPITE OF THE WARNING?



I WILL AVENGE HIS DEATH. I'LL SLAY RAMA.



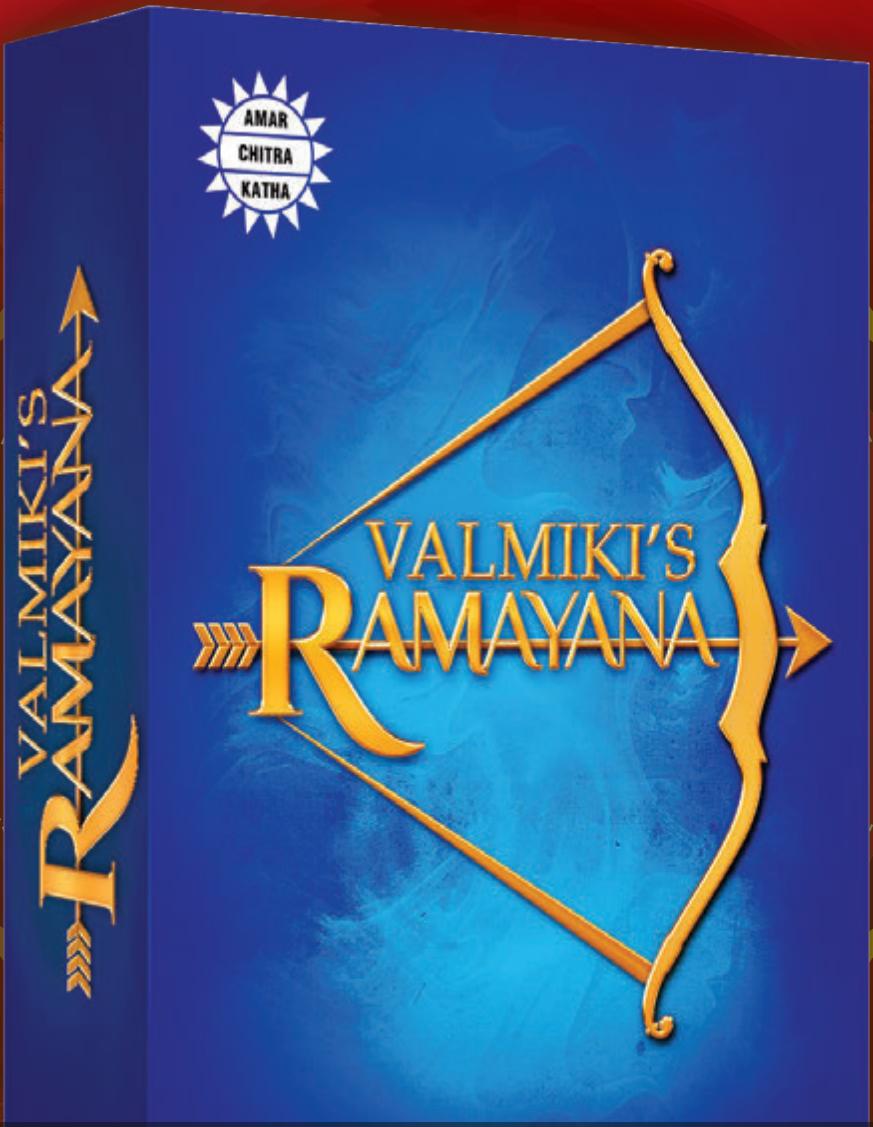
BUT IN THE BATTLE WITH RAMA, IT WAS RAVANA WHO WAS SLAIN. RAMA MADE VIBHISHANA THE LORD OF LANKA...



... AND RETURNED TO AYODHYA, HIS CAPITAL, WITH SITA AND LAKSHMANA.



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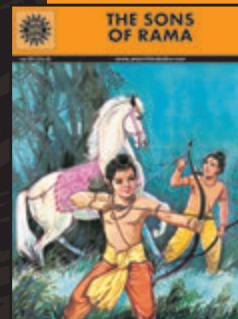
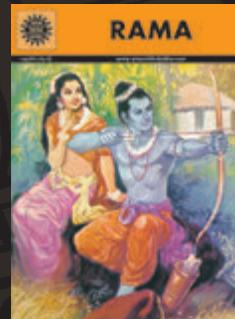
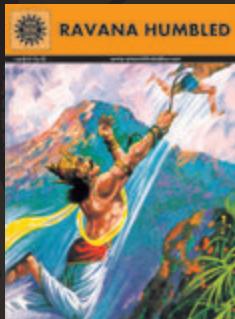


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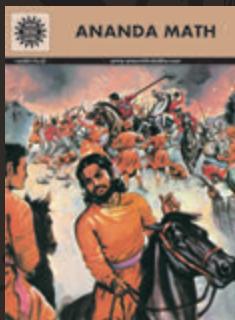
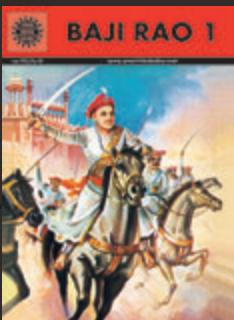
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The only way Kumbhakarna could be kept out of mischief was to make him sleep twenty-four hours a day! Nothing would rouse this hulking ogre – not the trumpeting and trampling of elephants, not the deafening din of drums, and certainly not a rain of rocks. But when the aroma of fresh cooking wafted across his nose, he was up in a trice! However, that mightiest of warriors – Rama of Ayodhya – was lying in wait.

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