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RAMA EARNS A TITLE



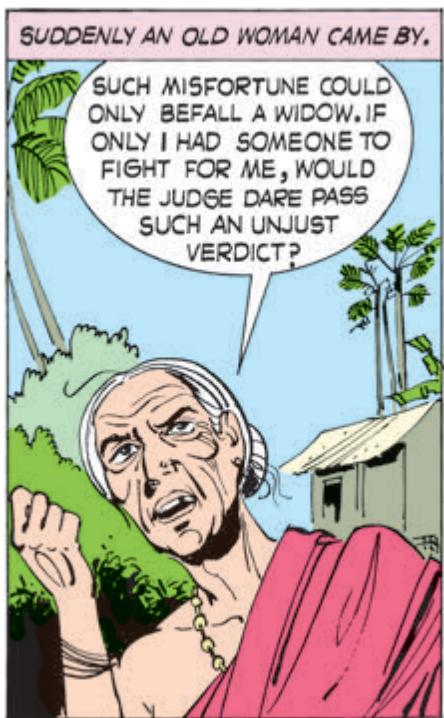
LONG AGO, A WISE YOUTH CALLED RAMA
WAS PLAYING WITH HIS FRIENDS.

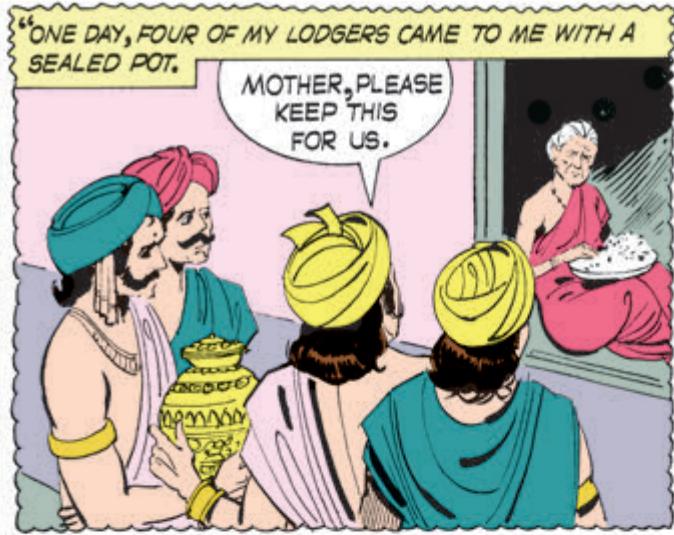
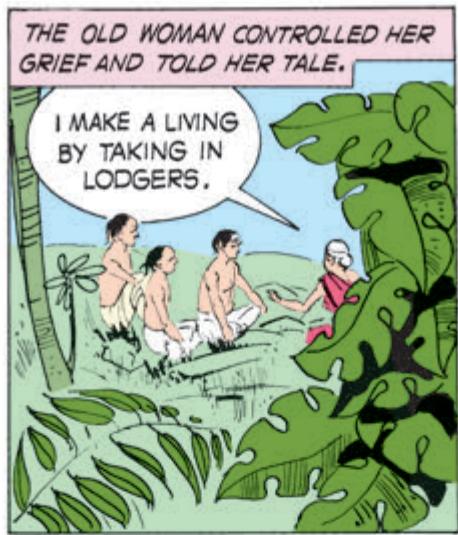
SUDDENLY AN OLD WOMAN CAME BY.

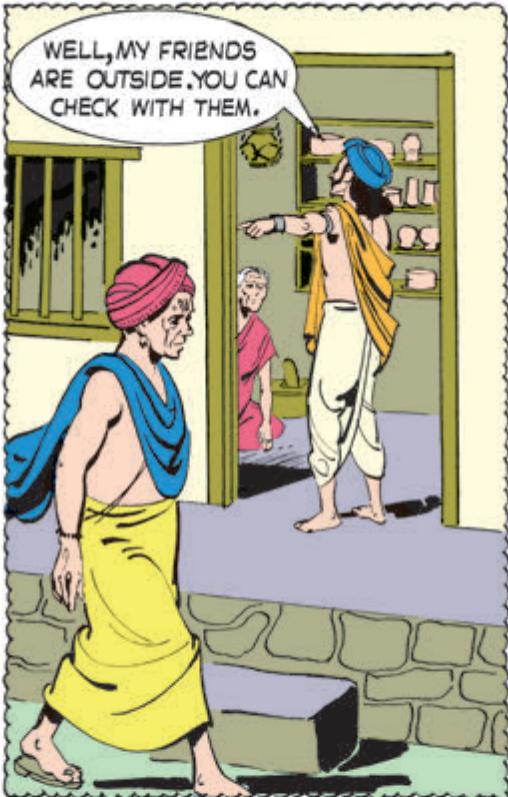
SUCH MISFORTUNE COULD
ONLY BEFALL A WIDOW. IF
ONLY I HAD SOMEONE TO
FIGHT FOR ME, WOULD
THE JUDGE DARE PASS
SUCH AN UNJUST
VERDICT?

RAMA WAS MOVED.

WHAT'S THE MATTER,
MOTHER? WHY ARE YOU
WAILING?

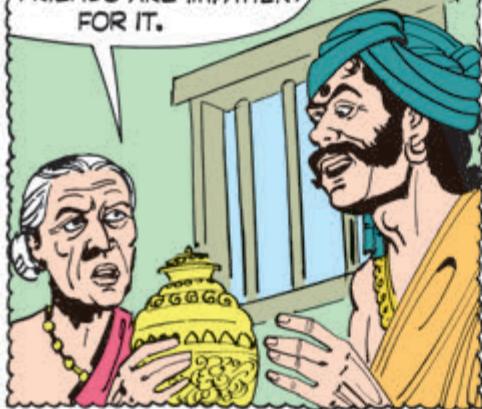






"I GAVE THE POT TO THE ROGUE.

HERE, TAKE IT. YOUR FRIENDS ARE IMPATIENT FOR IT.



"HE TOOK THE POT AND WENT OUT THROUGH THE BACK DOOR. I WAS PUZZLED.

WHY IS HE USING THE BACK DOOR? WELL, IT'S NO CONCERN OF MINE!



"A LITTLE LATER, THE THREE OUTSIDE CAME IN."



WHAT IS THAT FOOL DOING? WHERE IS THE POT?

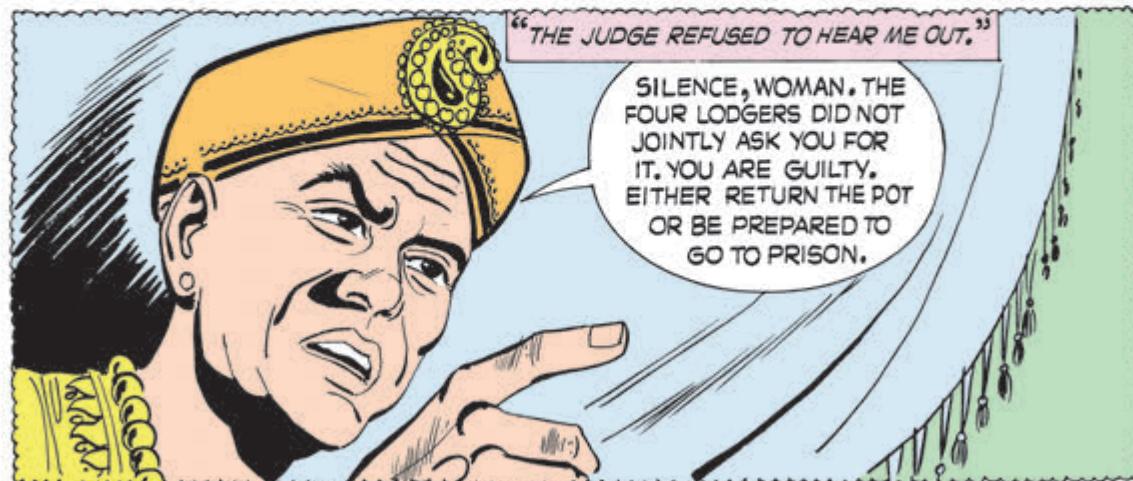
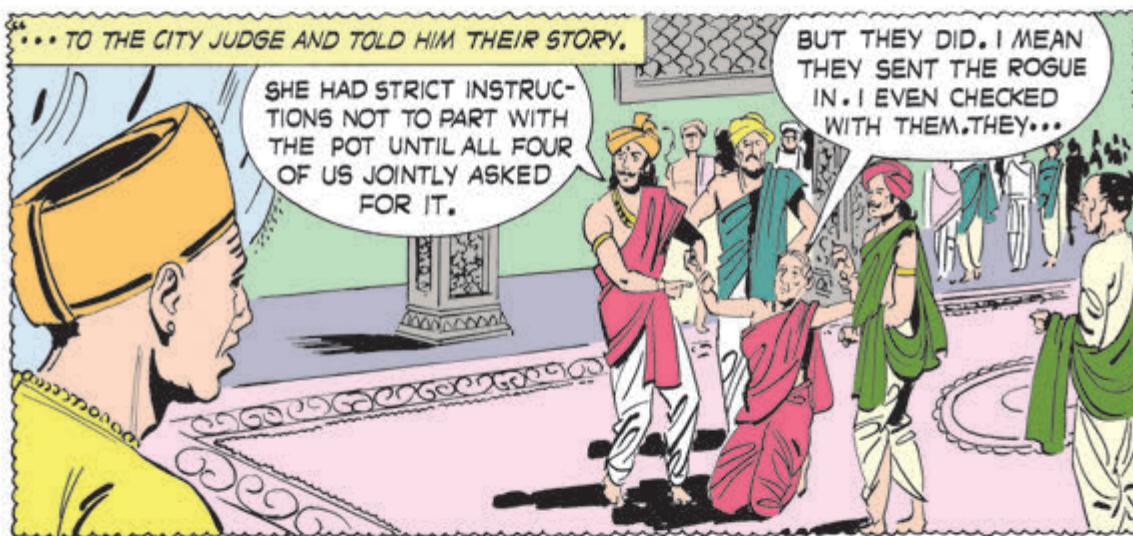
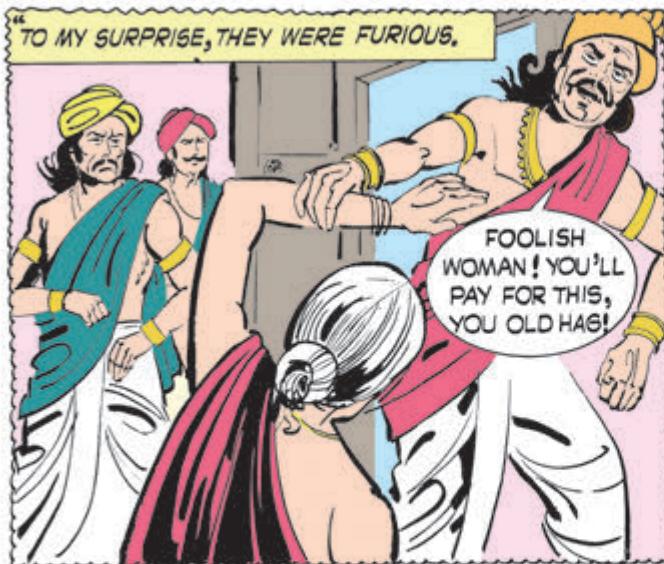
OH, I'VE GIVEN IT TO YOUR FRIEND, SEAL INTACT. HE TOOK IT OUT THROUGH THE BACK DOOR.

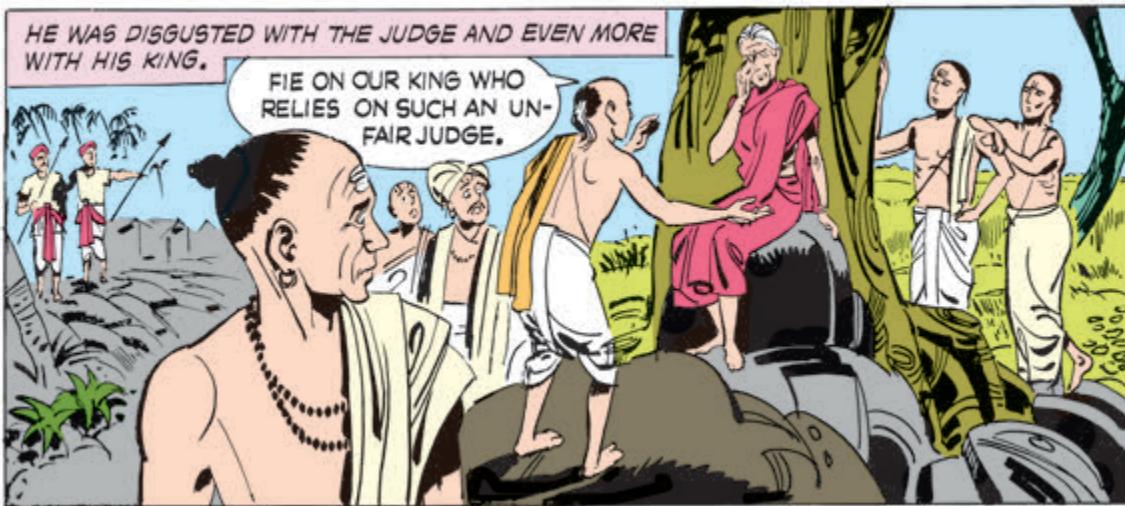
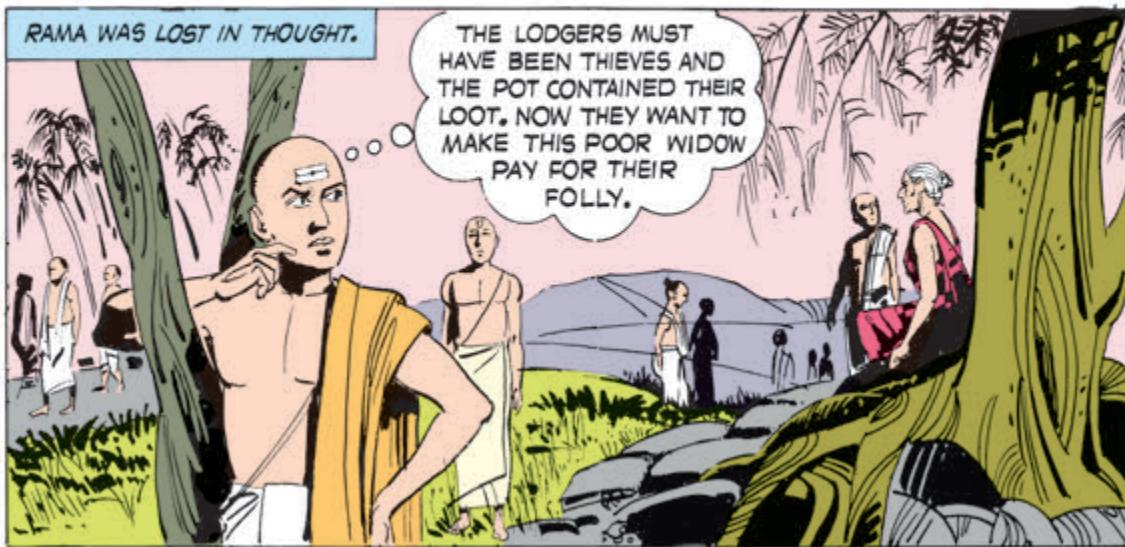


SEAL INTACT! WHICH POT DID YOU GIVE HIM?

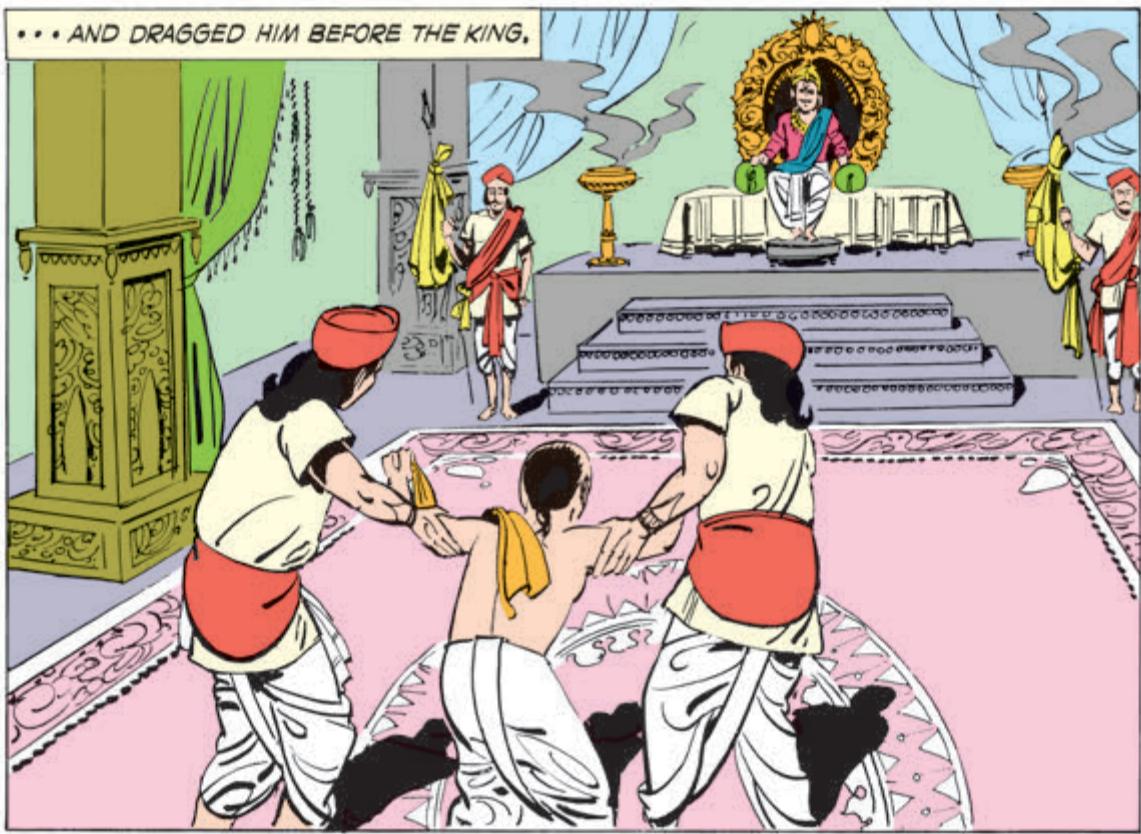
WHY! THE POT YOU HAD ASKED ME TO KEEP, HASN'T HE BROUGHT IT TO YOU?







... AND DRAGGED HIM BEFORE THE KING.



WHEN THE KING LEARNT WHY RAMA HAD BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, HE WAS AMUSED.

WELL, MY SON ! TAKE THE JUDGE'S SEAT AND SEE IF YOU CAN DO BETTER.



RAMA STEPPED BOLDLY UP AND TOOK THE SEAT.

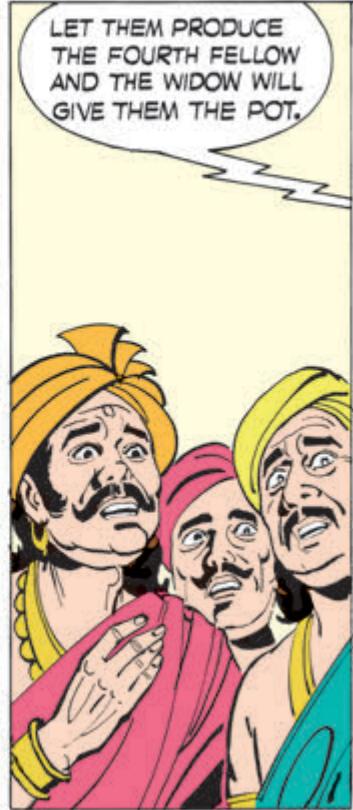
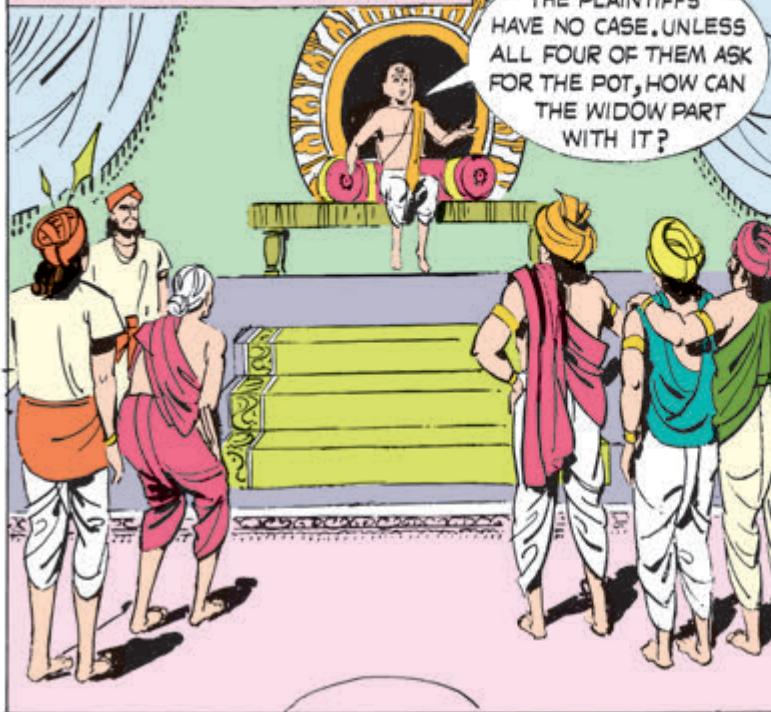
SUMMON THE PARTIES.



WHEN THE PARTIES WERE SUMMONED AND THEIR STATEMENTS RECORDED, RAMA PRONOUNCED HIS VERDICT.

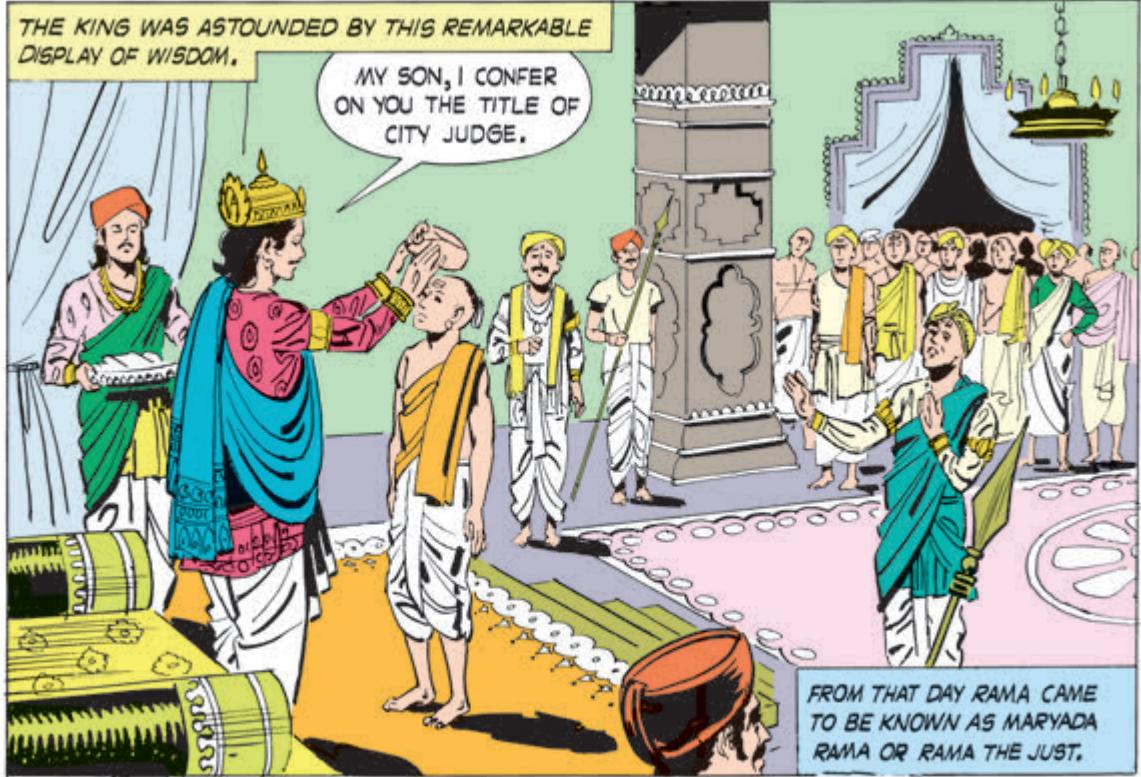
THE PLAINTIFFS HAVE NO CASE. UNLESS ALL FOUR OF THEM ASK FOR THE POT, HOW CAN THE WIDOW PART WITH IT?

LET THEM PRODUCE THE FOURTH FELLOW AND THE WIDOW WILL GIVE THEM THE POT.



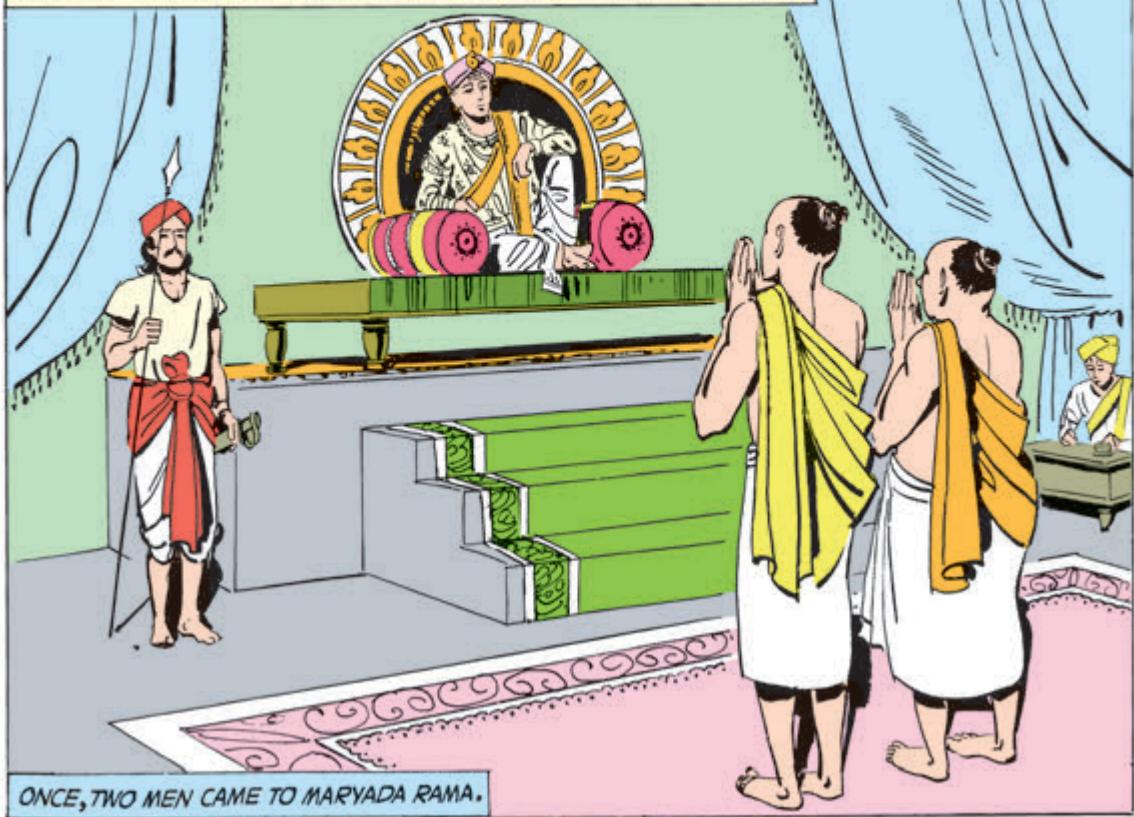
THE KING WAS ASTOUNDED BY THIS REMARKABLE DISPLAY OF WISDOM.

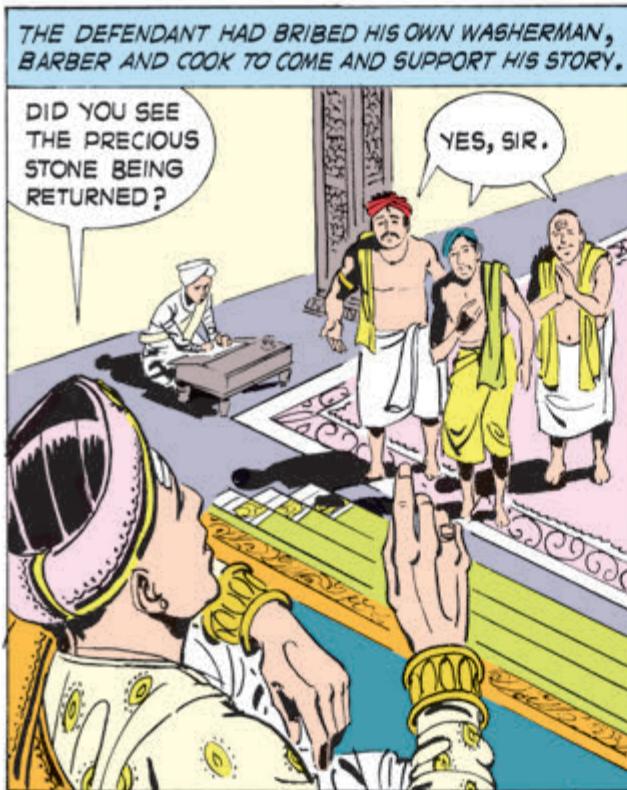
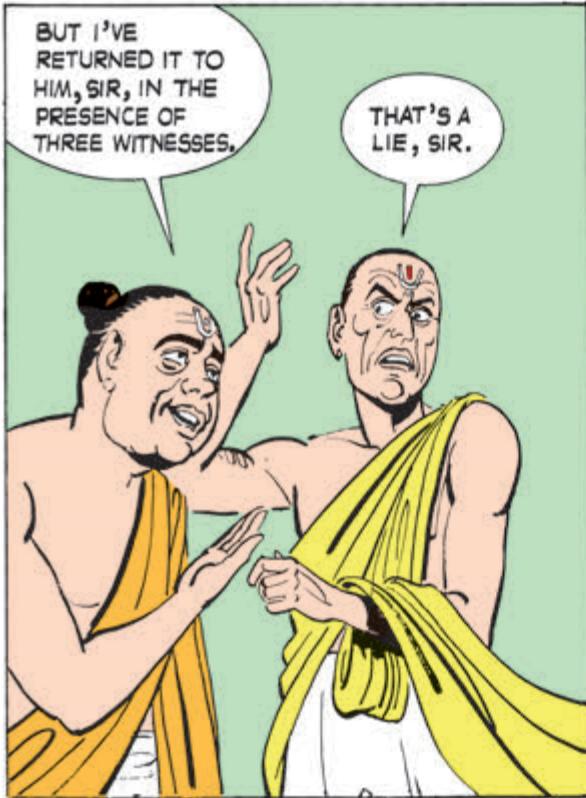
MY SON, I CONFER ON YOU THE TITLE OF CITY JUDGE.

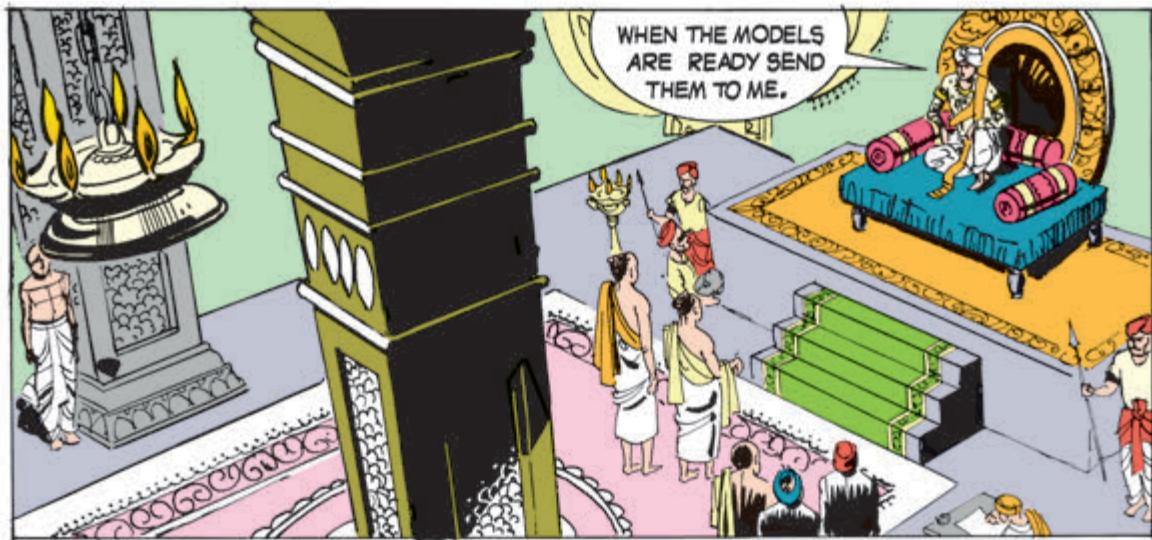


FROM THAT DAY RAMA CAME TO BE KNOWN AS MARYADA RAMA OR RAMA THE JUST.

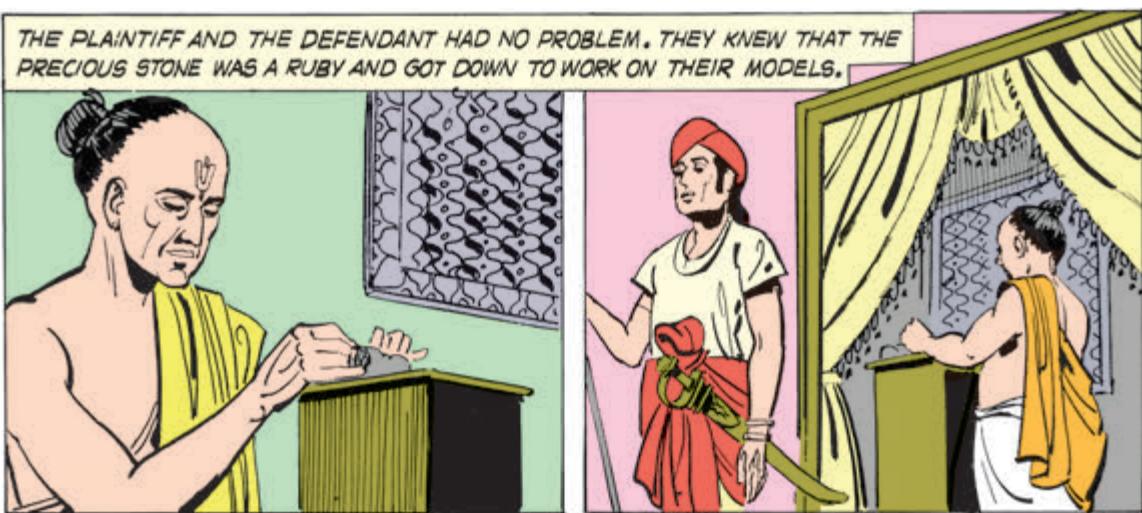
THE FALSE WITNESSES TRAPPED







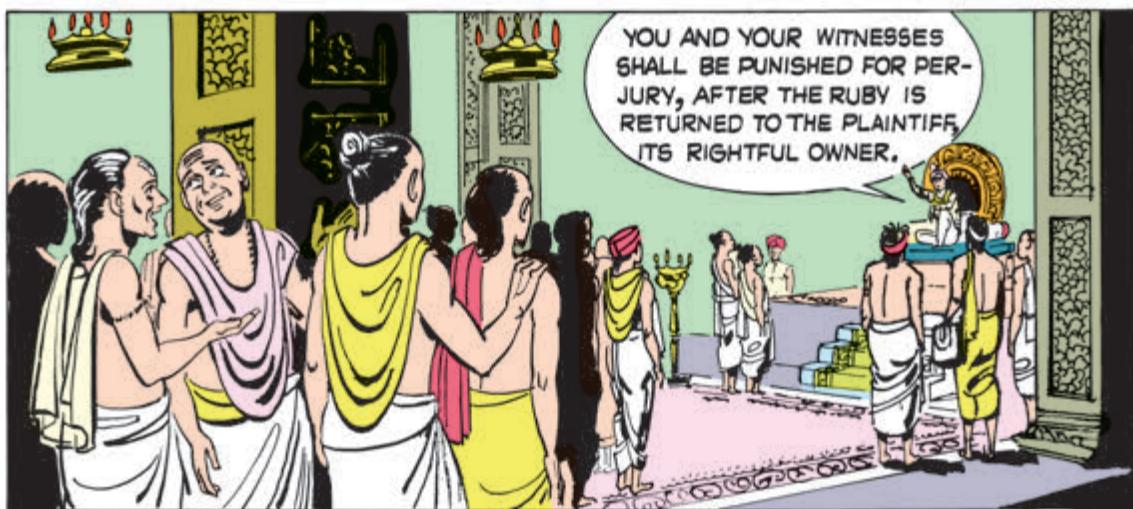
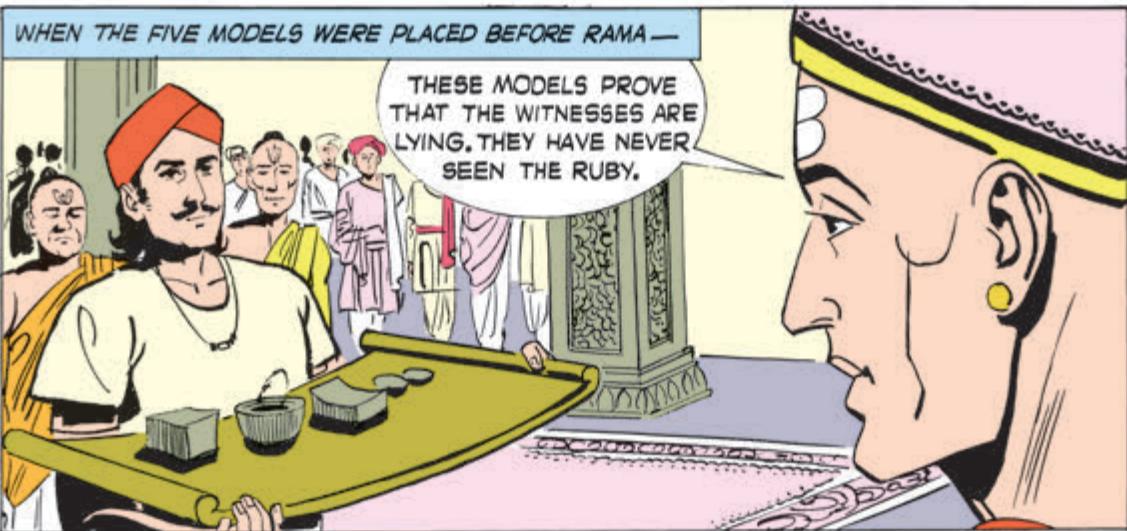
THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DEFENDANT HAD NO PROBLEM. THEY KNEW THAT THE PRECIOUS STONE WAS A RUBY AND GOT DOWN TO WORK ON THEIR MODELS.



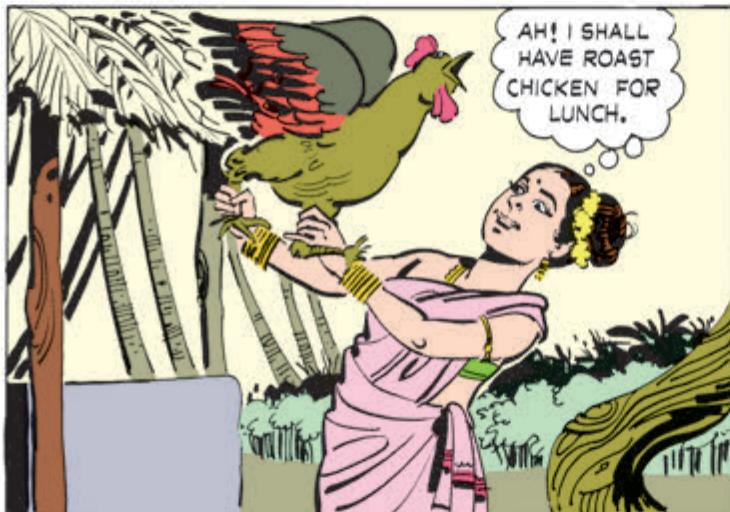
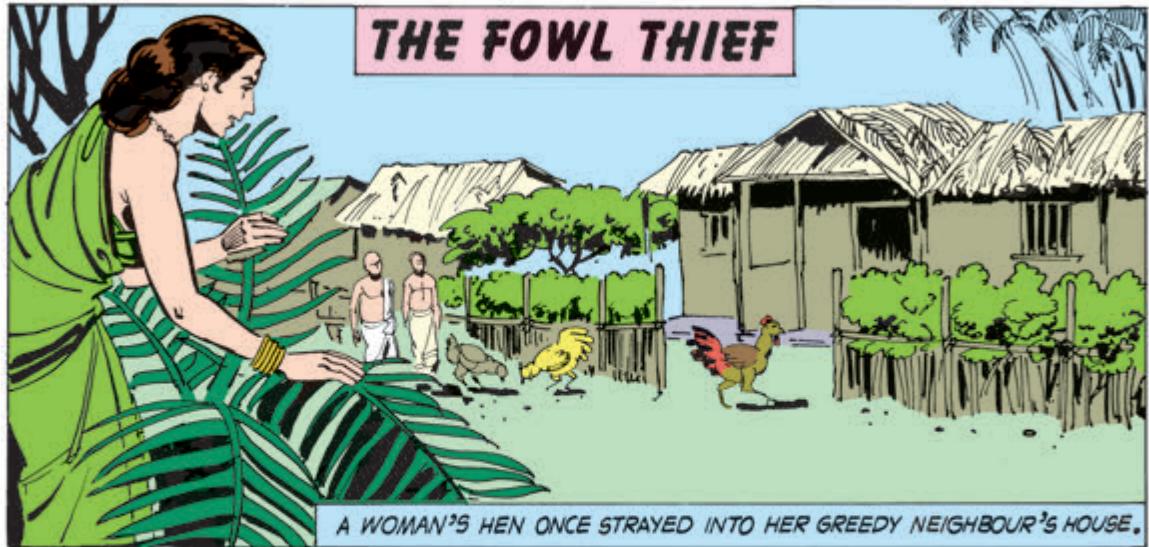
BUT THE FALSE WITNESSES WHO HAD NEVER SEEN THE RUBY, DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO, SO EACH OF THEM MADE A MODEL OF WHAT WAS TO HIM A PRECIOUS STONE—THE STONE USED IN HIS TRADE.

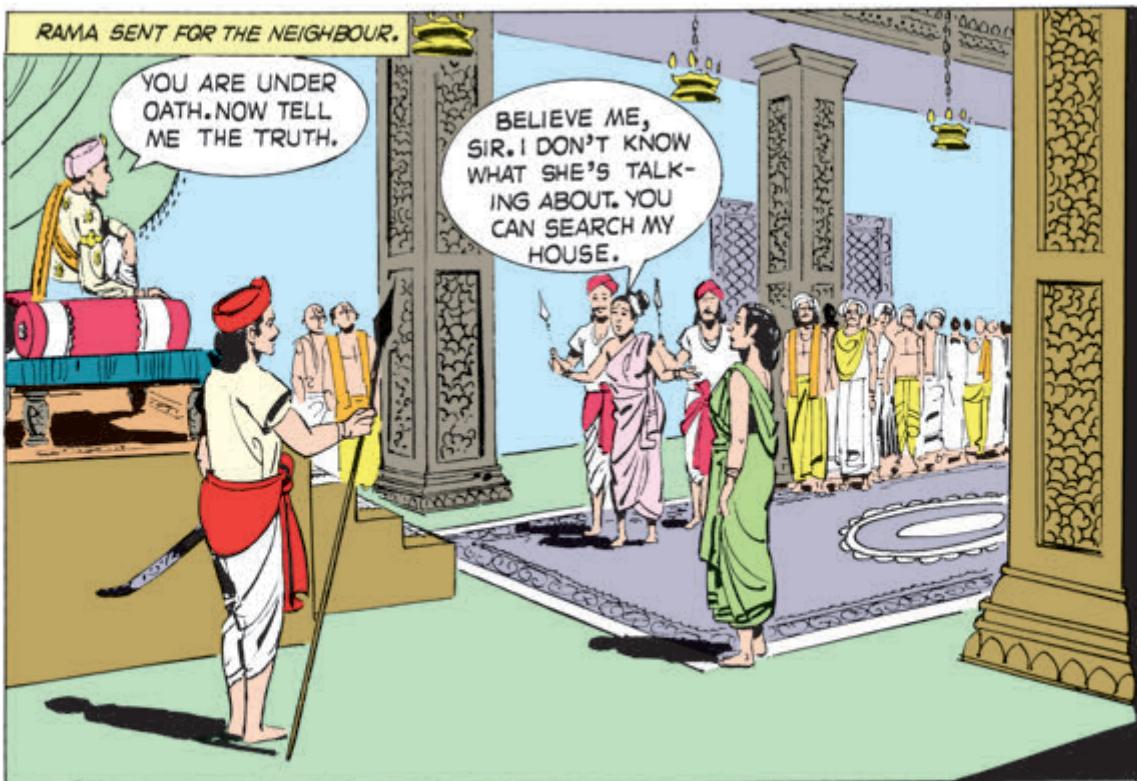


* STONE FOR GRINDING SPICES.



THE FOWL THIEF

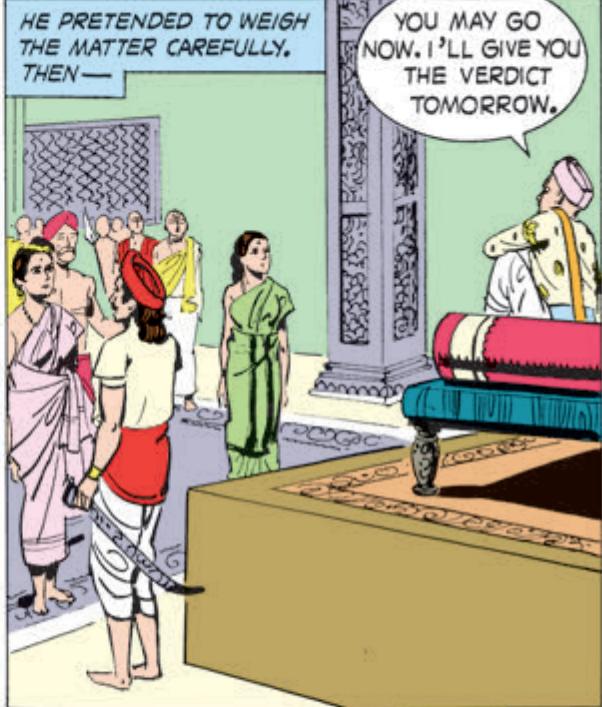




RAMA WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THE PLAINTIFF'S STORY BUT THERE WAS NO PROOF OF THE SUSPECT'S GUILT.

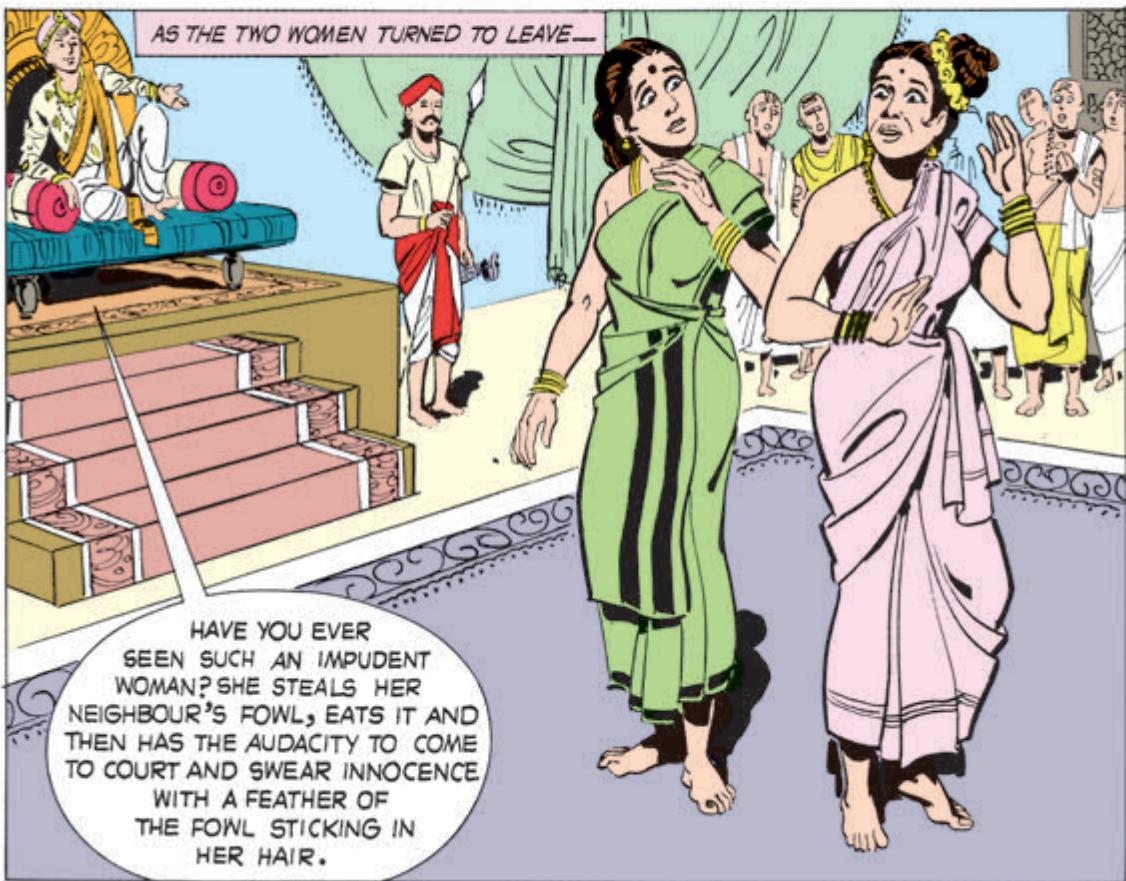


HE PRETENDED TO WEIGH THE MATTER CAREFULLY. THEN—



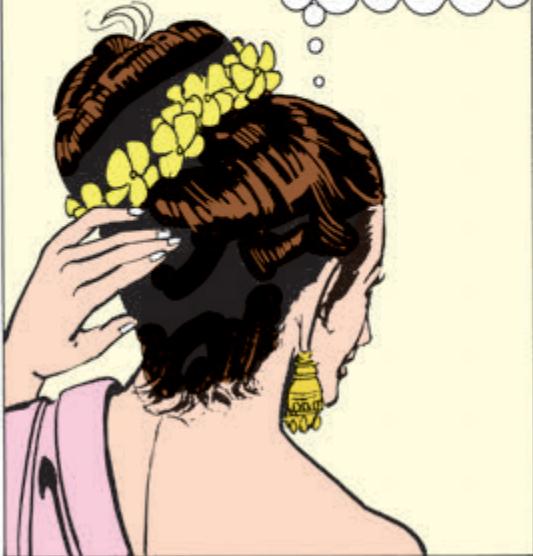
AS THE TWO WOMEN TURNED TO LEAVE—

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SUCH AN IMPUDENT WOMAN? SHE STEALS HER NEIGHBOUR'S FOWL, EATS IT AND THEN HAS THE AUDACITY TO COME TO COURT AND SWEAR INNOCENCE WITH A FEATHER OF THE FOWL STICKING IN HER HAIR.



THE MOMENT THE GUILTY WOMAN HEARD RAMA'S WORDS, SHE PASSED HER HAND OVER HER HAIR.

HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO CARELESS!



THE NEXT MOMENT —

SEIZE HER!
SHE IS GUILTY.



THE SUSPECT STOOD SHAME-FACEDLY BEFORE RAMA.

YOU WILL REPLACE THE STOLEN BIRD AND PAY A HEAVY FINE TO THE COURT FOR UTTERING A FALSEHOOD UNDER OATH.



THE DISHONEST DEBTOR



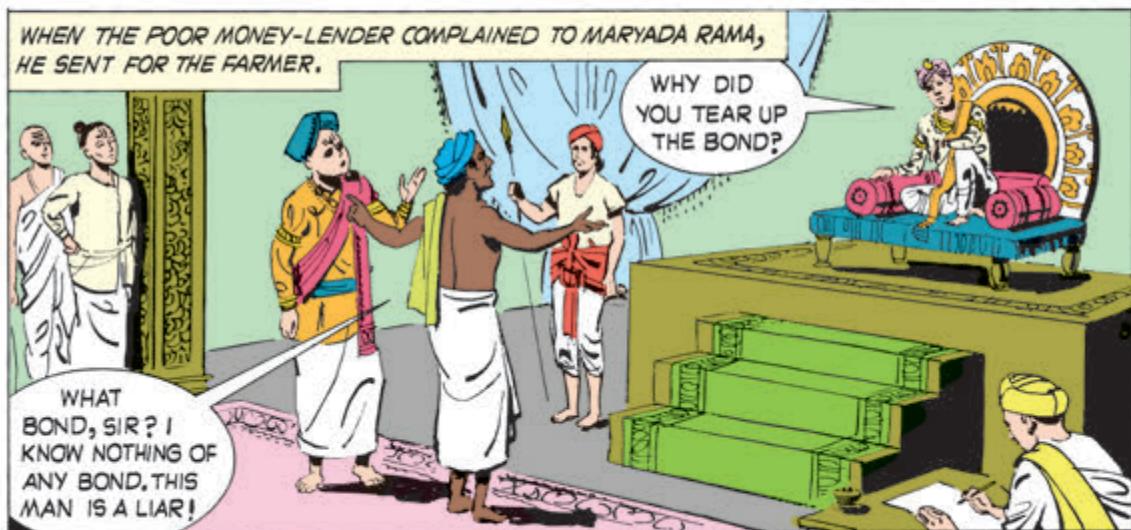
AT THE END OF THE THREE MONTHS, THE MONEY-LENDER ASKED HIM TO REPAY THE SUM.



THE MONEY-LENDER WENT THE NEXT DAY WITH THE BOND.

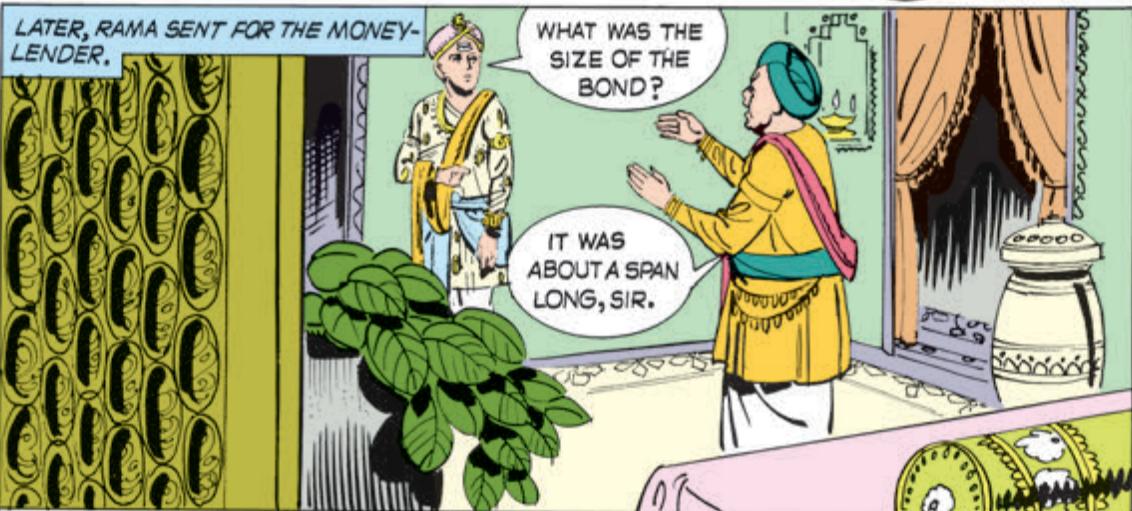
THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME MISTAKE ABOUT THE DATE. LET ME SEE THE BOND.

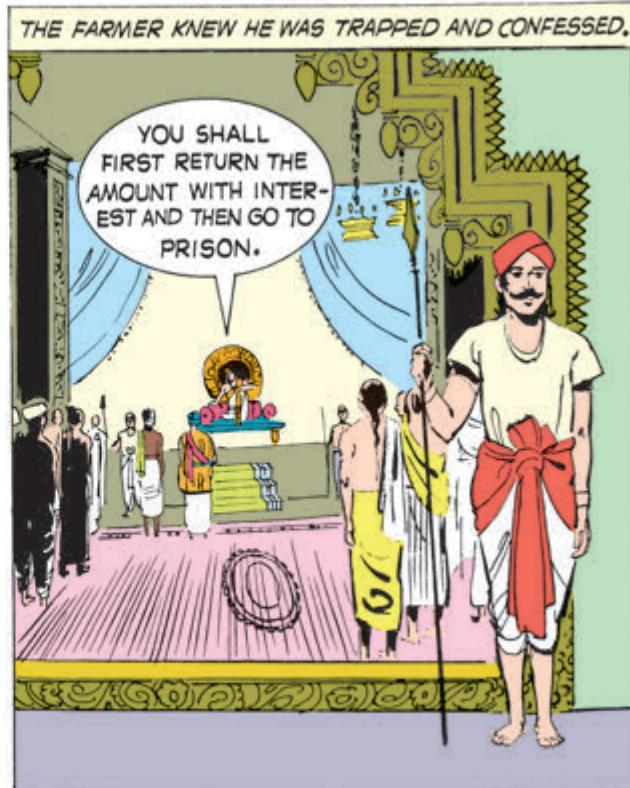




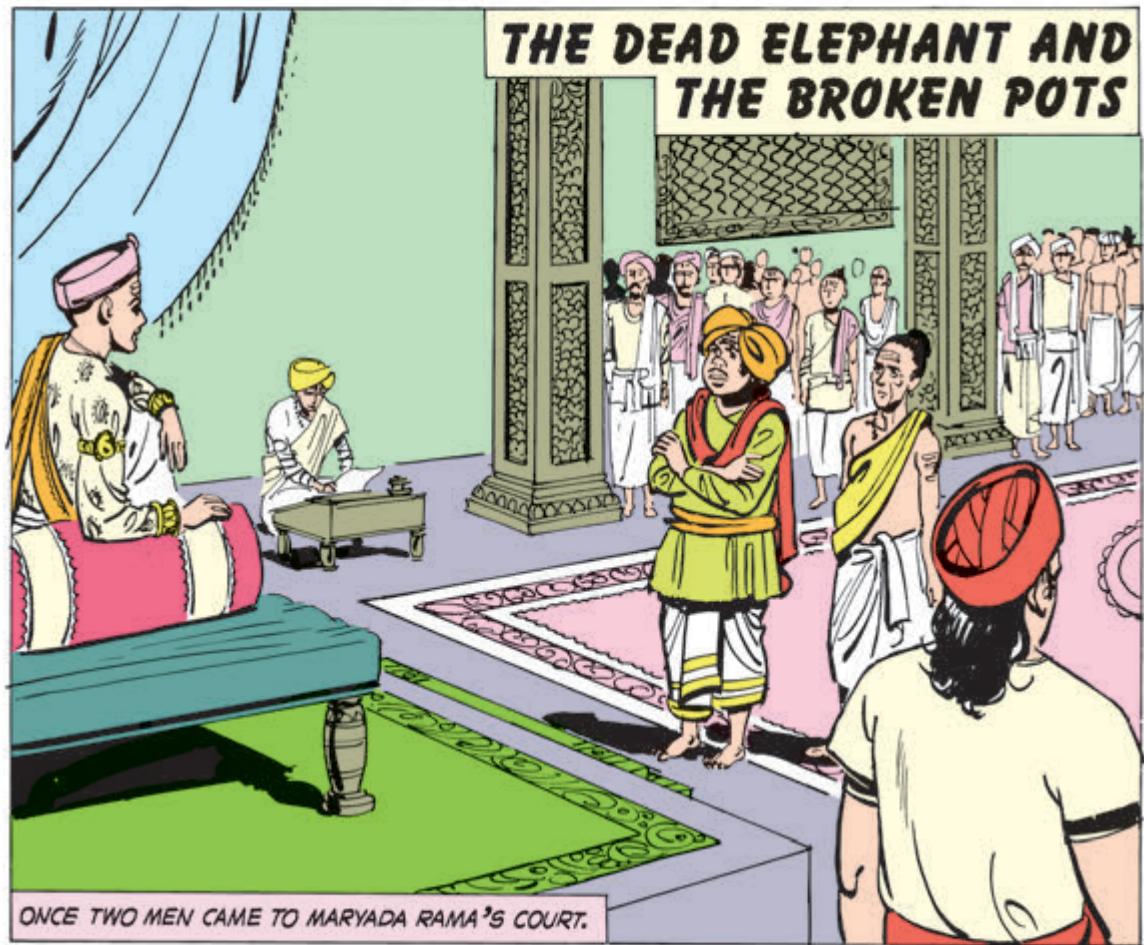


BUT THE MONEY-LENDER WILL NEVER SEE HIS GOLD.

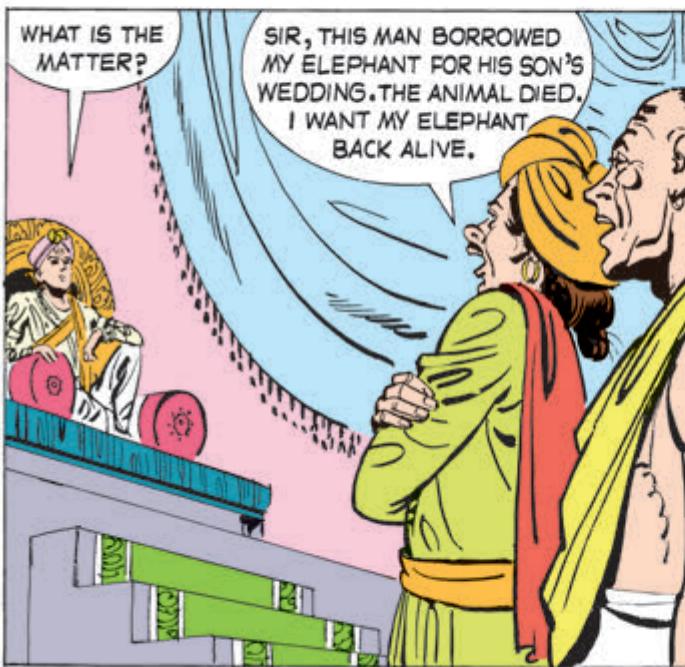




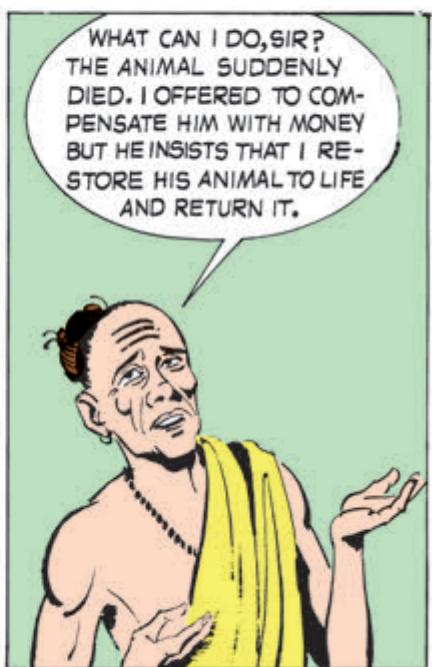
THE DEAD ELEPHANT AND THE BROKEN POTS



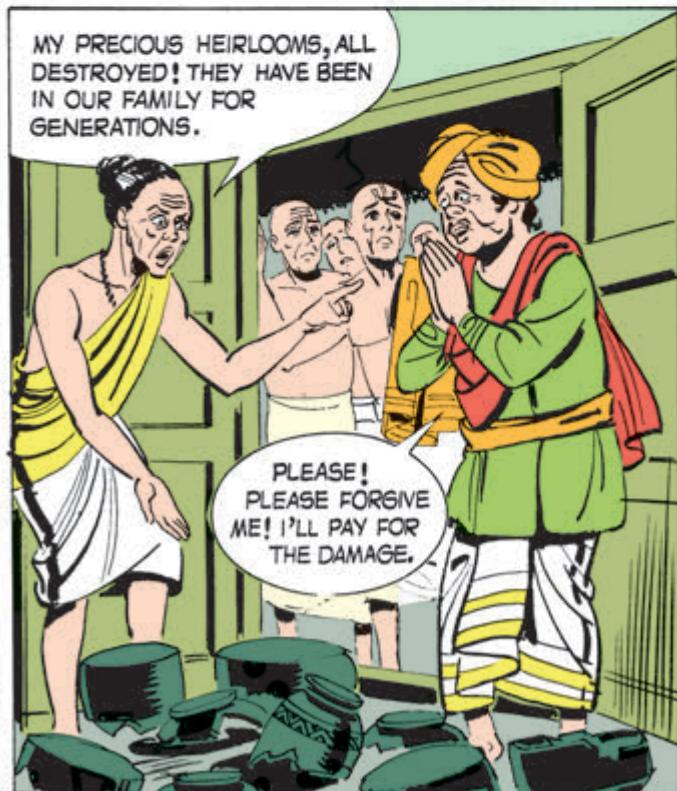
ONCE TWO MEN CAME TO MARYADA RAMA'S COURT.

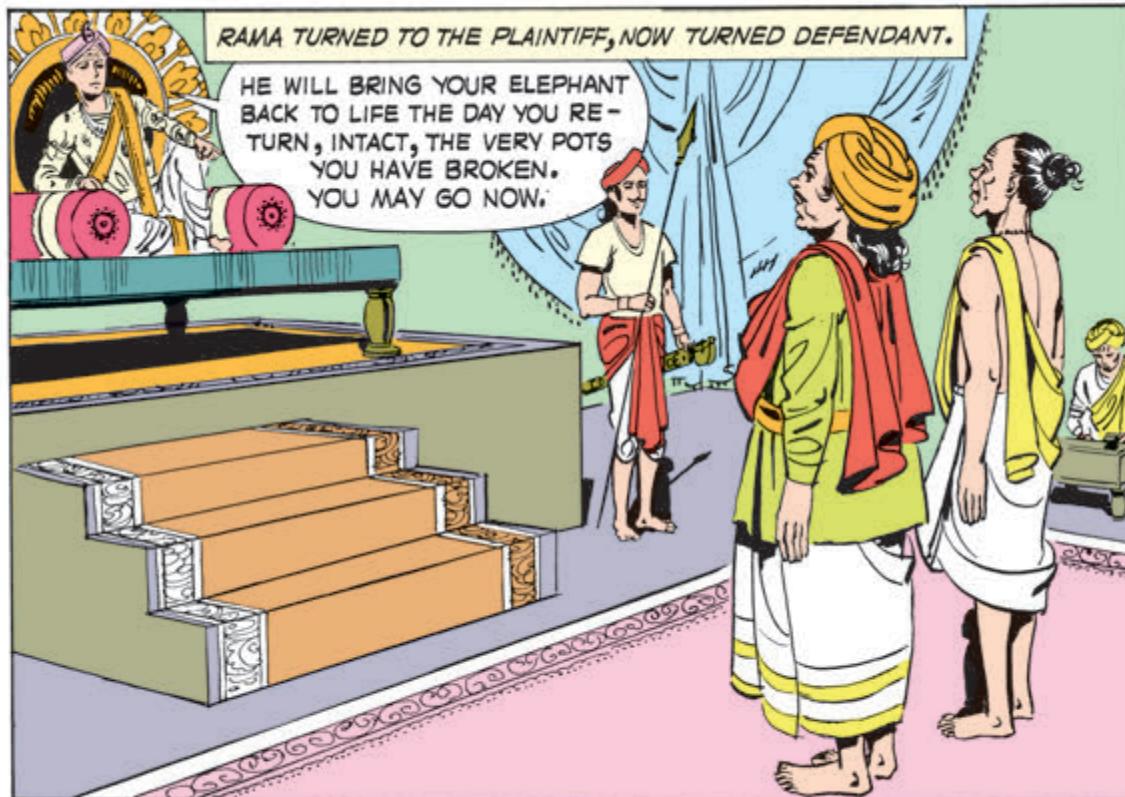
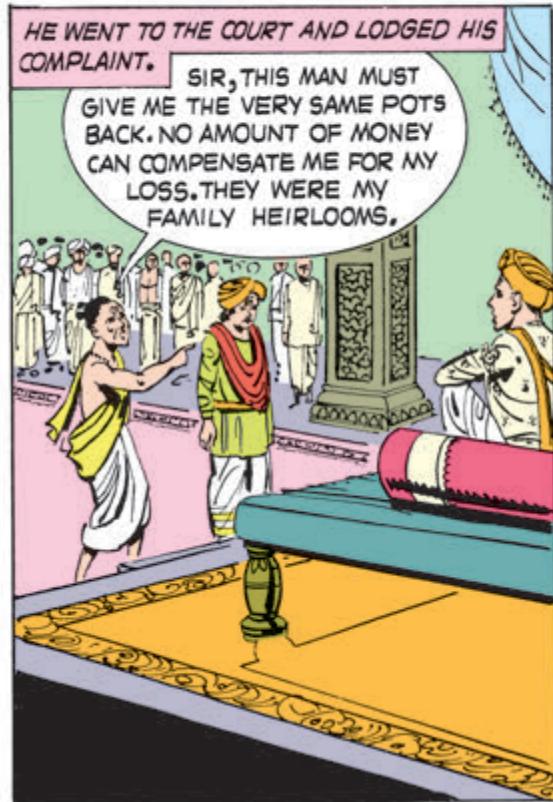


SIR, THIS MAN BORROWED
MY ELEPHANT FOR HIS SON'S
WEDDING. THE ANIMAL DIED.
I WANT MY ELEPHANT
BACK ALIVE.

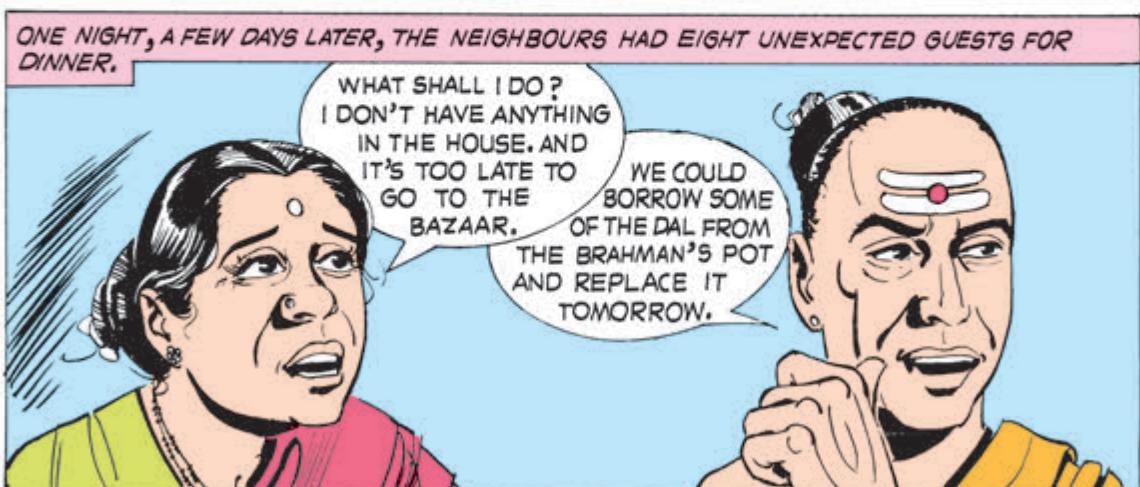
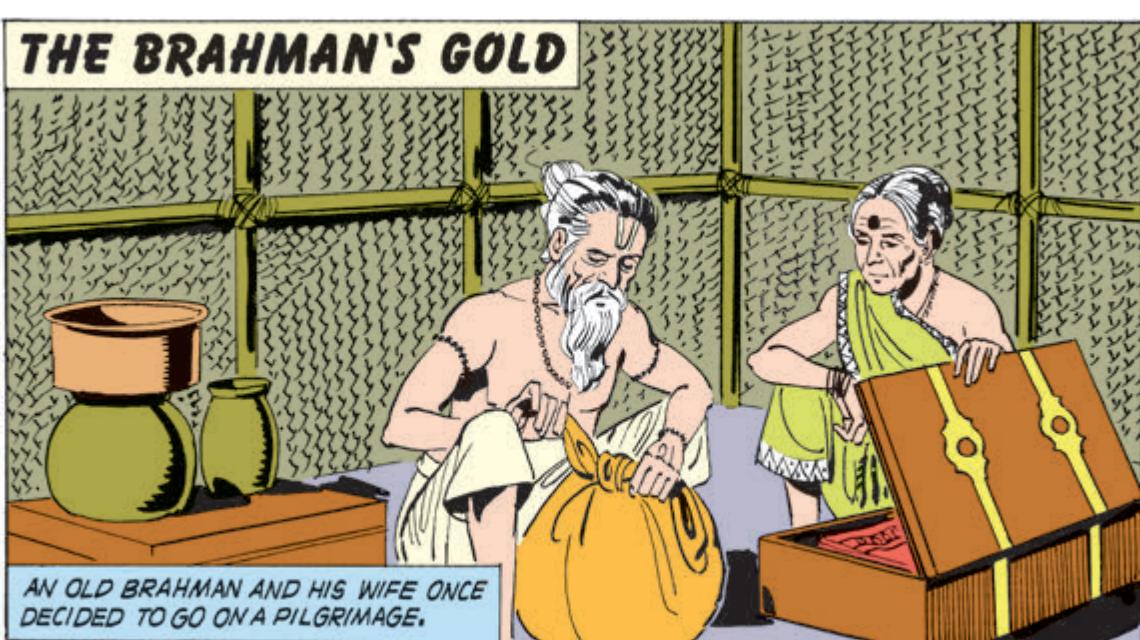








THE BRAHMAN'S GOLD



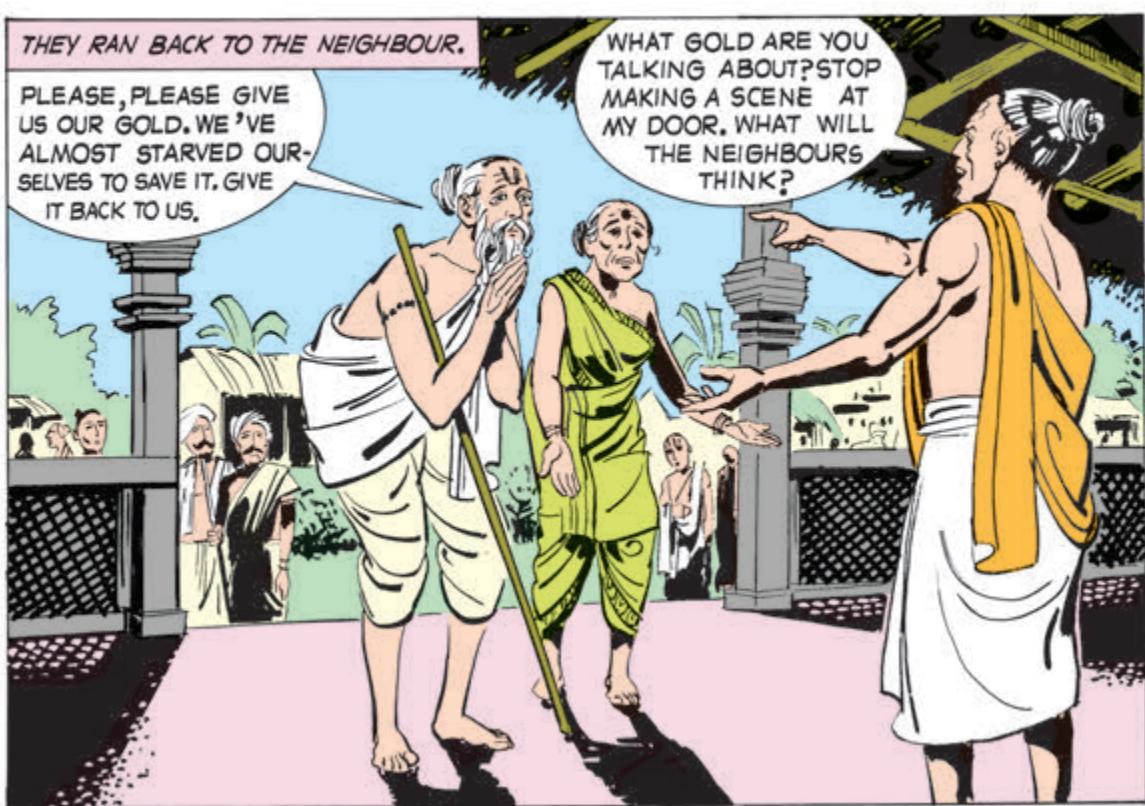
AS HE POURED OUT THE DAL FROM THE POT —

WHAT'S THIS!
GOLD COINS!LET'S KEEP
THE COINS AND FILL
THE VESSEL
WITH DAL.GREED GOT THE BETTER OF THE MAN AND
HE DID AS HIS WIFE SUGGESTED.AS SOON AS THE BRAHMAN AND HIS
WIFE RETURNED FROM THEIR PILGRIM-
AGE, THEY WENT NEXT DOOR FOR THE
POT.THERE YOU ARE!
WE HAVEN'T EVEN
MOVED IT FROM
THAT CORNER.THE BRAHMAN TOOK THE POT, WENT HOME, AND TIP-
PED OUT THE CONTENTS.WHERE IS THE
GOLD? THEY'VE
STOLEN THE
GOLD!ALAS! WHAT
WILL WE DO? WE
ARE TOO OLD TO
WORK.

THEY RAN BACK TO THE NEIGHBOUR.

PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE US OUR GOLD. WE'VE ALMOST STARVED OURSELVES TO SAVE IT. GIVE IT BACK TO US.

WHAT GOLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? STOP MAKING A SCENE AT MY DOOR. WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBOURS THINK?



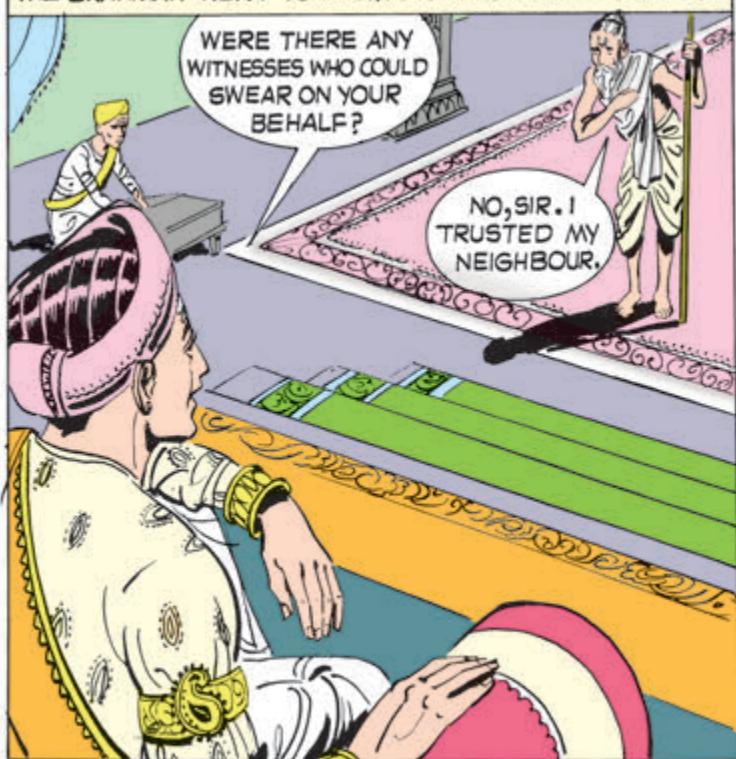
THE BRAHMAN WENT TO MARYADA RAMA WITH HIS TALE.

WERE THERE ANY WITNESSES WHO COULD SWEAR ON YOUR BEHALF?

NO, SIR. I TRUSTED MY NEIGHBOUR.

RAMA THOUGHT FOR A WHILE. THIS WAS A TRICKY CASE.

I HAVE IT! GO HOME, MY GOOD MAN. YOU'LL SOON GET BACK YOUR GOLD.



HE SENT FOR A BASKET-MAKER.



WHEN THE IDOL WAS BROUGHT TO COURT, RAMA SENT FOR A BRIGHT CHILD.



WHEN THE CHILD WAS COMFORTABLY SEATED INSIDE THE IDOL, RAMA SENT FOR THE NEIGHBOUR AND HIS WIFE.



TREMBLING WITH FEAR, THE COUPLE CARRIED THE IDOL TO THE TEMPLE AND BEGAN WALKING ROUND IT.



WHILE THEY WERE AT THE BACK OF THE TEMPLE AND OUT OF EARSHOT, AS HE BELIEVED, THE HUSBAND TURNED ANGRILY UPON HIS WIFE.



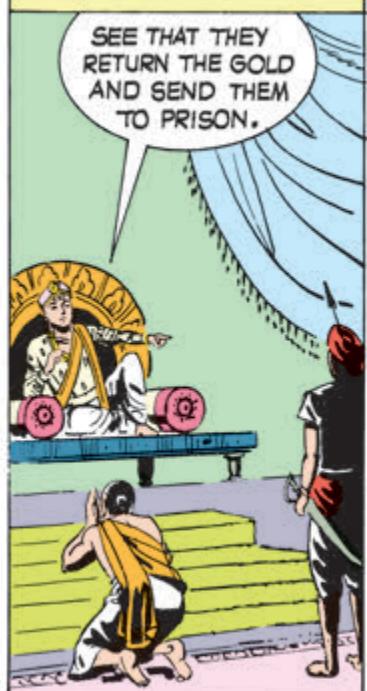
INSIDE THE IDOL—



AS SOON AS THE IDOL WAS BROUGHT BACK TO COURT, THE CHILD CAME OUT.



KNOWING THAT HE WAS TRAPPED, THE NEIGHBOUR FELL ON HIS KNEES AND CONFESSED.



THE CAT'S PAW



THE PLAINTIFFS WERE THREE COTTON MERCHANTS AND THE DEFENDANT, THEIR FOURTH PARTNER.

SIR, THE FOUR OF US DEAL IN COTTON BALES. DISGUSTED WITH THE RAT MENACE WE BOUGHT A CAT.

"WE BECAME SO FOND OF THE CAT THAT EACH OF US TOOK CHARGE OF ONE OF ITS LEGS AND SHOWERED ATTENTION ON IT."

HERE IS A FINE ANKLET FOR MY LEG.

IT'S NOT AS FINE AS MINE.

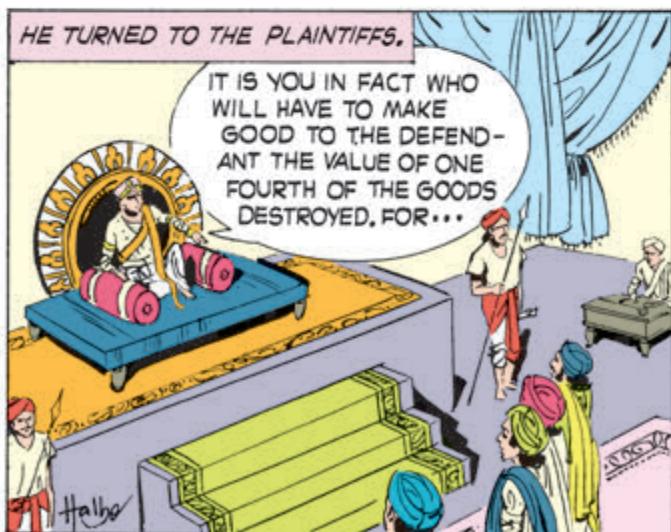


"ONE DAY, THE CAT HURT ONE OF ITS LEGS—THE ONE BELONGING TO THE DEFENDANT."

MIAOW!
THERE! THERE!
I'LL BIND IT WITH THIS OIL-SOAKED RAG AND IT WILL SOON BE ALL RIGHT.

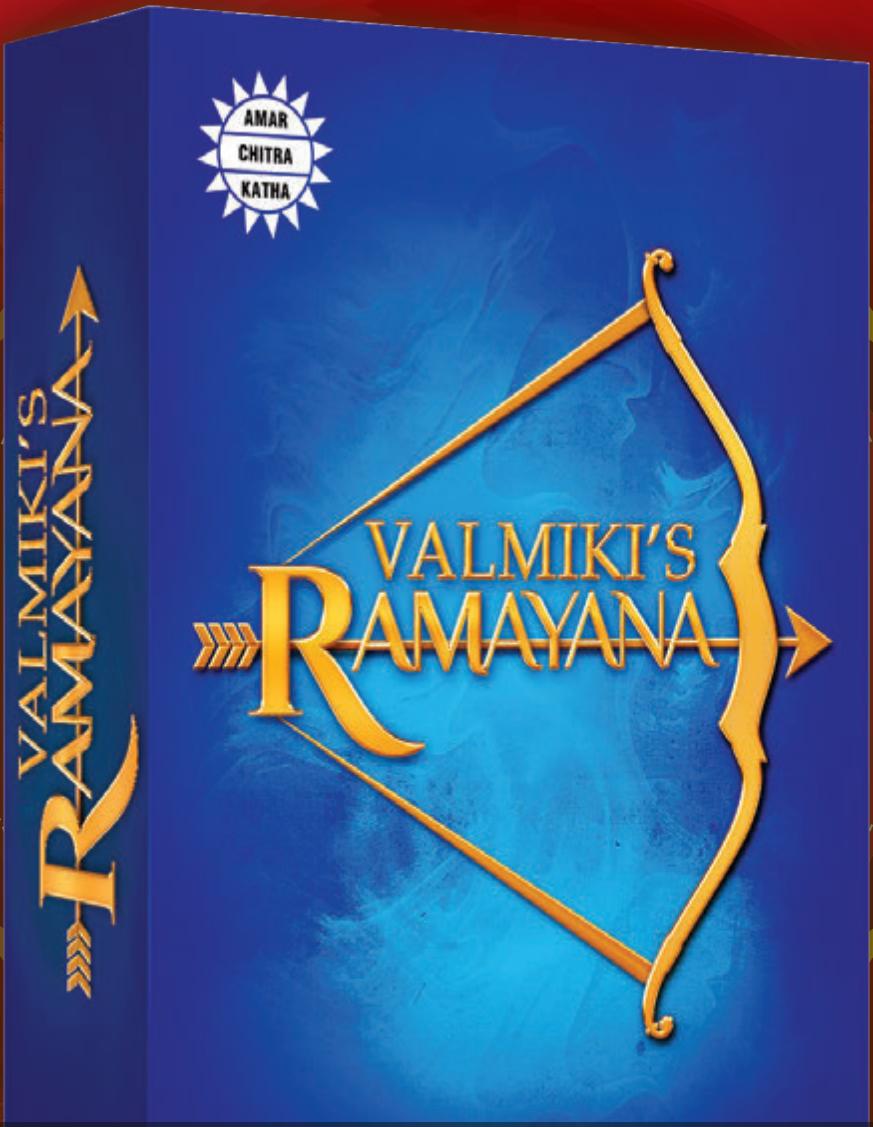
"THAT NIGHT, AS THE CAT LIMPED ABOUT AFTER THE RATS, IT STEPPED ON AN OIL LAMP AND THE RAG CAUGHT FIRE."







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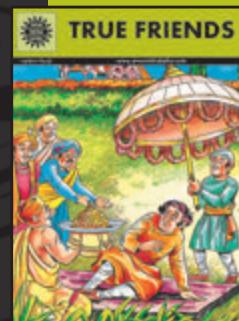
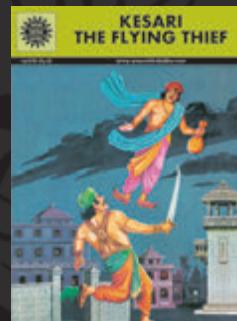
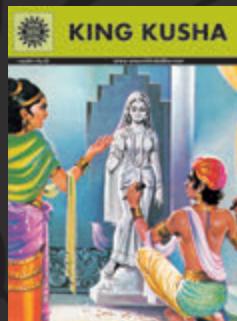
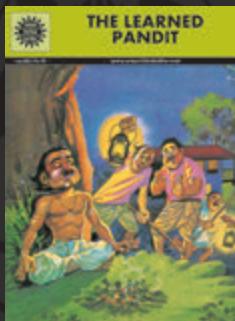


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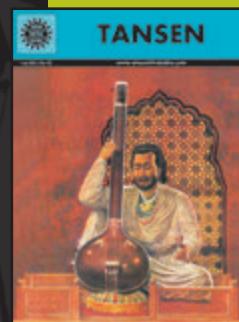
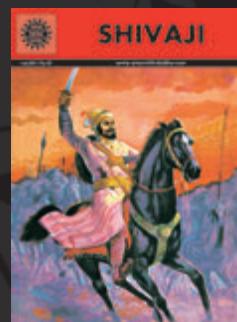
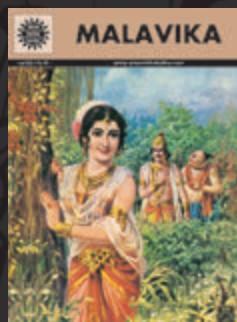
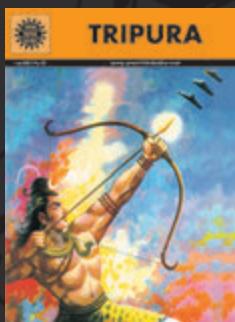
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