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VEER SAVARKAR IN THE ANDAMANS

1907: AT INDIA HOUSE IN LONDON, THE HEADQUARTERS OF ABHINAV BHARAT...

...FROM WHERE VINAYAK DAMODAR SAVARKAR DIRECTED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIAN REVOLUTIONARIES IN ENGLAND—

HERE IS A LITTLE GIFT FOR YOU, MY FRIEND.

EXCELLENT COVER! NEAT BINDING!

OPEN THE BOOK! YOU'LL LIKE THE CONTENTS EVEN BETTER.

SAVARKAR! WHAT A BRILLIANT IDEA!
WELL I...

TAKE IT WITH YOU TO INDIA. BUT REMEMBER...

...IT MUST NOT BE USED TILL WE CONSOLIDATE OUR BASE THERE.

SAVARKAR AND HIS ASSOCIATES WORKED TIREDLESSLY TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE OF INDIA'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT.

AH, MADAM CAMA! SO YOU ARE BACK FROM GERMANY. WHAT HAPPENED AT STUTTGART?



DID OUR PLAN WORK?
DOES ALL EUROPE KNOW
THAT INDIANS WANT
FREEDOM AND ARE
PREPARED TO DIE
FOR IT?



WELL ... DELEGATES HAD COME FROM ALL OVER EUROPE TO ATTEND THE SOCIALIST CONGRESS. I UNFURLED THE FLAG AT THE CONFERENCE.



THIS FLAG, THE FLAG OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE, IS SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF MARTYRED INDIAN YOUTHS.



I CALL UPON YOU,
GENTLEMEN, TO
RISE AND SALUTE
IT.



AND SAVARKAR, THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY STOOD UP AS ONE MAN!



SAVARKAR'S MAIN MISSION IN ENGLAND WAS TO FIND ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR HIS COUNTRYMEN IN INDIA.

BAPAT !
IT'S GOOD TO
SEE YOU BACK.
WAS YOUR
VISIT TO PARIS
FRUITFUL ?

VERY ! I'VE LEARNT
THE ART OF MAKING
BOMBS.

I HAVE
BROUGHT
A GIFT FOR
YOU .

BOMB MANUAL

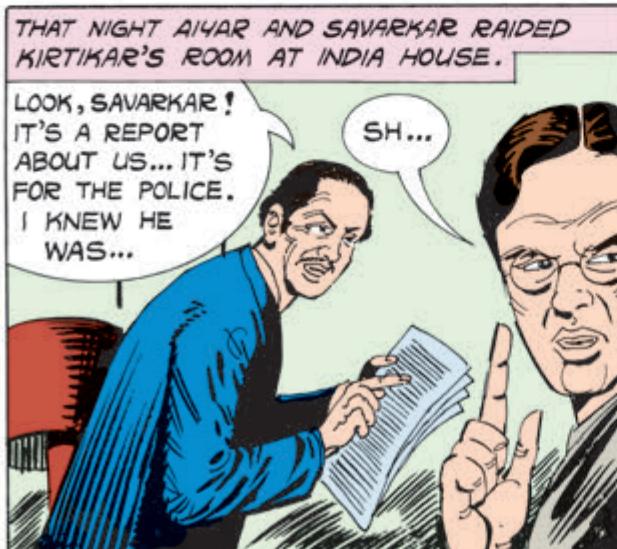
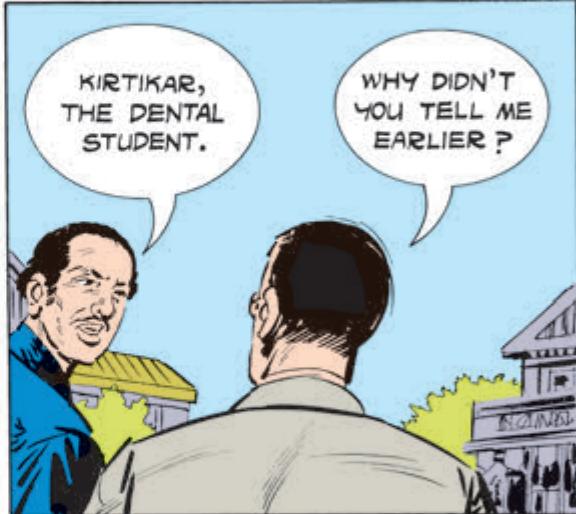
THE ORIGINAL
WAS IN RUSSIAN. IT
WAS TRANSLATED
INTO ENGLISH
FOR ME .

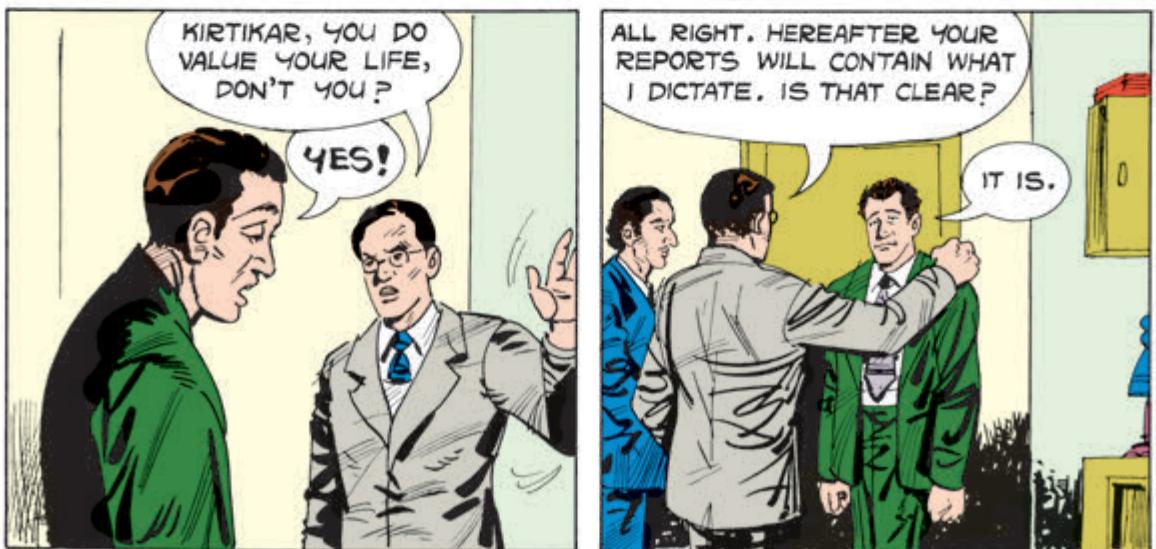
THIS IS JUST WHAT
WE NEEDED. NOW WE
CAN SET UP BOMB
FACTORIES IN
INDIA .

BAPAT , MAKE SURE
THAT THE MANUAL
REACHES INDIA SAFELY.
AND REMEMBER... WE
MUST ESTABLISH
A CHAIN OF BOMB
FACTORIES THROUGHOUT
INDIA BEFORE THE
FIRST BOMB IS
THROWN .

IN LONDON, SAVARKAR ADDRESSED A NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE DEMAND FOR SWARAJ.

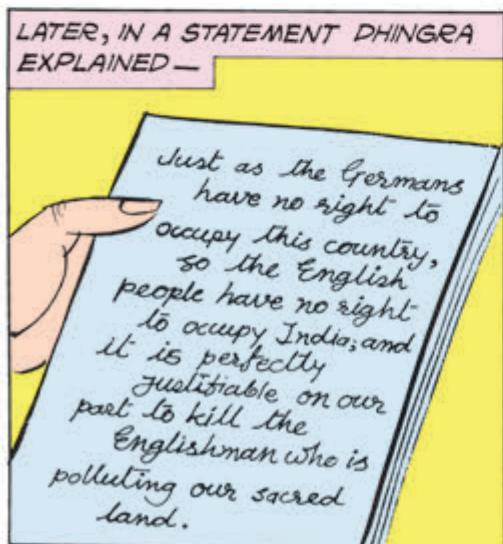
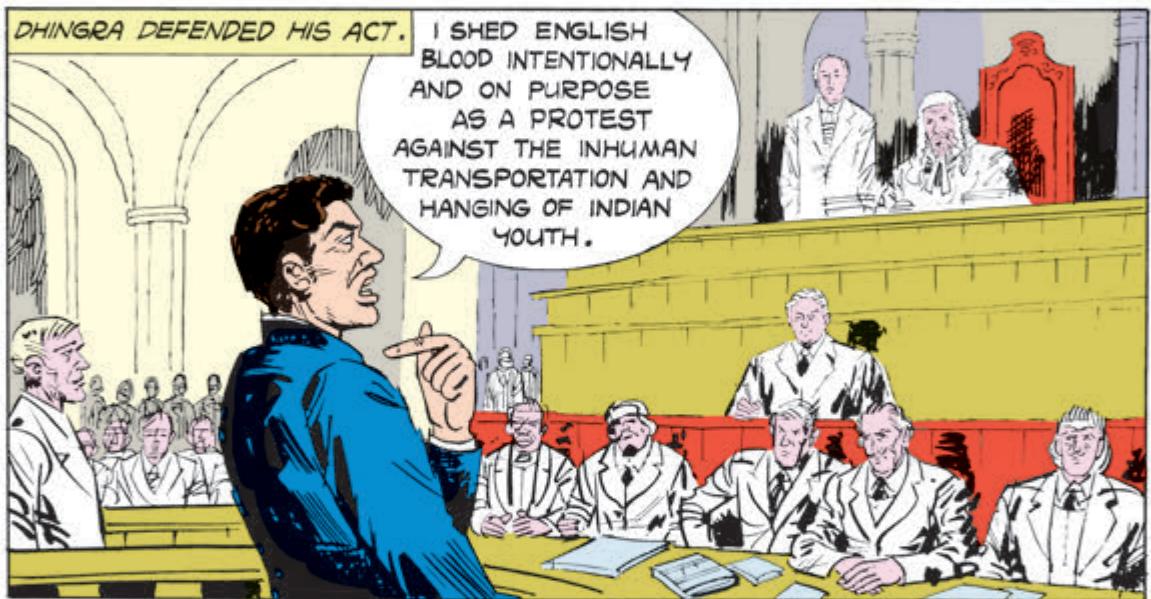
...BEFORE PASSING THIS RESOLUTION JUST BRING BEFORE YOUR MIND'S EYE THE DREADFUL PRISON WALLS... THE DREARY DINGY CELLS...





IN INDIA, SAVARKAR'S ELDER BROTHER, GANESHRAO, WAS ARRESTED. WHEN THE NEWS REACHED LONDON, MADANLAL DHINGRA—AN ENGINEERING STUDENT WHO WAS ALREADY SEETHING WITH ANGER AT THE TREATMENT METED OUT TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN INDIA—CAME TO FIND OUT WHY.







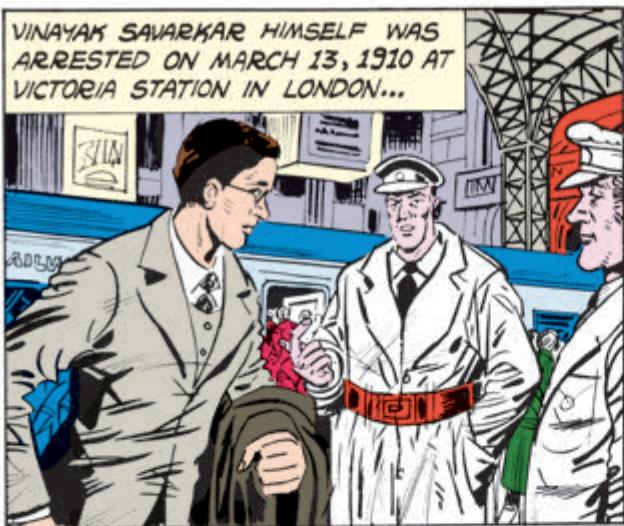
SAVARKAR REFUSED TO CONDEMN DHINGRA. AT THE SAME TIME HE DID NOT APPROVE OF THE CRUDE BEHAVIOUR OF SOME STUDENTS.



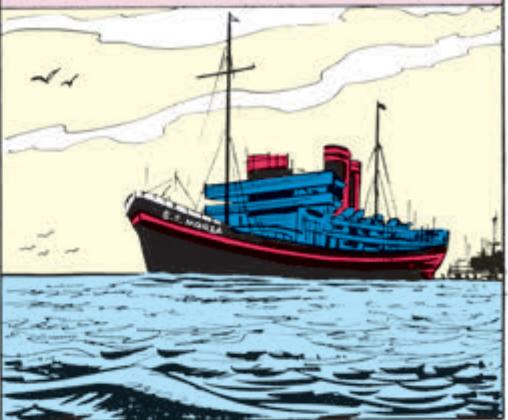
MEANWHILE IN INDIA, JACKSON, THE BRITISH COLLECTOR OF NASIK, WHO HAD TAKEN GANESHRAO SAVARKAR INTO CUSTODY WAS SHOT DEAD.



VINAYAK SAVARKAR HIMSELF WAS ARRESTED ON MARCH 13, 1910 AT VICTORIA STATION IN LONDON...



...AND DEPORTED TO INDIA. S.S. MOREA, THE STEAMER CARRYING SAVARKAR, SAILED FROM LONDON ON JULY 1, 1910.



THE SHIP HAD TO DROP ANCHOR OFF THE FRENCH PORT OF MARSEILLES, FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.



THE GUARD TOOK HIM TO THE LAVATORY.



SAVARKAR WAS INDEED VERY QUICK! HE TOOK OFF HIS DRESSING-GOWN, THREW IT OVER THE GLASS PANE OF THE DOOR...



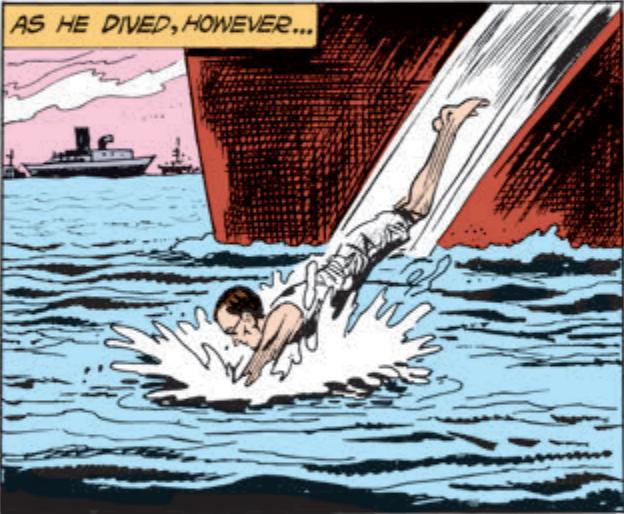
...JUMPED UP TO THE Porthole in the Lavatory...



...AND CAME OUT.



AS HE DIVED, HOWEVER...



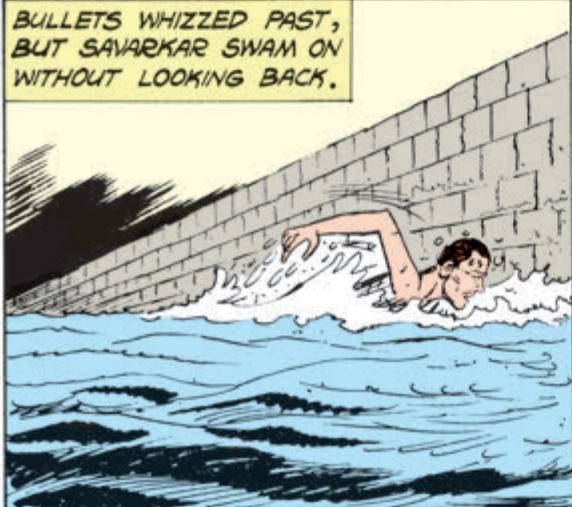
...A GUARD ON THE DECK SPOTTED HIM.



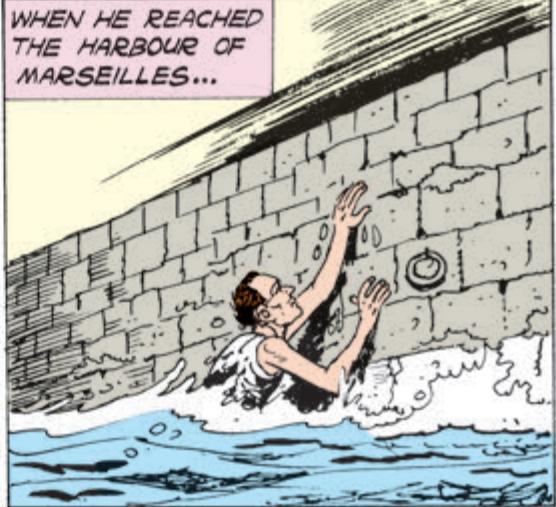
THE GUARD OPENED FIRE.



BULLETS WHIZZED PAST,
BUT SAVARKAR SWAM ON
WITHOUT LOOKING BACK.



WHEN HE REACHED
THE HARBOUR OF
MARSEILLES...



...AND CLIMBED ONTO THE QUAY—



YOU CANNOT TOUCH ME.
YOU ARE BRITISH
GUARDS. AND I AM ON
FRENCH SOIL.

LET'S
SEE WHO
STOPS
US.



THE GUARDS DRAGGED HIM BACK TO THE SHIP. MADAM CAMA AND AIYER HURRIED
TO MARSEILLES, BUT THEY WERE TOO LATE TO BE OF ANY HELP.

SAVARKAR ARRIVED IN INDIA UNDER POLICE ESCORT ON JULY 22, 1910. A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL TRIED HIM AT BOMBAY HIGH COURT.

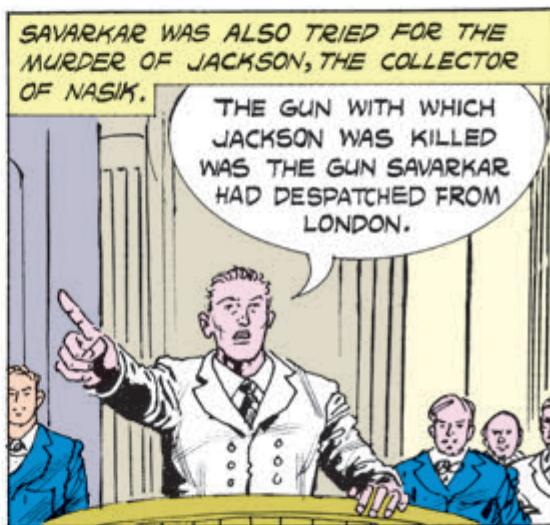
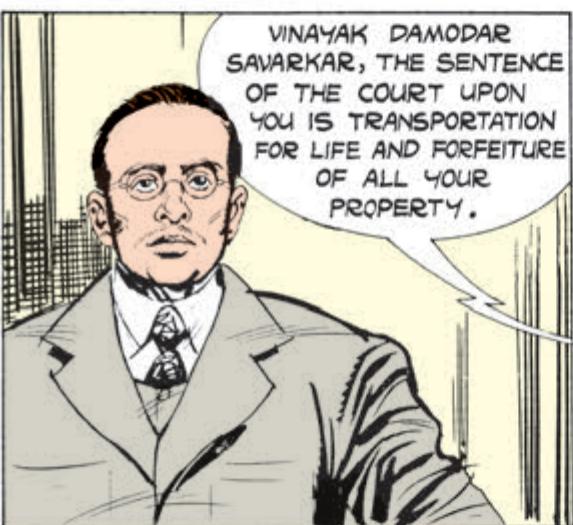
WE FIND THE ACCUSED GUILTY OF THE ABETMENT OF WAGING WAR BY INSTIGATION, BY THE CIRCULATION OF PRINTED MATTER INCITING TO WAR, THE PROVIDING OF ARMS; AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES.



VINAYAK DAMODAR SAVARKAR, THE SENTENCE OF THE COURT UPON YOU IS TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE AND FORFEITURE OF ALL YOUR PROPERTY.

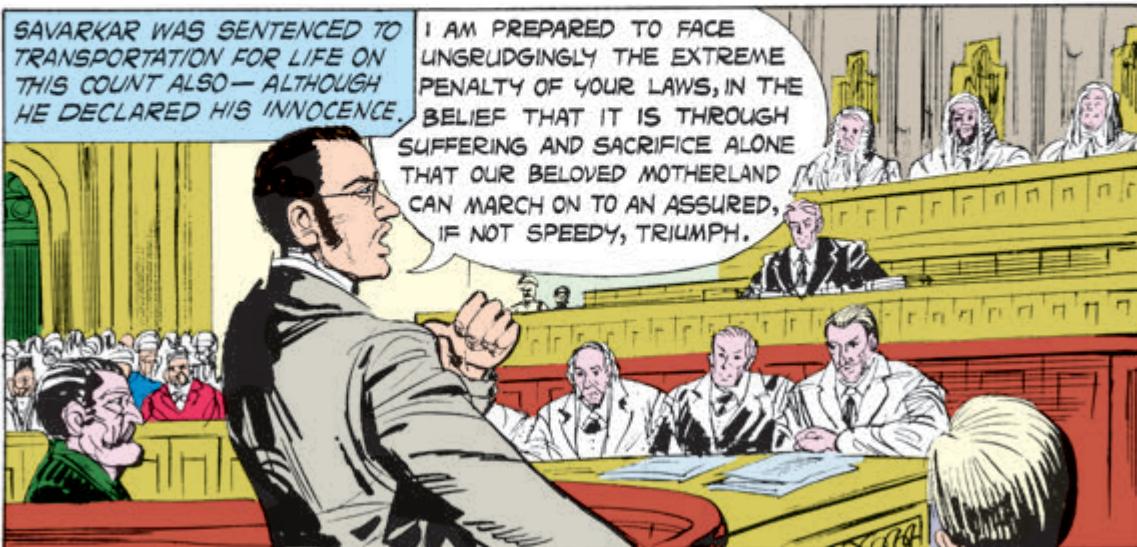
SAVARKAR WAS ALSO TRIED FOR THE MURDER OF JACKSON, THE COLLECTOR OF NASIK.

THE GUN WITH WHICH JACKSON WAS KILLED WAS THE GUN SAVARKAR HAD DESPATCHED FROM LONDON.



SAVARKAR WAS SENTENCED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE ON THIS COUNT ALSO— ALTHOUGH HE DECLARED HIS INNOCENCE.

I AM PREPARED TO FACE UNGRUDGINGLY THE EXTREME PENALTY OF YOUR LAWS, IN THE BELIEF THAT IT IS THROUGH SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE ALONE THAT OUR BELOVED MOTHERLAND CAN MARCH ON TO AN ASSURED, IF NOT SPEEDY, TRIUMPH.



SAVARKAR WAS TAKEN TO DONGRI JAIL IN BOMBAY.

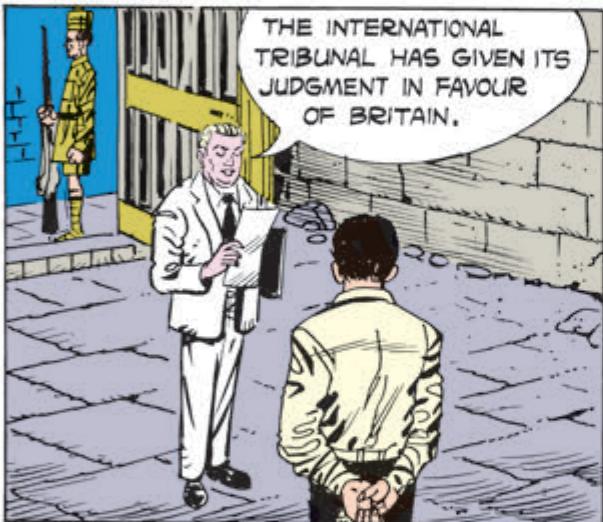


SINCE HE WAS ARRESTED ON FRENCH SOIL SEVERAL FRENCH NEWSPAPERS DEMANDED THAT SAVARKAR SHOULD BE RETURNED TO FRANCE. AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL HEARD THE APPEAL. SAVARKAR WAITED AT DONGRI FOR THE VERDICT.

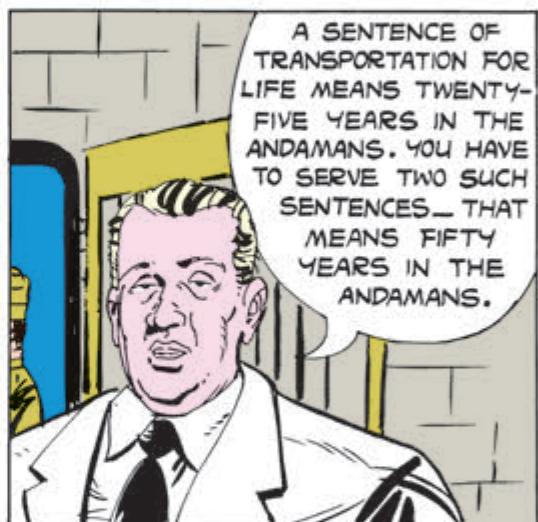
MR. SAVARKAR,
I HAVE BAD NEWS
FOR YOU.



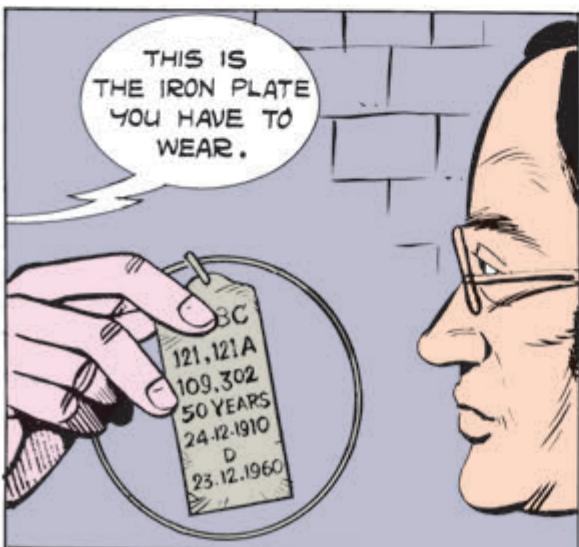
THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL HAS GIVEN ITS JUDGMENT IN FAVOUR OF BRITAIN.



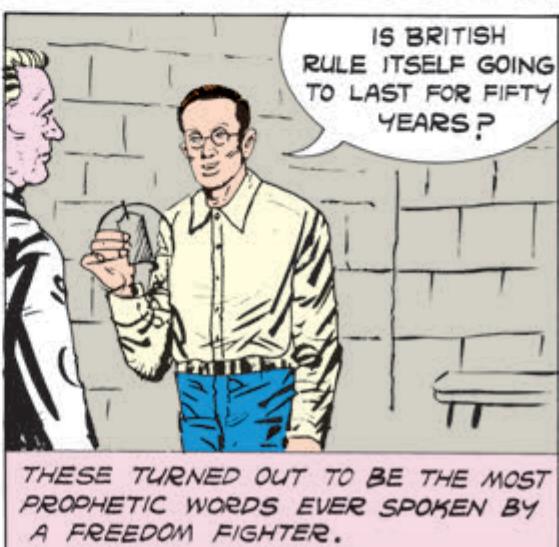
A SENTENCE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE MEANS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE ANDAMANS. YOU HAVE TO SERVE TWO SUCH SENTENCES—THAT MEANS FIFTY YEARS IN THE ANDAMANS.



THIS IS THE IRON PLATE YOU HAVE TO WEAR.

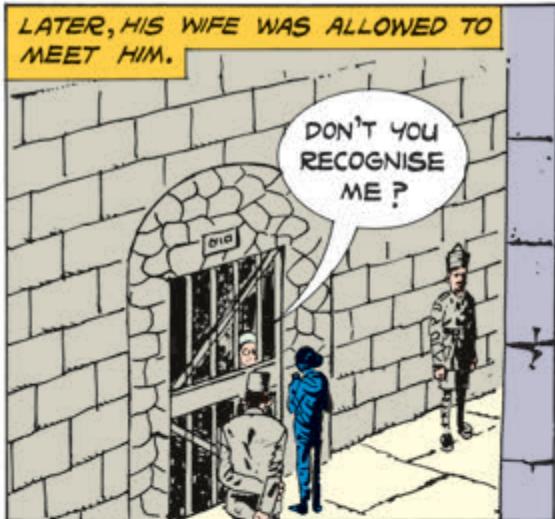


IS BRITISH RULE ITSELF GOING TO LAST FOR FIFTY YEARS?



THESE TURNED OUT TO BE THE MOST PROPHETIC WORDS EVER SPOKEN BY A FREEDOM FIGHTER.

LATER, HIS WIFE WAS ALLOWED TO MEET HIM.



ONLY MY DRESS HAS CHANGED. I AM THE SAME.



SAVARKAR WAS TAKEN TO THE BYCULLA JAIL AND LATER TO THE JAIL AT THANE. A FRIENDLY WARDER CALLED ON HIM.



THE YOUNGER BROTHER, NARAYANRAO, HAD BEEN IMPRISONED ON THE CHARGE OF BEING INVOLVED IN AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE VICEROY !

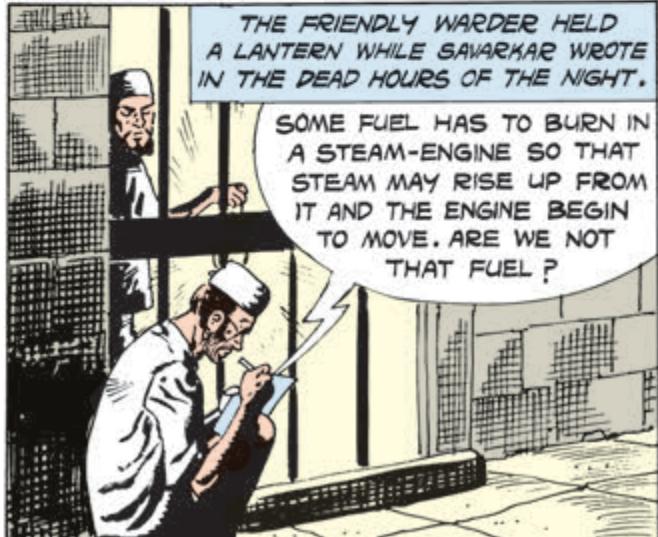


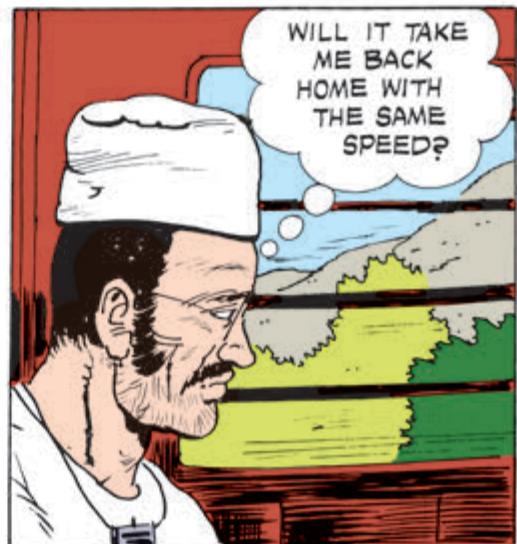
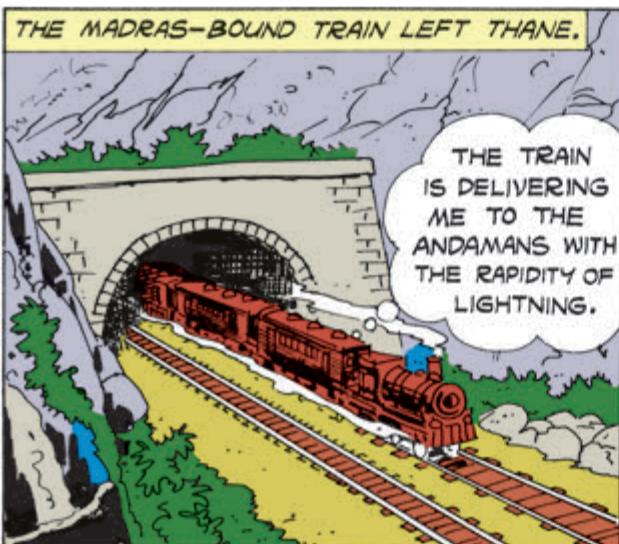
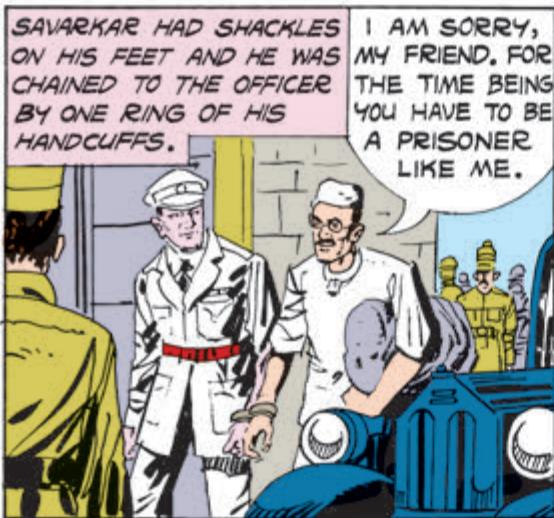
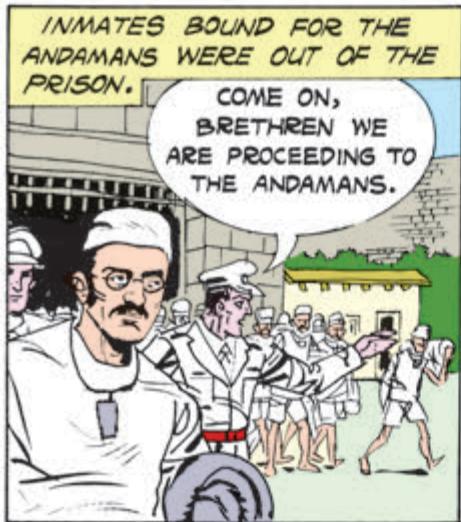
SAVARKAR READ THE MESSAGE IN THE DIM LIGHT.



YES.

THE FRIENDLY WARDER HELD A LANTERN WHILE SAVARKAR WROTE IN THE DEAD HOURS OF THE NIGHT.





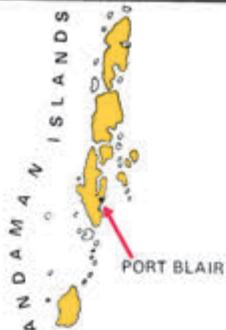
KALA PANI

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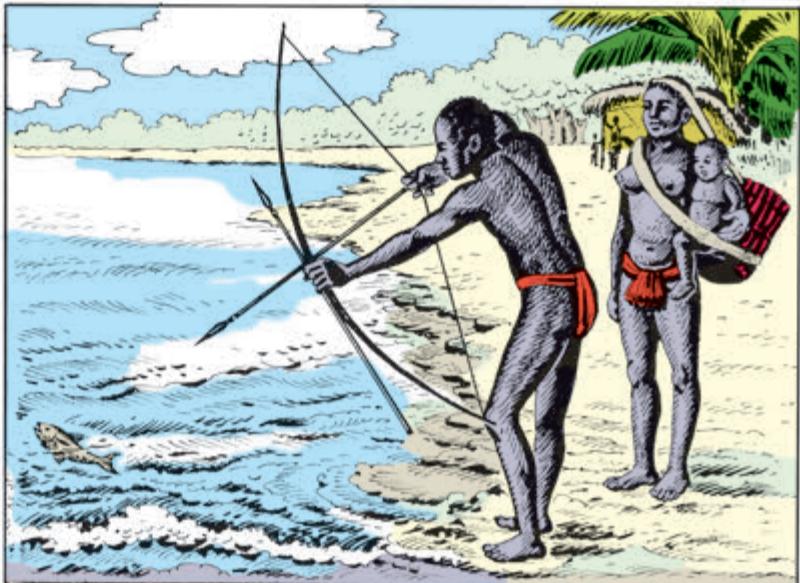
IN THE BAY OF BENGAL LIES A CLUSTER OF ISLANDS KNOWN AS THE BAY ISLANDS.



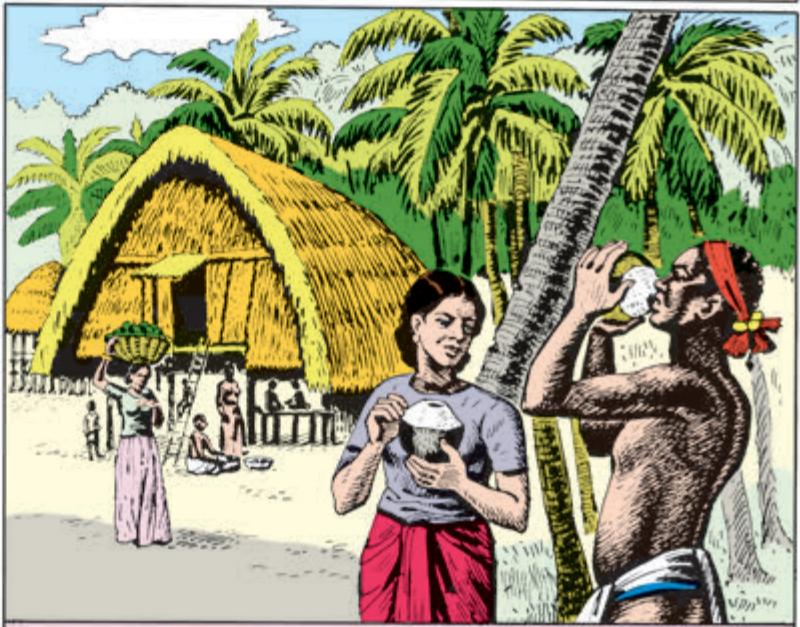
TEN DEGREE CHANNEL

NICOBAR ISLANDS

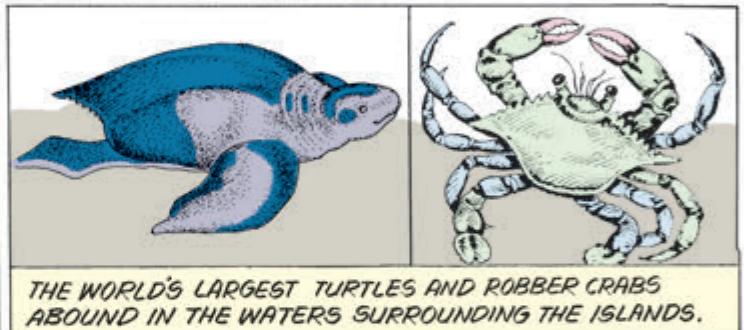
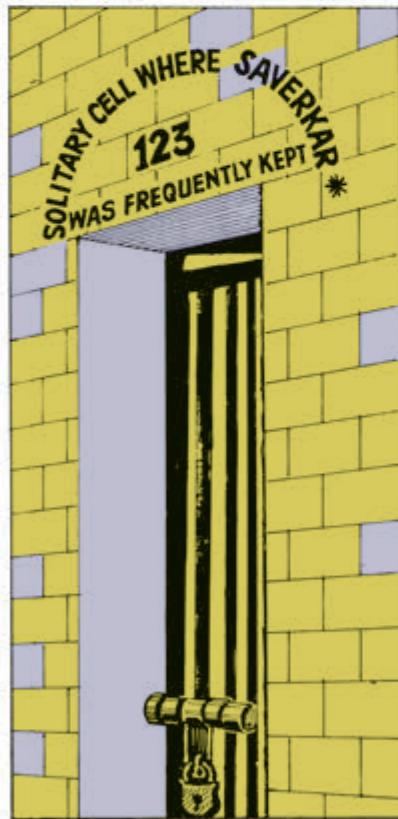
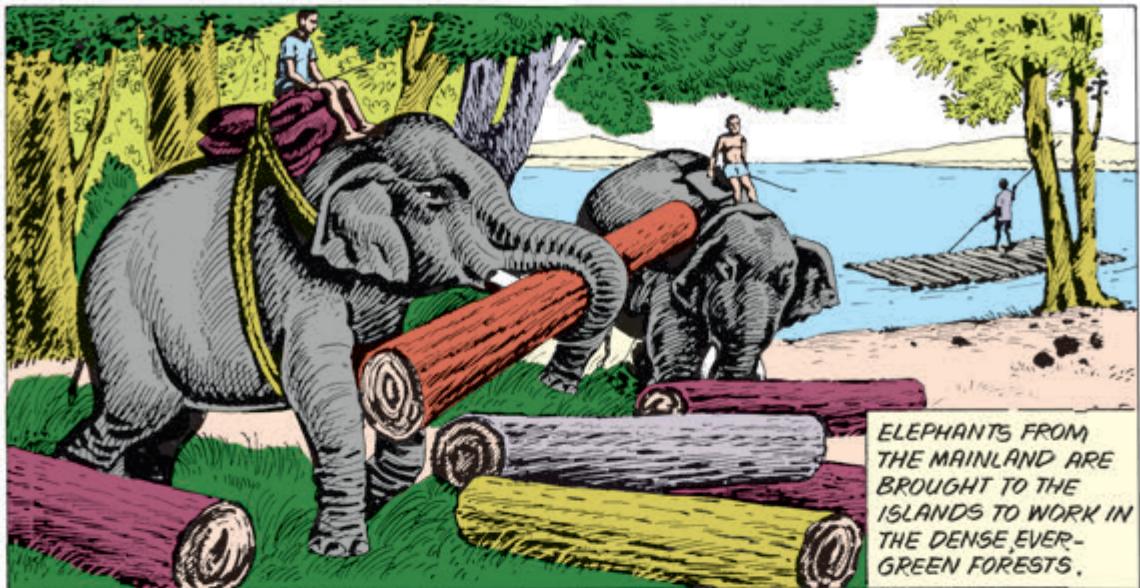
OVER THREE HUNDRED IN NUMBER, LUSH AND PICTURESQUE, THEY FORM THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ARCHIPELAGOS. THE TWO GROUPS OF ISLANDS FORM A SINGLE ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AS A UNION TERRITORY AND ARE REACHED BY STEAMERS FROM CALCUTTA AND MADRAS. THE GREAT NICOBAR ISLAND IS THE SOUTHERN-MOST TIP OF INDIA.



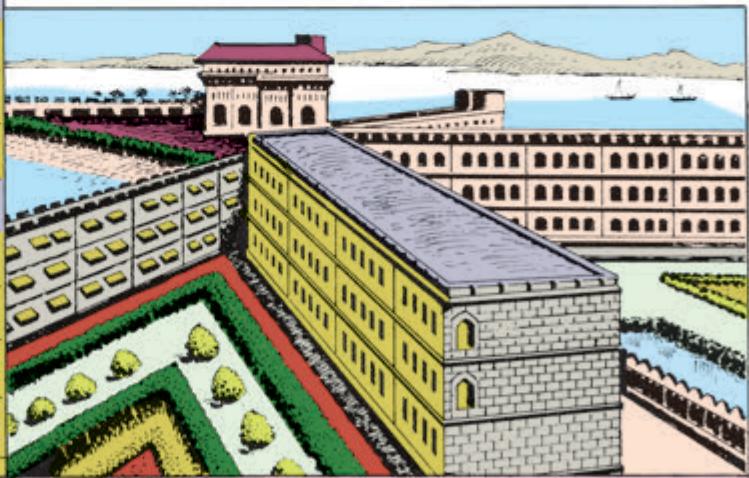
TILL THE END OF THE 18TH CENTURY, THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS WERE THE EXCLUSIVE HOME OF THE NEGRITOS, AN ANCIENT PYGMY RACE OF THE STONE AGE. IN 1971 THEY NUMBERED LESS THAN 500 AND ARE NOW THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION. STILL IN THE 'HUNTING AND FOOD-GATHERING' STAGE, THEY USE THE BOW FOR BOTH FISHING AND HUNTING.



UNLIKE THE NEGRITOS, THE NICOBARESE ARE OF MONGOLOID STOCK. THEY PRACTISE FARMING AND CONSTRUCT THEIR HUTS ON STILTS IN THE GROVES OF WILD COCONUT PALMS.



THE WORLD'S LARGEST TURTLES AND ROBBER CRABS ABOUND IN THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE ISLANDS.

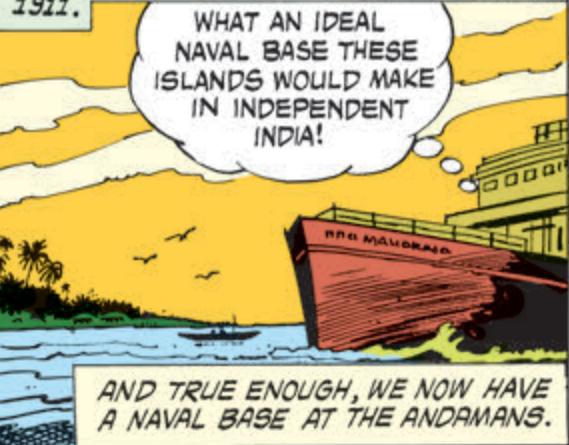


PORT BLAIR, THE MAIN HARBOUR, IS THE CAPITAL OF THE ISLANDS. THE BRITISH USED THE ANDAMANS AS A PENAL COLONY. THEY BUILT THE GHASTLY CELLULAR JAIL WHERE THEY IMPRISONED NOT ONLY CRIMINALS BUT SEVERAL FREEDOM-FIGHTERS AS WELL. THE ARCHIPELAGO WAS ONCE THE MOST DREADED PLACE IN THE COUNTRY AND WAS REFERRED TO AS KALA PANI (BLACK WATERS). SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE NAMED THE ISLANDS SHAHEED AND SWARAJ—THE ISLANDS WHERE FREEDOM-FIGHTERS HAD BECOME MARTYRS SO THAT THE COUNTRY COULD WIN FREEDOM!

FROM MADRAS SAVARKAR AND THE OTHER PRISONERS WERE TAKEN TO THE ANDAMANS IN THE SHIP S.S. MAHARAJA.



THE SHIP REACHED PORT BLAIR, THE CAPITAL OF THE ANDAMANS, ON JULY 4, 1911.



AS THEY MARCHED TO THE JAIL NEARBY—



SAVARKAR WENT IN. THE GATE WAS SHUT BEHIND HIM. HE FELT HE HAD ENTERED THE JAWS OF DEATH.



THE JAILOR WAS ONE MR. BARRIE.

ARE YOU THE
ONE WHO TRIED
TO ESCAPE AT
MARSEILLES?

YES.

WHY DID
YOU DO
IT?

TO FREE
MYSELF.

FOR YOUR OWN
GOOD DO NOT TRY
TO RUN AWAY. THE
PRISON IS SURROUNDED
ON ALL SIDES BY
DENSE FORESTS. THE
ABORIGINES WHO
LIVE IN THE
FORESTS ARE
FIERCE.

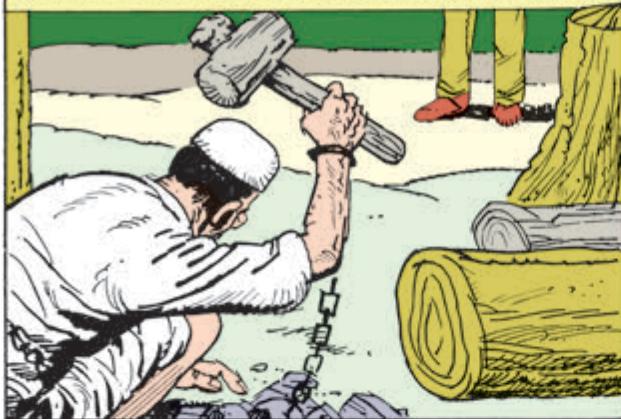
IF THEY CATCH
YOU THEY'LL KILL
YOU AND EAT
YOU.

I REALISE THAT
PORT BLAIR IS NOT
MARSEILLES.

TAKE
HIM TO HIS
CELL.

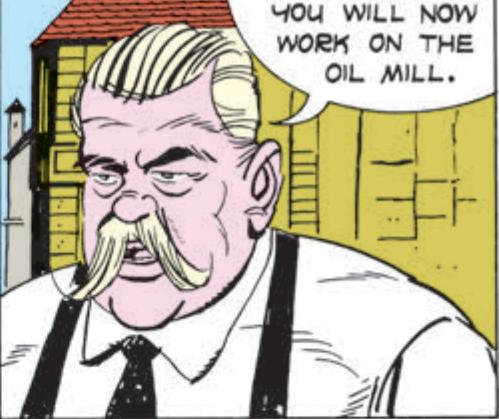
FOR THE FIRST FORTNIGHT SAVARKAR
WAS CONFINED TO A SOLITARY CELL.

THE FIRST JOB HE WAS GIVEN WAS THE WORK OF CHOPPING THE BARK OF COCONUT TREES, WITH A CHISEL AND A HEAVY WOODEN MALLETS.



LATER—

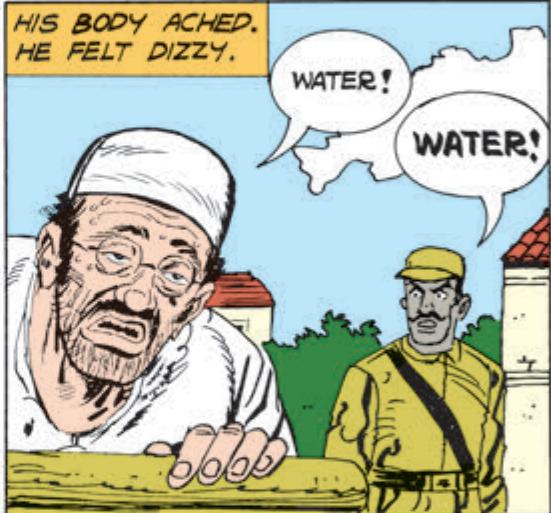
SAVARKAR, YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN A PROMOTION. YOU WILL NOW WORK ON THE OIL MILL.



WORKING THE OIL CRUSHER WAS A STRENUOUS, TEDIOUS, AND FATIGUING TASK.

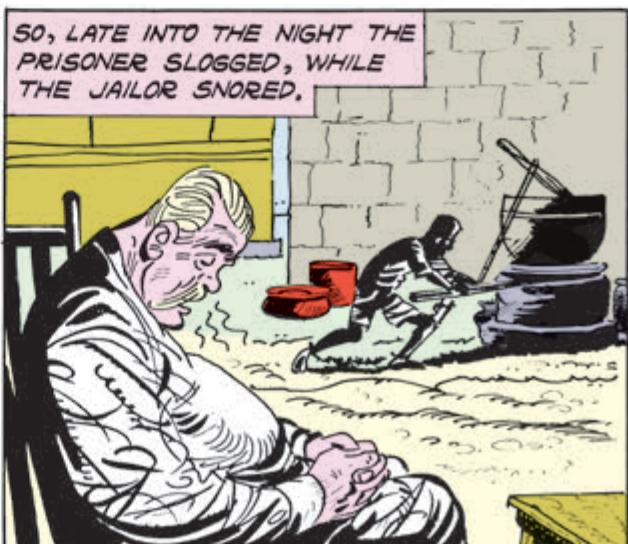
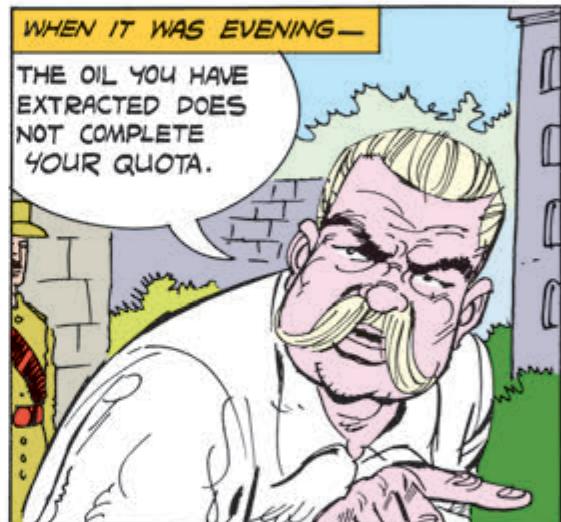
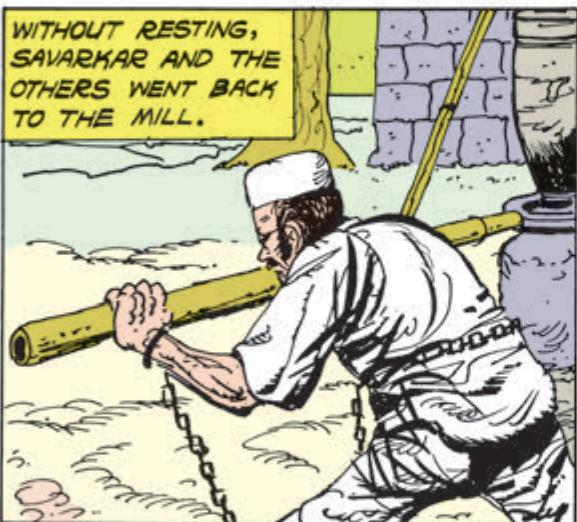
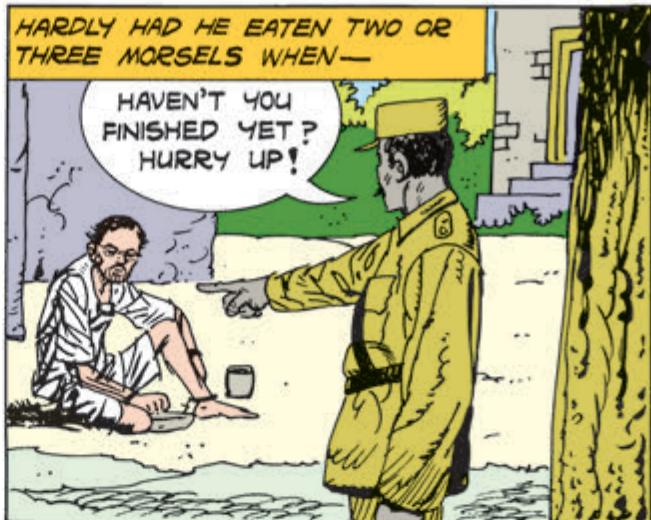


HIS BODY ACHED. HE FELT DIZZY.



A PRISONER IS GIVEN ONLY TWO CUPS OF WATER. YOU HAVE ALREADY CONSUMED THREE! AND YOU ASK FOR MORE!!!





SAVARKAR WAS ALLOWED TO RECEIVE AND WRITE ONE LETTER A YEAR FROM THE ANDAMANS. THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM ONE OF HIS LETTERS TO HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, DR. N. D. SAVARKAR—

CELLULAR JAIL
9-3-1915
PORT BLAIR

BEST BELOVED BAL,

ONCE AGAIN, MY PEN HASTENS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER RECEIVED SOME 7-8 MONTHS AGO. TO HAVE A LETTER FROM YOU IS LIKE SEEING YOU.

AS FAR AS OUR DAILY LIFE IS CONCERNED, WELL, IT GOES ON IN THE SAME EVEN WAY AS IT DID LAST YEAR. IN A PRISON WHAT HAPPENS ON THE FIRST DAY HAPPENS ALWAYS—if nothing worse happens. IN FACT IT SEEMS TO BE THE ESSENCE OF PRISON DISCIPLINE TO AVOID ALL NOVELTY, ALL CHANGE. LIKE SPECIMENS AND CURIOS IN A MUSEUM HERE WE ARE EACH EXACTLY IN THE SAME PLACE AND SAME POSITION, BOTTLED AND LABELLED WITH THE SAME NUMBERS WITH MORE OR LESS DUST ABOUT US.

WHAT I WROTE TO YOU IN MY LAST LETTER MAY SERVE THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION AS LONG AS I AM HERE. WE GET UP EARLY, WORK HARD, EAT PUNCTUALLY—AT THE SAME TIME, AT THE SAME PLACE AND THE SAME AMOUNT AND KIND OF FOOD PREPARED WITH THE SAME MATCHLESS PRISON-SKILL AND HYGIENE. ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT PRISONERS ARE NOT FREE TO DO OR SAY WHAT THEY WILL, YET, TO THE CREDIT OF THE JAIL AUTHORITIES, IT MUST BE ADMITTED THAT EVERY ONE IS ABSOLUTELY FREE TO DREAM WHAT HE LIKES. AND I ASSURE YOU I TAKE THE FULLEST ADVANTAGE OF THIS CONCESSION. ALMOST EVERY NIGHT, I TELL YOU, I BREAK JAIL AND GO ROMPING THROUGH DALE AND DOWN AND TOWER AND TOWN, TILL I FIND ONE OF YOU—SOMEONE WHO SOMEWHERE HAD BEEN HELD CLOSE TO MY BOSOM! EVERY NIGHT I DO IT BUT MY BENEFICENT JAILORS TAKE NO NOTICE OF IT. YOU HAVE ONLY TO WAKE UP IN THE JAIL, THAT IS ALL THEY SAY.

YOUR OWN BROTHER
TATYA



ONE DAY, WHILE HE WAS TURNING THE MILL —



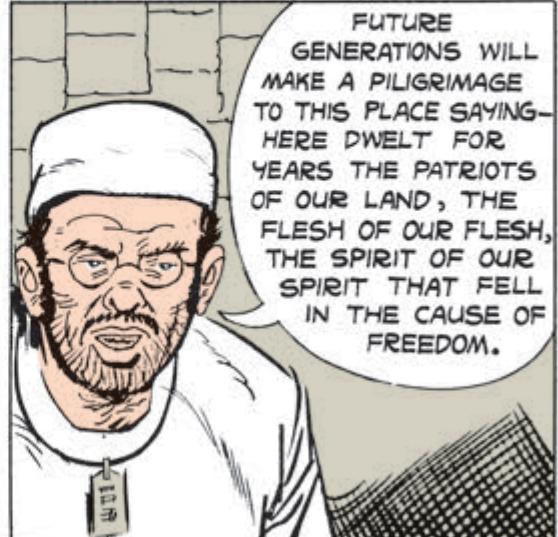
THE IDEA OF SUICIDE BEGAN TO HAUNT HIM. BUT REASON ULTIMATELY PREVAILED.



HOWEVER, NOT ALL HAD THE STRENGTH OF SAVARKAR. INDU BHUSHAN ROY COMMITTED SUICIDE; ULLASKAR DUTT WENT MAD AND A KIND WORD WAS ENOUGH TO MOVE UPENDRANATH BANERJEE TO TEARS.



IT WAS LEFT TO SAVARKAR TO CHEER UP THE SILENT, SUFFERING POLITICAL PRISONERS.



SAVARKAR WAS SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS KINDS OF TORTURE IN THE CELLULAR JAIL.

HE WAS PUT IN CHAINS...



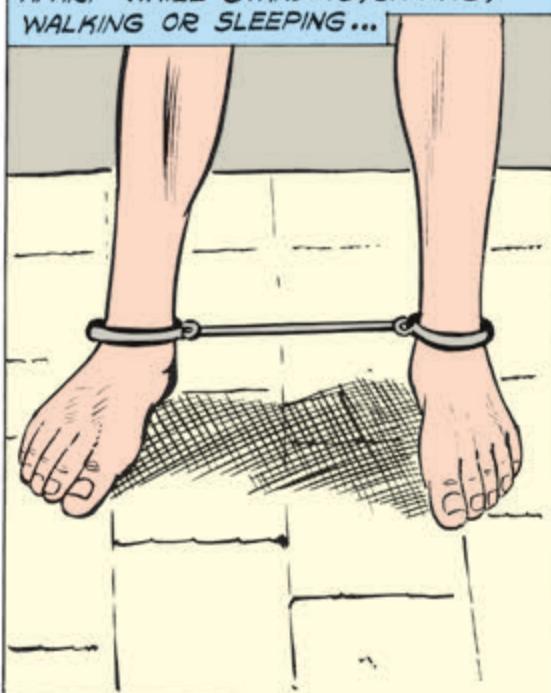
...IN BACK HANDCUFFS...



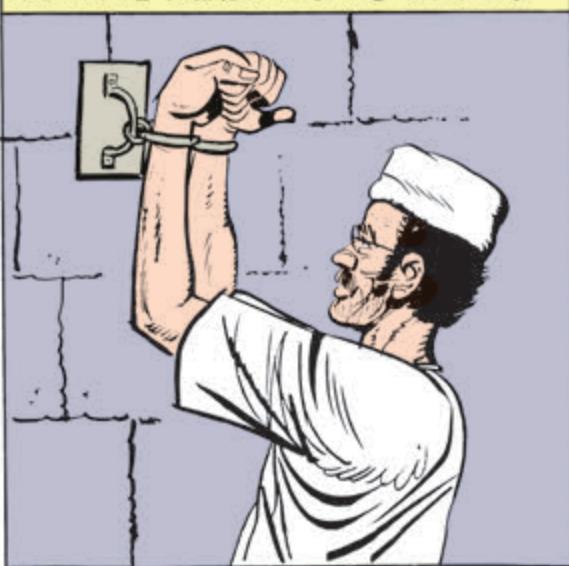
...IN BARE FETTERS WHICH WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM BENDING...



...IN CROSS-BAR FETTERS WHICH COMPELLED HIM TO KEEP HIS FEET APART WHILE STANDING, SITTING, WALKING OR SLEEPING...



...AND HE WAS MADE TO STAND WITH HIS HANDS LOCKED UP TO A HOOK IN THE WALL MEASURING HIS HEIGHT.



YET HE BORE IT ALL WITH EQUANIMITY, WITH HIS MIND VERY ALERT, COMPOSING POEMS AND MEMORISING THE POEMS COMPOSED.

SAVARKAR CAME TO KNOW THAT HIS ELDER BROTHER GANESHRAO WAS SERVING TIME IN THE SAME PRISON.

SIR, COULD I MEET MY BROTHER?

WHO TOLD YOU YOUR BROTHER WAS HERE?

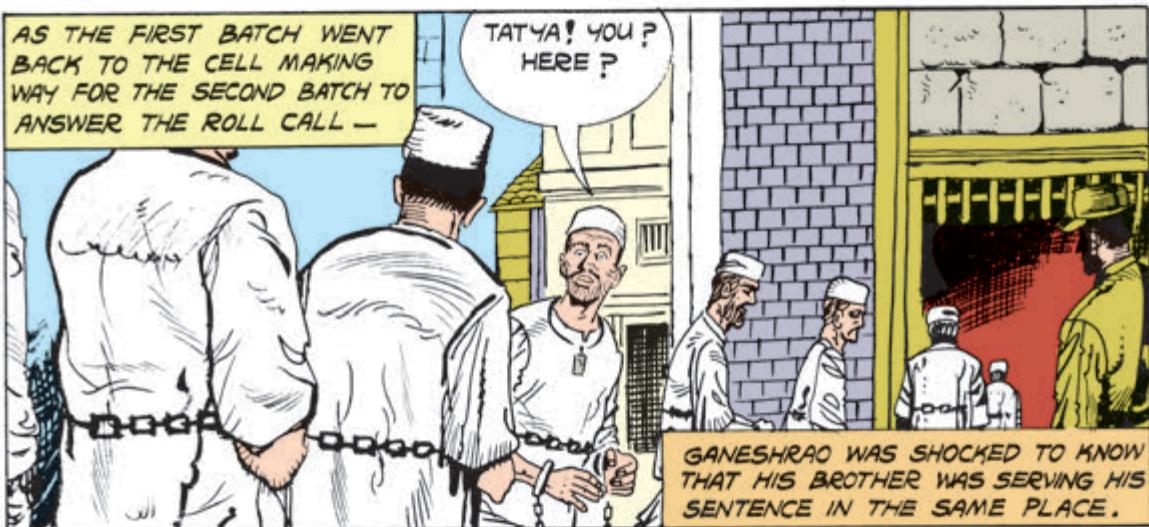
FINALLY, A KIND-HEARTED JAMADAR AGREED TO HELP.

NOW YOUR BROTHER'S BATCH IS ANSWERING THE ROLL CALL. YOURS WILL BE THE NEXT BATCH.



AS THE FIRST BATCH WENT BACK TO THE CELL MAKING WAY FOR THE SECOND BATCH TO ANSWER THE ROLL CALL —

TATYA! YOU? HERE?



GANESHRAO WAS SHOCKED TO KNOW THAT HIS BROTHER WAS SERVING HIS SENTENCE IN THE SAME PLACE.



AS ABRUPTLY AS THEY HAD MET, THE BROTHERS HAD TO PART.



LATER SAVARKAR RECEIVED A NOTE FROM HIS BROTHER THROUGH THE FRIENDLY JAMADAR.

I HAD BELIEVED THAT YOU WERE THERE TO CARRY ON OUR WORK... TO WIN INDIA'S BATTLE FOR FREEDOM. I FELT NOTHING, THEREFORE, ABOUT THE SENTENCE PASSED ON ME. ALAS! YOU TOO, ARE HERE.

SAVARKAR REPLIED—

WE ARE DOOMED TO ROT AND DIE HERE... WE HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY BY OUR FAILURE. LET OTHERS SERVE HER BY THEIR SUCCESS...

TO THIS END SAVARKAR BEGAN EDUCATING HIS FELLOW POLITICAL PRISONERS.

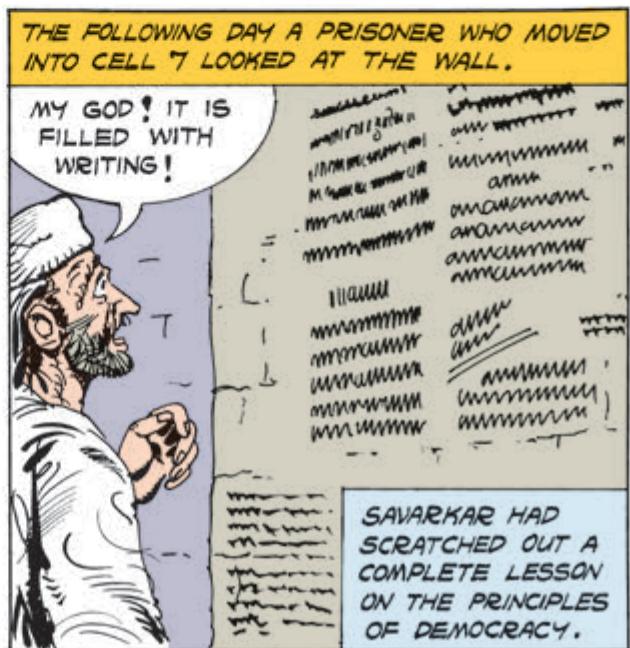
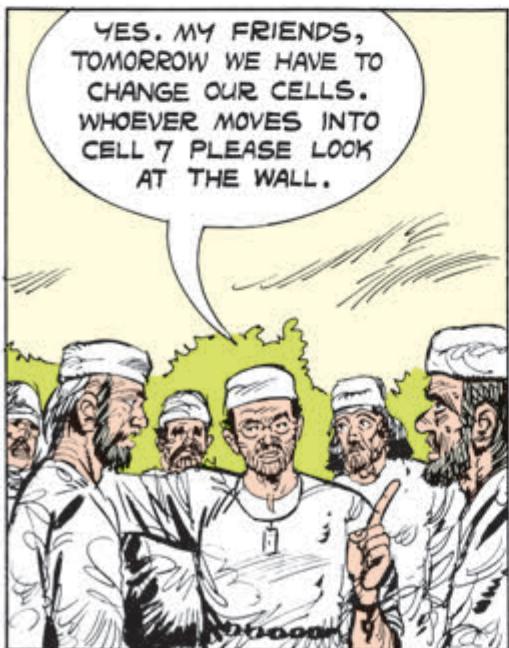
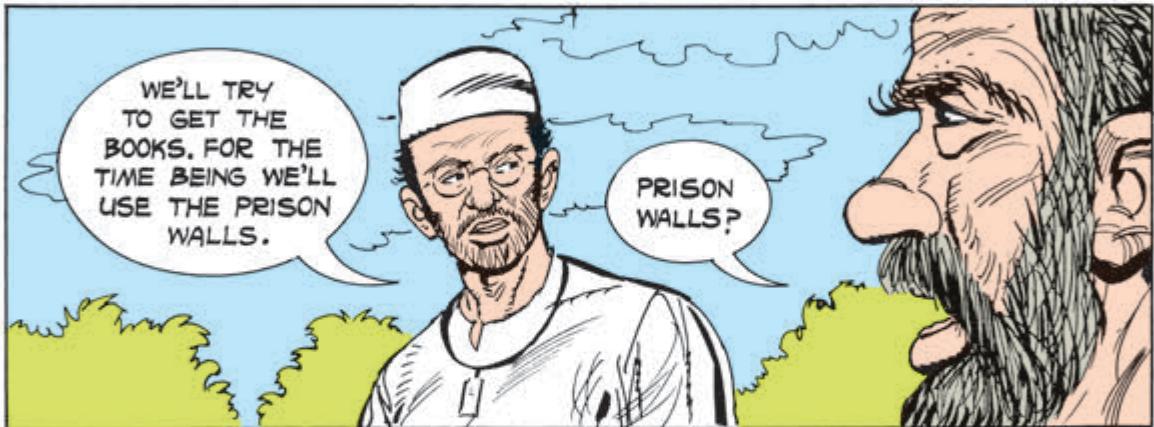
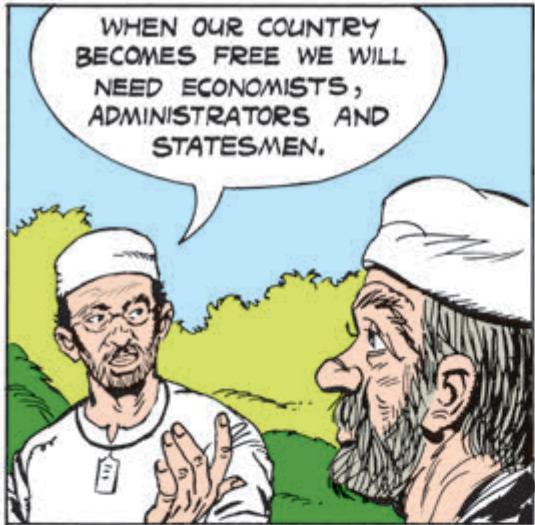
BUT SAVARKAR, I HAVE NO USE FOR EDUCATION... I BELIEVE IN ACTION.

ASK ME TO THROW A BOMB, I WILL. ASK ME TO READ A BOOK, I'LL RUN AWAY.

OUTSIDE THE PRISON, YOU FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM.

INSIDE, YOU MUST PREPARE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES YOU WILL HAVE TO SHOULDER WHEN WE ATTAIN FREEDOM.

SAVARKAR HAD NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT SOONER OR LATER THE COUNTRY WOULD BECOME FREE.



A NEW ARRIVAL IN THE ANDAMANS, THROWN INTO A CELL, WAS LONELY, SAD AND DEJECTED. HE HAPPENED TO LOOK AT THE WALL.



SAVARKAR AND HIS FRIENDS BEGAN TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH "TELEGRAPH!" THEIR TELEGRAPH CONSISTED OF SOUNDS MADE BY THE TINGLING NOISE OF THE FETTERS THAT BOUND THEM.



NANI GOPAL WANTED TO BE RECOGNISED AS A POLITICAL PRISONER. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. WHEN PUNISHED, HE REFUSED TO PUT ON CLOTHES.



THAT WAS THE POEM SCRIBBLED BY SAVARKAR BEFORE HE WAS REMOVED TO ANOTHER CELL. IT WAS A POEM ADDRESSED TO MOTHER INDIA.



SAVARKAR AND HIS FRIENDS CONTINUED TO TOIL. ONE DAY, NANI GOPAL, A BENGALI REVOLUTIONARY, STRUCK WORK.



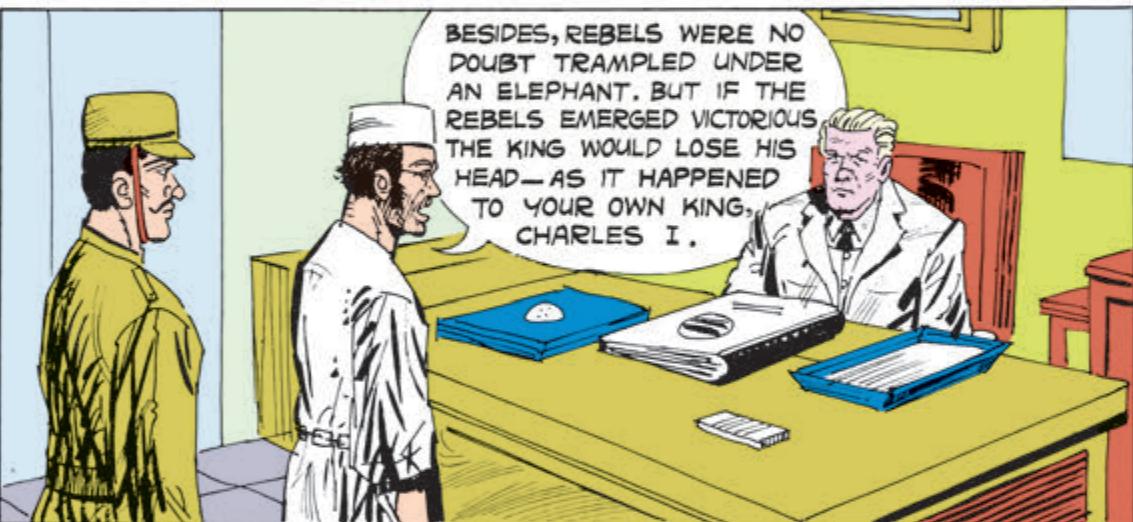
MEANWHILE, SOME PRISONERS HAD MANAGED TO SMUGGLE OUT LETTERS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE ILL TREATMENT METED OUT TO THEM. THESE LETTERS REACHED THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED THEM. THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMPELLED TO TAKE NOTICE.



CRADDOCK WENT ROUND THE JAIL AND LATER HAD A TALK WITH SAVARKAR.

WE ARE MUCH KINDER THAN YOU REALISE MR. SAVARKAR. HAD YOU REVOLTED AGAINST YOUR RAJAS, THEY WOULD HAVE HAD YOU TRAMPLED BY ELEPHANTS.

FOR THAT MATTER, IN THE DAYS YOU SPEAK OF, A MAN IN ENGLAND WOULD HAVE BEEN BEHEADED FOR COMMITTING A THEFT.



CRADDOCK WENT AWAY. NANI GOPAL CONTINUED WITH HIS HUNGER STRIKE.

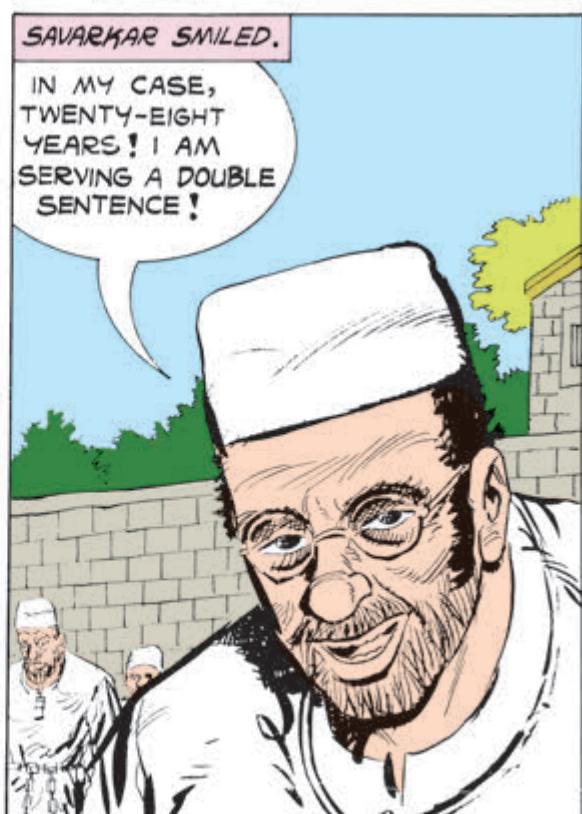
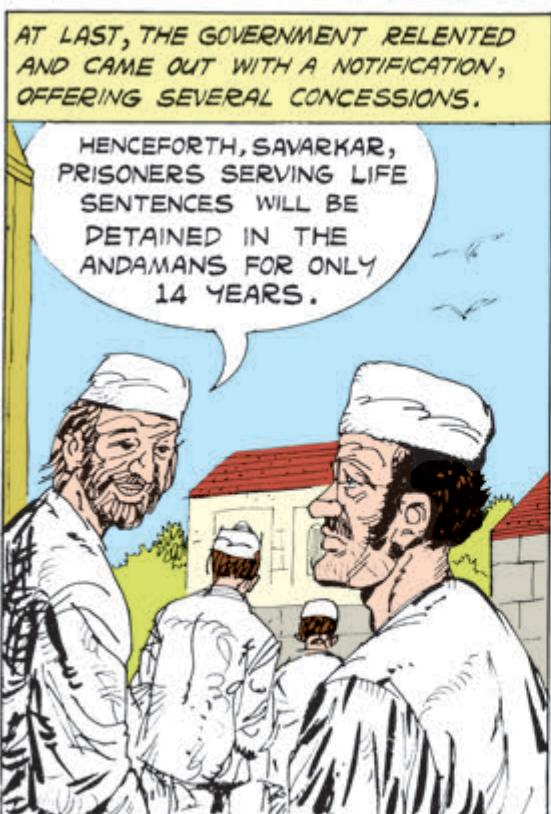
NANI GOPAL IS ON THE VERGE OF DYING. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE HIM GIVE UP.

SAVARKAR HIMSELF WENT ON A HUNGER STRIKE.

SAVARKAR,
I FEEL GUILTY
THAT YOU HAVE
GIVEN UP FOOD
ON ACCOUNT
OF ME.



NANI GOPAL GAVE UP HIS HUNGER STRIKE, AND THE PRISONERS STRUCK WORK. THEY REFUSED TO RUN THE HATED OIL MILL.



AFTER WORLD WAR I ENDED, A ROYAL PROCLAMATION WAS ISSUED DECLARING CLEMENCY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS. JAILS WERE THROWN OPEN AND POLITICAL PRISONERS WALKED OUT.



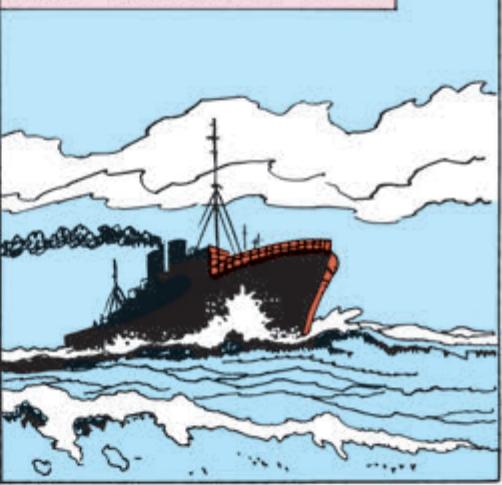
BUT SAVARKAR CONTINUED TO ROT IN THE ANDAMANS. HE WAS CONSIDERED TOO DANGEROUS TO BE FREED.



THREE YEARS LATER, IN 1921, SAVARKAR AND HIS BROTHER WERE REMOVED FROM THE ANDAMANS...



...AND BROUGHT BY SHIP...



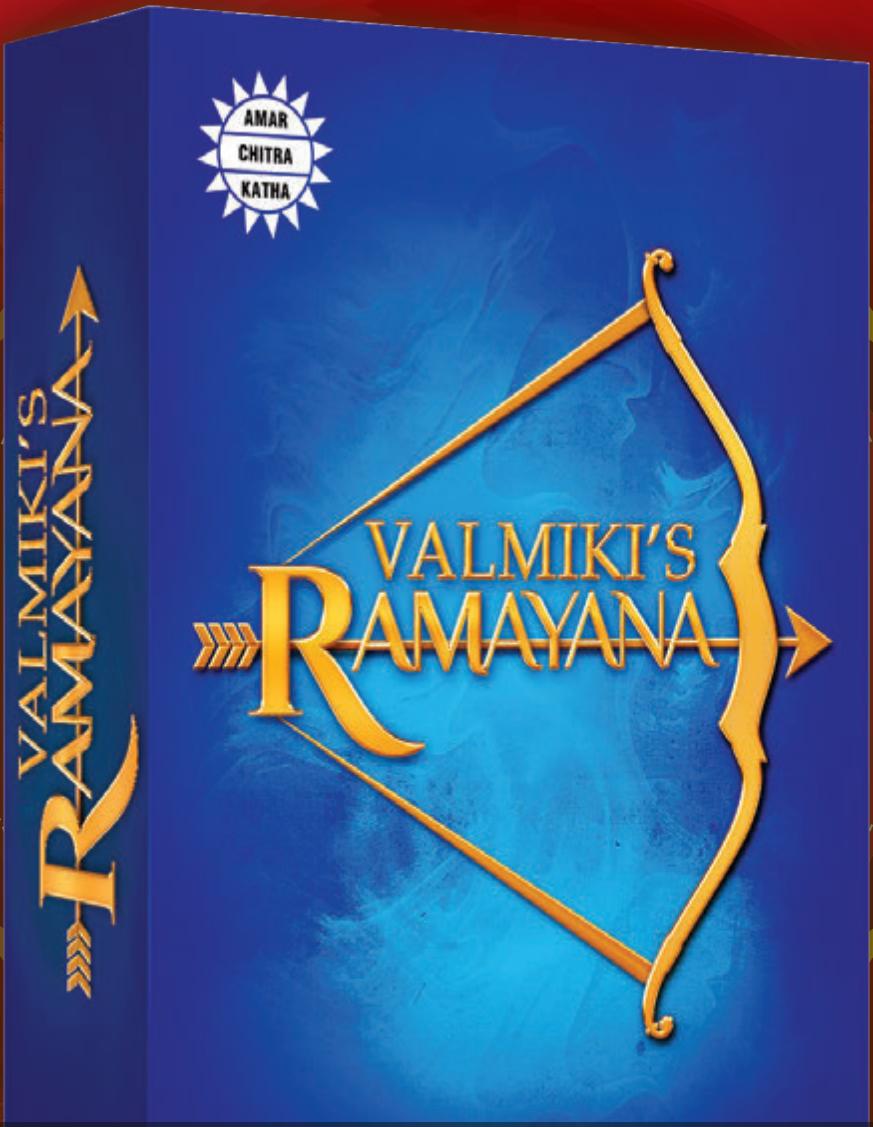
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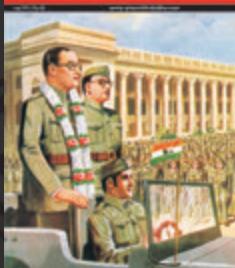
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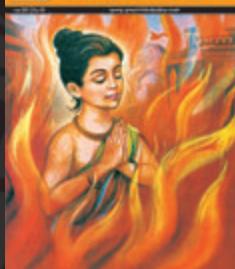


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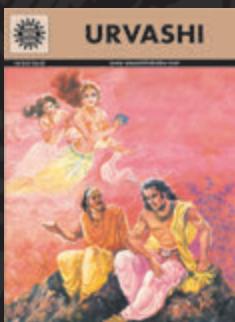


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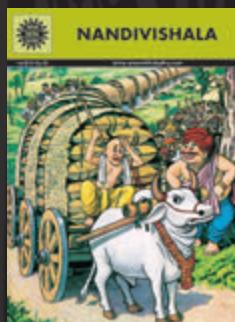
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