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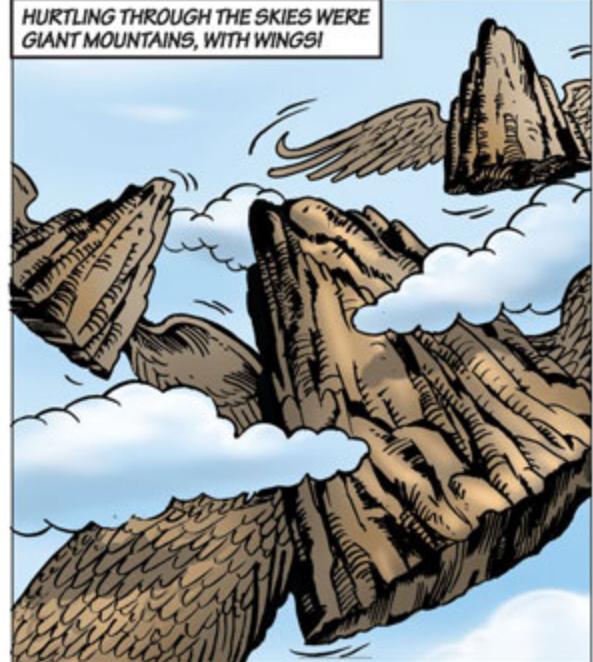
INDRA AND THE FLYING MOUNTAINS



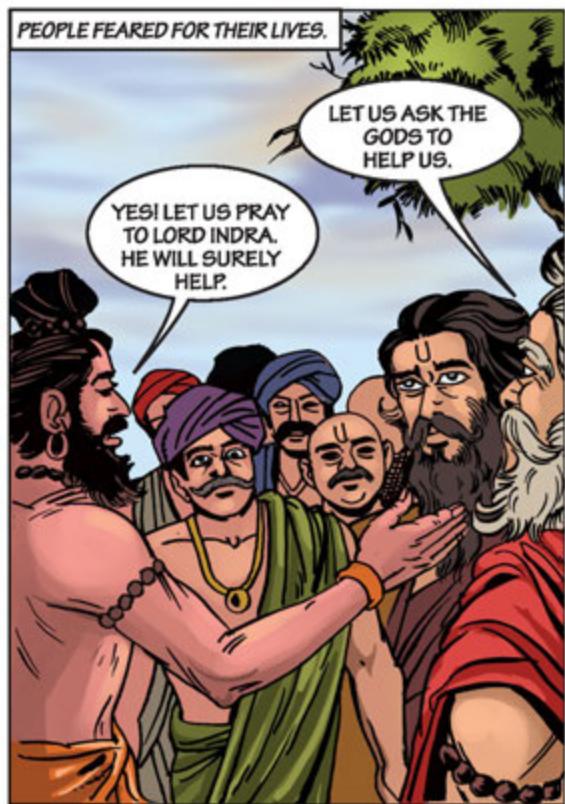
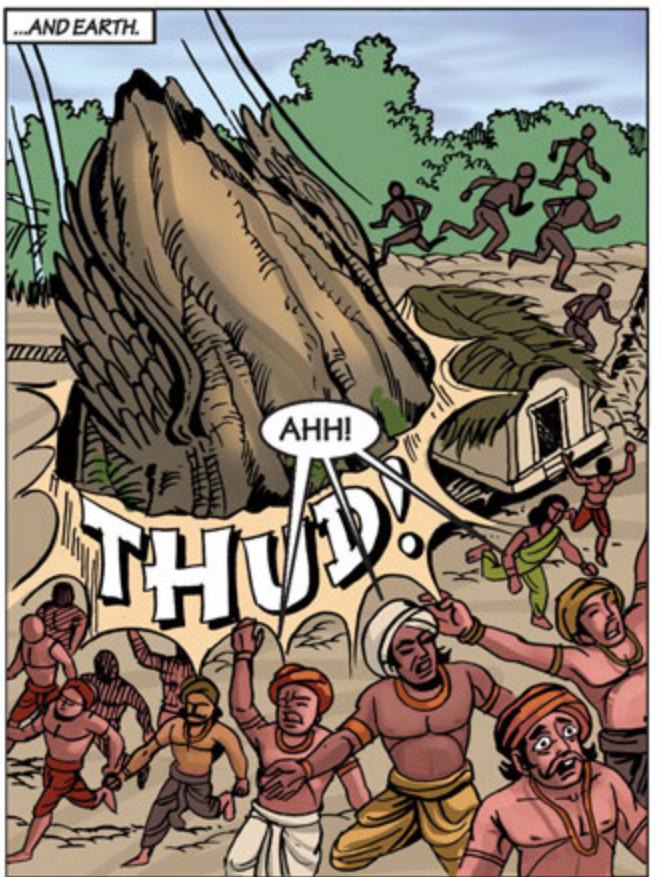
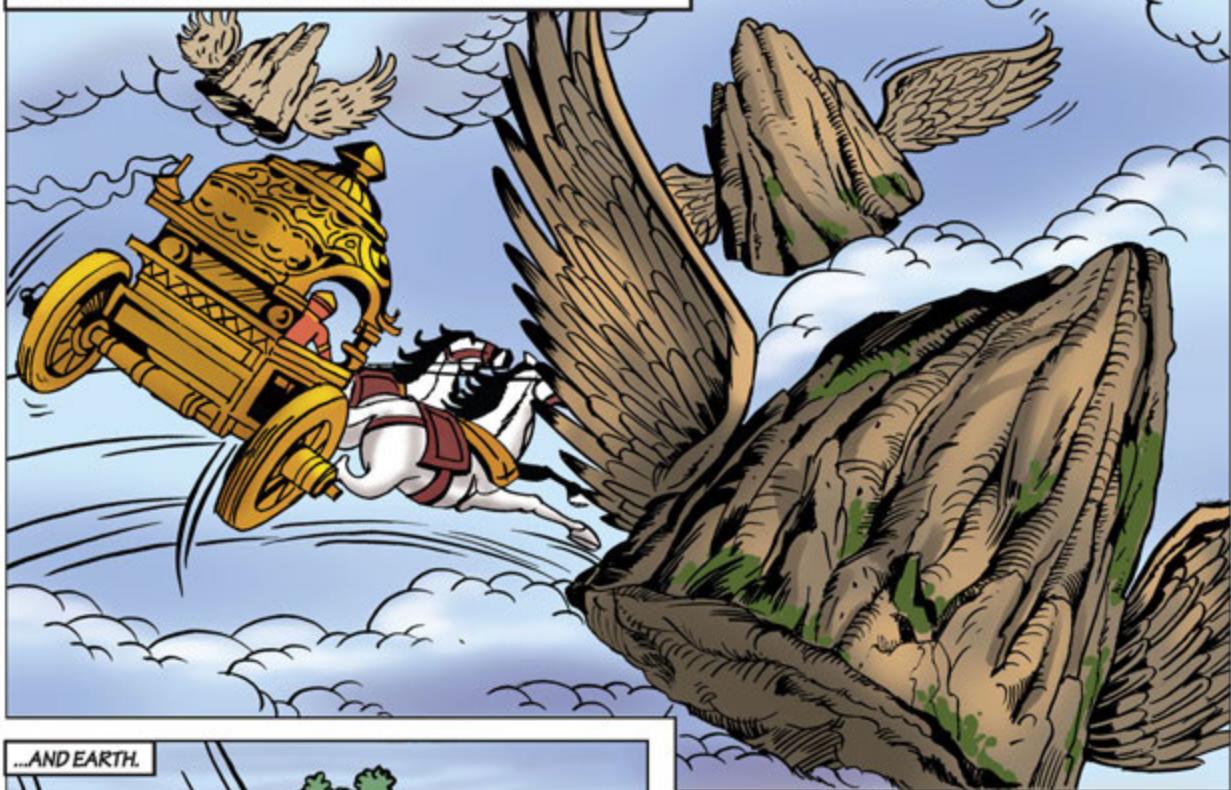
LONG LONG AGO, BIRDS AND GODS
WERE NOT THE ONLY THINGS THAT FLEW.



HURTLING THROUGH THE SKIES WERE
GIANT MOUNTAINS, WITH WINGS!

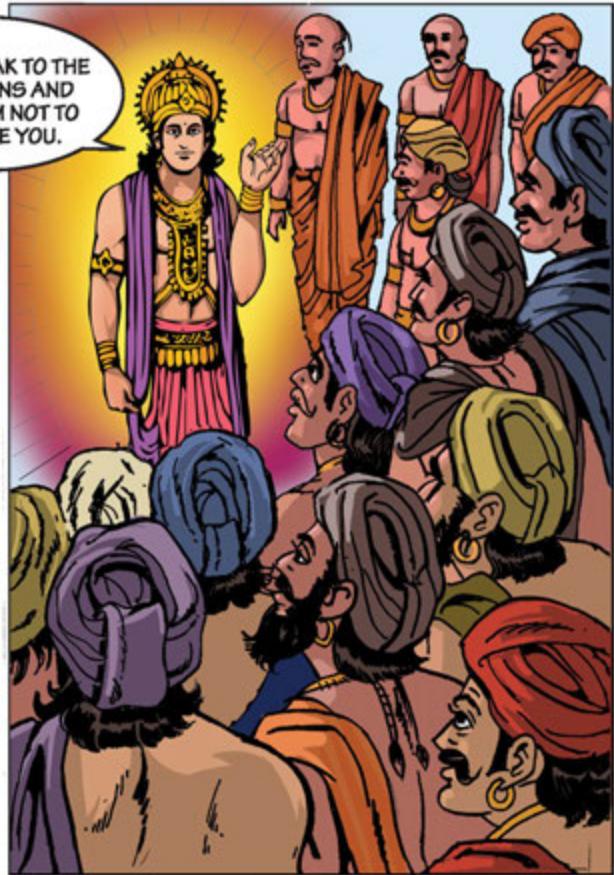
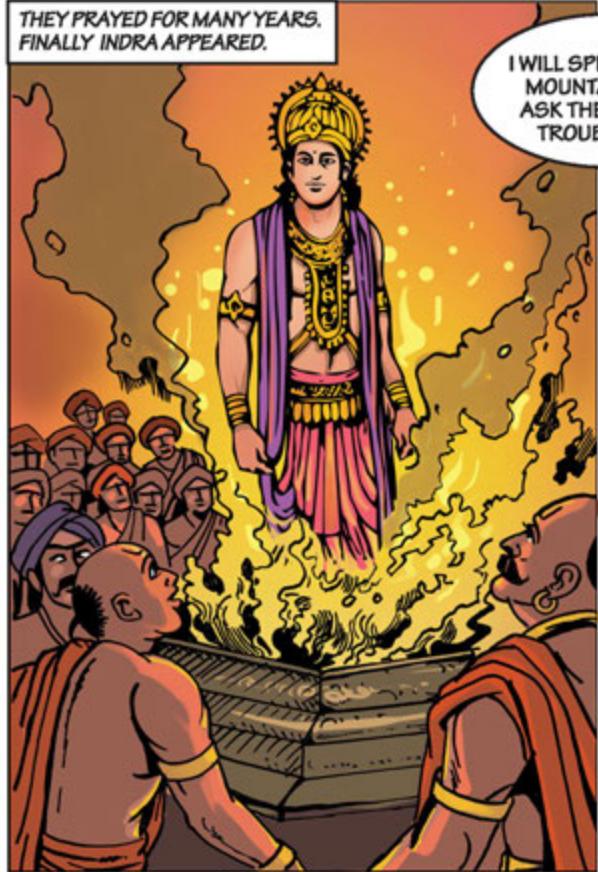


THEY SOARED THROUGH THE SKY AND LANDED WHEREVER THEY CHOSE TO. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CREATED CHAOS IN BOTH HEAVEN...



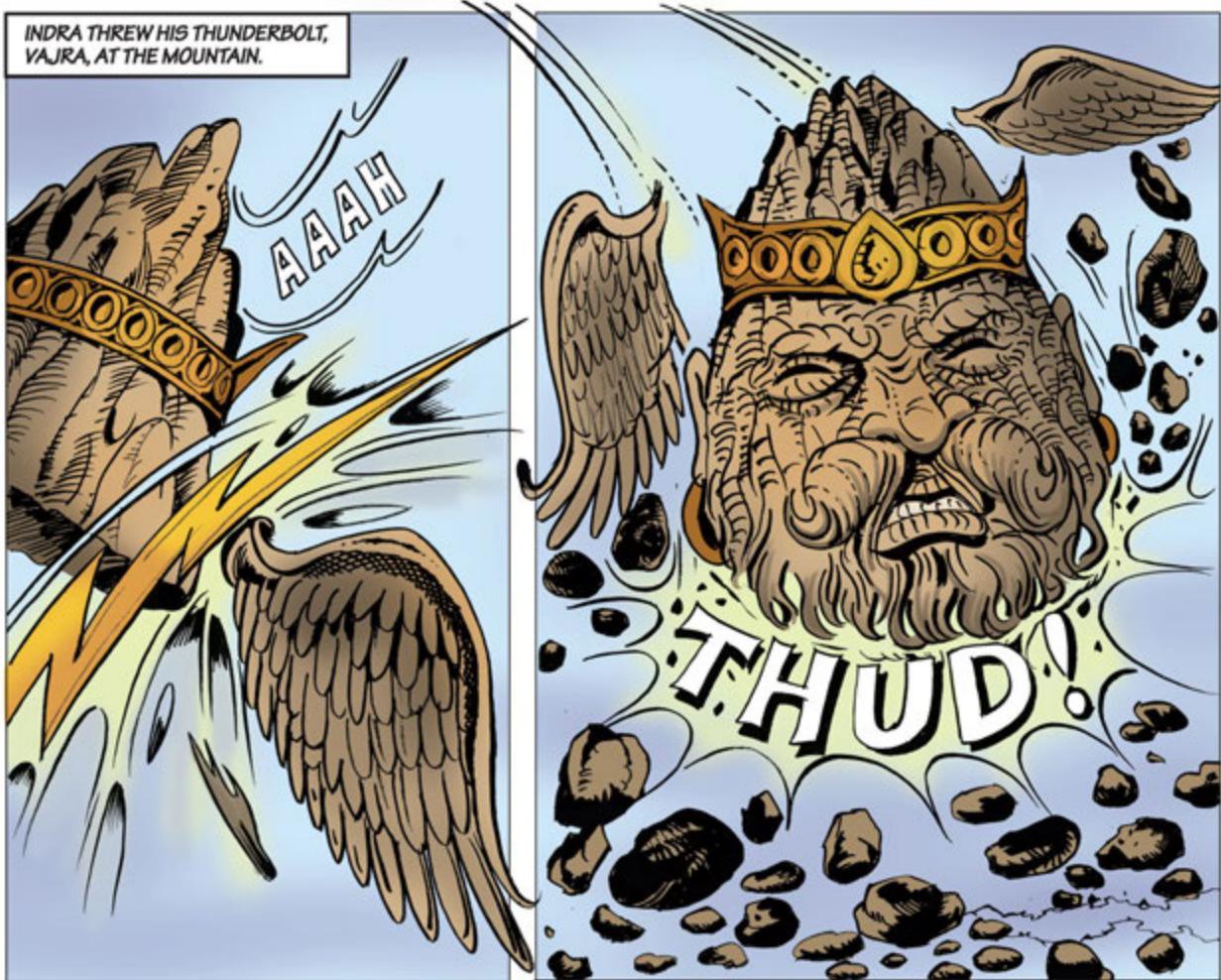
THEY PRAYED FOR MANY YEARS.
FINALLY INDRA APPEARED.

I WILL SPEAK TO THE
MOUNTAINS AND
ASK THEM NOT TO
TROUBLE YOU.



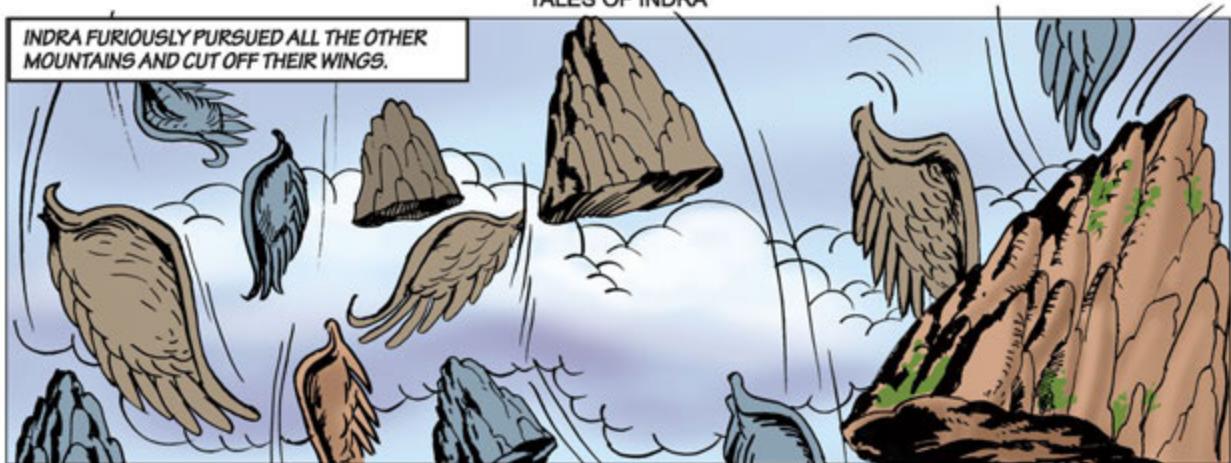
IT WAS EASIER SAID THAN DONE. WHEN INDRA WENT TO THE KING OF THE MOUNTAINS -



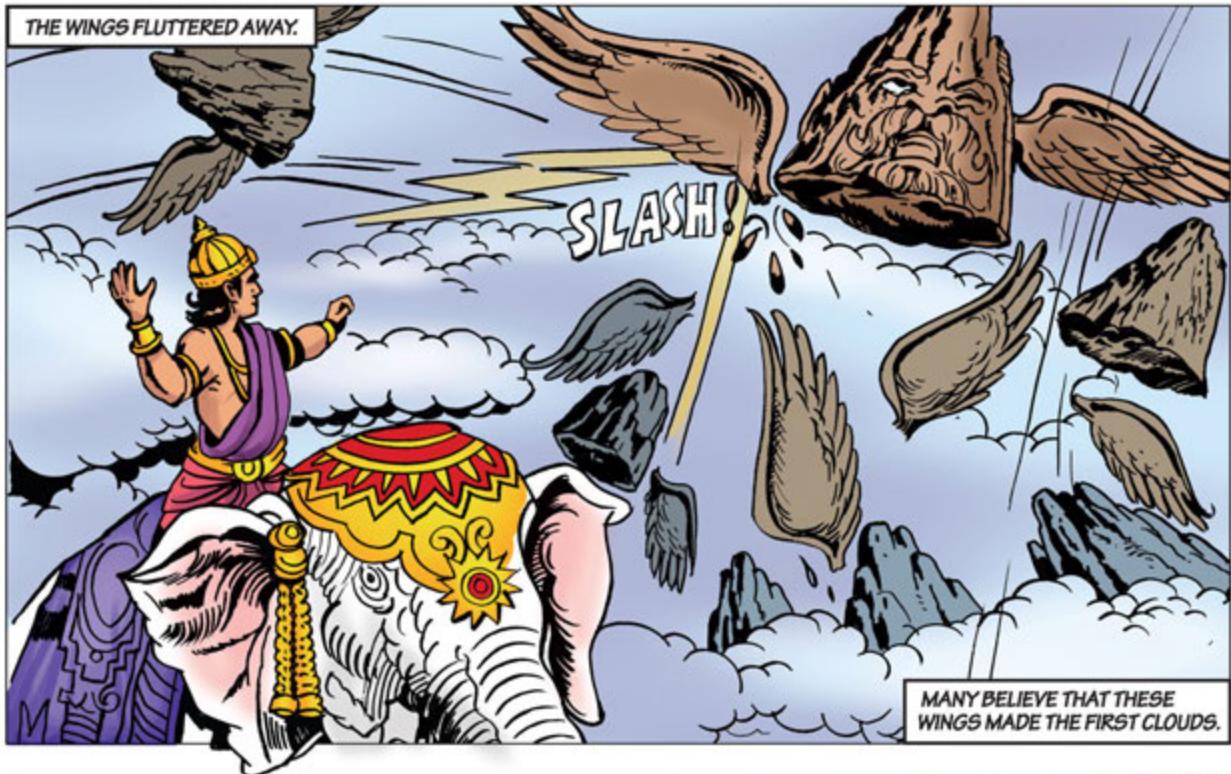


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INDRA FURIOUSLY PURSUED ALL THE OTHER MOUNTAINS AND CUT OFF THEIR WINGS.



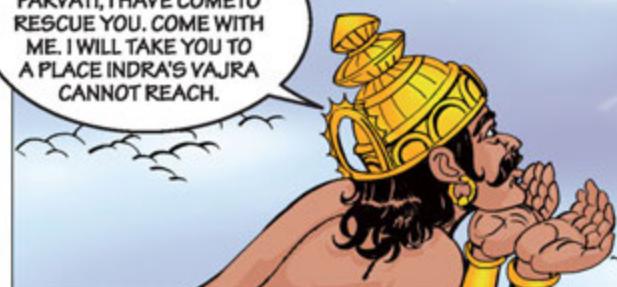
THE WINGS FLUTTERED AWAY.



MANY BELIEVE THAT THESE WINGS MADE THE FIRST CLOUDS.

ONLY ONE MOUNTAIN, MAINAKA, THE GOLDEN-HEARTED, THE KINDEST MOUNTAIN OF ALL, MANAGED TO ESCAPE. AS HE FLED -

O MAINAKA*, BROTHER OF PARVATI, I HAVE COME TO RESCUE YOU. COME WITH ME. I WILL TAKE YOU TO A PLACE INDRA'S VAJRA CANNOT REACH.



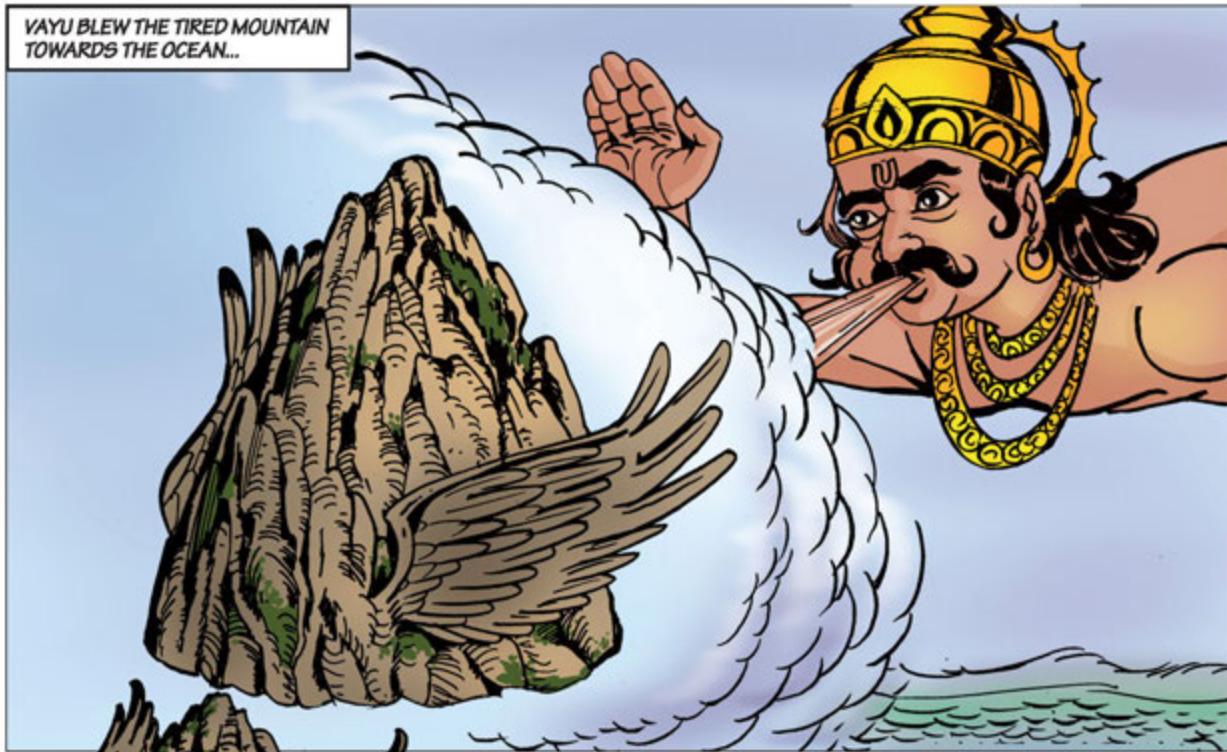
O VAYU**, I AM INDEBTED TO YOU FOR YOUR HELP.



* MAINAKA WAS THE SON OF HIMAVAN AND MENA. PARVATI, WIFE OF SHIVA, WAS THEIR DAUGHTER.

** THE WIND GOD

VAYU BLEW THE TIRED MOUNTAIN TOWARDS THE OCEAN...



...BUT INDRA SAW THEM FLEE!



VAYU LIFTED MAINAKA IN HIS POWERFUL WINDS AND TOOK HIM TO THE OCEAN.



IMMEDIATELY, THE GREAT WATERS GURGLED AND WHIRLED UNTIL THERE WAS SPACE FOR MAINAKA.

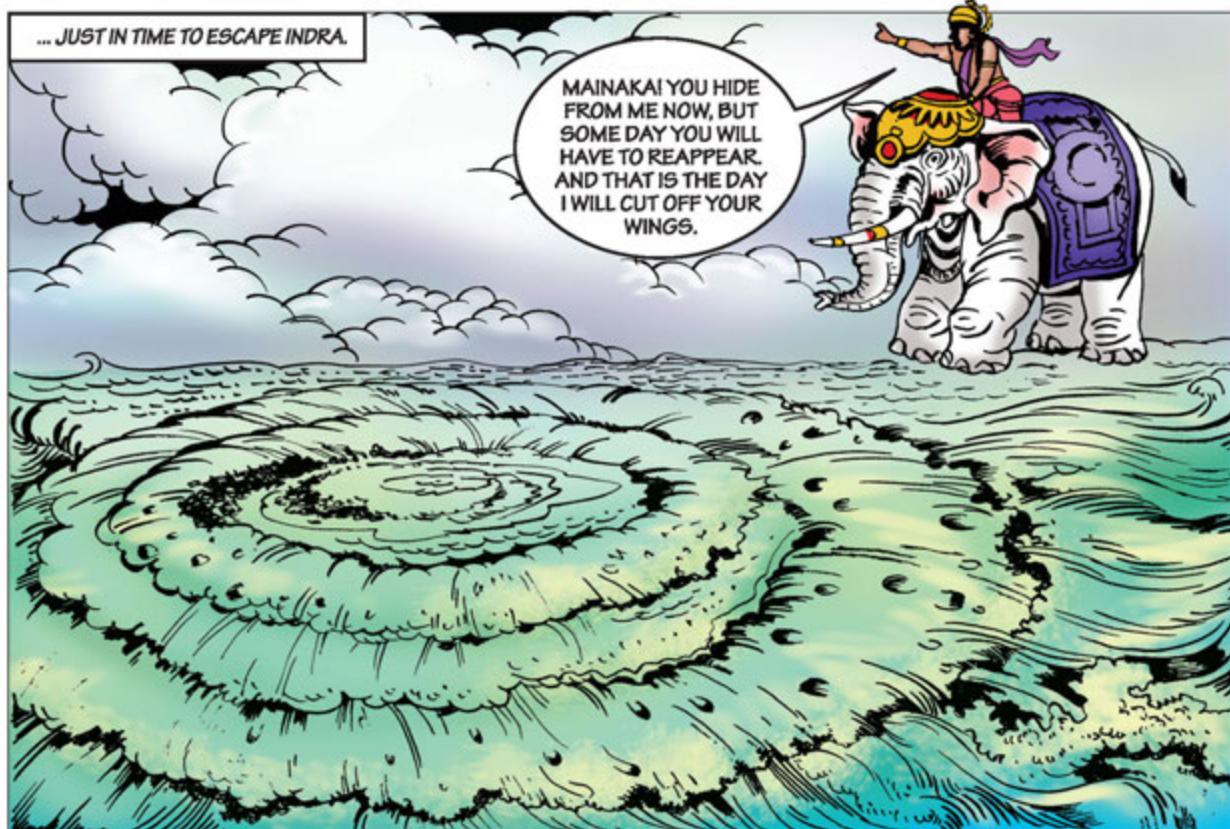


THE GRATEFUL MOUNTAIN SANK IN AND WAS SOON SWALLOWED UP BY SAGARA...



... JUST IN TIME TO ESCAPE INDRA.

MAINAKAI YOU HIDE FROM ME NOW, BUT SOME DAY YOU WILL HAVE TO REAPPEAR. AND THAT IS THE DAY I WILL CUT OFF YOUR WINGS.



SAGARA CONSOLED MAINAKA -



DON'T WORRY, MIGHTY MAINAKA. I KNOW INDRA WELL. HE IS ANGRY NOW BUT SOON HIS TEMPER WILL COOL AND HE MIGHT FORGIVE YOU.



NOT WANTING TO TAKE A CHANCE, MAINAKA STAYED UNDER THE OCEAN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS...



...UNTIL ONE DAY -



IT IS HANUMAN!
HE IS GOING TO HELP MY
KINSMAN, RAMA, WHOSE
BELOVED WIFE, SITA, HAS
BEEN KIDNAPPED BY THE
EVIL RAVANA.



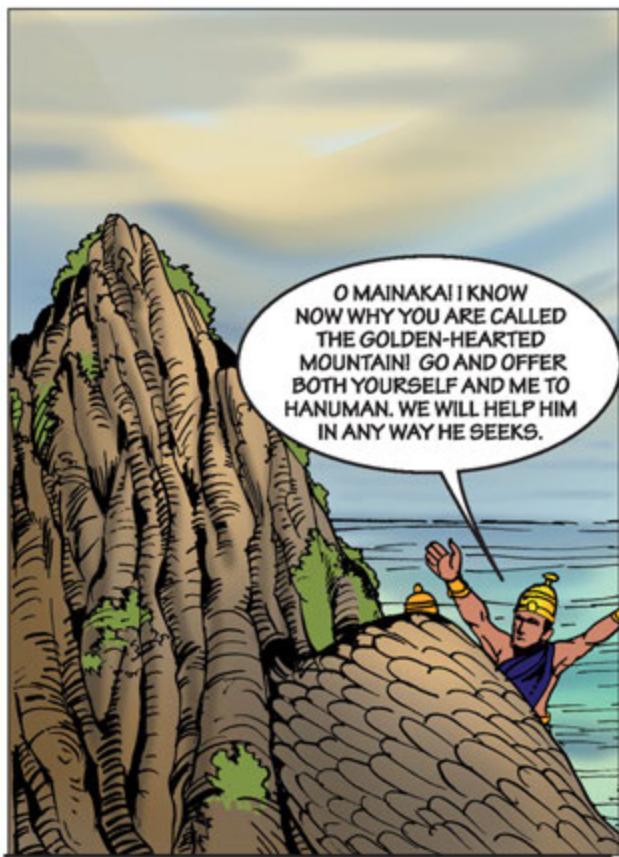
YOU MUST
OFFER HIM SOME
REST. HE HAS A LONG
WAY TO GO BEFORE
HE CONFRONTS
RAVANA IN
LANKA.

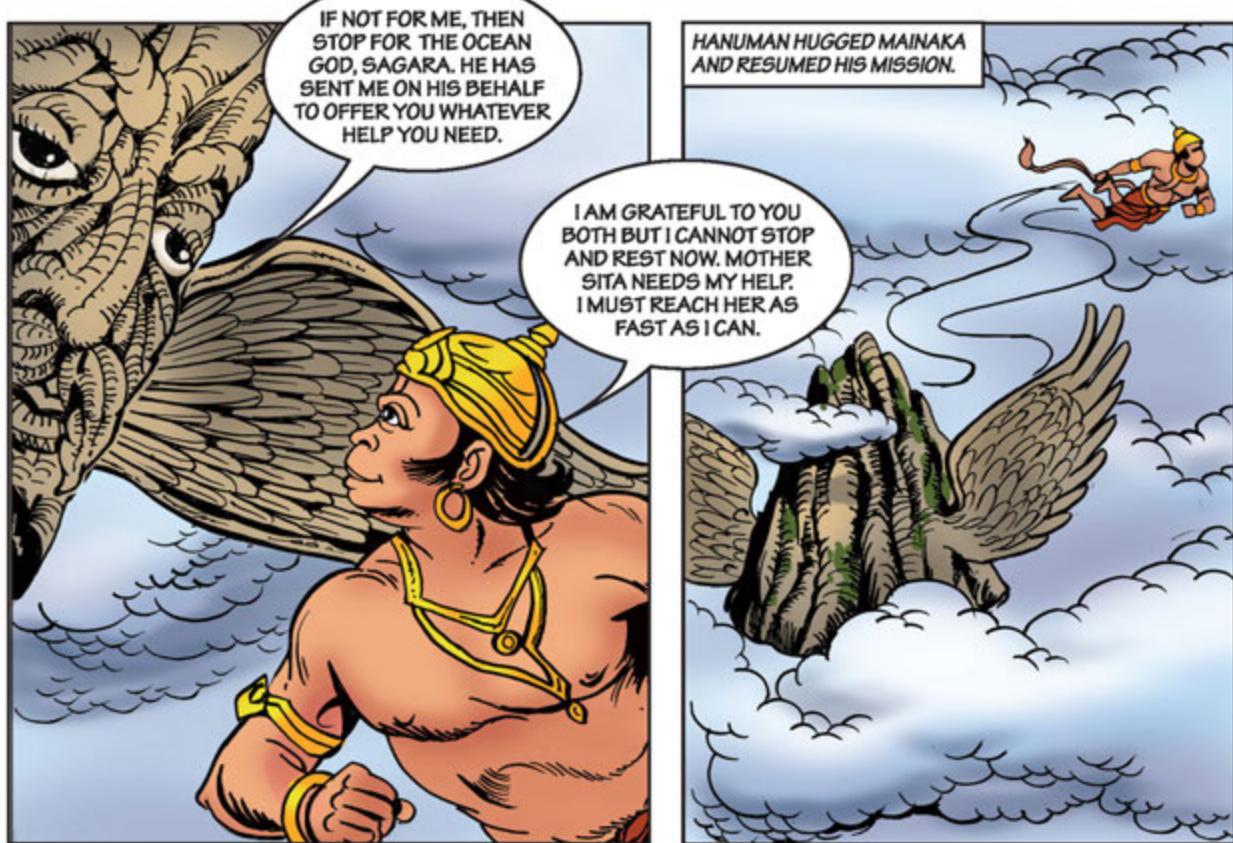
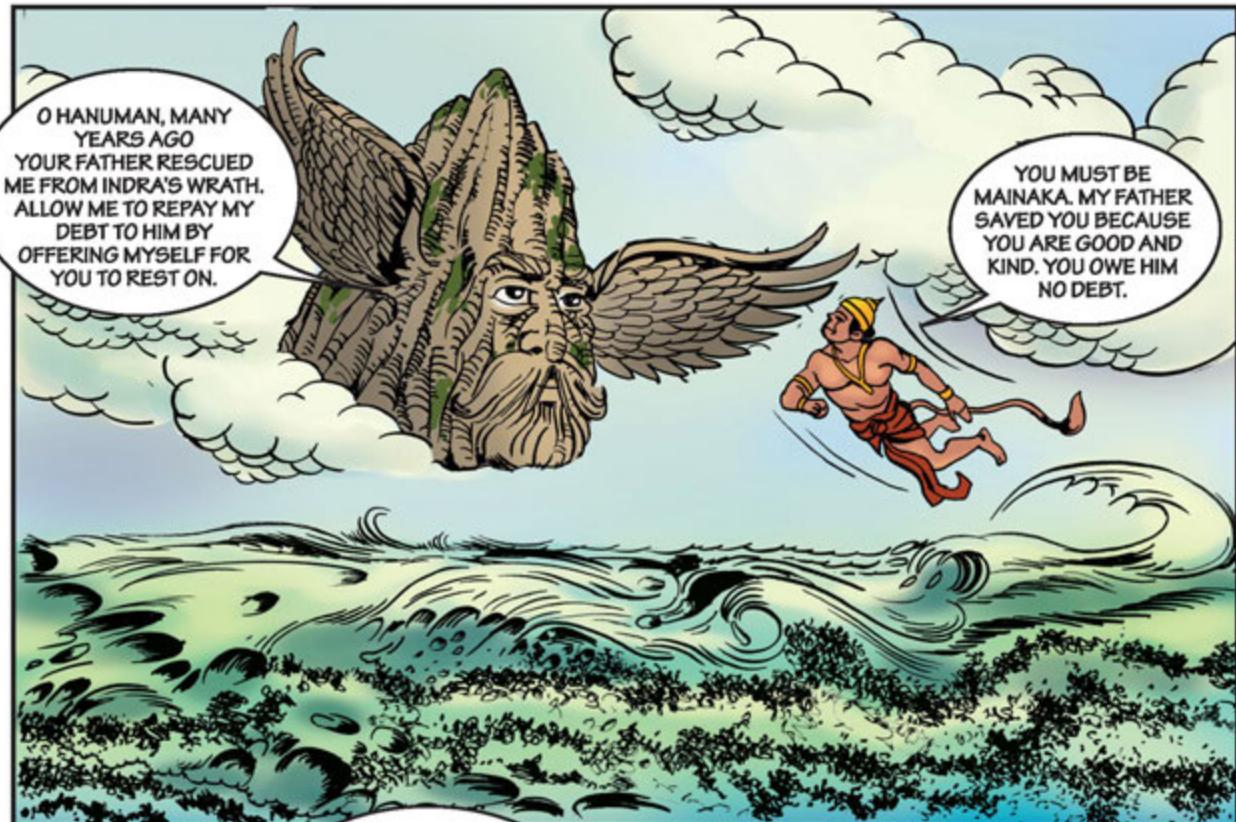
HOW WILL
HE REST ON
WATER?

O SAGARA, YOU HAVE SHELTERED ME
ALL THESE YEARS BUT NOW I ASK YOUR
PERMISSION TO HELP HIM WHO FLIES
FAST TOWARDS US - HANUMAN, SON OF
VAYU. IT WAS VAYU WHO RESCUED ME AND
BROUGHT ME TO YOU. THIS IS MY CHANCE
TO REPAY MY DEBT.

JUST THEN THE WATERS HEAVED AND
FROM DEEP BELOW THE OCEAN, ROSE
THE MIGHTY MAINAKA.



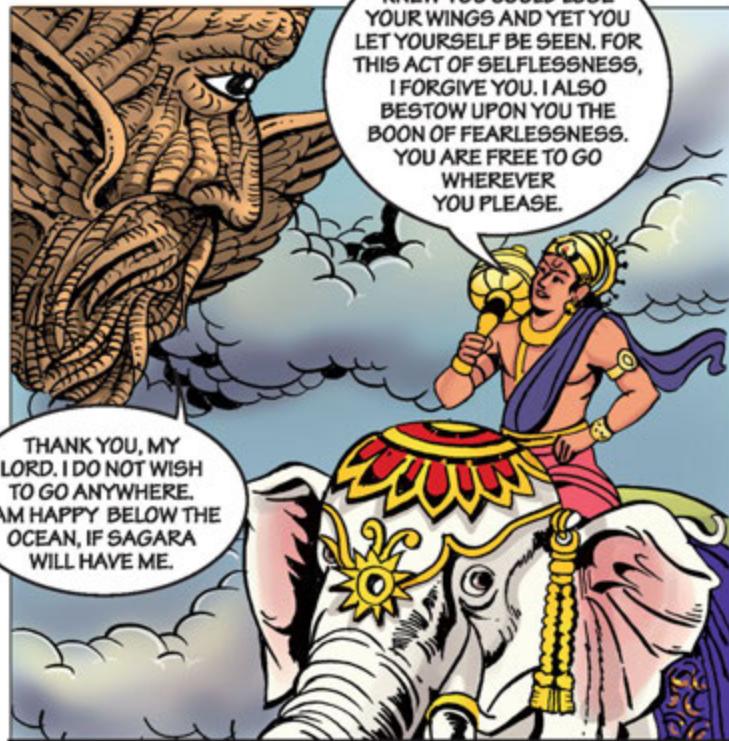




MEANWHILE, UP IN HEAVEN, INDRA HAD SEEN THE WHOLE EXCHANGE.



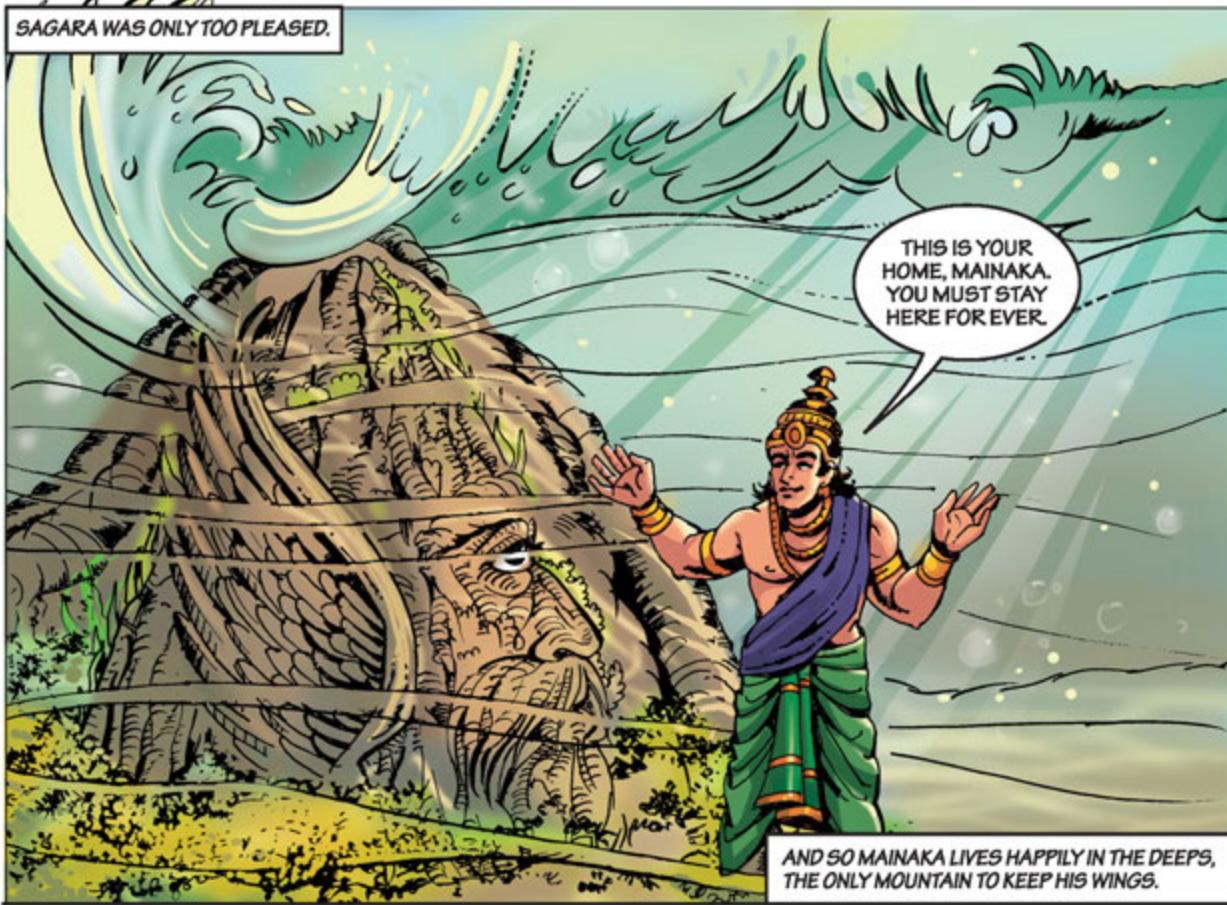
HMM....MAYBE I HAVE MISJUDGED MAINAKA. HE RISKED BEING SEEN BY ME WHEN HE CAME OUT TO HELP HANUMAN.



THANK YOU, MY LORD. I DO NOT WISH TO GO ANYWHERE. I AM HAPPY BELOW THE OCEAN, IF SAGARA WILL HAVE ME.

O MAINAKA, YOU KNEW YOU COULD LOSE YOUR WINGS AND YET YOU LET YOURSELF BE SEEN. FOR THIS ACT OF SELFLESSNESS, I FORGIVE YOU. I ALSO BESTOW UPON YOU THE BOON OF FEARLESSNESS. YOU ARE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU PLEASE.

SAGARA WAS ONLY TOO PLEASED.



THIS IS YOUR HOME, MAINAKA. YOU MUST STAY HERE FOR EVER.

AND SO MAINAKA LIVES HAPPILY IN THE DEEPS, THE ONLY MOUNTAIN TO KEEP HIS WINGS.

INDRA AND THE MANY INDRAS

MY BELOVED HOME, INDRALOKA, LIES IN RUINS!

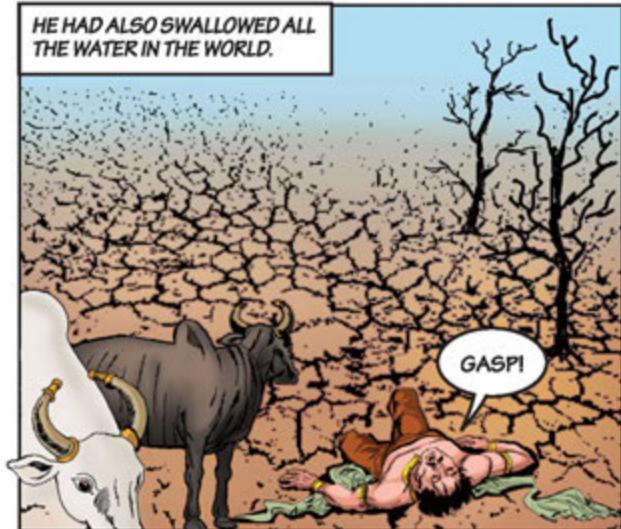
INDRA, LORD OF THE DEVAS, HAD JUST RETURNED FROM BATTLE. HE HAD VANQUISHED THE MIGHTY ASURA, VRITRA, BUT -



FOR MANY MONTHS, VRITRA HAD WRECKED HAVOC ON THE GODS.



HE HAD ALSO SWALLOWED ALL THE WATER IN THE WORLD.



FINALLY, INDRA ATTACKED VRITRASURA WITH HIS THUNDERBOLT...



... AND WITH A MIGHTY BLOW, KILLED HIM.

ALL THE WATER THAT VRITRA HELD CAME GUSHING OUT.



INDRA RETURNED TO A TUMULTUOUS WELCOME IN INDRALOKA.



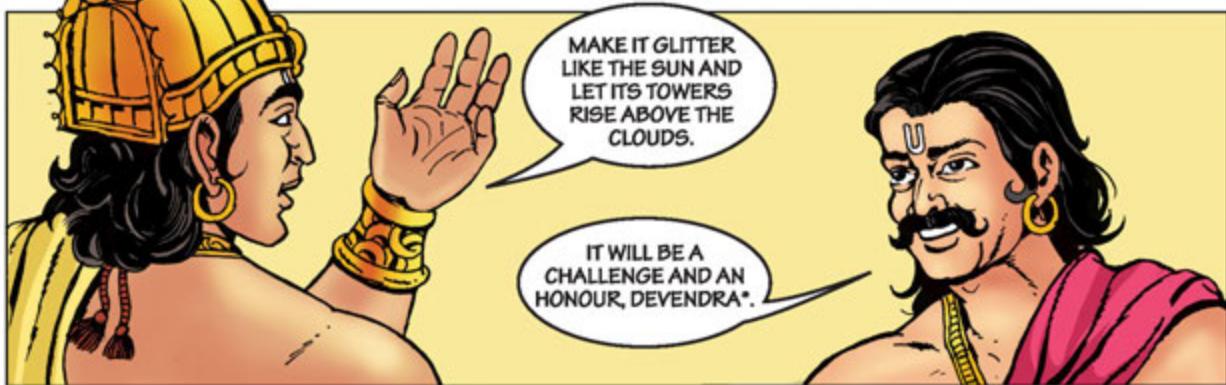
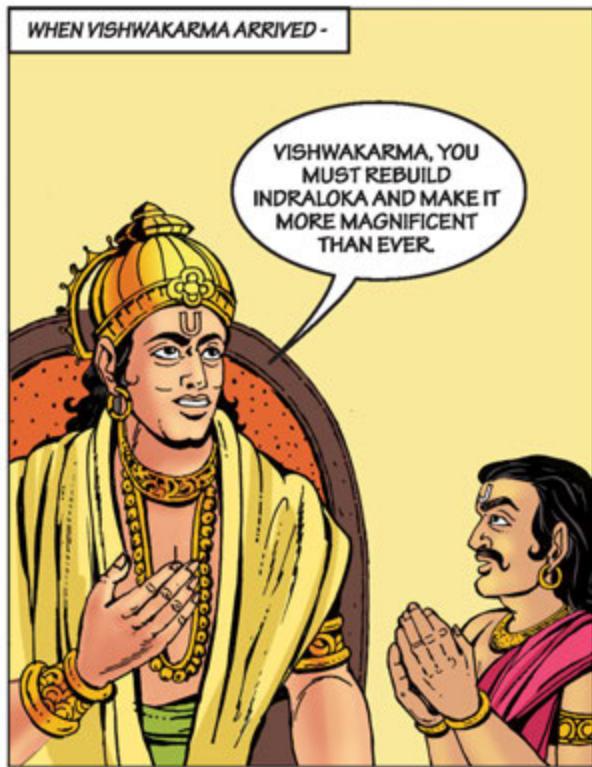
BUT THE CITY LAY DEVASTATED.



AND SO -



WHEN VISHWAKARMA ARRIVED -



VISHWAKARMA WENT AWAY, EXCITED BY THE RARE OPPORTUNITY. HE SET TO WORK AT ONCE.



*ANOTHER NAME FOR INDRA.

AFTER MANY MONTHS -

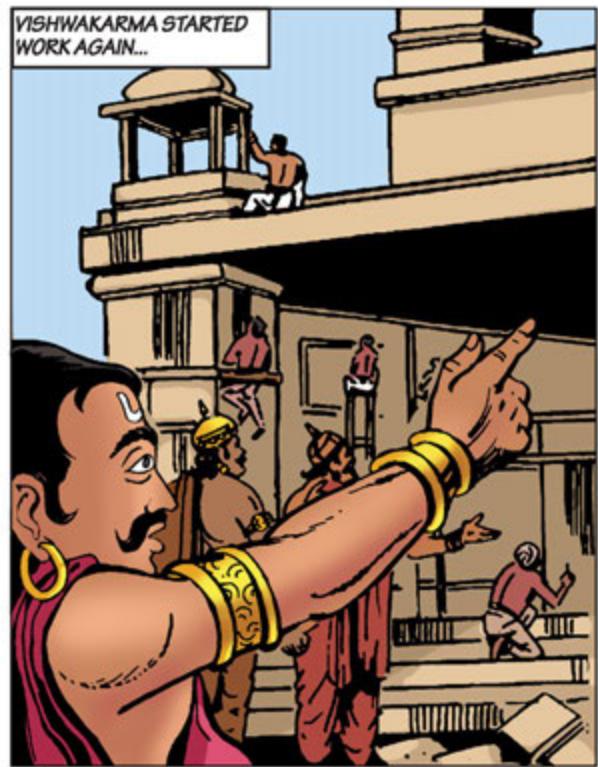
BEAUTIFUL! THE
BEST I HAVE EVER
DONE. I THINK IT'S
TIME TO SHOW
DEVENDRA.



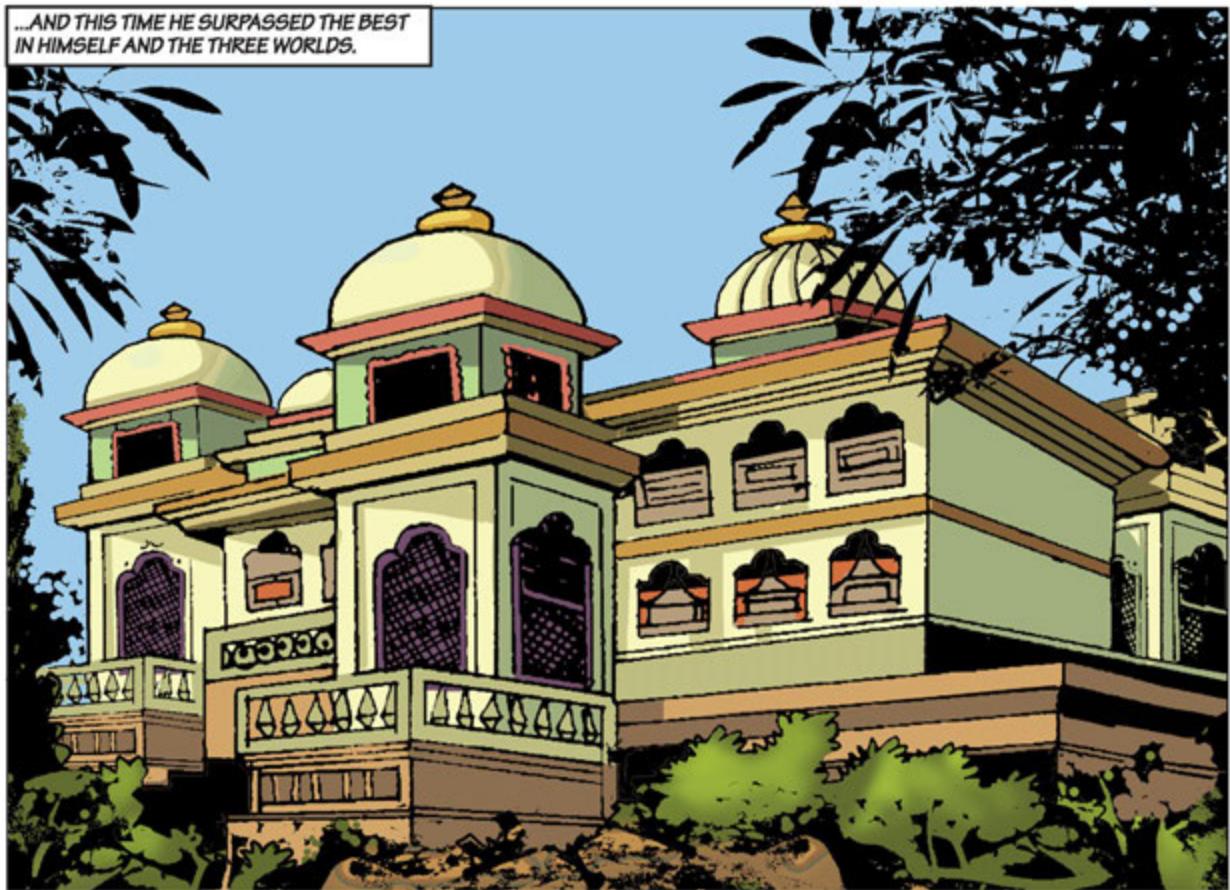
BUT WHEN INDRA ARRIVED -



O VISHWAKARMA,
THIS IS VERY
BEAUTIFUL, BUT ...

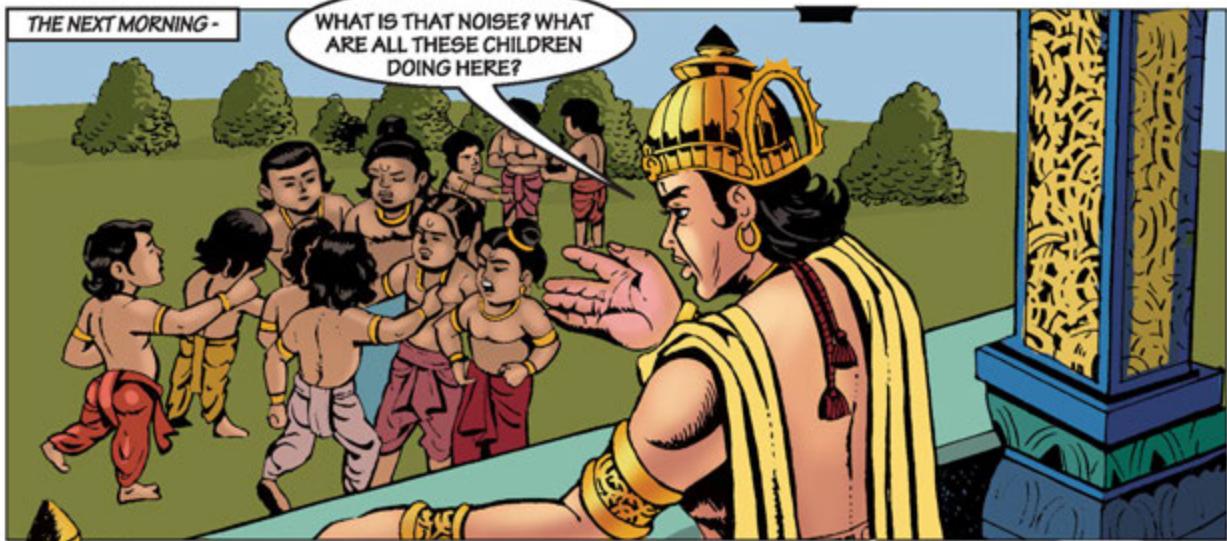


...AND THIS TIME HE SURPASSED THE BEST IN HIMSELF AND THE THREE WORLDS.

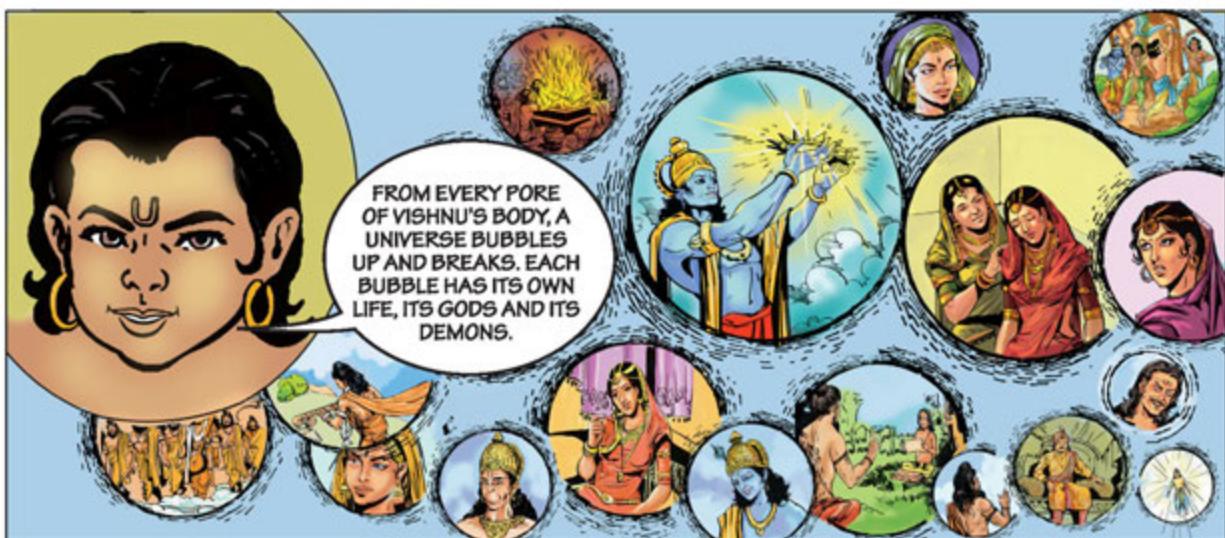


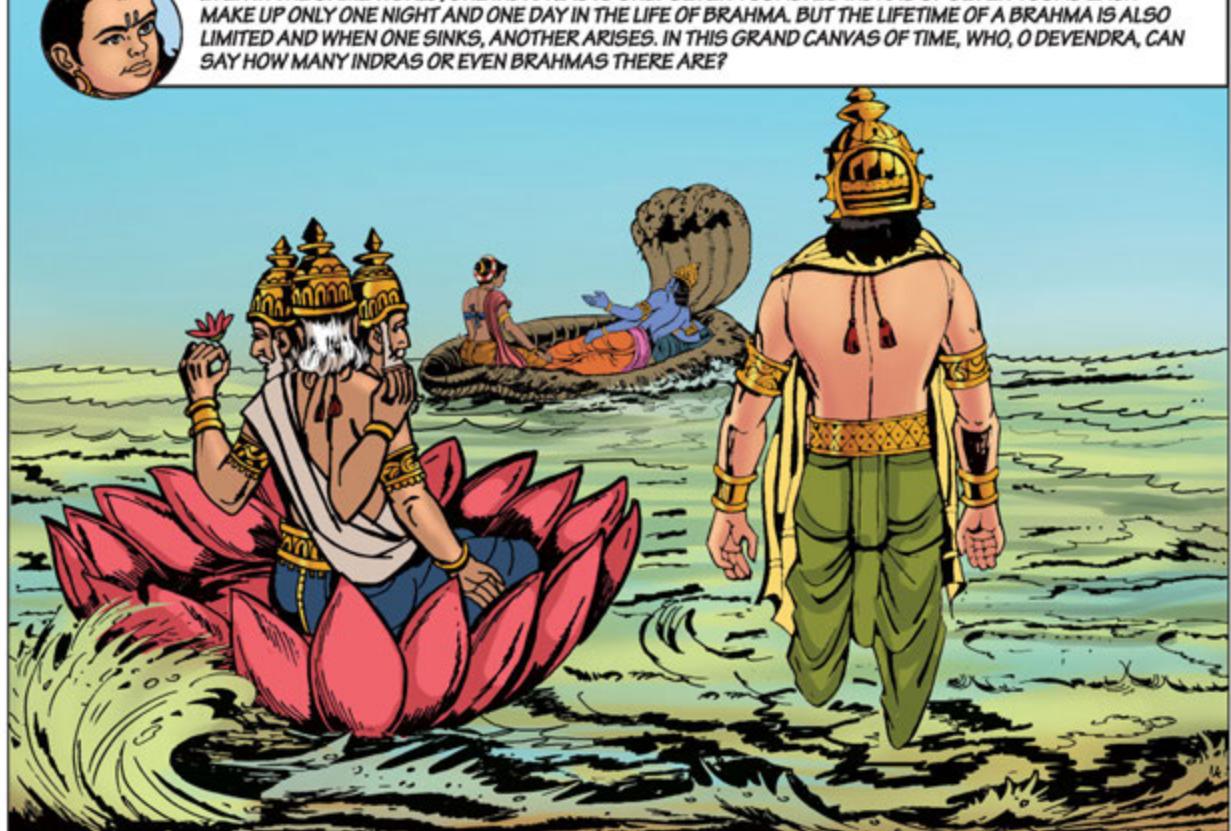


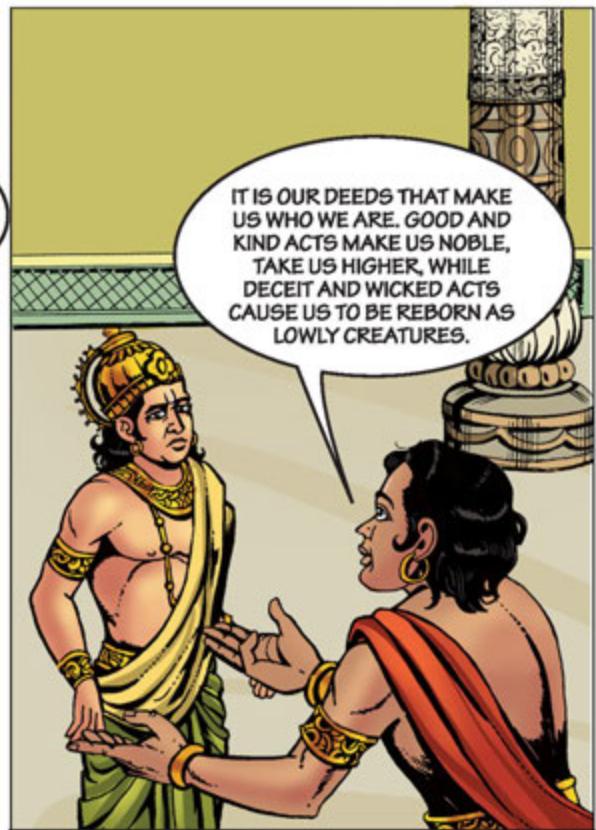
BRAHMA TURNED TO LORD VISHNU, WHO HEARD HIM OUT IN SILENCE. FINALLY -

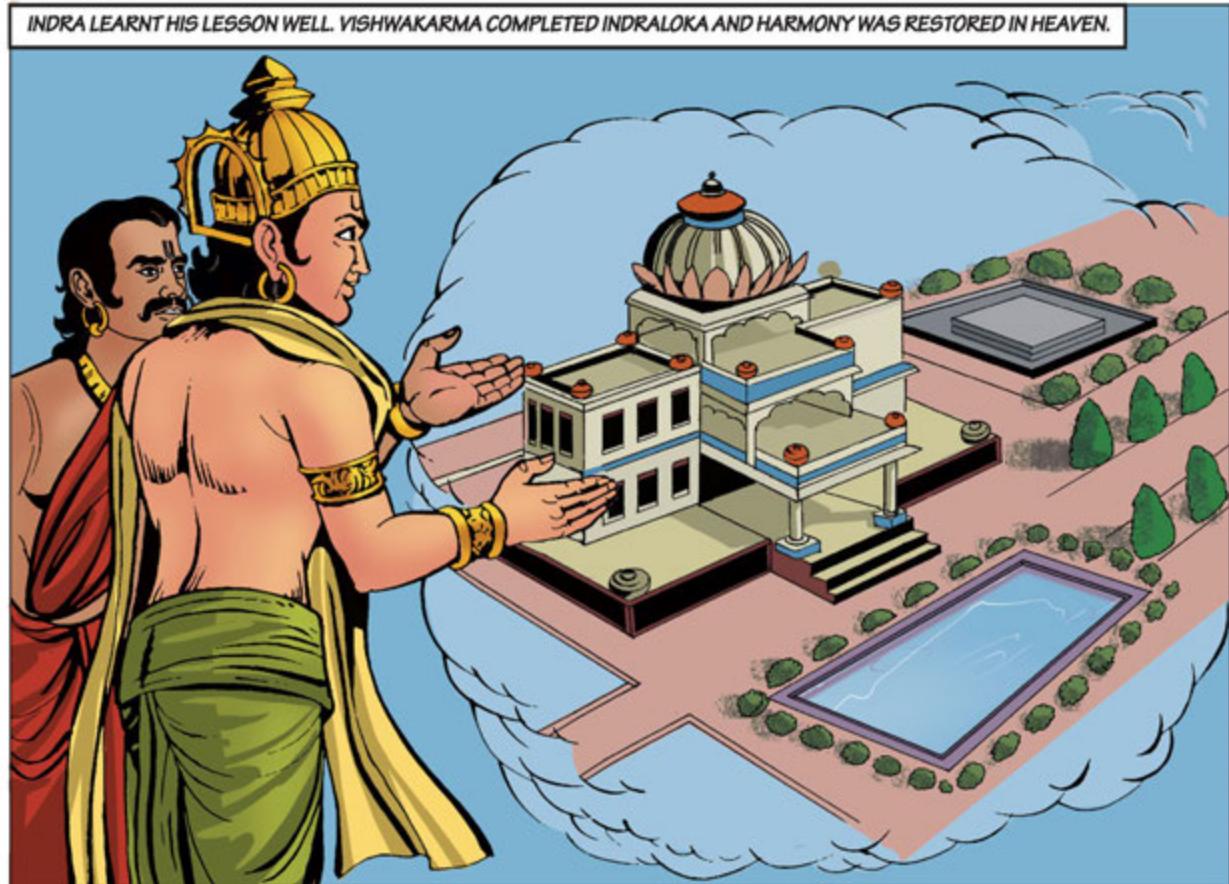
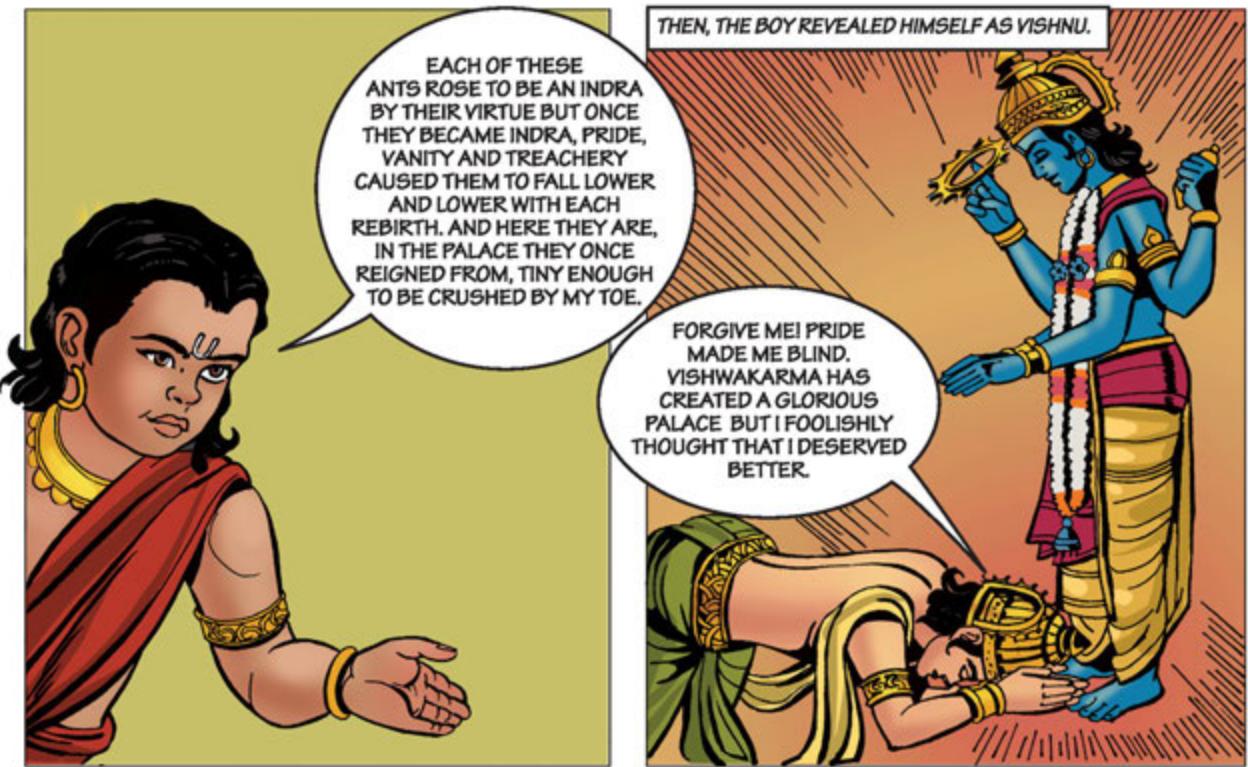






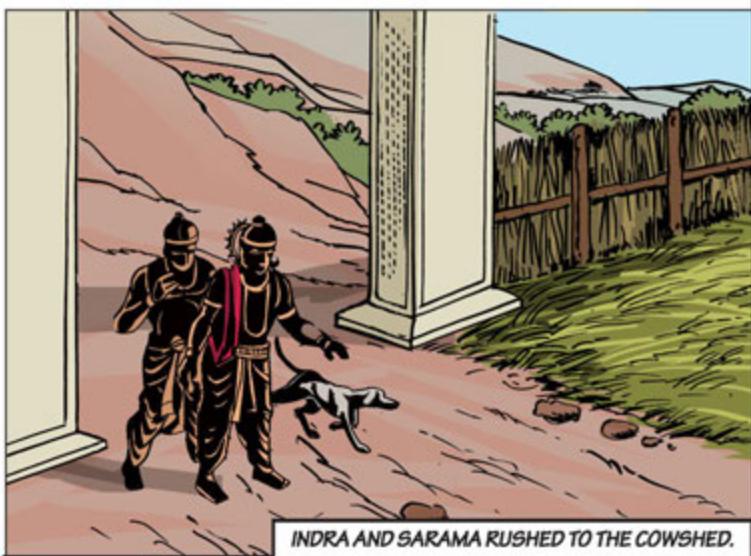
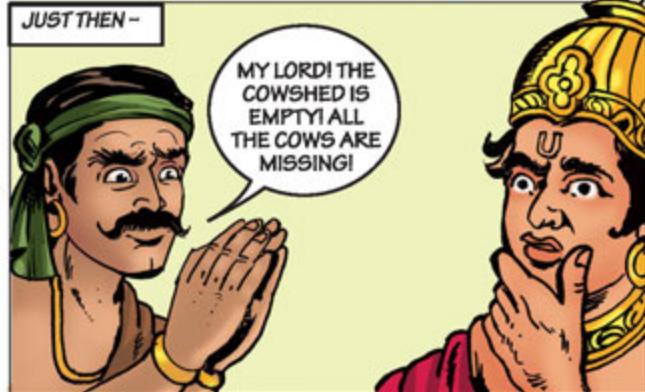




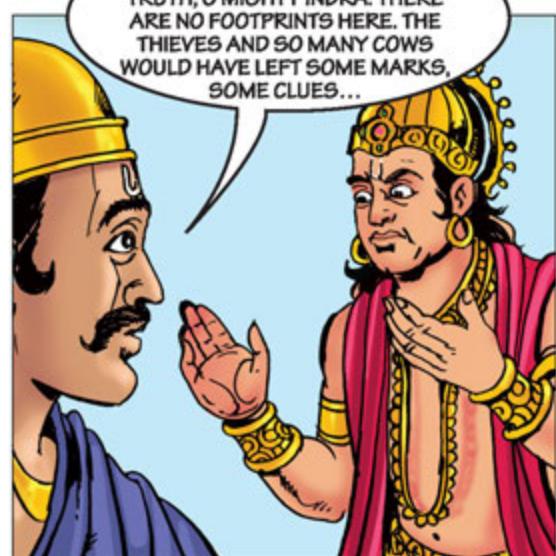
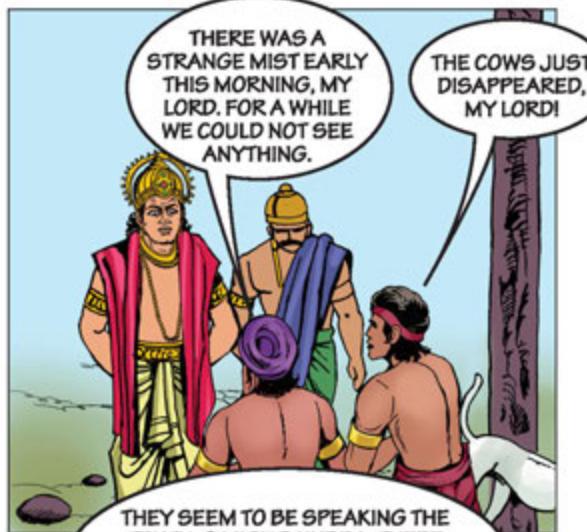


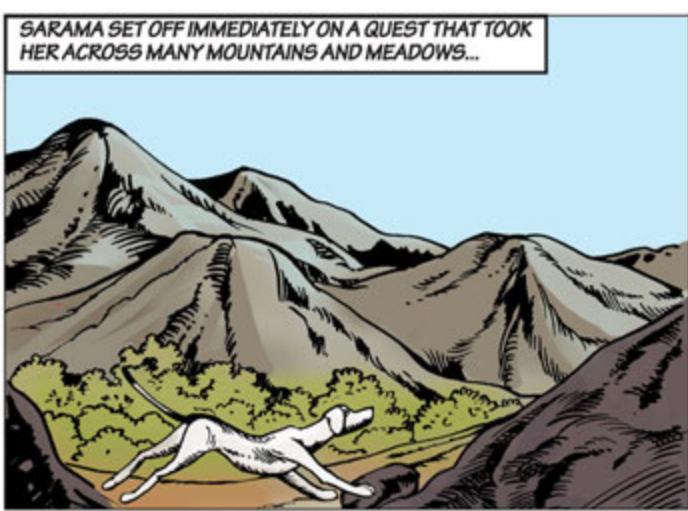
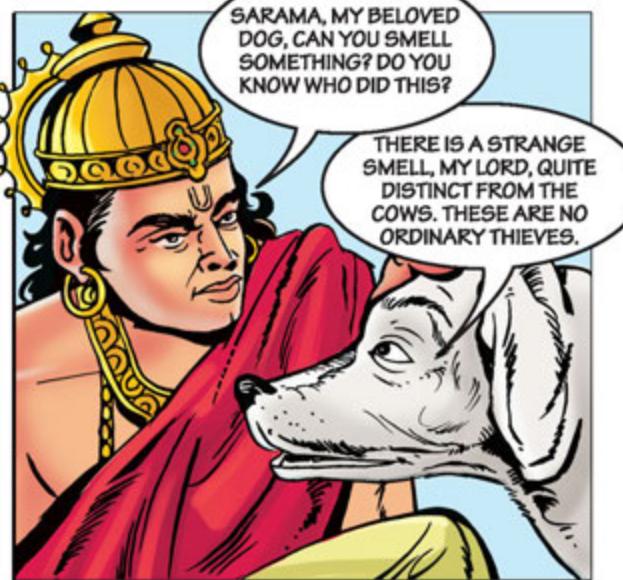
INDRA AND SARAMA

ALL WAS WELL IN AMRAVATI * AND INDRA WAS ENJOYING A MOMENT OF PEACE WITH HIS DOG, SARAMA.



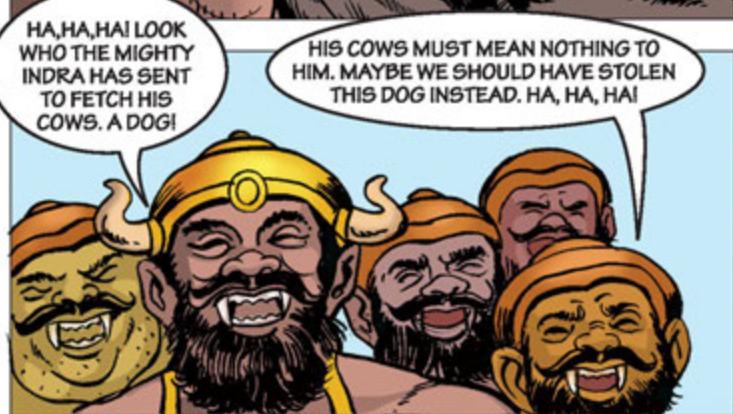
* INDRALOKA IS ALSO KNOWN AS AMRAVATI.



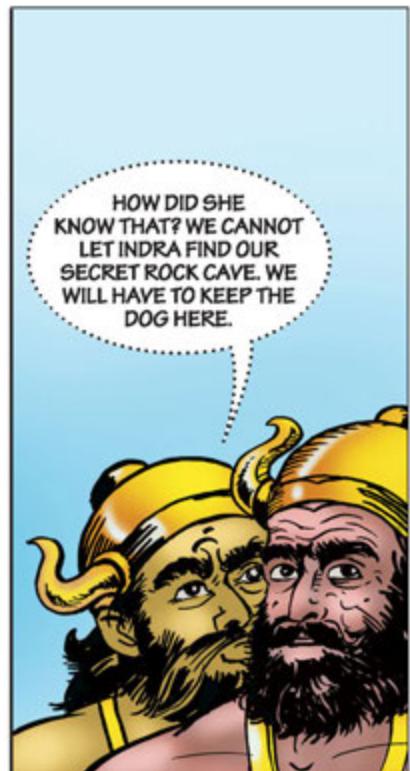




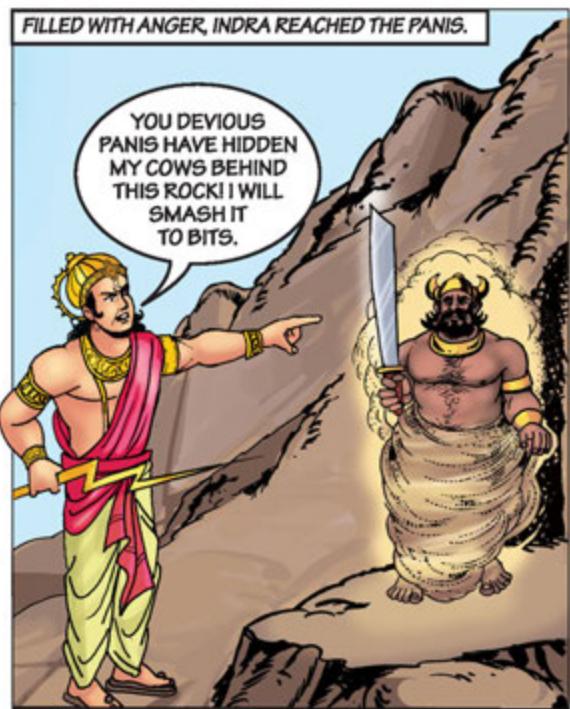
SUDDENLY, THE AREA WAS COVERED IN MIST AND SARAMA COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING.



IT WAS NO ORDINARY MIST. IT WAS MADE BY THE WICKED PANIS OR DEMONS OF THE MIST.

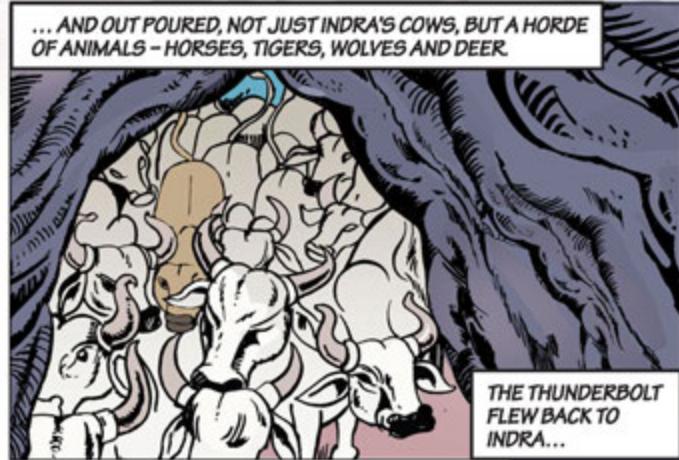






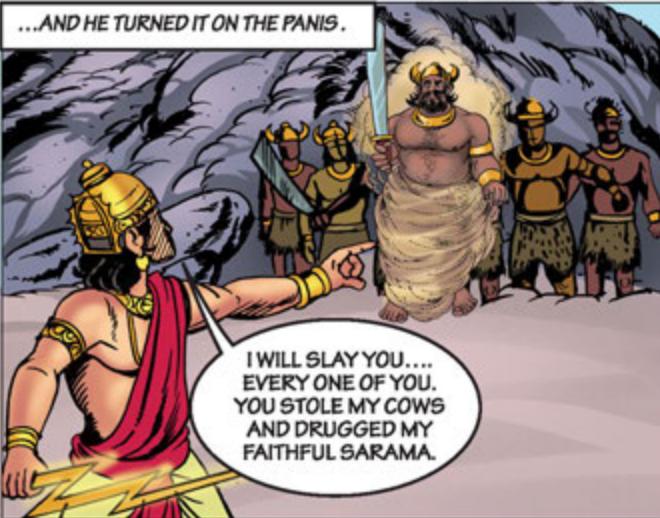
INDRA'S VAJRA DASHED OPEN THE VALA...

...AND OUT POURED, NOT JUST INDRA'S COWS, BUT A HORDE OF ANIMALS - HORSES, TIGERS, WOLVES AND DEER.



THE THUNDERBOLT FLEW BACK TO INDRA...

...AND HE TURNED IT ON THE PANIS.

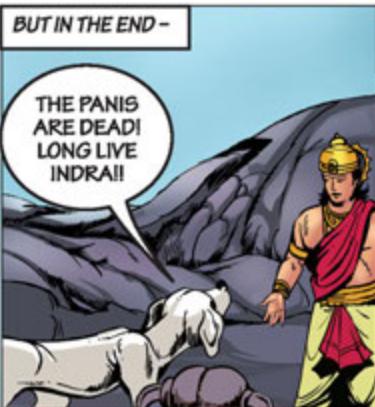


A FIERCE BATTLE ENSUED.



BUT IN THE END -

AS A HAPPY INDRA AND SARAMA RODE BACK TO AMRAVATI WITH ALL THE RESCUED ANIMALS...



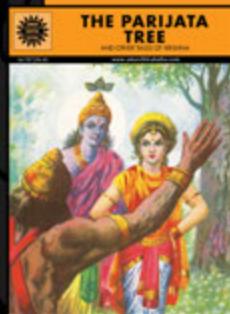
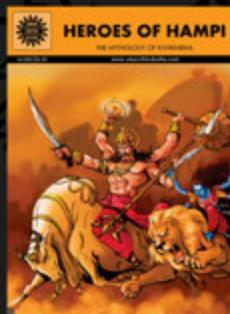
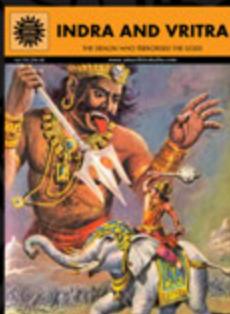
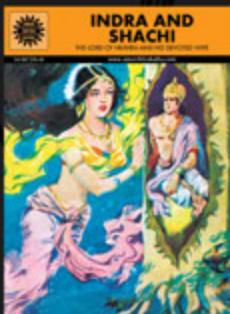
...IT WAS A GLORIOUS SIGHT, INDEED!

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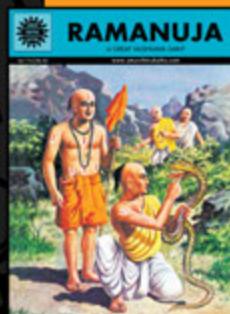
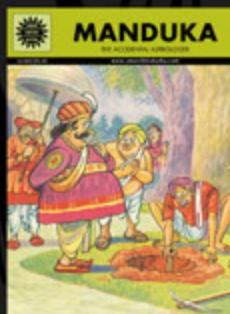
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