

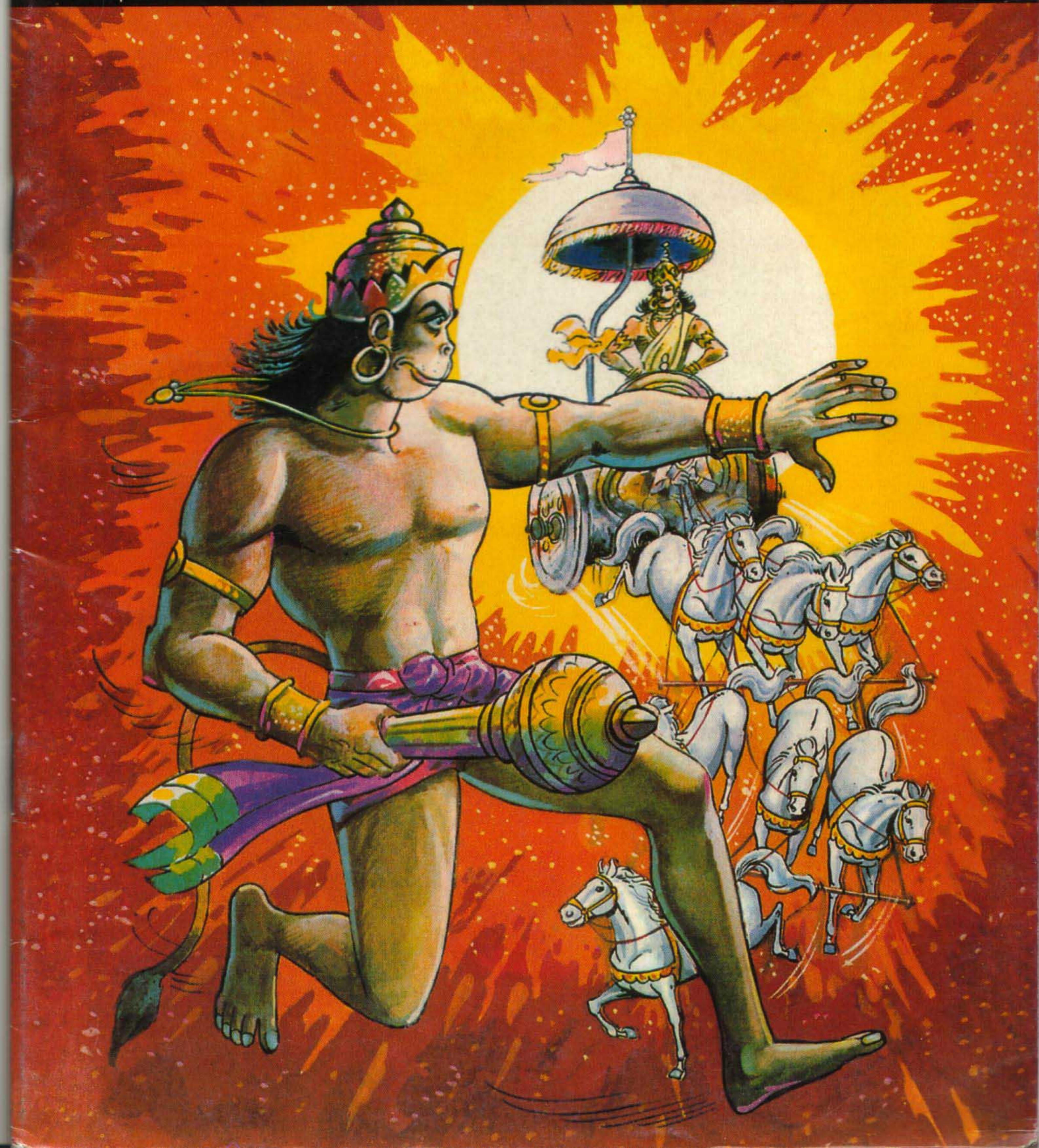


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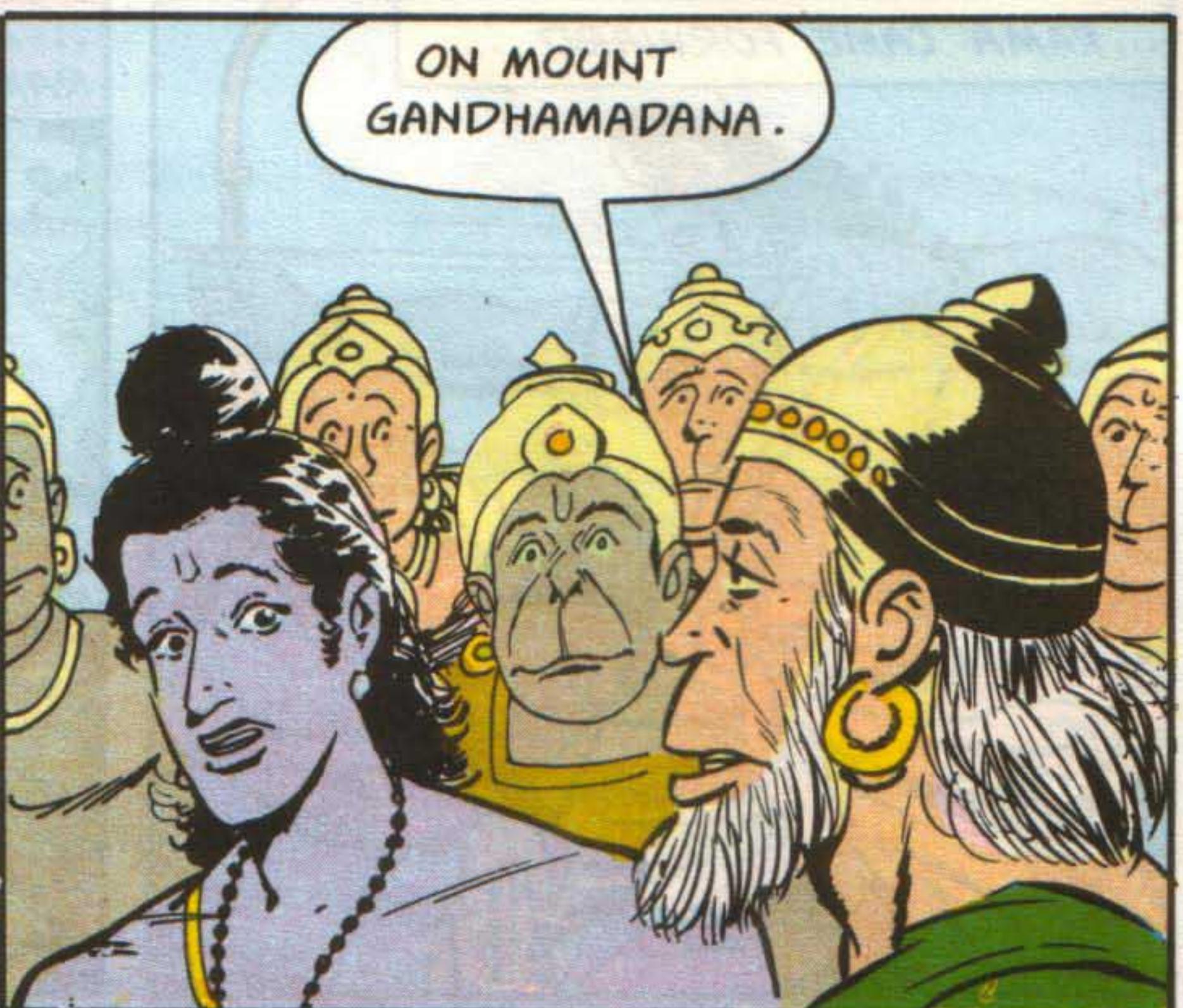
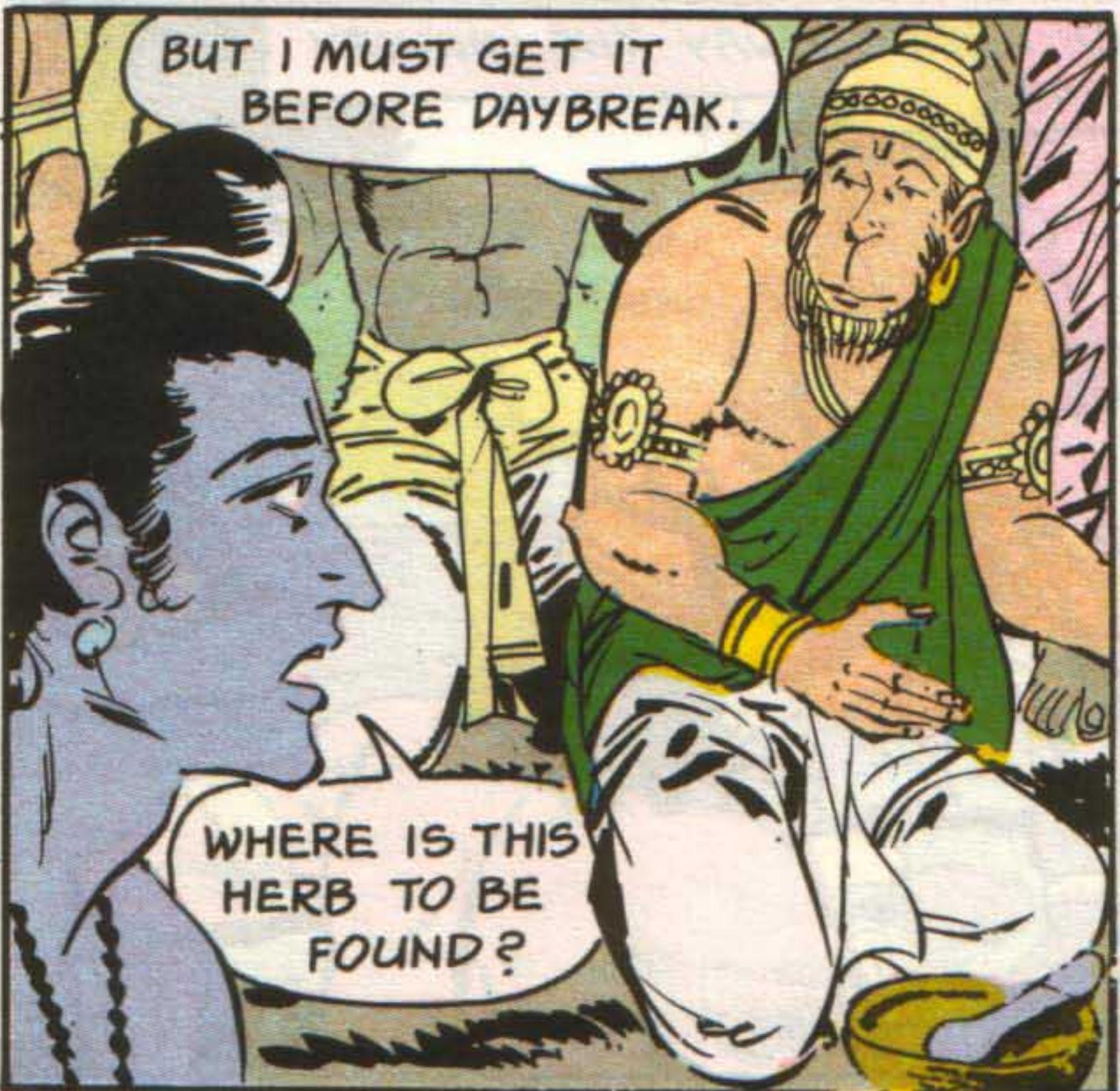
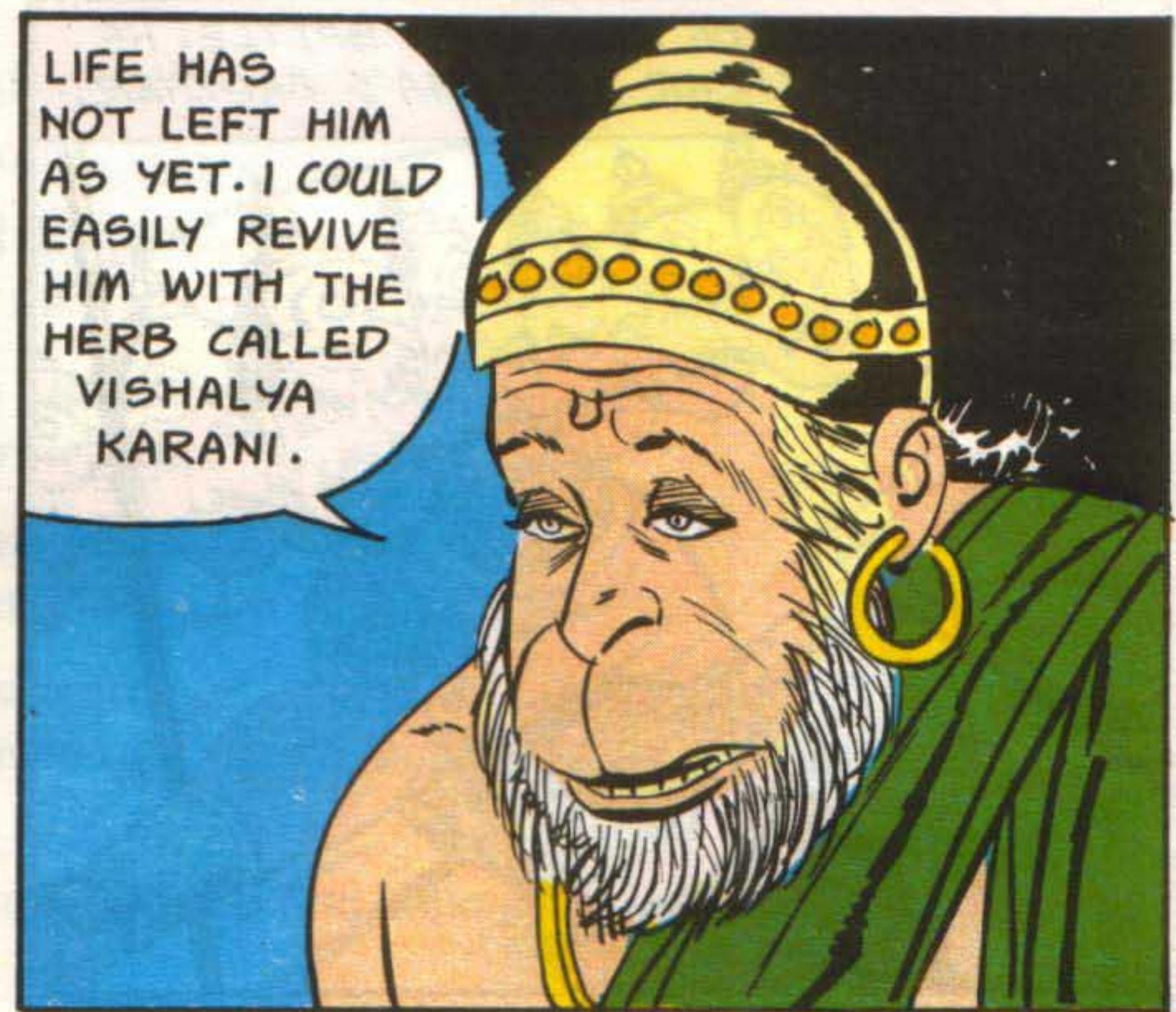
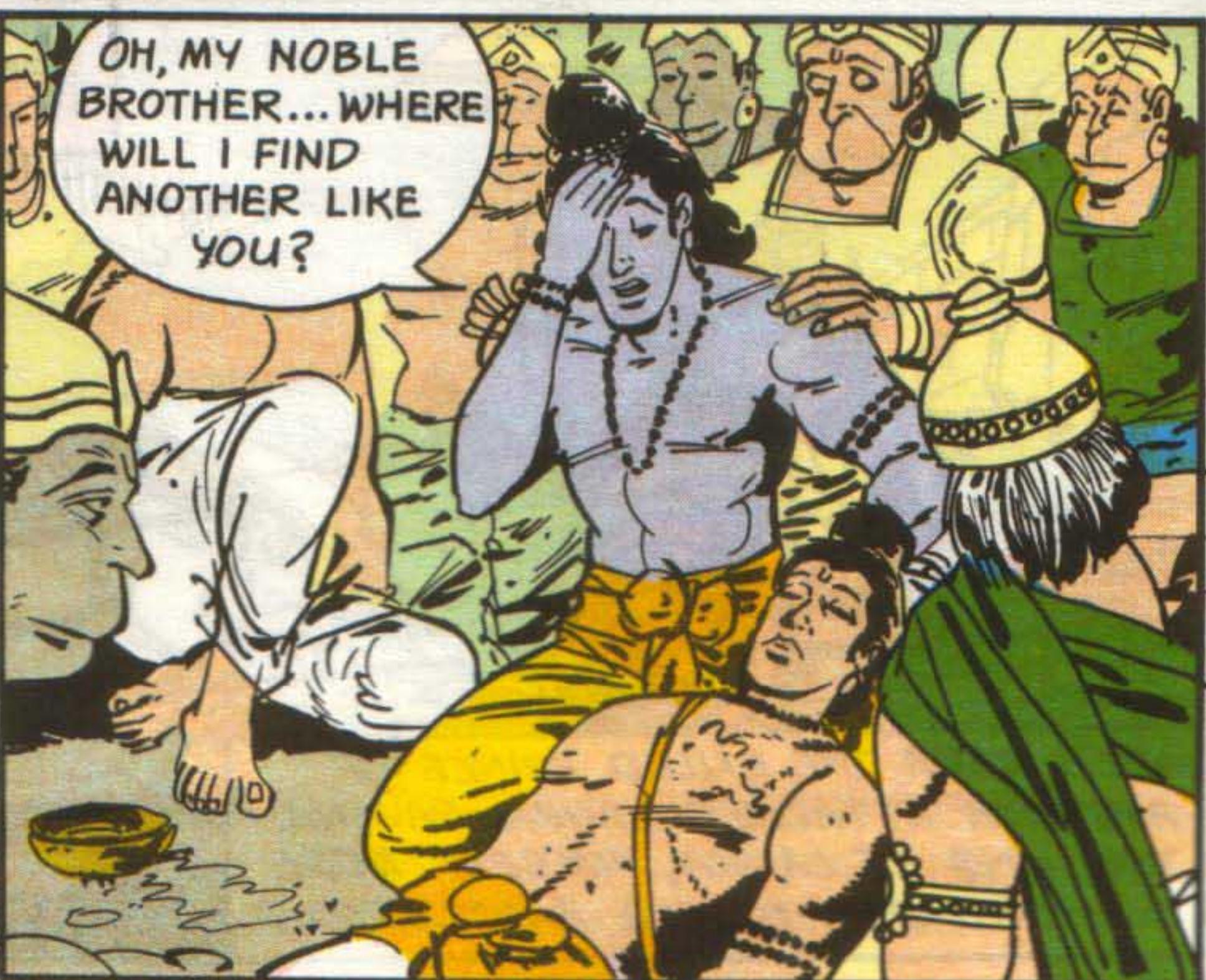
WHEN RAMA THE EXILED PRINCE OF AYODHYA ATTACKED LANKA, RAVANA, THE KING OF LANKA, HIMSELF RODE OUT ONE DAY TO THE BATTLEFIELD.

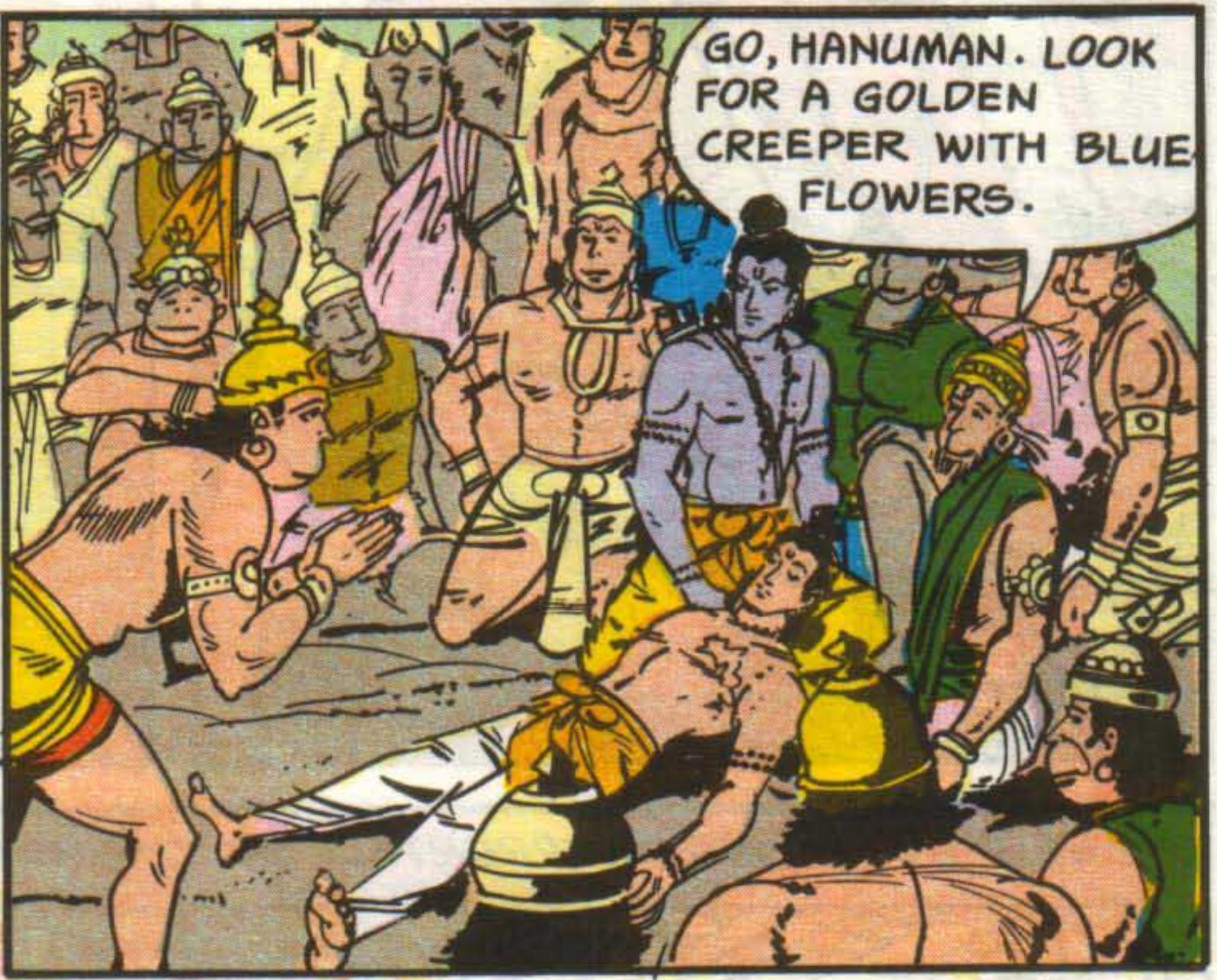
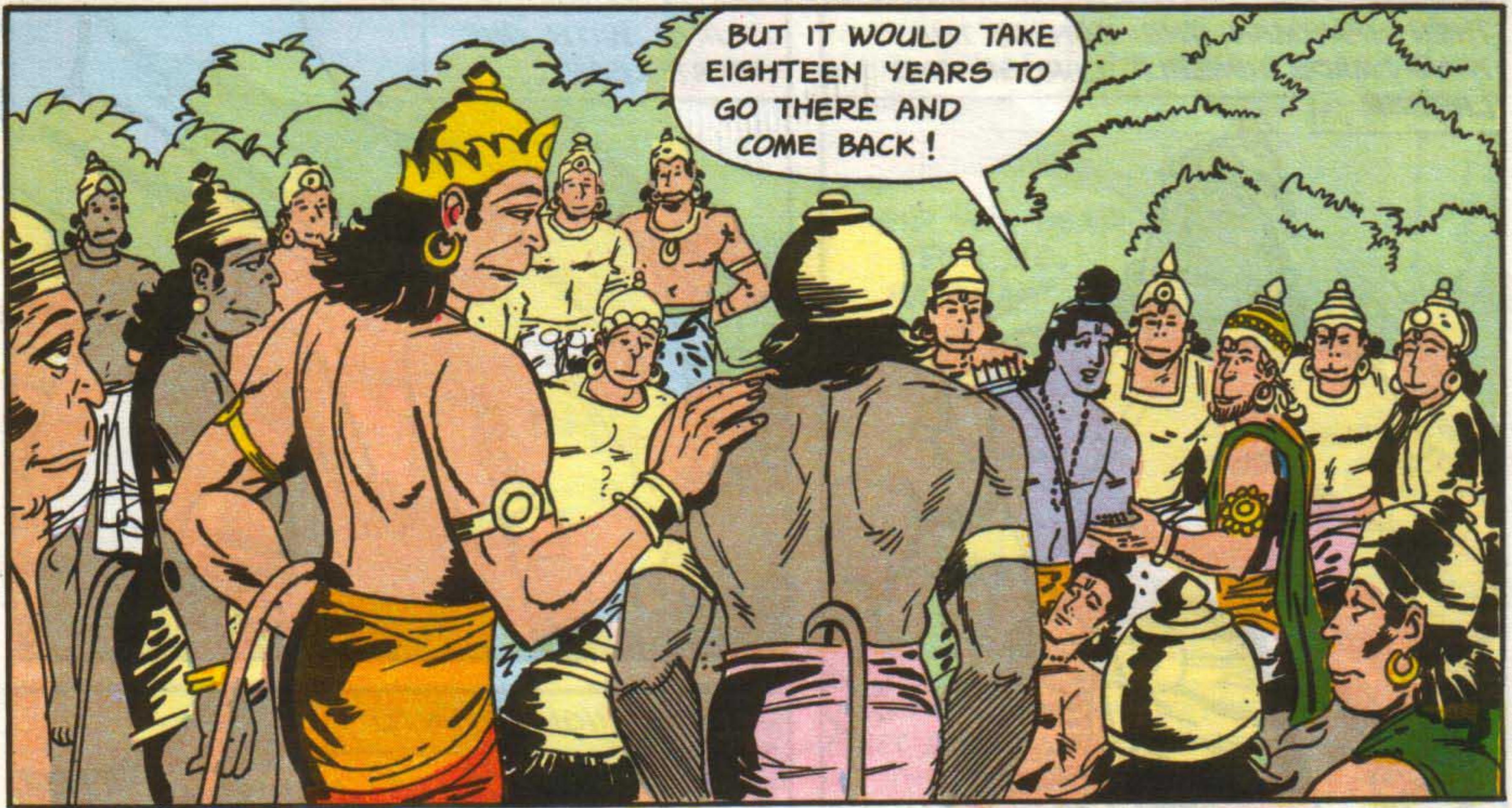
IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY'S BATTLE, HE HURLED HIS SPEAR AT RAMA'S BROTHER, LAKSHMANA.

EVEN AS LAKSHMANA FELL...

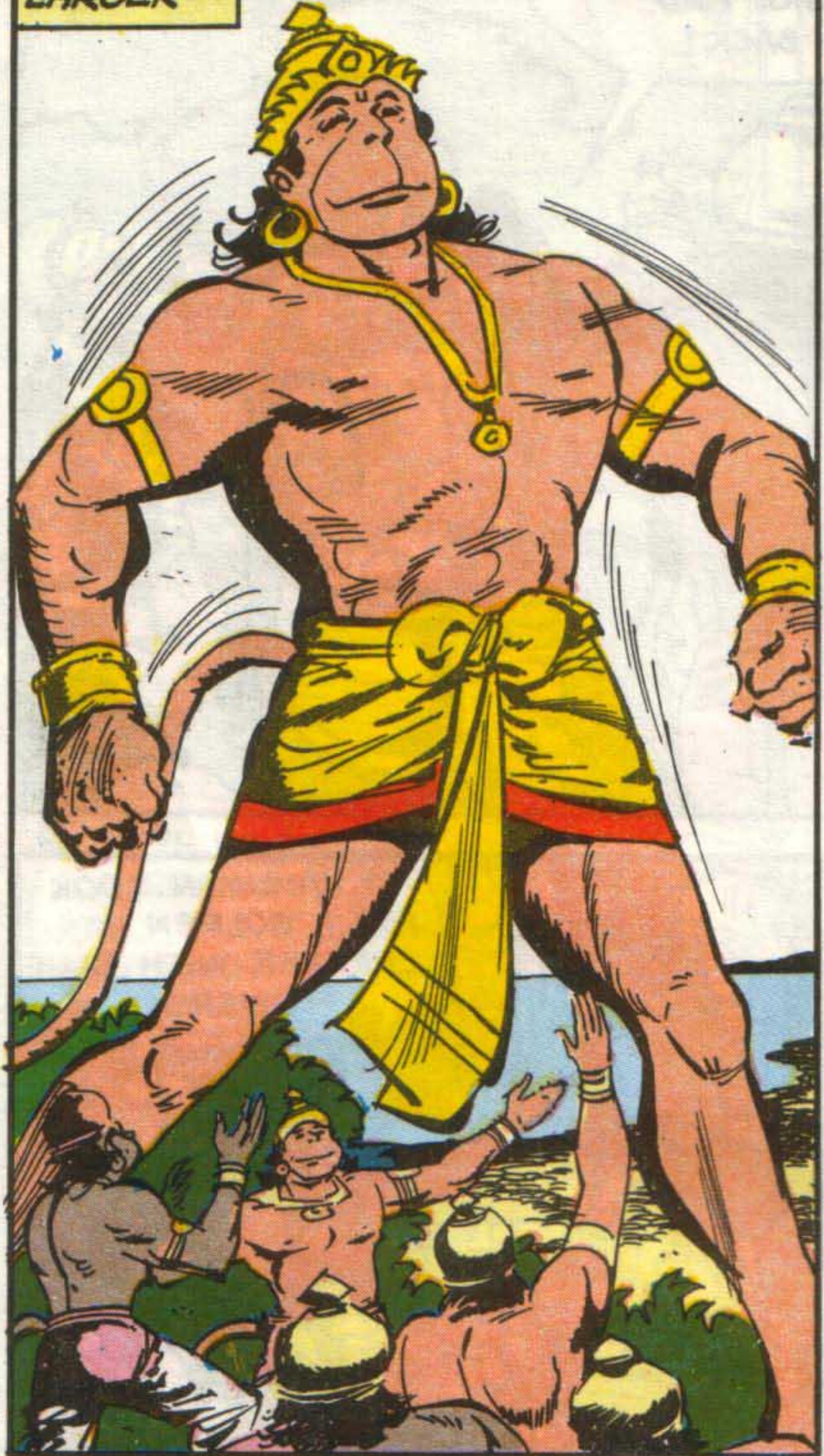
...RAMA CAME FORWARD ...

...AND DROVE AWAY THE MIGHTY RAKSHASA.





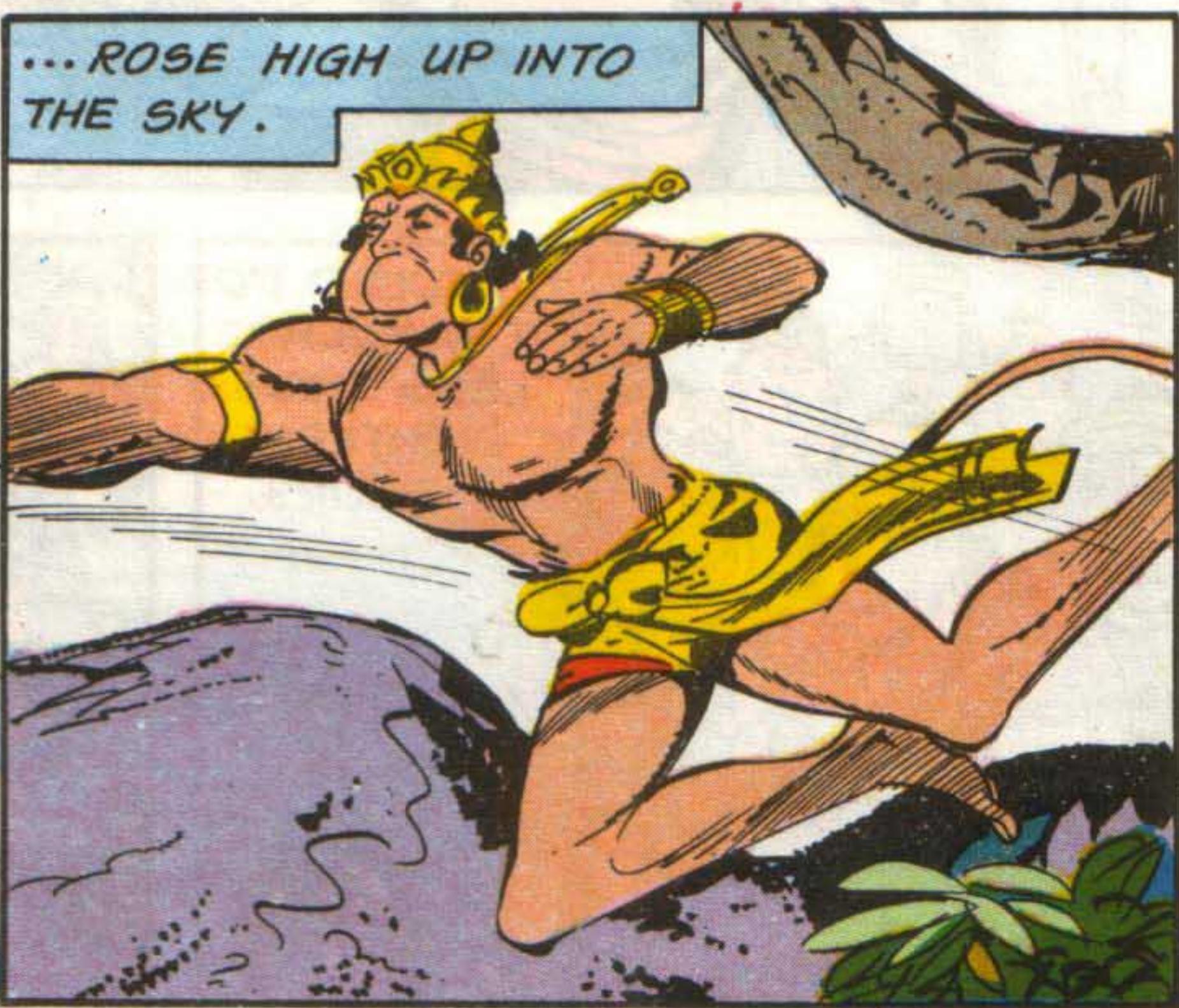
THEN HANUMAN, THE SON OF THE WIND, MADE HIMSELF LARGER AND LARGER...



...AND WITH ONE GREAT LEAP...

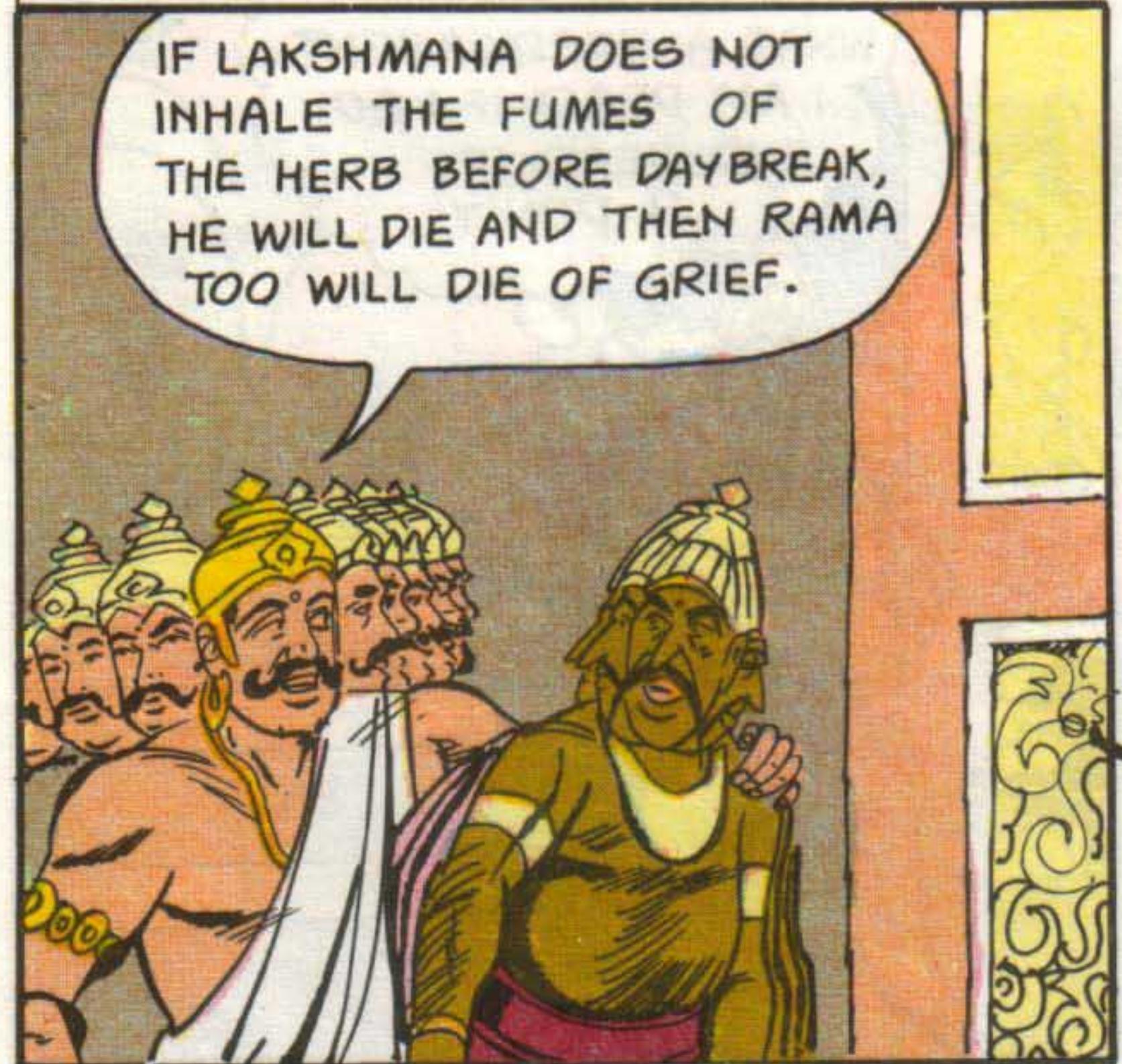
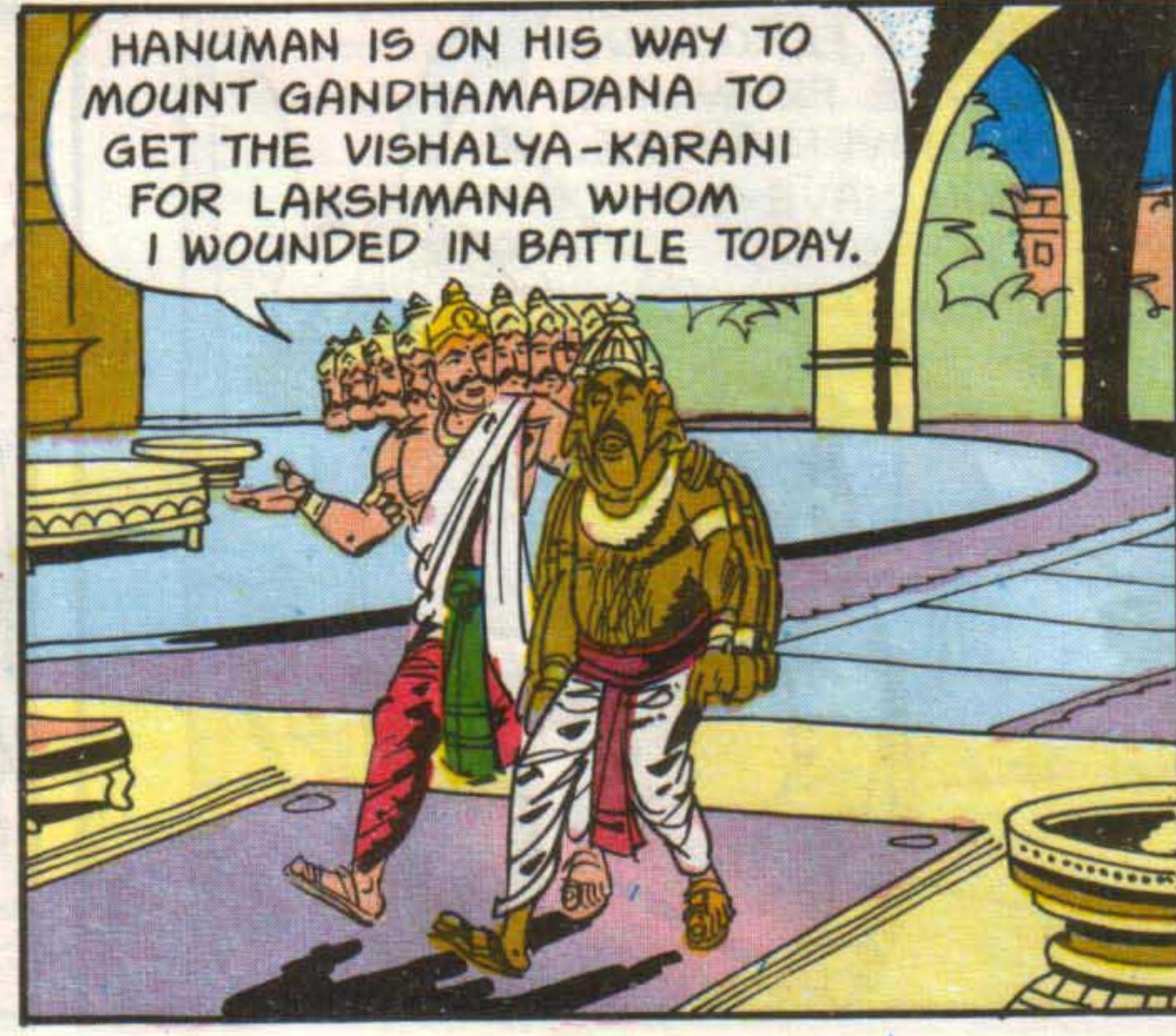
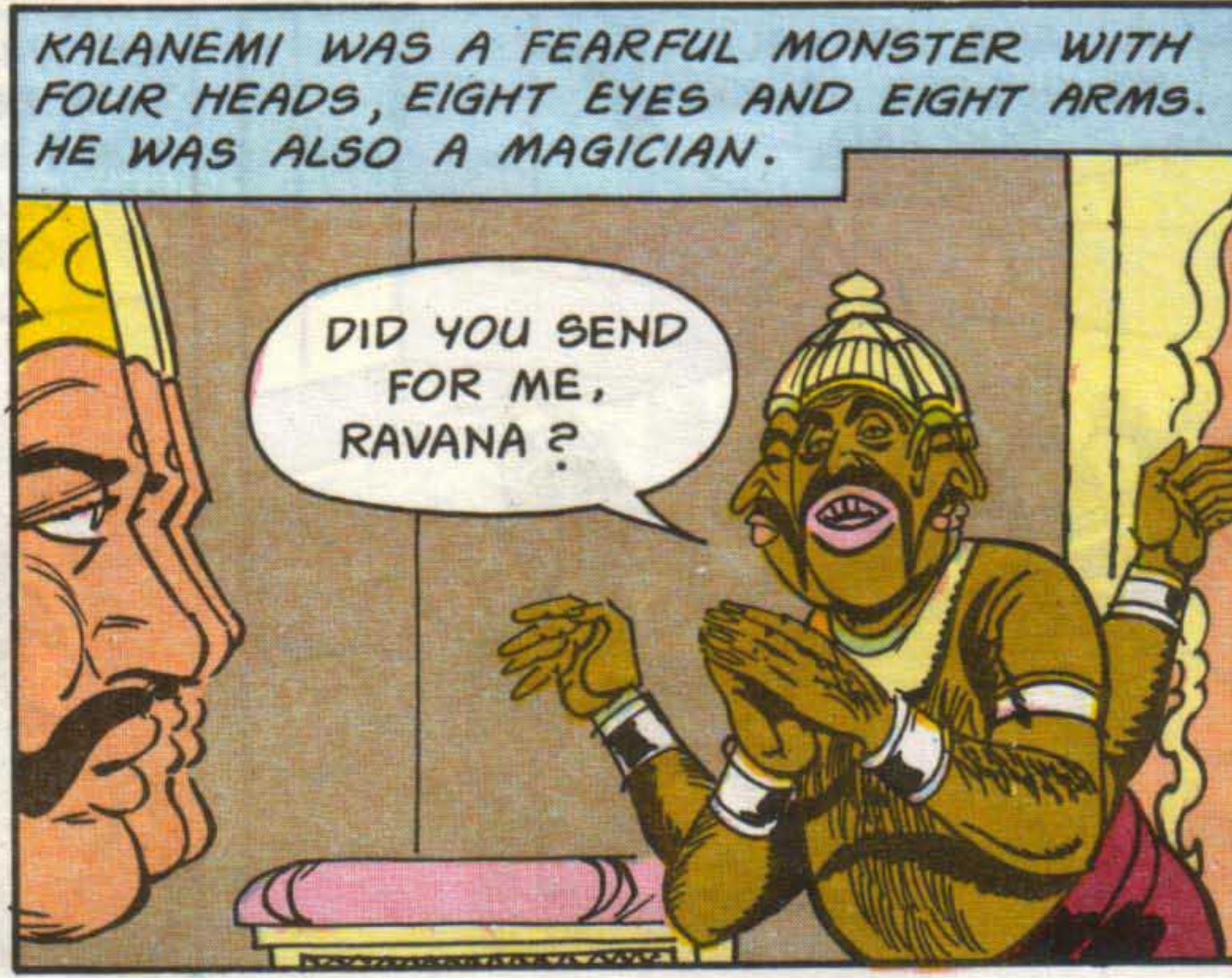


...ROSE HIGH UP INTO THE SKY.



AS HE FLEW ALONG, SUPPORTED BY THE WIND, RAVANA SAW HIM FROM LANKA.





I'LL GIVE YOU HALF MY KINGDOM, IF YOU SUCCEED.



OH WHAT USE WOULD THAT BE TO A DEAD MAN? FOR I SHALL SURELY MEET MY DEATH AT HIS HANDS IF I GO AFTER HIM.

UNCLE KALANEMI, I KNOW GANDHAMADANA WELL.



THERE'S A FEROCIOUS CROCODILE PROWLING IN THE RIVER THERE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS...



NO, RAVANA! I CANNOT GO TO GANDHAMADANA. THE SON OF THE WIND IS CUNNING. HE'LL DASH OUT MY BRAINS, THE MOMENT HE DISCOVERS WHO I AM. YOU KNOW HOW...

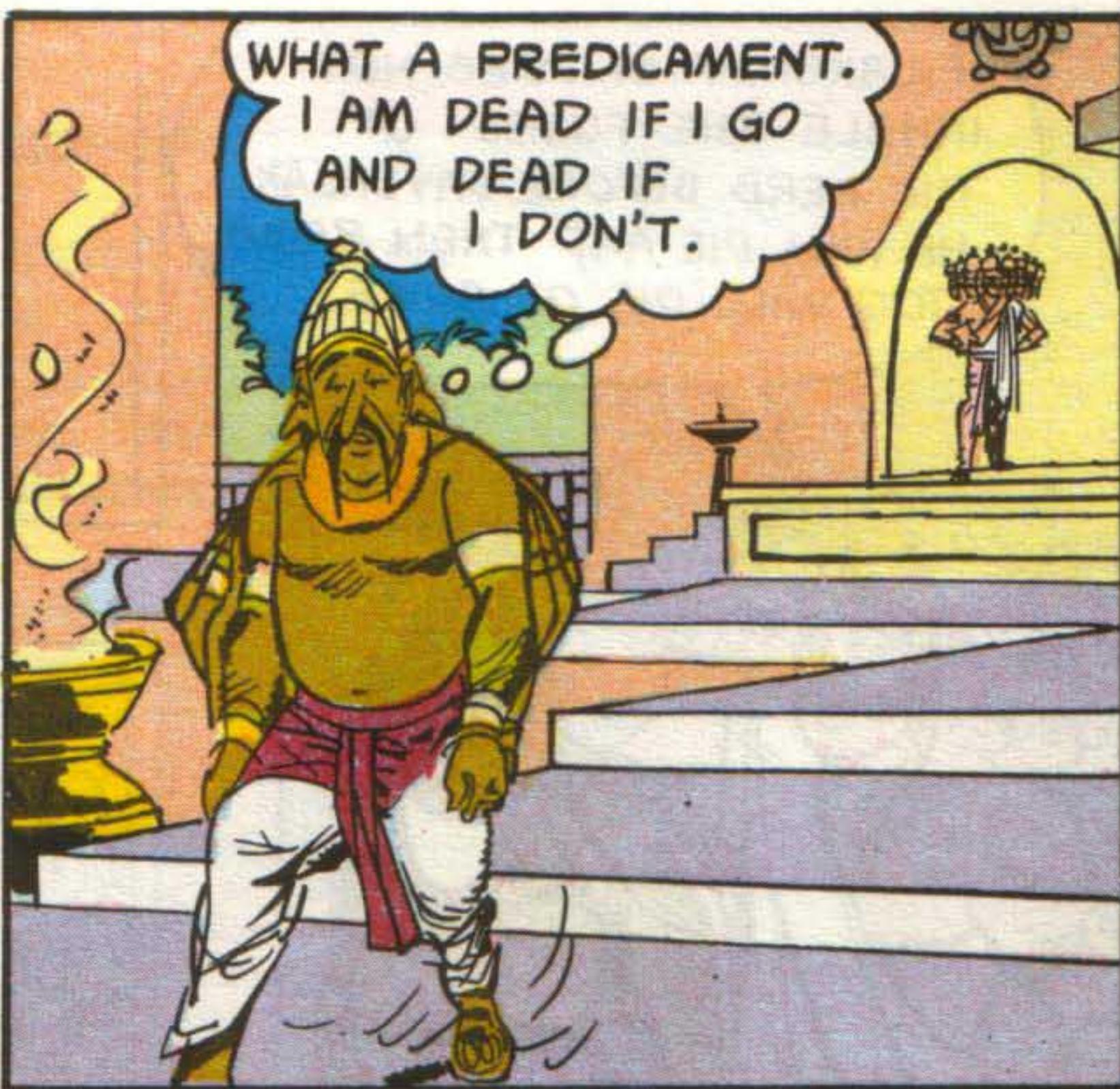


GO AT ONCE!

Y-YES.



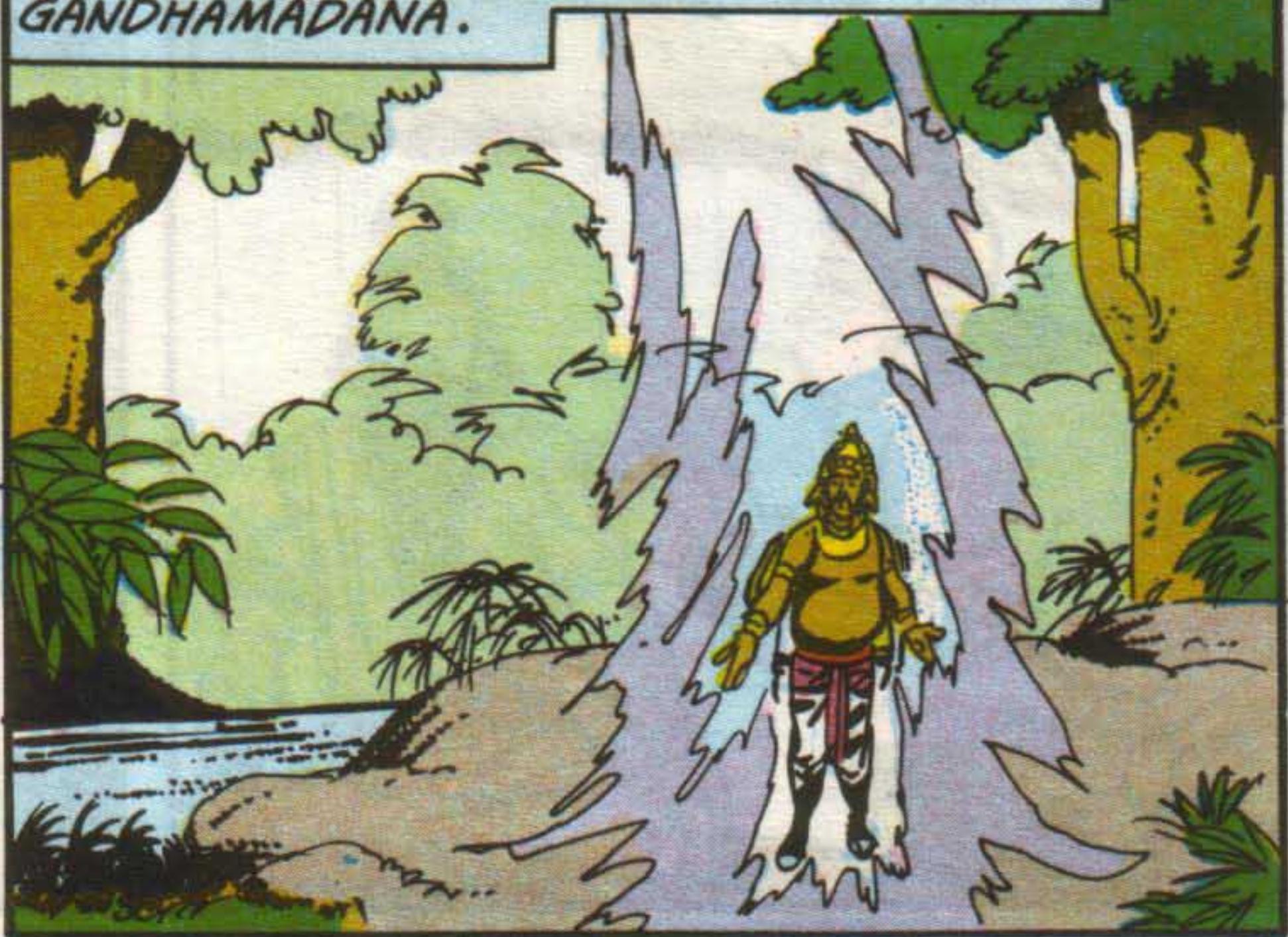
WHAT A PREDICAMENT. I AM DEAD IF I GO AND DEAD IF I DON'T.



KALANEMI USED HIS MAGIC ...



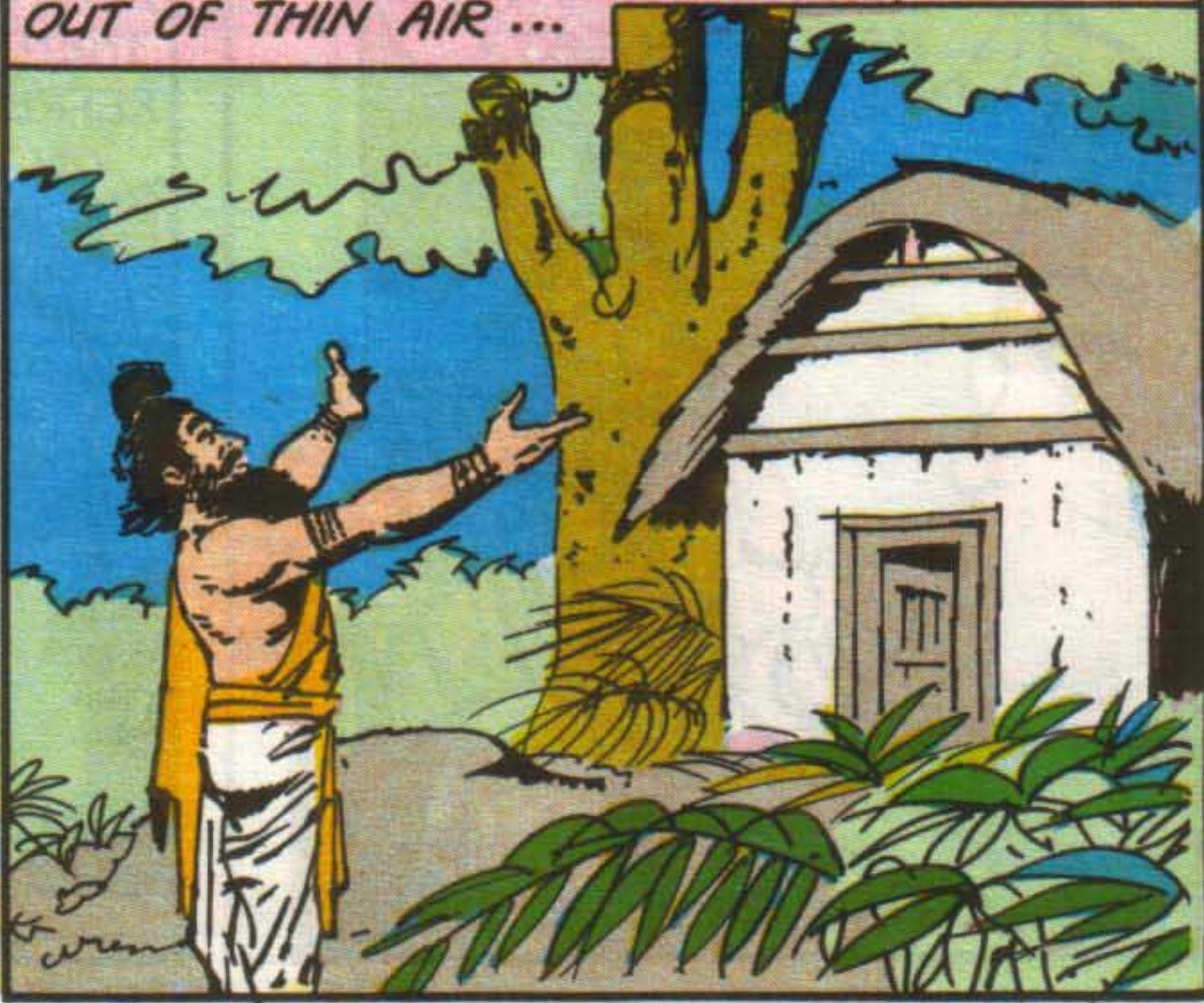
...TO TRANSPORT HIMSELF TO MOUNT GANDHAMADANA.



THERE HE TRANSFORMED HIMSELF INTO A HERMIT ...



...CREATED A BEAUTIFUL HERMITAGE OUT OF THIN AIR ...

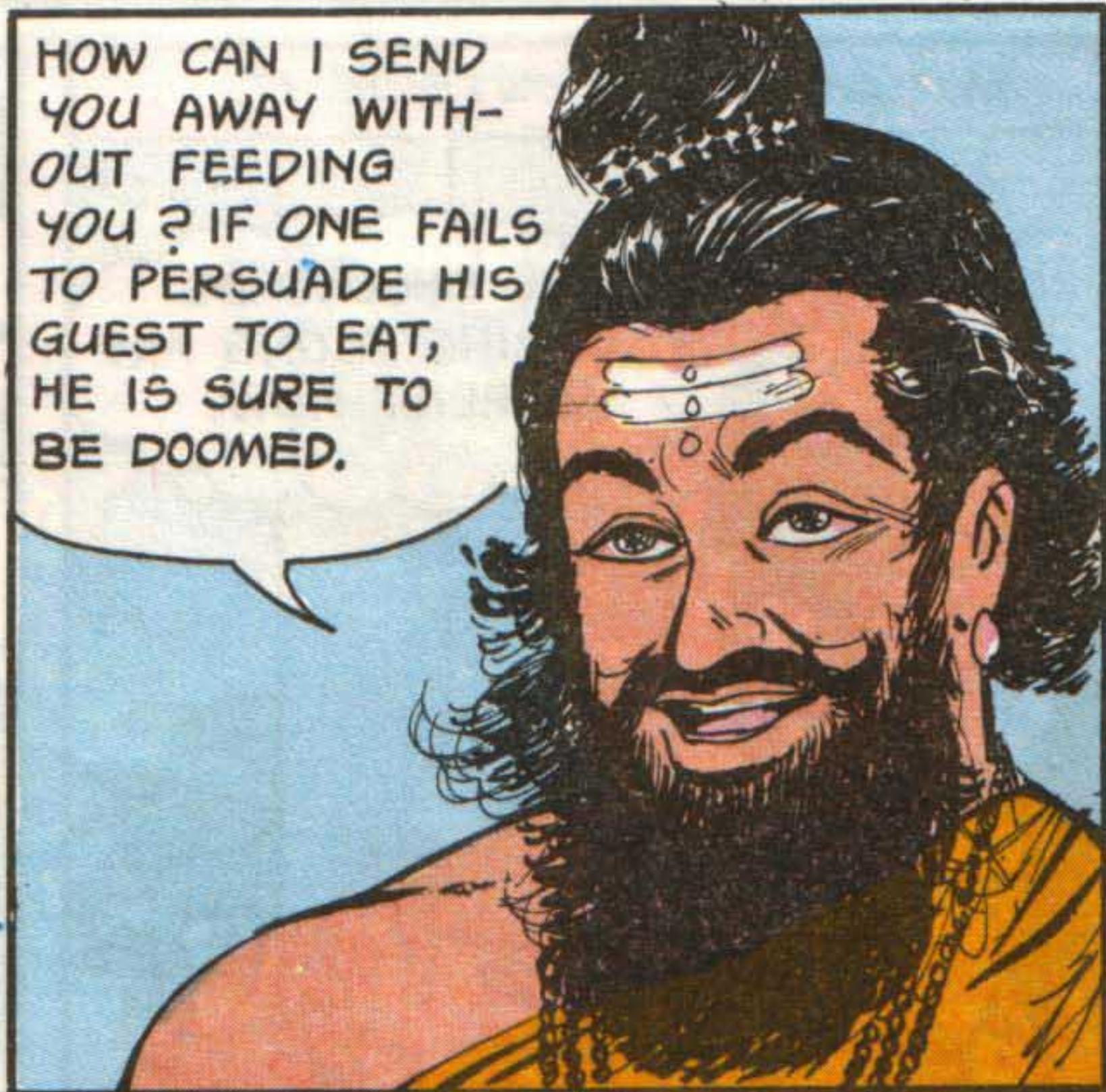
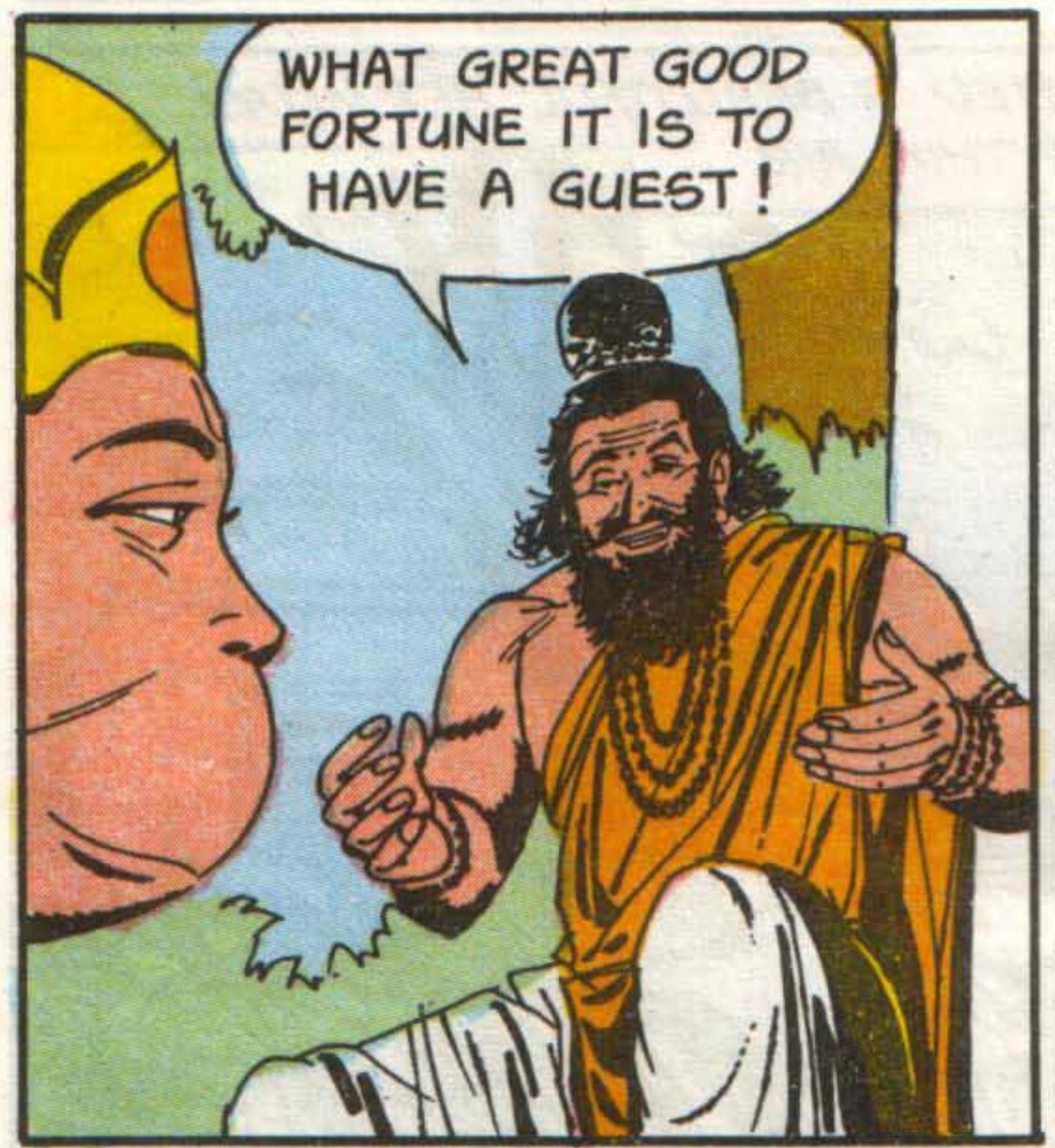


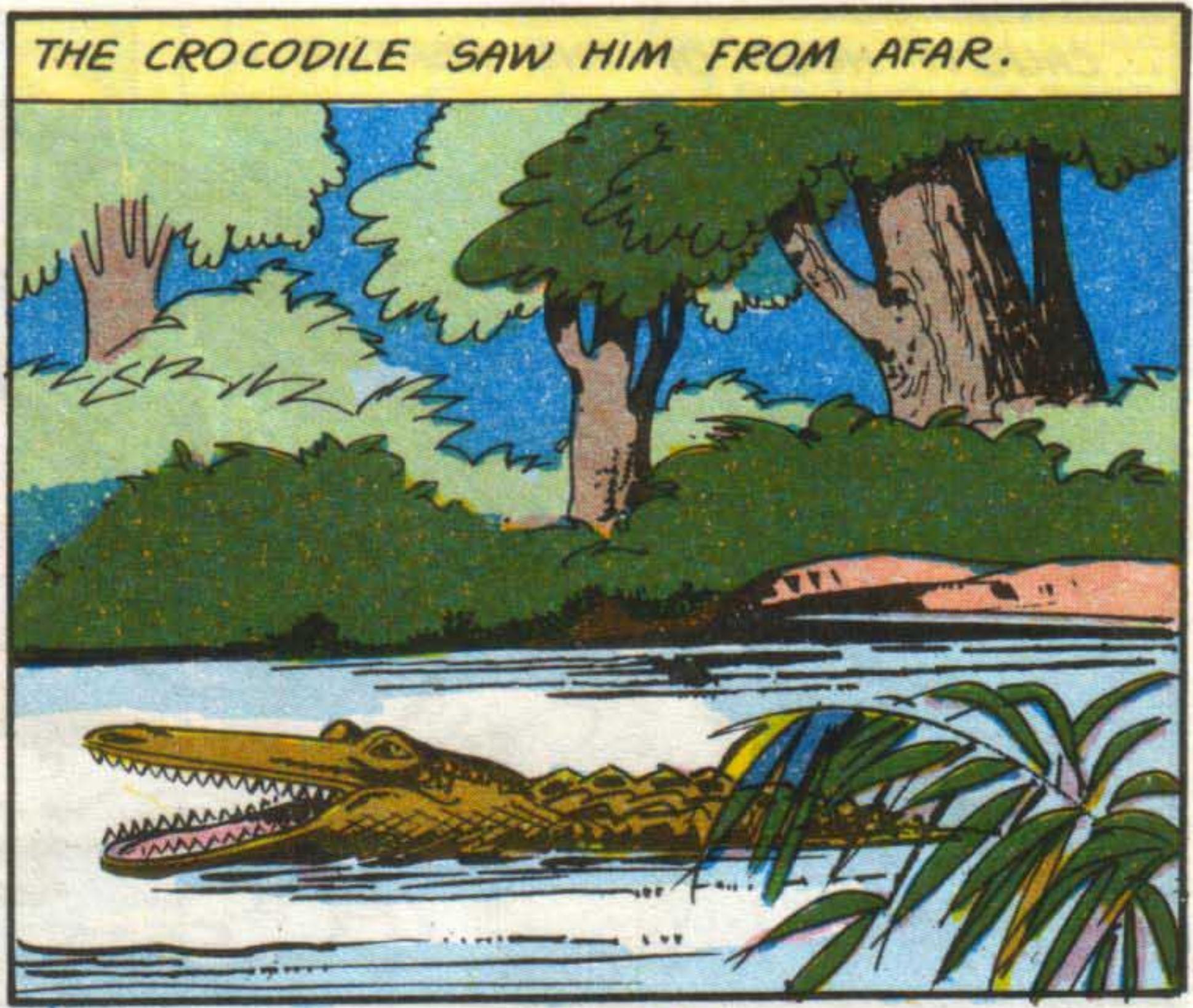
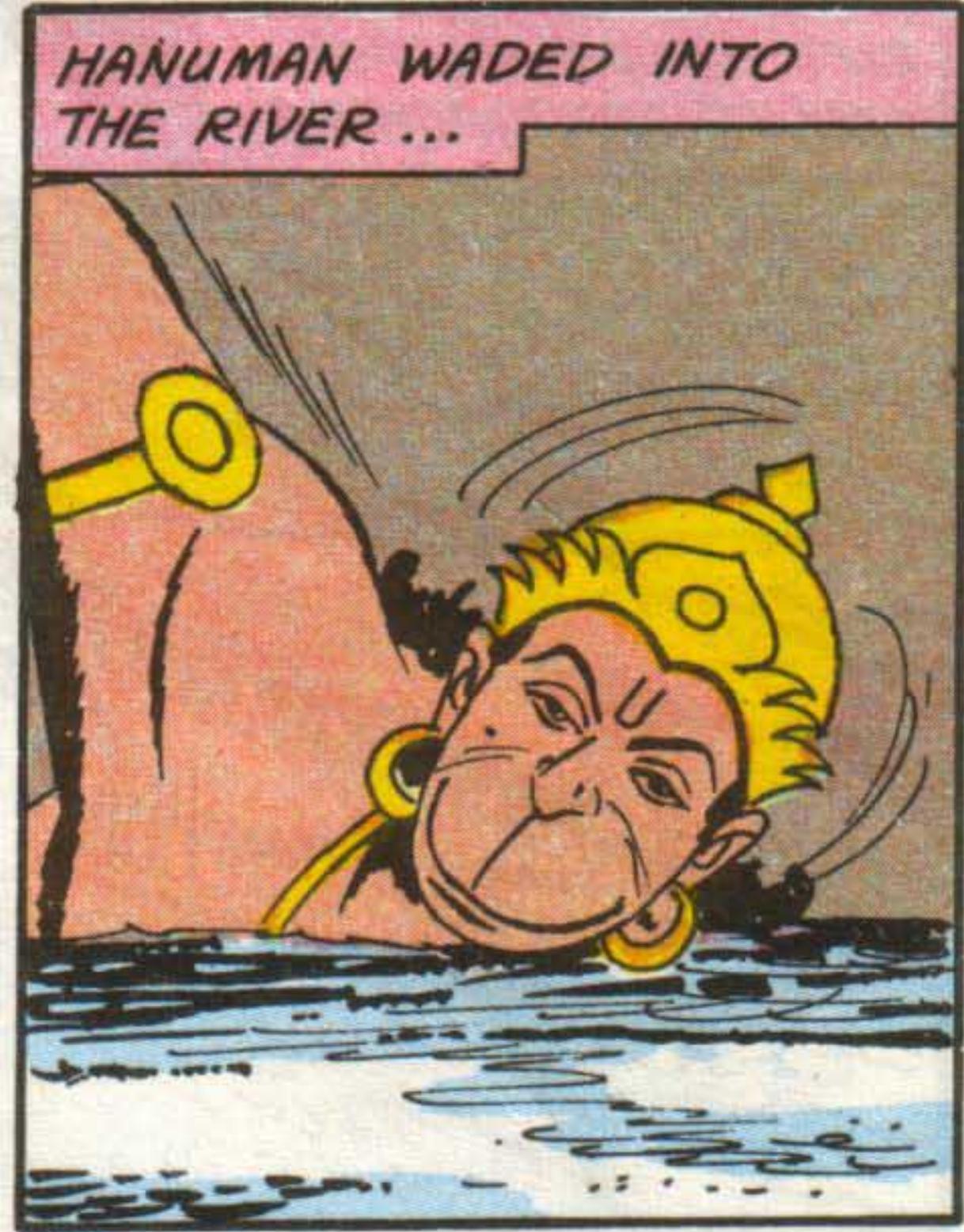
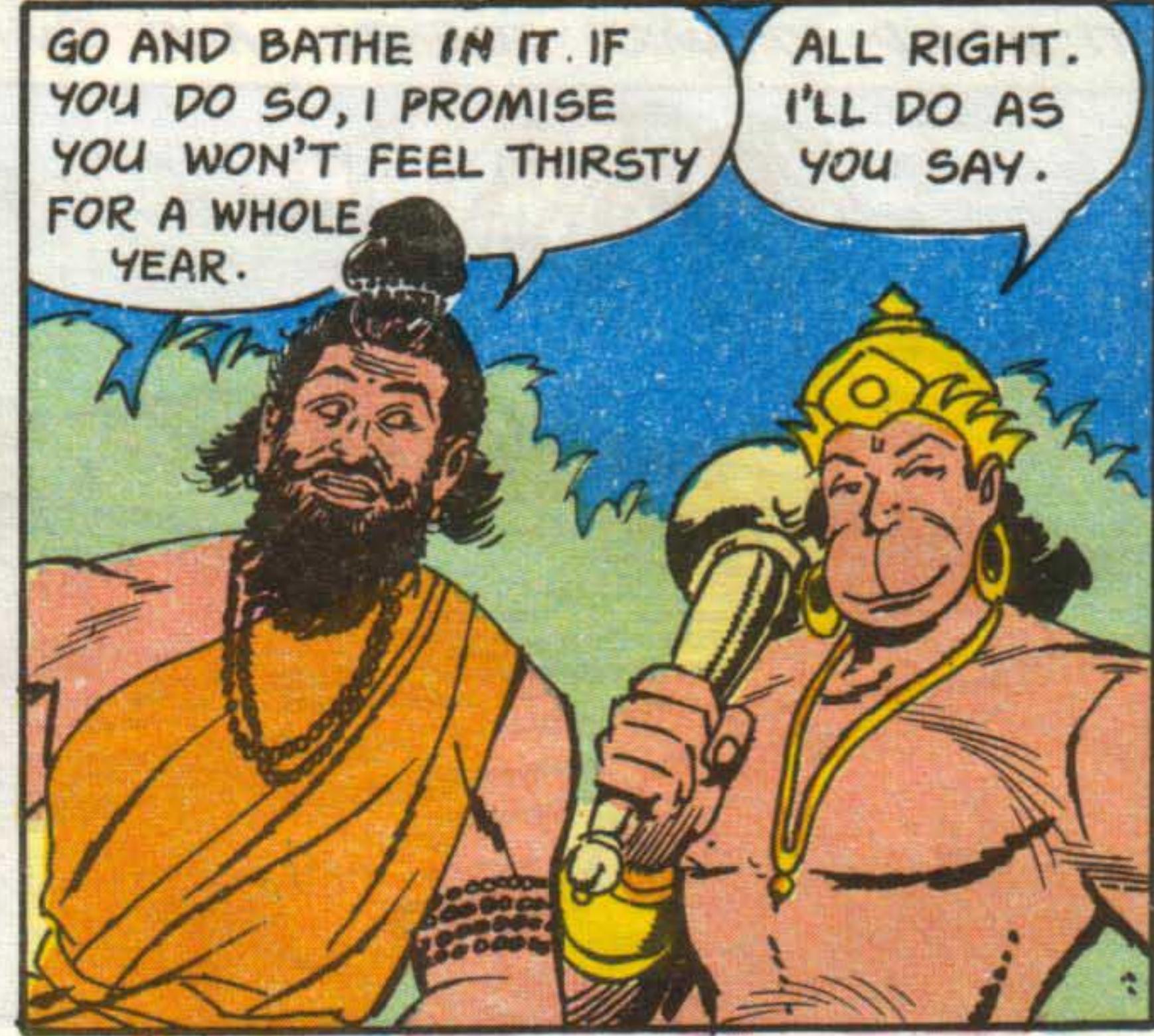
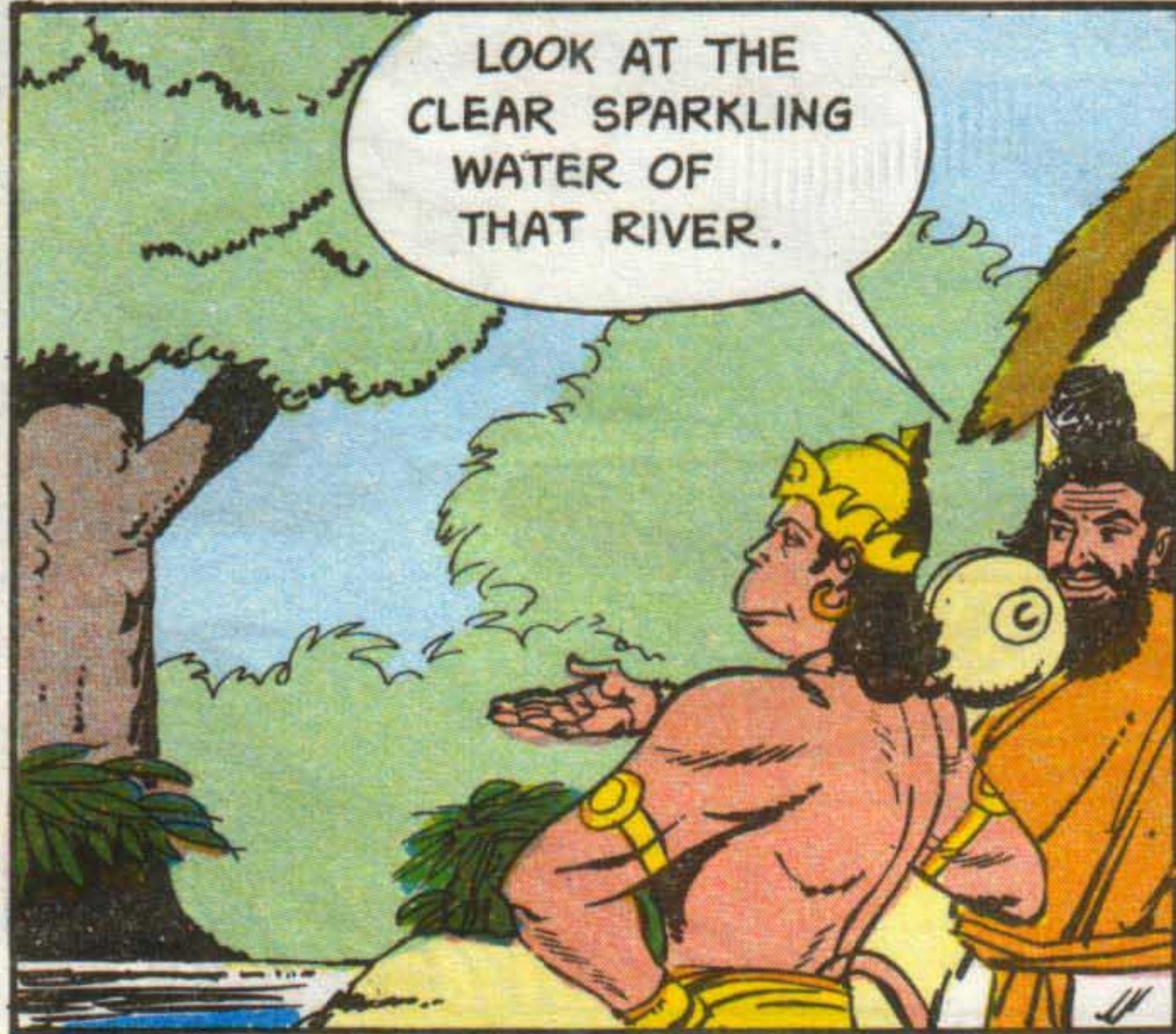
...AND SAT DOWN OUTSIDE IT.



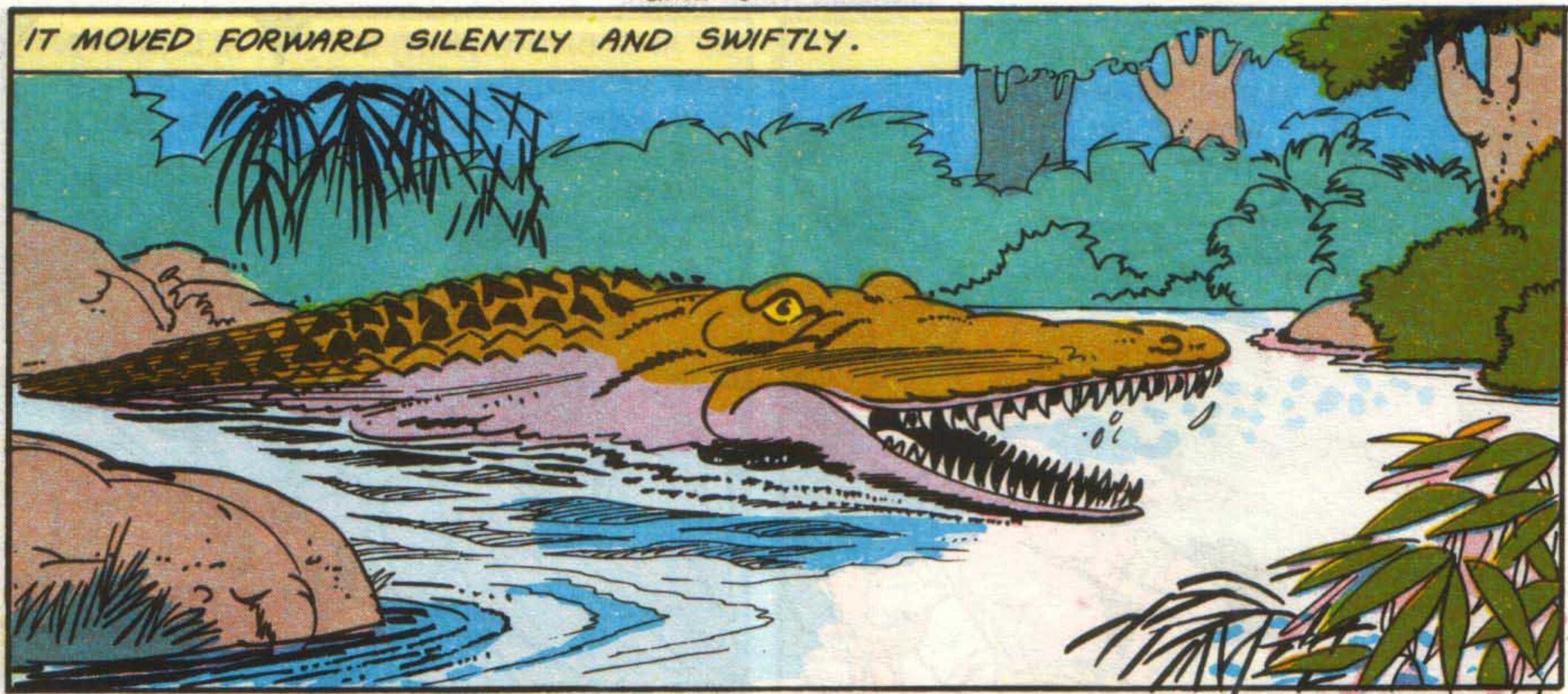
AH...THERE
HE IS!







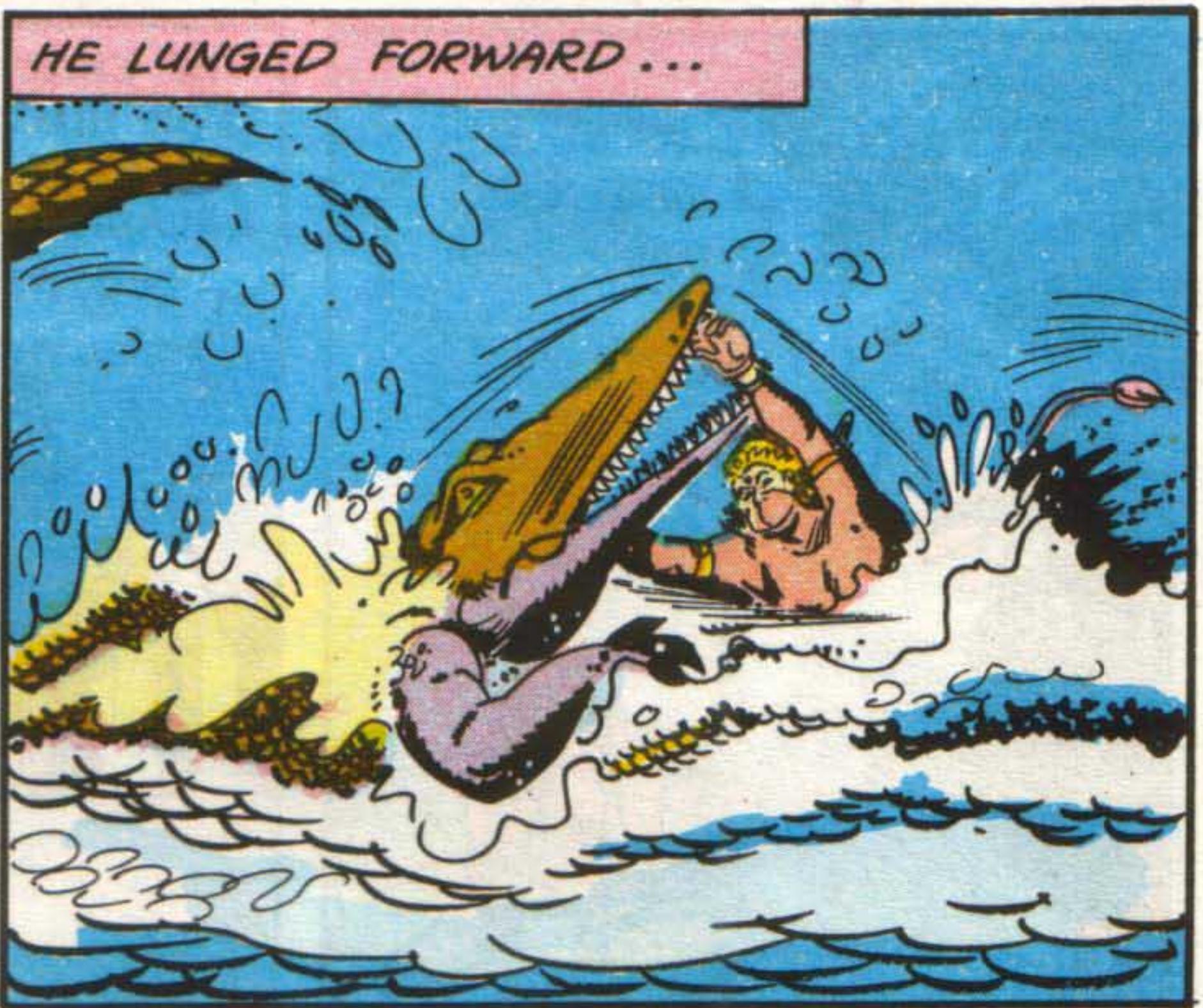
IT MOVED FORWARD SILENTLY AND SWIFTLY.



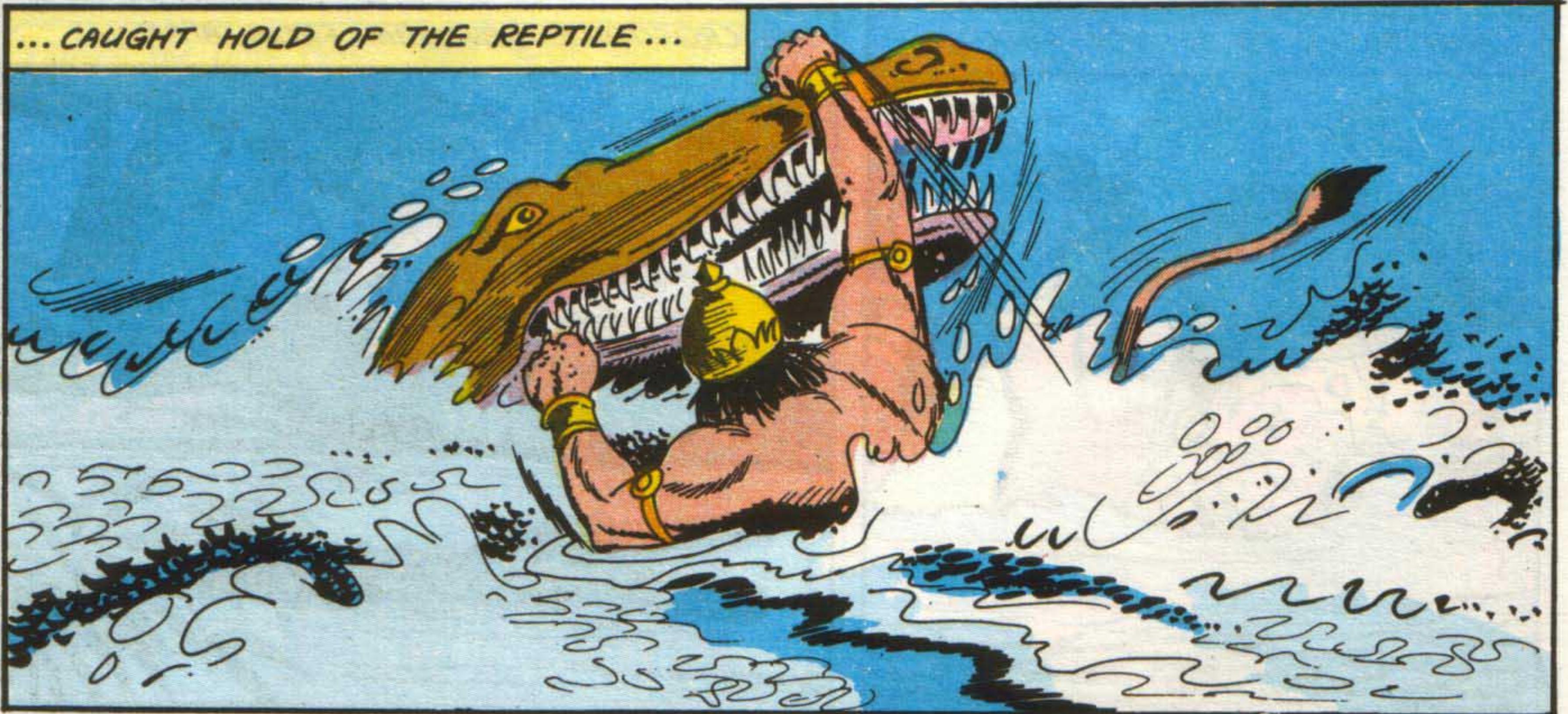
BUT HANUMAN
SAW IT APPROACHING.



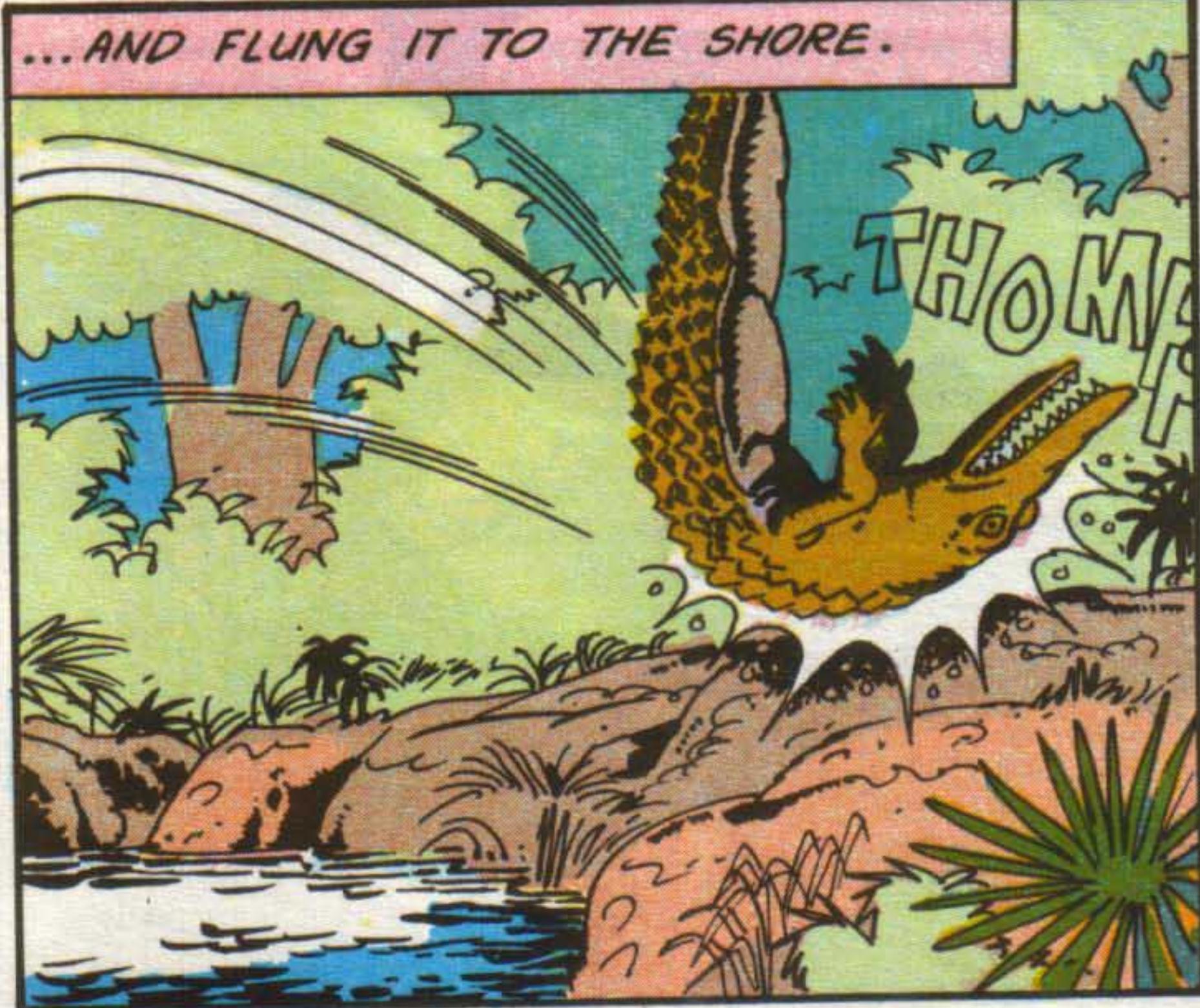
HE LUNGED FORWARD ...



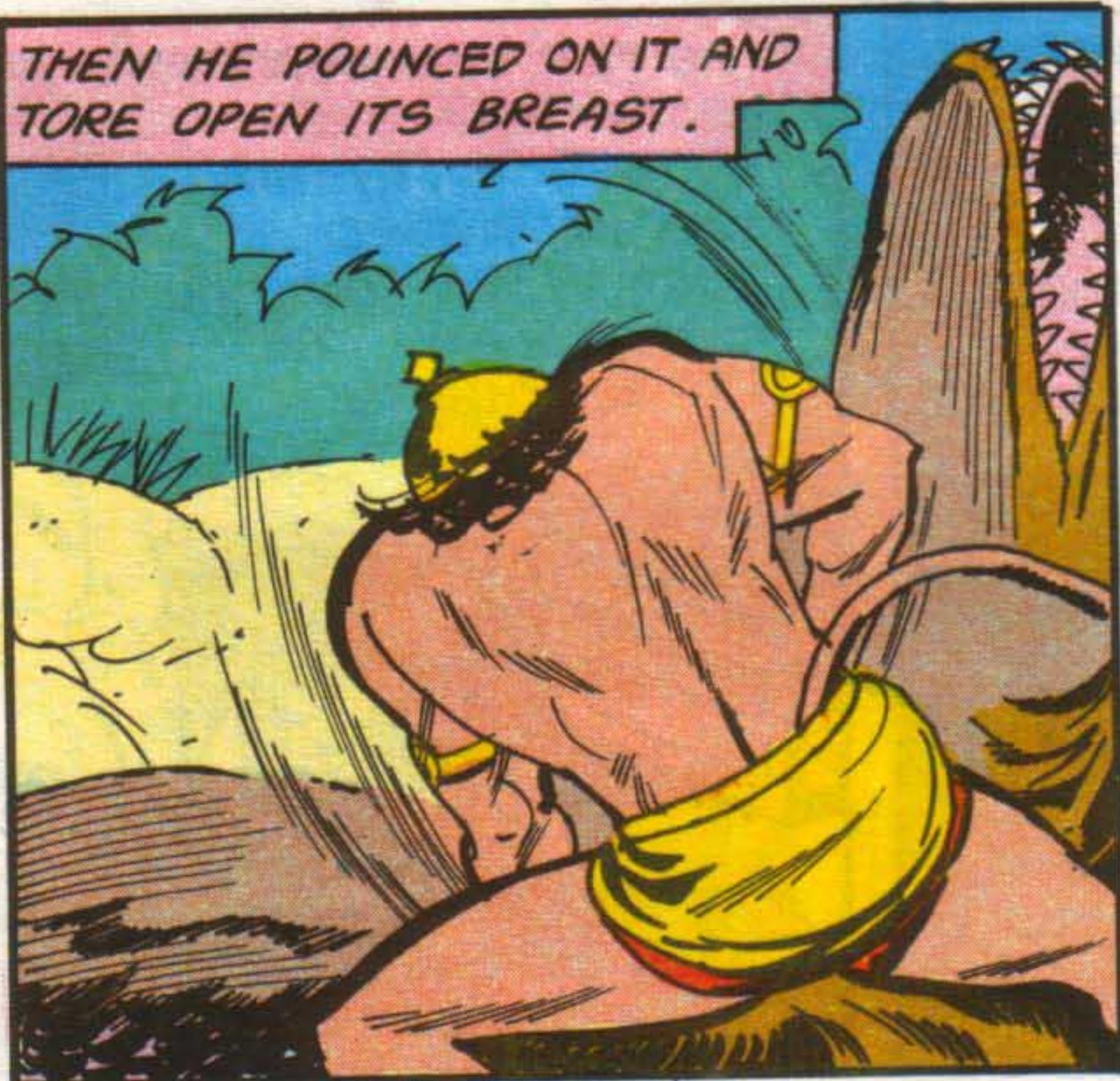
... CAUGHT HOLD OF THE REPTILE ...



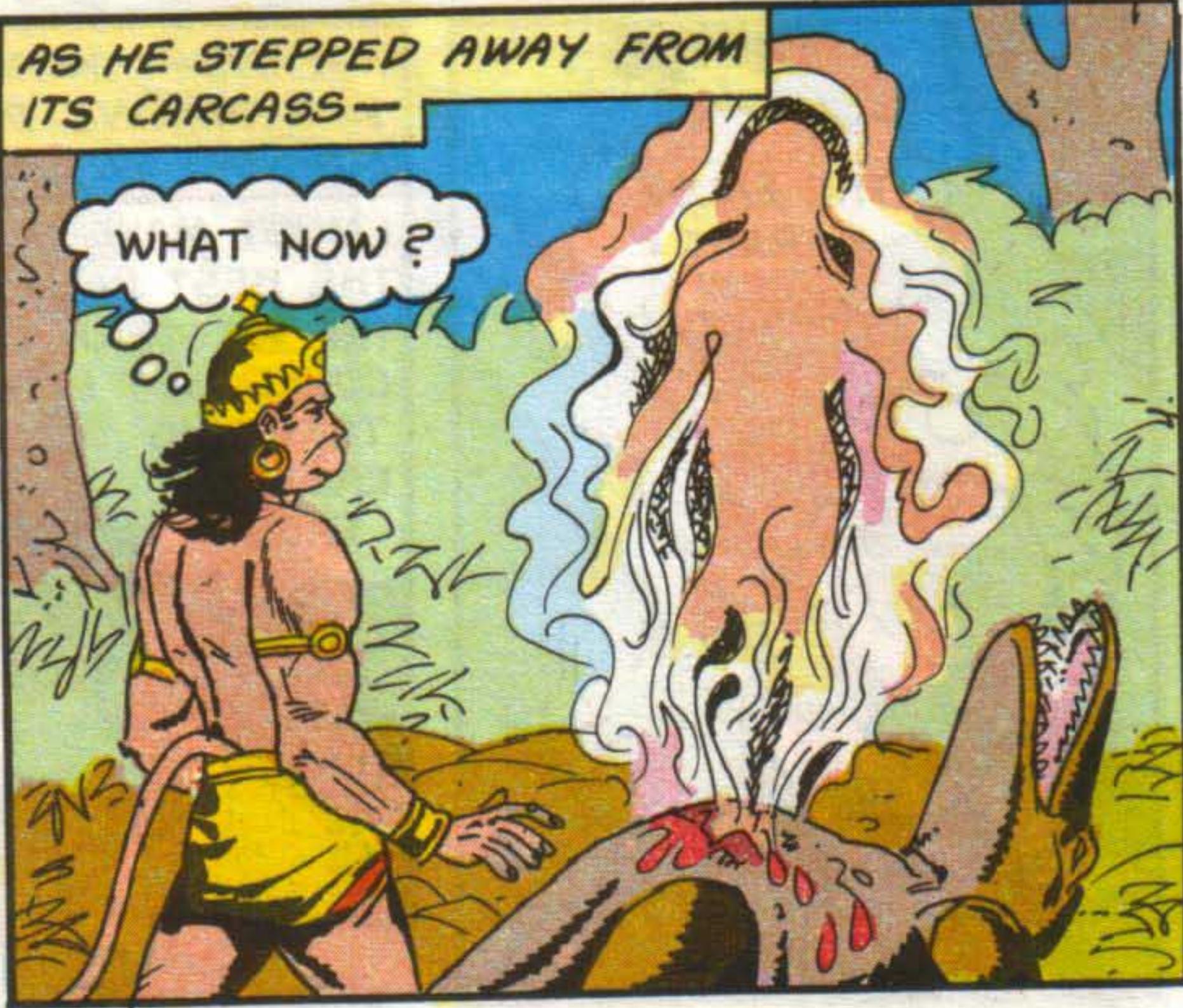
...AND FLUNG IT TO THE SHORE.



THEN HE POUNCED ON IT AND TORE OPEN ITS BREAST.



AS HE STEPPED AWAY FROM ITS CARCASS—



I AM A CELESTIAL DANCER.



ONCE WHEN I WAS DANCING, MY FOOT ACCIDENTALLY TOUCHED THE PERSON OF INDRA.



HE WAS SO ENRAGED THAT HE TURNED ME INTO A CROCODILE... AND DECREED THAT I SHOULD LIVE IN THIS RIVER TILL I WAS LIBERATED BY YOU.

BEWARE OF THE FALSE HERMIT, O SON OF THE WIND!

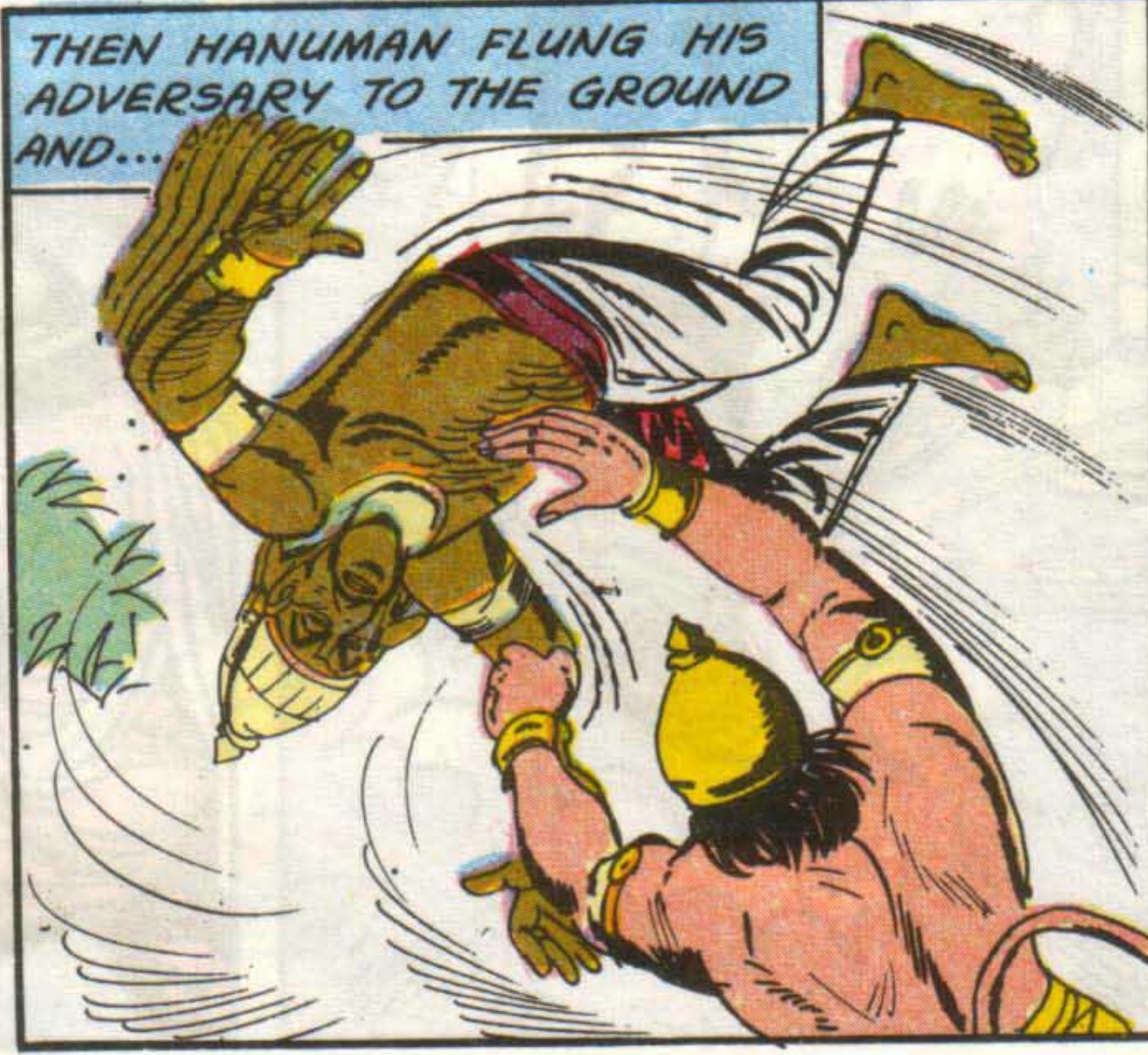
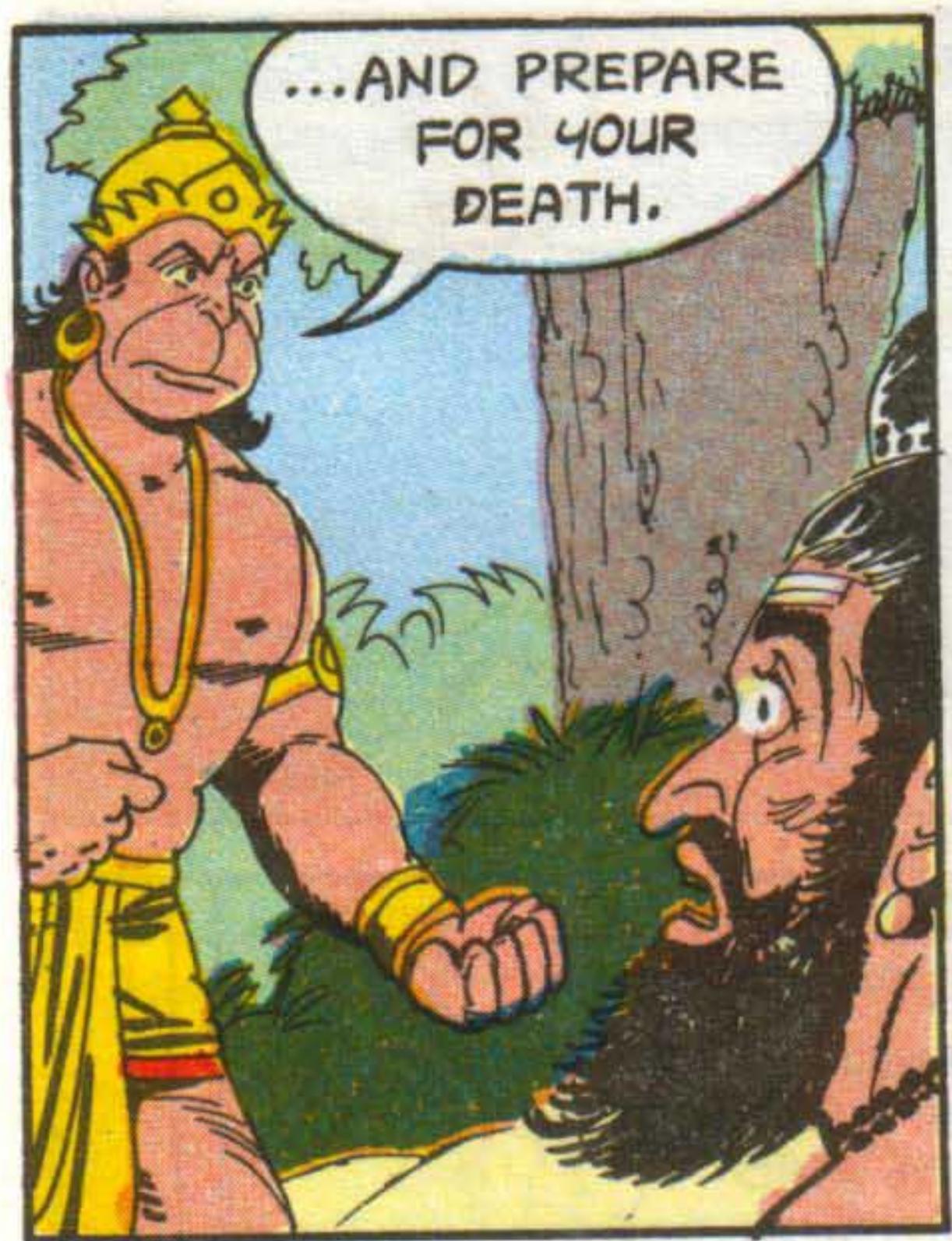
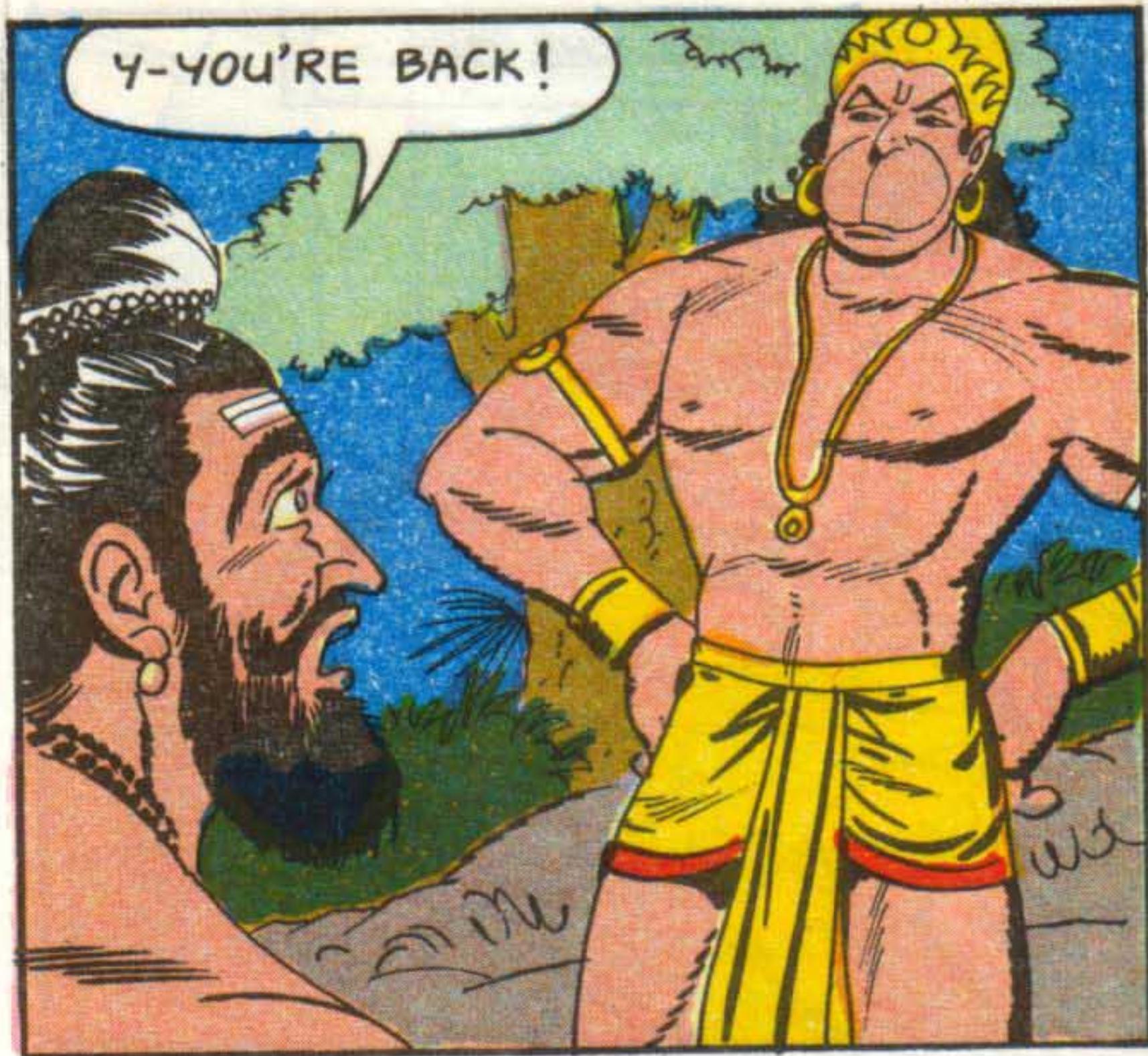
THE FALSE HERMIT?

KALANEMI MEANWHILE WAS MAKING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

I MUST MAKE SURE I GET THE BEST HALF OF LANKA. THE WESTERN COAST COULD GET FLOODED. I'LL TAKE THE EASTERN PART.

AS FOR THE WEALTH IN THE TREASURE HOUSES EVERYTHING WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY. SO TOO THE HORSES AND THE ELEPHANTS.

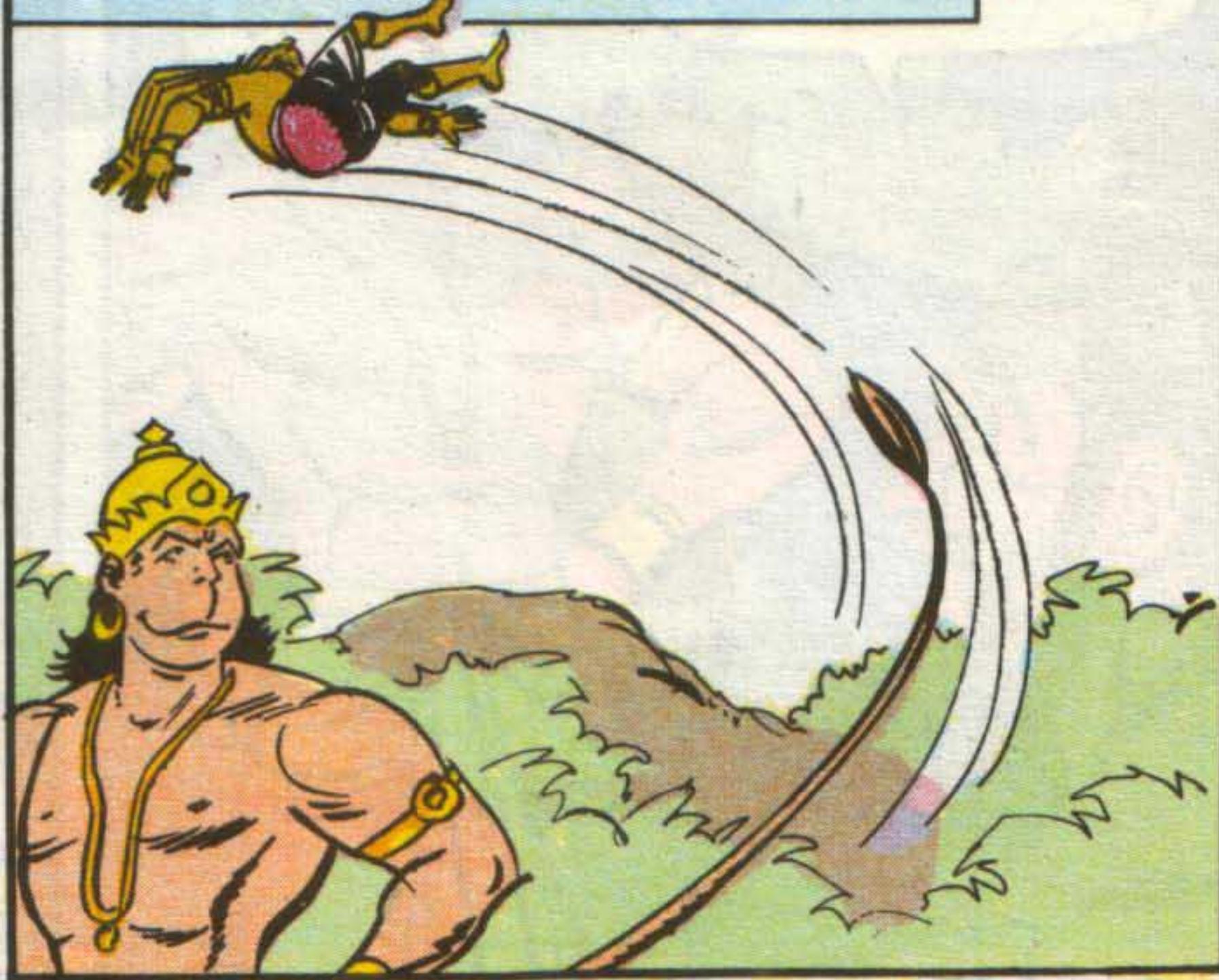
AND I'LL TAKE THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN MANDODARI FOR MYSELF.



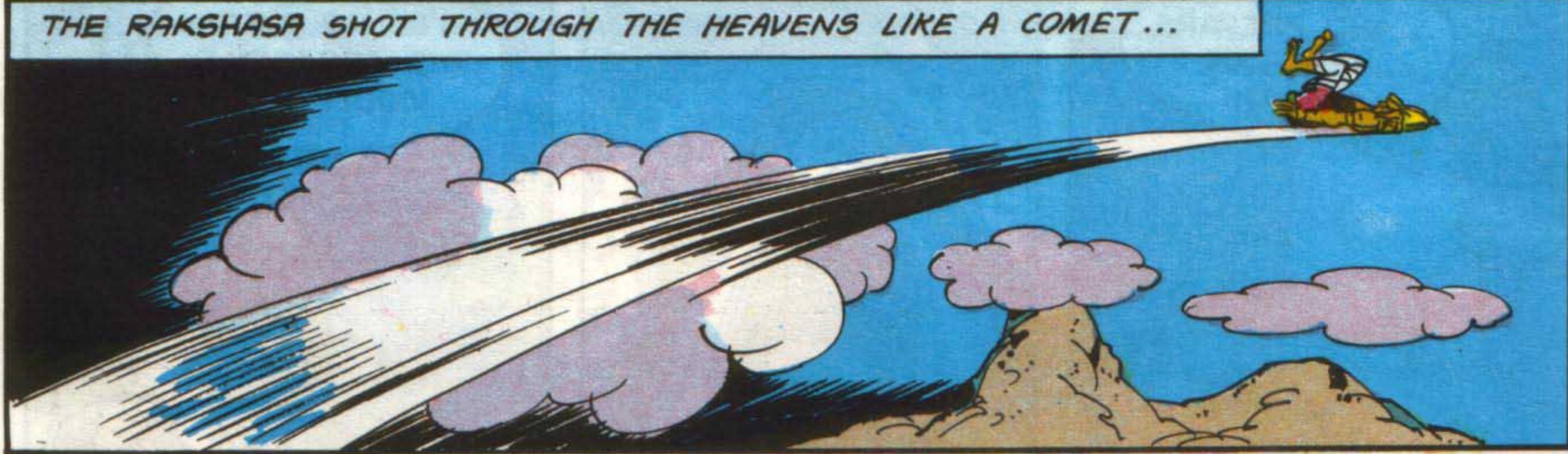
... COILING HIS TAIL ROUND HIM ...



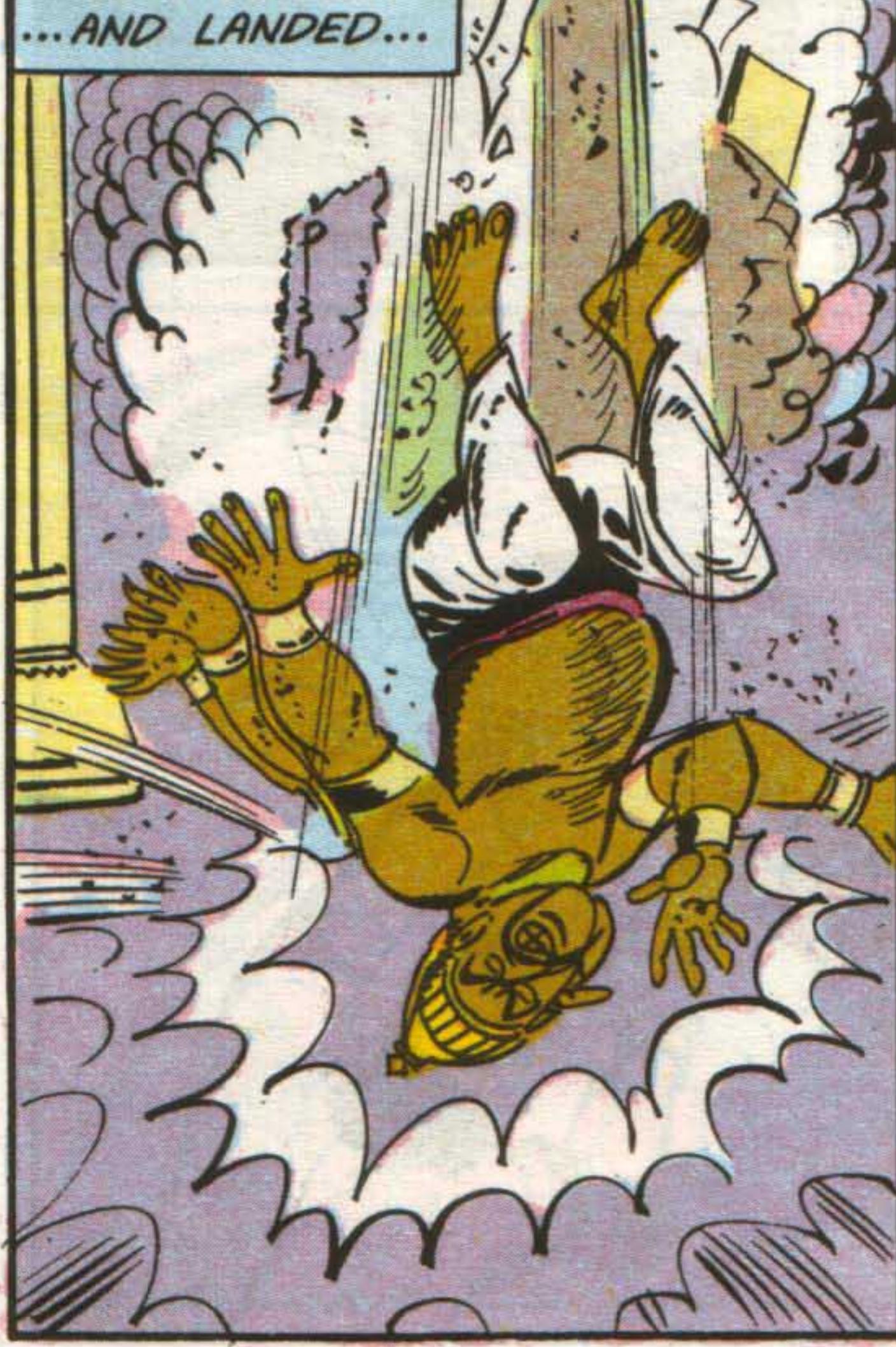
... HURLED HIM INTO THE SKY.



THE RAKSHASA SHOT THROUGH THE HEAVENS LIKE A COMET ...

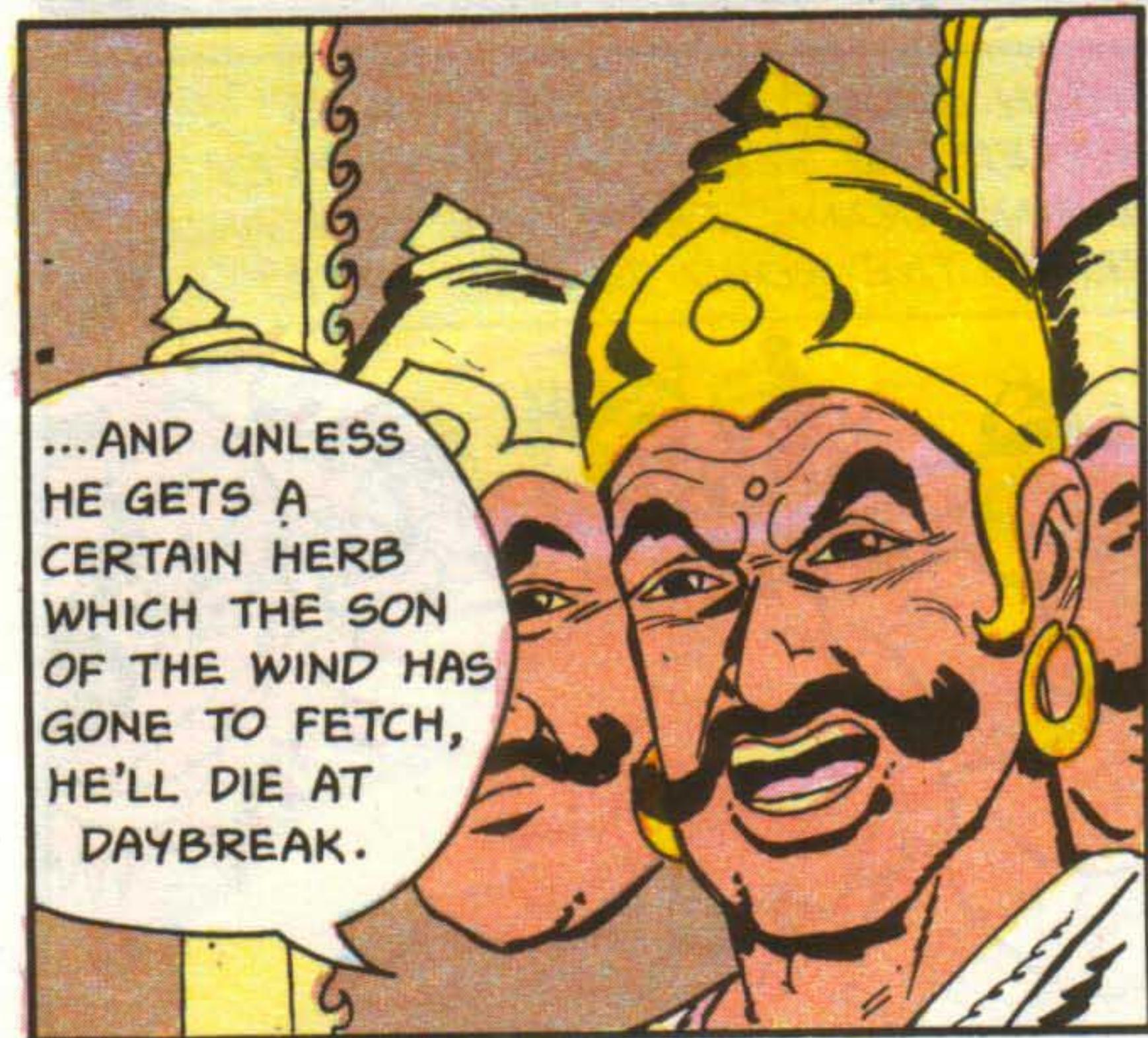
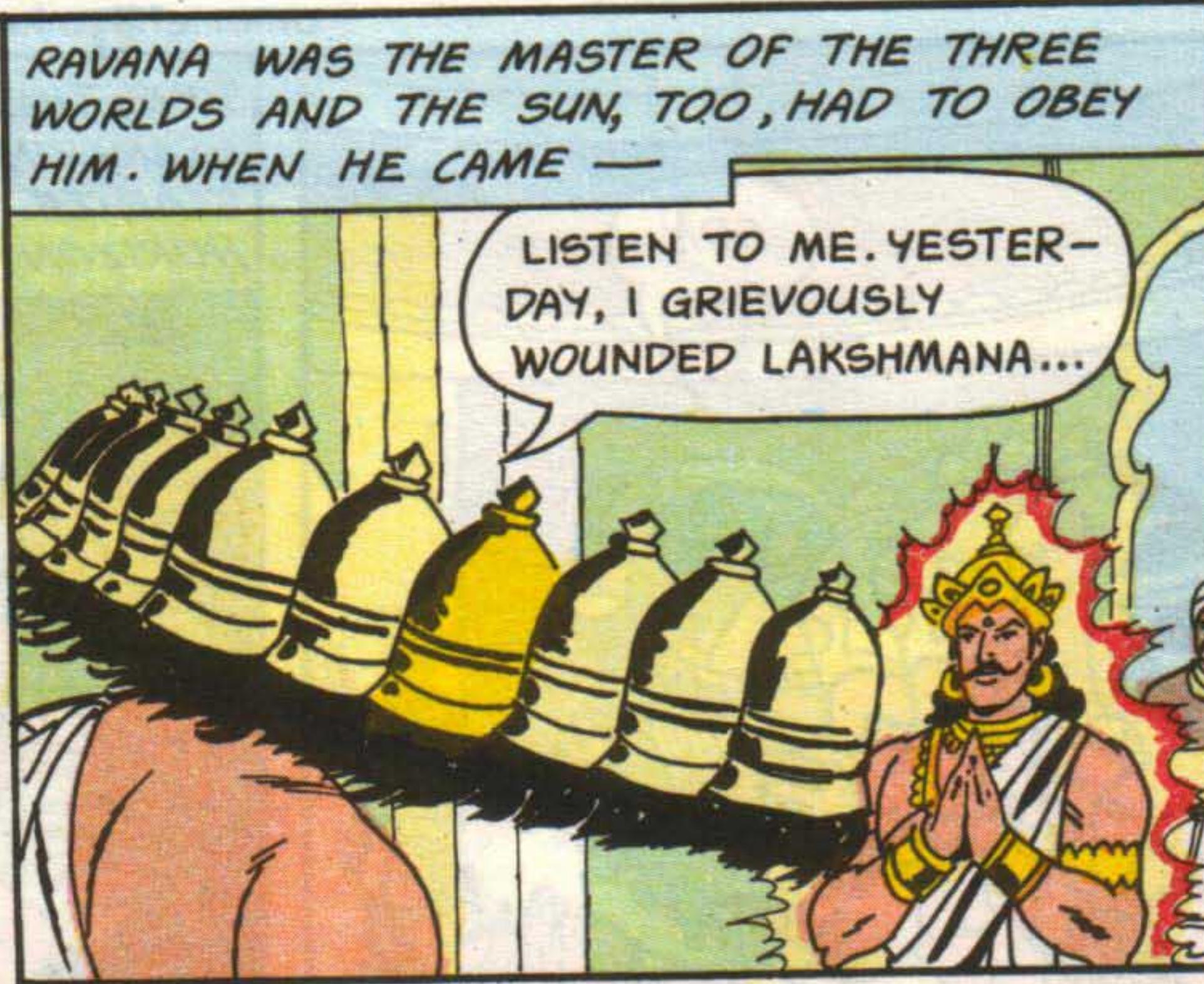


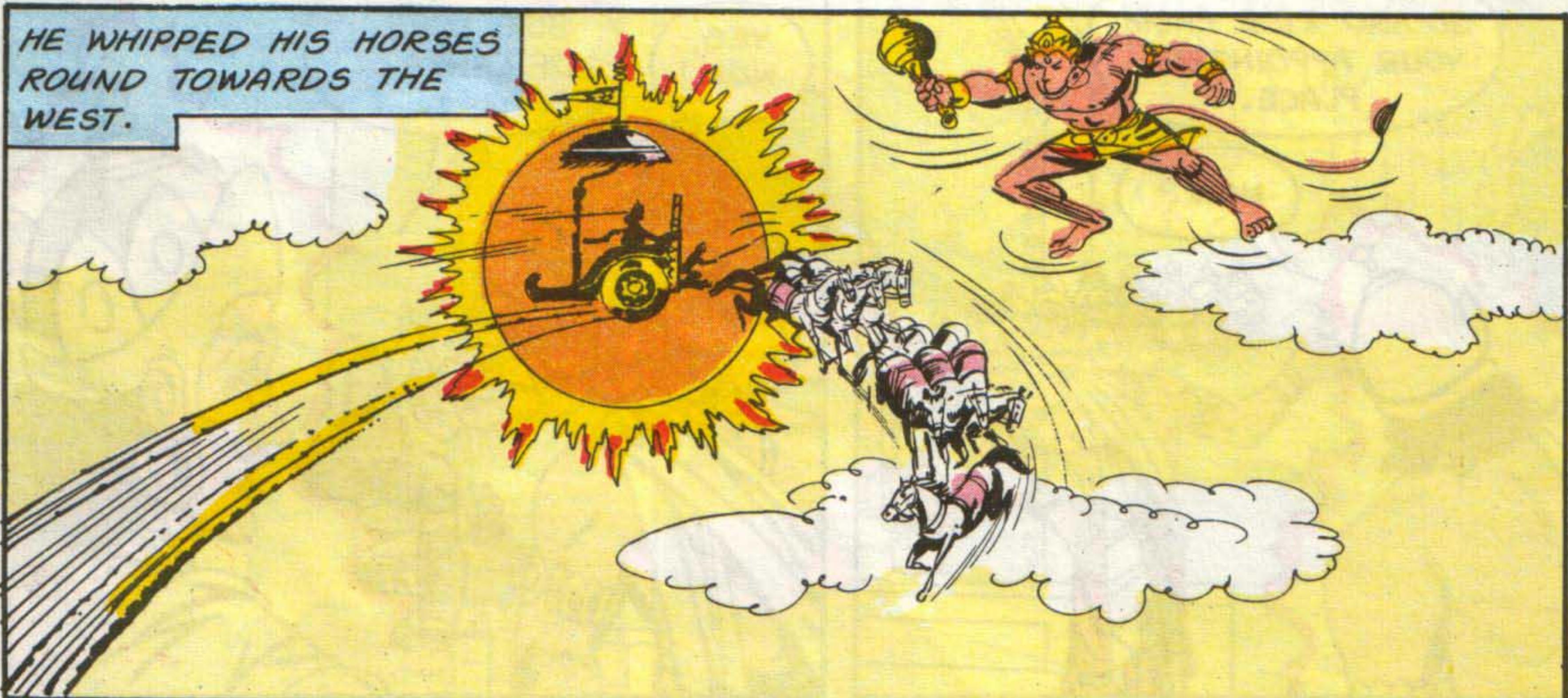
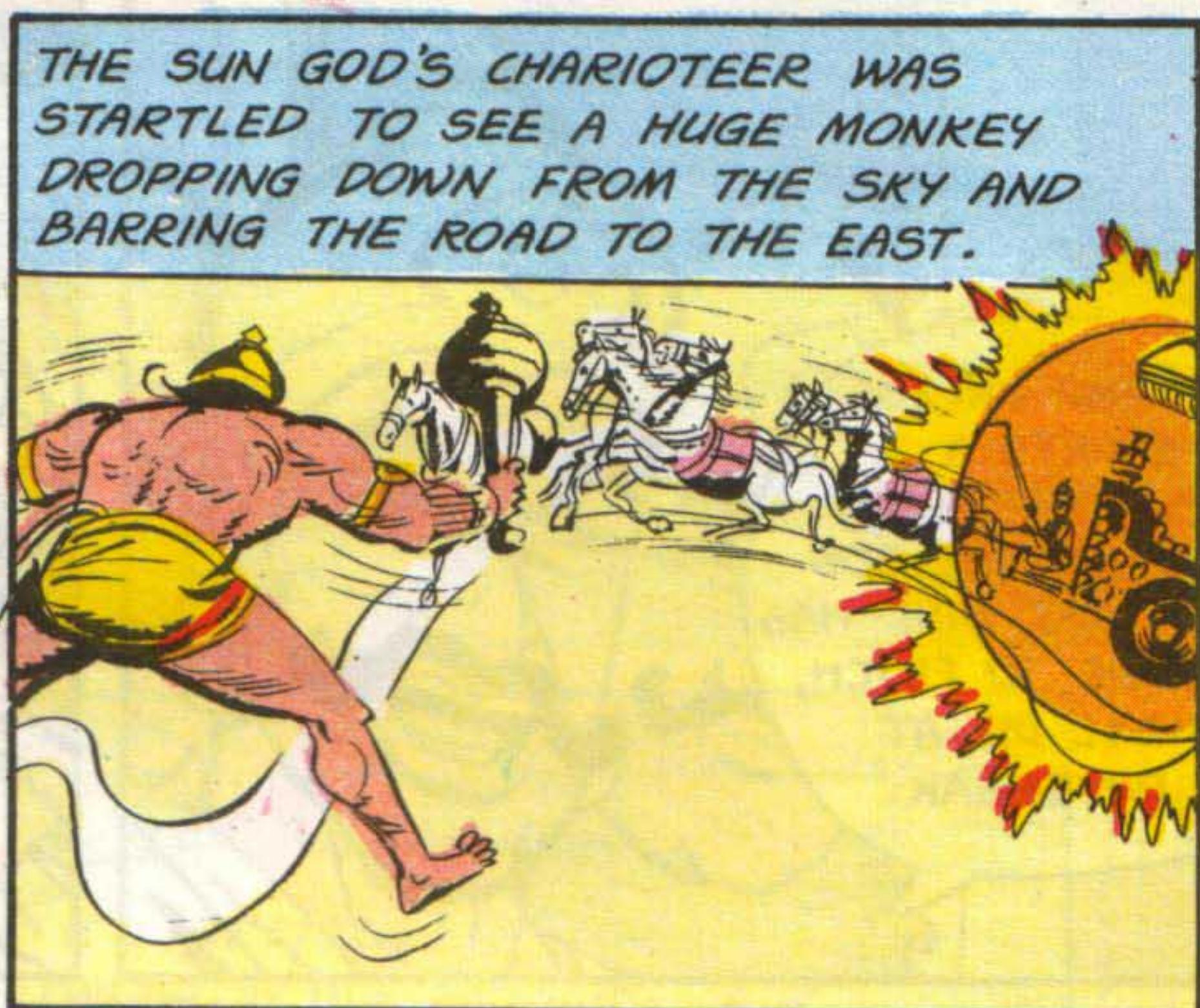
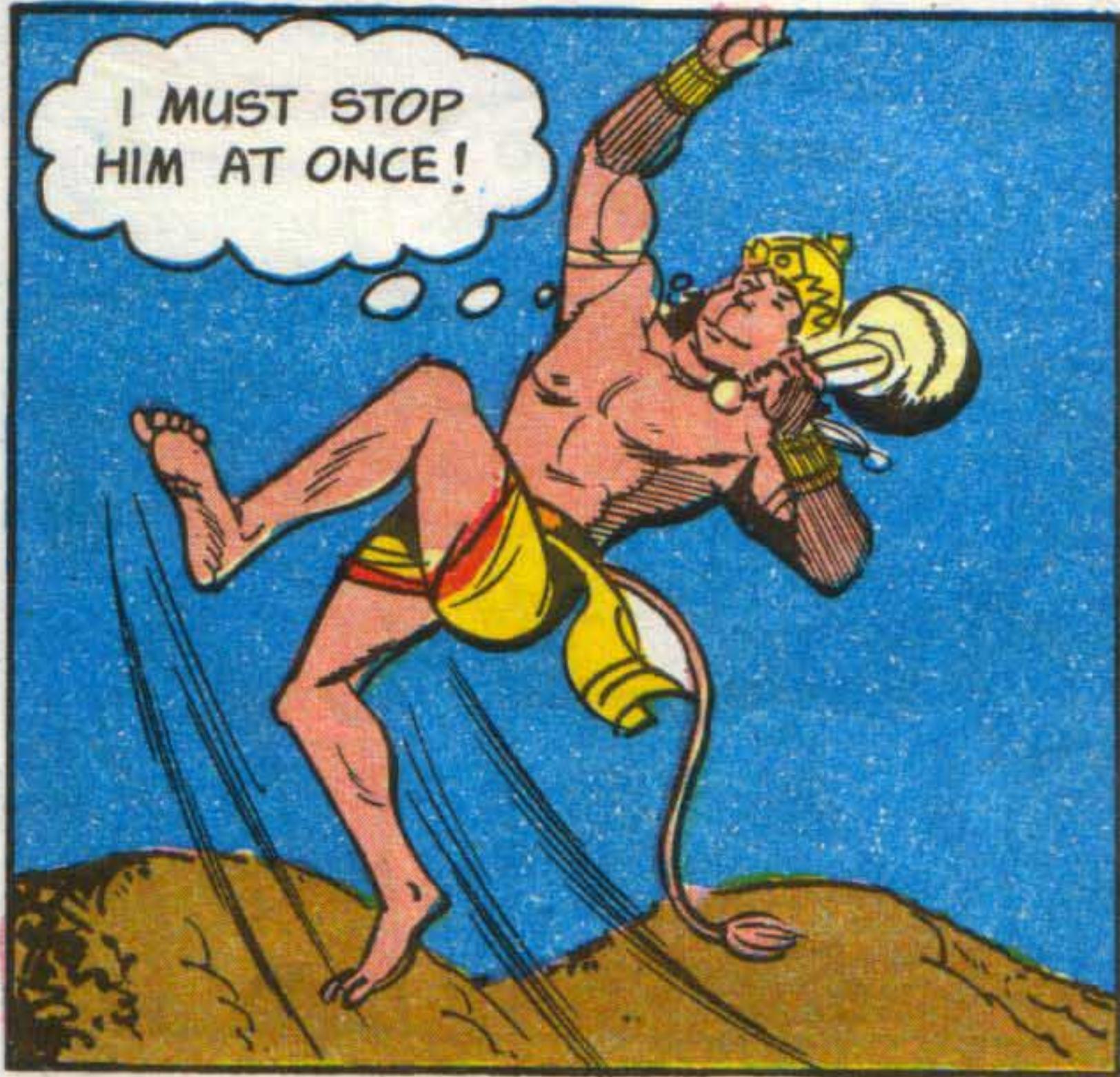
... AND LANDED ...



... IN LANKA, AT RAVANA'S COURT.





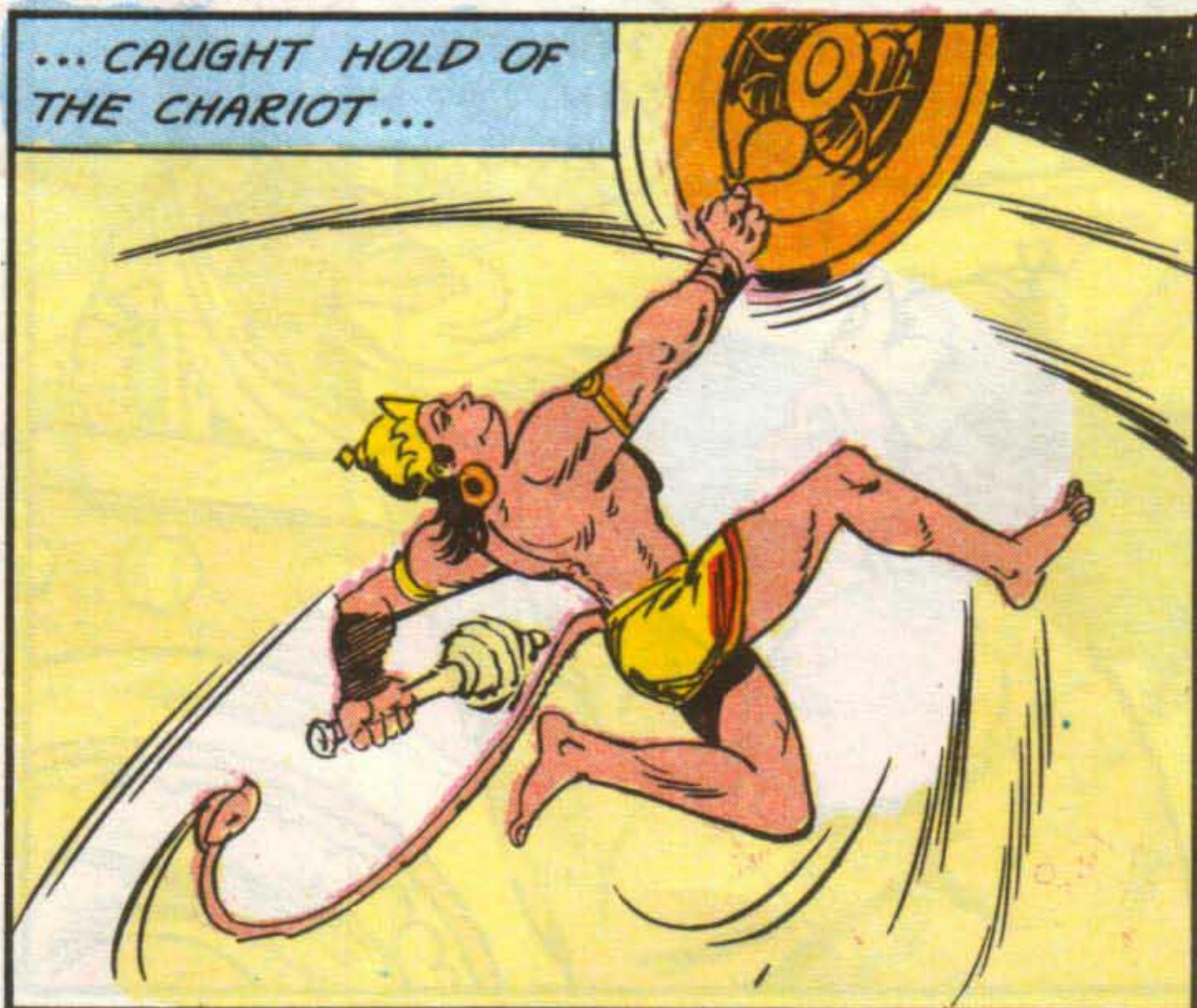


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BUT HANUMAN WAS TOO QUICK FOR HIM. HE DARTED FORWARD ...

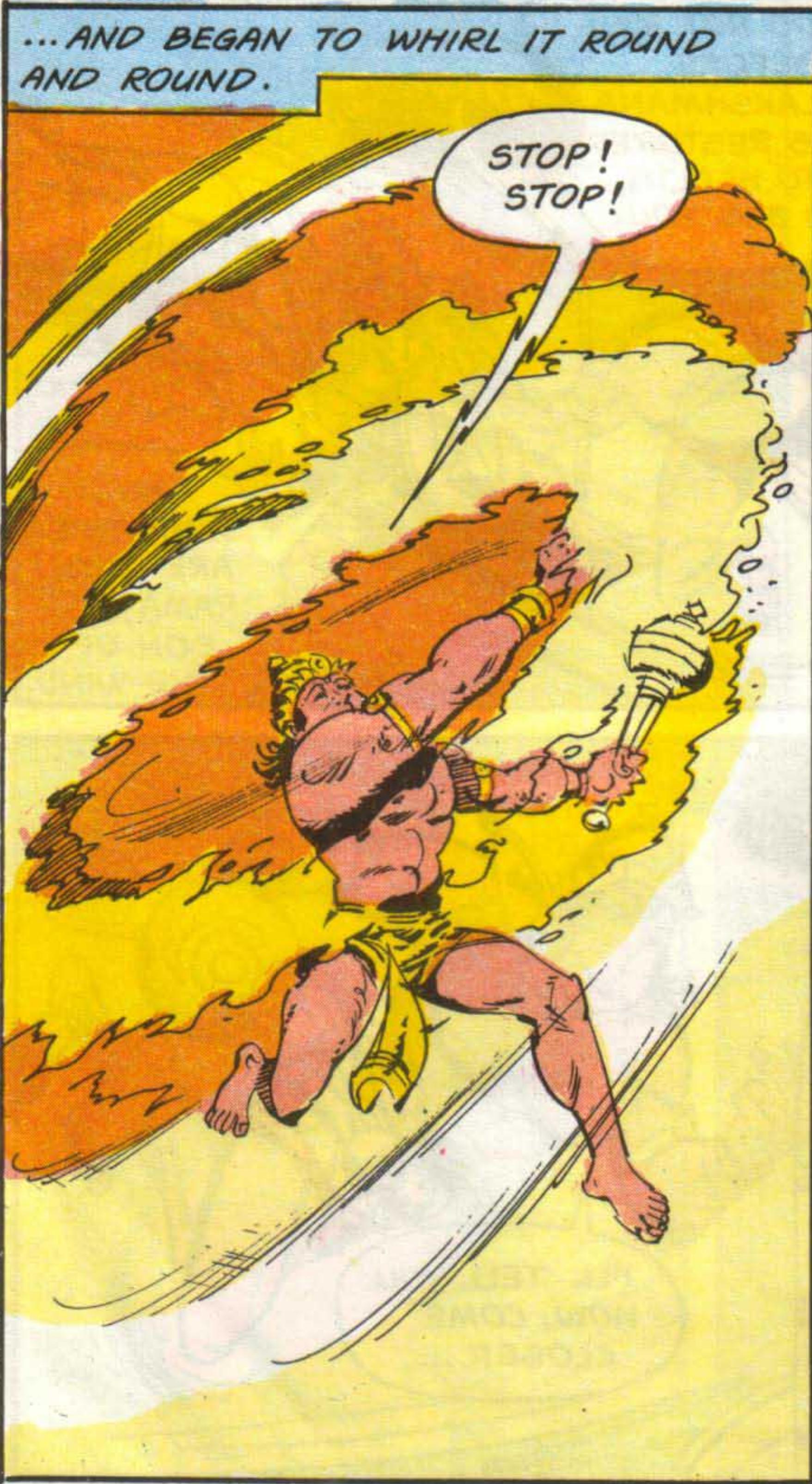


... CAUGHT HOLD OF THE CHARIOT ...



... AND BEGAN TO WHIRL IT ROUND AND ROUND.

STOP!
STOP!



WHAT'S GOING ON?

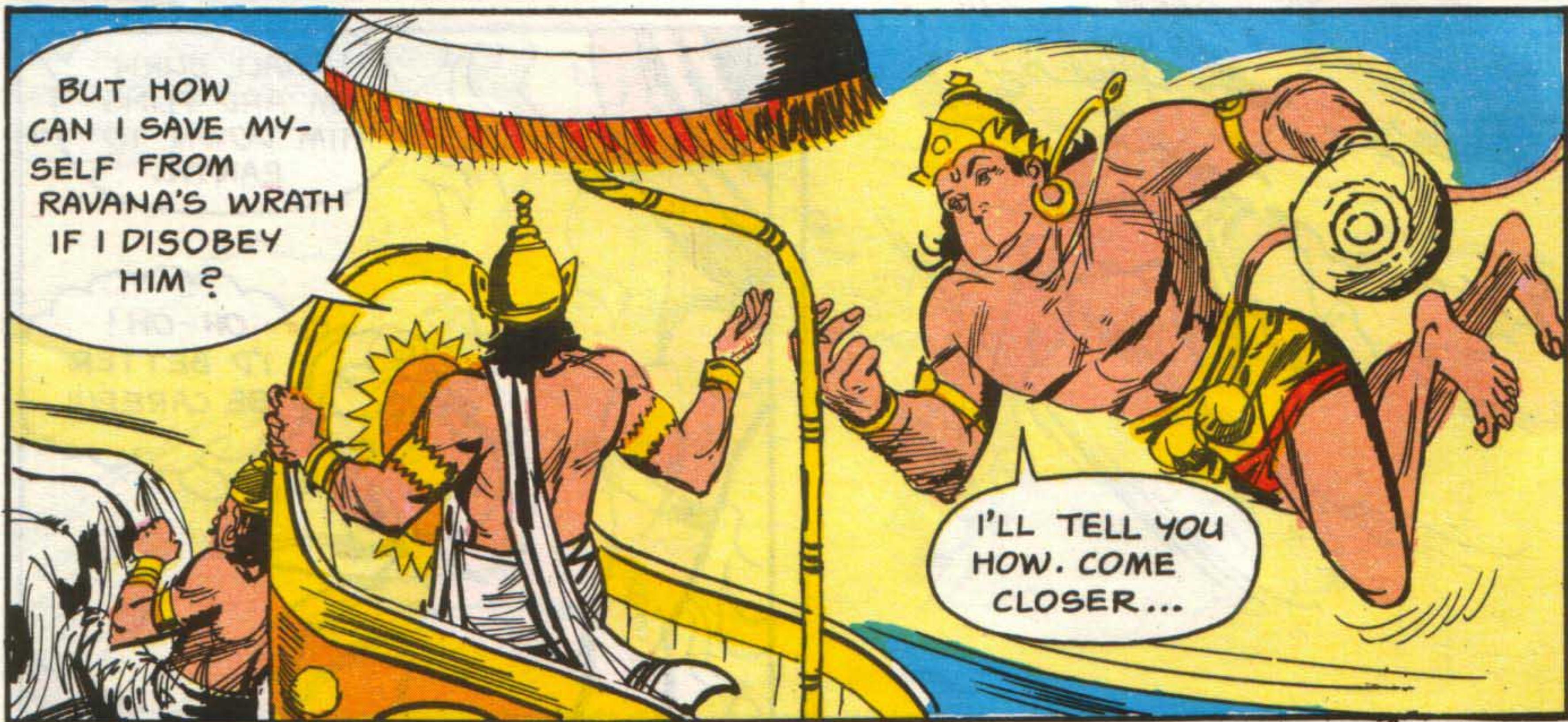
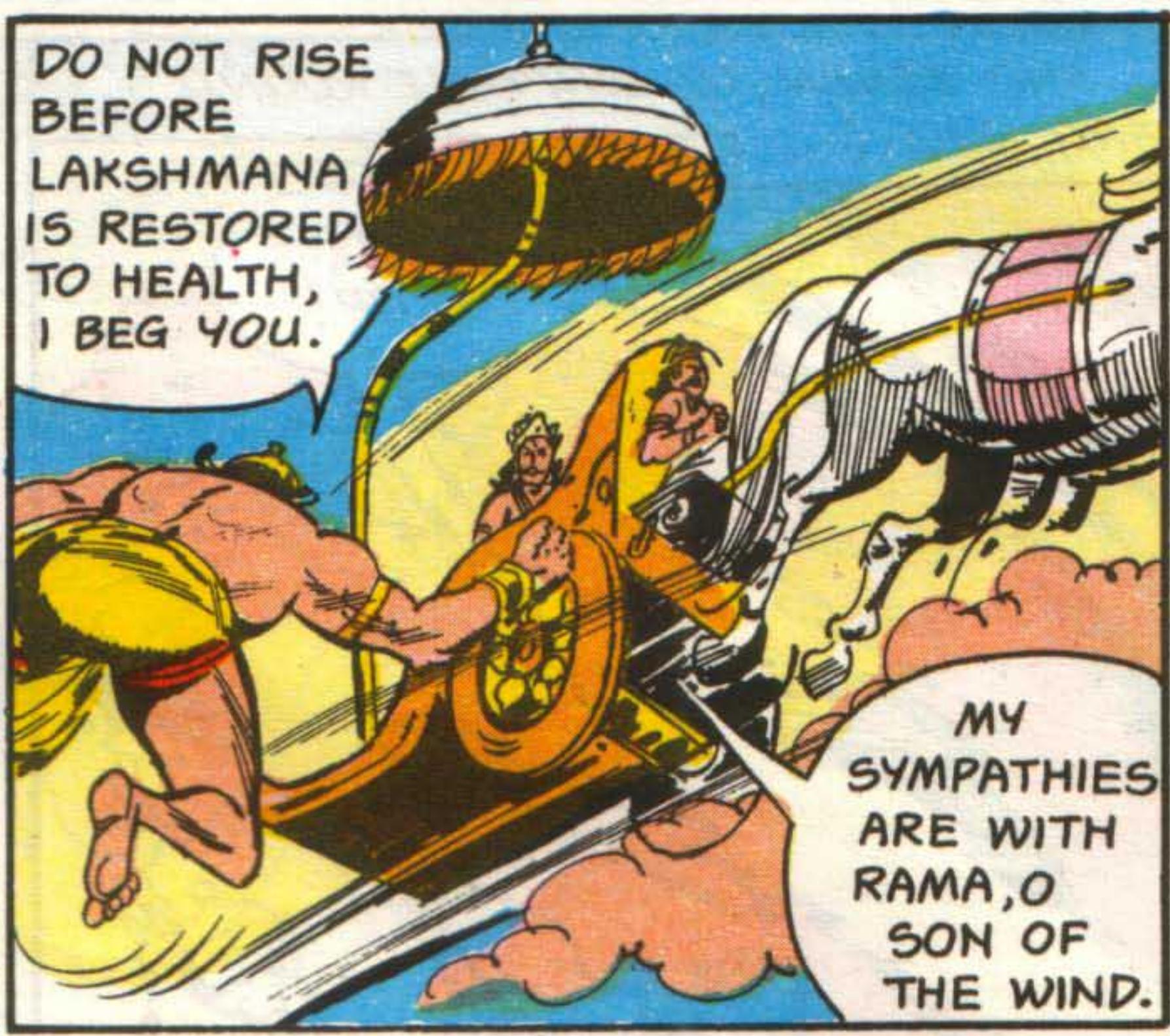
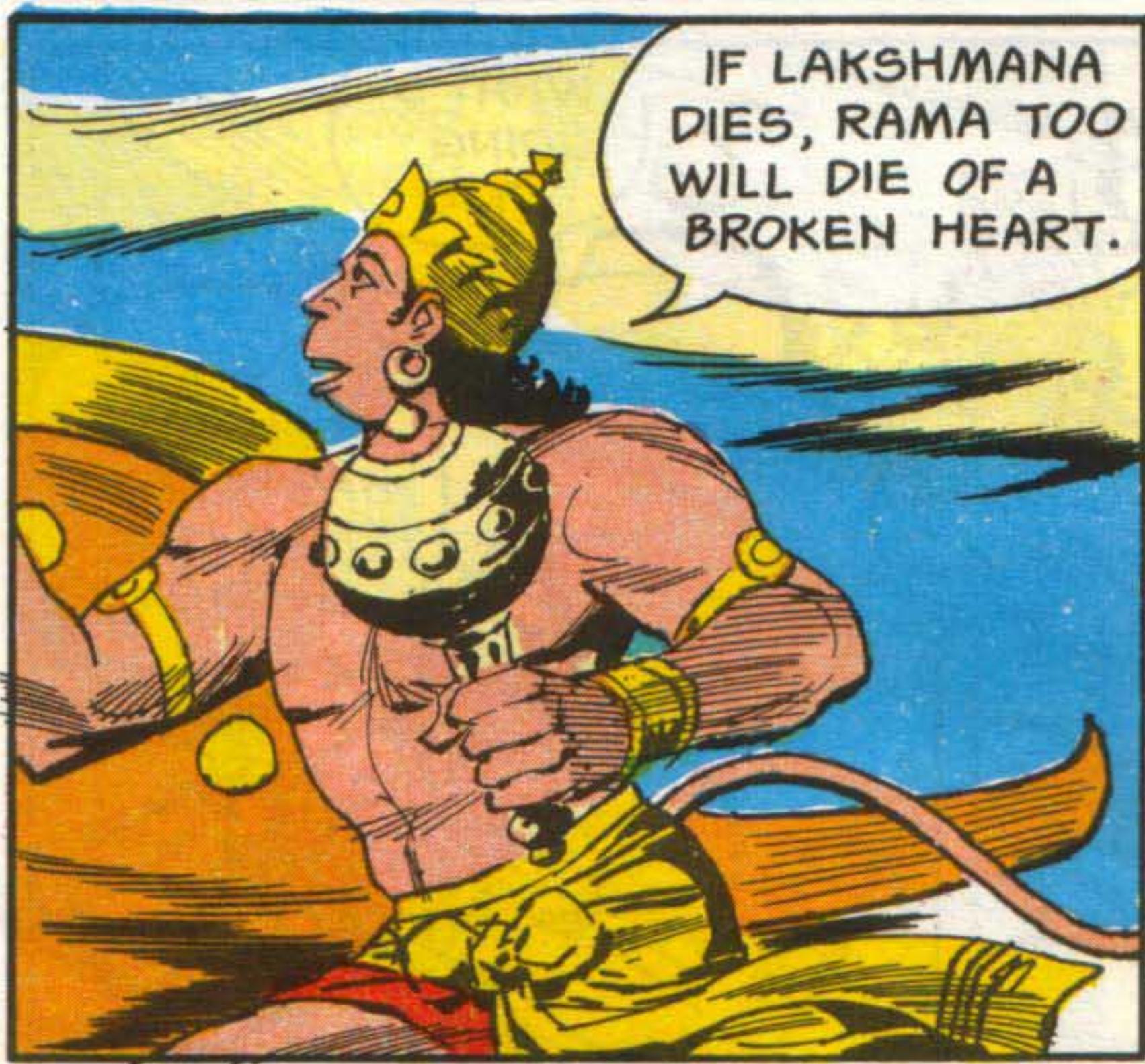
A HUGE MONKEY HAS TURNED OVER THE CHARIOT!



I SHALL BURN HIM AND FLING HIM DOWN TO EARTH.

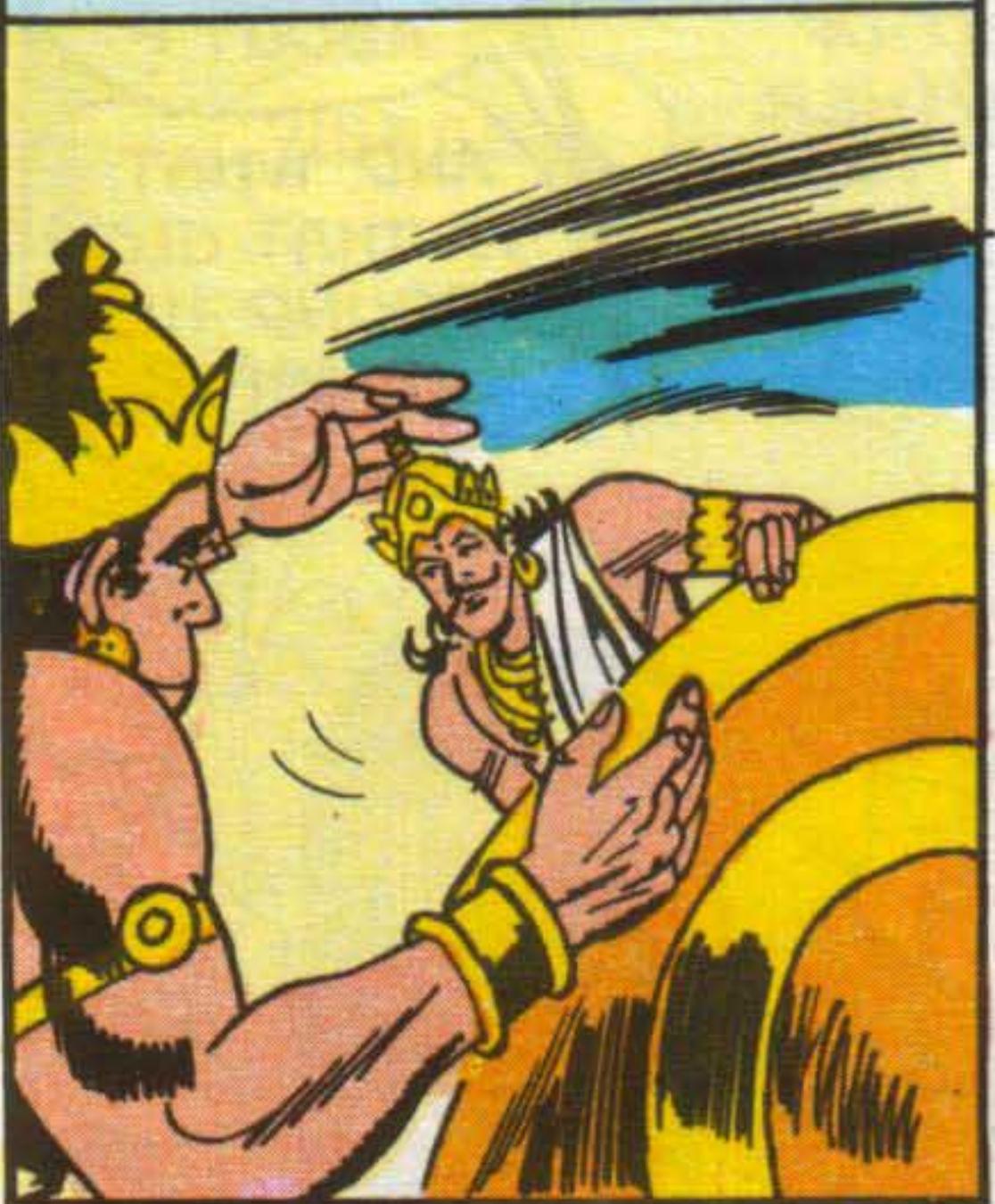
OH-OH!
I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL.



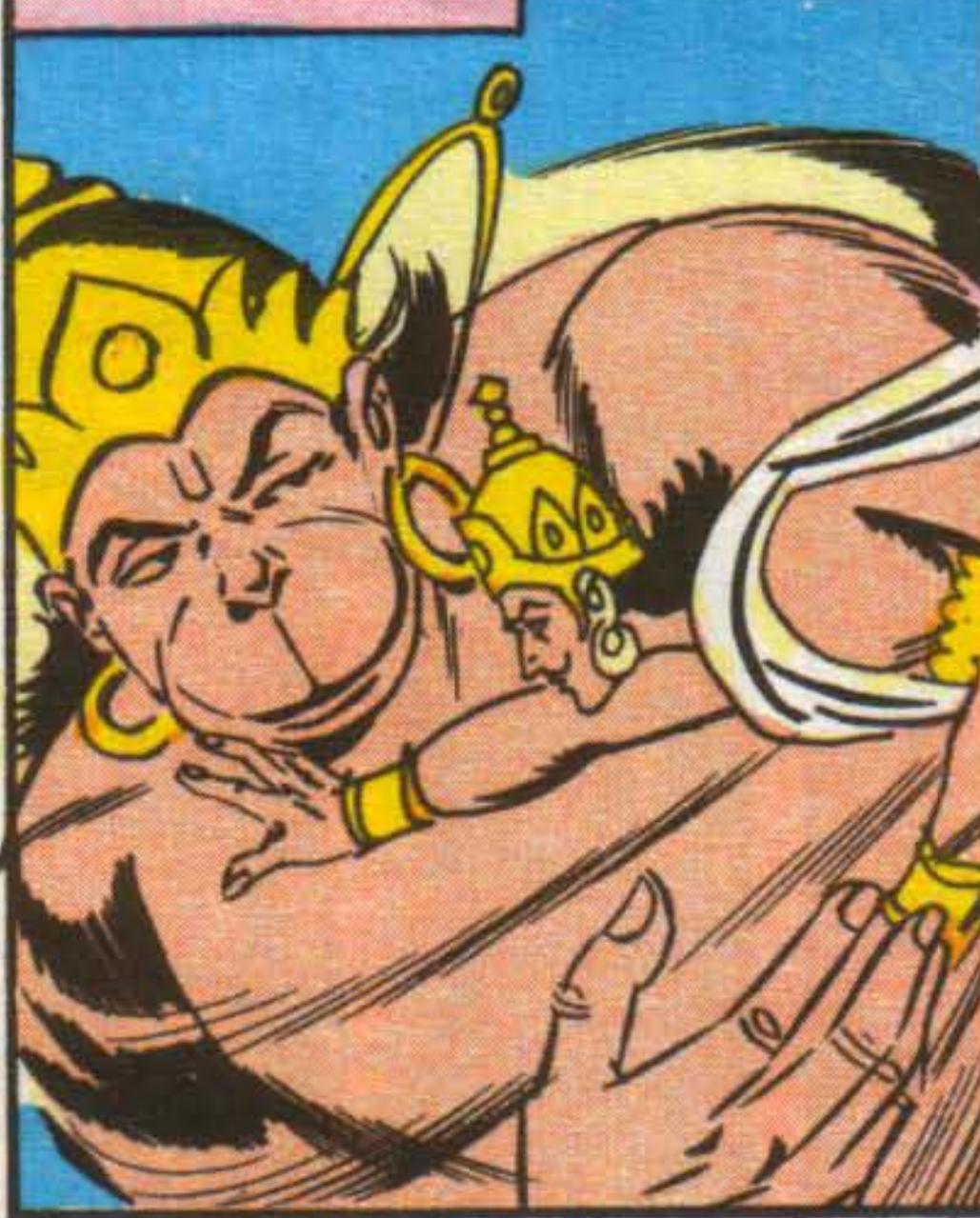


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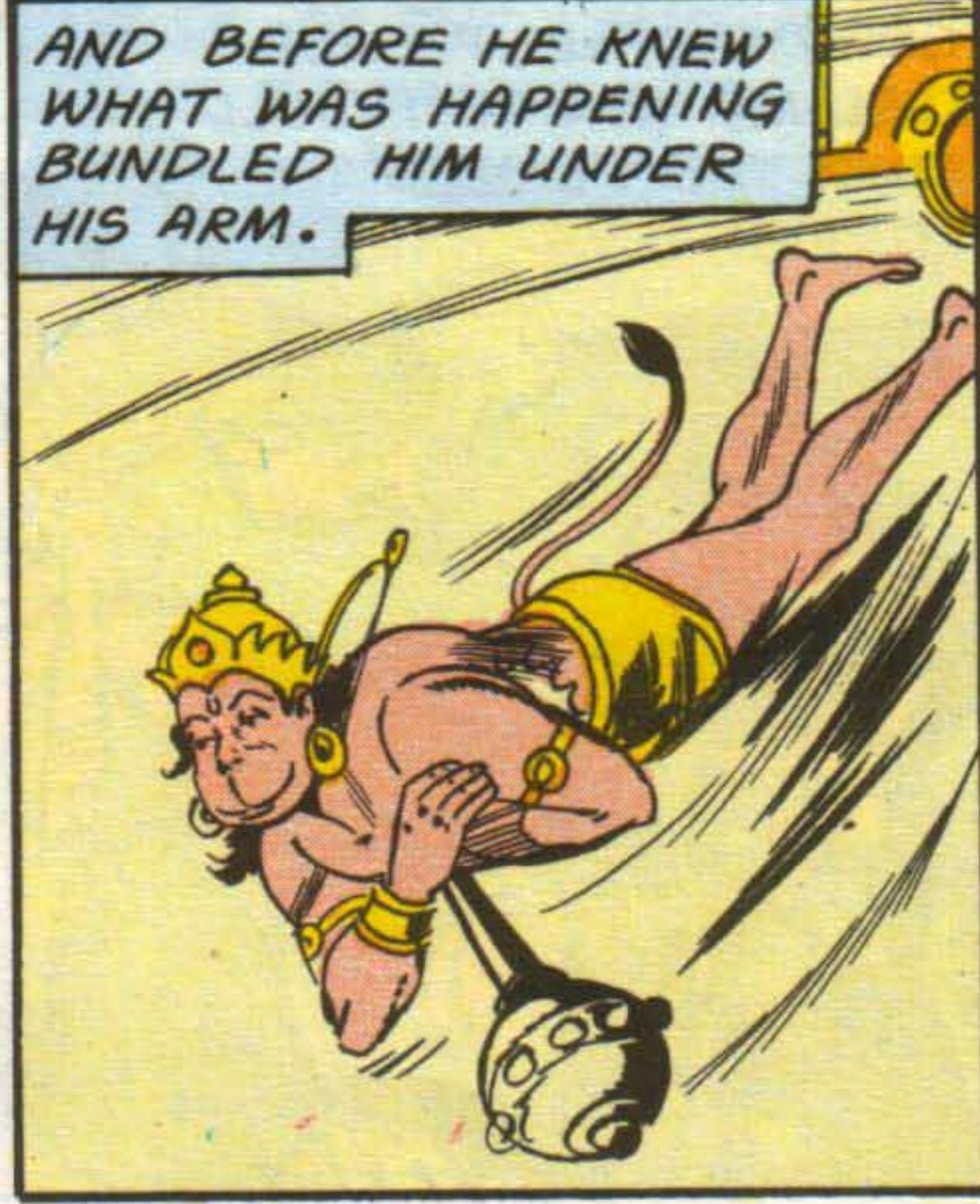
AS THE SUN LEANED FORWARD ...



... HANUMAN CAUGHT HIM IN A WARM EMBRACE.



AND BEFORE HE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING BUNDLED HIM UNDER HIS ARM.



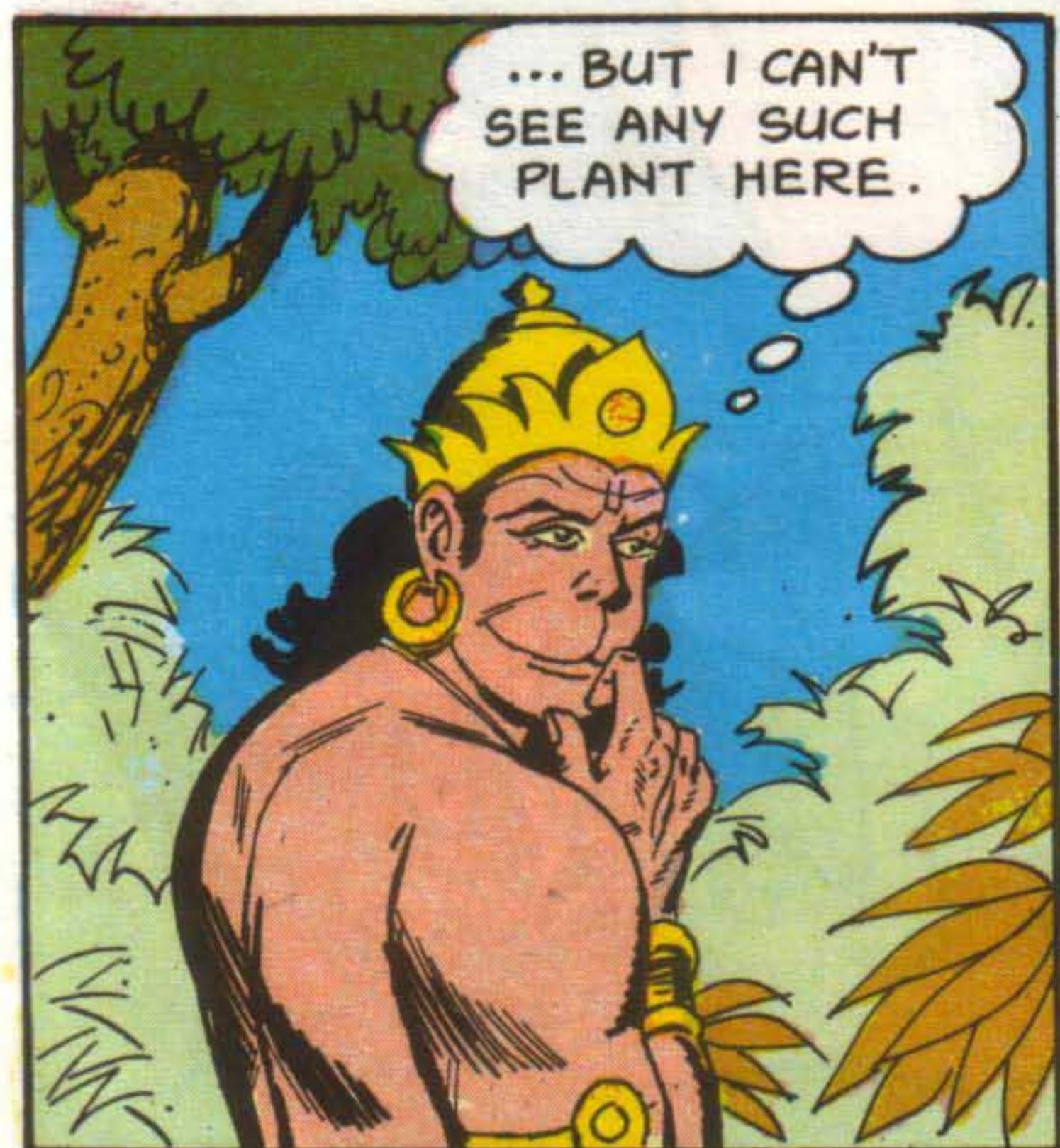
THEN HE RUSHED BACK TO GANDHAMADANA.



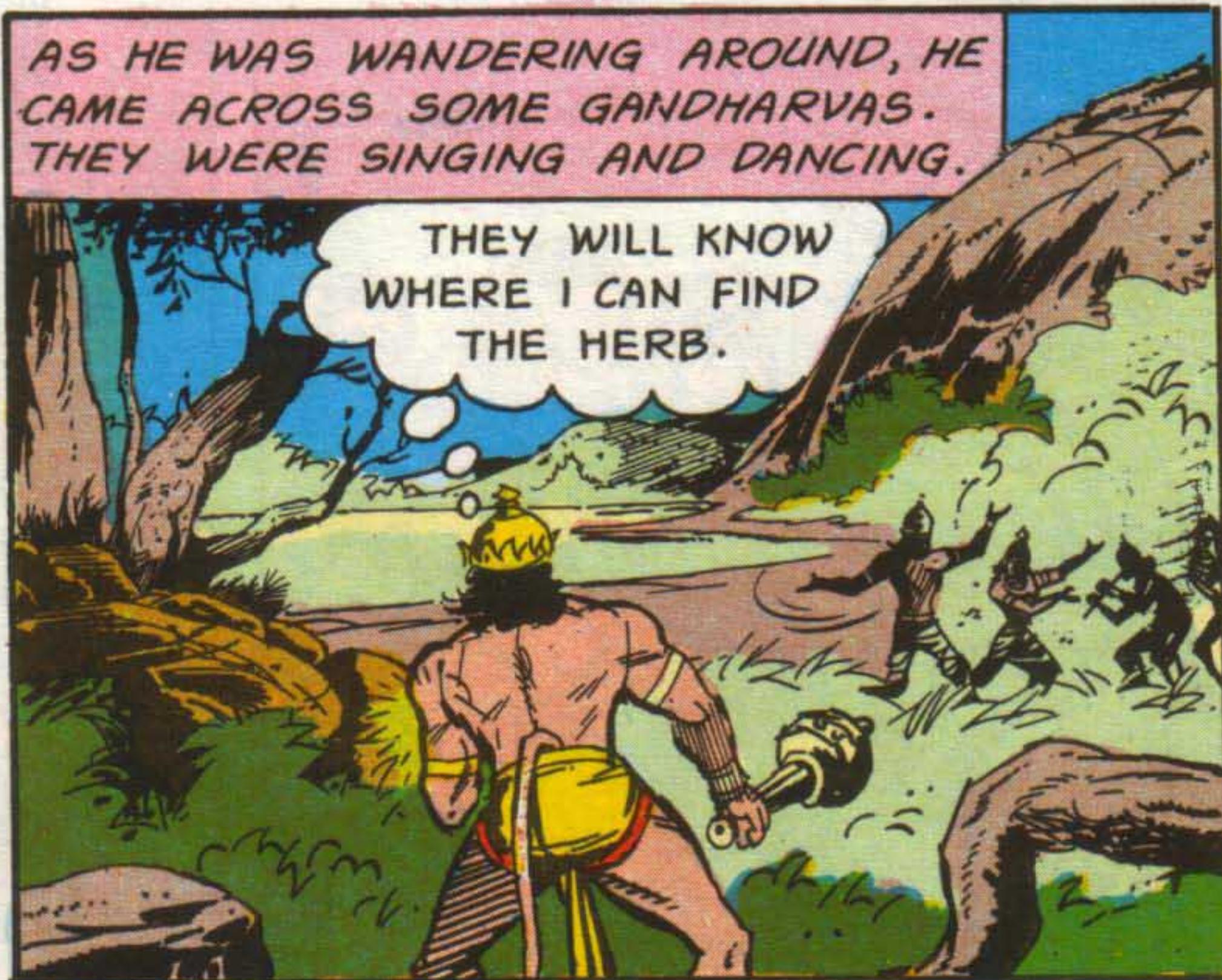
NOT MUCH TIME LEFT. SUSHENA SAID IT'S A GOLDEN CREEPER WITH BLUE FLOWERS...



... BUT I CAN'T SEE ANY SUCH PLANT HERE.



AS HE WAS WANDERING AROUND, HE CAME ACROSS SOME GANDHARVAS. THEY WERE SINGING AND DANCING.



THEY WILL KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND THE HERB.

GOOD PEOPLE, PLEASE TELL ME WHERE I COULD FIND THE PLANT CALLED VISHALYA-KARANI.

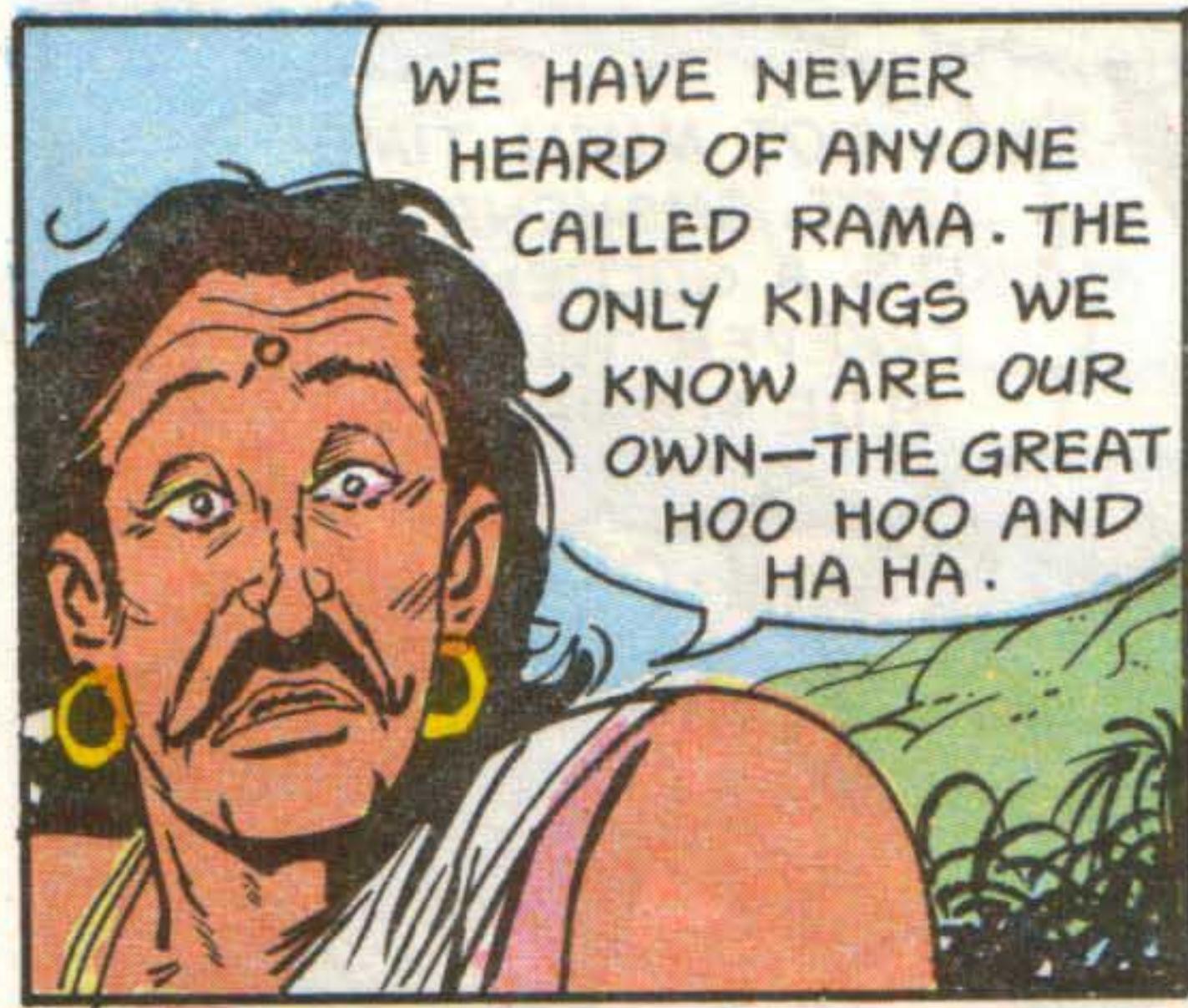


THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT BATTLE BETWEEN MY MASTER, RAMA AND THE LORD OF LANKA. RAMA'S BROTHER LAKSHMANA LIES AT DEATH'S DOOR.

WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
AND WHAT IS THAT GLOW AROUND HIS ARMPIT?



WE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE CALLED RAMA. THE ONLY KINGS WE KNOW ARE OUR OWN—THE GREAT HOO HOO AND HA HA.



NOW TELL US WHY YOU HAVE REALLY COME HERE.

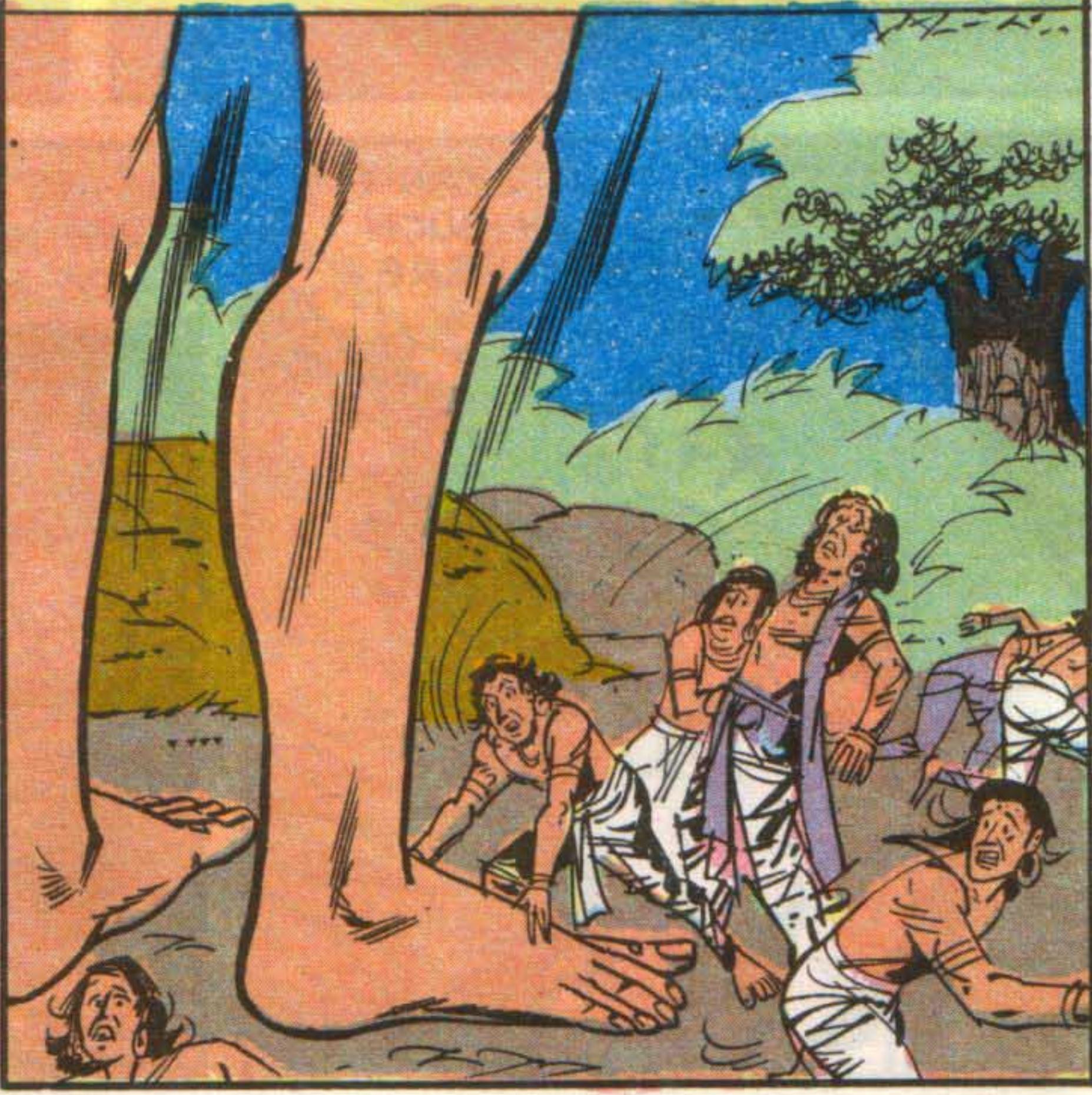
LET GO OF ME.



THE GANDHARVAS CROWDED ROUND HIM, TEASING HIM AND PULLING AT HIS HAIR. HANUMAN WAS ENRAGED.



HE MADE HIMSELF AS HUGE AS A HILL...



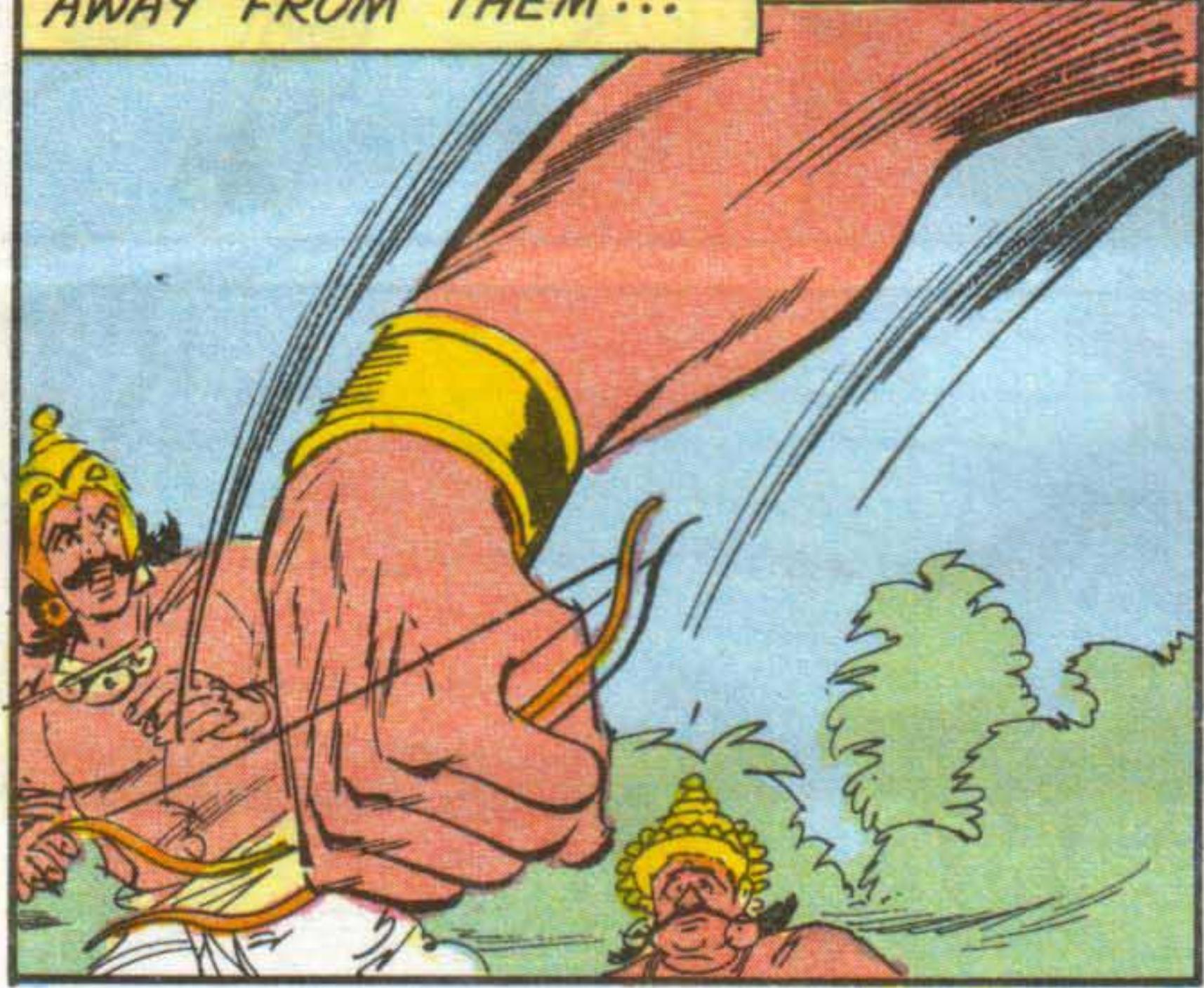
...AND STRUCK BACK AT HIS TORMENTORS.



PRESENTLY, THE KINGS OF THE LAND, HOO HOO AND HA HA CAME TO BATTLE WITH HIM.



BUT HANUMAN PULLED THEIR BOWS AWAY FROM THEM...



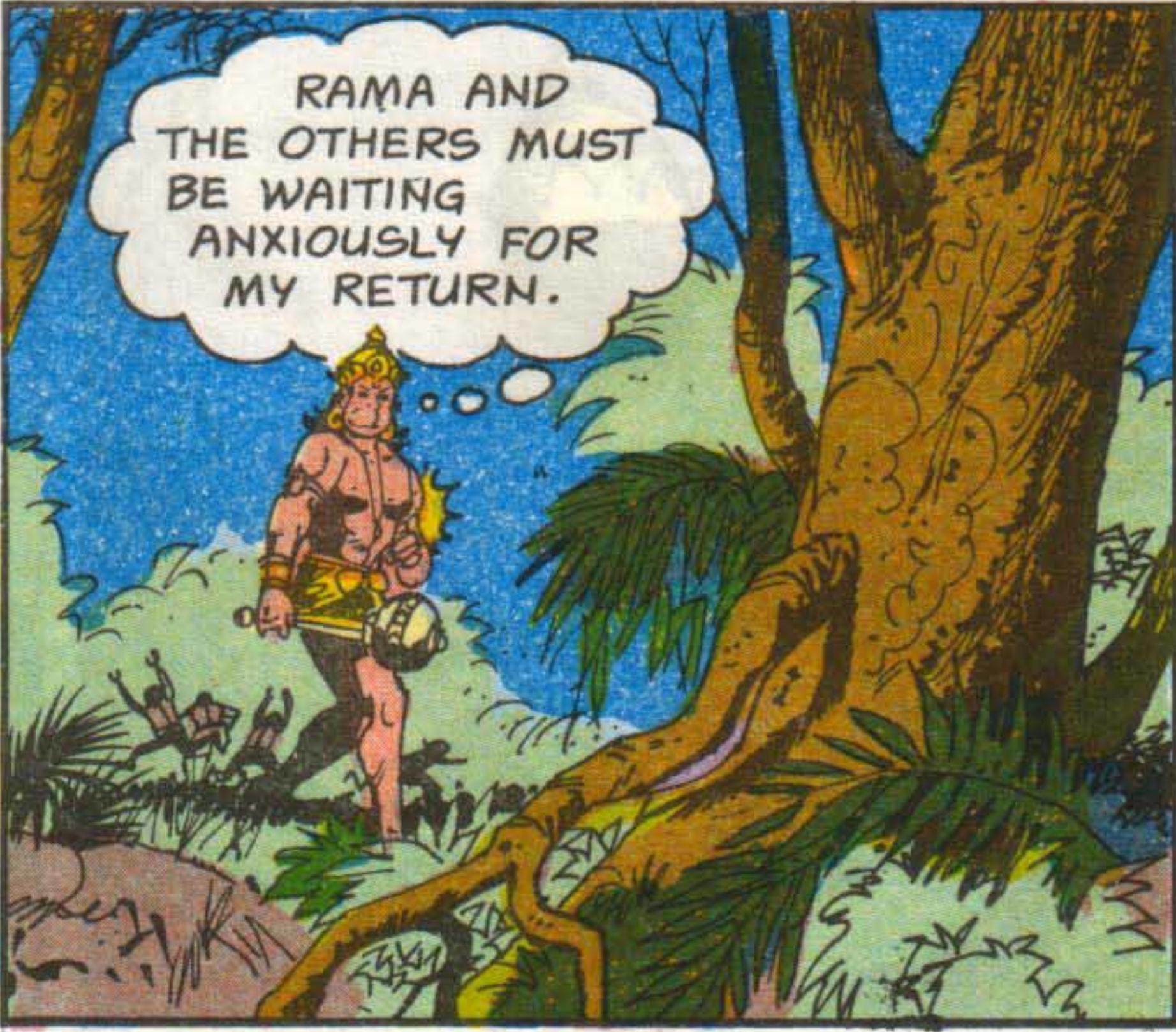
...AND BROKE THEM.



PANDEMOMIUM BROKE OUT AMONG THE GANDHARVAS AND HANUMAN WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THEM ALL IF HE HAD NOT SUDDENLY REMEMBERED HIS REASON FOR BEING THERE.

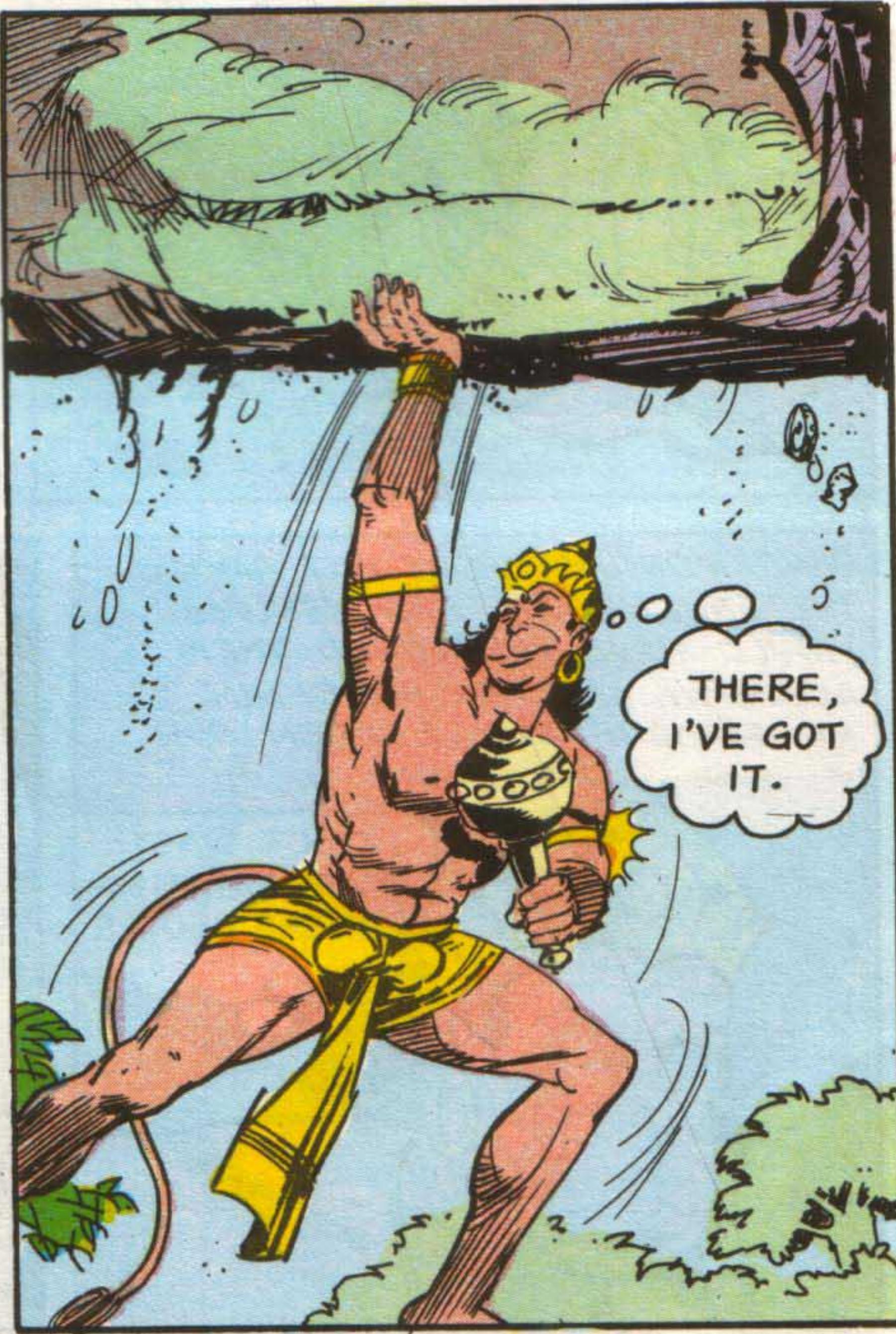
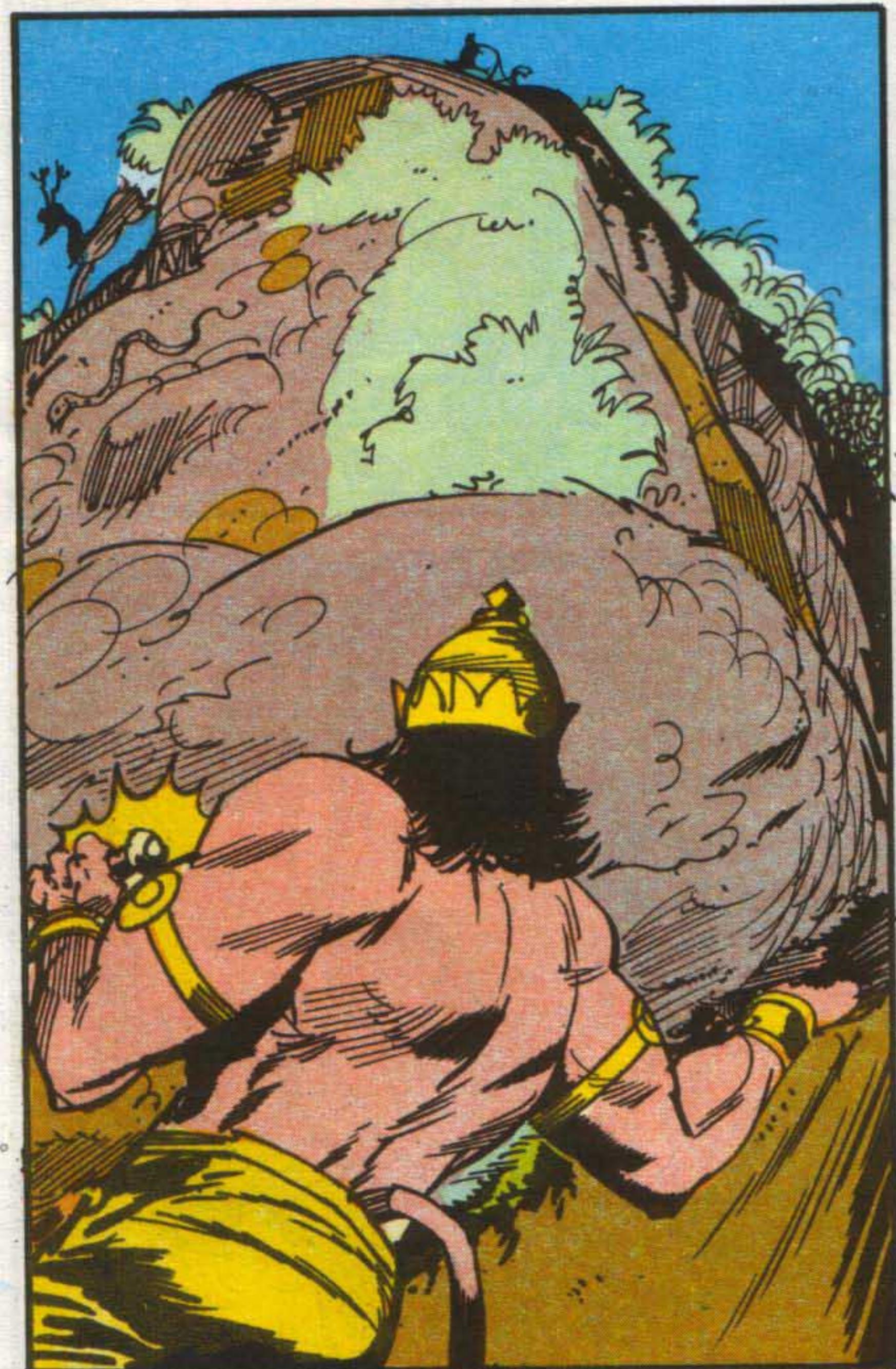


RAMA AND THE OTHERS MUST BE WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR MY RETURN.



WELL, IF
I CAN'T FIND
THE HERB...

...I'LL TAKE THE
WHOLE MOUNTAIN
WITH ME.





LATER, WHEN HE HAD LOWERED HIS LOAD, AND EXPLAINED HIS DIFFICULTY IN FINDING THE HERB, SUSHENA HIMSELF WENT UP WITH HIM AND GATHERED THE PLANTS HE WANTED.

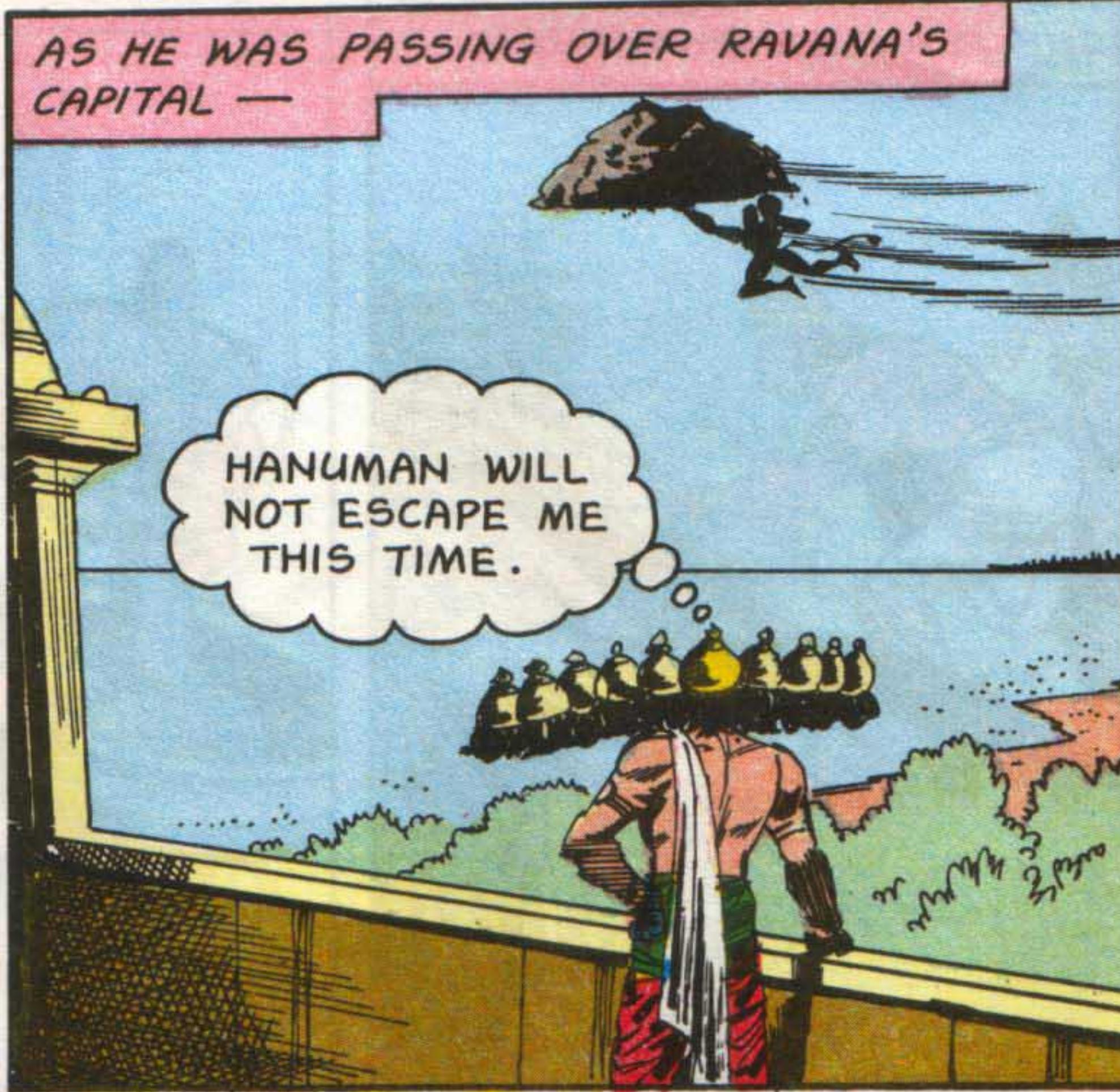
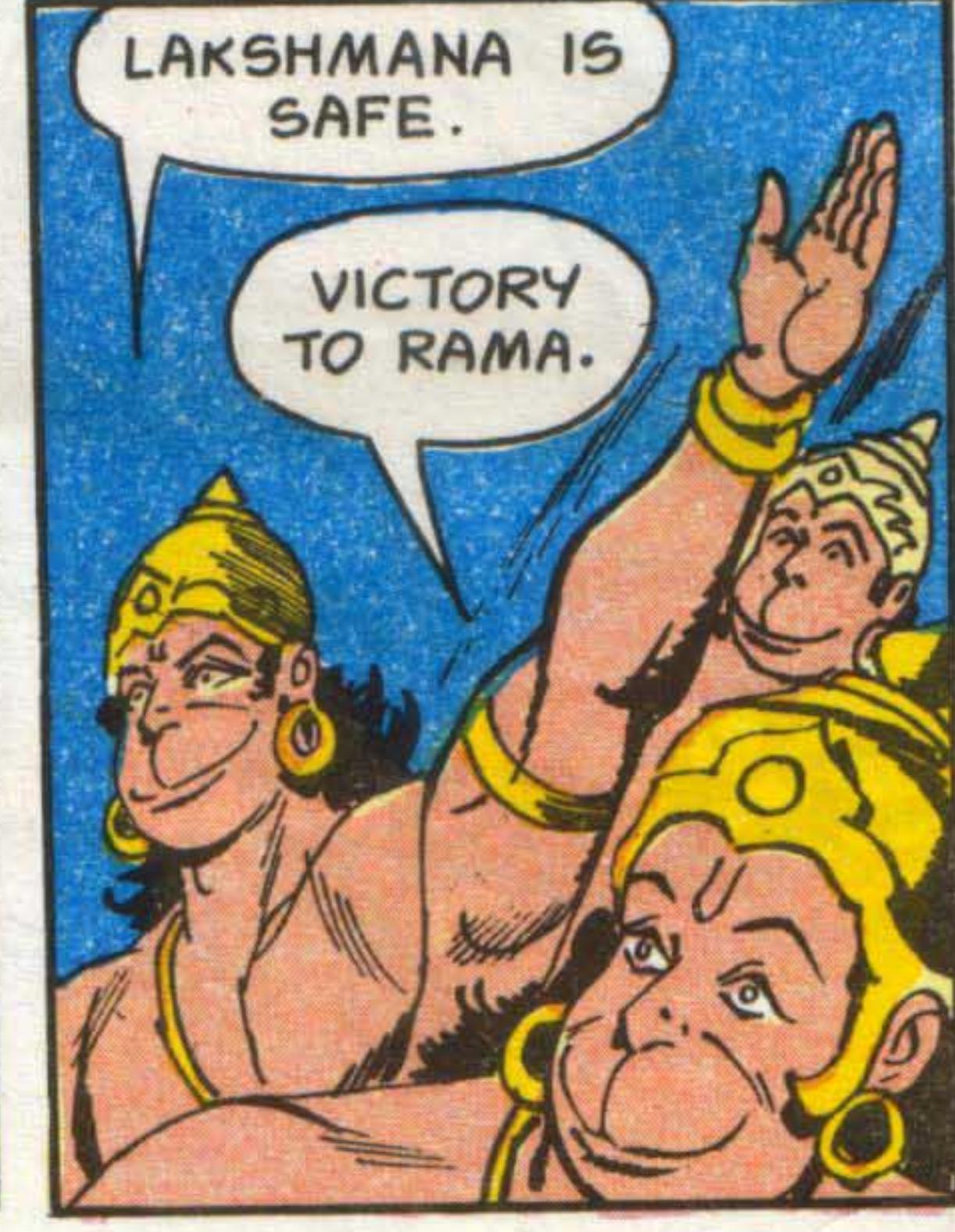
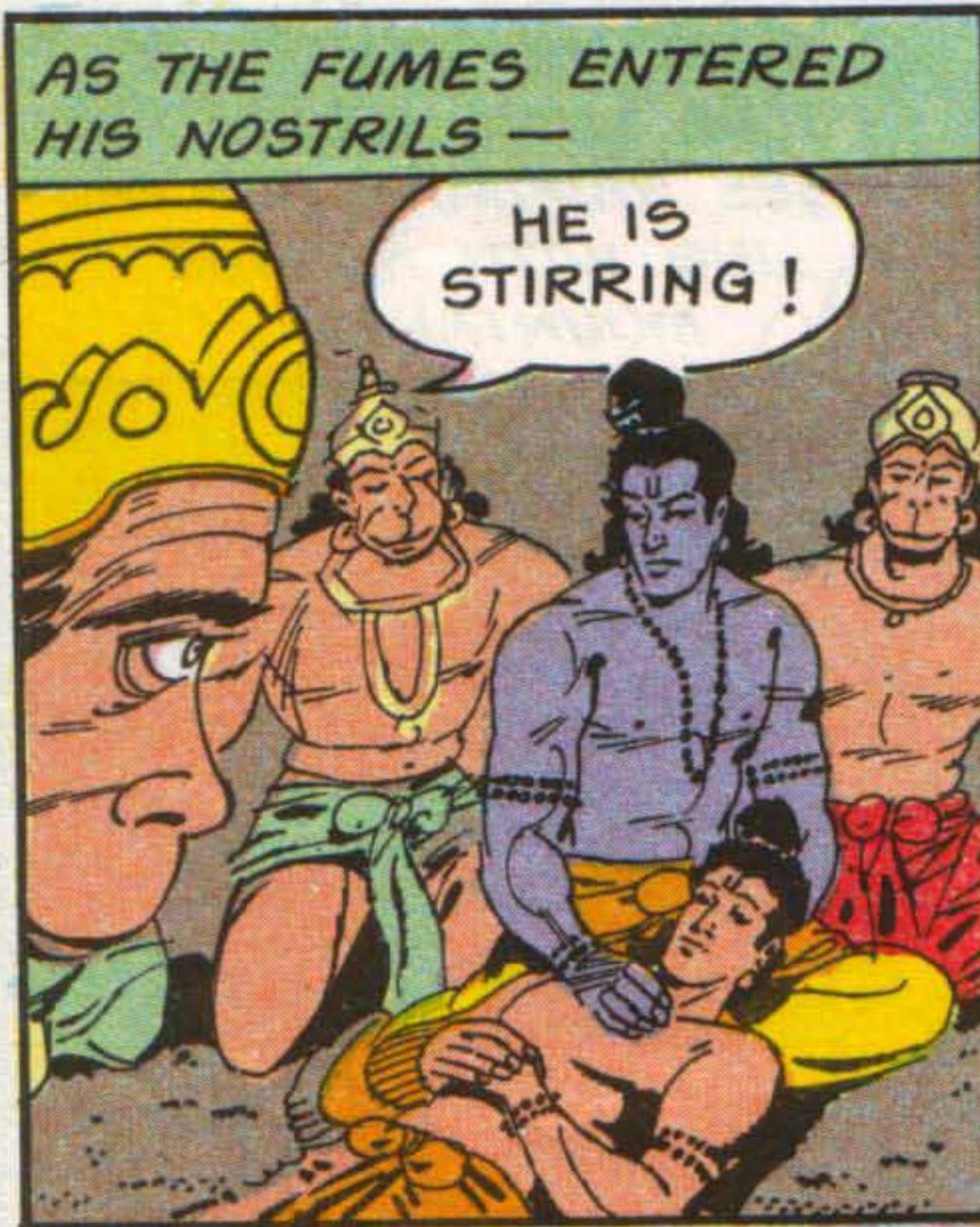


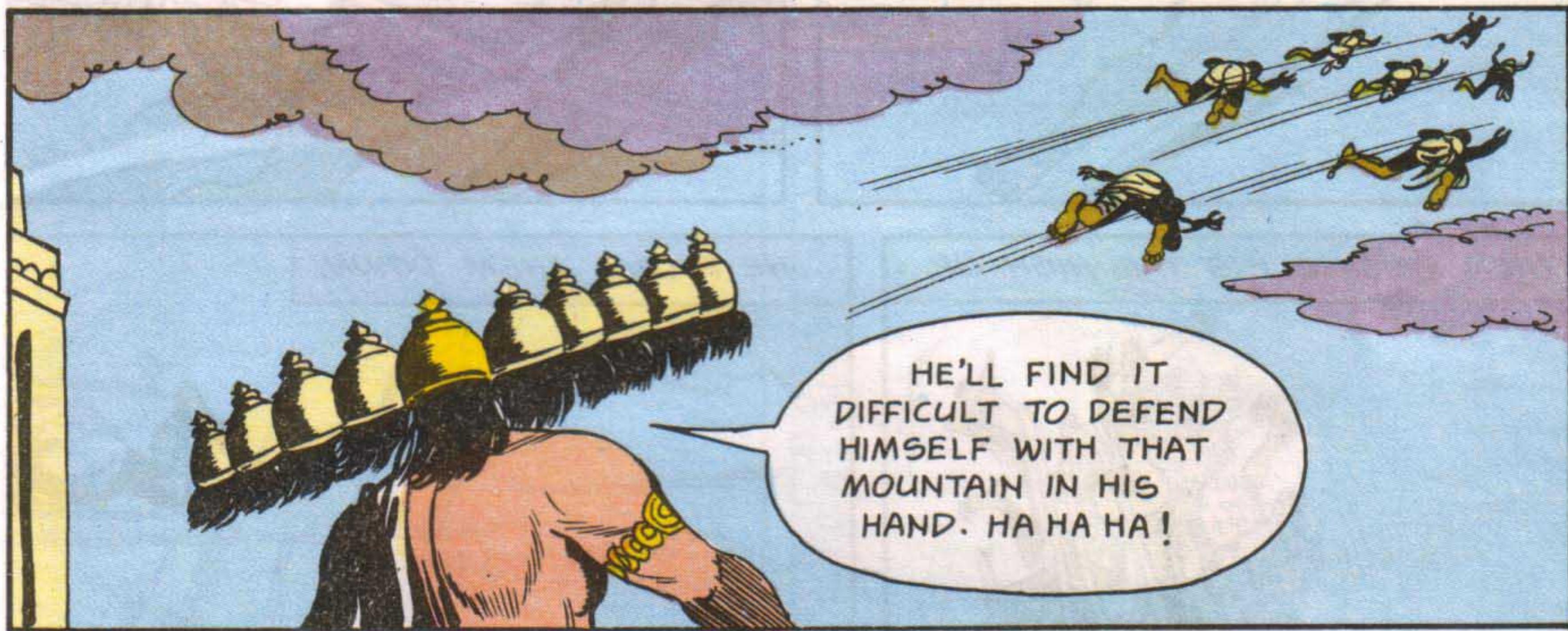
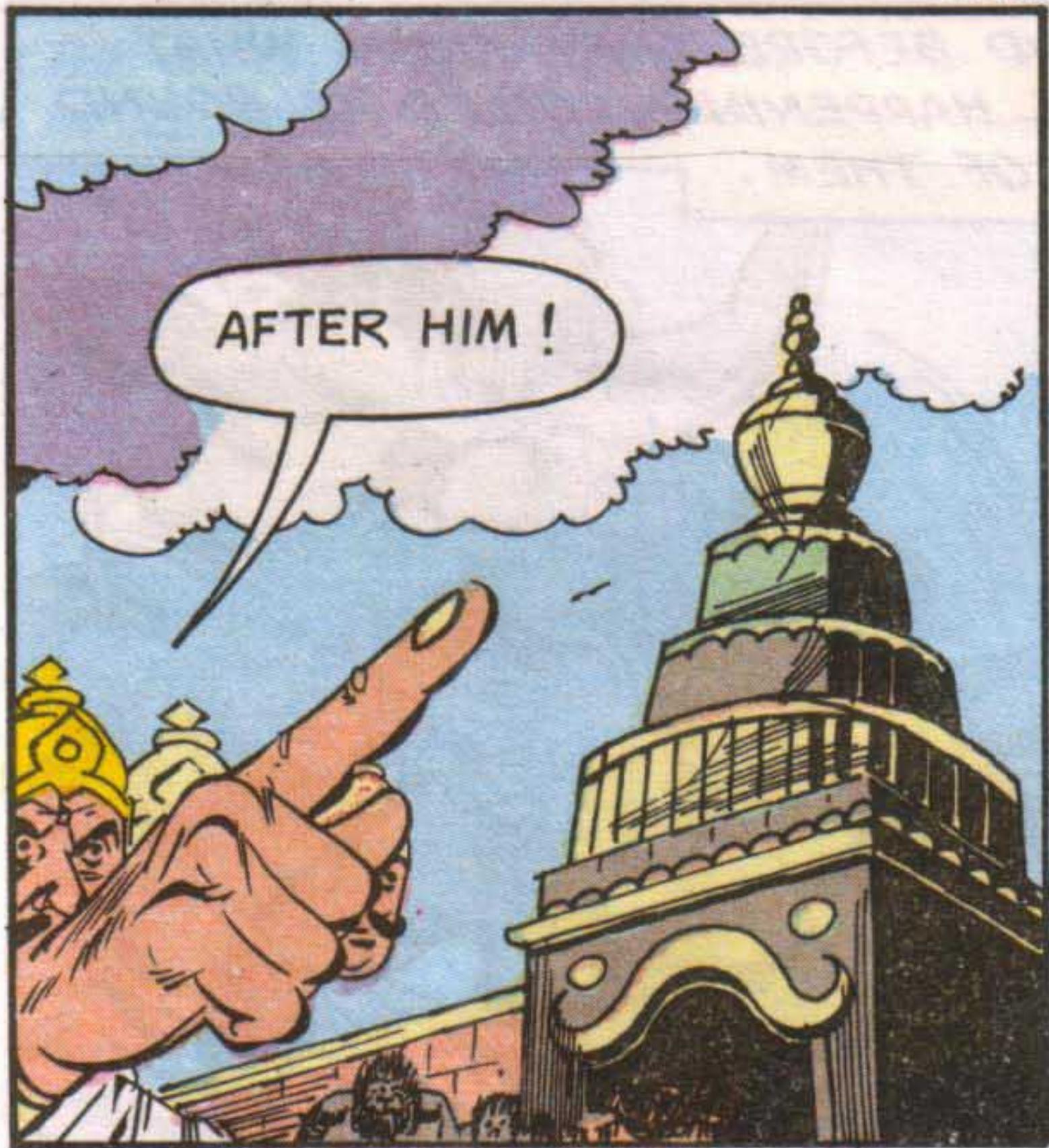
THEN THE PHYSICIAN WENT BACK TO THE CAMP, MADE A PASTE OUT OF THE HERBS ...



...AND HELD IT TO LAKSHMANA'S NOSE.







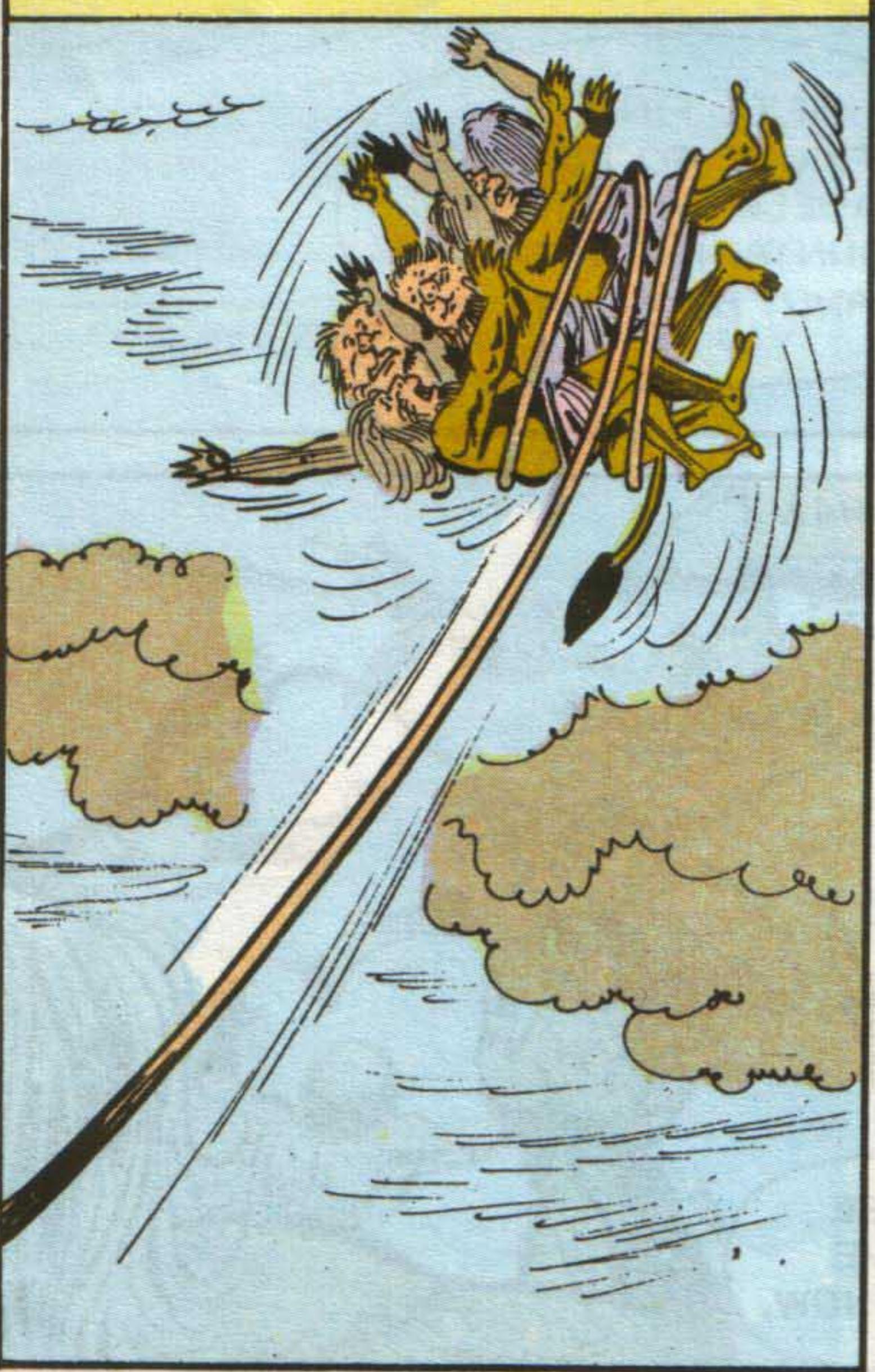
BUT AS THEY MOVED CLOSER, HE SUDDENLY SHOT OUT HIS TAIL ...



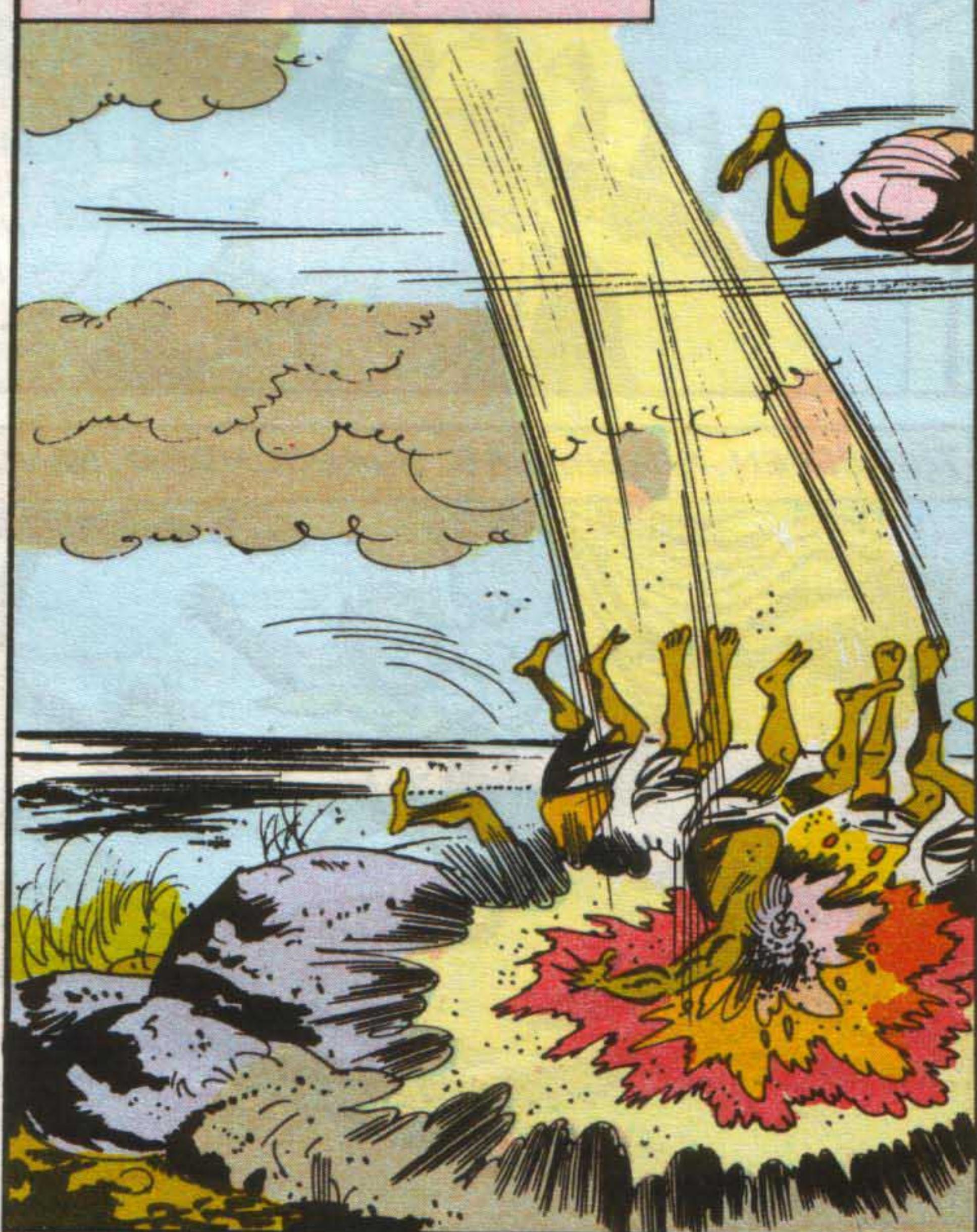
... AND BEFORE THEY KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, COILED IT ROUND SIX OF THEM.



THEN RAISING HIS TAIL HIGH UP...



...HE FLUNG THEM DOWN.



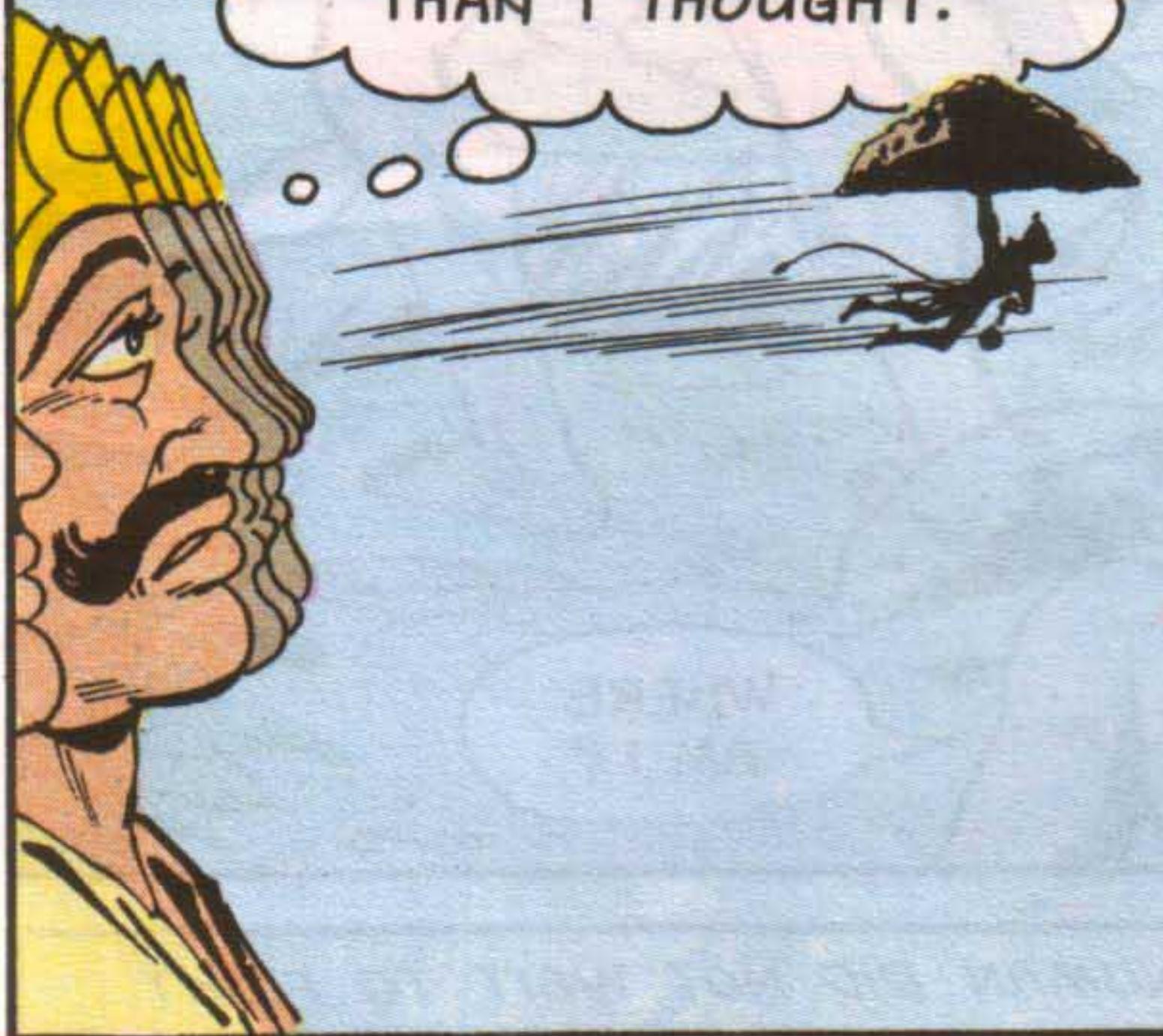
THE SURVIVING RAKSHASA FLED IN TERROR.



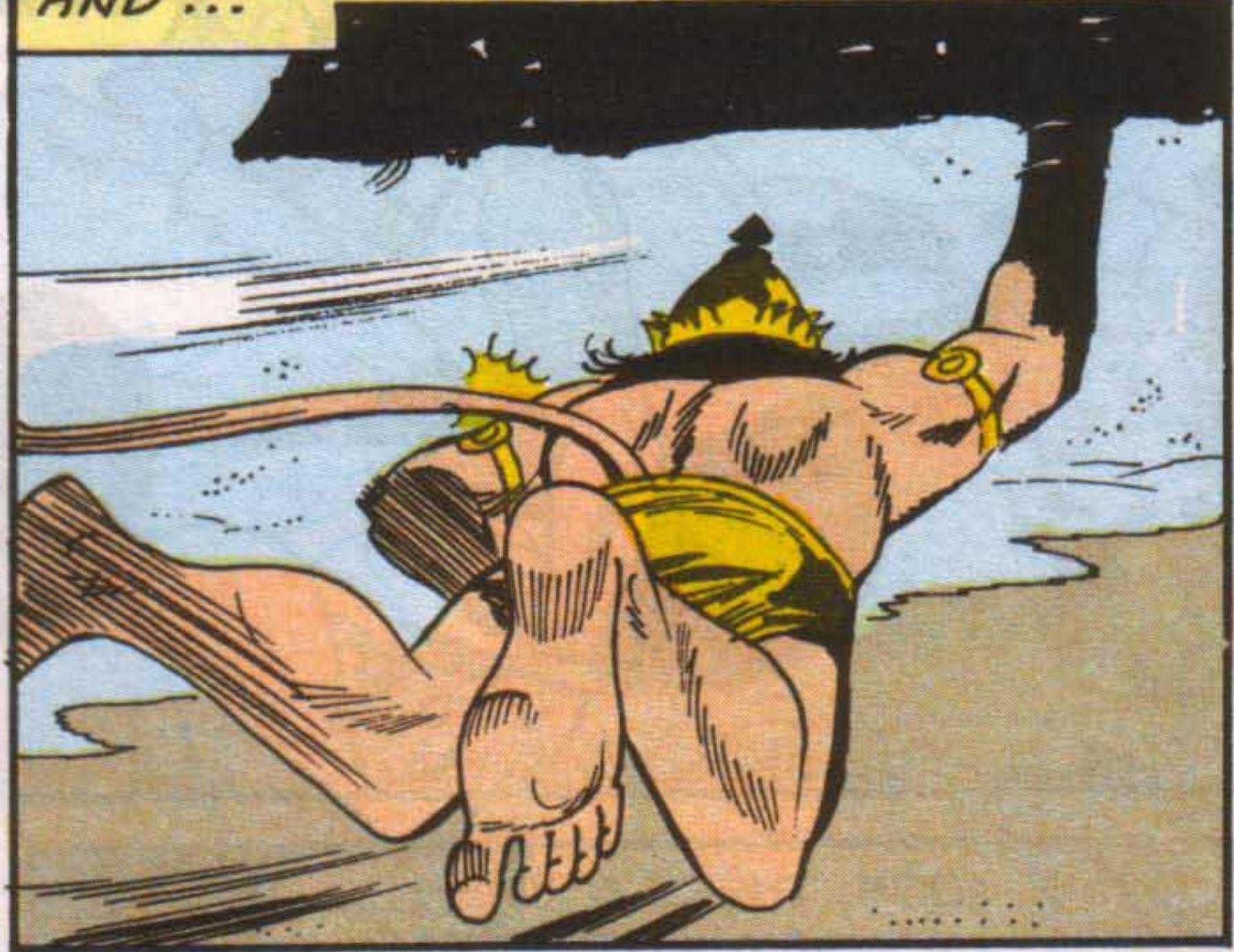
HE PROVED TOO STRONG FOR US, O LORD OF LANKA. I ESCAPED, BUT THE OTHERS ARE DEAD.



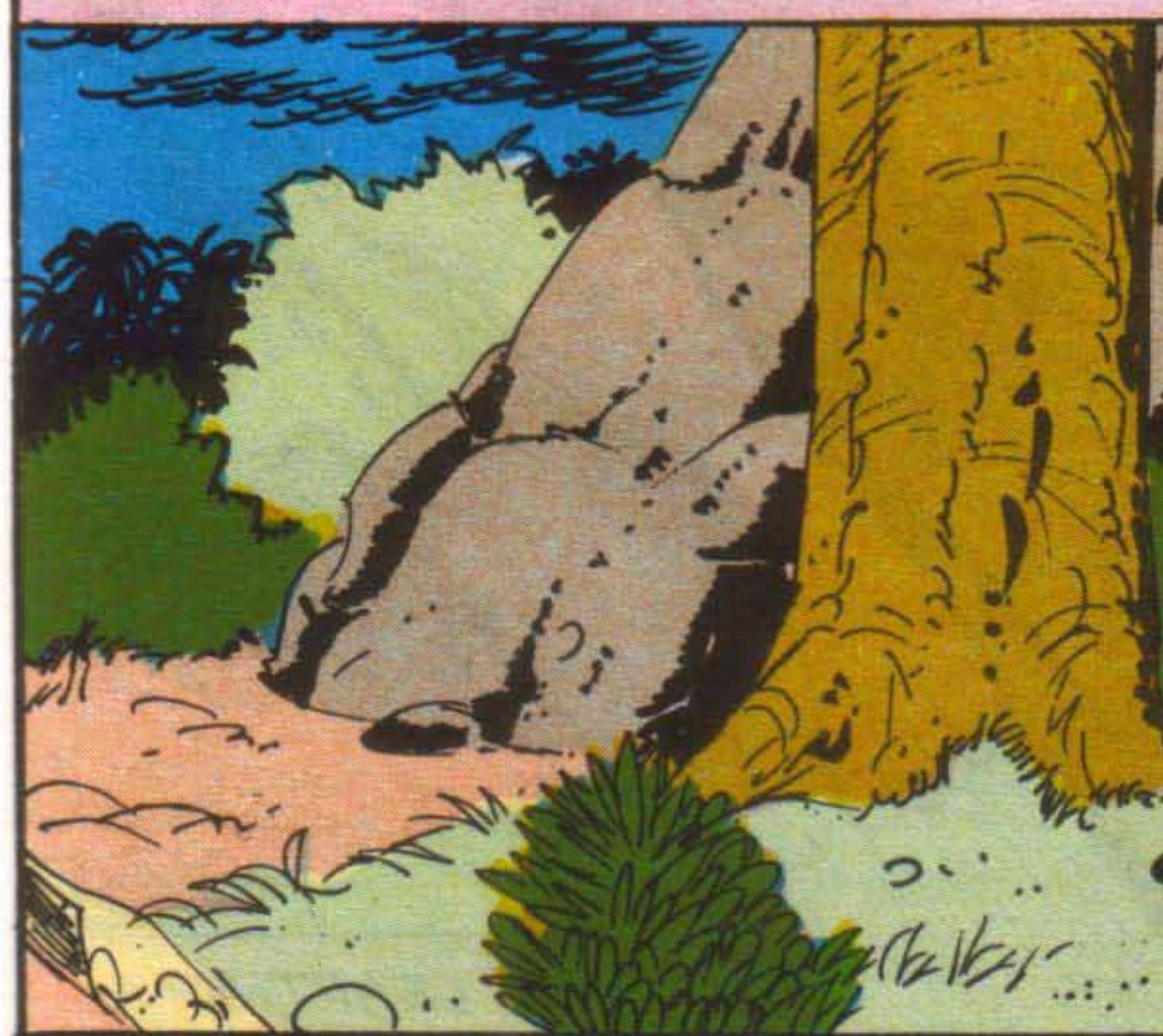
HE IS MORE FORMIDABLE THAN I THOUGHT.



HANUMAN CONTINUED ON HIS WAY AND ...



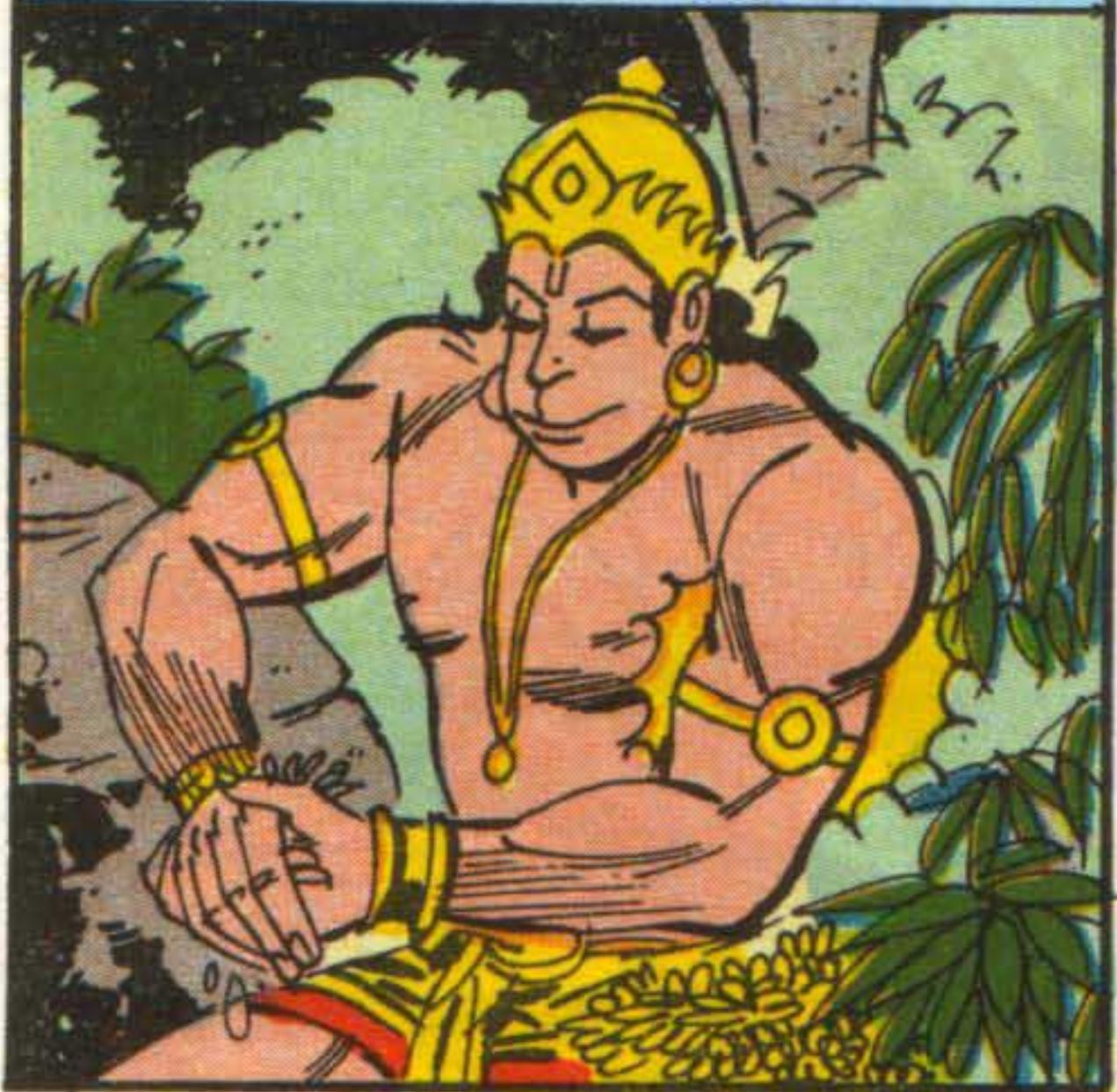
... RESTORED THE MOUNTAIN TO ITS ORIGINAL PLACE.



BEFORE I GO, I MUST HEAL THE GANDHARVAS I WOUNDED DURING OUR BATTLE.



HE CRUSHED SOME LEAVES OF THE PLANT WHICH HAD HEALED LAKSHMANA ...



... DROPPED THEM INTO WATER ...



... AND SPRINKLED THE WATER OVER THE GANDHARVAS.



ONE BY ONE THE GANDHARVAS BEGAN TO SIT UP.



WHAT HAPPENED?

WHERE AM I?

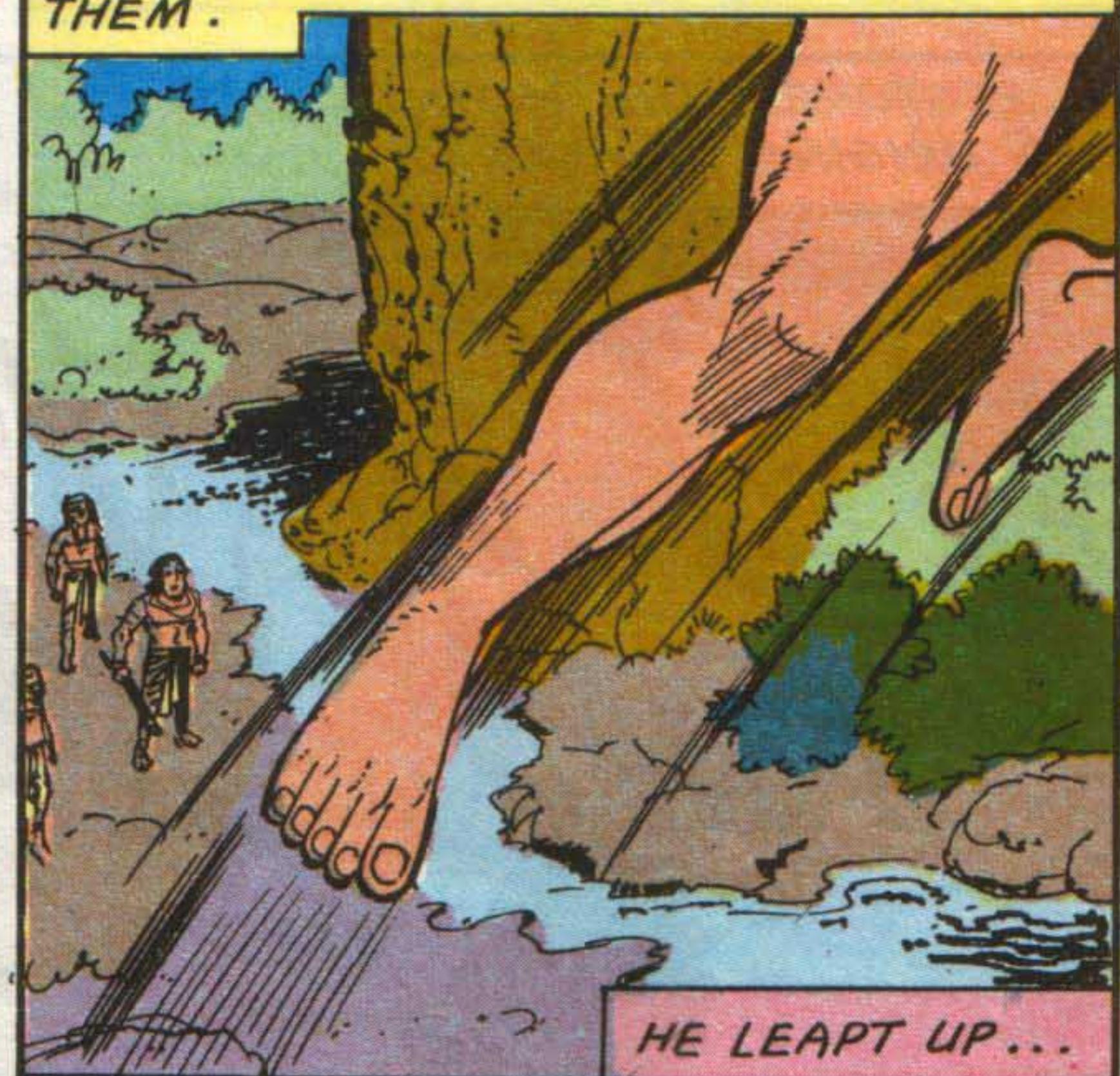
LOOK, THERE'S THE MONKEY WHO ATTACKED US!



BEAT HIM!

THE GANDHARVAS RUSHED AT HANUMAN.

HANUMAN DID NOT WAIT TO FIGHT THEM.



HE LEAPED UP...

...AND SPED BACK TO LANKA.



HIS COMRADES
RAISED A LOUD
CHEER WHEN
THEY SAW HIM.

HANUMAN HAS
RETURNED!



AS HANUMAN
SALUTED RAMA—

WHAT IS THAT SHINING
UNDER YOUR ARM, SON
OF THE WIND?



OH, THAT IS THE
SUN. RAVANA
HAD ORDERED HIM
TO RISE BEFORE
THE APPOINTED
HOUR.



SO I HAD TO
HOLD HIM
PRISONER.

HOW
EXTRAORDINARY!
LET HIM GO
AT ONCE.



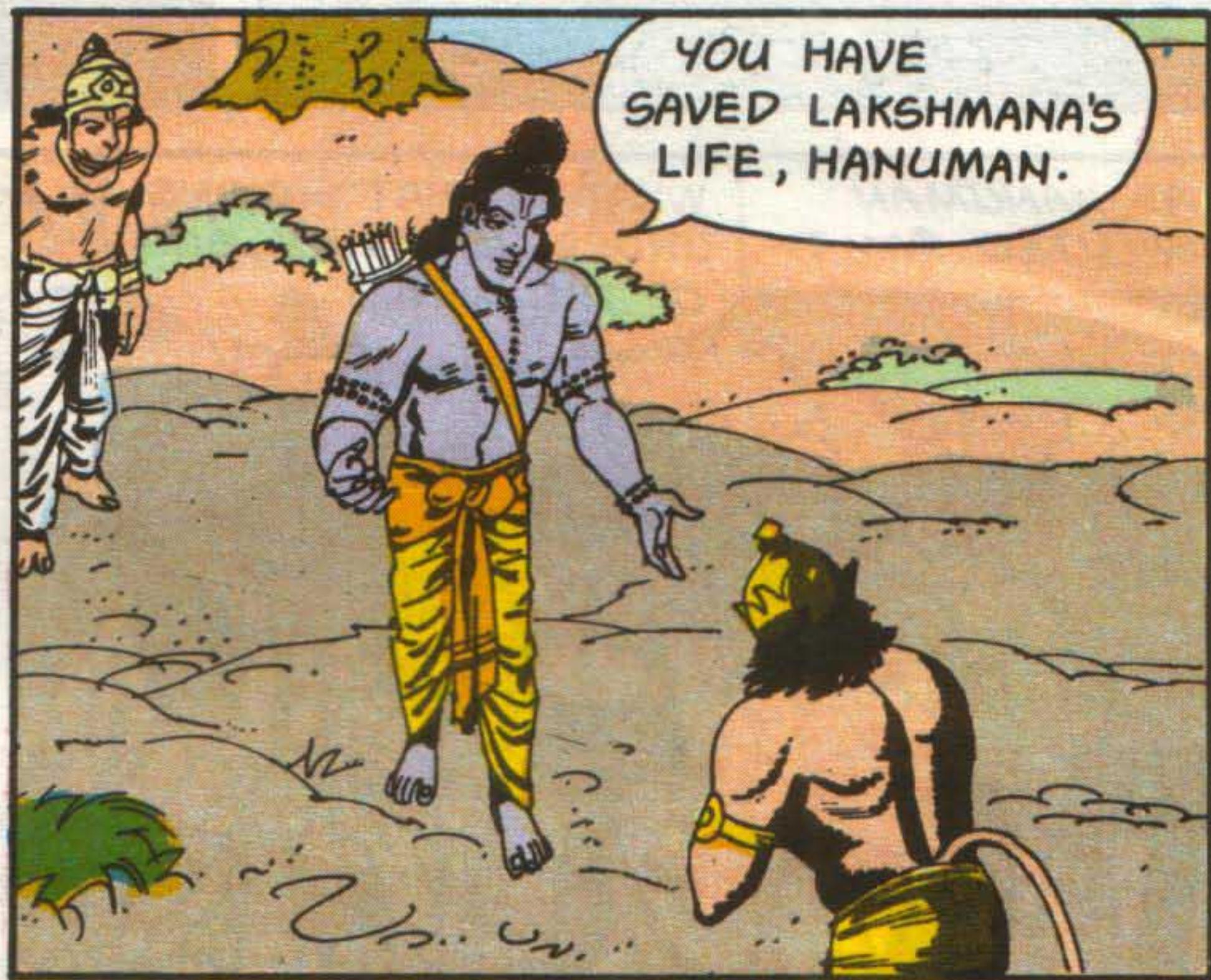
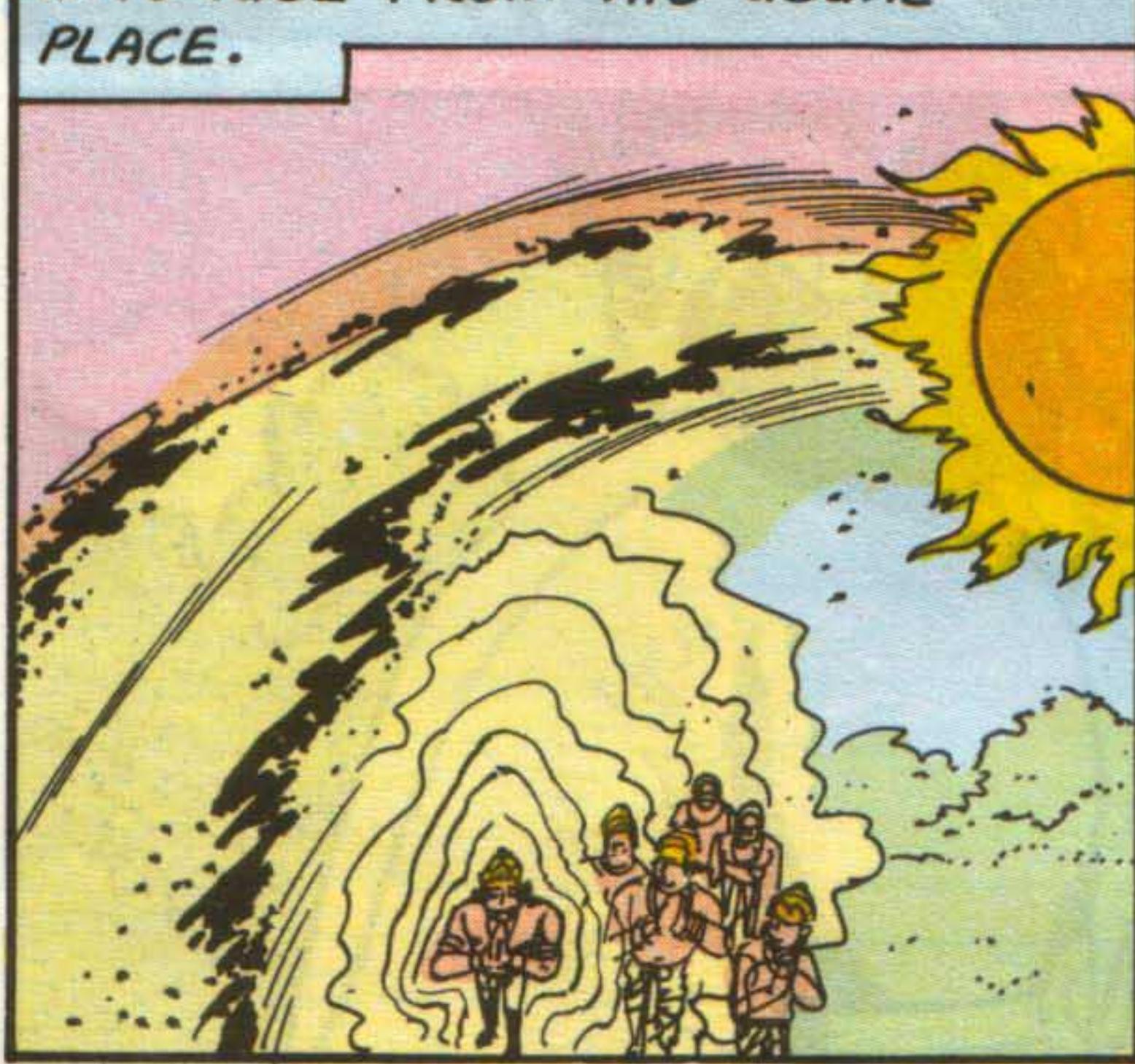
HANUMAN LIFTED HIS ARM AND LET THE SUN GO.



THEN THEY ALL PAID HOMAGE TO THE SUN GOD AND HE DEPARTED ...



... TO RISE FROM HIS USUAL PLACE.



I AM EVER INDEBTED TO YOU.

