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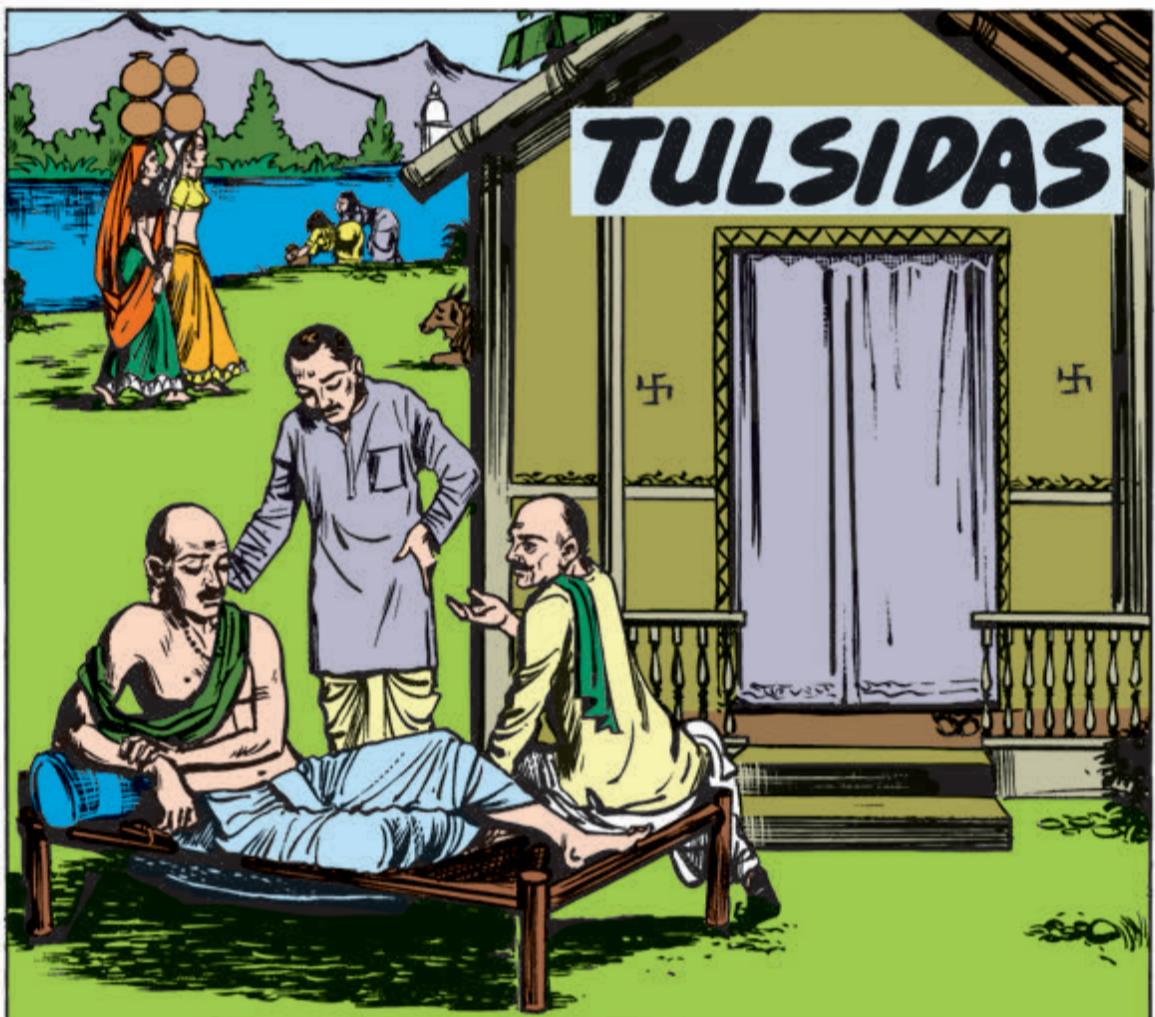
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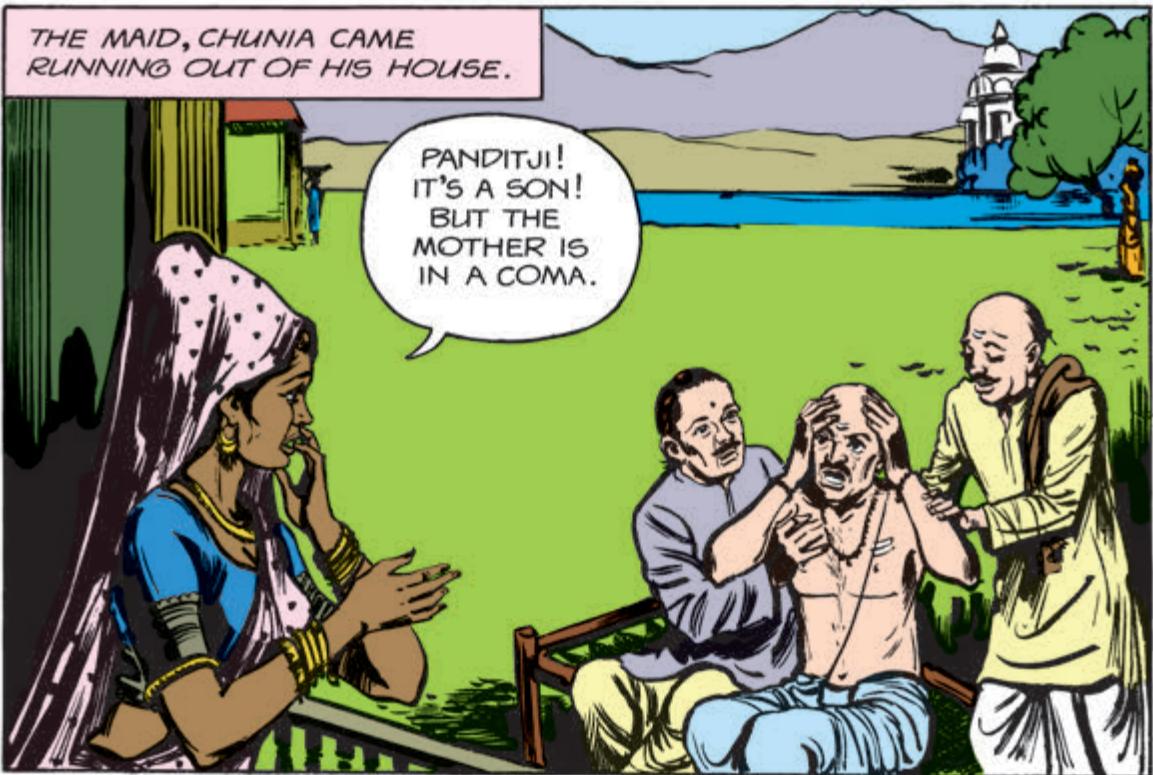
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PANDIT ATMARAM DUBEY SAT OUTSIDE HIS  
HOUSE, ON THE BANKS OF THE GANGA  
IN SAURON VILLAGE. HIS FRIENDS  
TRIED TO DISTRACT HIM WITH LIGHT  
TALK, BUT HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED  
FOR HIS WIFE, WHO WAS  
EXPECTING A BABY ANY MOMENT.



AN ASTROLOGER WAS SUMMONED.



THIS CHILD BODES EVIL.  
HE WILL DESTROY THE ENTIRE FAMILY.  
ABANDON HIM.



GIVE UP  
MY OWN SON?



HE IS NO SON WHO  
BRINGS DEATH TO HIS MOTHER.



HE WILL RUIN  
YOU TOO.  
ABANDON  
HIM! NOW!



OH, NO! THE  
POOR  
INNOCENT  
BABY... I WILL  
NOT LET  
THAT HAPPEN.



CHUNIA TOOK THE CASTAWAY CHILD HOME  
THOUGH THE WHOLE VILLAGE KNEW OF  
THE ASTROLOGER'S PREDICTION.

HIS FATHER HAS  
ABANDONED  
HIM. HE HAS  
NO MOTHER. LET  
ME TAKE CARE  
OF HIM. PLEASE,  
MOTHER.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE  
BROUGHT THAT  
INFANT HERE,  
CHUNIA. HE WILL  
RUIN US TOO.



HE WILL BE  
A SON  
TO US.

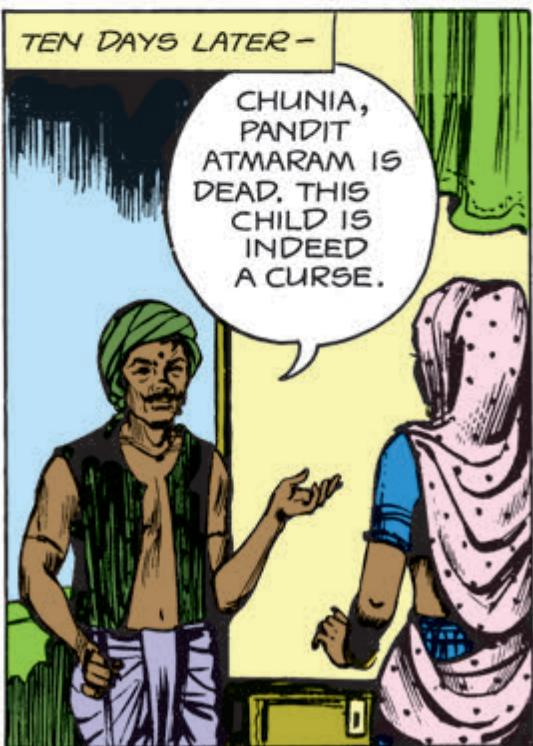
CHUNIA'S HUSBAND DID NOT APPROVE EITHER.

SILLY WOMAN!  
WHY DID YOU  
BRING THAT  
BABY HERE?



TEN DAYS LATER -

CHUNIA,  
PANDIT  
ATMARAM IS  
DEAD. THIS  
CHILD IS  
INDEED  
A CURSE.



WHY BLAME  
AN INNOCENT  
CHILD?



CHUNIA DID NOT LIVE LONG TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHILD. ONE DAY WHEN THE BOY WAS ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLD -



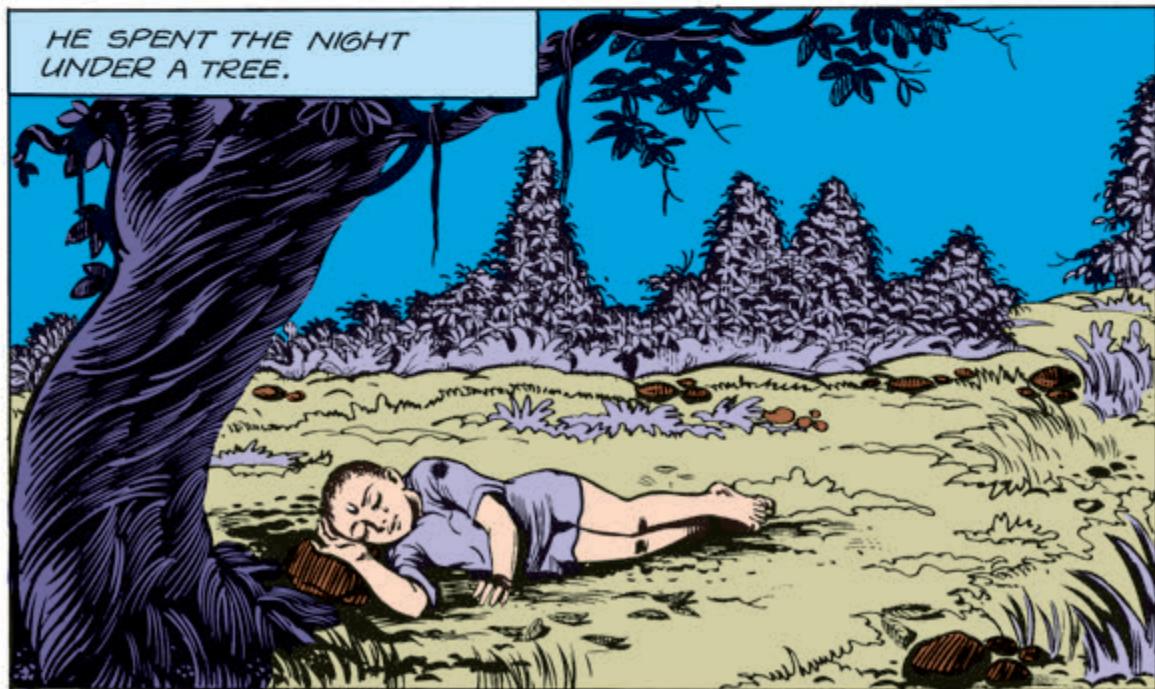
RAMU SPED HOME AND FOUND THE BOY CRYING NEAR THE DOOR-STEP.

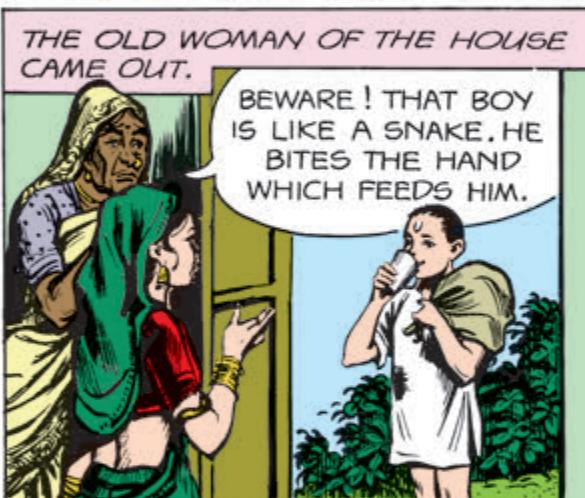


WITH A HEAVY HEART, THE CHILD LEFT THE ONLY HOME HE KNEW.



HE SPENT THE NIGHT UNDER A TREE.

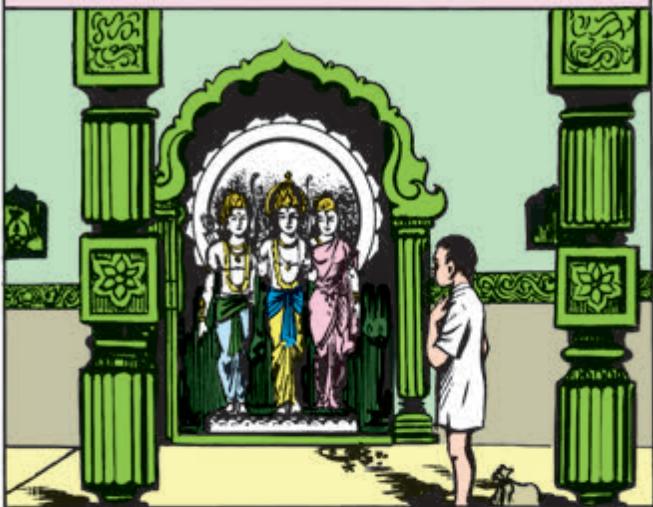




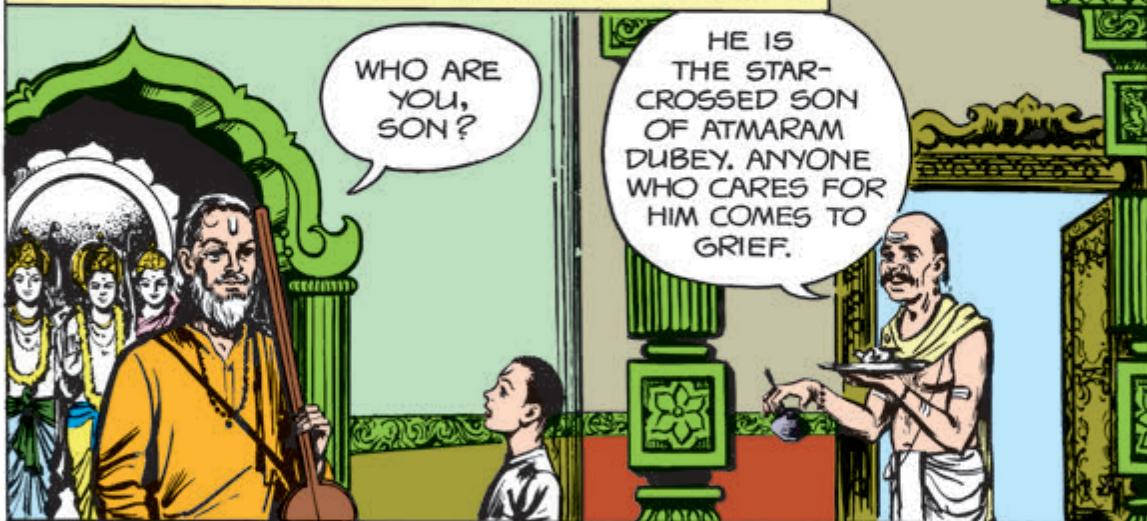
THE DOOR CLOSED ON HIS FACE.



DEEPLY HURT, THE BOY TURNED TO THE VILLAGE TEMPLE.

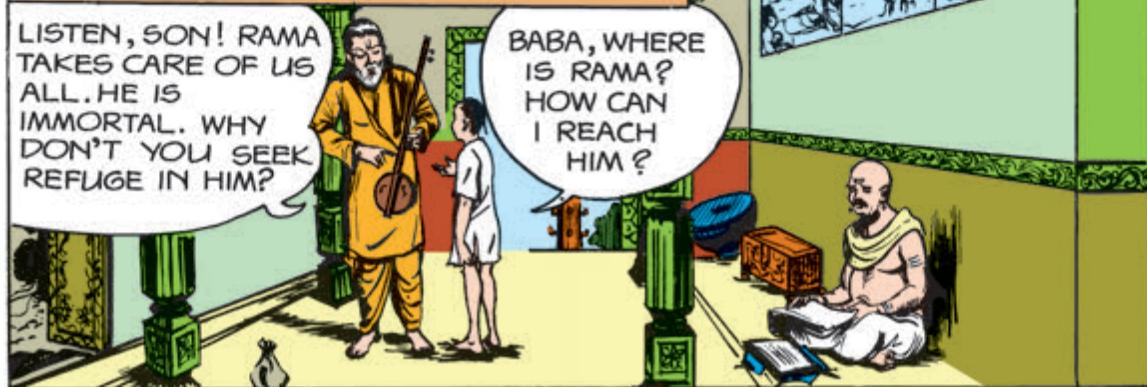


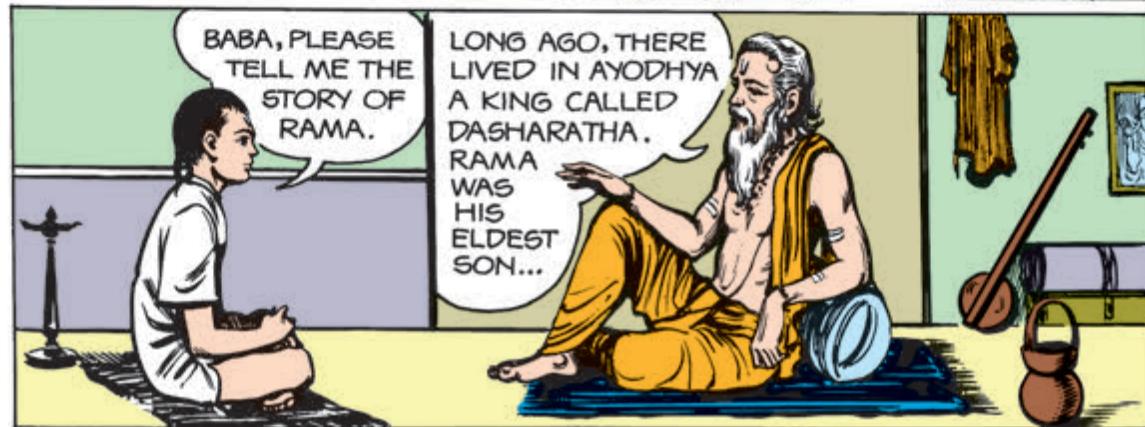
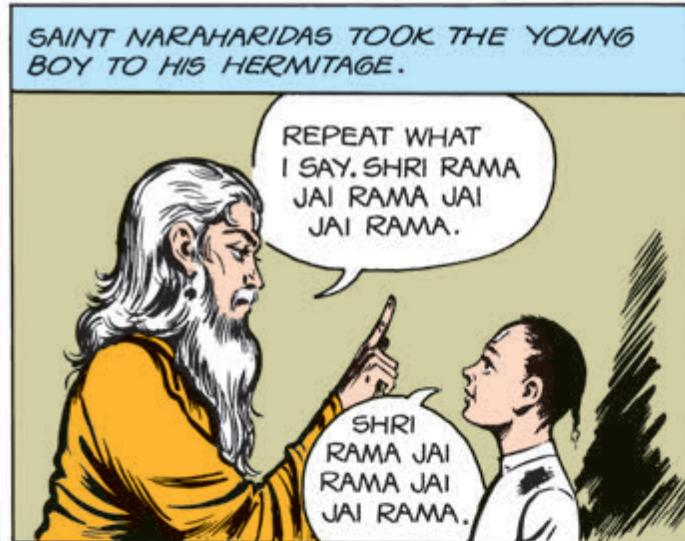
SAINT NARAHARIDAS CAME THERE THAT EVENING.

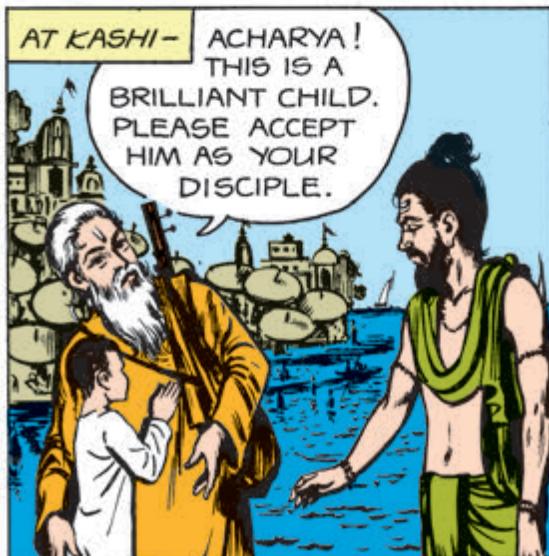
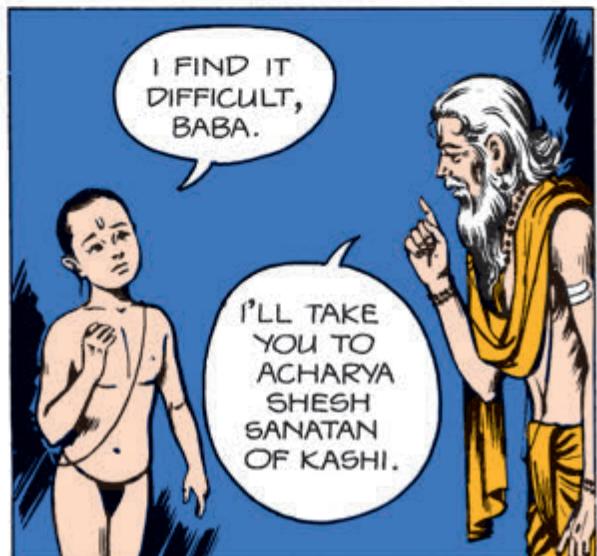
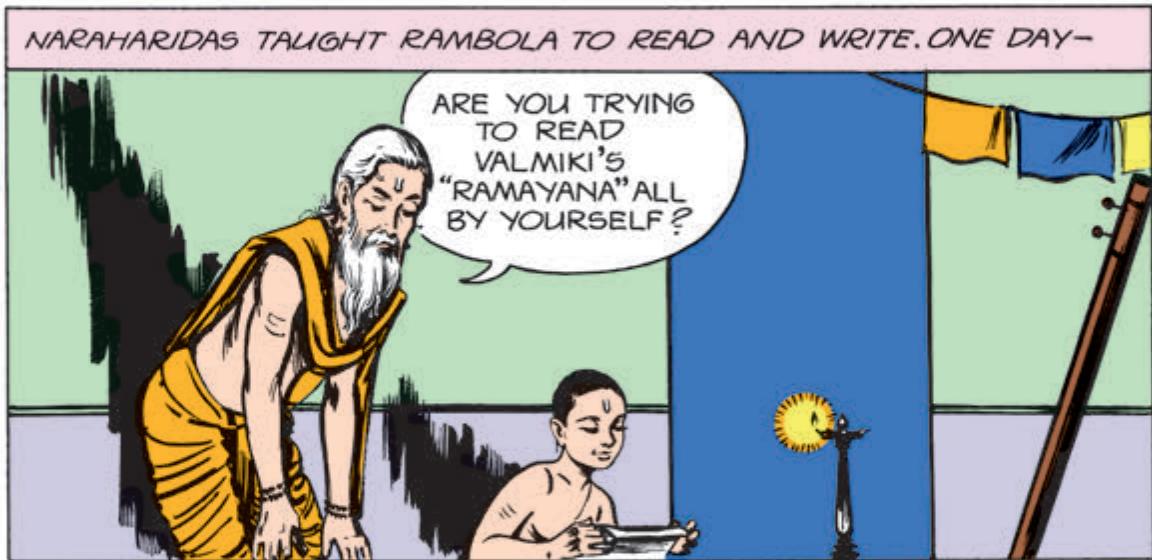
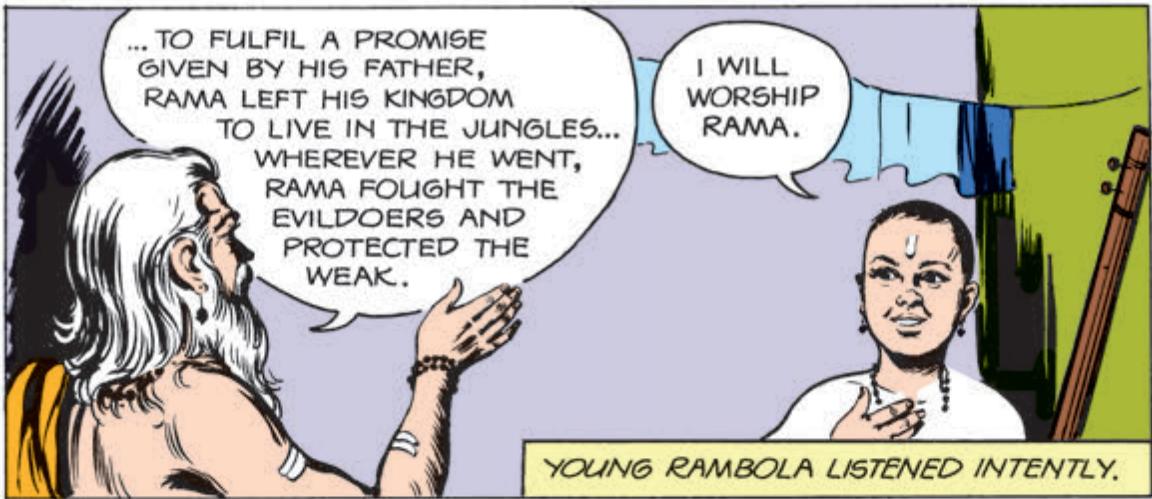


NARAHARIDAS TOOK PITY ON THE BOY.

LISTEN, SON! RAMA TAKES CARE OF US ALL. HE IS IMMORTAL. WHY DON'T YOU SEEK REFUGE IN HIM?







ACHARYA SHESH SANATAN TOOK KEEN INTEREST IN TEACHING RAMBOLA.

ACHARYA,  
DO I HAVE  
TO READ ALL  
THE TEXTS FIRST?  
CAN'T WE BEGIN  
WITH  
"RAMAYANA"?

NO, MY BOY!  
PANINI'S  
GRAMMAR  
HAS TO BE  
LEARNT FIRST.

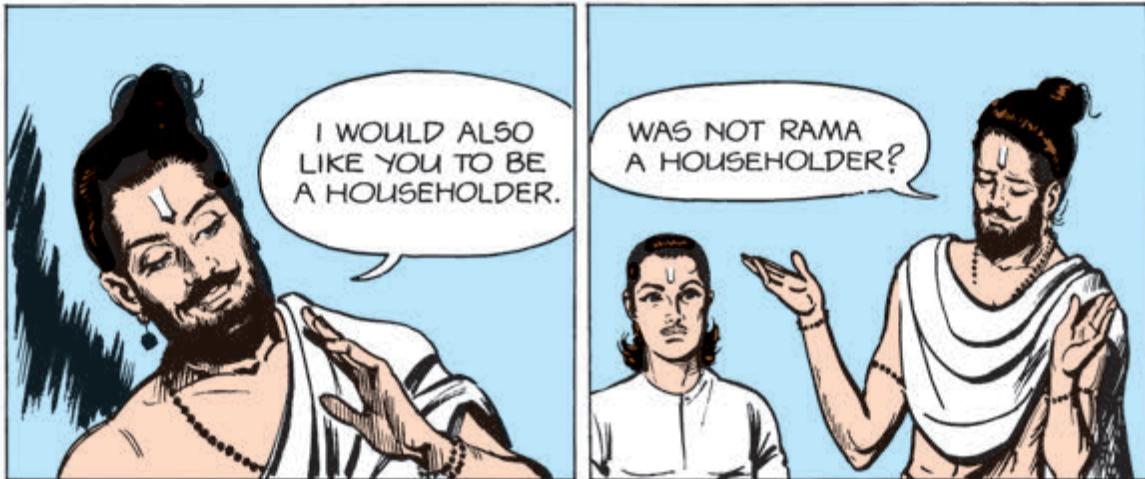
YEARS ROLLED BY. RAMBOLA LEARNT THE VEDAS AND OTHER HOLY SCRIPTURES. ONE DAY—

MY CHILD!  
NOW YOU ARE  
A MASTER IN  
YOUR OWN  
RIGHT.

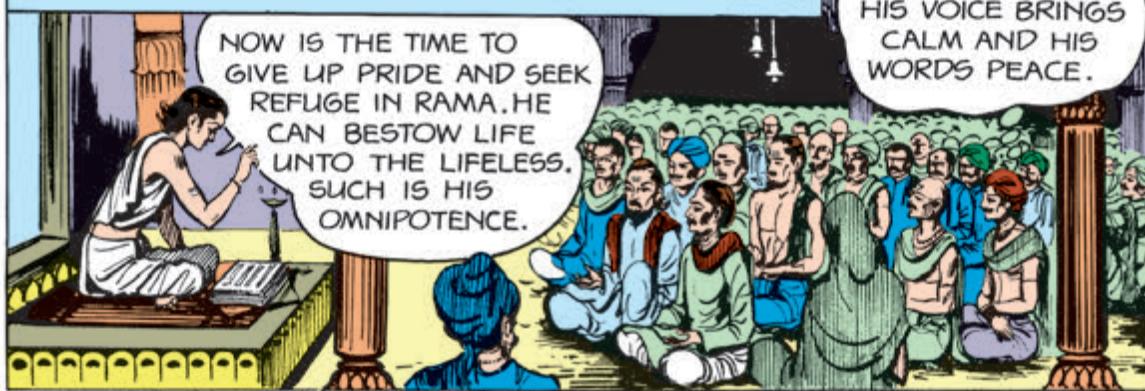
PRAY  
HOW CAN I  
REPAY YOUR  
KINDNESS  
WHICH HAS  
CONFERRED  
HUMAN  
DIGNITY  
ON ME?

GO FORTH AND  
SPREAD FAR  
AND WIDE THE  
LORE OF  
RAMA.

GURUDEV,  
THAT IS MY  
DUTY. THAT  
IS THE ONE  
THING I WOULD  
LOVE TO DO  
THE MOST.

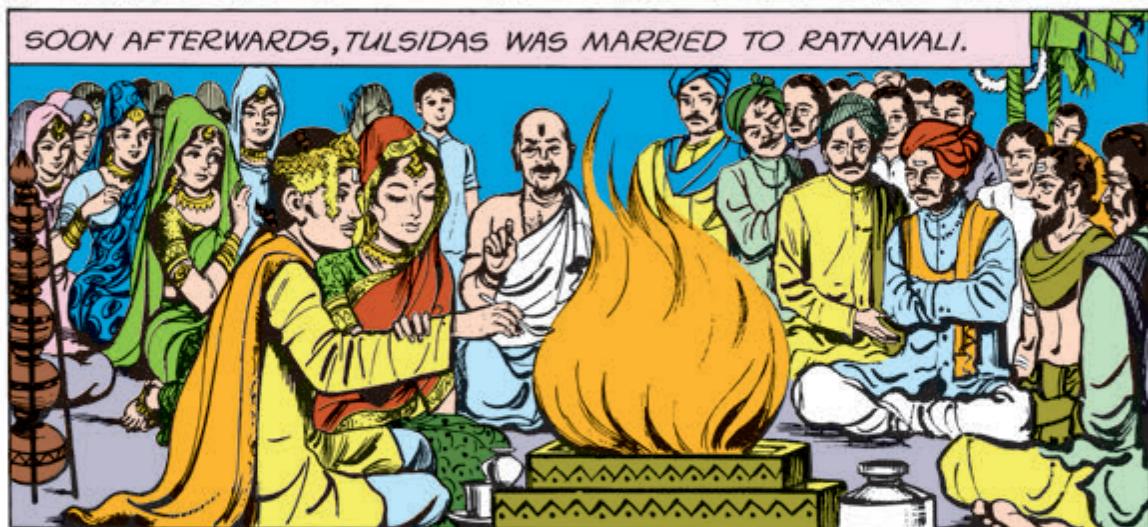
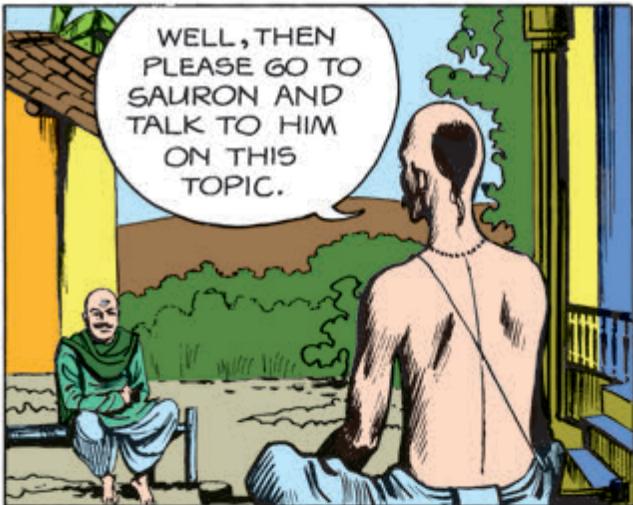
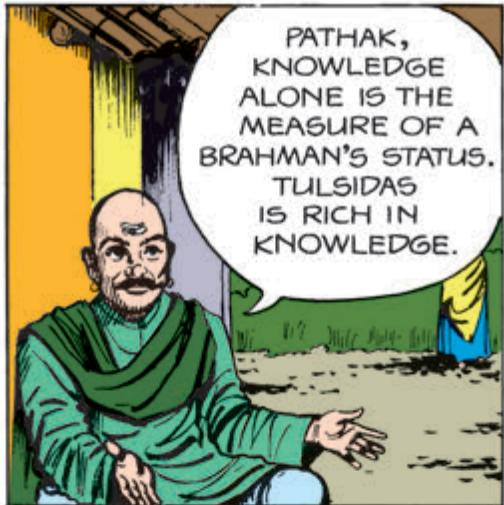


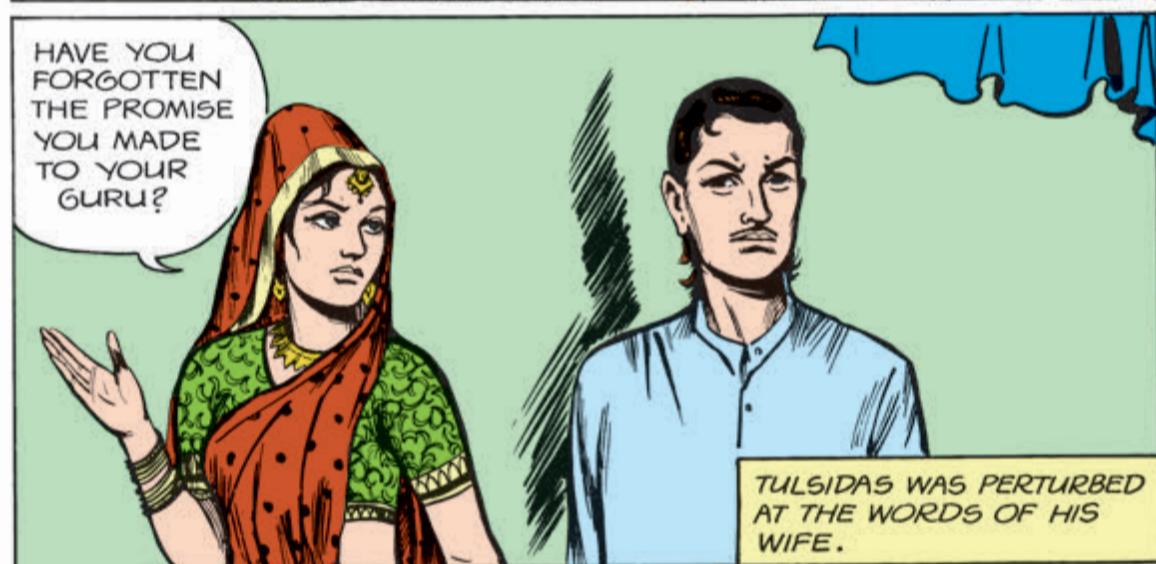
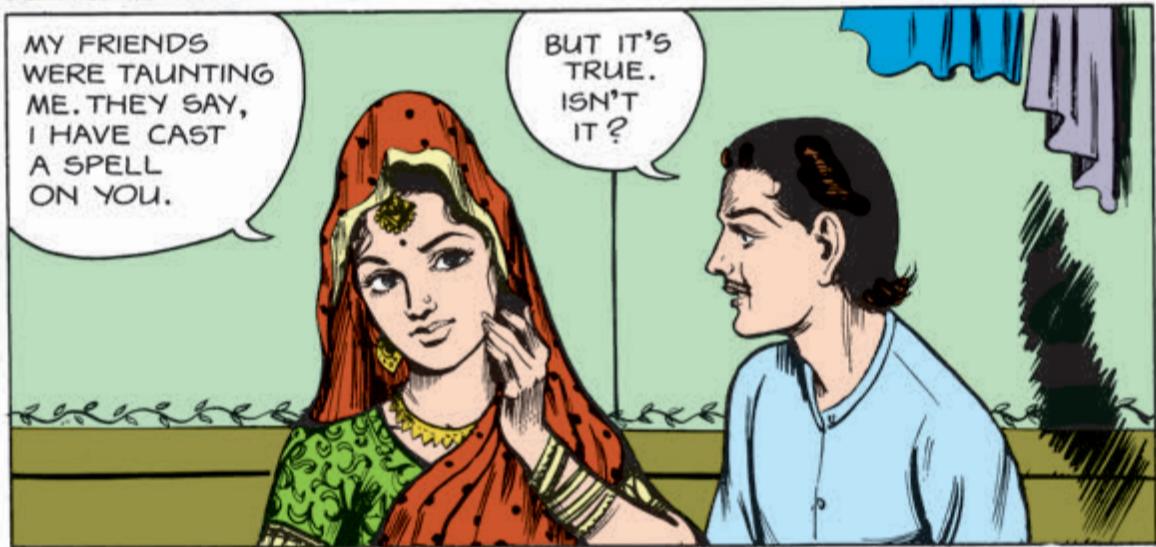
RAMBOLA RETURNED TO HIS HOME TOWN, SAURON AND BEGAN EARNESTLY TO GIVE DISCOURSES ON RAMA'S LIFE.



THEY NOW CALLED HIM TULSIDAS. HIS FAME SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. IN BADRI VILLAGE, IN THE HOUSE OF DINBANDHUI PATHAK—







A FEW DAYS LATER, ANANTA, A BARBER FROM BADRI VILLAGE, CAME TO THEIR HOUSE.



HE RUSHED OUT OF THE HOUSE...



...AND REACHED THE RIVER BANK.



HE RETRACED HIS STEPS AND STARTED WALKING ALONG THE RIVER BANK.



JUST THEN, HE SAW A DEAD BODY FLOATING ON THE RIVER.



HE DID SO AND REACHED THE OTHER SIDE. BUT THE RAINS CAME IN TORRENTS AND SLOWED HIS PROGRESS.

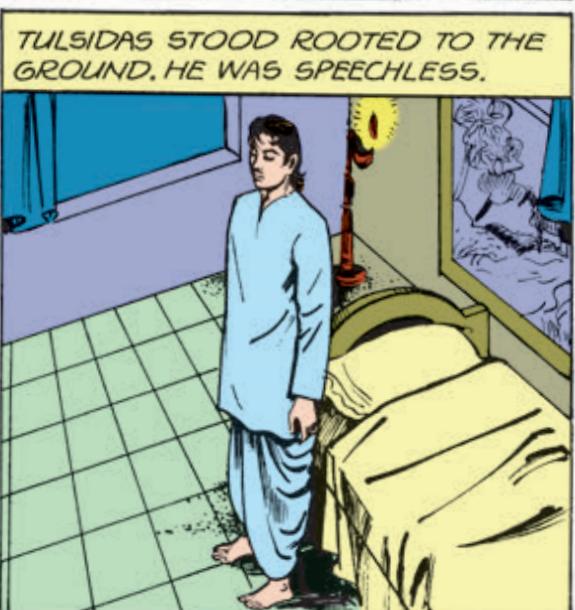
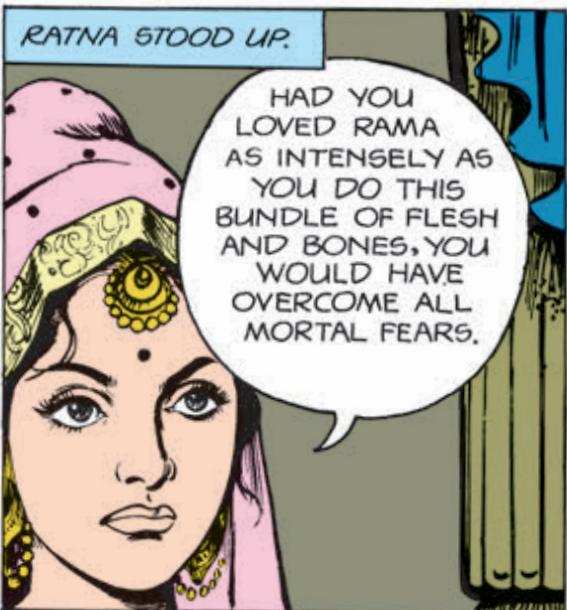
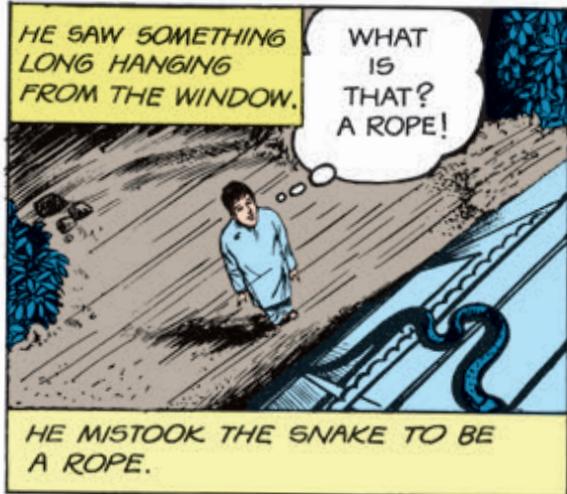


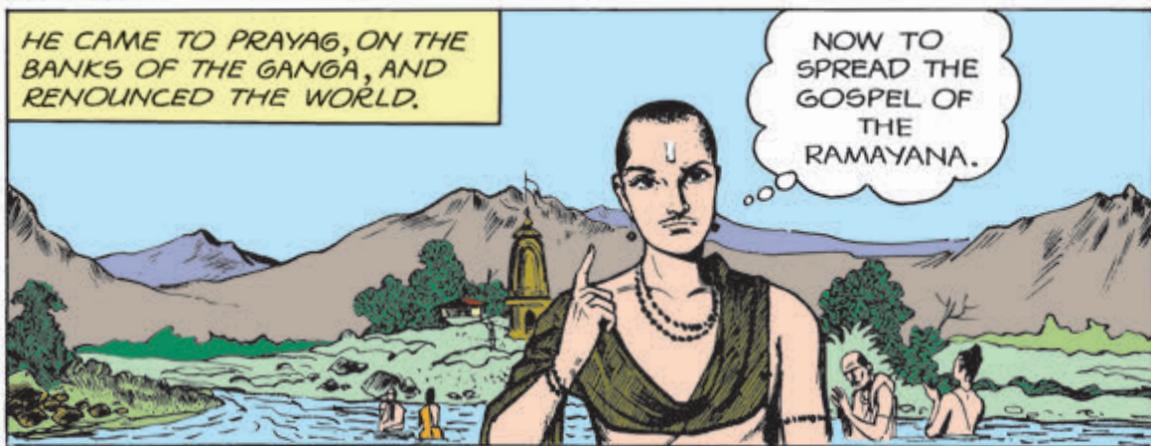
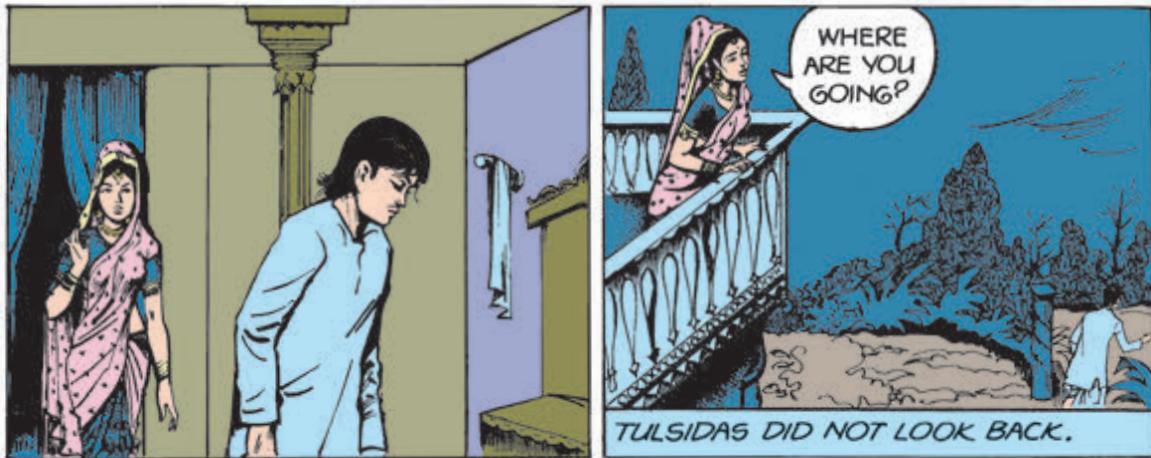
IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT WHEN HE REACHED RATNAVALI'S FATHER'S HOME.



HE WENT ROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOUSE.







MANY ORTHODOX BRAHMANS OBJECTED.

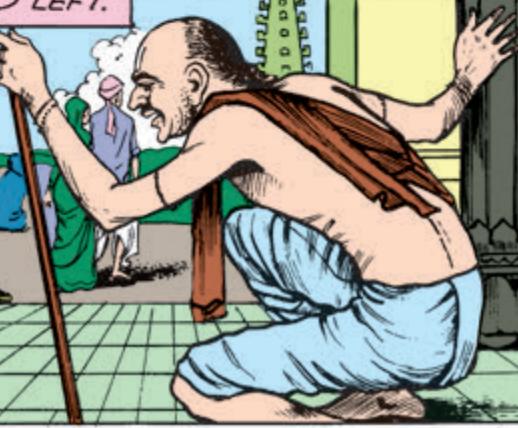
RAMAYANA IS SACRED. YOU MUST READ ONLY THE SANSKRIT ORIGINAL BY VALMIKI.

YOU MAY, IF YOU LIKE, EXPLAIN IT IN THE LOCAL LANGUAGE.

HOW CAN THE COMMON MAN KNOW THE GREATNESS OF RAMA UNLESS I SPEAK TO HIM IN HIS LANGUAGE?

THE AUDIENCE AT HIS EVENING DISCOURSES SWELLED.

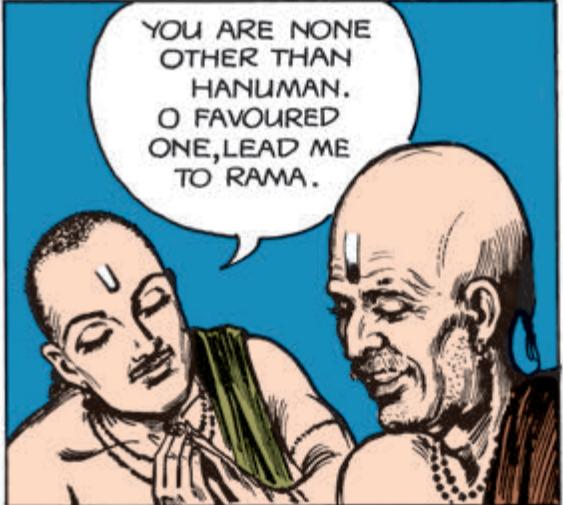
AMONG THE LISTENERS WAS AN OLD MAN WHO WOULD COME FIRST AND LEAVE AFTER ALL OTHERS HAD LEFT.



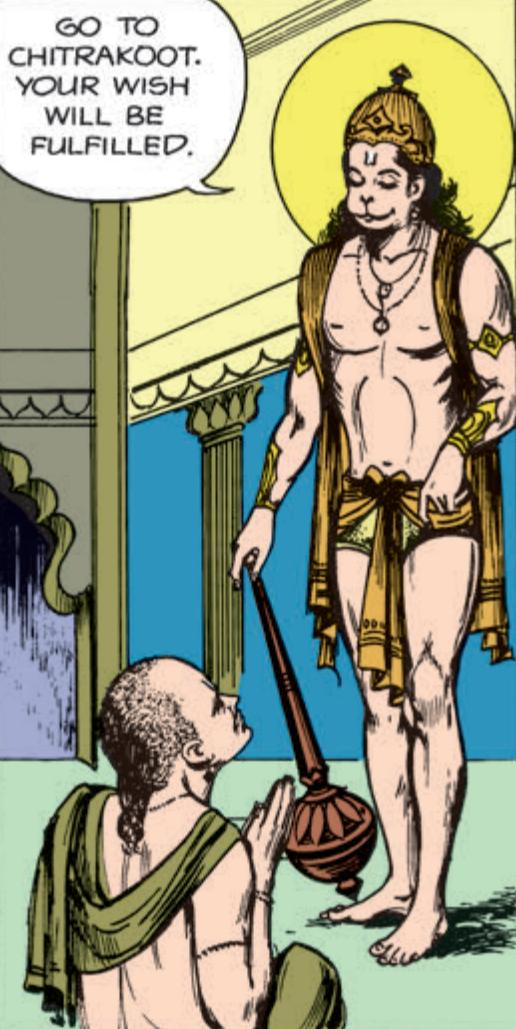
ONE DAY, AFTER THE DISCOURSE  
WHEN ALL BUT HE HAD LEFT-



YOU ARE NONE  
OTHER THAN  
HANUMAN.  
O FAVOURED  
ONE, LEAD ME  
TO RAMA.

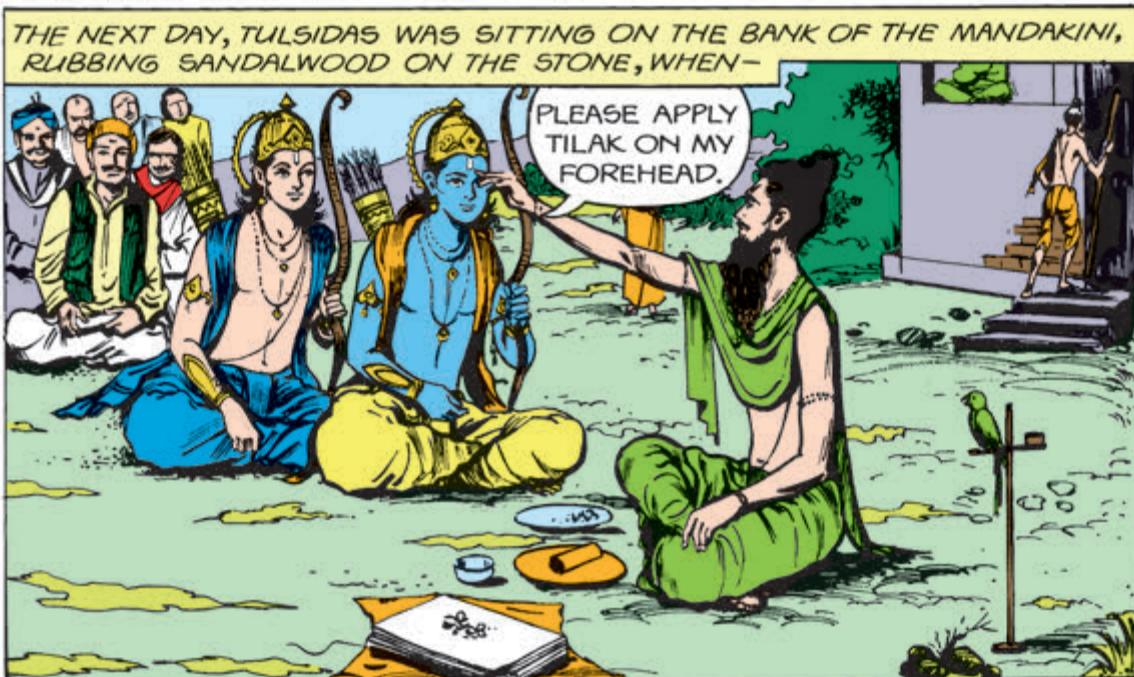
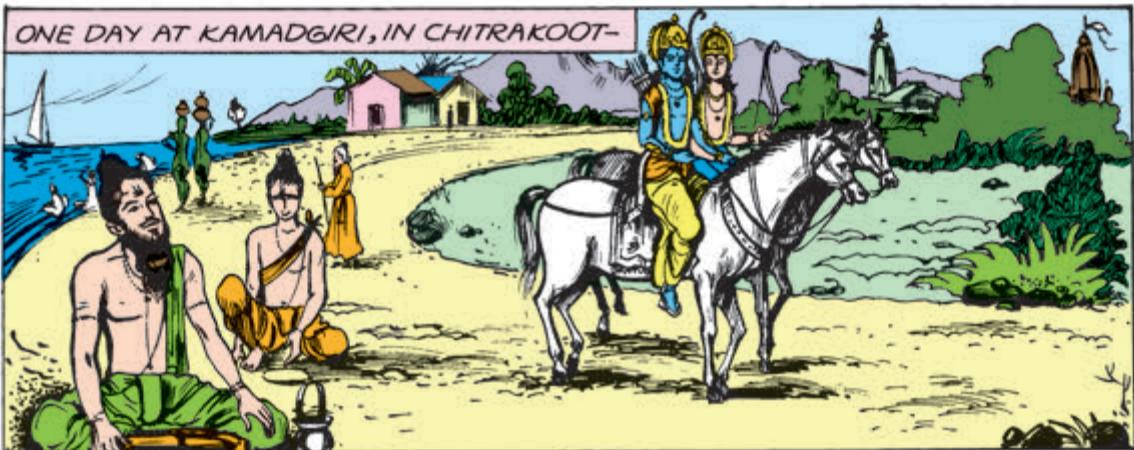


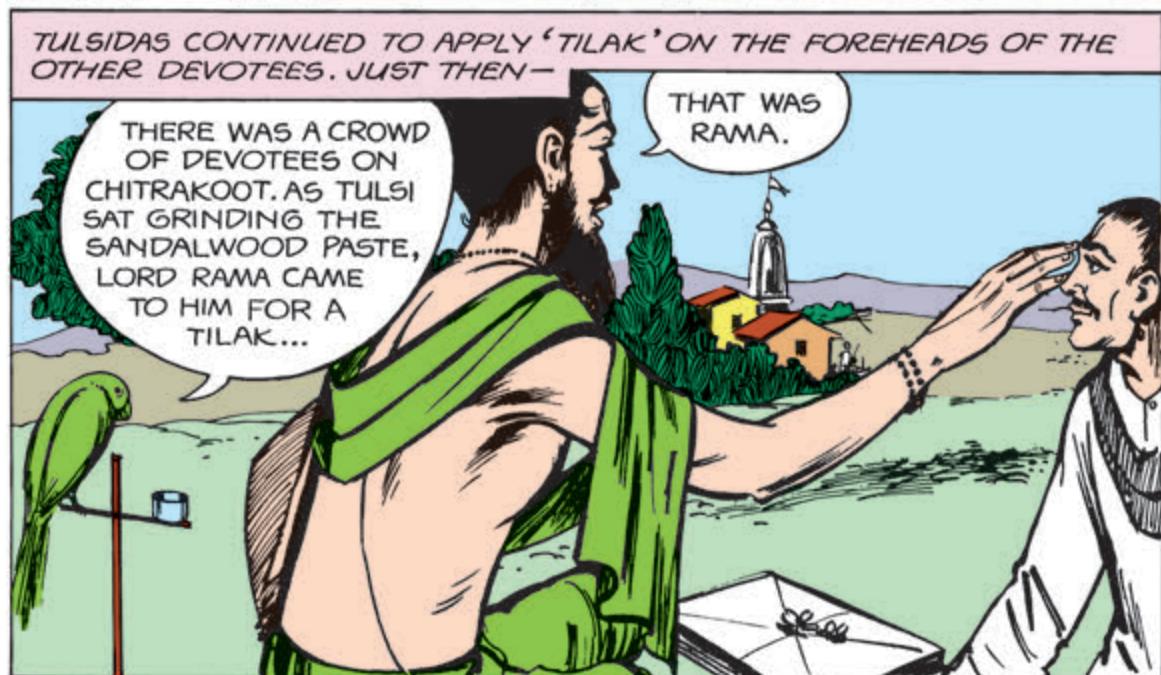
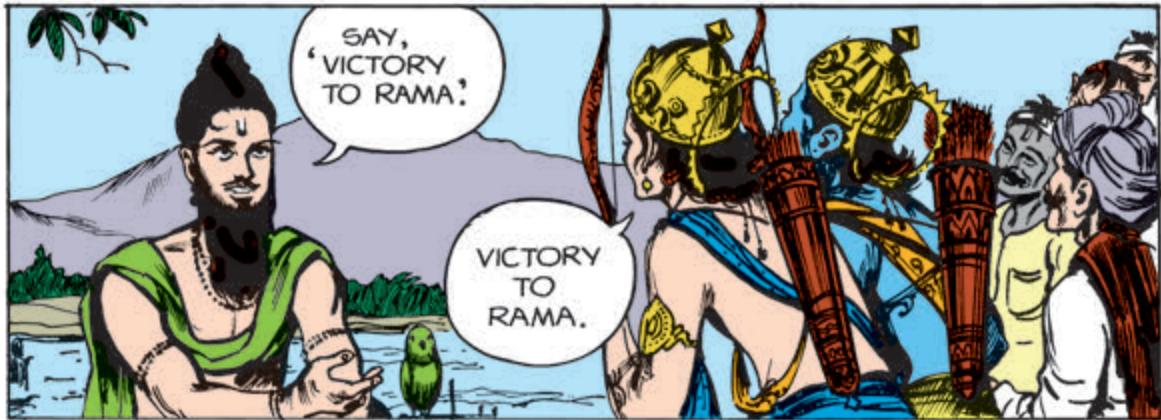
WHEN HE OPENED HIS EYES—



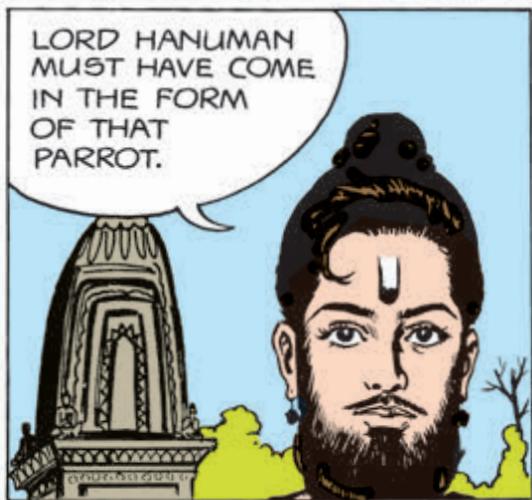
TULSIDAS WANTED TO PROSTRATE AGAIN BEFORE HANUMAN. BUT HE HAD DISAPPEARED.







TULSIDAS RAN IN THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE PRINCES HAD GONE, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.



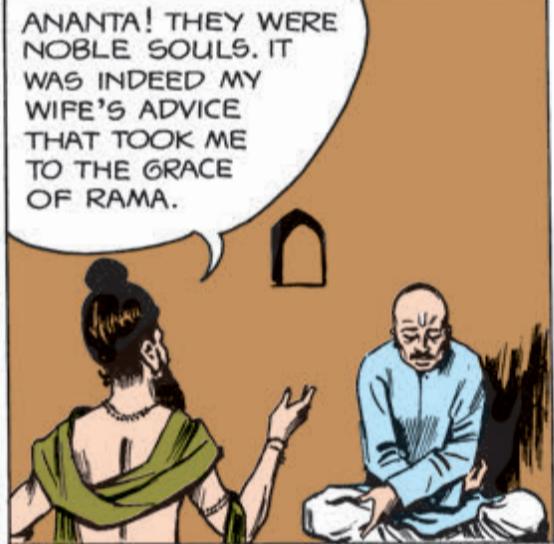
TULSIDAS WAS A CHANGED MAN AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE TOUCH OF RAMA HAD COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED HIM. AT HIS EVENING DISCOURSES THE CROWDS SWELLED.



ONE DAY, ANANTA OF BADRI CAME TO HIM.

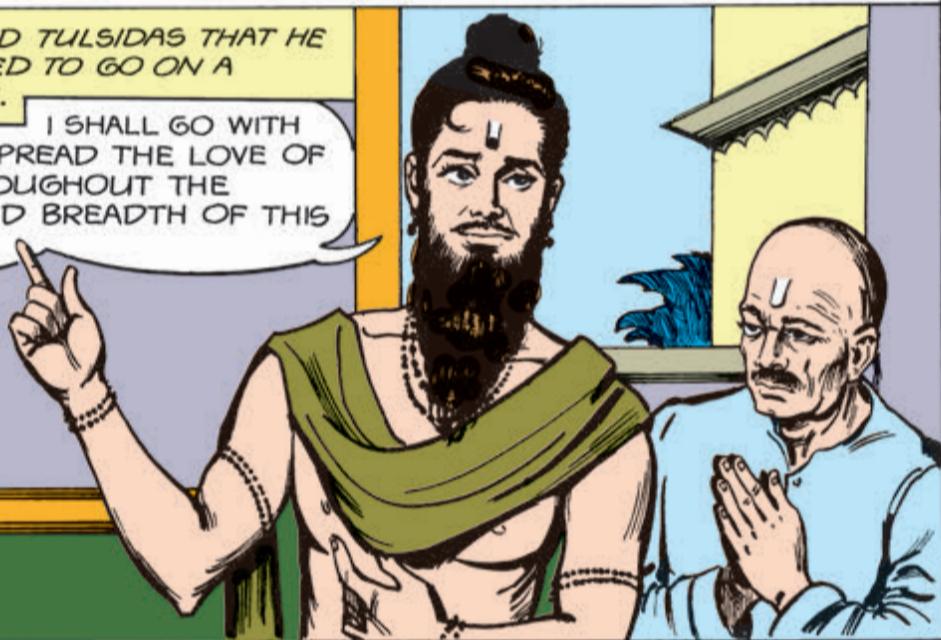
I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU, SWAMIJI. RATNA AND HER FATHER WERE KILLED WHILE RESCUING SOME PEOPLE FROM THE FLOODED GANGA.

ANANTA! THEY WERE NOBLE SOULS. IT WAS INDEED MY WIFE'S ADVICE THAT TOOK ME TO THE GRACE OF RAMA.



ANANTA TOLD TULSIDAS THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO GO ON A PILGRIMAGE.

I SHALL GO WITH YOU AND SPREAD THE LOVE OF RAMA THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THIS COUNTRY.

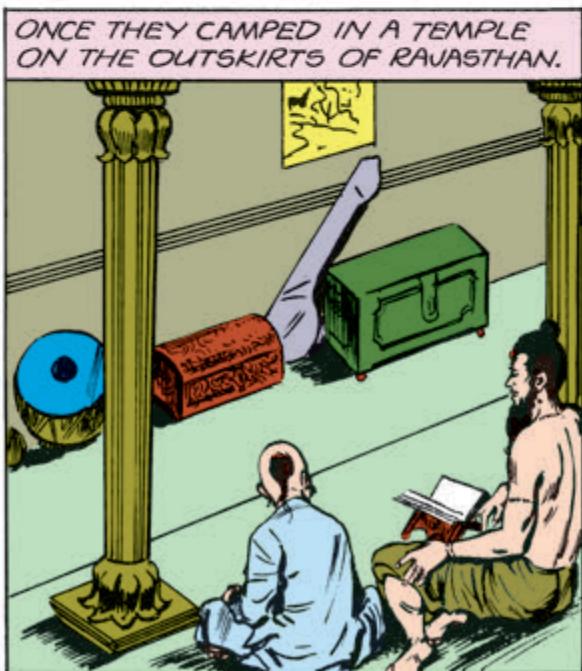
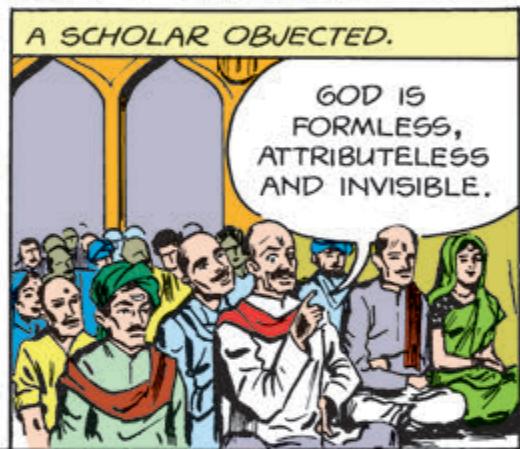
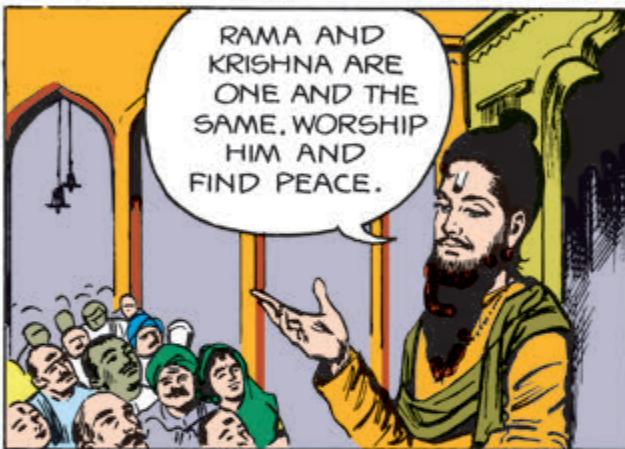


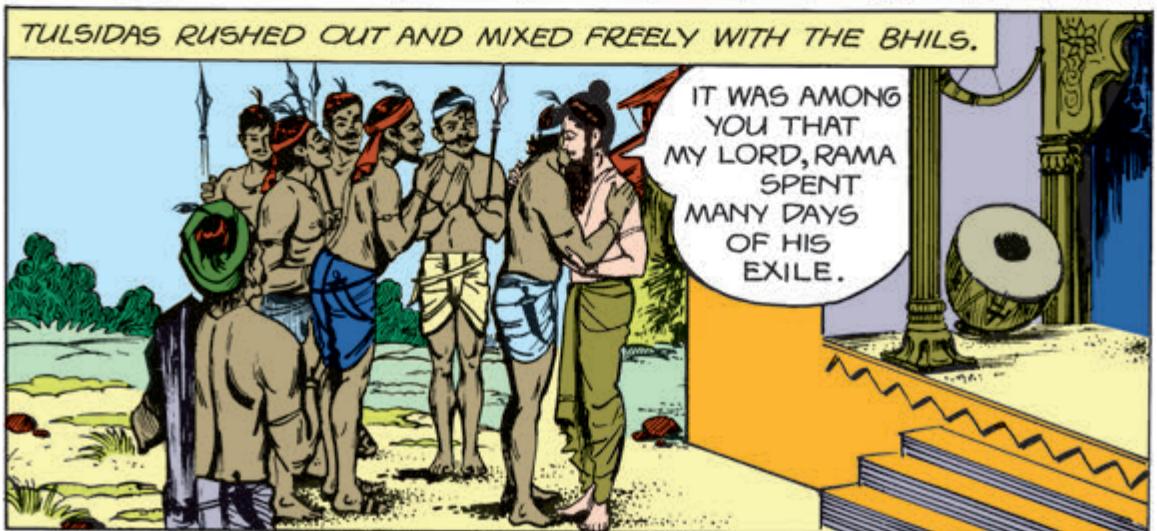
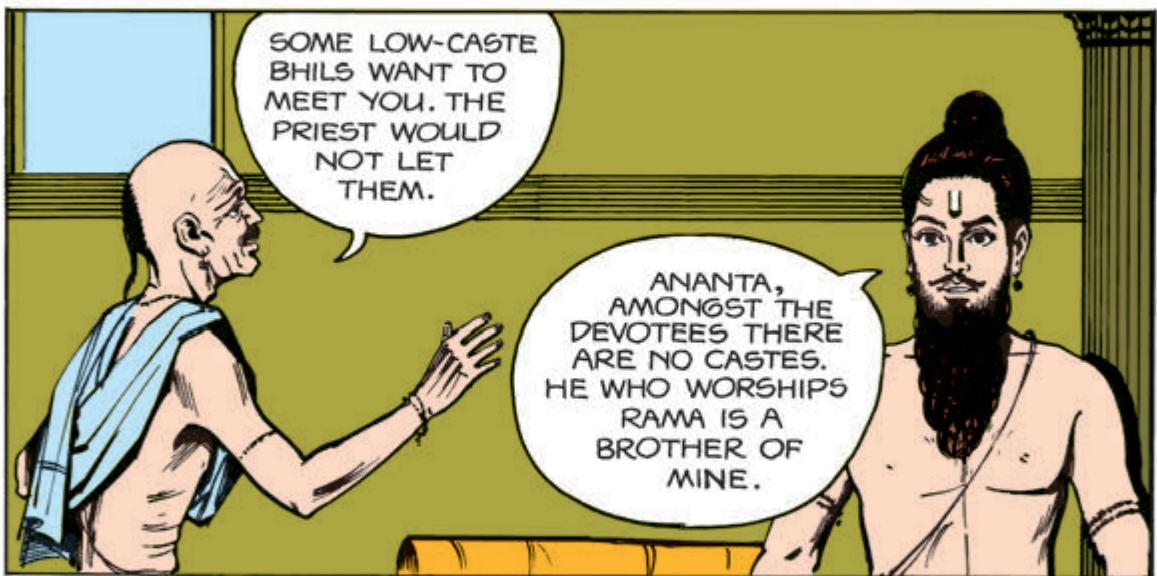
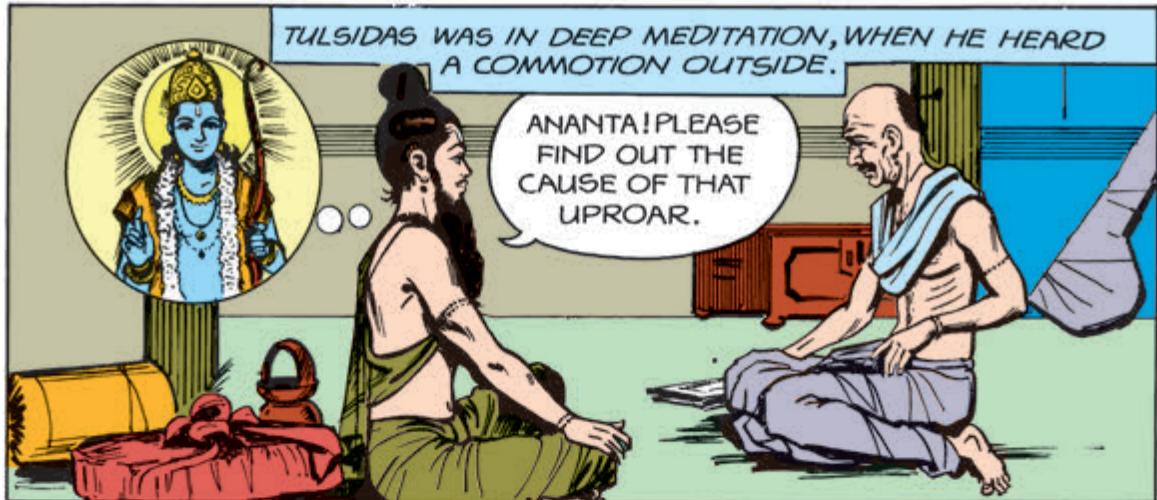
THEY WENT NORTH FIRST, TO VRINDAVAN-

TULSI IS A DEVOTEE OF RAMA. WILL HE BOW TO KRISHNA?



AND THE DEVOTEES SAW NONE OTHER THAN RAMA IN THE IDOL.



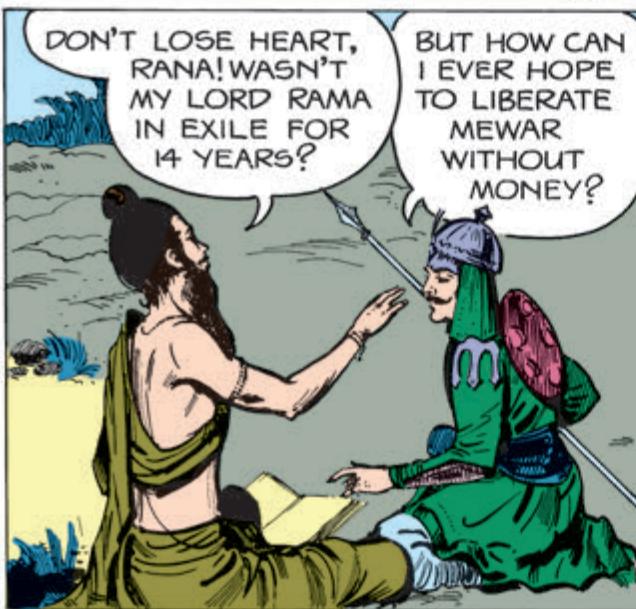


LATER, THAT EVENING TULSI HAD ONE MORE VISITOR.



SO LONG AS RANA PRATAP IS ALIVE, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

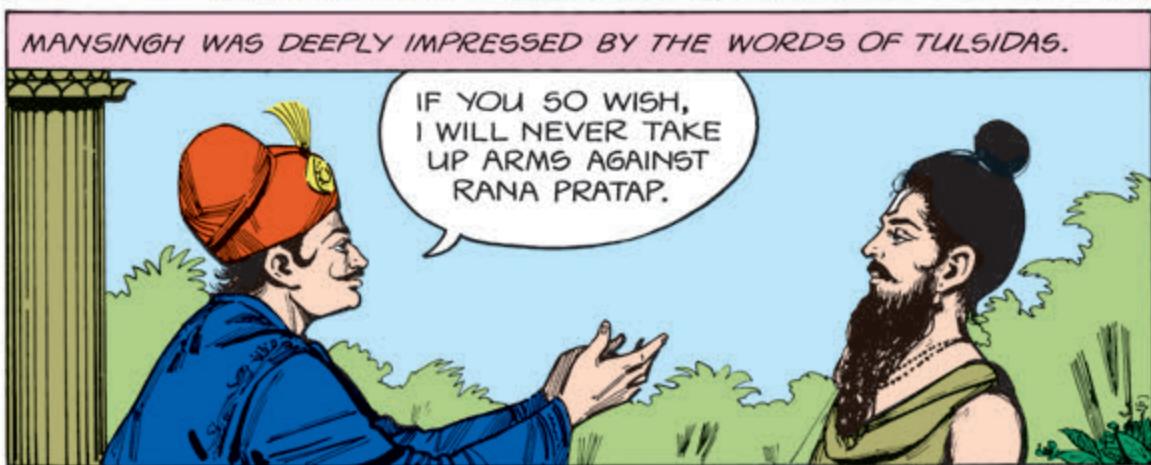
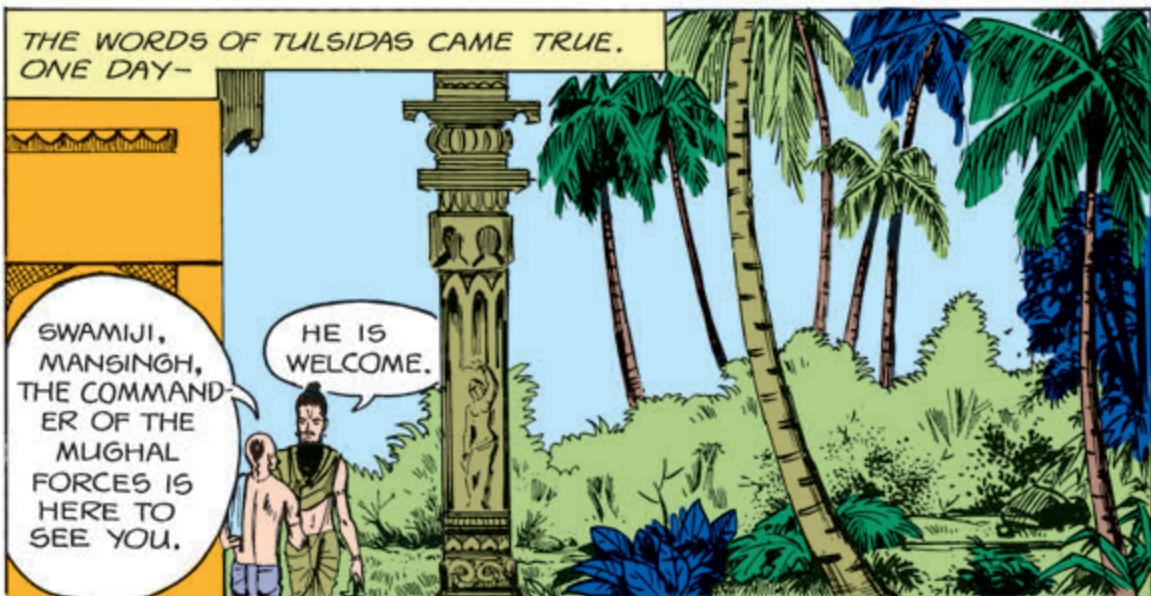
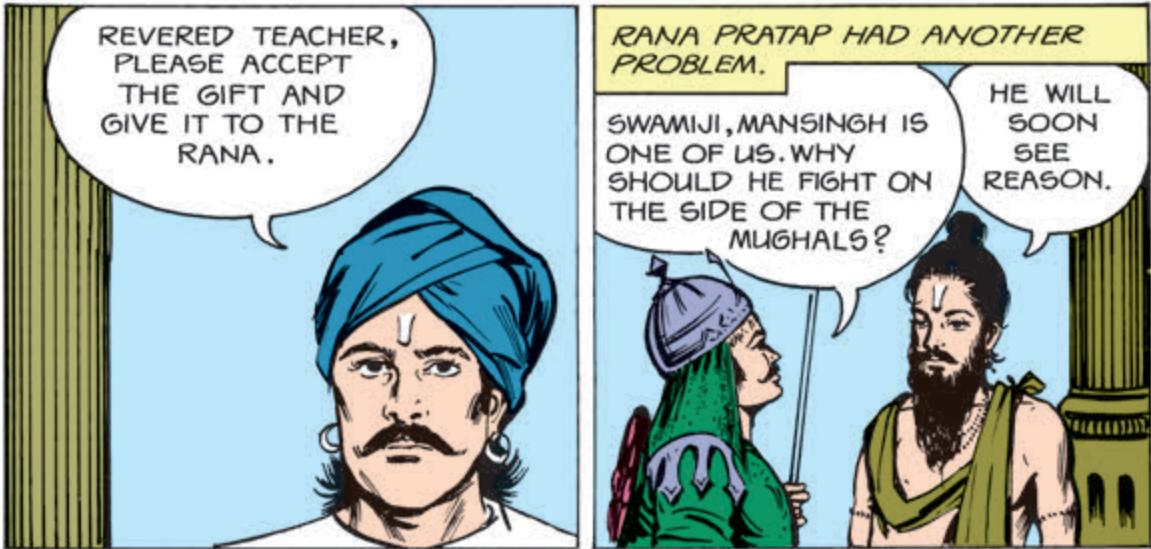
I AM THAT UNHAPPY PRATAP.



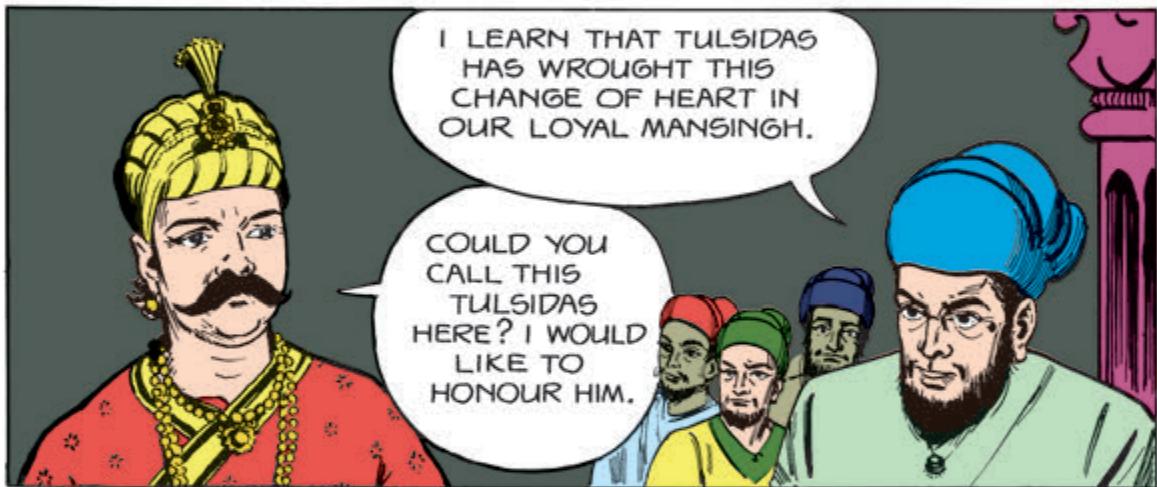
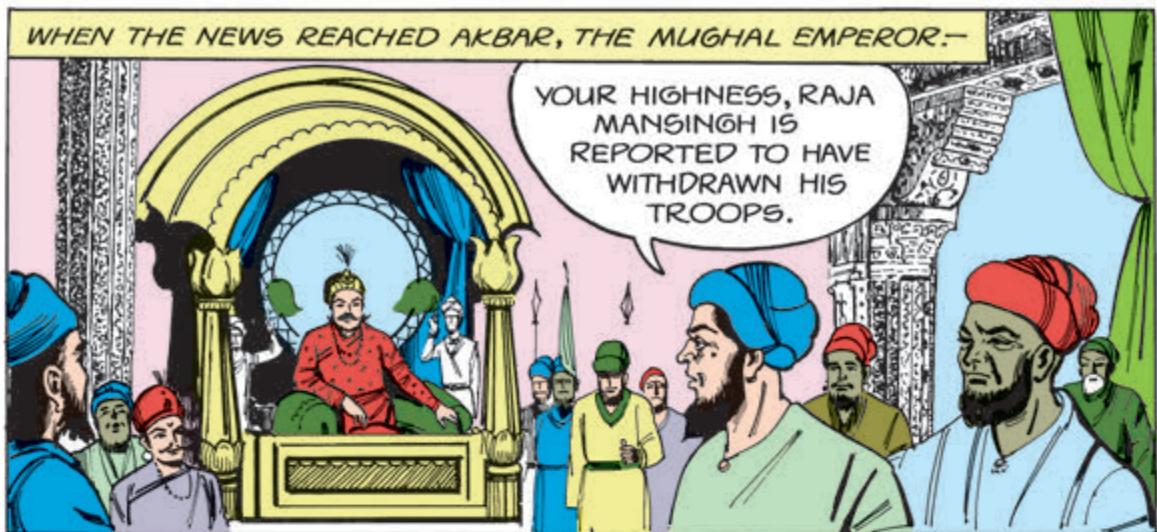
ANANTA CAME IN.

SIR, ONE BHAMA SHAH HAS COME TO SEE YOU.



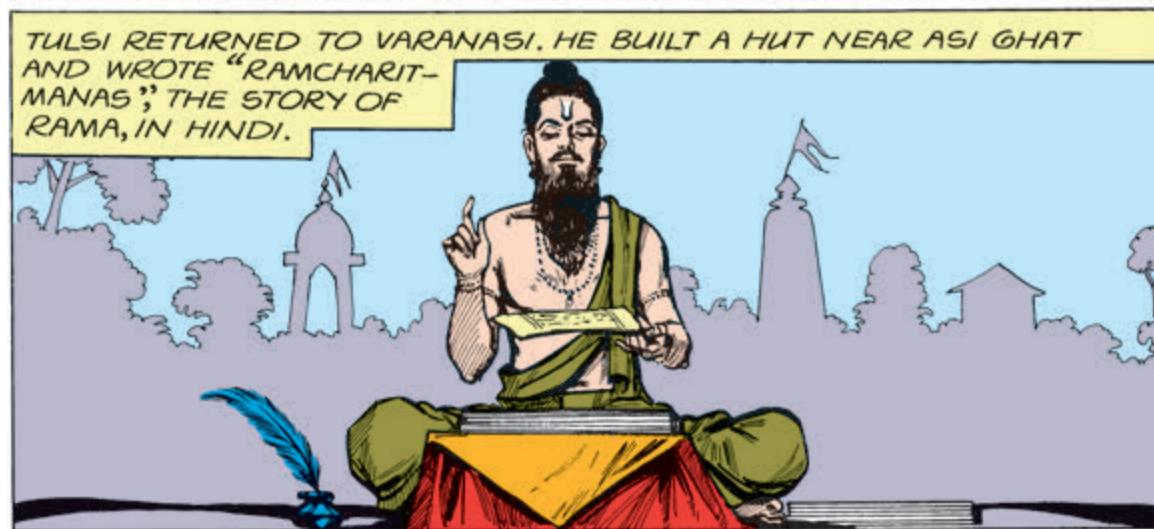
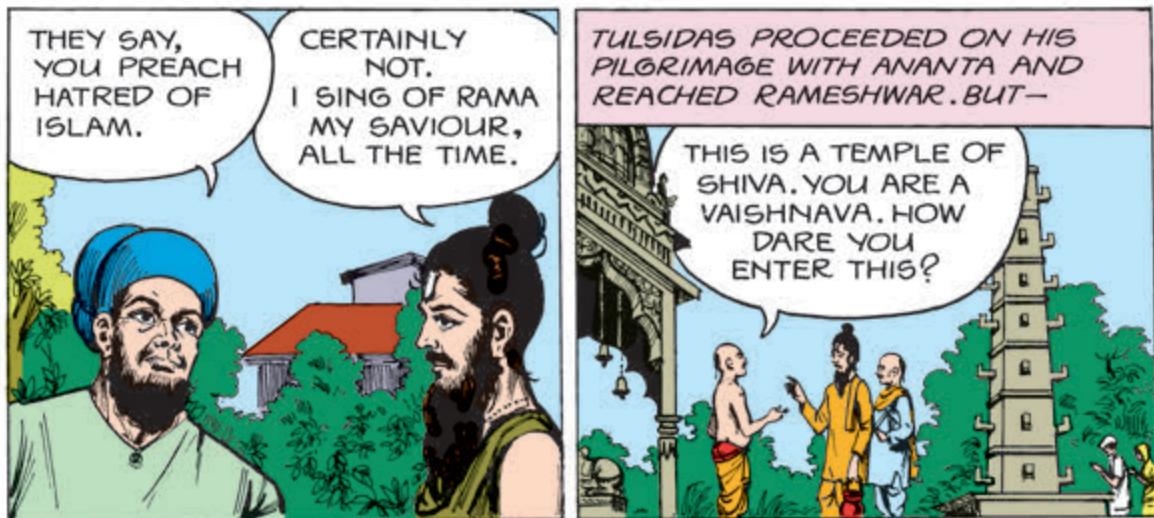


WHEN THE NEWS REACHED AKBAR, THE MUGHAL EMPEROR:-



ABDUL RAHIM KHAN MET TULSIDAS AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE WISH OF THE EMPEROR.

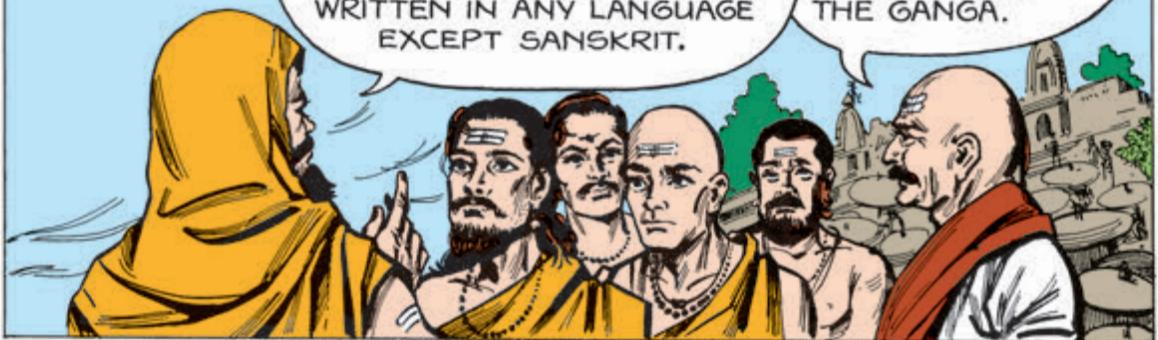




WHEN THE PANDITS OF VARANASI CAME TO KNOW OF THIS, THEY WERE ENRAGED.

WHAT TULSI IS DOING IS SACRILEGIOUS. THE STORY OF RAMA SHOULD NOT BE WRITTEN IN ANY LANGUAGE EXCEPT SANSKRIT.

YES, WE MUST ASK HIM TO DROWN HIS WORK IN THE GANGA.



WHO WILL UNDERTAKE THIS TASK?

WE WILL.



THAT NIGHT THE TWO STEALTHILY APPROACHED THE HUT OF TULSIDAS.

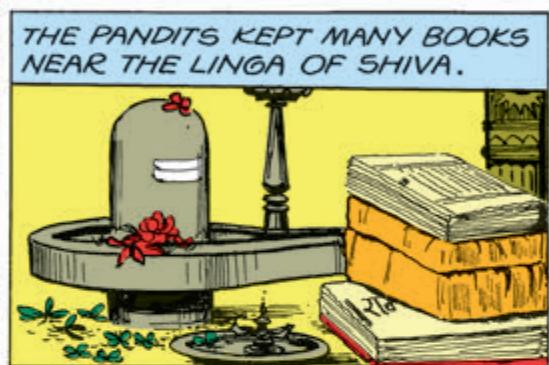
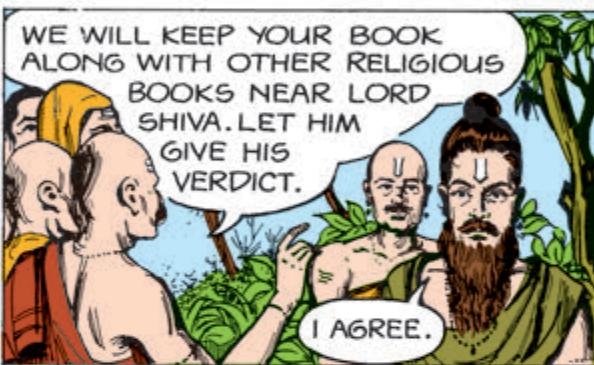


LOOK! WHO KEEPS WATCH THERE?



IT IS RAMA AND LAKSHMANA. RUN! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE.

THE NEXT DAY, THE PANDITS MET AND SENT A DEPUTATION TO MEET TULSIDAS.



TULSIDAS LIVED LONG AND HIS FAME SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. HIS RAMCHARIT-MANAS IS TODAY ONE OF THE MOST TREASURED POSSESSIONS OF THIS COUNTRY.



# WHICH OF THE ACKS HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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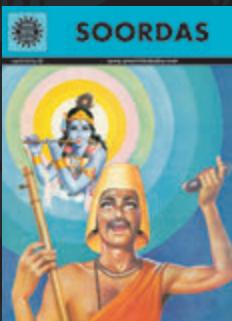


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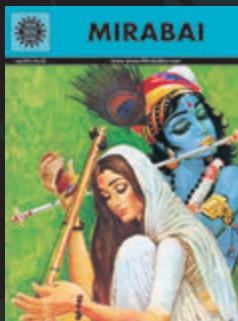
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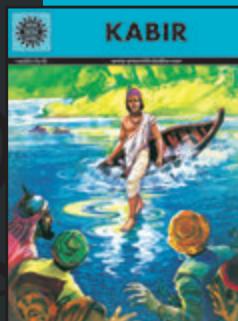
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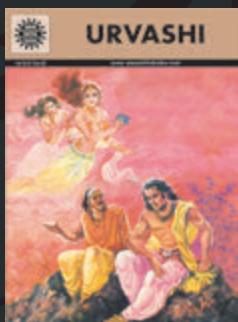


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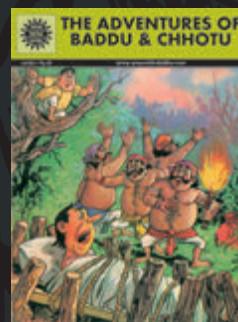
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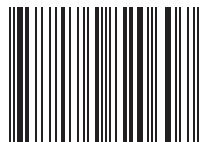
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