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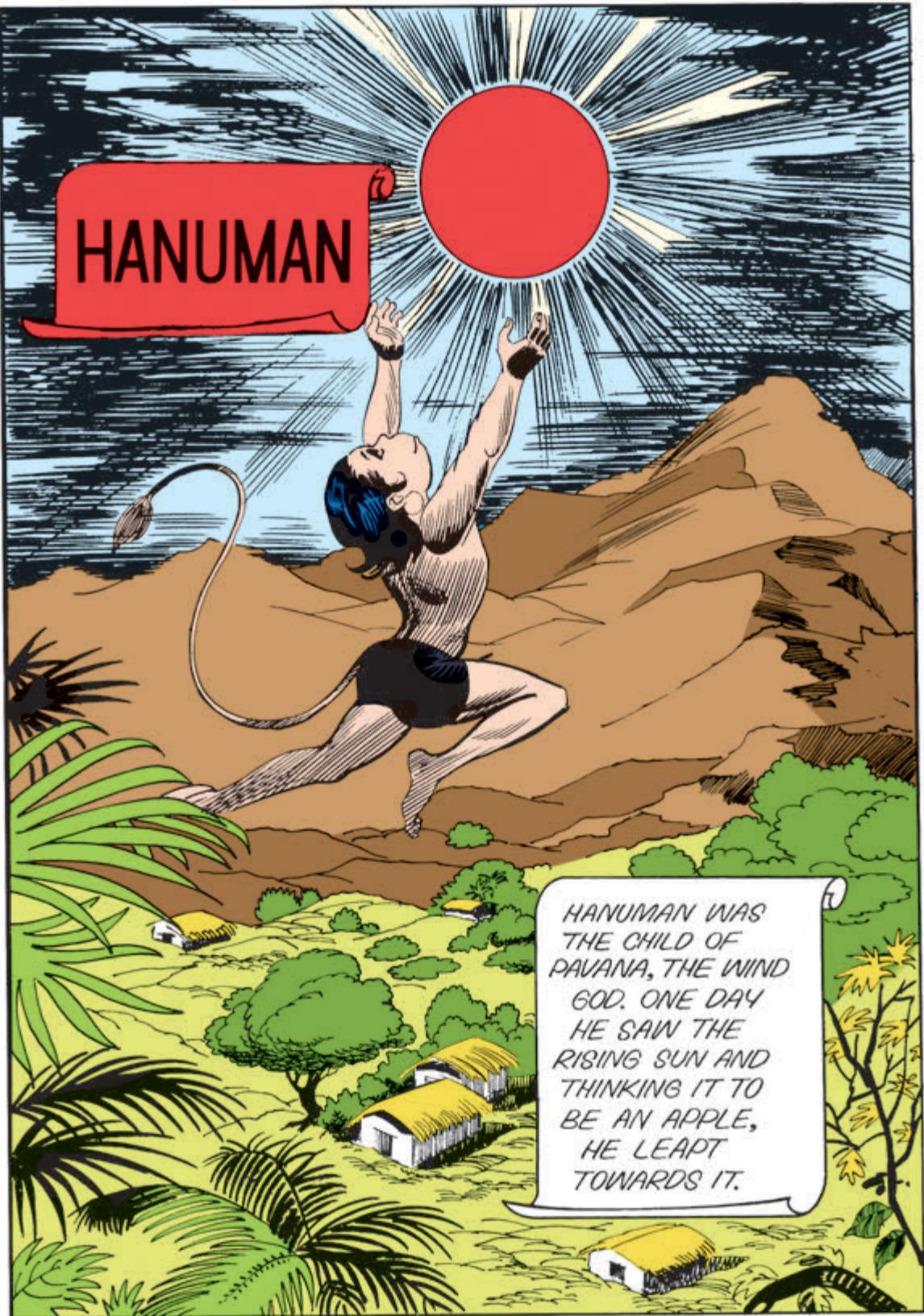
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HANUMAN WAS THE CHILD OF PAVANA, THE WIND GOD. ONE DAY HE SAW THE RISING SUN AND THINKING IT TO BE AN APPLE, HE LEAPT TOWARDS IT.

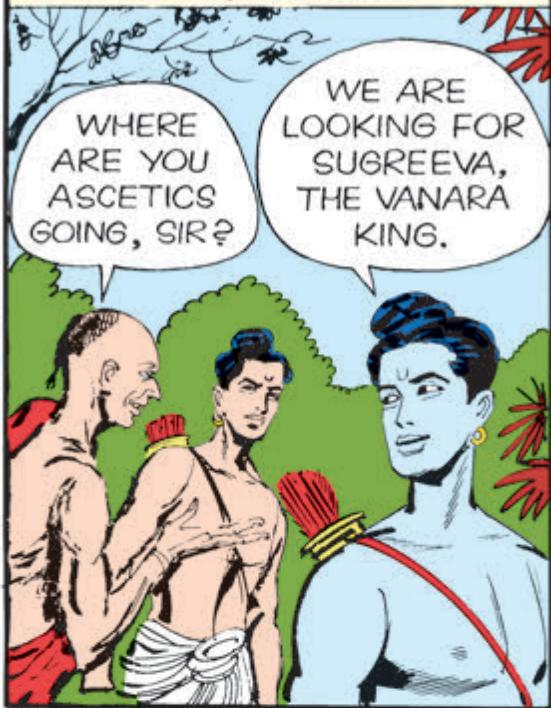
AS HE GREW, HIS STRENGTH GREW WITH HIM. ONE DAY, WITH HIS BARE HANDS, HE SAVED PRINCE SUGREEVA, FROM THE CHARGE OF A WILD ELEPHANT.



WHEN VALI, THE KING OF KISH-KINDHA BANISHED HIS BROTHER, SUGREEVA, FROM HIS KINGDOM, HANUMAN WENT WITH HIM TO THE JUNGLES NEAR THE RIVER PAMPA. THERE THEY LIVED A HARD LIFE.



HANUMAN ASSUMED THE FORM OF A POOR MAN AND APPROACHED THE STRANGERS.



THIS IS MY ELDER BROTHER RAMA, THE BANISHED PRINCE OF AYODHYA. HIS WIFE SITA WAS ABDUCTED BY RAVANA, THE DEMON KING. WE WANT SUGREEVA TO HELP US FIND SITA.



LISTENING TO LAXMANA, HANUMAN'S HEART WAS SUDDENLY FILLED WITH A STRANGE FEELING OF LOVE AND ADORATION.

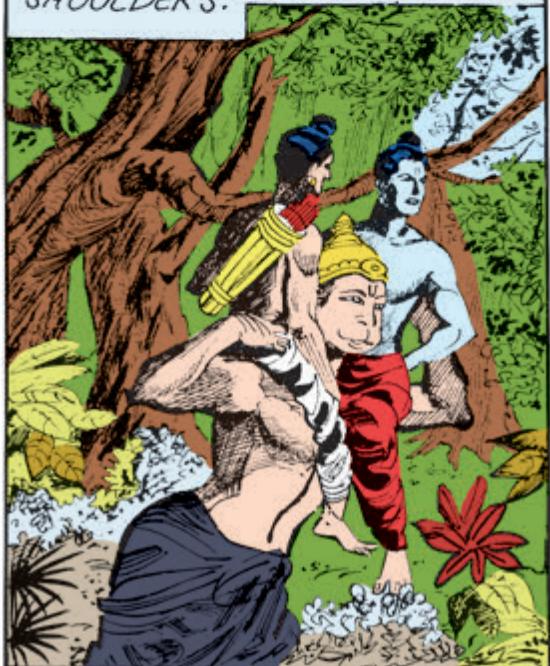
HANUMAN THREW AWAY HIS DISGUISE AND FELL PROSTRATE AT RAMA'S FEET.

FORGIVE ME, I'M REALLY HANUMAN, SUGREEVA'S MINISTER.

WILL YOU TAKE US TO SUGREEVA?



HANUMAN JOYFULLY CARRIED RAMA AND LAXMANA ON HIS SHOULDERS.



IT WAS A HAPPY MEETING. THE TWO BROTHERS KNEW, THEY HAD FOUND FRIENDS.



WHY DO
YOU
WANT
TO KILL
YOUR
BROTHER?

"ONCE VALI AND I HAD GONE TO FIGHT A DEMON. THERE WAS A BIG CAVE. VALI ASKED ME TO WAIT OUTSIDE AND WENT IN. WHEN HE DID NOT COME OUT FOR A LONG TIME, I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD AND CAME BACK.

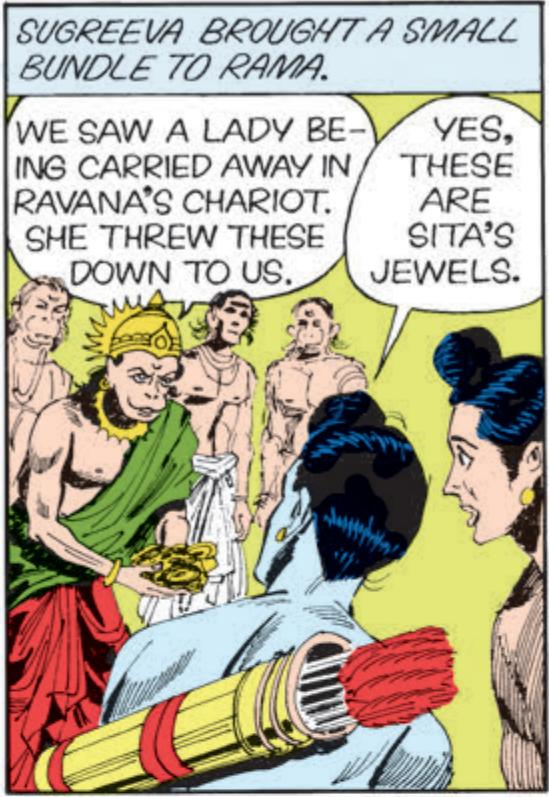


"THE THRONE COULD NOT REMAIN VACANT. THE PEOPLE CROWNED ME AS KING. THEN ONE DAY VALI CAME BACK..."



"...AND DROVE ME AWAY."





SUGREEVA WAS CROWNED THE KING OF KISH-KINDHA. VALI'S SON ANGADA BECAME THE CROWN PRINCE.

LONG LIVE KING SUGREEVA!

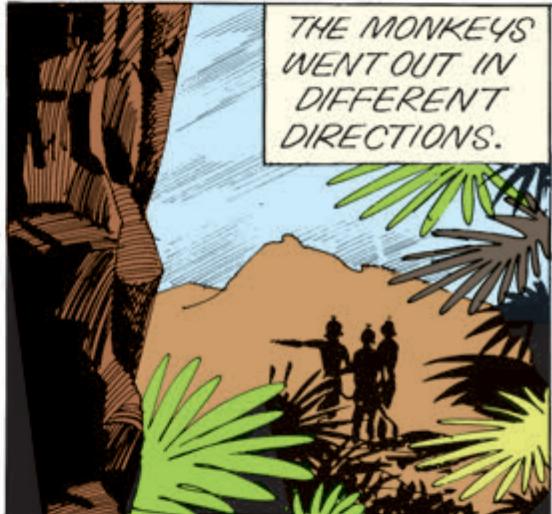
LONG LIVE PRINCE ANGADA!



SUGREEVA SENT HIS BRAVE MONKEYS TO SEARCH SITA IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD.

WE MUST LOOK EVERYWHERE!
WE MUST FIND HER!

THE MONKEYS WENT OUT IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.



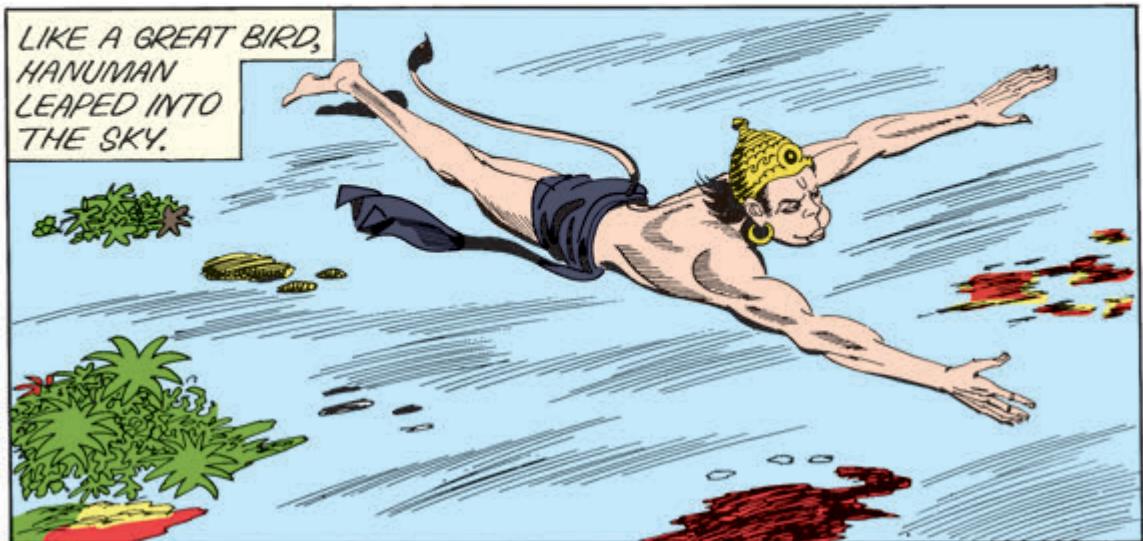
HANUMAN, ANGADA AND JAMBAAVAN WENT SOUTH, UNTIL THEY CAME TO THE OCEAN.



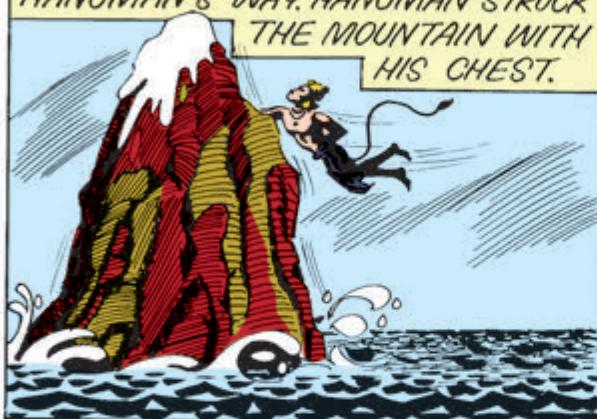
ON A HILL NEARBY THEY MET THE VULTURE KING.

ACROSS THE OCEAN LIES LANKA - RAVANA'S CAPITAL CITY. SITA IS A PRISONER THERE.





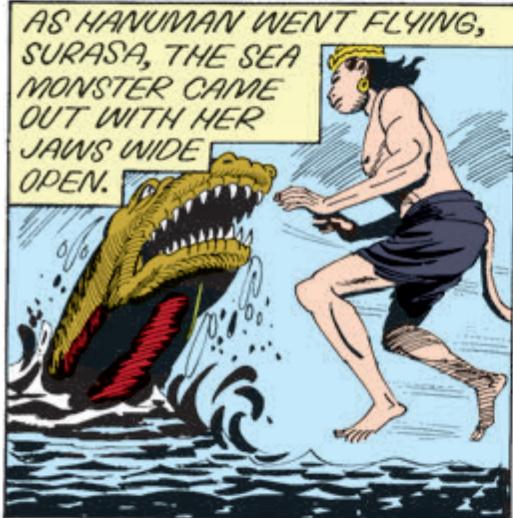
A GIANT MOUNTAIN SUDDENLY ROSE FROM THE OCEAN AND BLOCKED HANUMAN'S WAY. HANUMAN STRUCK THE MOUNTAIN WITH HIS CHEST.



I AM MAINAKA. YOUR FATHER HAD ONCE SAVED MY LIFE. YOU MUST WAIT FOR A WHILE!



AS HANUMAN WENT FLYING, SURASA, THE SEA MONSTER CAME OUT WITH HER JAWS WIDE OPEN.



YOU MUST ENTER MY MOUTH!



HANUMAN STARTED BLOWING HIMSELF UP BIGGER AND BIGGER...



...AND THE MONSTER OPENED HER JAWS WIDER AND WIDER.

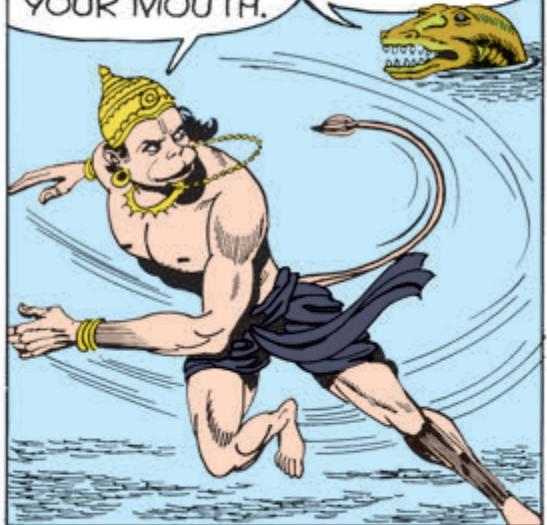


SUDDENLY HANUMAN BECAME VERY SMALL AND BEFORE THE MONSTER COULD REALISE IT, HE ENTERED HER MOUTH AND CAME OUT AGAIN.

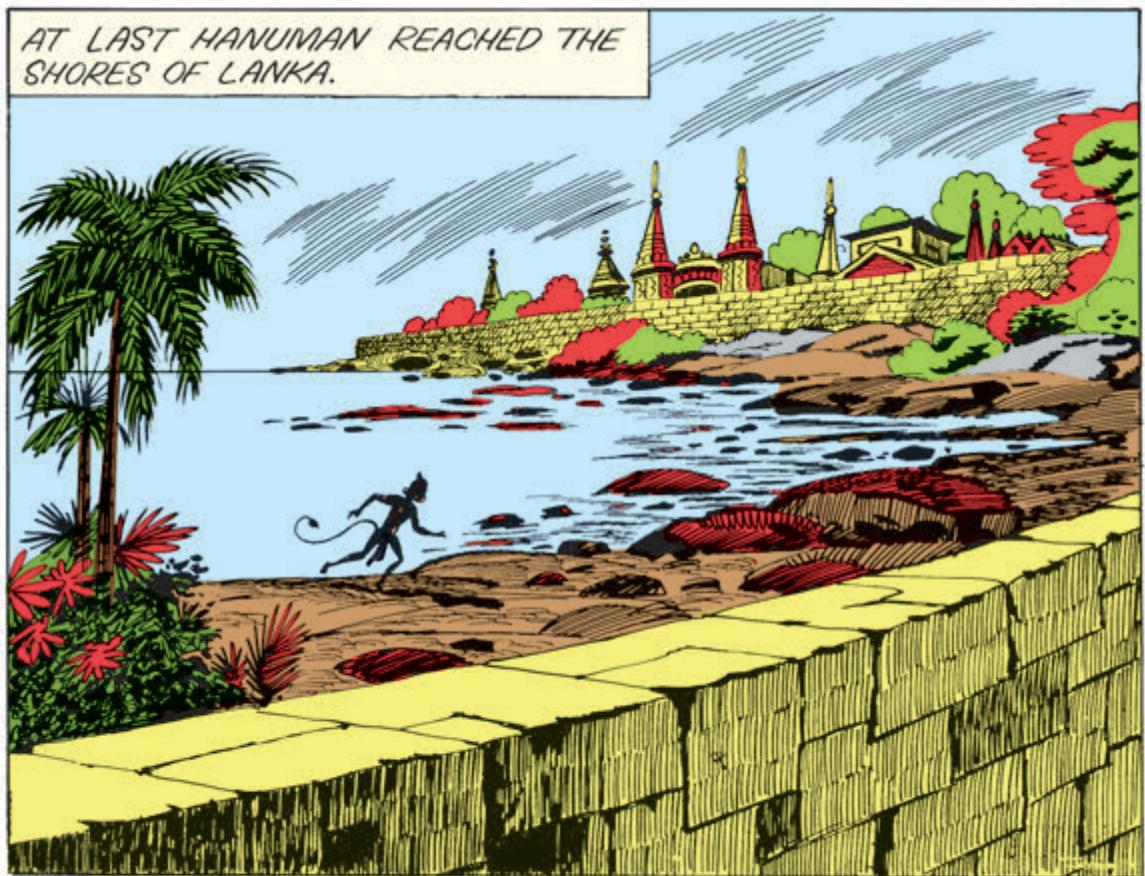


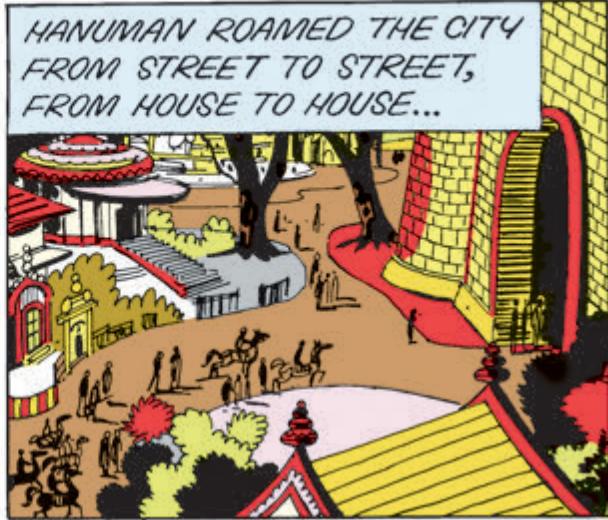
YOUR WISH IS FULFILLED.
I DID ENTER YOUR MOUTH.

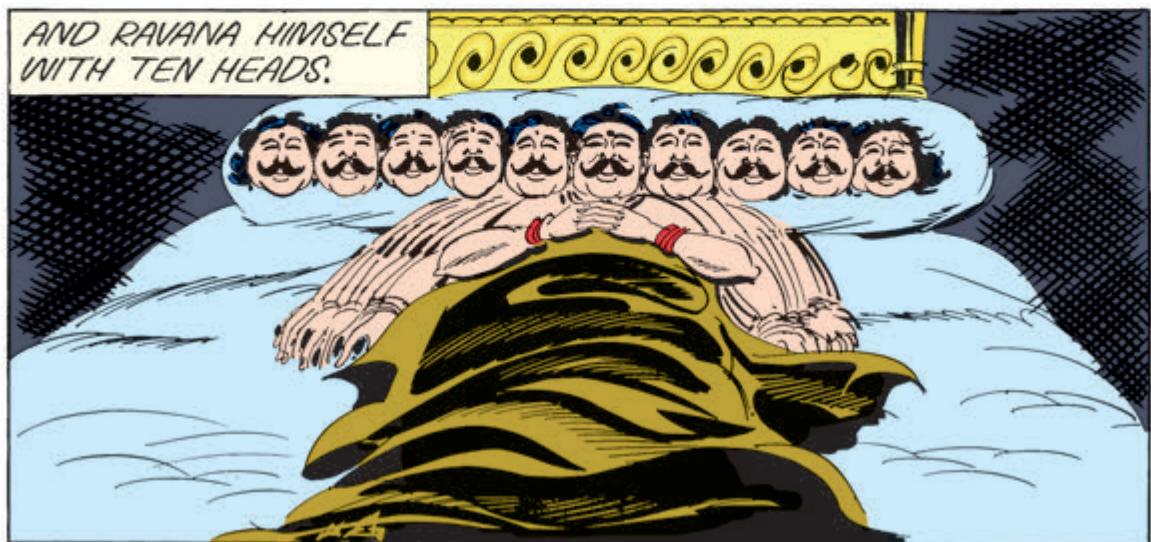
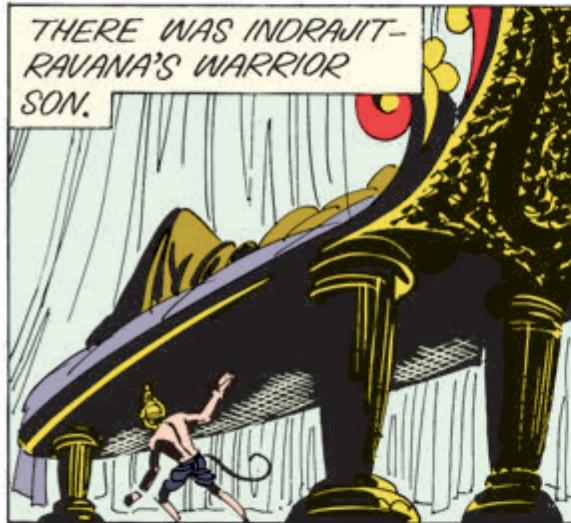
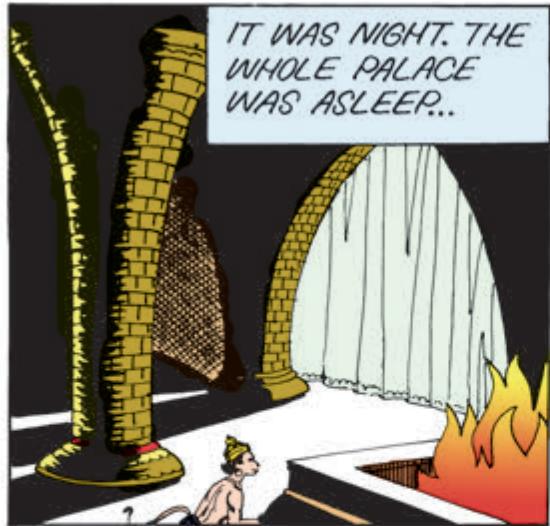
YOU ARE BRAVE. I WAS ONLY TESTING YOUR DETERMINATION.

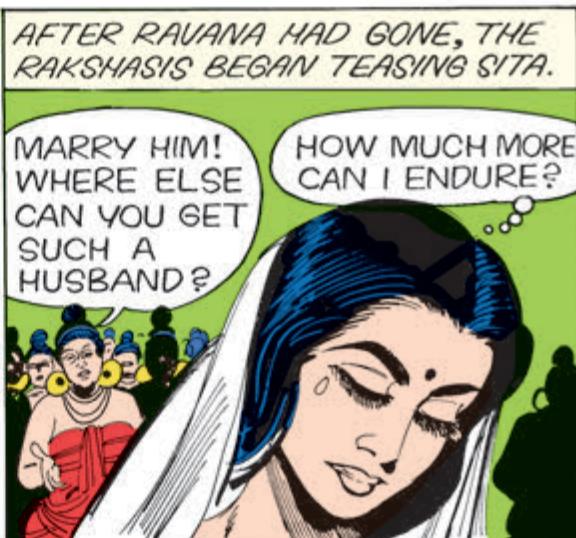
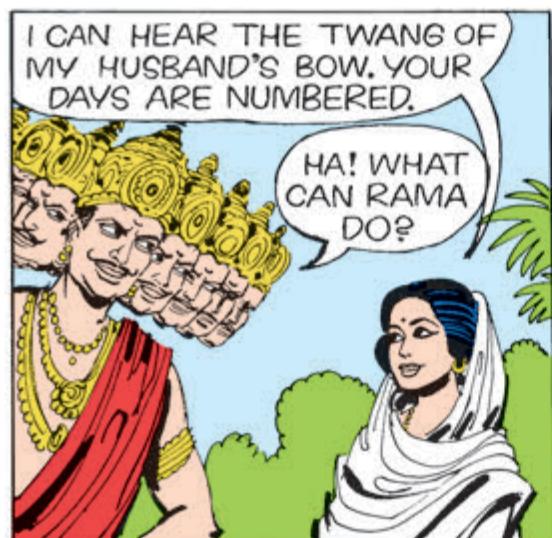
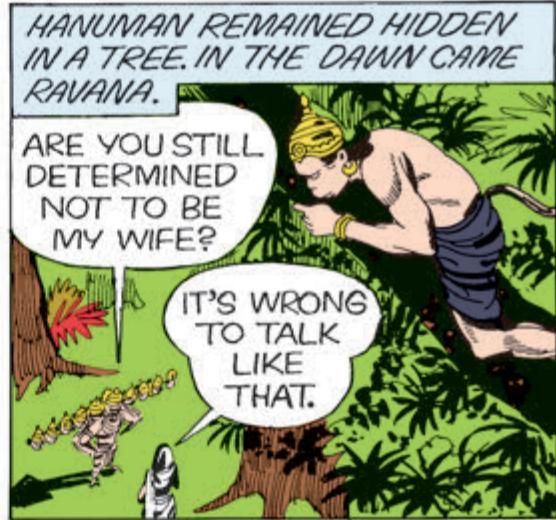
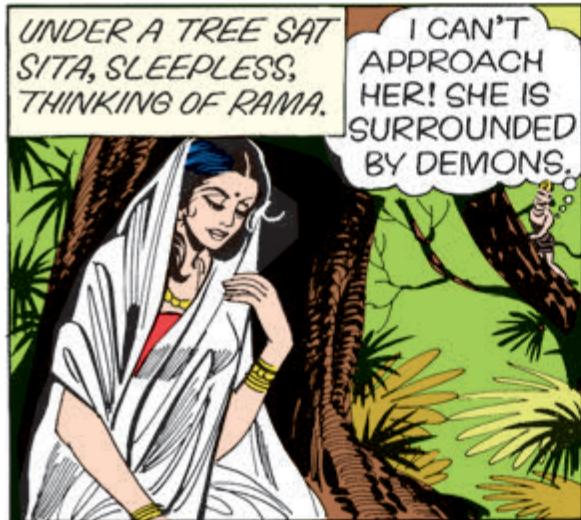
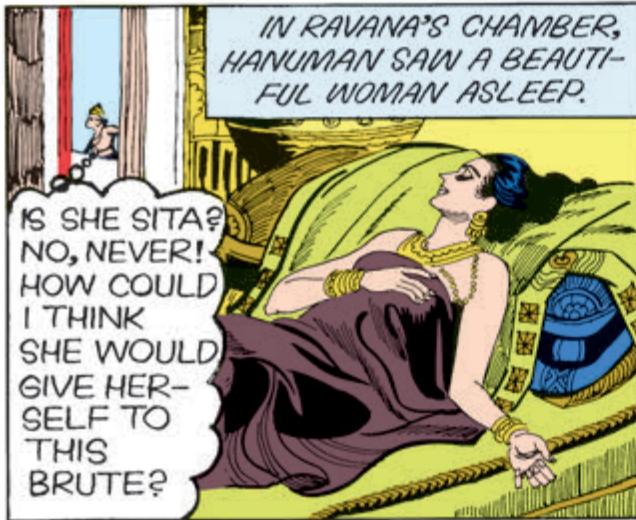


AT LAST HANUMAN REACHED THE SHORES OF LANKA.









WHEN SITA WAS LEFT ALONE FOR SOME TIME, HANUMAN TOOK OUT THE SIGNET RING RAMA HAD GIVEN HIM AND DROPPED IT ON HER LAP.



HANUMAN CLIMBED DOWN FROM THE TREE AND STOOD IN FRONT OF SITA. HE RELATED EVERYTHING TO HER.

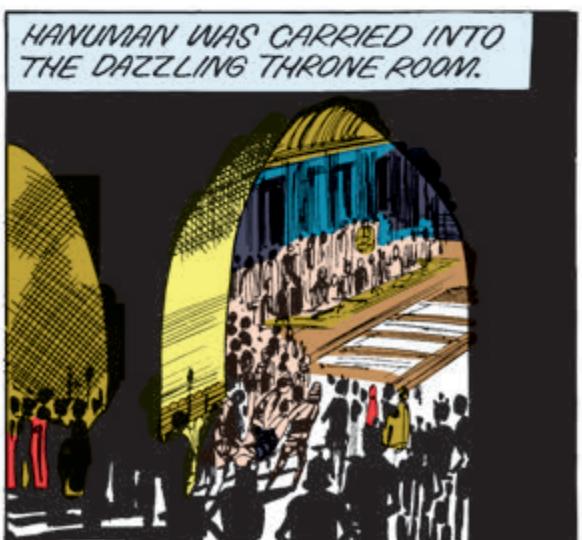
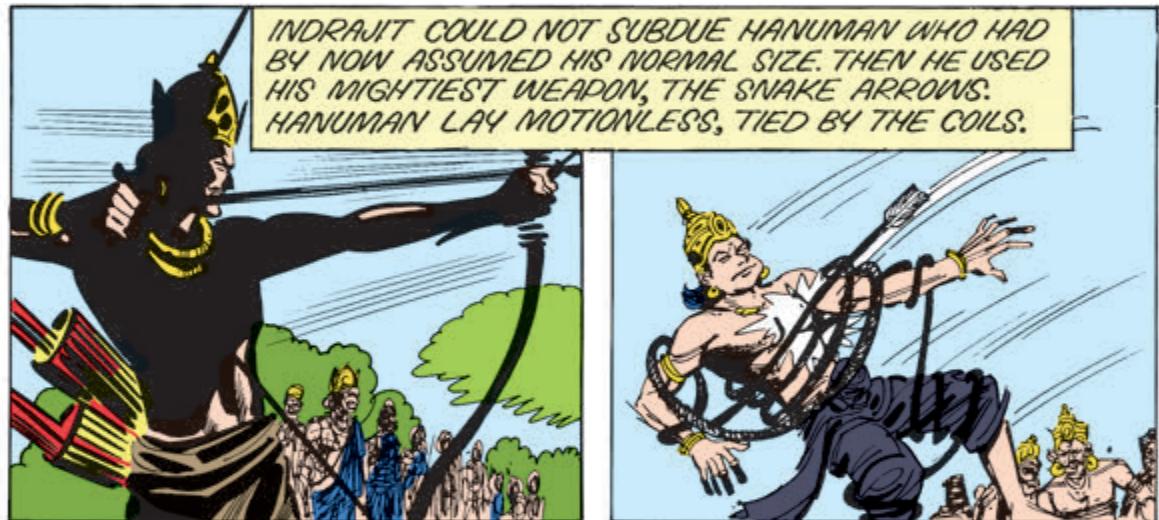


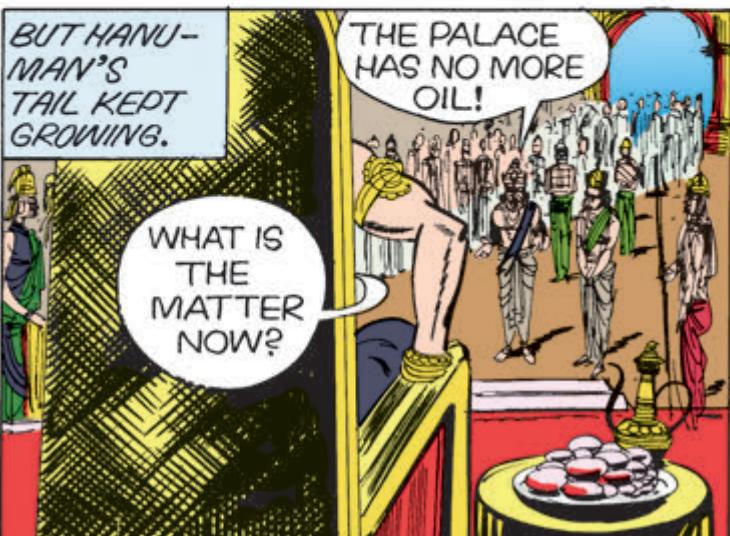
HANUMAN DECIDED TO TEACH RAVANA A LESSON.

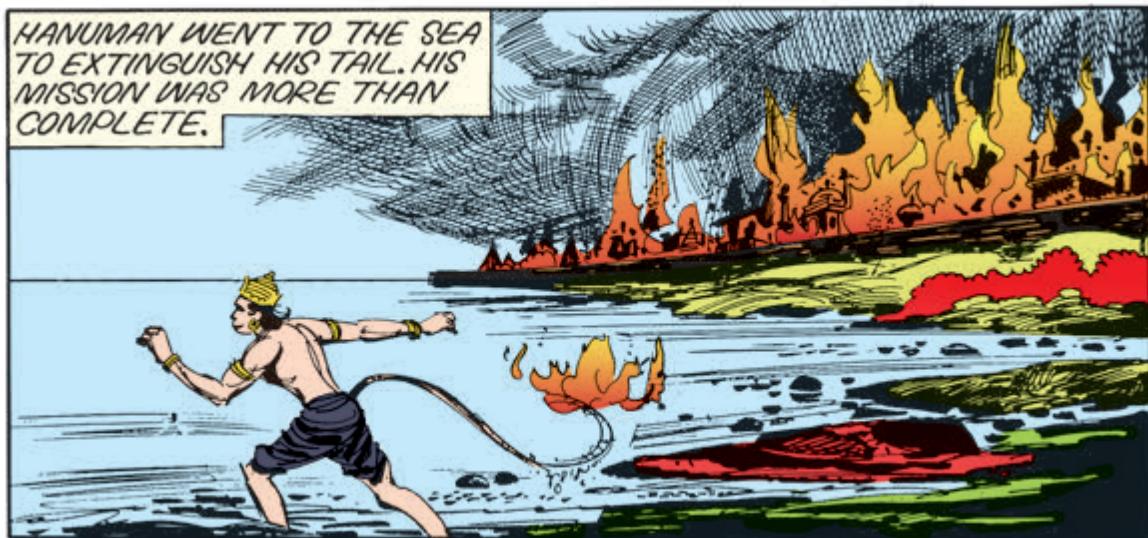
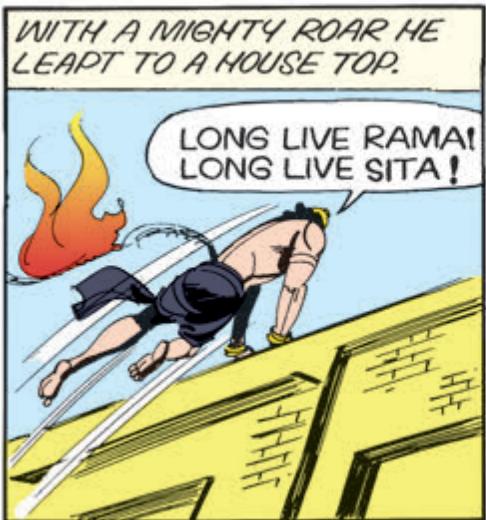


UPROOTING TREES, BEATING RAKSHASAS, HANUMAN CREATED HAVOC IN RAVANA'S PALACE.





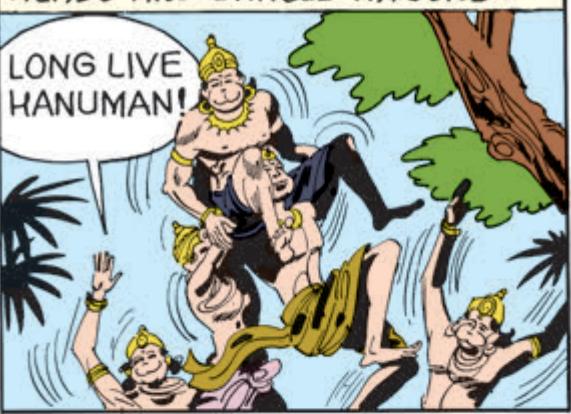




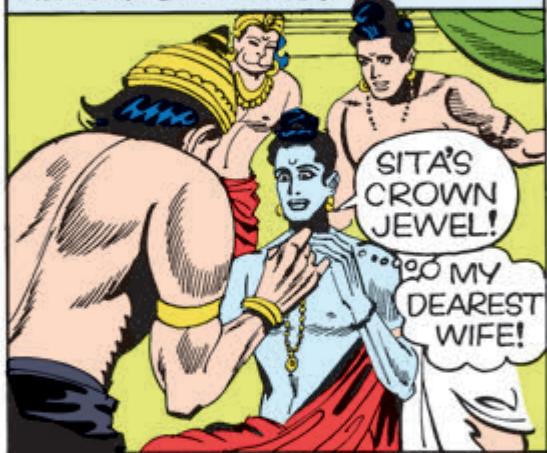
ON THE OTHER SHORE,
THE VANARAS PATIENTLY
AWAITED HIS RETURN.



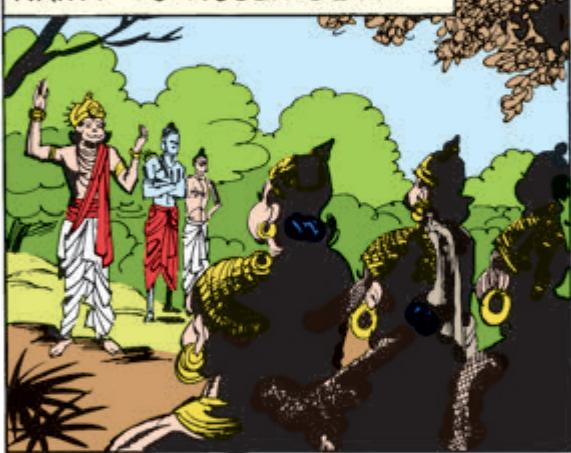
IN THEIR JOY, THE VANARAS
LIFTED HANUMAN ABOVE THEIR
HEADS AND DANCED AROUND.



THE SEARCH PARTY AT LAST
RETURNED HOME.



SUGREEVA ORDERED THE
ARMY TO ASSEMBLE...



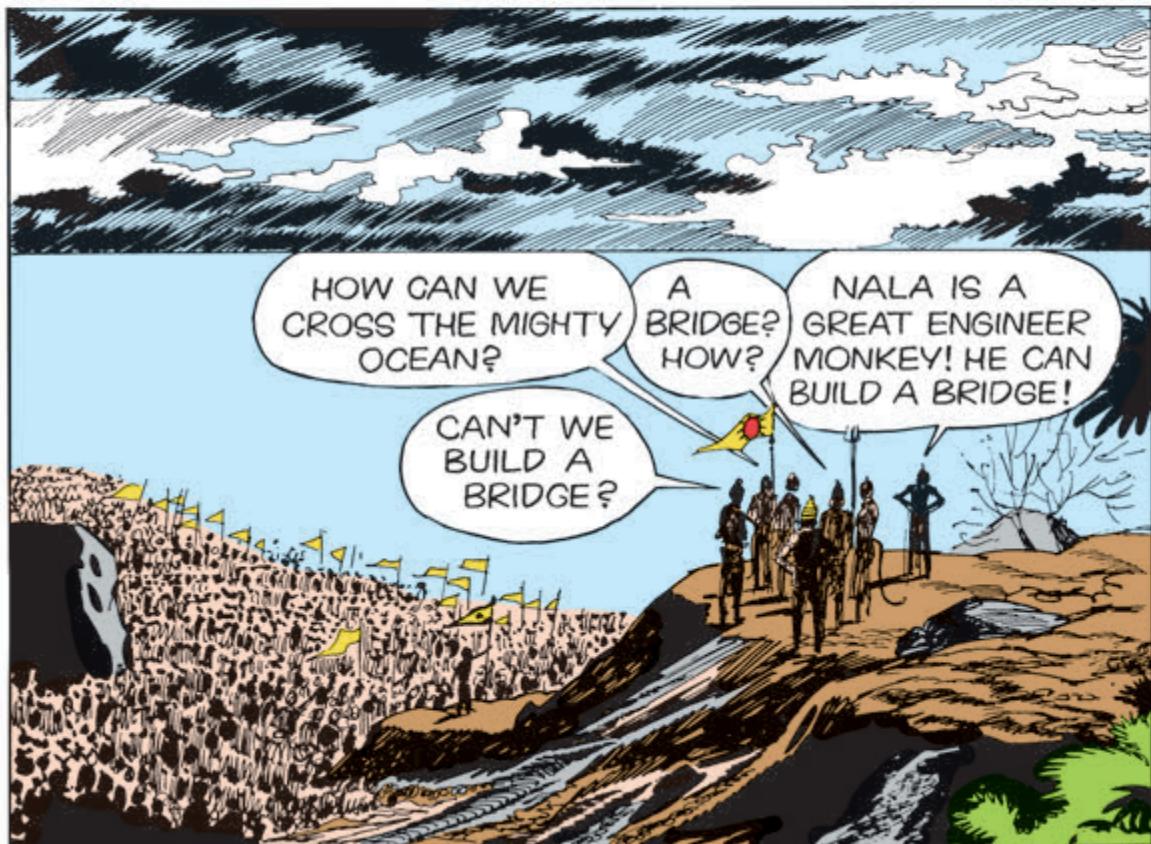
THE GREAT MONKEY ARMY
FELL IN LINE...



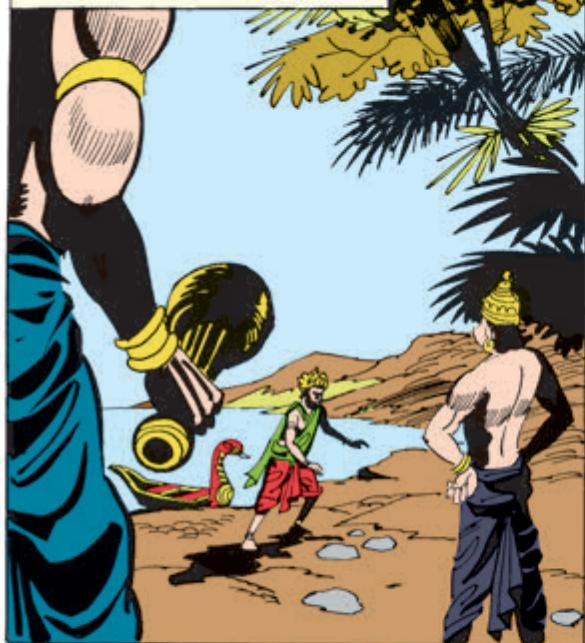
...AND THE GIANT BEARS
TOO!



THE GREAT ARMY REACHED THE SEASHORE.
ON THE OTHER SIDE LAY LANKA
WHERE SITA WAS A PRISONER.



MEANWHILE, VIBHEESHANA, RAVANA'S BROTHER HAD COME OVER TO JOIN RAMA.



I DO NOT WISH TO LIVE WITH MY SINFUL BROTHER. WILL YOU GIVE ME SHELTER?



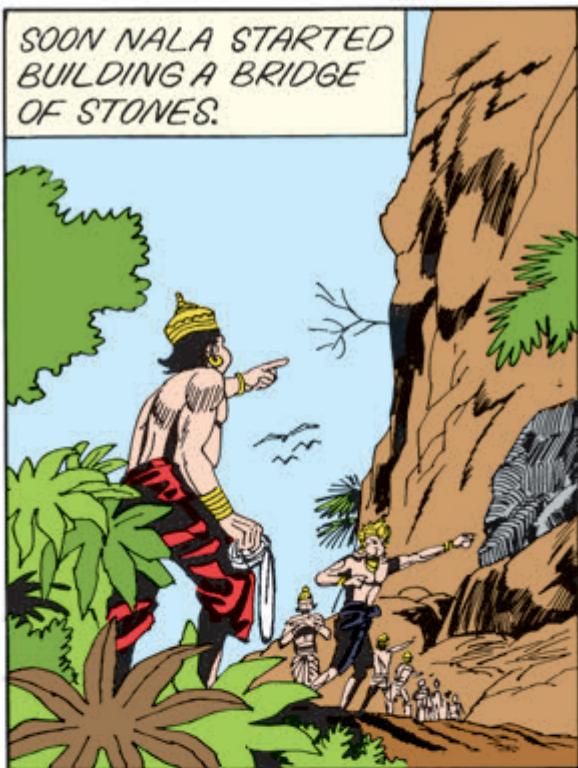
HOW CAN WE TRUST HIM?

THIS MAY BE A TRICK!

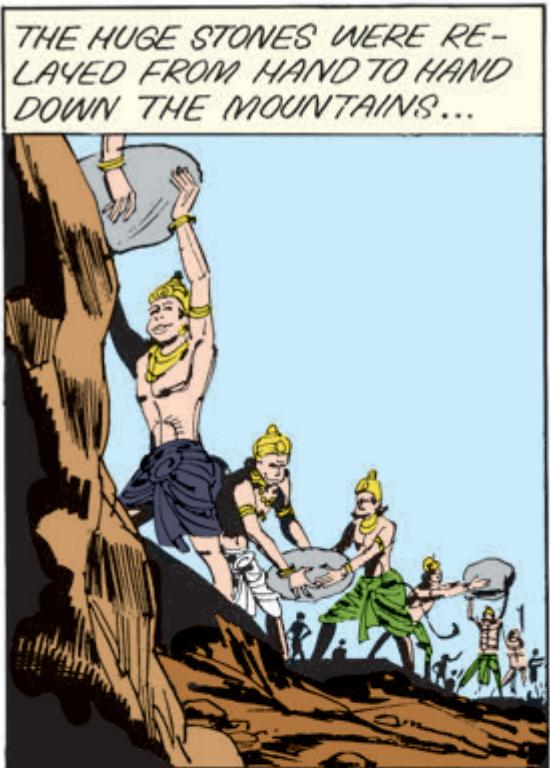
I THINK WE CAN BELIEVE HIM. HOWEVER, EVEN IF IT BE A TRICK, I CANNOT TURN AWAY SOMEONE WHO ASKS FOR SHELTER!



SOON NALA STARTED BUILDING A BRIDGE OF STONES.



THE HUGE STONES WERE RE-LAYED FROM HAND TO HAND DOWN THE MOUNTAINS...



...AND THE BRIDGE WAS READY.

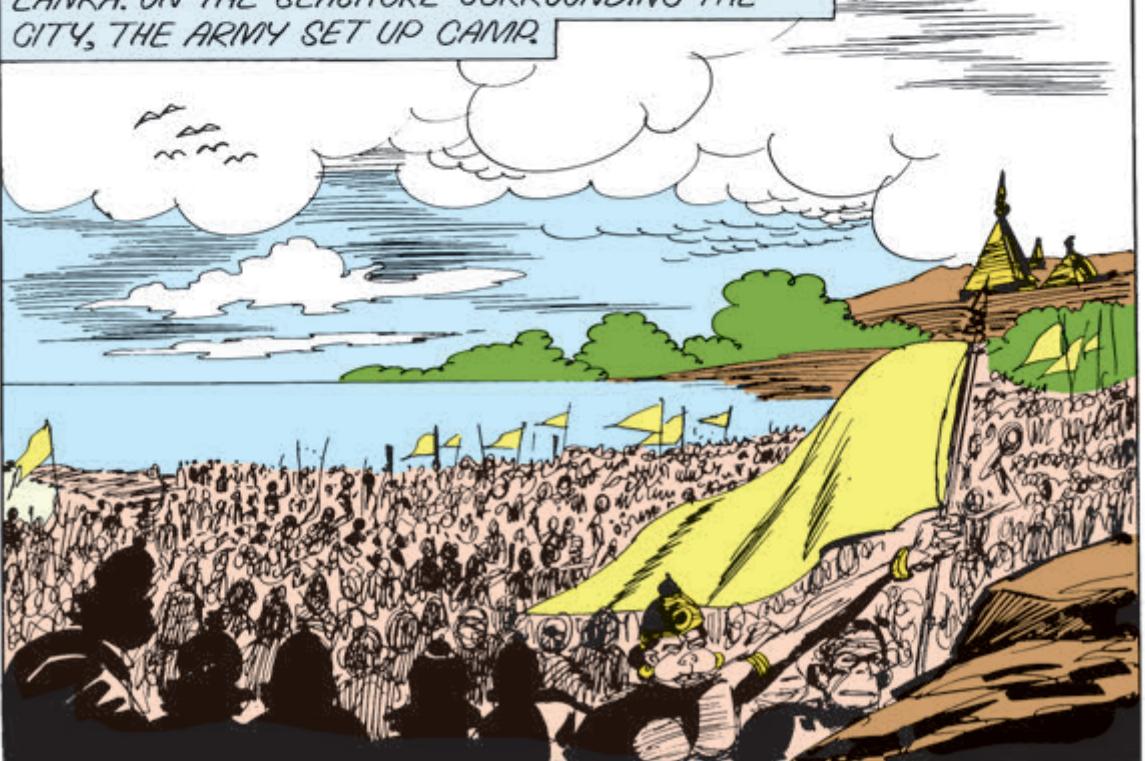


THE ARMY STARTED OUT ON ITS MARCH.

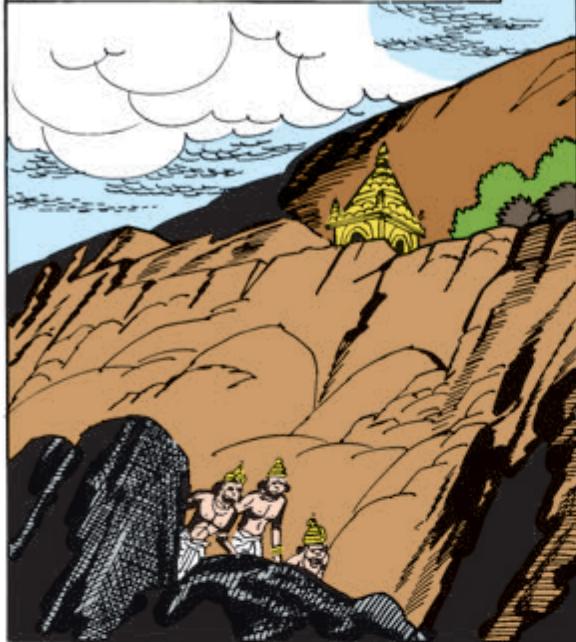




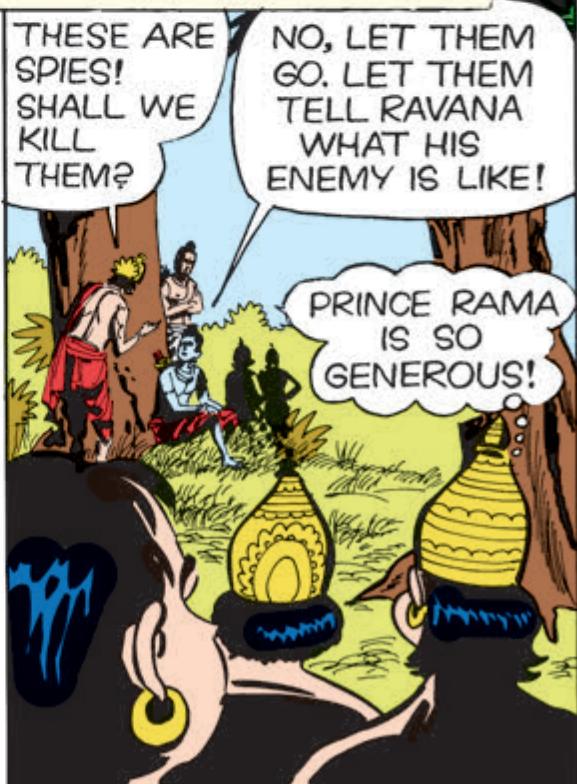
THE OCEAN WAS CROSSED. RAMA'S ARMY REACHED LANKA. ON THE SEASHORE SURROUNDING THE CITY, THE ARMY SET UP CAMP.



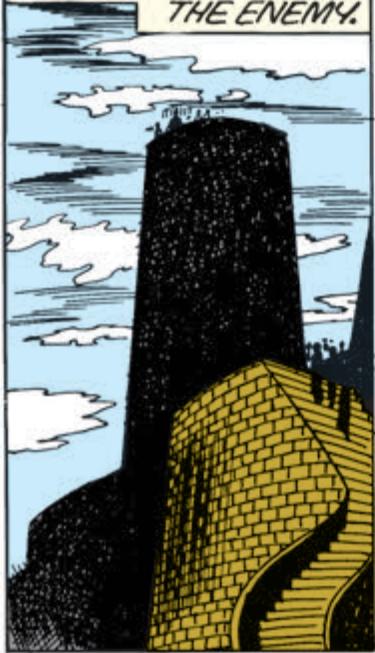
SOME RAKSHASAS CAME TO RAMA'S CAMP DISGUISED AS MONKEYS.



BUT VIBHEESHANA HAD SEEN THROUGH THEIR DISGUISE.



BEFORE THE BATTLE,
RAVANA WENT TO A
TOWER TO SURVEY
THE ENEMY.



IN THE CENTRE
THE CHARIOT
BELONGS TO
RAMA. INDRA
GAVE IT TO HIM.
TO HIS LEFT IS
SUGREEVA!



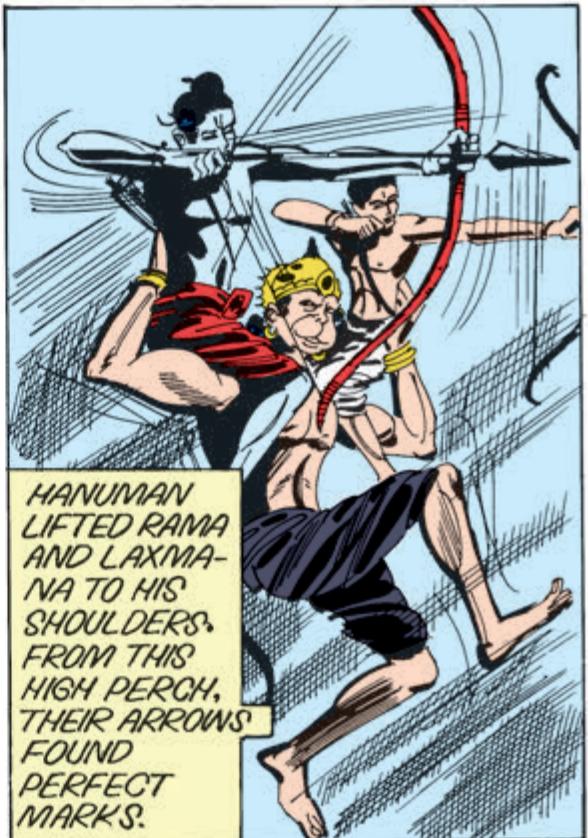
THE BATTLE STARTED.
THE MONKEYS ATTACKED
WITH HUGE BOULDERS.



THE RAKSHASA GENERAL
JAMBUMALI CAME TO FIGHT
WITH HANUMAN. HANUMAN
SMASHED HIS CHARIOT.



HANUMAN
LIFTED RAMA
AND LAXMANA
TO HIS
SHOULDERS.
FROM THIS
HIGH PERCH,
THEIR ARROWS
FOUND
PERFECT
MARKS.



DHUMRAKSHA CAME WITH A HUGE ARMY. HE WAS ONE OF RAVANA'S BEST GENERALS.



HANUMAN LIFTED HIM IN ONE HAND AND KILLED HIM.



NEXT TO COME WAS THE VICIOUS GIANT AKAMPANA. THE VANARAS RAN AWAY AT THE SIGHT OF HIM.



HANUMAN UPROOTED A TREE AND KILLED AKAMPANA. HUNDREDS OF RAKSHASAS DIED CRUSHED BY THIS GIANT'S BODY.



WE MUST DESTROY THEM.

DO NOT WORRY, FATHER!
I SHALL KILL THEM ALL! THEY CANNOT EVEN SEE ME.

AKAMPANA'S DEATH CAME AS A SHOCK TO RAVANA.
MANY OF HIS GENERALS WERE DEAD. HIS GRIEF INCREASED HIS RAGE.

RAVANA'S SON INDRAJIT HAD RECEIVED A BOON FROM THE GODS. HE COULD FIGHT ANYONE WITHOUT BEING SEEN BY THE ENEMY.



WHEN THE BATTLE CEASED FOR THE DAY, (THEY NEVER FOUGHT AFTER SUNSET IN THOSE DAYS) ALL STOOD AROUND THE FALLEN LAXMANA, THEIR HEARTS HEAVY WITH GRIEF.



WHAT SHALL WE DO?

BRING THE PHYSICIAN.



HANUMAN RUSHED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE BATTLE FIELD WHERE HE FOUND SUSHENA.

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

YOU MUST CURE MY PRINCE!



I NEED SANJEEVANI PLANT TO CURE LAXMANA!



FAR AWAY ON THE GANDHAMADAAN HILL STOOD THE SANJEEVANI TREE. ITS ROOT COULD BRING LAXMANA BACK TO LIFE. BRAVE HANUMAN STARTED ON ANOTHER LEAP.



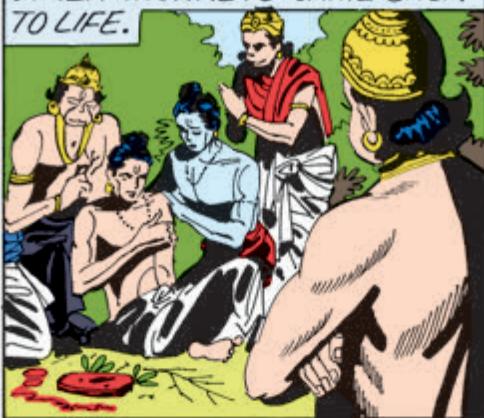
HANUMAN COULD NOT LOCATE THE TREE FROM AMONGST HUNDRED OTHERS. BUT THERE WAS VERY LITTLE TIME.



UNWILLING TO WASTE ANY MORE TIME, HANUMAN GREW IN SIZE AND LIFTED THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN IN HIS HANDS AND RETURNED TO LANKA.



LAXMANA WAS SOON CURED. NOT ONLY HE, BUT THOUSANDS OF OTHER MONKEYS CAME BACK TO LIFE.



NO ONE COULD WITHHOLD HIS ATTACK. THEN RAMA, RIDING ON HANUMAN'S SHOULDERS, ATTACKED THE RAKSHA-SA KING.



AS THE BATTLE STARTED AGAIN, RAVANA CAME OUT TO FIGHT IN HIS GOLDEN CHARIOT, HIS CROWN DAZZLING IN THE SUNLIGHT.

RAMA'S ARROW CUT DOWN RAVANA'S CHARIOT. HE STOOD ON THE BATTLE GROUND, FACING DEATH.



THE COUNCIL OF WAR IN RAVANA'S COURT.



KUMBHAKARNA USED TO SLEEP FOR SIX MONTHS AT A STRETCH.



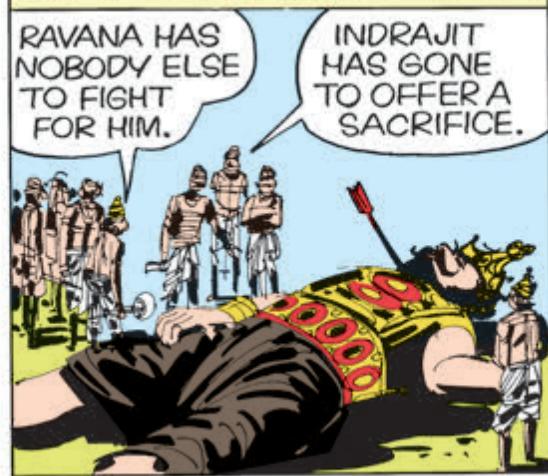
AT LAST, THE GIANT'S SLEEP WAS BROKEN.



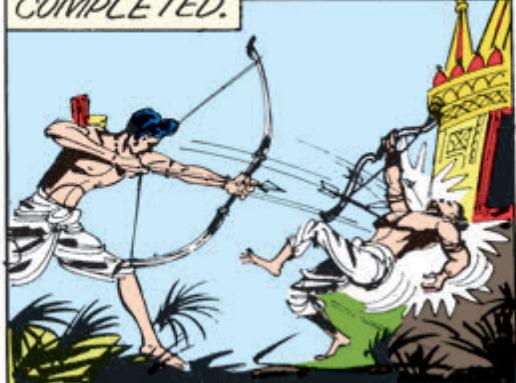
LIKE A TYPHOON, KUMBHAKARNA CAME TO THE BATTLE. THOUSANDS PERISHED UNDER HIS FEET.



RAMA'S ARROWS CUT HIS HEAD OFF.



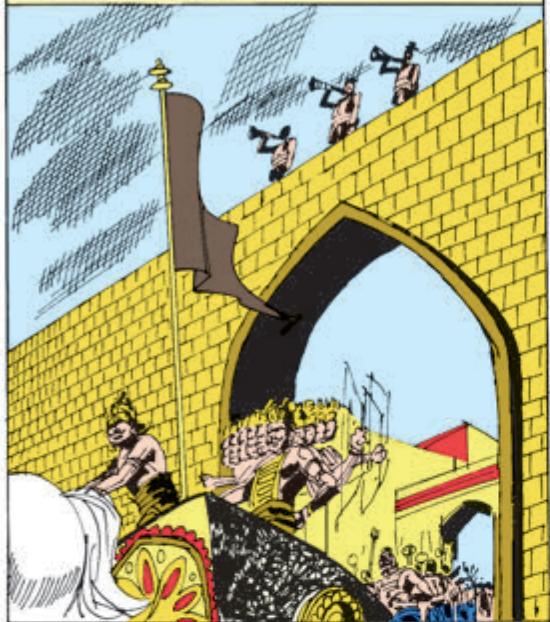
IF INDRAMITA COULD COMPLETE HIS SACRIFICIAL PRAYER, HE WOULD BECOME INVINCIBLE. BUT HIS PRAYER WAS NOT COMPLETED.



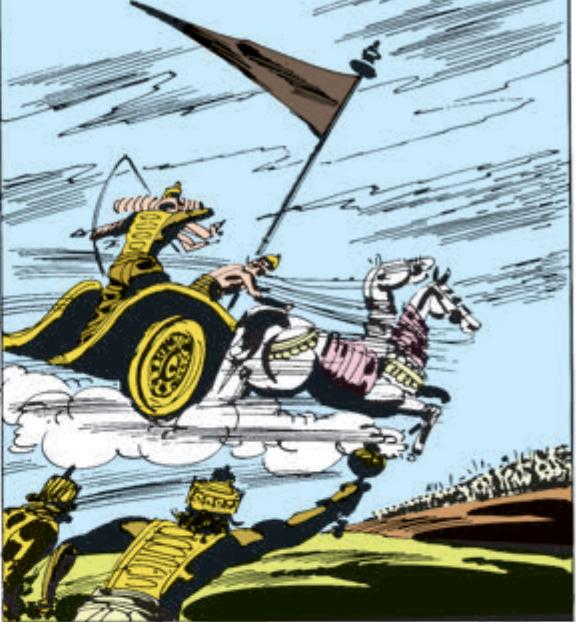
WHEN THE NEWS OF INDRAMITA'S DEATH REACHED RAVANA -



IT WAS TIME FOR THE LAST BATTLE.
RAVANA CAME TO THE GATES OF
LANKA. OUTSIDE, THE VANARA
ARMY WAITED.



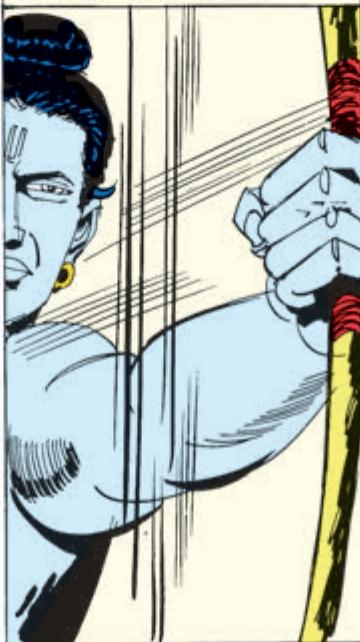
RAVANA RODE ON HIS CHARIOT,
LIKE LIGHTNING, TEARING THROUGH
THE RANKS OF THE VANARA ARMY.



RAVANA WAS A GREAT
WARRIOR. THE BATTLE
THAT RAGED WAS FIERCE.



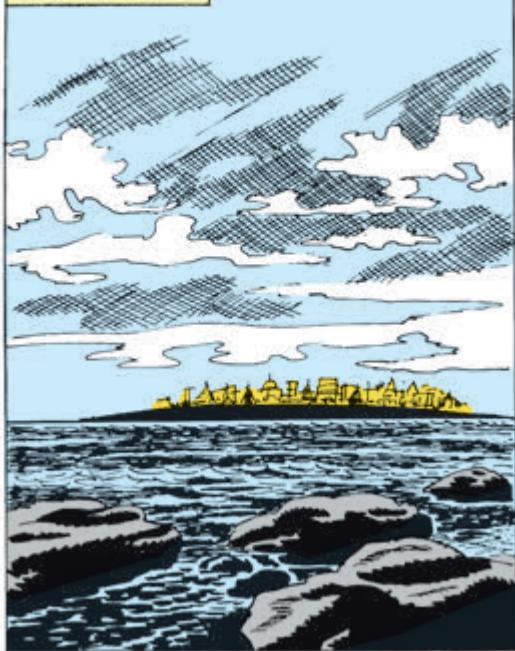
AT LAST RAVANA CAME
FACE TO FACE WITH
RAMA. RAMA PICKED
UP HIS BOW FOR THE
LAST ARROW OF THIS
GREAT BATTLE.



THE EVIL ENEMY HAD
BEEN DESTROYED.
VIRTUE HAD WON
OVER GREED AND
LUST.



THE KING HAD DIED. THE CITY OF LANKA WAS DARK AND MOURNFUL.



VIBHEESHANA WAS CROWNED THE KING OF LANKA.



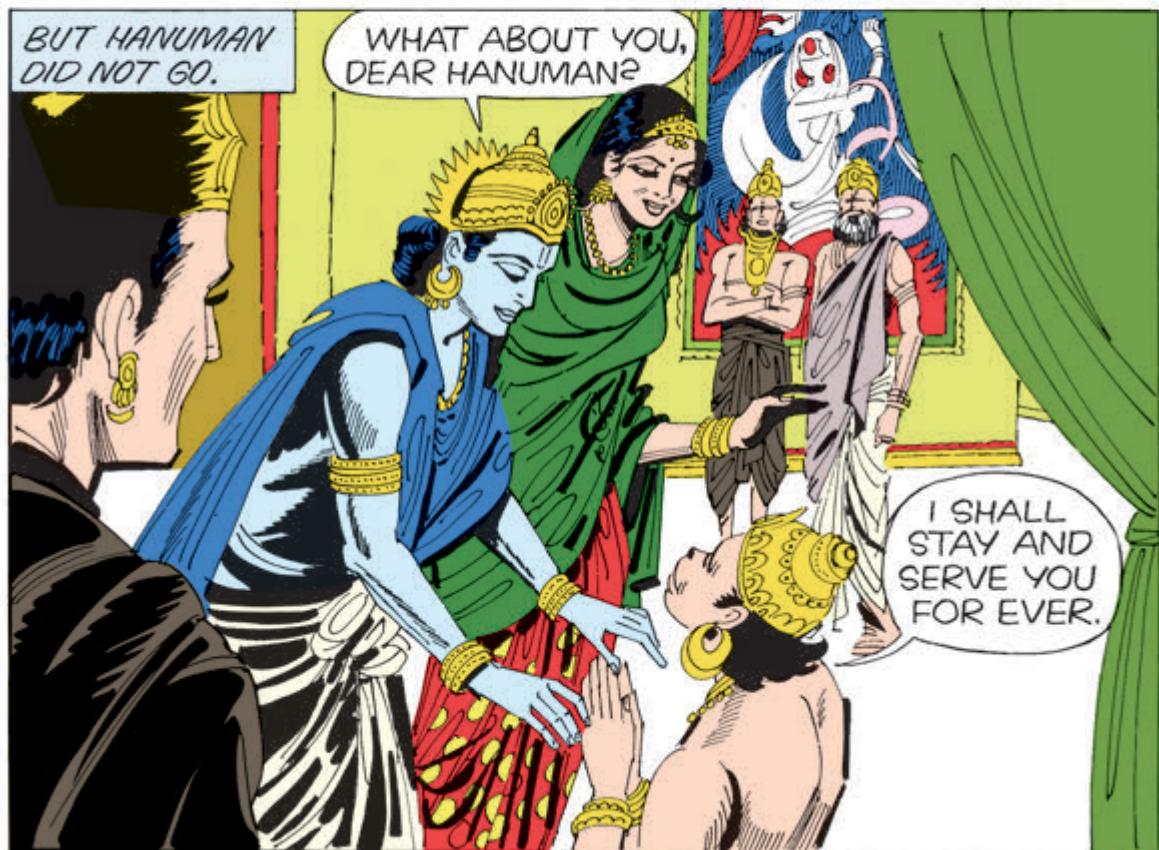
SOON THE TRIUMPHAL MARCH BEGAN, OVER THE OCEAN, THE WAY THEY HAD COME.





THE WHOLE CITY ASSEMBLED TO WELCOME THE RETURNING PRINCES. THERE WAS JOY ALL AROUND.





WHICH OF THE ACKs HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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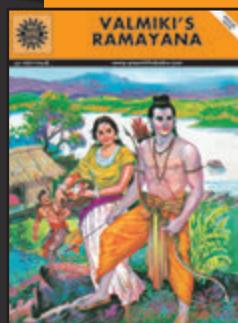
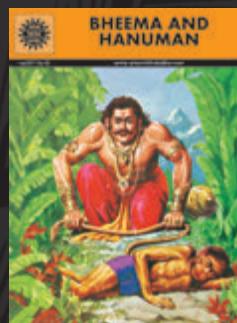
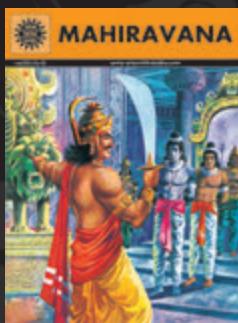
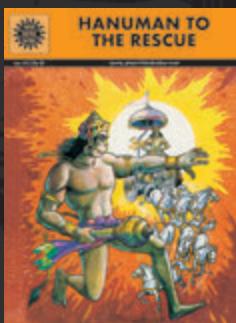


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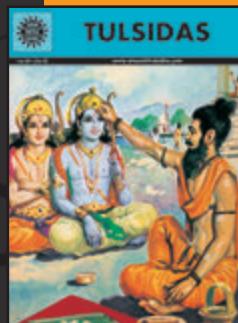
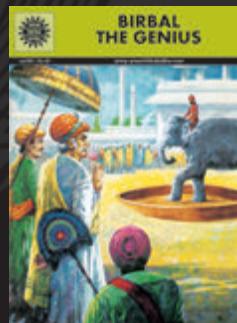
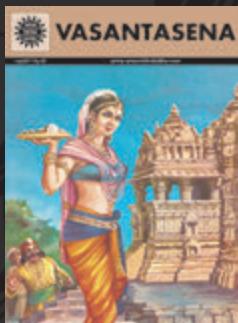
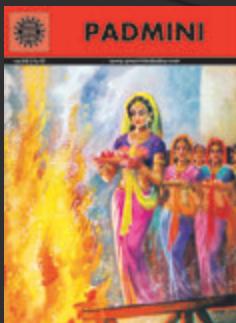
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