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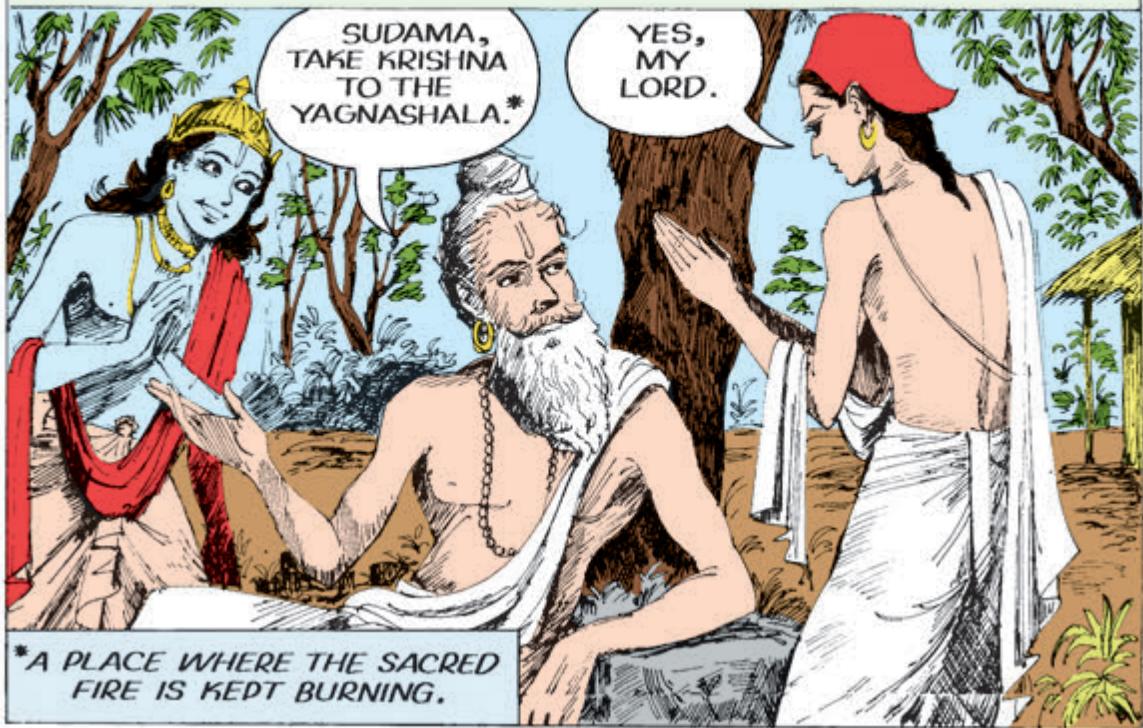
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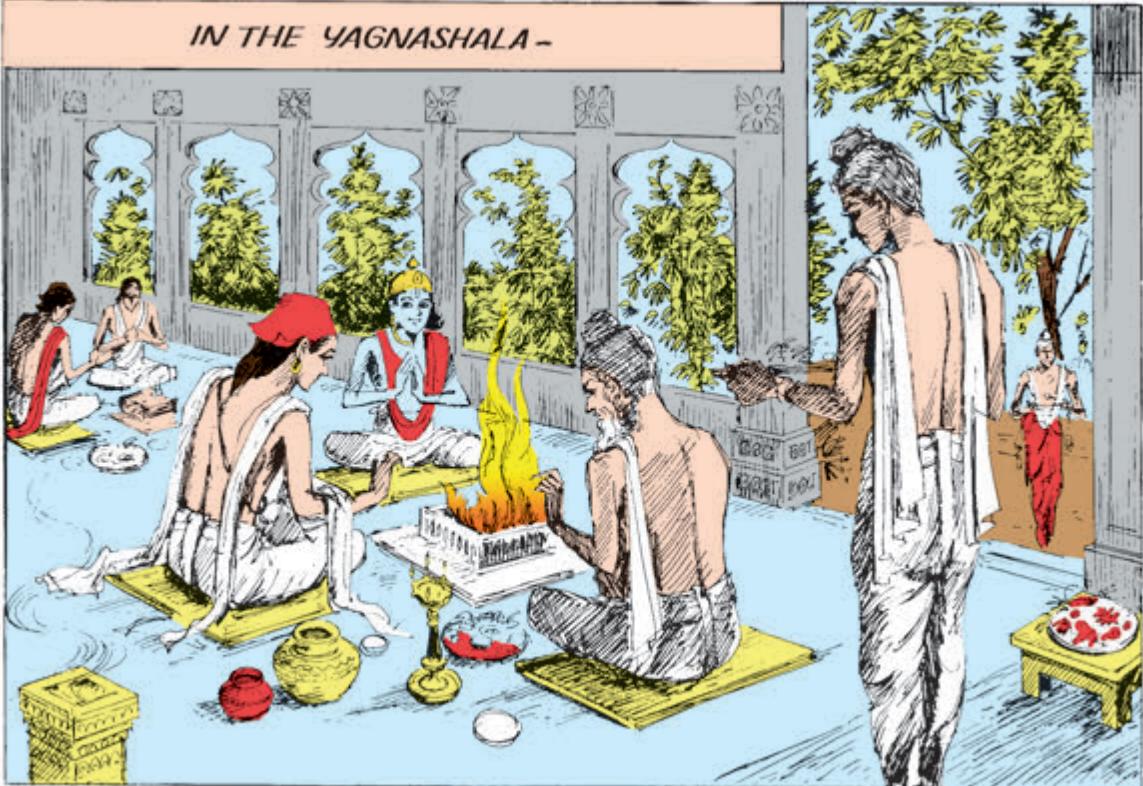
SUDAMA WAS A POOR BRAHMAN BOY. HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF KRISHNA.



SUDAMA AND KRISHNA HAD MET IN GURU SANDIPANI'S ASHRAM.



IN THE YAGNASHALA -





SUDAMA OFTEN PRACTISED WITH KRISHNA.



ONE DAY, SANDIPANI'S WIFE CALLED THE BOYS TO HER.



SOON AFTER THEY ENTERED THE FOREST...



...A TERRIBLE STORM BROKE OUT.



KRISHNA!



AT LAST THE STORM CLEARED, BUT NIGHT HAD FALLEN.



WE HAVE LOST OUR WAY.

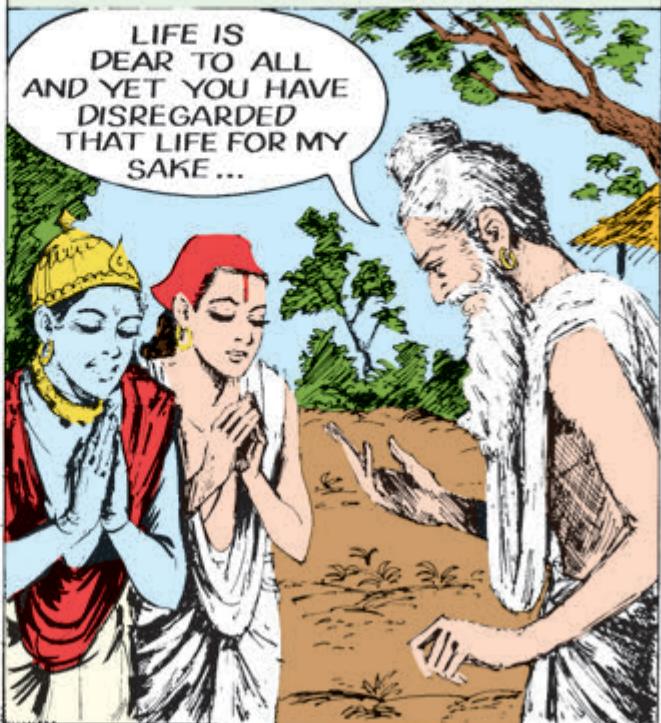
DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED, SUDAMA. I AM WITH YOU.



WHEN THE BOYS DID NOT RETURN -



GURU SANDIPANI FOUND THE BOYS AFTER A LONG SEARCH.

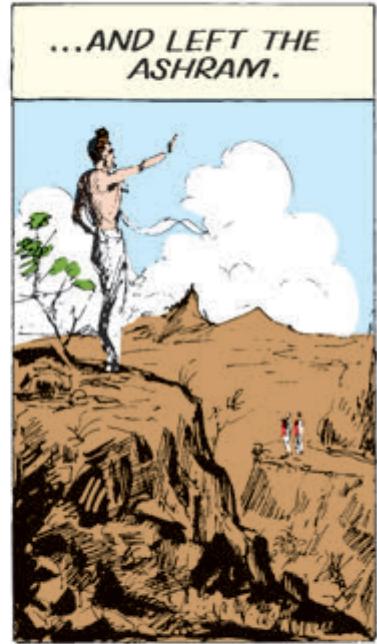


AND HE GRANTED THEM A BOON.

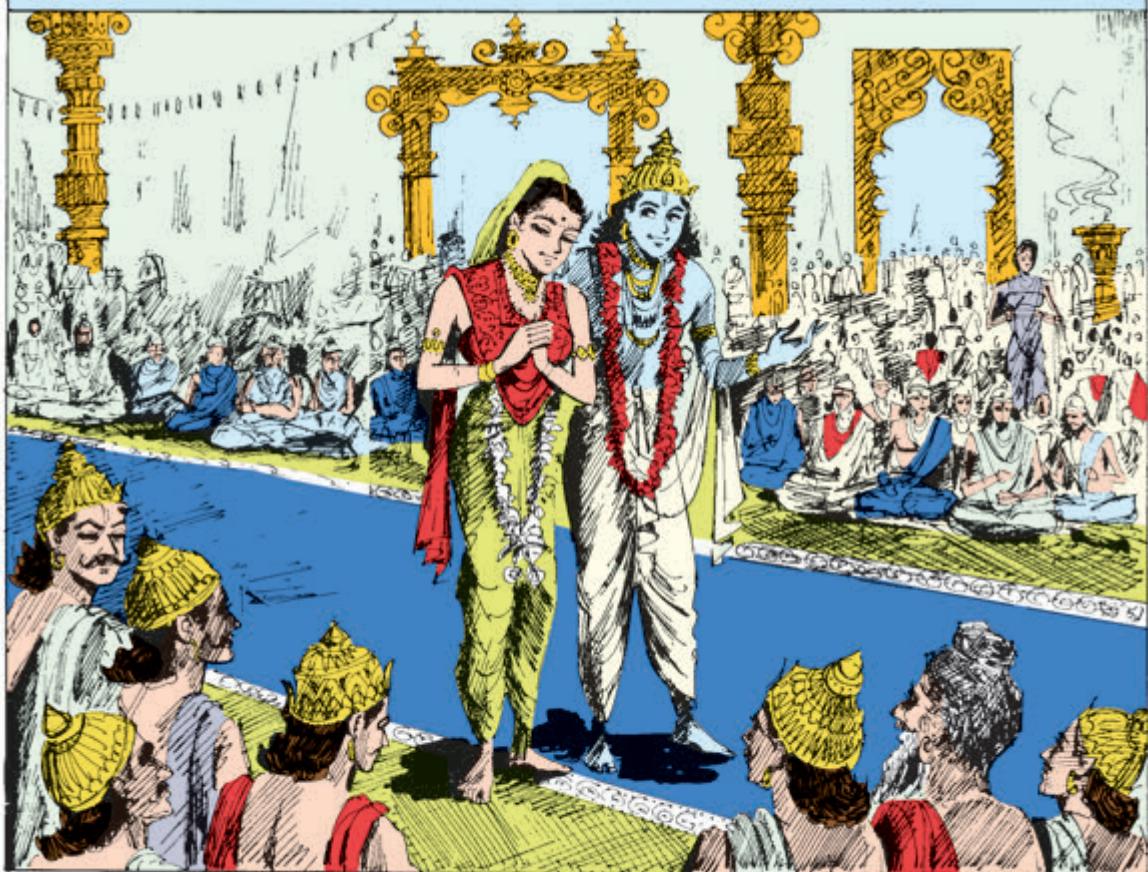


AT LAST THE PERIOD OF THEIR STUDIES WAS OVER.

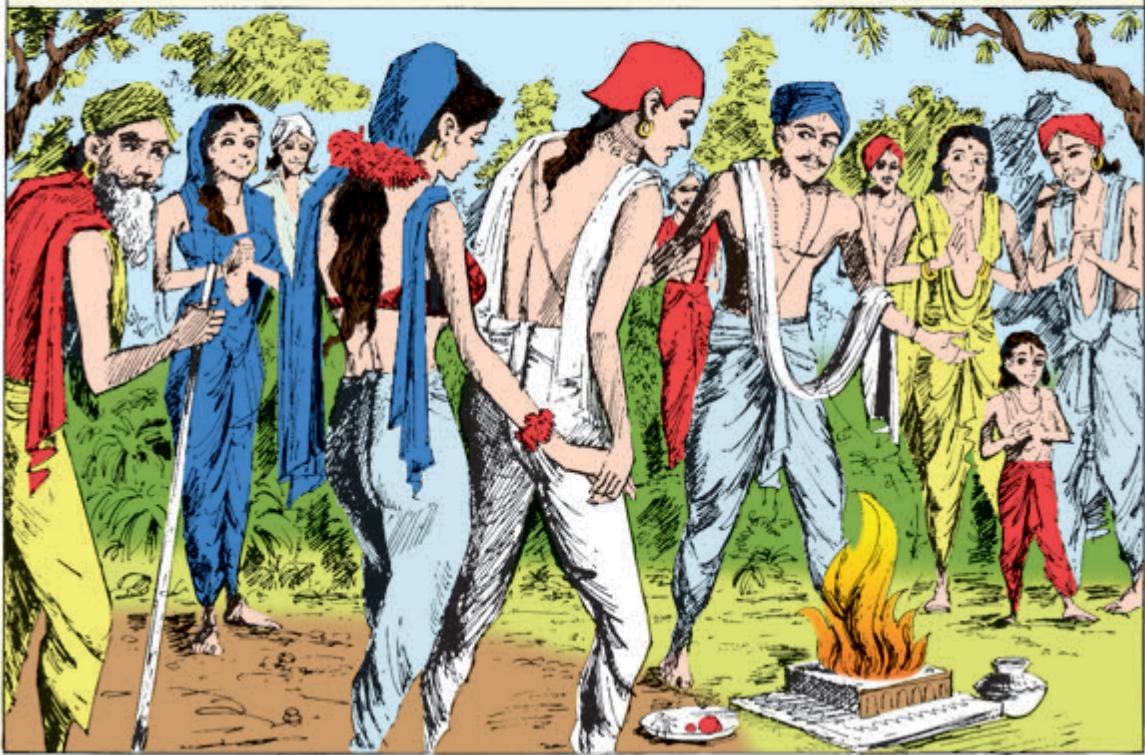




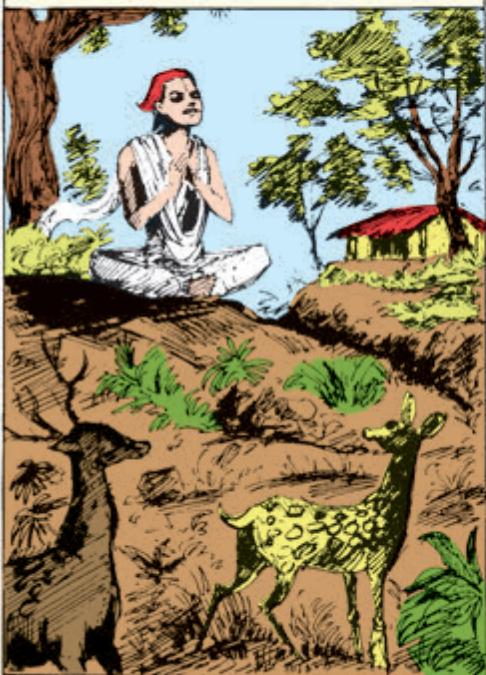
YEARS PASSED. KRISHNA BECAME THE LORD OF DVARAKA AND MARRIED PRINCESS RUKMINI, THE GODDESS OF PROSPERITY INCARNATE.



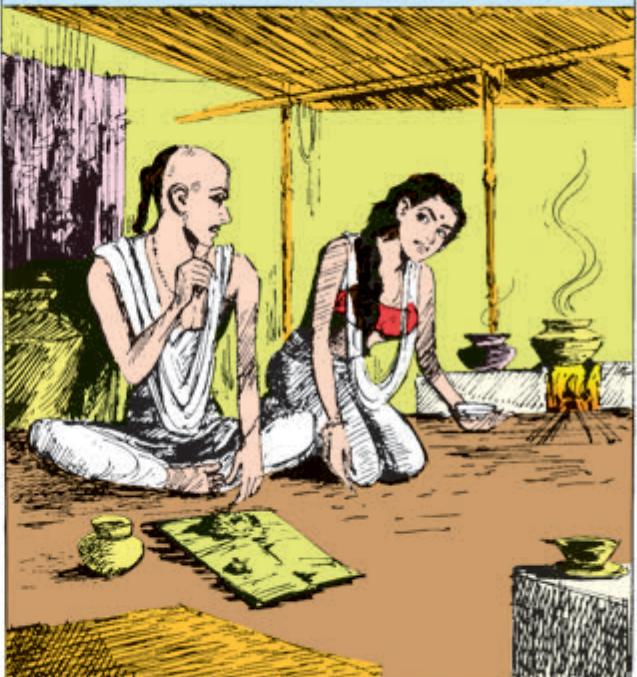
SUDAMA MARRIED A BRAHMAN GIRL.



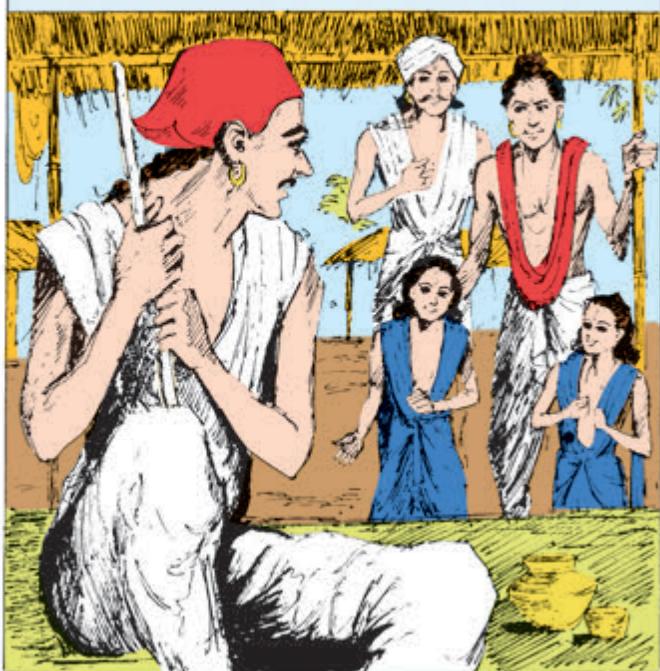
HE DID NOT CARE FOR
WORLDLY PLEASURES...



...AND LIVED IN DIRE POVERTY.



EVERYONE LOVED SUDAMA AND HE HAD NO ENEMIES.



BUT HIS WIFE WAS SOREL TRIED BY THE LIFE SHE HAD TO LEAD.



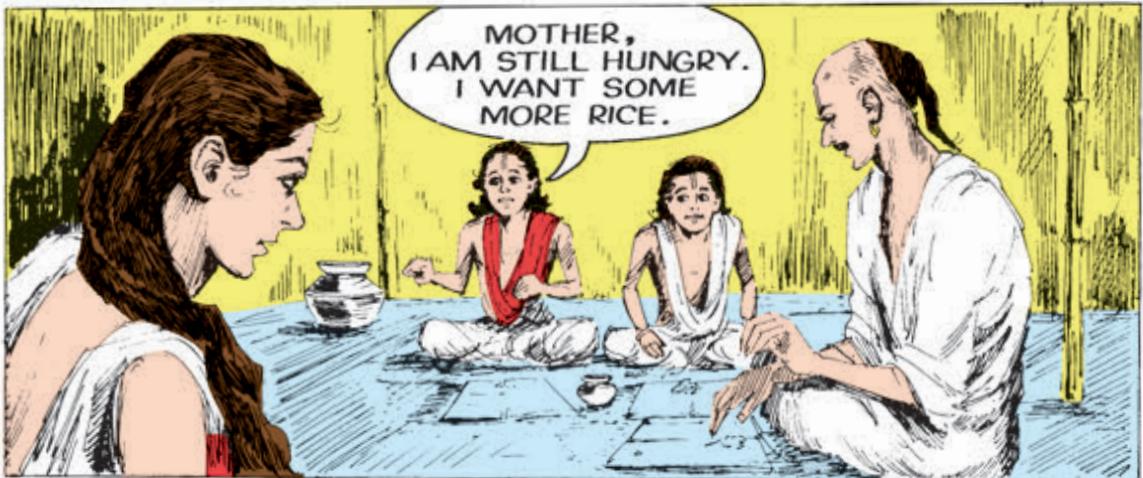
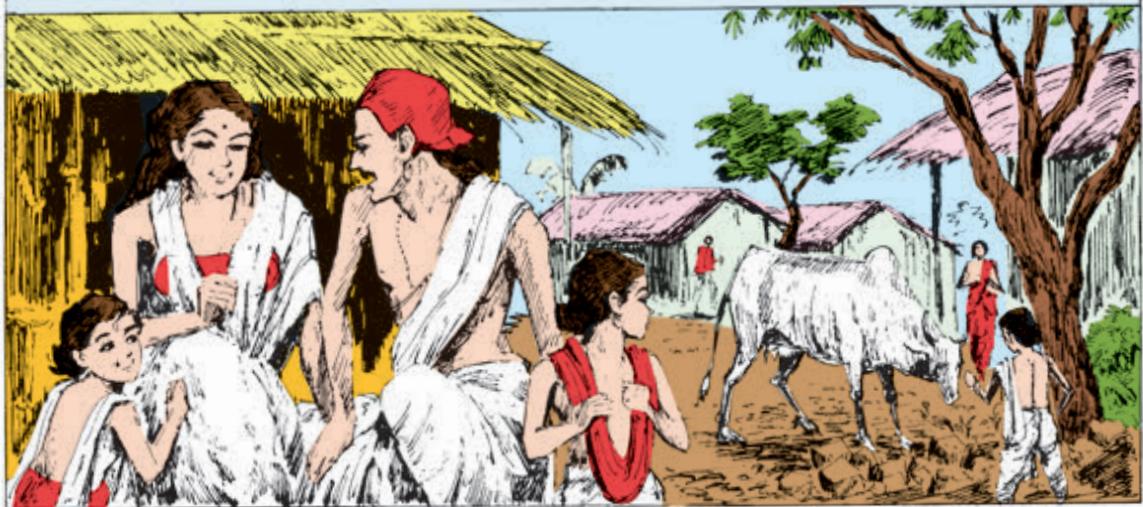
SHE PATIENTLY BORE IT ALL...



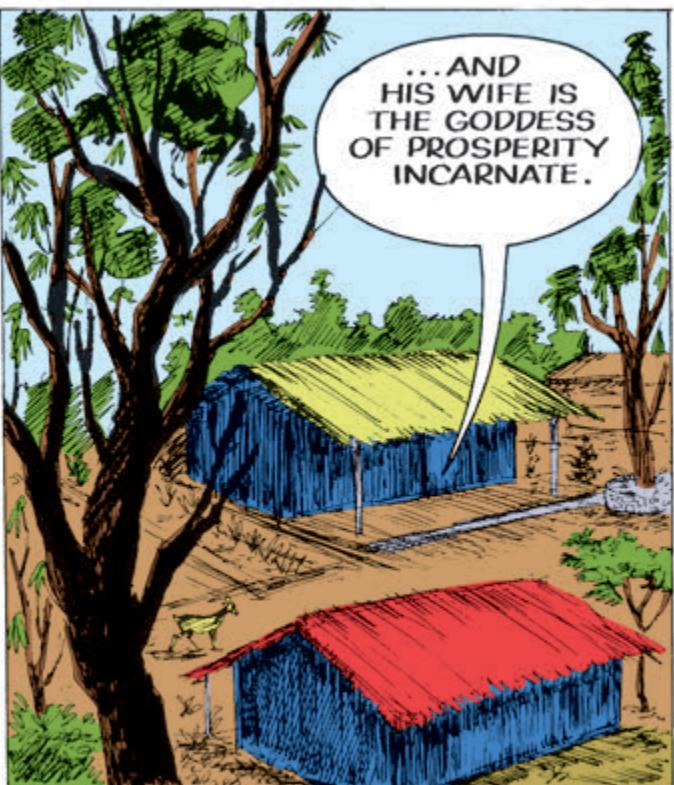
...FOR SHE LOOKED UPON SUDAMA AS HER GOD.



SOON CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM AND THE CHILDREN TOO HAD TO LEAD AN AUSTERE LIFE.



THAT NIGHT WHEN THE CHILDREN HAD SLEPT—



THE PROSPERITY OF DWARKA FLASHED BEFORE HER MIND'S EYE.

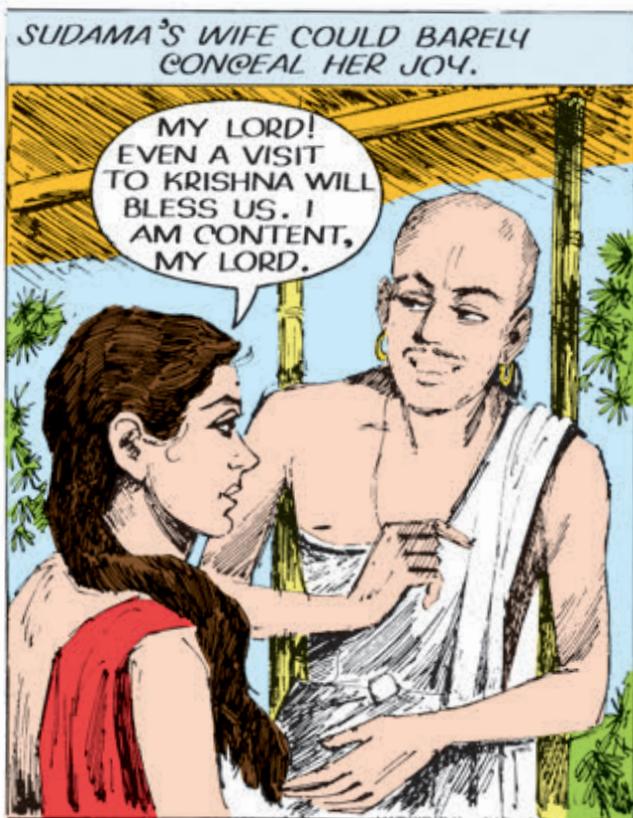
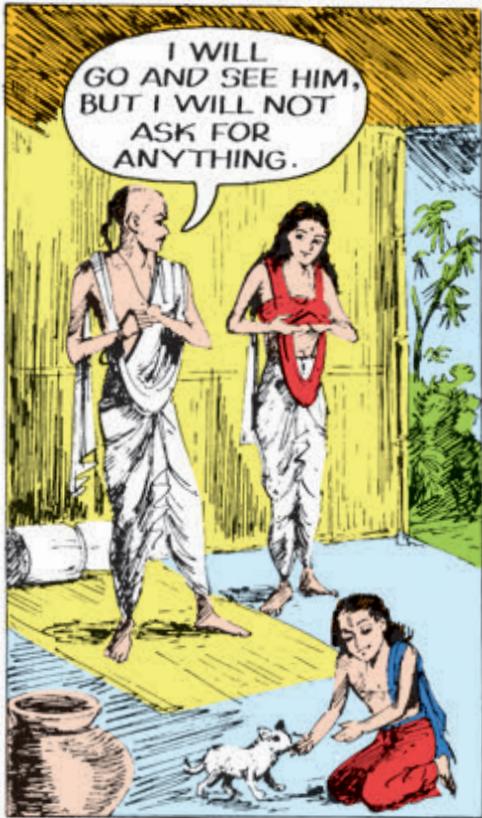


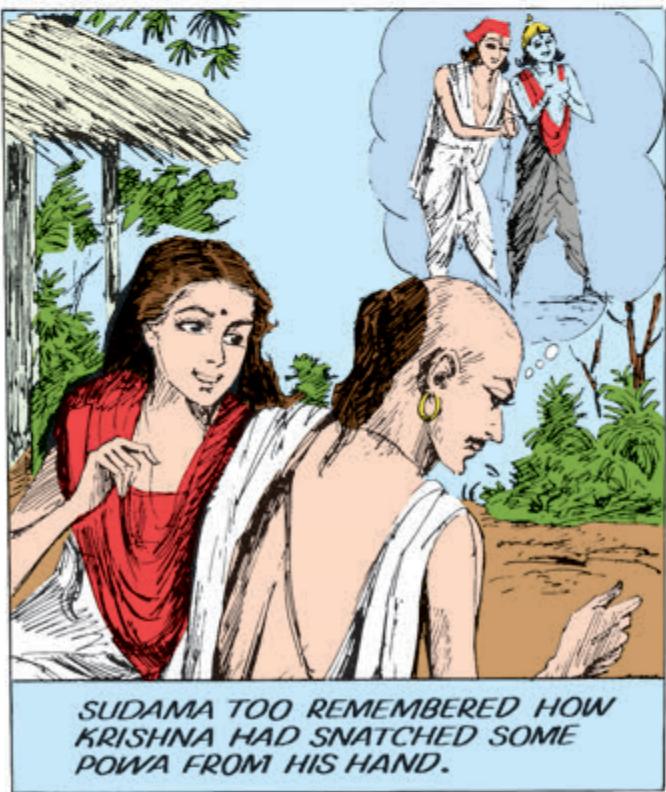
GO MY LORD, I BESEECH YOU, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR DEAR CHILDREN AND MEET KRISHNA.

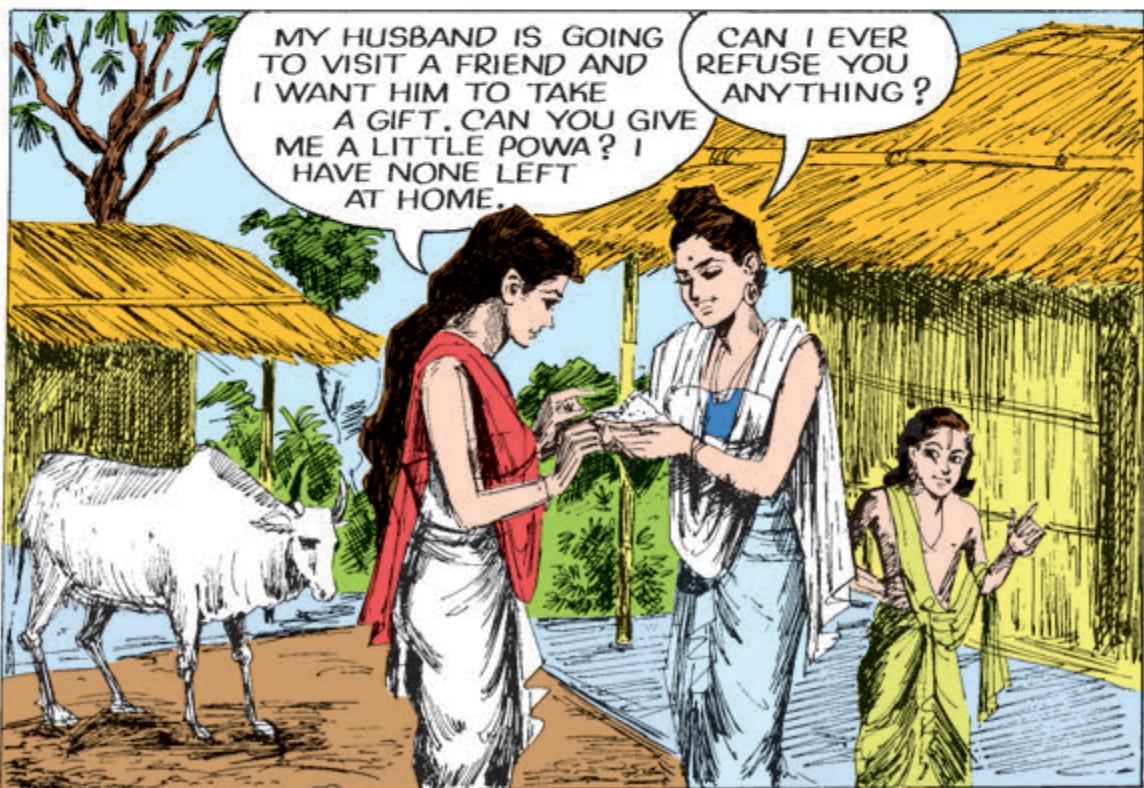


THE VERY PROSPECT OF MEETING MY DEAR FRIEND AFTER SO MANY YEARS MAKES ME HAPPY.









SUDAMA'S WIFE BROUGHT THE POWA TO HIM.



BUT SHE COULD FIND NOTHING TO TIE IT IN SO...



SHE TORE THE END OF HER GARMENT...



...AND HANDED THE BUNDLE OF POWA TO SUDAMA.



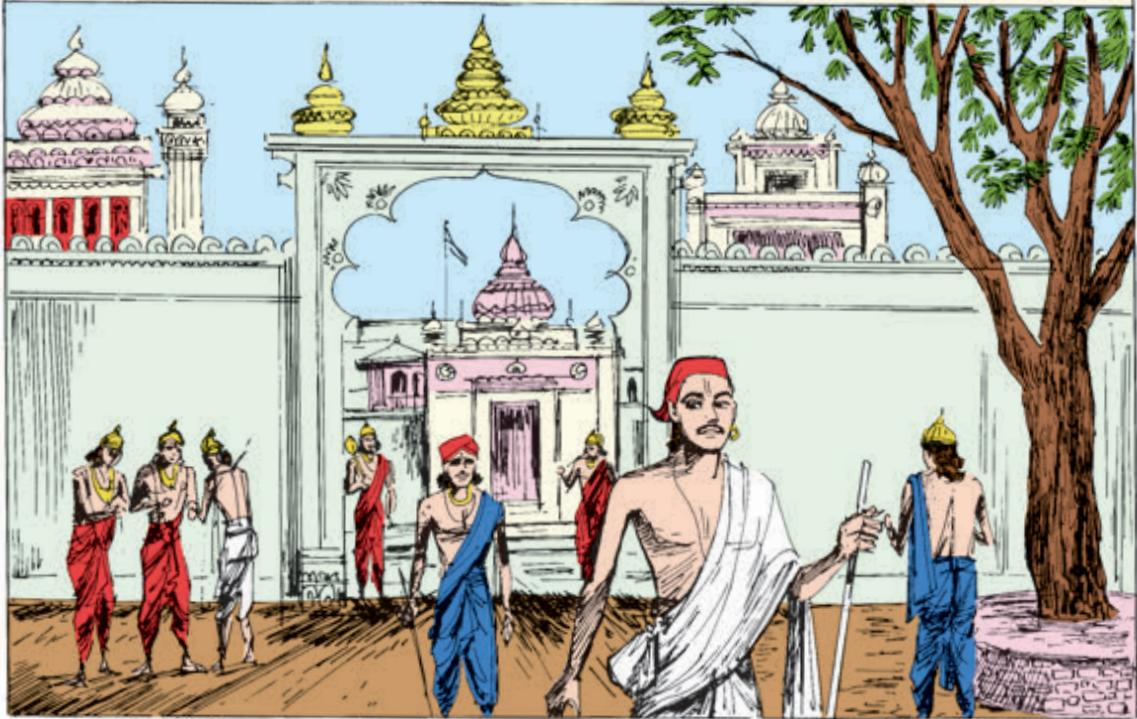
HE TOOK LEAVE OF HIS WIFE...



...AND SET OUT ON THE JOURNEY TO DWARKA.



WHEN HE CAME TO THE OPEN GATES OF THE PALACE AT DWARKA,
NO ONE STOPPED HIM AS HE ENTERED.



HE WALKED INTO
THE PALACE GROUNDS



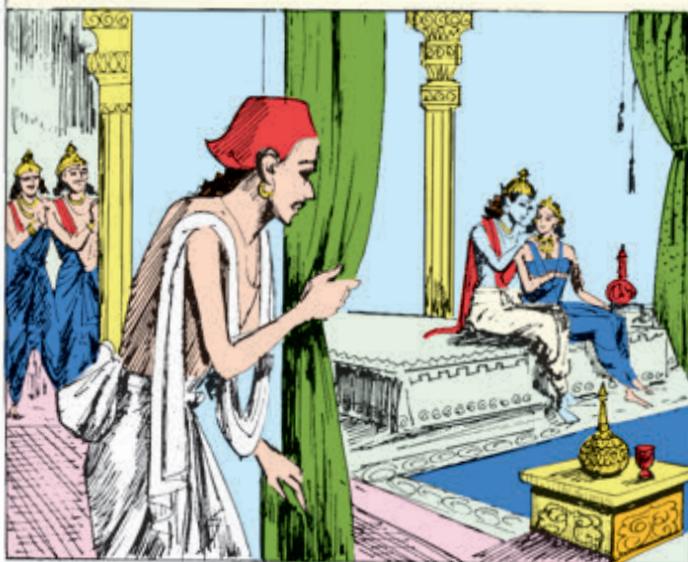
...AND THROUGH ROOM..

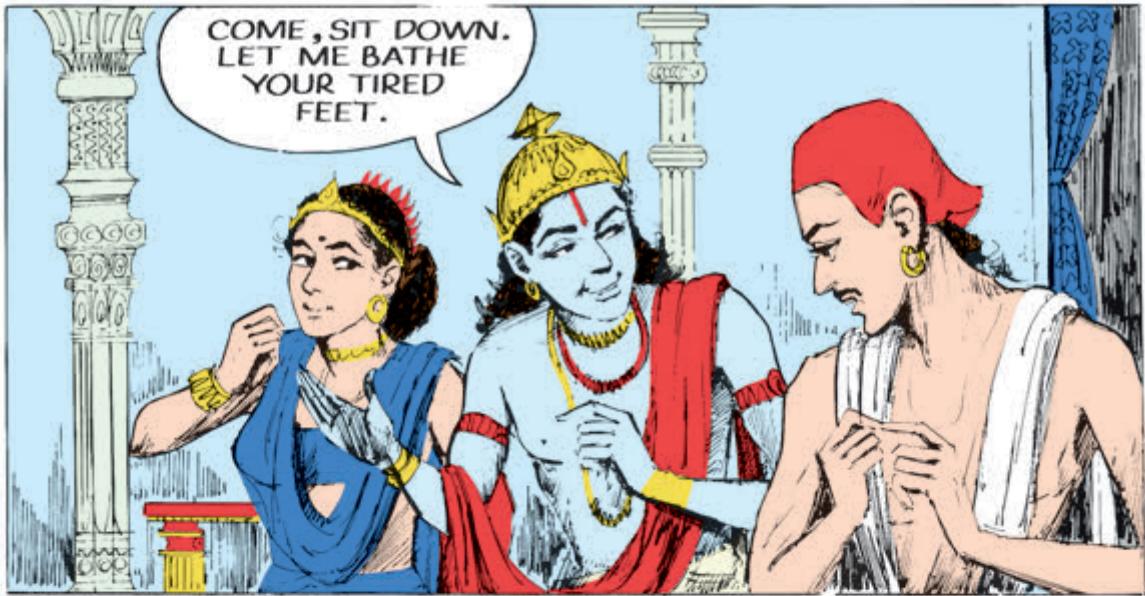


...AFTER ROOM.



AT LAST HE FOUND KRISHNA AND RUKMINI.





KRISHNA APPLIED SANDALWOOD
PASTE TO SOOTHE THE TIRED
LIMBS OF SUDAMA.



AND PUT PIECES OF BETEL
NUT INTO HIS MOUTH.



THE PALACE ATTENDANTS WONDERED.

WHAT GREAT ACT OF MERIT HAS THIS DIRTY BEGGER IN TATTERED GARMENTS PERFORMED TO BE SO DELIGHTFULLY WELCOMED?



RUKMINI, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE HIS STAY HERE COMFORTABLE.

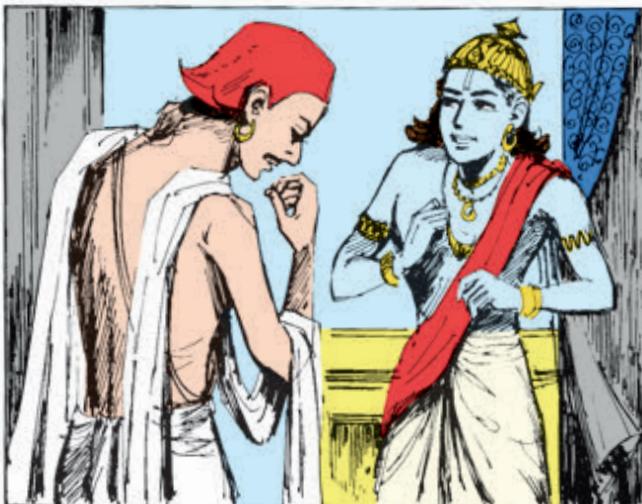
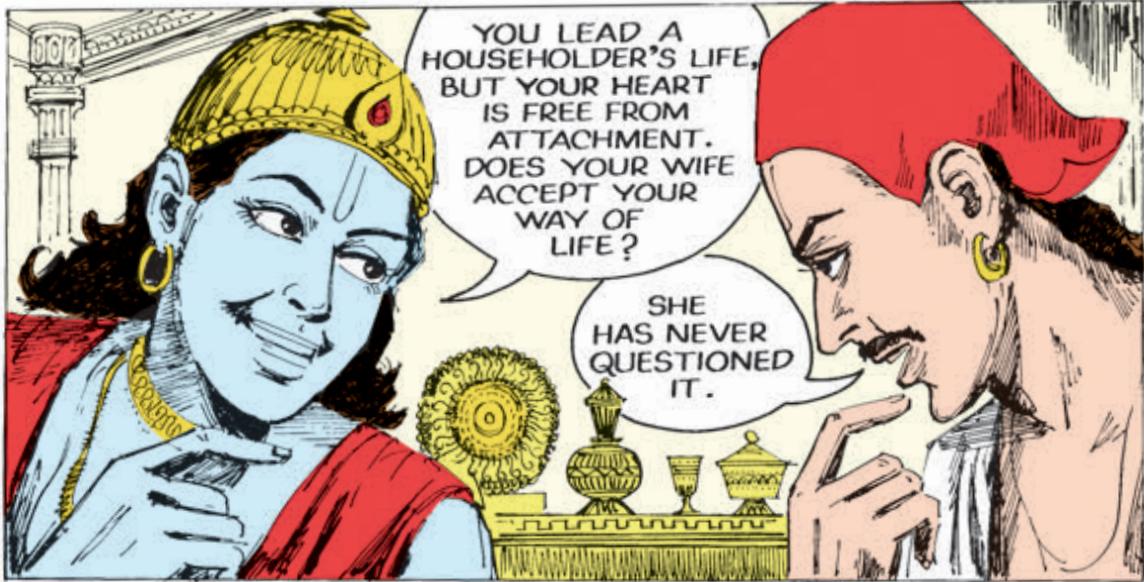


AT LAST AFTER SUDAMA WAS REFRESHED -

TELL ME,
HAVE YOU
MARRIED?

YES,
MY WIFE
IS A GOOD
BRAHMAN
WOMAN.





WHEN KRISHNA SAW THAT
SUDAMA WAS ASHAMED TO
GIVE HIM THE BUNDLE -

THE POOREST
OF GIFTS GIVEN
TO ME WITH LOVE
IS DEARER TO ME
THAN THE RICH-
EST OF GIFTS
GIVEN WITHOUT
LOVE.

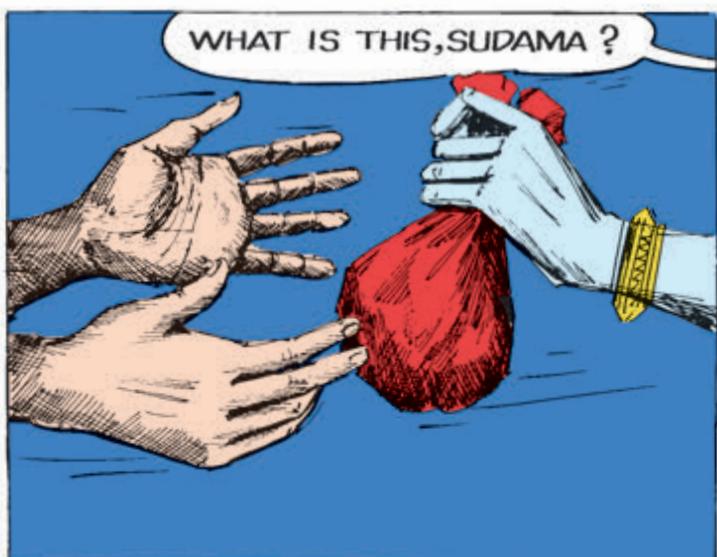


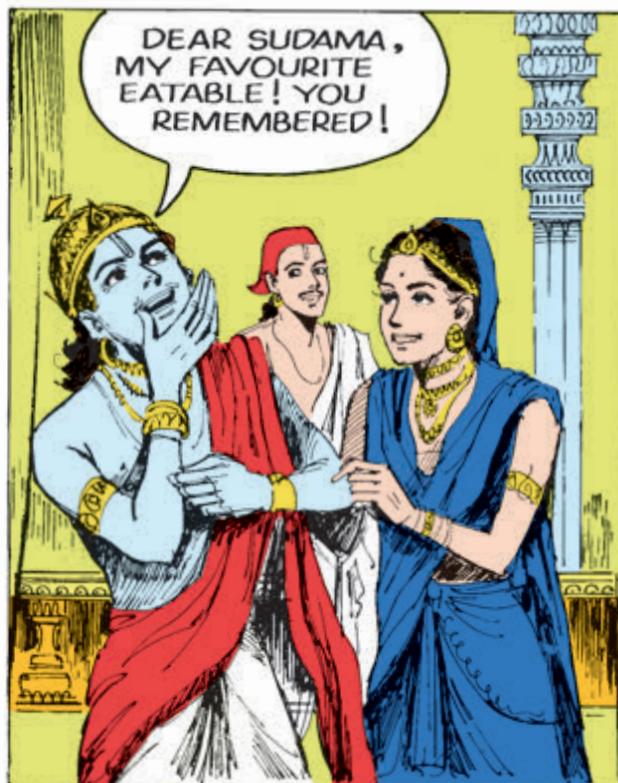
HOW CAN I GIVE
MY RAG BUNDLE
TO ONE WHO
HAS ALL?

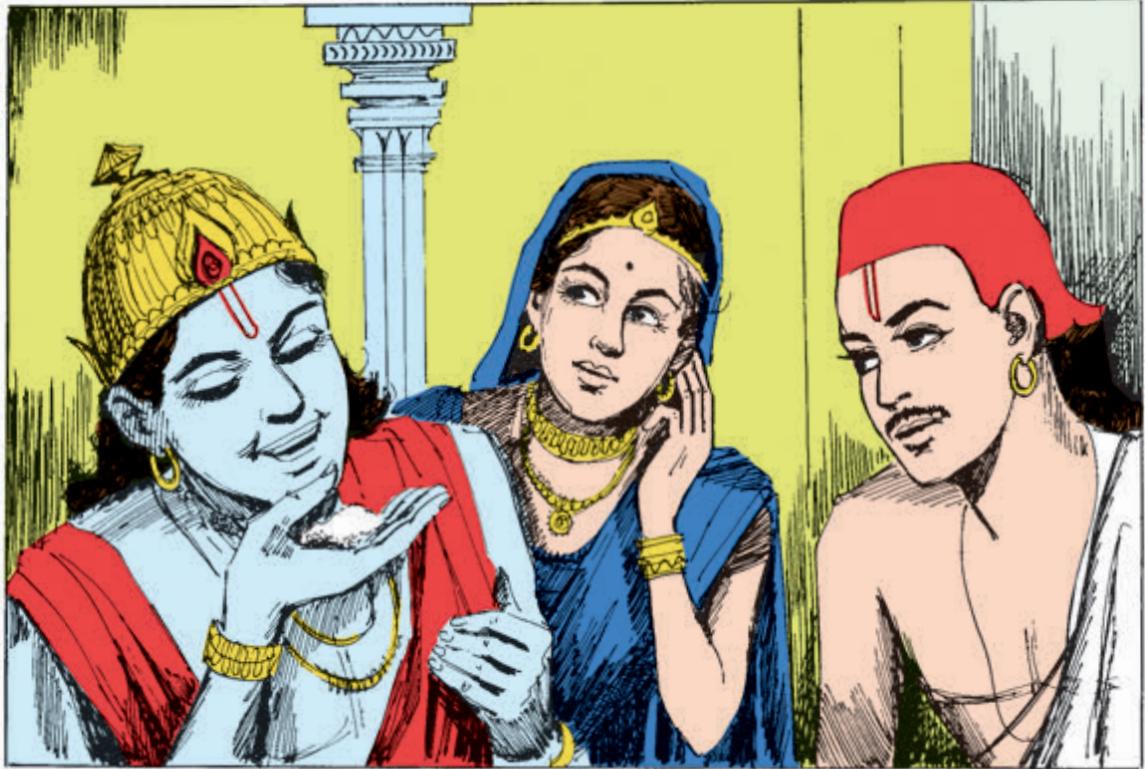


HE HAS NOT COME TO
ASK ANYTHING FOR
HIMSELF. HE HAS COME
OUT OF LOVE FOR HIS
WIFE AND ME!

WHAT IS THIS, SUDAMA?



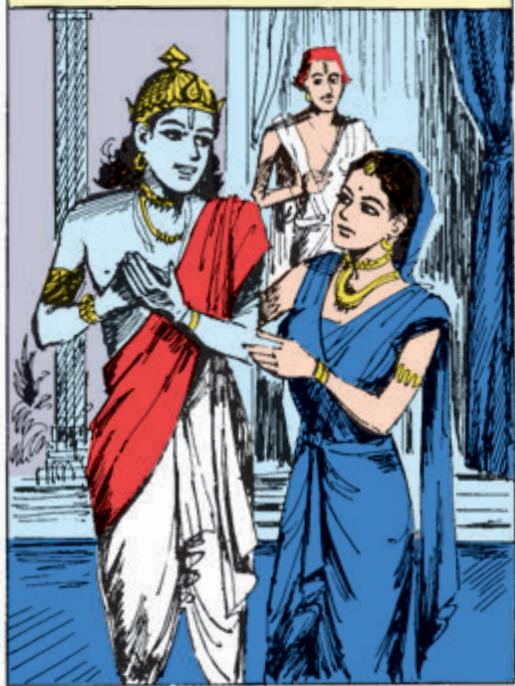


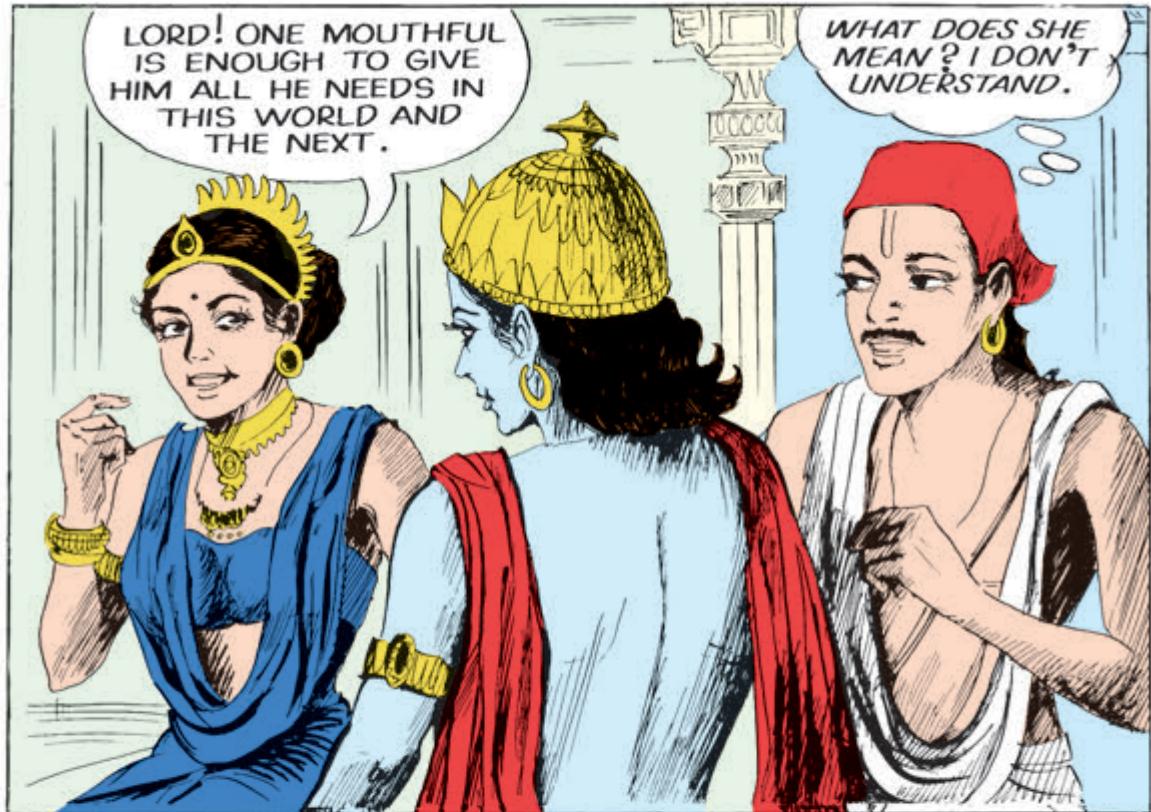


WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO PICK A
SECOND HANDFUL -



IT WAS THE DUTY OF THE
GODDESS OF PROSPERITY
INCARNATE TO CONTROL ITS
DISTRIBUTION.





KRISHNA ASKED SUDAMA TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN HIS PALACE. AS SUDAMA LAY HIMSELF ON THE LUXURIOUS BED-



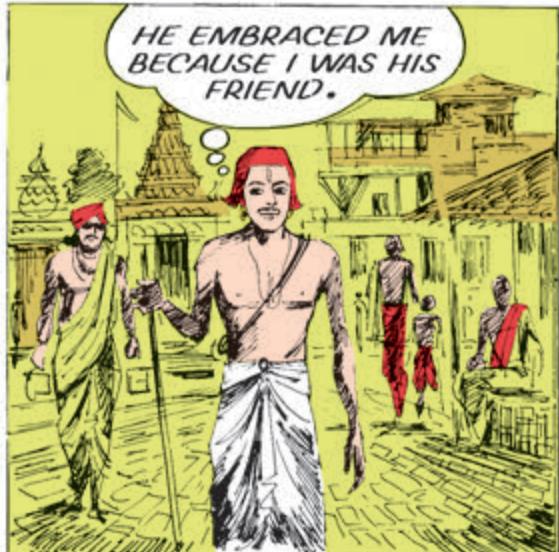
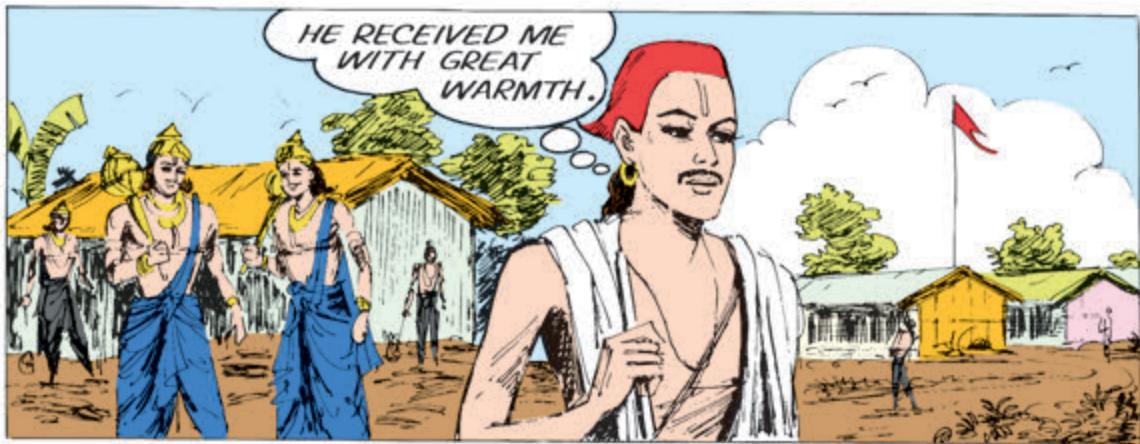
THE NEXT MORNING
SUDAMA TOOK LEAVE
OF KRISHNA AND
rukmini.



DON'T FORGET US,
SUDAMA, WHEN YOU
GO BACK HOME.

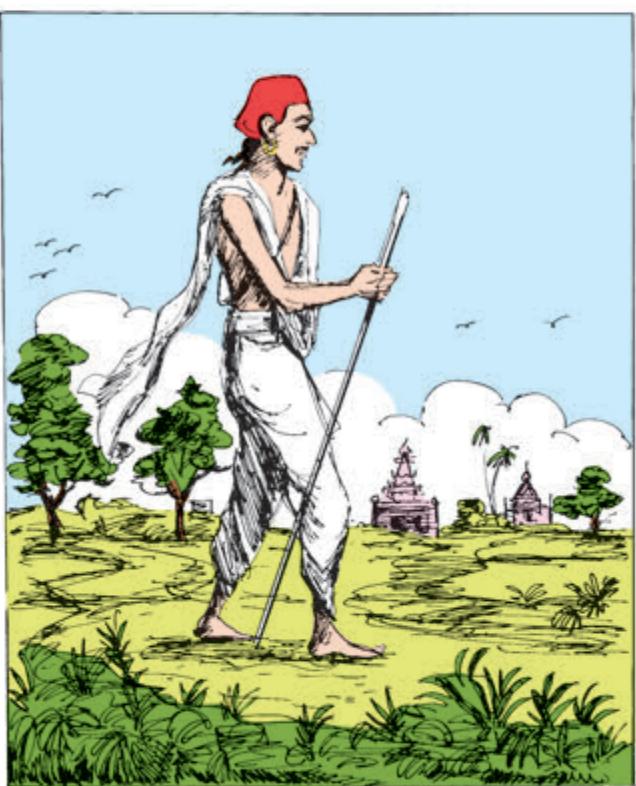
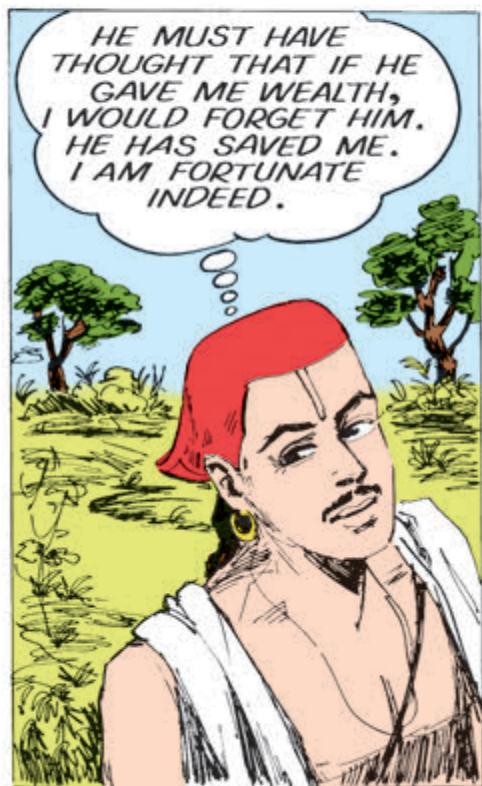


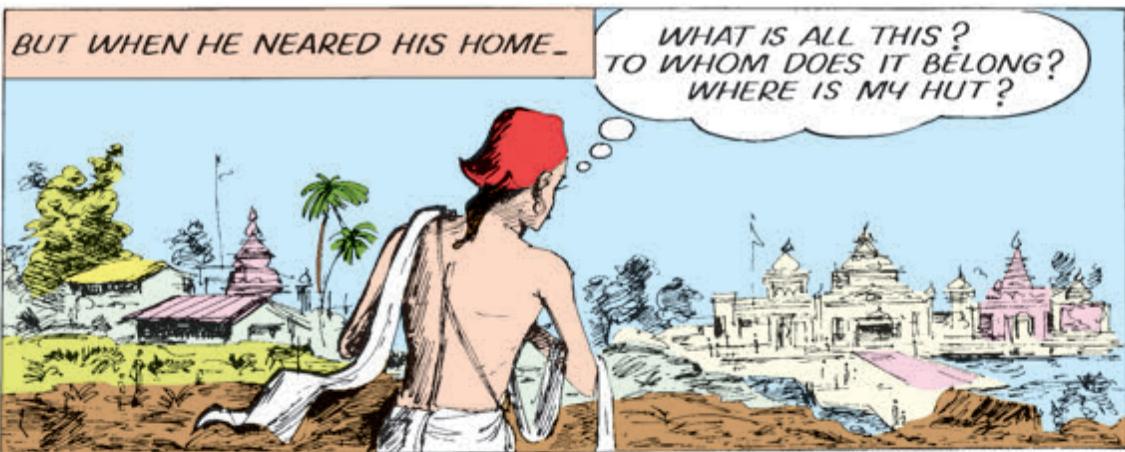
ON HIS WAY HOME, SUDAMA RELIVED HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES.



SUDAMA'S FEET ACHED.

I WAS RECEIVED WITH HOSPITALITY AND HE WASHED MY FEET.

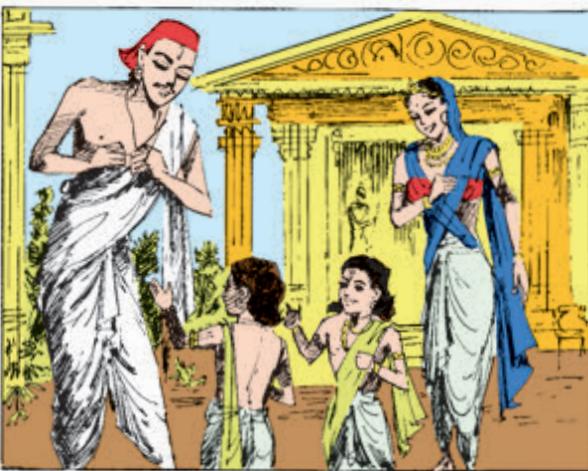
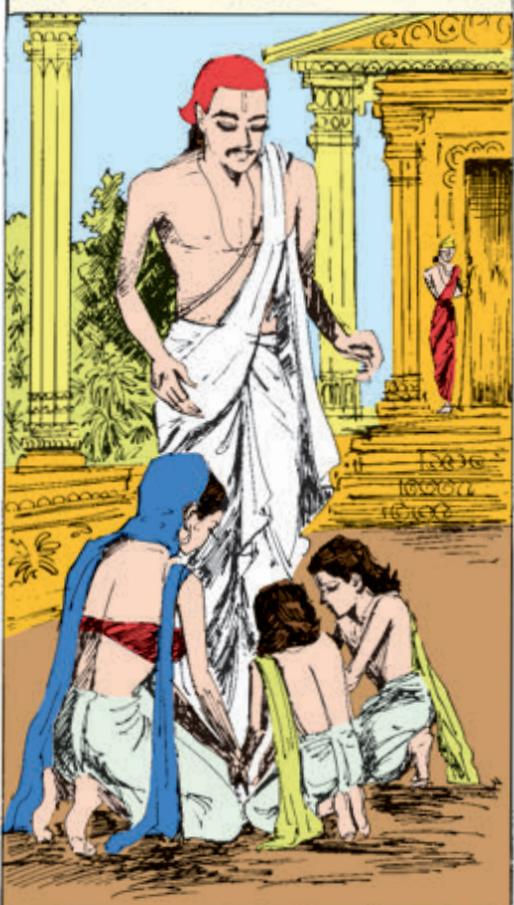




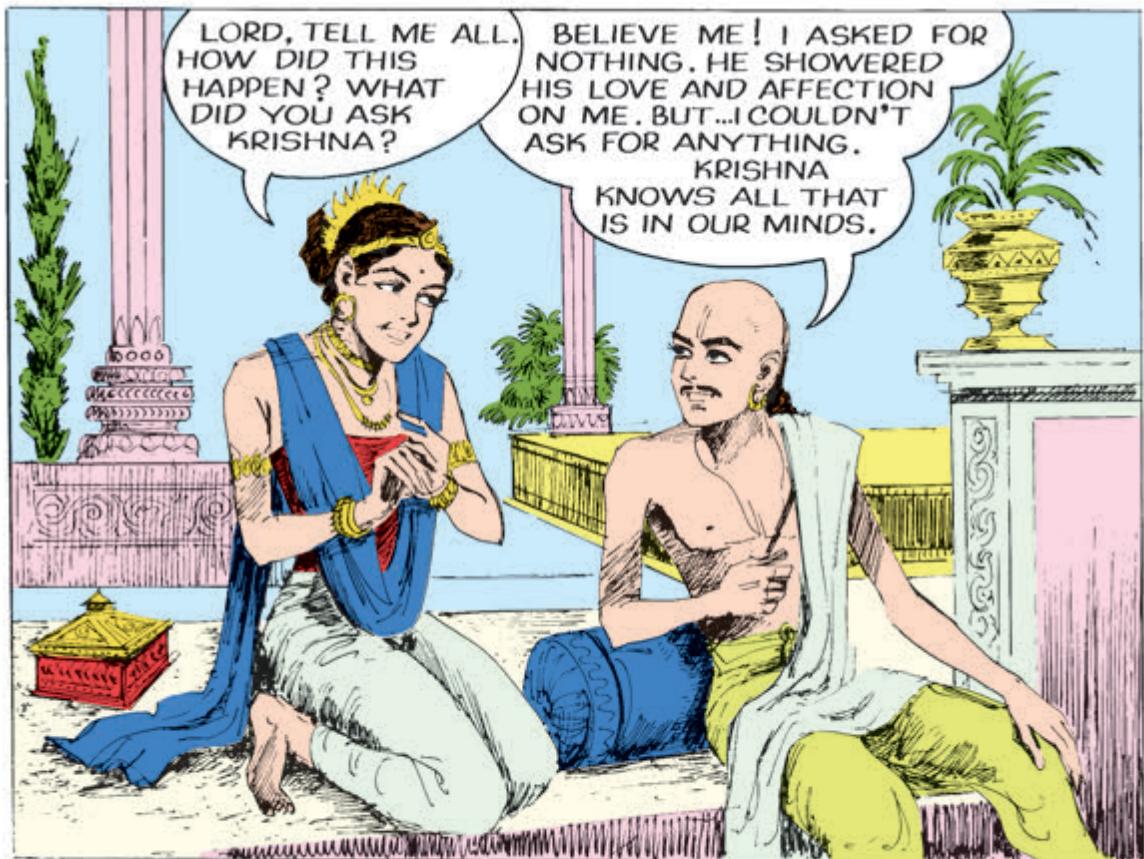
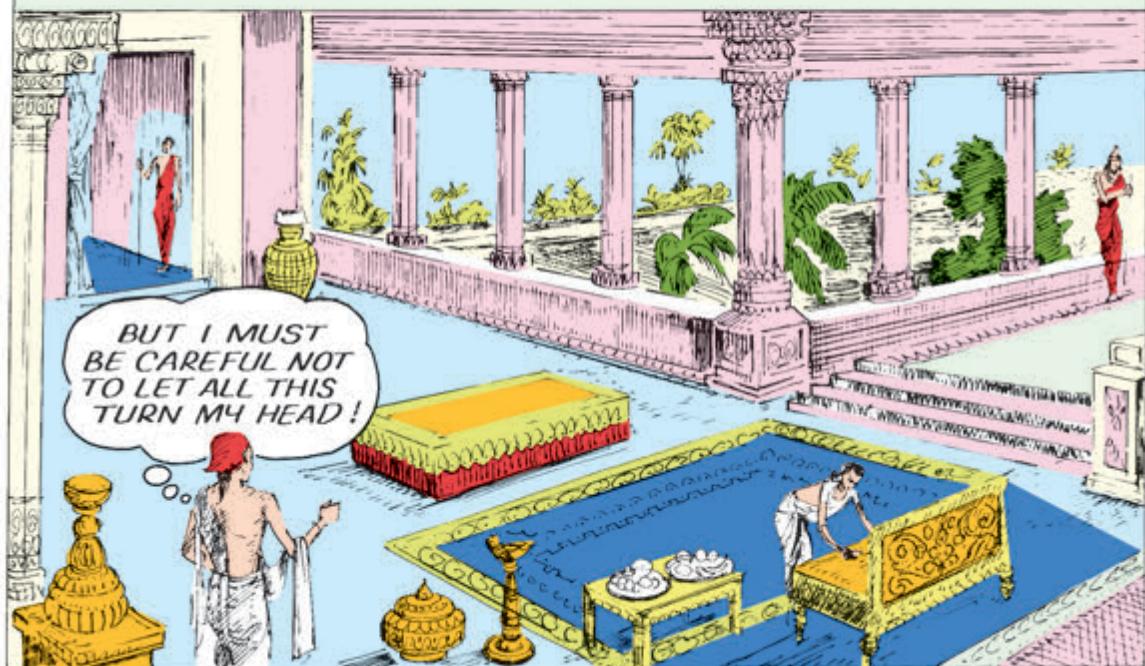
SUDAMA'S WIFE AND CHILDREN CAME OUT TO RECEIVE HIM.
BUT-



AND SUDAMA UNDERSTOOD ALL.



WHEN SUDAMA SAW THE LUXURY WITHIN -



AND THEY TALKED ENDLESSLY ABOUT THE GLORY AND GREATNESS OF LORD KRISHNA.



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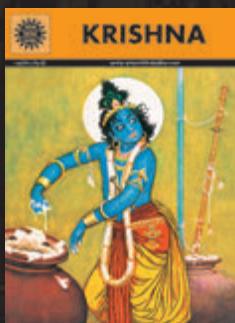


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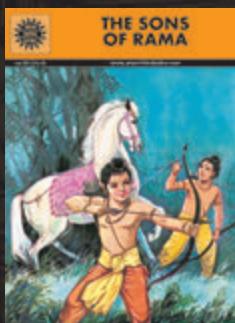
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Sudama's gift was small and inexpensive, but Krishna found it priceless as it came with selfless love. Krishna, who had both wealth and fame at his command, received it with pure joy. Life had taken the two friends on different paths, and Sudama was now painfully poor. Their affection overcame all differences, however. A simple meal became equal to a luxurious feast – and magically turned a poor hut into a mansion of gold.

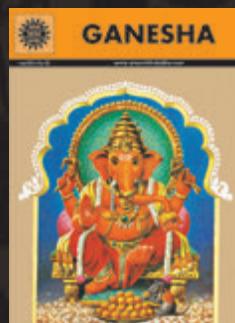
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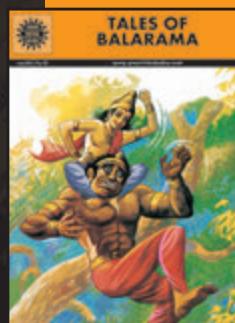
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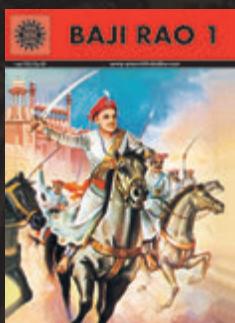


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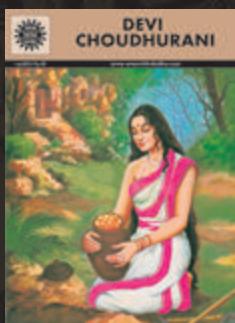


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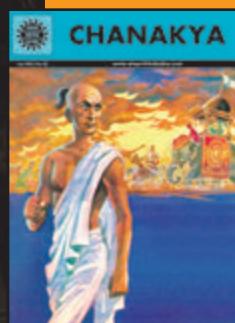
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