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Hanuman





HANUMAN

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.

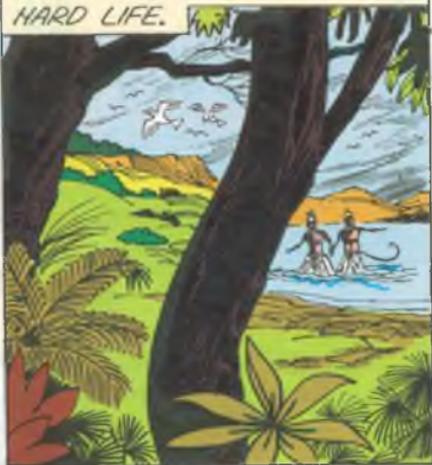
AS HE GREW, HIS STRENGTH GREW WITH HIM. ONE DAY, WITH HIS BARE HANDS, HE SAVED PRINCE SUGREEVA, FROM THE CHARGE OF A WILD ELEPHANT.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIMELY HELP, HANUMAN!

PRINCE SUGREEVA, I'M HONOURED!



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.



ONE DAY—

THERE ARE TWO MEN COMING THIS WAY.

HAVE THEY COME FROM VALI? HANUMAN! PLEASE GO AND FIND OUT WHO THEY ARE.



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

WHERE ARE YOU ASCETICS GOING, SIR?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUGREEVA, THE VANARA KING.



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.

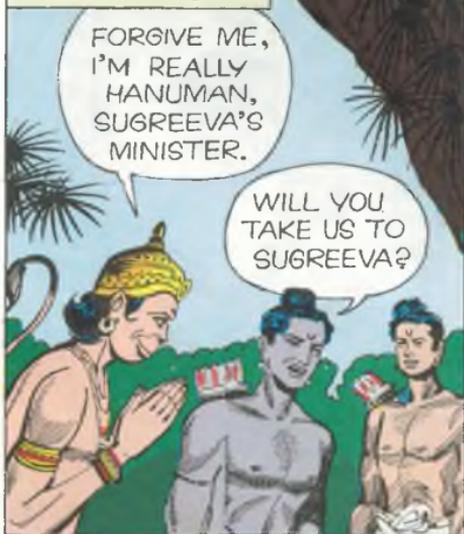


LISTENING TO LAXMIANA, HANUMAN'S HEART WAS SUDDENLY FILLED WITH A STRANGE FEELING OF LOVE AND ADORATION.

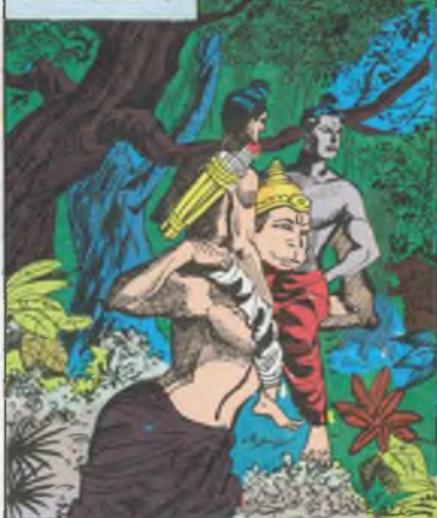
HANUMAN THREW AWAY HIS DISGUISE AND FELL PROSTRATE AT RAMA'S FEET.

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

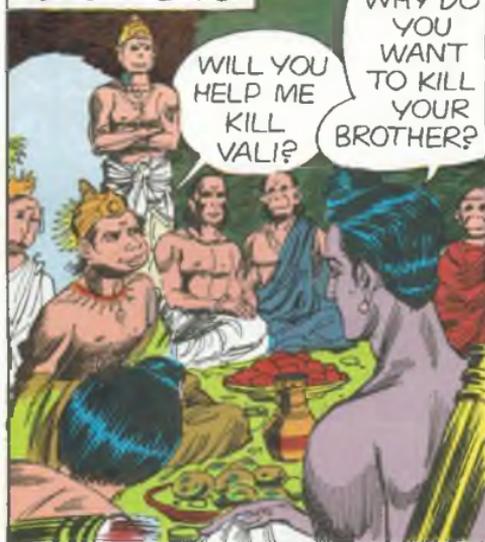
WILL YOU TAKE US TO SUGREEVA?



HANUMAN JOYFULLY CARRIED RAMA AND LAXMIANA ON HIS SHOULDERS.



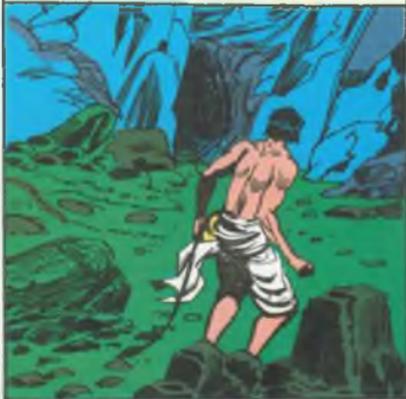
IT WAS A HAPPY MEETING. THE TWO BROTHERS KNEW, THEY HAD FOUND FRIENDS.



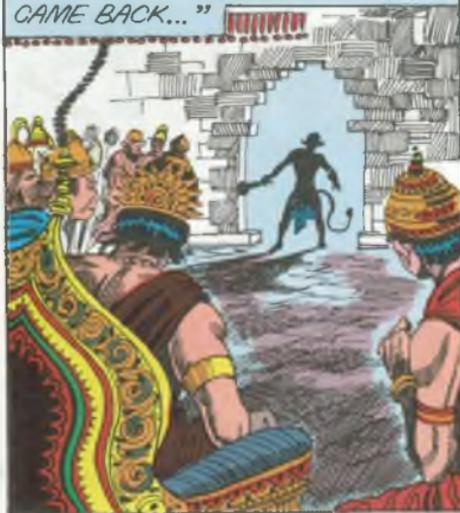
WILL YOU HELP ME KILL VALI?

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..."

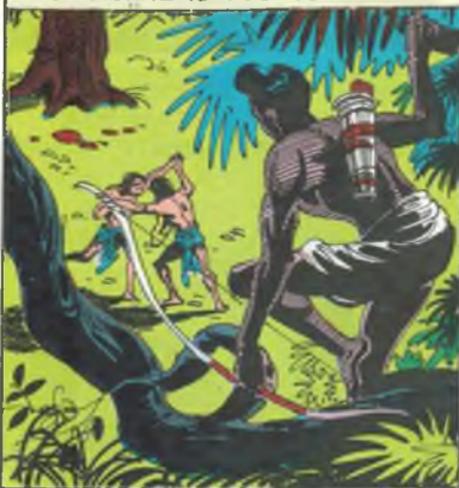


"...AND DROVE ME AWAY."





SUGREEVA CALLED VALI TO A DUEL. RAMA WAITED FOR A CHANCE TO KILL VALI, BUT HE COULD NOT RECOGNISE HIM. BOTH THE BROTHERS LOOKED ALIKE.



FOR THE NEXT ROUND, RAMA GAVE SUGREEVA A GARLAND TO WEAR. THIS TIME HIS ARROW FOUND ITS MARK.



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 JAMBAVAN WENT SOUTH, UNTIL THEY CAME TO THE OCEAN.



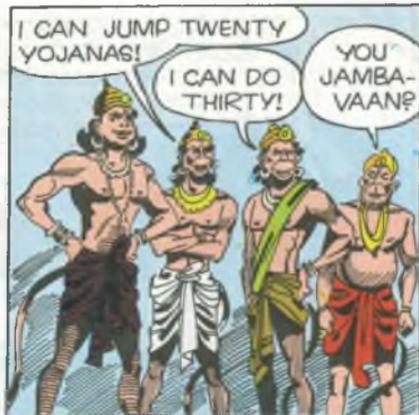
ON A HILL NEARBY THEY MET THE VULTURE KING.

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





ACROSS THE SEA? A DISTANCE OF HUNDRED YOJANAS? HOW CAN WE CROSS THE SEA?



I CAN JUMP TWENTY YOJANAS!

I CAN DO THIRTY!

YOU JAMBA-VAAN?



HOW FAR CAN YOU GO?

I'M OLD, YET I CAN MANAGE NINETY, MAYBE!



WHILE THE DISCUSSION WENT ON, HANUMAN SAT QUIETLY, NOW ALL TURNED TO HIM.

HANUMAN, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE THIS TRIP. WILL YOU GO?

CERTAINLY!



LIKE A GREAT BIRD, HANUMAN LEAPED INTO THE SKY.

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!



THANK YOU! BUT I CANNOT WAIT!

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.

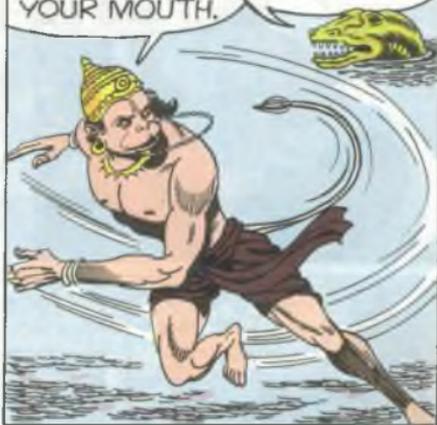


SUDDENLY HANUMAN BECAME VERY SMALL AND BEFORE THE MONSTER COULD REALISE IT, HE ENTERED HER MOUTH AND CAME OUT AGAIN.



YOUR WISH IS FULFILLED. I DID ENTER YOUR MOUTH.

YOU ARE BRAVE. I WAS ONLY TESTING YOUR DETERMINATION.



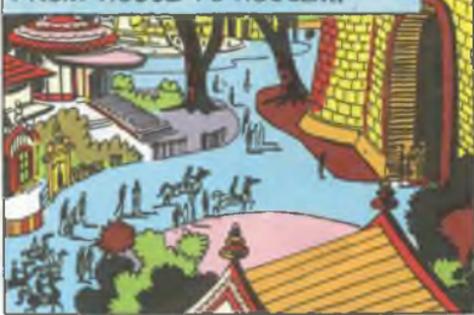
AT LAST HANUMAN REACHED THE SHORES OF LANKA.



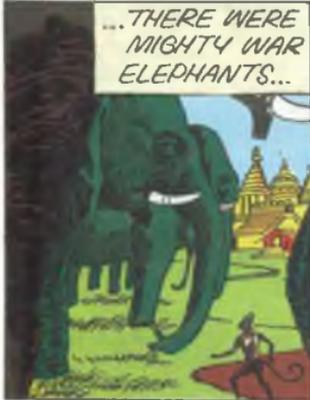
HOW SHALL I ENTER THE CITY? THERE ARE GUARDS ALL AROUND. LET ME BECOME SMALL NOBODY WILL NOTICE ME.



HANUMAN ROAMED THE CITY FROM STREET TO STREET, FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE...



...THERE WERE MIGHTY WAR ELEPHANTS...



...DEADLY WEAPONS...



...AND GIANT WARRIORS GUARDING THE WALLS.



LANKA WAS A DAZZLING, BEAUTIFUL CITY. BUT HANUMAN WAS SOMEWHAT SAD.



ALL THIS WILL BE DESTROYED WHEN MY MASTER COMES TO FIGHT RAVANA.

AFTER SURVEYING THE CITY, HANUMAN WENT INTO RAVANA'S PALACE.





IT WAS NIGHT. THE
WHOLE PALACE
WAS ASLEEP..



...THERE WERE THE
BEAUTIFUL QUEENS...



THERE WAS INDRAUIT-
RAVANA'S WARRIOR
SON.



AND KUMBHAKARNA,
RAVANA'S BROTHER,
WHO SLEPT SIX MONTHS
OF THE YEAR.



AND RAVANA HIMSELF
WITH TEN HEADS.

IN RAVANA'S CHAMBER,
HANUMAN SAW A BEAUTI-
FUL WOMAN ASLEEP.

IS SHE SITA?
NO, NEVER!
HOW COULD
I THINK
SHE WOULD
GIVE HER-
SELF TO
THIS
BRUTE?



NOT FINDING SITA IN THE
PALACE, HANUMAN WENT
TO THE ASHOKA GARDEN
ADJOINING THE PALACE.



UNDER A TREE SAT
SITA, SLEEPLESS,
THINKING OF RAMA.

I CAN'T
APPROACH
HER! SHE IS
SURROUNDED
BY DEMONS.



HANUMAN REMAINED HIDDEN
IN A TREE. IN THE DAWN CAME
RAVANA.

ARE YOU STILL
DETERMINED
NOT TO BE
MY WIFE?

IT'S WRONG
TO TALK
LIKE
THAT.



I CAN HEAR THE TWANG OF
MY HUSBAND'S BOW. YOUR
DAYS ARE NUMBERED.

HA! WHAT
CAN RAMA
DO?



AFTER RAVANA HAD GONE, THE
RAKSHASIS BEGAN TEASING SITA.

MARRY HIM!
WHERE ELSE
CAN YOU GET
SUCH A
HUSBAND?

HOW MUCH MORE
CAN I ENDURE?



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



WHAT IS THIS? MY HUSBAND'S RING?

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



MY MASTER WILL SOON COME TO SAVE YOU!



I CAN CARRY YOU ON MY BACK. PLEASE COME WITH ME.

NO! FOR HIS HONOUR HE MUST COME AND FIGHT RAVANA. HERE, TAKE THIS JEWEL TO HIM. HE WILL KNOW.

HANUMAN DECIDED TO TEACH RAVANA A LESSON.



HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?

THAT GOES FOR YOU!

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



HELP!

IS HE A DEMON?

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

THE PANIC-STRIKEN RAKSHASAS RUSHED TO RAVANA.

A MONSTER HAS ENTERED THE GARDEN, YOUR MAJESTY!



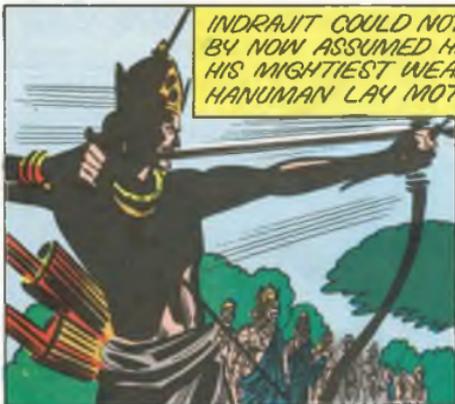
RAVANA SENT HIS SOLDIERS TO CAPTURE HANUMAN. BUT NO ONE COULD COME NEAR HIM.



THEN CAME INDRAJIT, RAVANA'S WARRIOR SON.



INDRAJIT COULD NOT SUBDUDE HANUMAN WHO HAD BY NOW ASSUMED HIS NORMAL SIZE. THEN HE USED HIS MIGHTIEST WEAPON, THE SNAKE ARROWS. HANUMAN LAY MOTIONLESS, TIED BY THE COILS.



THE RAKSHASAS BOUND HIM TIGHTLY.

I SHALL NOT FREE MYSELF! THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN ENTER RAVANA'S COURT.

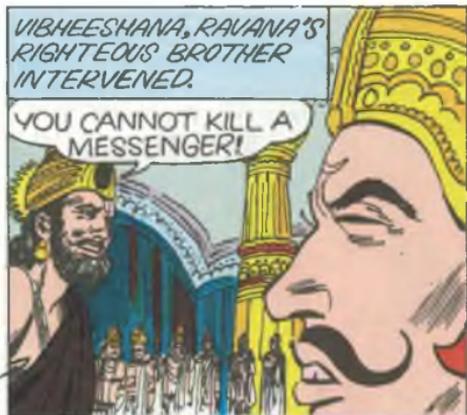


HANUMAN WAS CARRIED INTO THE DAZZLING THRONE ROOM.





CALL THE EXECUTIONER!



VIBHEESHANA, RAVANA'S RIGHTEOUS BROTHER INTERVENED.

YOU CANNOT KILL A MESSENGER!

THE RAKSHASAS TIED PIECES OF CLOTH AROUND HANUMAN'S TAIL AND POURED OIL. BUT THE TAIL GREW...



...LONGER

BRING MORE CLOTH! MORE OIL!



...AND STILL LONGER.

THERE IS NO MORE OIL. TELL THE KING!



BUT HANU-MAN'S TAIL KEPT GROWING.

THE PALACE HAS NO MORE OIL!

WHAT IS THE MATTER NOW?



ALL RIGHT! LIGHT THE FLAME!

THE SOLDIERS TOOK HIM THROUGH THE STREETS.

FOOLS! THEY ARE SHOWING ME THE WHOLE PLAN OF THE CITY!



SUDDENLY HANUMAN SHRANK HIS SIZE. THE ROPES SLIPPED DOWN TO THE GROUND.



WITH A MIGHTY ROAR HE LEAPT TO A HOUSE TOP.

LONG LIVE RAM!
LONG LIVE SITA!



HANUMAN LEAPED FROM ONE HOUSE TOP TO ANOTHER SETTING FIRE TO THE CITY.



HANUMAN WENT TO THE SEA TO EXTINGUISH HIS TAIL. HIS MISSION WAS MORE THAN COMPLETE.



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



THERE HE
COMES!

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



LONG LIVE
HANUMAN!

THE SEARCH PARTY AT LAST
RETURNED HOME.



SITA'S
CROWN
JEWEL!
SO MY
DEAREST
WIFE!

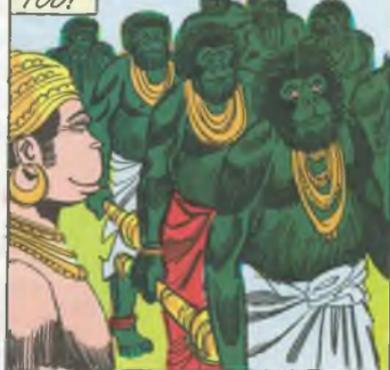
SUGREEVA ORDERED THE
ARMY TO ASSEMBLE...



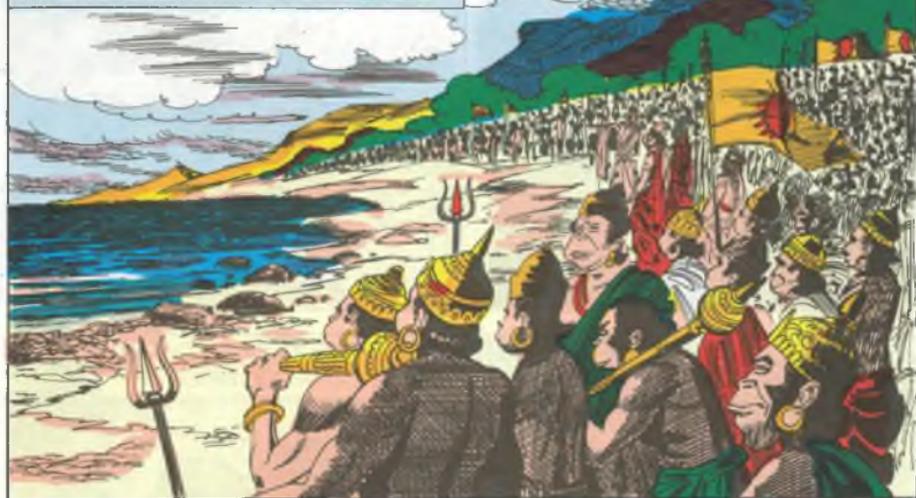
THE GREAT MONKEY ARMY
FELL IN LINE...



...AND THE GIANT BEARS
TOO!



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



HOW CAN WE
CROSS THE MIGHTY
OCEAN?

A
BRIDGE?
HOW?

NALA IS A
GREAT ENGINEER
MONKEY! HE CAN
BUILD A BRIDGE!

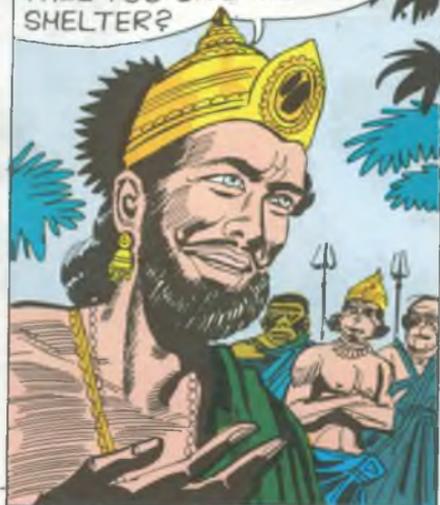
CAN'T WE
BUILD A
BRIDGE?



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.



HANUMAN CARRIED RAMA ON HIS SHOULDERS. ANGADA CARRIED LAXMANA.



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



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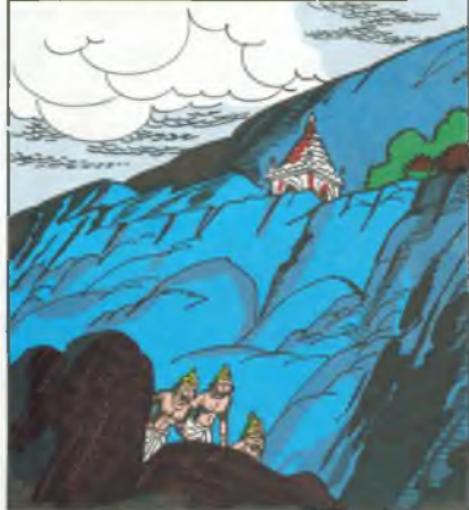




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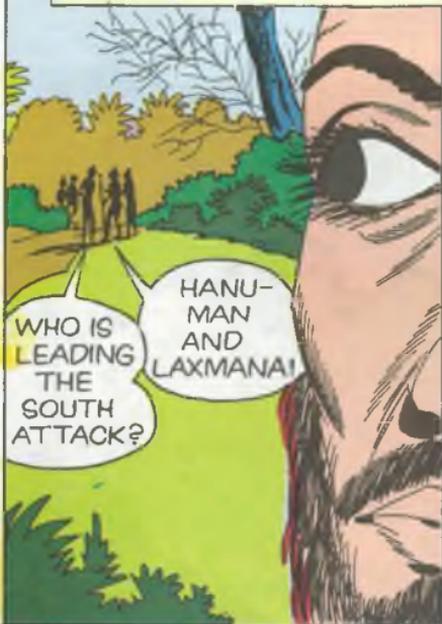
SOME RAKSHASAS CAME TO RAMA'S CAMP DISGUISED AS MONKEYS.



HOW MANY MEN DO WE HAVE IN THE NORTH?



BUT VIBHEESHANA HAD SEEN THROUGH THEIR DISGUISE.



WHO IS LEADING THE SOUTH ATTACK?

HANUMAN AND LAXMANA!

THESE ARE SPIES! SHALL WE KILL THEM?

NO, LET THEM GO. LET THEM TELL RAVANA WHAT HIS ENEMY IS LIKE!

PRINCE RAMA IS SO GENEROUS!



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!



HA! WE
SHALL KILL
THEM ALL!

THE BATTLE STARTED,
THE MONKEYS ATTACKED
WITH HUGE BOULDERS.



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



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

DHUMIRAKSHA 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 LAXMA-
NA, THEIR HEARTS
HEAVY WITH
GRIEF.



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



I NEED
SANJEEVANI
PLANT TO
CURE
LAXMANA!



FAR AWAY ON THE GANDHAMADAN 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.



KUMBHAKARNA USED TO SLEEP FOR SIX MONTHS AT A STRETCH.



PLEASE WAKE UP.

AT LAST, THE GIANT'S SLEEP WAS BROKEN.



WHAT IS THE MATTER?

YOU MUST GO TO BATTLE.

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



RAMA'S ARROWS CUT HIS HEAD OFF.



INDRAJIT HAS GONE TO OFFER A SACRIFICE.

RAVANA HAS NOBODY ELSE TO FIGHT FOR HIM.



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



WHEN THE NEWS OF INDRAJIT'S DEATH REACHED RAJANA—

I AM ALL ALONE NOW! BUT I'M STILL THE MIGHTIEST.



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

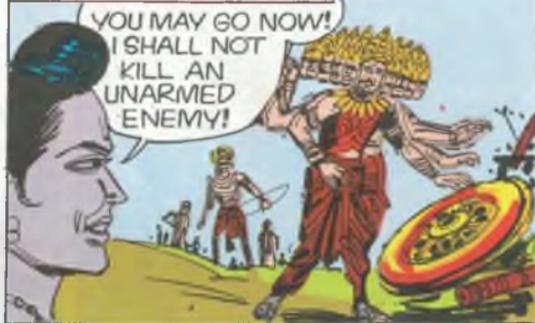


AS THE BATTLE STARTED AGAIN, RAVANA CAME OUT TO FIGHT IN HIS GOLDEN CHARIOT, HIS CROWN DAZZLING IN THE SUNLIGHT.

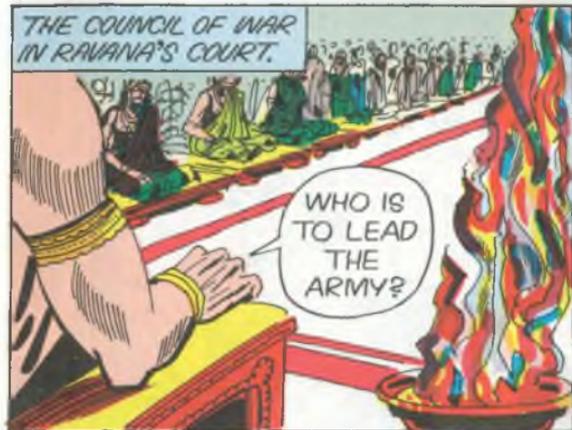
NO ONE COULD WITHHOLD HIS ATTACK. THEN RAMA, RIDING ON HANUMAN'S SHOULDERS, ATTACKED THE RAKSHA-SA KING.



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



THE COUNCIL OF WAR IN RAVANA'S COURT.



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



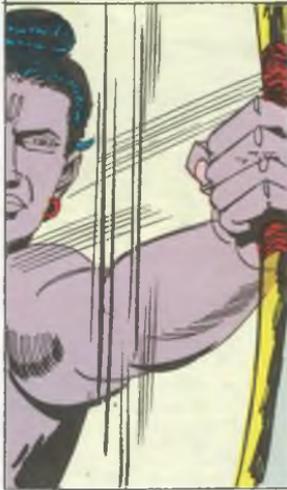
RAVANA RODE ON HIS CHARIOT, LIKE LIGHTNING, TEARING THROUGH THE RANKS OF THE VANARA ARMY.



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



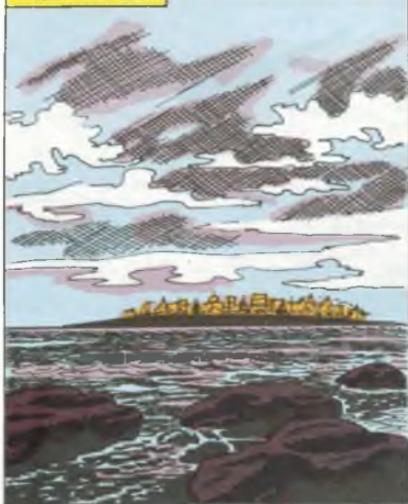
AT LAST RAVANA CAME FACE TO FACE WITH RAMA. RAMA PICKED UP HIS BOW FOR THE LAST ARROW OF THIS GREAT BATTLE.



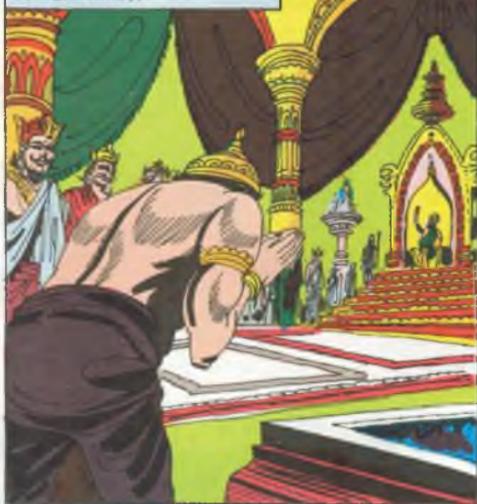
THE EVIL ENEMY HAD BEEN DESTROYED. VIRTUE HAD WON OVER GREED AND LUST.



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.





COME MY BELOVED! YOU CAME IN THIS FLYING CHARIOT IN DISGRACE! YOU SHALL RETURN IN HONOUR!

AT LAST IT WAS TIME FOR RAMA'S RETURN TO AYODHYA. HANUMAN WENT AHEAD WITH THE NEWS.



I BRING HAPPY TIDINGS! FOURTEEN YEARS OF EXILE ARE OVER. THE MASTER IS COMING HOME.

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



LONG LIVE KING RAMA!

LONG LIVE PRINCE LAXMANA!

LONG LIVE QUEEN SITA!

THE TIME FOR PARTING
HAD COME.

MY GOOD
FRIENDS! YOU
MUST GO BACK
TO YOUR HOMES
NOW!

CALL US
ANY TIME
YOU NEED
OUR
SERVICE!



BUT HANUMAN
DID NOT GO.

WHAT ABOUT YOU,
DEAR HANUMAN?

I SHALL
STAY AND
SERVE YOU
FOR EVER.





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Hanuman, the son of Anjana and the Wind God, Pavana or Vayu, was born a monkey. Yet, he occupies a prominent place among the Hindu gods for his sterling character. Hanuman is renowned for his strength and valour besides his steadfast love and loyalty to Lord Rama. He is the embodiment of devotion and power. Hanuman's unflinching devotion to Rama has made him one of the greatest bhaktas (devotees) ever known. In fact, Hanuman is often referred to as Ramabhakta Hanuman. His singular worship of Rama made him compassionate. It helped him leap across 800 miles of ocean to Lanka and console Sita who was pining for Rama, forlorn and lonely in Ravana's Ashoka garden.

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