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The Mahabharata is a gallery of heroes and Karna is the most heroic of them. Fate denied him all his dues. But he fought and achieved all that a man could aspire to have.

He was as much a Pandava prince as any of the other five. But he never knew his lineage. At last when he knew it, he could not but disown it.

He was brought up as a commoner and therefore humiliated. Teachers would not teach him. His equals shunned him. He received no honour despite his valour but he never lost heart. Duryodhana, the Kaurava prince, offered him kingship. For this act of kindness, he remained loyal to Duryodhana till the very end.

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RAJA KUNTIBHOJA, OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS YADAVA RACE, HAD NO CHILDREN. SO HE ADOPTED PRITHA, HIS NIECE, AND CALLED HER KUNTI.

ONE DAY SAGE DURVASA, FEARED FOR HIS VIOLENT TEMPER AND HARD TO PLEASE, VISITED RAJA KUNTIBHOJA.



FOR A FULL YEAR KUNTI LOOKED AFTER THE SAGE CAREFULLY, PATIENTLY AND WITH DEVOTION.



AND DURVASA WAS WELL PLEASED.



AS SOON AS DURVASA LEFT -

I WONDER IF IT REALLY WORKS. OH! LORD SURYA SMILES AT ME. I WILL CALL HIM DOWN.



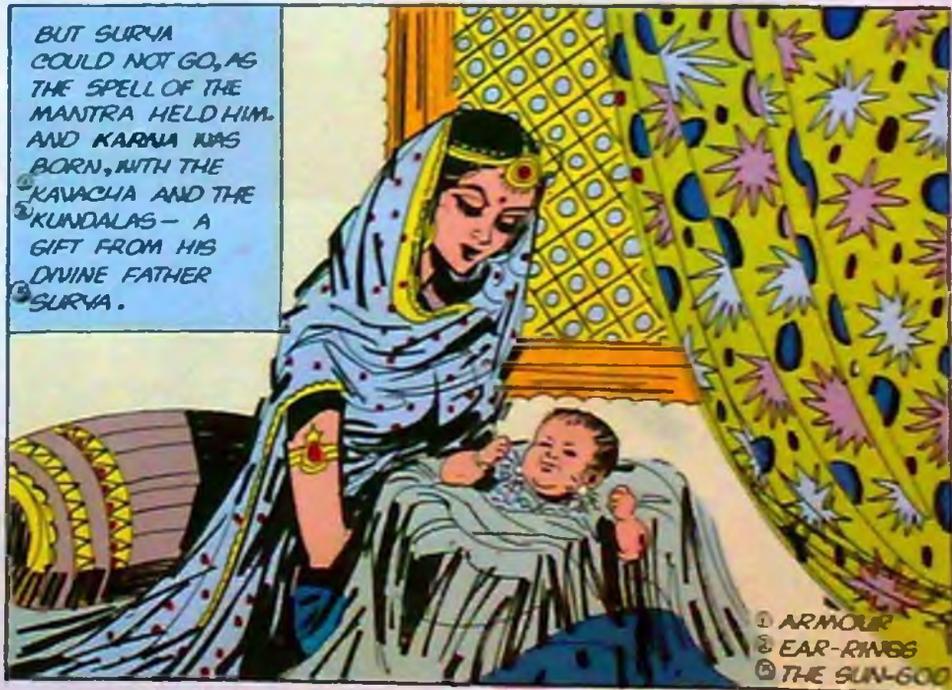
THE MANTRA OF COURSE WORKED.

YOU SHALL HAVE THE SON YOU DESIRE.

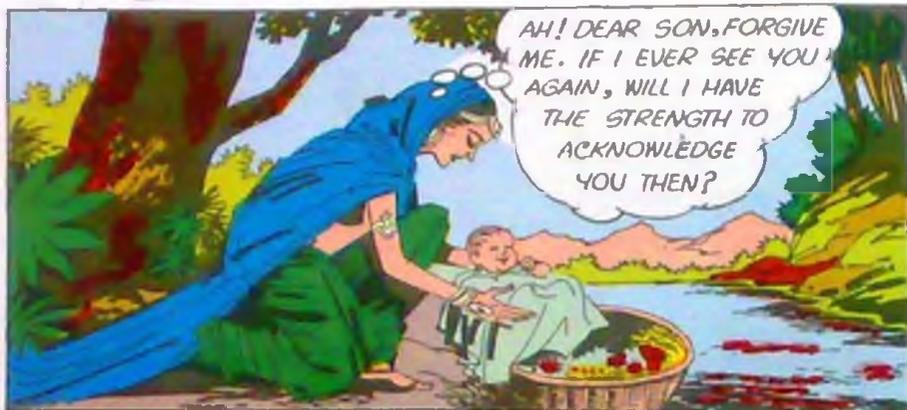
BUT I AM NOT MARRIED. I WAS ONLY CURIOUS TO SEE IF YOU WOULD COME. PLEASE, PLEASE GO BACK.



BUT SURYA COULD NOT GO, AS THE SPELL OF THE MANTRA HELD HIM. AND KARMA WAS BORN, WITH THE KAVACHA AND THE KUNDALAS - A GIFT FROM HIS DIVINE FATHER SURYA.



① ARMOUR
② EAR-RINGS
③ THE SUN-GOD



AH! DEAR SON, FORGIVE ME. IF I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN, WILL I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU THEN?

FURTHER DOWN THE RIVER A CHILDLESS CHARIOTEER ADHIRATHA SAW THE BASKET AND LOOKED INTO IT.



AH! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHILD, ABANDONED BY SOME HEARTLESS MOTHER, NO DOUBT.



HE TOOK THE CHILD HOME TO HIS WIFE, RADHA.

LET US CALL HIM VASUSHENA OF THE KAVACHA AND KUNDALAS.

HE SHALL BE RADHEYA, DEAR WIFE - RADHEYA THE SON OF RADHA.



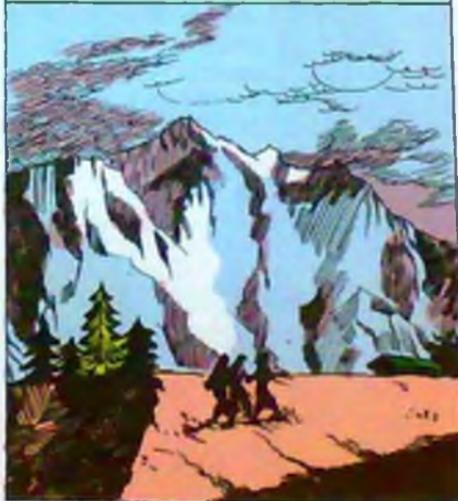
KARNA'S EARLY CHILDHOOD
WAS A HAPPY ONE.



KUNTI MEANWHILE HAD MARRIED
KING PANDU OF HASTINAPURA,
WHO RULED THE KINGDOM FOR
HIS BLIND BROTHER
DHRTARASHTRA.



BUT KING PANDU BECAUSE OF A
CURSE COULD NOT HAVE CHILDREN.
SO HE RETIRED WITH HIS TWO
QUEENS, KUNTI AND MADRI, TO A
QUIET LIFE IN THE HIMALAYAS.



BUT ONE DAY -

DEAREST ONE,
HOW I SORROW
WHEN I SEE
YOUR CHILDLESS
STATE!

DO NOT
GRIEVE, MY LORD.
I KNOW
OF A WAY OUT
BUT I HAVE NOT
TOLD YOU
ABOUT IT.



WITH THE HELP OF THE MANTRA, KUNTI AND MADRI HAD FIVE SONS IN ALL - THE PANDAVA PRINCES.



WHEN PANDU DIED, MADRI BURNT HERSELF ON THE FUNERAL PYRE. KUNTI TOOK THE FIVE PRINCES, YUDHISHTHIRA (SON OF DHARMA), BHISHMA (SON OF VAPU), ARJUNA (SON OF INDRA), NAKULA AND SAHADDEVIA (SONS OF THE ASVINI TWINS), TO HASTINAPURA.



REVERED UNCLE
BHISHMA, AND WISE
VIDURA, I LEAVE THE
FATHERLESS SONS
OF PANDU IN
YOUR CARE.

THE PANDAVA
PRINCES SHALL BE
BROUGHT UP, AS THE
HEIRS OF PANDU,
ALONG WITH THEIR
COURSING THE
KAURAVAS.

FROM THE BEGINNING A BITTER RIVALRY SPRANG UP BETWEEN THE COUSINS. THE MAURAVA PRINCES WERE UNLITTY.

OUR COUSINS HAVE COME AND SPOILT OUR LIFE.

INILEMA TORMENTS ME ON THE PLAYGROUND AND HAUNTS MY DREAMS.



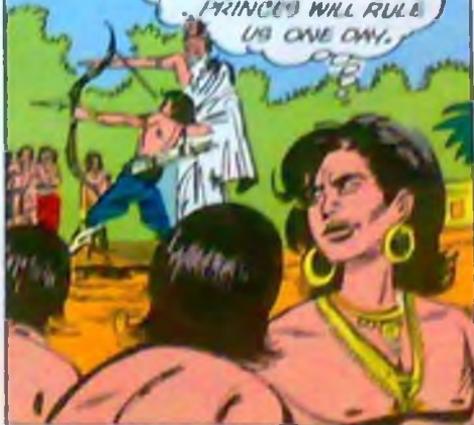
AND KARNA WHO OFTEN COME TO HASTINAPURA WATCHED.

INILEMA IS UNFAIR! I HATE DURYODHANA.



DRONACHARYA, MASTER IN THE PRINCELY ARTS, TAUGHT THE PRINCES.

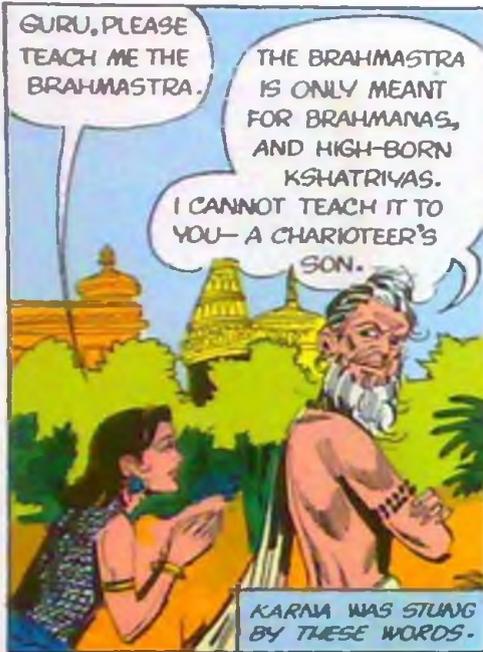
ARJUNA'S SKILL IN ARCHERY IS UNMATCHED BY ANY OF US. I FEAR THOSE PRINCES WILL RULE US ONE DAY.



KARNA TOO BECAME HIS PUPIL. BUT-

HE IS PARTIAL TO ARJUNA. HE WILL NEVER LET ME SURPASS HIM.





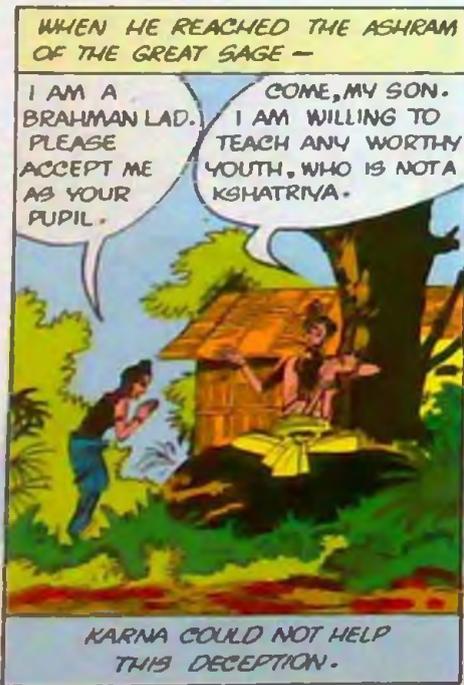
GURU, PLEASE TEACH ME THE BRAHMASTRA.

THE BRAHMASTRA IS ONLY MEANT FOR BRAHMANAS, AND HIGH-BORN KSHATRIYAS. I CANNOT TEACH IT TO YOU— A CHARIOTEER'S SON.

KARNA WAS STUNG BY THESE WORDS.



PARASHURAMA, THEY SAY, HATES KSHATRIYAS. I WILL GO TO HIM IN THE GUISE OF A BRAHMAN. HE IS SURE TO ACCEPT ME AS HIS PUPIL.

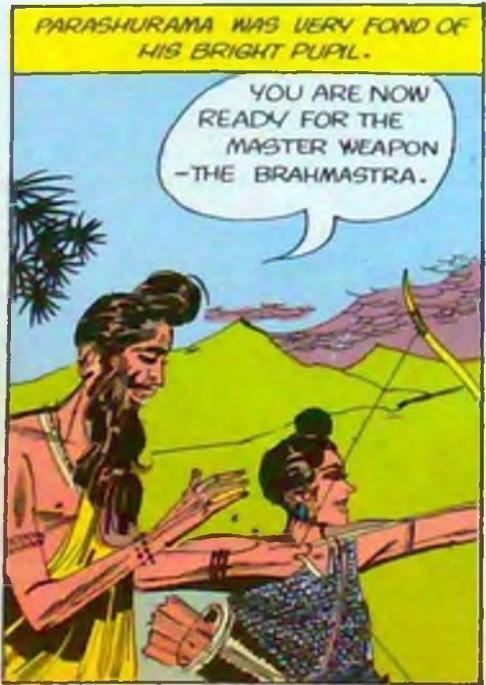


WHEN HE REACHED THE ASHRAM OF THE GREAT SAGE —

I AM A BRAHMAN LAD. PLEASE ACCEPT ME AS YOUR PUPIL.

COME, MY SON. I AM WILLING TO TEACH ANY WORTHY YOUTH, WHO IS NOT A KSHATRIYA.

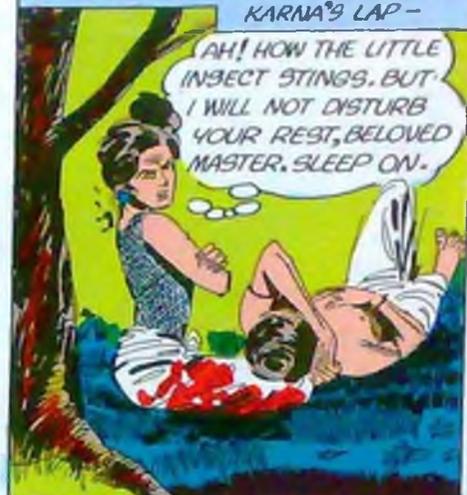
KARNA COULD NOT HELP THIS DECEPTION.



PARASHURAMA WAS VERY FOND OF HIS BRIGHT PUPIL.

YOU ARE NOW READY FOR THE MASTER WEAPON — THE BRAHMASTRA.

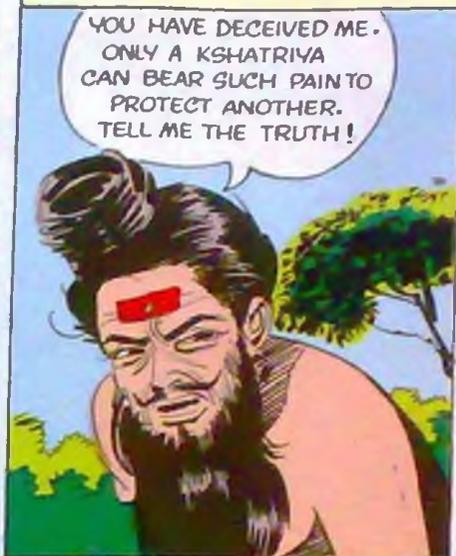
THEN ONE DAY WHILE PARASHURAMA WAS RESTING WITH HIS HEAD ON KARNA'S LAP -



AH! HOW THE LITTLE INSECT STINGS. BUT I WILL NOT DISTURB YOUR REST, BELOVED MASTER. SLEEP ON.

AND THE BEING BLEED BUT APOOR DID NOT CARE.

WHEN THE SAGE WOKE UP AND SAW THE BLOOD -



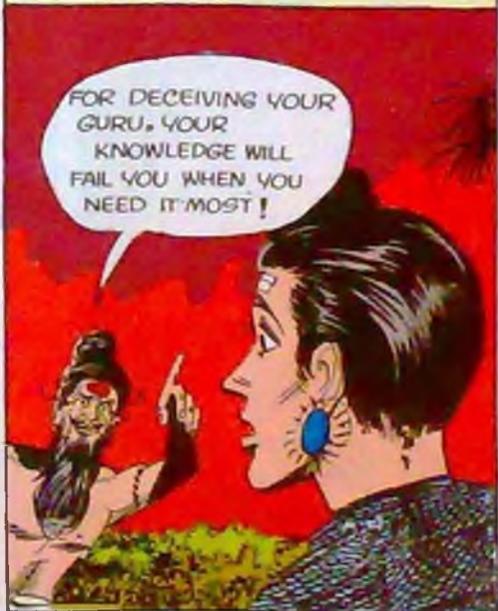
YOU HAVE DECEIVED ME. ONLY A KSHATRIYA CAN BEAR SUCH PAIN TO PROTECT ANOTHER. TELL ME THE TRUTH!

KARNA CONFESSED.



I AM THE SON OF ADHIRATHA, THE CHARIOTEER, A SUTAPUTRA. FORGIVE ME, SIR.

THE ENRAGED SAGE CURSED KARNA.



FOR DECEIVING YOUR GURU, YOUR KNOWLEDGE WILL FAIL YOU WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST!

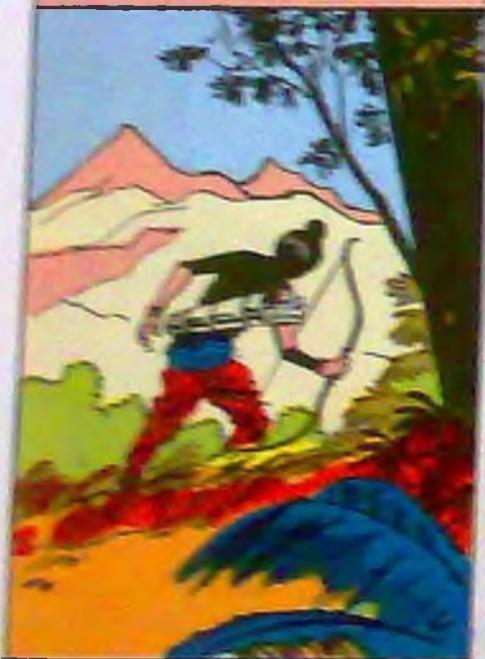
AS HE WALKED AWAY, THE TOTALLY
DEJECTED KADVA HARDLY KNEW
WHERE HE WAS GOING.



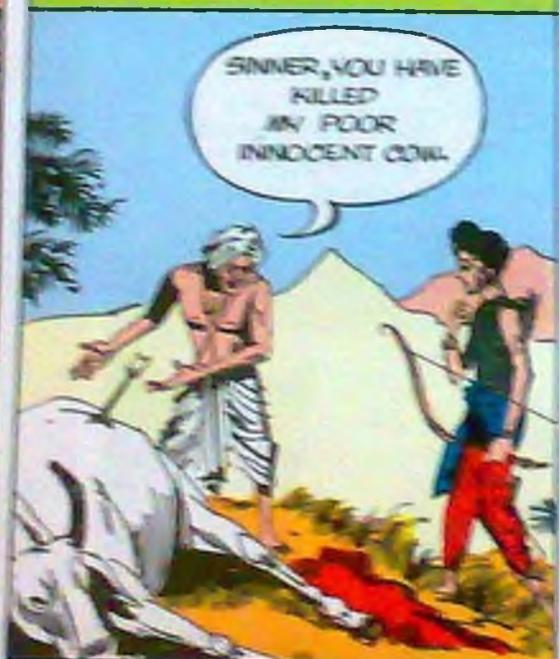
SUDDENLY AN ANIMAL RUSHED PAST
AND WITHOUT THINKING HE DREW
HIS BOW AND KILLED IT.



AS HE WALKED TOWARDS
THE DEAD ANIMAL -



A GOATBY WHIPIED
ANGRY AT HIM.



SINNER, YOU HAVE
KILLED
MY POOR
INNOCENT GOAT.

IGNORING KIRITA'S ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN, THE BISHOPMAN CURSED HIM.

YOU TOO WILL BE KILLED WHEN YOU ARE HELPLESS TO DEFEND YOURSELF. EVEN AS YOU KILLED MY HELPLESS SON.



KIRITA SADLY RETURNED TO THE ONE PERSON WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM—HIS MOTHER.

IT SEEMS AS IF FATE IS AGAINST ME. I WONDER WHAT FURTHER HUMILIATIONS SHE HAS IN STORE FOR ME.



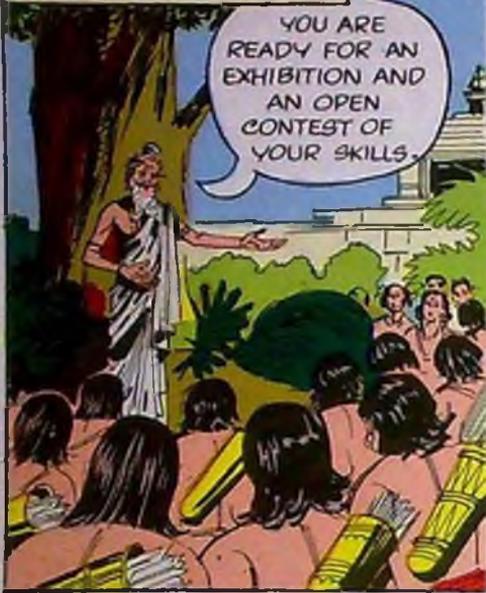
HE STAYED WITH HER A FEW DAYS. THEN ONE DAY—

MOTHER, I HEAR THAT AN OPEN TOURNAMENT IS TO BE HELD AT HASTINAPURA. I WILL COMPETE. A VALIANT WARRIOR WILL FIND HIS PLACE AMONG THE VALIANT.



WHAT KARNA HAD HEARD
WAS TRUE.

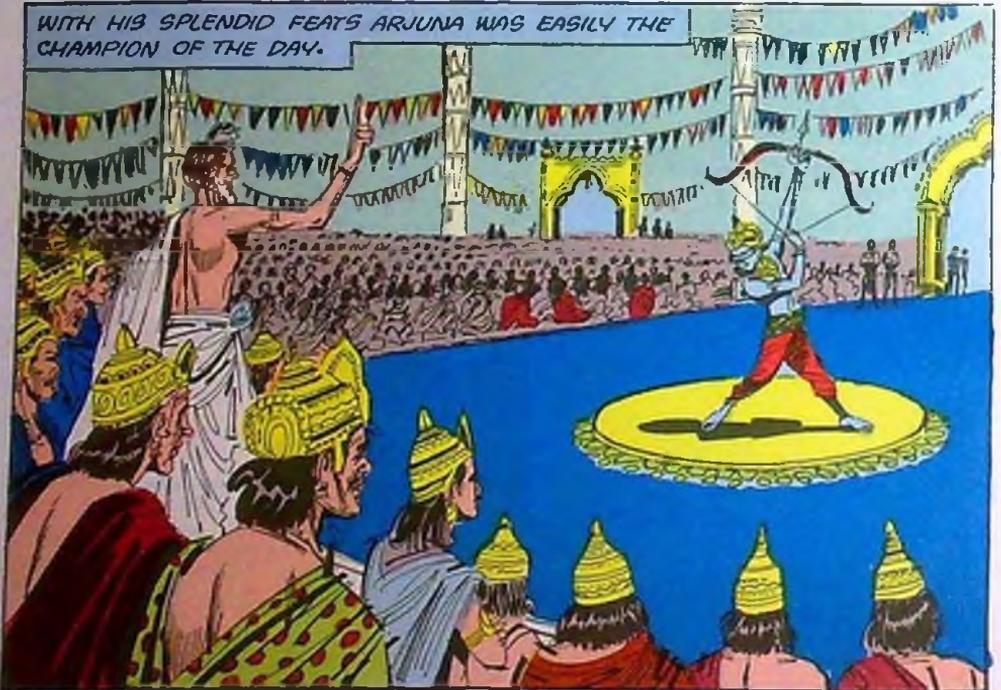
YOU ARE
READY FOR AN
EXHIBITION AND
AN OPEN
CONTEST OF
YOUR SKILLS.



AFTER A CONSULTATION WITH THE
KURU ELDERS, THE DAY WAS FIXED.

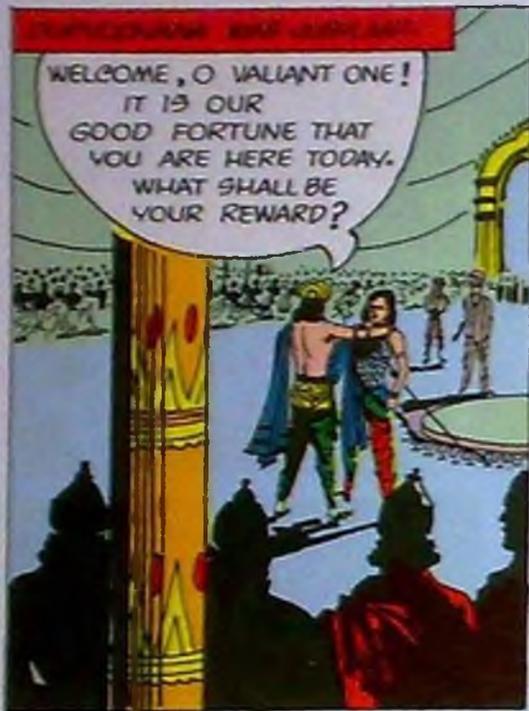


WITH HIS SPLENDID FEATS ARJUNA WAS EASILY THE
CHAMPION OF THE DAY.

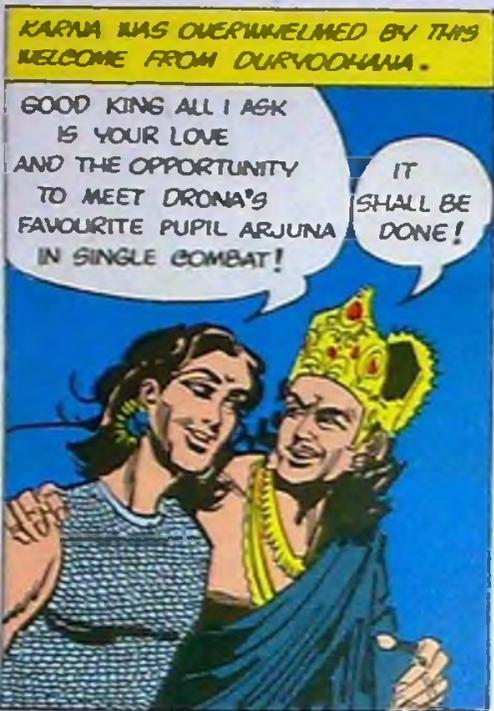


SUDDENLY THERE WAS A COMMOTION AND ALL EYES WERE TURNED TOWARDS THE ENTRANCE. A FIGURE ENTERED ON THE SCENE—IT WAS KARNA.





WELCOME, O VALIANT ONE!
IT IS OUR
GOOD FORTUNE THAT
YOU ARE HERE TODAY.
WHAT SHALL BE
YOUR REWARD?

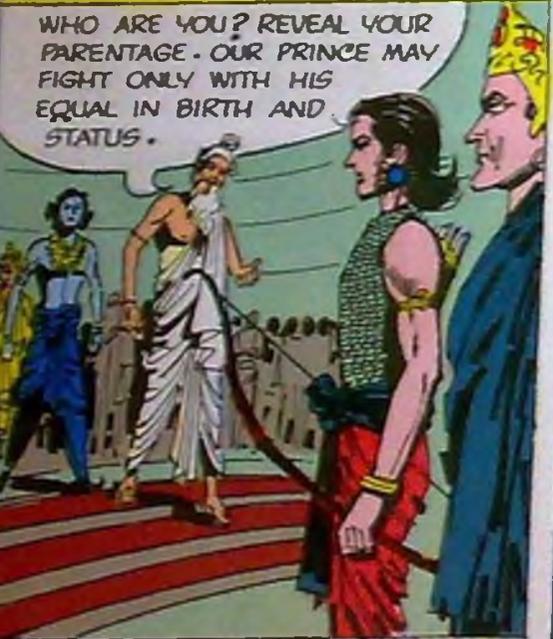


KARNA WAS OVERWHELMED BY THIS
WELCOME FROM DURYODHANA.

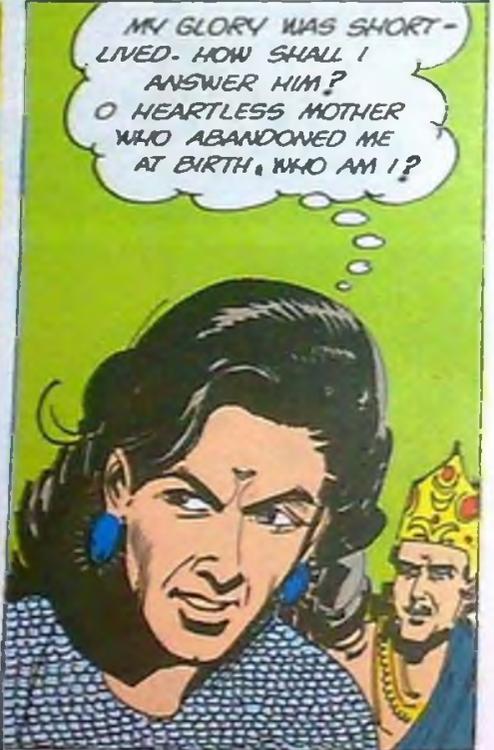
GOOD KING ALL I ASK
IS YOUR LOVE
AND THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET DRONA'S
FAVOURITE PUPIL ARJUNA
IN SINGLE COMBAT!

IT
SHALL BE
DONE!

AS ARJUNA WAS GETTING READY,
KRIPA, A TEACHER IN THE KURU
PALACE, STEPPED FORWARD.

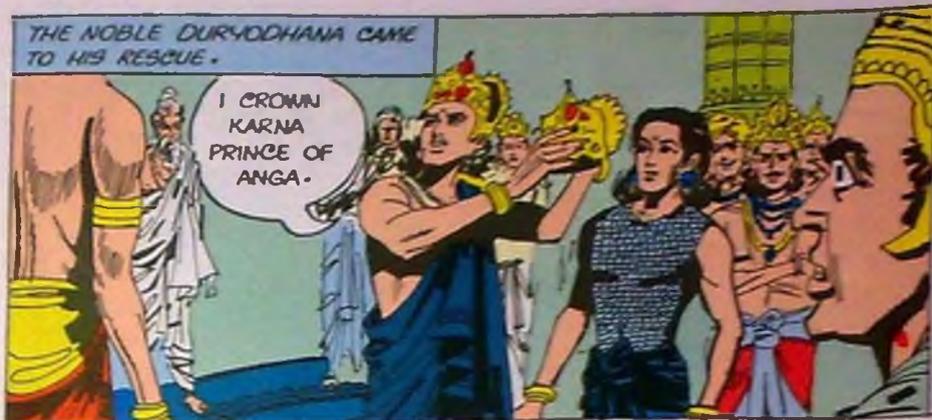


WHO ARE YOU? REVEAL YOUR
PARENTAGE. OUR PRINCE MAY
FIGHT ONLY WITH HIS
EQUAL IN BIRTH AND
STATUS.



MY GLORY WAS SHORT-
LIVED. HOW SHALL I
ANSWER HIM?
O HEARTLESS MOTHER
WHO ABANDONED ME
AT BIRTH, WHO AM I?!

THE NOBLE DURYODHANA CAME
TO HIS RESCUE.

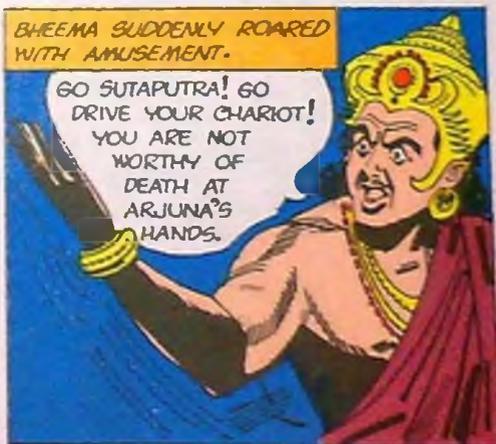


JUST THEN ADHIRATHA
WALKED FEEBLY TO-
WARDS THE STAGE.



BHEEMA SUDDENLY ROARED
WITH AMUSEMENT.

GO SUTAPUTRA! GO
DRIVE YOUR CHARIOT!
YOU ARE NOT
WORTHY OF
DEATH AT
ARJUNA'S
HANDS.



DURYODHANA COULD HARDLY
CONTAIN HIS ANGER AS HE LED
KARNA AWAY FROM THE HUMI-
--LIATING SCENE.



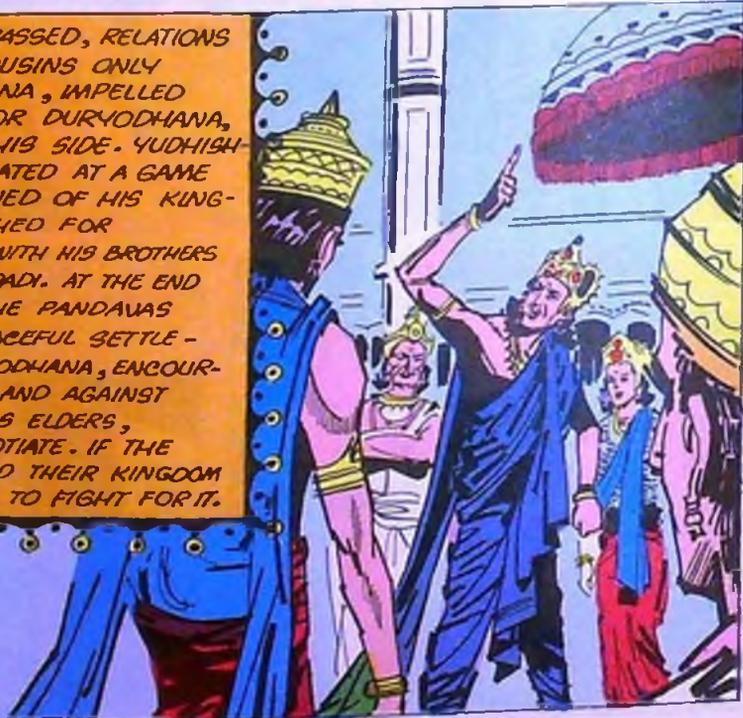
AS THEY DROVE AWAY IN DURYODHANA'S CHARIOT-

IT IS STRANGE!
I FEEL SAFE
FROM THE
PANDAVAS, ALREADY.
WHAT POWER
DOES THIS KARNA
HAVE THAT MAKES
ME FEEL SO?

DURYODHANA YOU HAVE NOT
BEFRIENDED ME IN VAIN. I WILL
KILL ARJUNA IN SINGLE
COMBAT ONE DAY!
I WILL!



AS THE YEARS PASSED, RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE COUSINS ONLY
WORSENERED. KARNA, IMPULSED
BY HIS LOVE FOR DURYODHANA,
BLINDLY TOOK HIS SIDE. YUDHISH-
THIRA WAS CHEATED AT A GAME
OF DICE, DEPRIVED OF HIS KING-
DOM AND BANISHED FOR
THIRTEEN YEARS, WITH HIS BROTHERS
AND QUEEN DRAUPADI. AT THE END
OF THE PERIOD THE PANDAVAS
OPTED FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT. BUT DURYODHANA, ENCOUR-
AGED BY KARNA, AND AGAINST
THE WISHES OF HIS ELDERS,
REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE. IF THE
PANDAVAS WANTED THEIR KINGDOM
THEY WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT.



IN THE HEAVENS INDRA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ARJUNA...



IF KARNA IS DEPRIVED OF HIS KAVACHA AND KUNDALAS, MY SON ARJUNA NEED FEAR NO MORTALS.

...AND SURYA ABOUT KARNA.



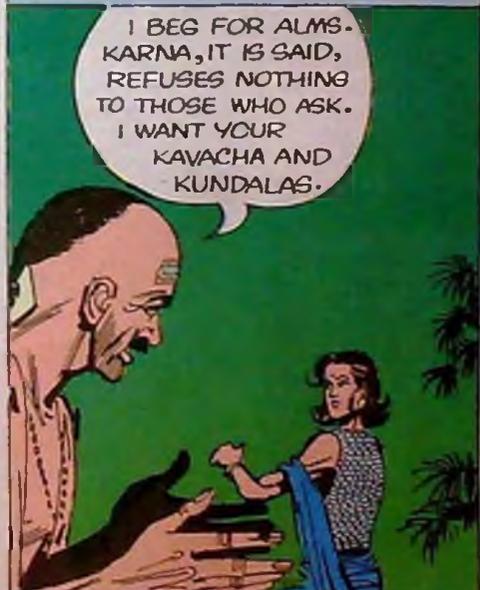
IF INDRA INTERVENES, MY SON HAS NO CHANCE. I MUST WARN KARNA.

SURYA TRIED TO WARN HIS SON IN A DREAM.



LORD INDRA WILL TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR GENEROSITY. DO NOT PART WITH YOUR KAVACHA AND KUNDALAS.

INDRA APPROACHED KARNA IN THE GUISE OF A BRAHMAN.



I BEG FOR ALMS. KARNA, IT IS SAID, REFUSES NOTHING TO THOSE WHO ASK. I WANT YOUR KAVACHA AND KUNDALAS.

DESPITE SURYA'S WARNINGS,
KARNA, THE GENEROUS, PARTED
WITH THE KAVACHA AND KUNDALAS.

MY LORD, I KNOW WHO
YOU ARE AND WHY YOU
ARE HERE. YET, I GIVE
TO YOU MY VERY LIFE.
NEVER LET IT BE SAID
THAT KARNA REFUSED
ANYONE ANYTHING.



INDRA WAS TOUCHED.

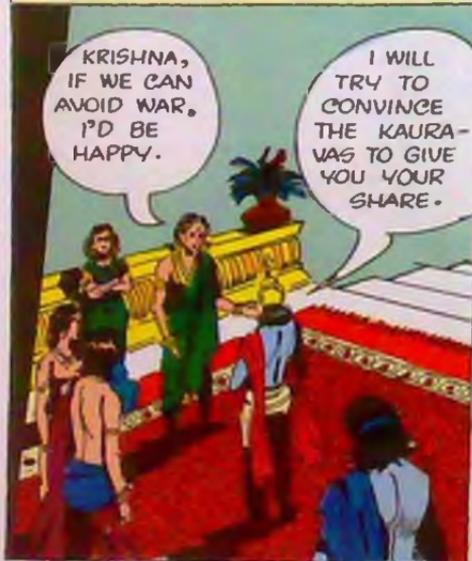
IN RETURN
I GRANT YOU MY
MASTER WEAPON
SHAKTI, BUT YOU MAY
USE IT ONLY ONCE.



THE PANDAVAS MEANWHILE STILL
HOPED FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

KRISHNA,
IF WE CAN
AVOID WAR,
I'D BE
HAPPY.

I WILL
TRY TO
CONVINCE
THE KAURA-
VAS TO GIVE
YOU YOUR
SHARE.



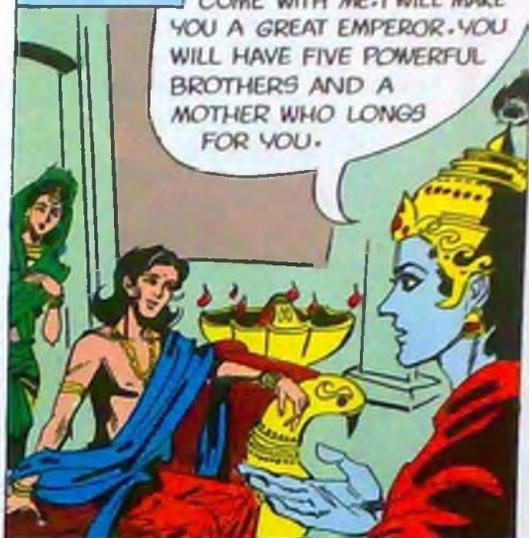
KRISHNA WENT TO HASTINAPURA.
BUT -

I HAVE FAILED!
DURYODHANA IS
BENT UPON WAR.
HE DEPENDS ON
KARNA TO WIN IT FOR
HIM. IT IS TIME KARNA
KNEW THE TRUTH
ABOUT HIS
BIRTH.



KRISHNA WENT TO KARNA AND TOLD HIM THE STORY OF HIS BIRTH. WHEN HE FINISHED —

COME WITH ME. I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT EMPEROR. YOU WILL HAVE FIVE POWERFUL BROTHERS AND A MOTHER WHO LONGS FOR YOU.



KARNA WAS IN A TERRIBLE PREDICAMENT.

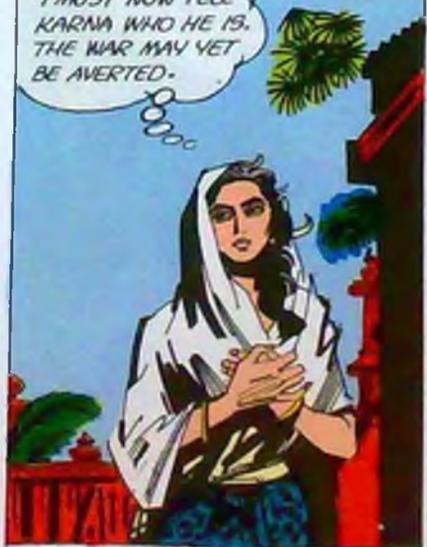
DUR'YODHANA'S LOVE IS WHAT I VALUE MOST IN MY LIFE. SO IF YOU REALLY HAVE MY INTEREST AT HEART PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL KEEP THE SECRET OF MY BIRTH TILL I DIE.

I WILL!



WHEN KUNTI HEARD THAT KRISHNA'S TALK HAD FAILED, SHE WAS FULL OF GRIEF.

I MUST NOW TELL KARNA WHO HE IS. THE WAR MAY YET BE AVERTED.



SHE WENT TO KARNA WHEN HE WAS AT THE END OF HIS MIDDAY PRAYERS.

MY MOTHER! HERE! WHAT CAN SHE WANT?

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, O QUEEN?



SHE TOO RELATED TO KARMA THE
STORY OF HIS BIRTH AND PLEADED
WITH HIM NOT TO FIGHT HIS BROTHER-
S.

QUE, EVEN LORD
SURYA, YOUR
FATHER, JOINS
ME IN MY REQUEST.

MOTHER,
WHAT YOU ASK
ME TO DO IS
AGAINST MY
DHARMA.

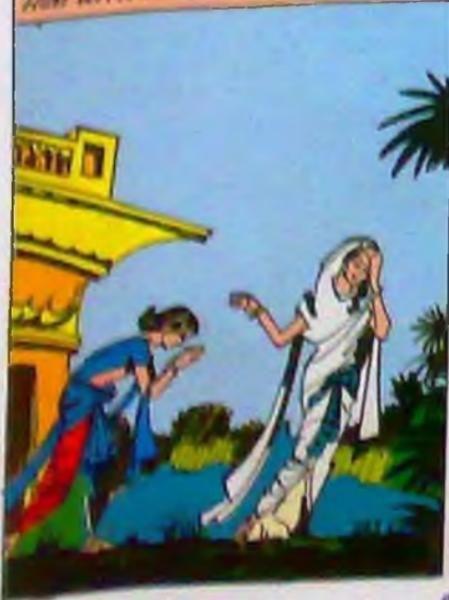


BUT HE WOULD NOT LET HIS
MOTHER'S PLEAS GO IN VAIN.

I WILL FIGHT AGAINST
YOUR SONS, MY BROTHERS,
BUT I WILL NOT KILL ANY
EXCEPT ARJUNA. YOU SHALL
STILL HAVE FIVE SONS ALIVE
AND I MY HONOUR.

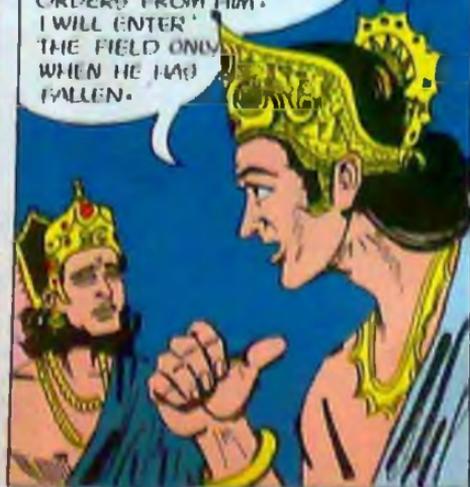


KUNTI BLESSED KARMA AND LEFT
HIM WITH MIXED FEELINGS.



BHISHMA HAD TO LEAD THE KAURA-
VA ARMY. WHEN KARMA HEARD THAT,
HE WENT TO DURYODHANA.

BHISHMA HAD NEVER LIKED
ME, AND I WILL NOT TAKE
ORDERS FROM HIM.
I WILL ENTER
THE FIELD ONLY
WHEN HE HAS
FALLEN.



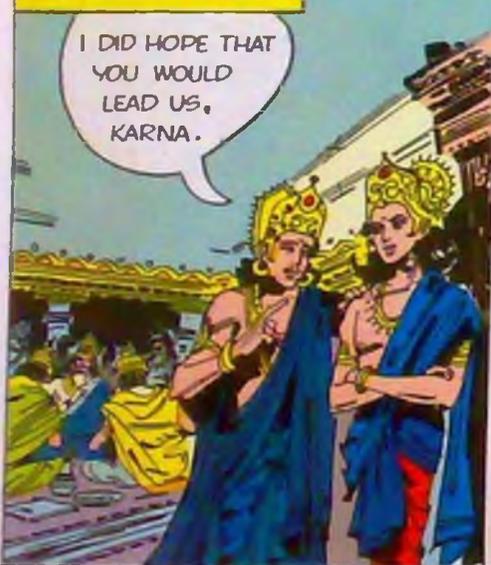
AND SO THE BATTLE OF KURUKSHETRA BECAME A REALITY. IT LASTED FOR 18 LONG DAYS. MANY VALIANT MEN WERE LOST ON EITHER SIDE. THE VENERABLE COMMANDER BHISHMA, OF THE KOURAVA ARMIES, FELL ON THE TENTH DAY. HE FELL ON A BED OF ARROWS - STICKING OUT FROM HIS OWN ARMOUR. KARNA HAD ALWAYS LONGED FOR THE GRANDFATHER'S LOVE. WHEN HE HEARD THAT HE LAY WOUNDED, KARNA RUSHED TO THE SPOT.

MY LORD!
I HAVE NEVER BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE LIKED BY YOU. YET I HAVE COME TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO YOU AND TO ASK FOR YOUR BLESSINGS.





IN A HURRIED COUNCIL, IT WAS DECIDED THAT DRONA SHOULD NOW COMMAND THE KAURAVA FORCES.



I DID HOPE THAT YOU WOULD LEAD US, KARNA.



IT IS BEST THAT DRONA LEAD US. LET THERE BE NO JEALOUSY AMONG OUR HEROES AT THIS STAGE.

AND SO THE BATTLE RAGED ON. IT WAS THE FOURTEENTH DAY. KARNA WAS ENGAGED IN FIGHTING BHEEMA. KARNA COULD EASILY HAVE KILLED HIM, BUT -



FORGIVE ME, DURYODHANA. I HAVE BHEEMA AT MY MERCY BUT I CANNOT KILL HIM. I HAVE PROMISED MY MOTHER. AH! ARJUNA COMES TO DEFEND BHEEMA. I AM LUCKY.



THAT DAY THE BATTLE CONTINUED INTO THE NIGHT. THIS WAS LUCKY FOR BHEEMA'S SON GHATOTKACHA AND HIS RAKSHASA FORCES, FOR RAKSHASAS ARE STRONGEST AT NIGHT.

KILL THAT FELLOW IMMEDIATELY, KARNA. OR ELSE OUR WHOLE ARMY WILL BE VANQUISHED.



THE ELATED ARJUNA, IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE, FORGOT HIMSELF AND USED THE INFALLIBLE SHAKTI- THE WEAPON OF JACKO.



ONCE MORE THE GODS HAD SMILED ON THE FAVOURED ARJUNA.



ALAS! I HAVE KILLED GHATOTKACHA BUT I HAVE LOST THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON SHAKTI WHICH I HAD MEANT TO USE ON ARJUNA.



ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE BATTLE, DRONA WAS SLAIN AND THE KAUJAWA HEROES SPOKE AS ONE IN FAVOUR OF KARNA AS THEIR NEXT COMMANDER.

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE KARNA SHALL BE THE COMMANDER OF OUR FORCES.

DURYODHANA WAS PLEASED.

KARNA, YOU HATE THE PANDAVAS AS MUCH AS I DO. I AM SURE OF OUR VICTORY NOW.

KARNA WAS GLAD THAT HE COULD AT LAST REPAY HIS BELOVED KING.

I WILL LEAD OUR FORCES TO VICTORY, MY KING! ARJUNA SHALL DIE AT MY HANDS.

AND THIS KARNA ASSURED COMMAND OF THE KAIRATA FORCES. THAT DAY HE HAD HIMSELF AT HIS MERCY -



MY CHILD, BE PROUD THAT YOU FOUGHT A DUEL WITH KARNA. NOW GO HOME TO ARJUNA AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.



I WOULD RATHER HE KILLED ME. OH THE SHAME OF IT!



ONE MORE DAY HAS PASSES AND ARJUNA STILL LIVES.

IT SHALL BE DONE!

IT IS THE SKILL OF KRISHNA, HIS CHARIOTEER, THAT KEEPS HIM ALIVE. IF ONLY YOU COULD CONVINCE SHALYA TO BE MY CHARIOTEER, VICTORY WILL BE OURS.



KARNA LEFT DURYODHANA AND WENT TO HIS TENT. THERE, AS HE LAY AWAKE—

TOMORROW I FIGHT ARJUNA AND I MUST HONESTLY TRY TO KILL HIM. BUT I KNOW MY CHANCES ARE POOR.



HE TOSSED ABOUT RESTLESSLY. IT WAS A DIFFICULT NIGHT FOR HIM.

TOMORROW I WILL TRY TO FIGHT AND SPARE YUDHISHTHIRA TOO. MOTHER KUNTI MUST KNOW HOW I KEPT MY PROMISE.

HOW I LONGED FOR HER LOVE AND RECOGNITION! AND IN THESE MOMENTS, HOW I TREASURE THE BOUNDLESS LOVE OF MOTHER RADHA AND MY NOBLE DURYODHANA.



THIS LAST THOUGHT FINALLY LULLED HIM TO SLEEP.

THE NEXT DAY KARNA HAD HIS WISH TO ENGAGE YUDHISHTHIRA IN SINGLE COMBAT.

ARJUNA SHALL AVENGE ME.

I SPARE YOUR LIFE, YUDHISHTHIRA. YOU CAN NEVER KILL ME IN SINGLE COMBAT. LEAVE YOUR SUPERIORS TO THEIR EQUALS.



WHEN ARJUNA HEARD OF YUDHISHTHIRA'S HUMILIATION, HE COULD NOT WAIT TO ATTACK KARNA. HE SOON HAD THE CHANCE.



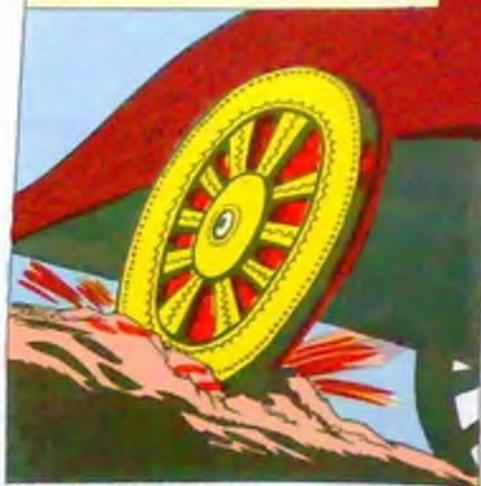
HOW WELL MY BROTHER WIELDS HIS WEAPONS!



HE FIGHTS LIKE A KING. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS ONLY A CHARIOTEER'S SON!



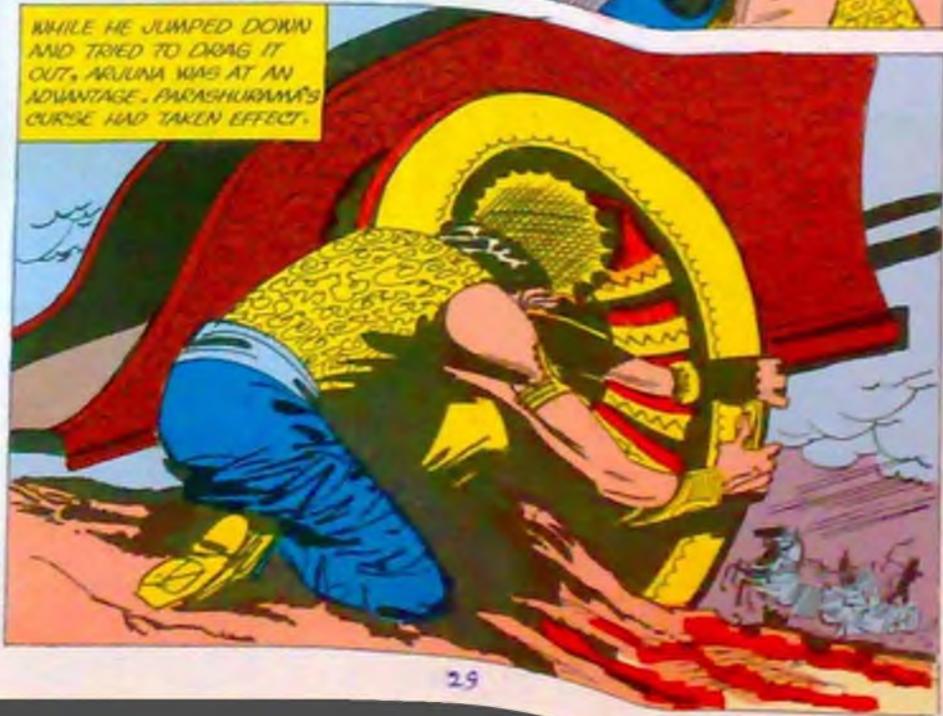
ALAS! FOR KARNA THE END WAS DRAWING NEAR. A WHEEL OF HIS CHARIOT SANK INTO THE GROUND.



MY MEMORY FAILS ME. I CANNOT RECALL THE MANTRAS OF THE GREAT PARASHURAMA!



WHILE HE JUMPED DOWN AND TRIED TO DRAG IT OUT, ARJUNA WAS AT AN ADVANTAGE. PARASHURAMA'S CURSE HAD TAKEN EFFECT.



WHEN KARNA WAS THUS HELPLESS, ARJUNA,
WITH KRISHNA'S PROMPTING . . .



. . . SHOT AN ARROW THAT SEVERED THE HEAD
OF THE GREAT HERO FROM HIS BEAUTIFUL BODY.



THE CURSE OF THE BRAHMAN
HAD NOT BEEN IN VAIN.

WHEN KUNTI HEARD OF KARNA'S DEATH —

DEAR, DEAR, SON!
I CAST YOU OFF AT BIRTH
AND YOUR DEATH I CAN
BUT LAMENT IN
PRIVATE.



AFTER THE BATTLE, THE VICTORIOUS PANDAVAS PERFORMED THE DEATH CEREMONIES FOR THE DEAD.

WILL I HAVE THE
COURAGE TO BEND
YOUR SOUL ON ITS
JOURNEY AS
HELPS YOUR
BIRTH?



JUST AS YUDHISHTHIRA HAD ENDED WITH THE LAST OFFERING TO THEIR ANCESTORS —

WAIT! THERE IS
ONE MORE
LEFT.

WHO IS IT
THAT I HAVE
FORGOTTEN?



KARNA!

BUT WHY
SHOULD I DO
IT FOR KARNA?
KARNA, OUR ARCH
ENEMY, KARNA THE
CHARIOTEER'S
SON!



KUNTI THEN BROKE DOWN
AND TOLD HER TALE.



THE SUN SMILED. EACH OF THE
PANDAVAS REMEMBERED HIS
OWN ENCOUNTER WITH THE
DEAD BROTHER AND THEIR
HEARTS REACHED OUT TO HIM.



THIS KARMA WHO HAD LONGED
FOR LOVE, RECOGNITION AND
A GOOD NAME, WHILE HE LIVED,
SECURED THESE, LIKE MANY
GREAT MEN AFTER HIM, ONLY
BY HIS DEATH.



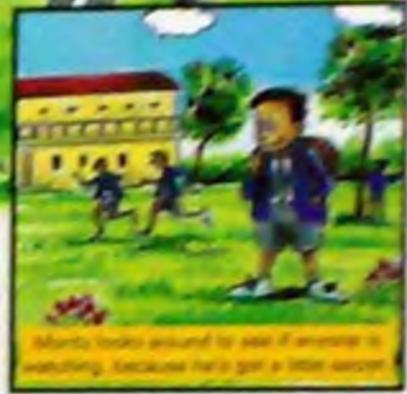
THE MANY MISCADVENTURES OF MONTU, THE MAHAKID



Some children are brash. Some are cunning. But some are like you and me.



He sees 2 men running away.



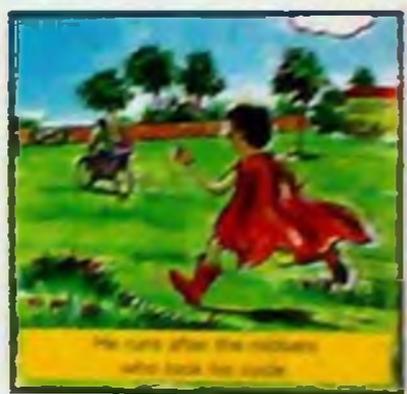
Montu looks around to see if anyone is watching, because he's got a little secret.



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Montu is now the Mahakid!



He runs after the robbers who took his cycle.

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