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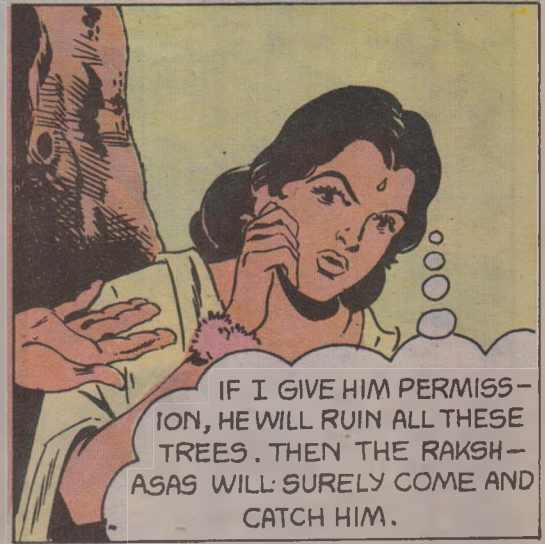
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SITA, SRI RAMA'S CONSORT, WAS CAPTURED BY THE DEMON-KING, RAVANA, AND KEPT PRISONER IN THE ASHOKA VATIKA\*. HANUMAN, IN SEARCH OF SITA, FOUND HER THERE AND GAVE HER SRI RAMA'S RING AND NEW HOPE. AFTER TAKING HER BLESSING—







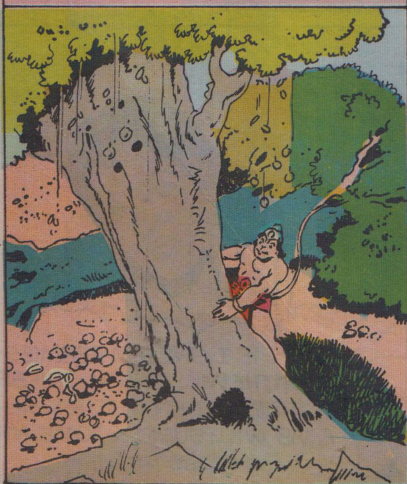
SON, YOU MAY  
EAT THE FRUIT— BUT  
ONLY THOSE FALLEN  
ON THE GROUND.

HANUMAN BOWED HIS HEAD. BUT HE  
HAD MORE INTELLIGENCE THAN  
SITA GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR!

HE WENT AND SHOOK THE  
NEAREST FRUIT TREE...



...TILL ALL ITS FRUIT LAY ON  
THE GROUND! AND HE GAVE  
A MIGHTY ROAR OF SATISFACTION.



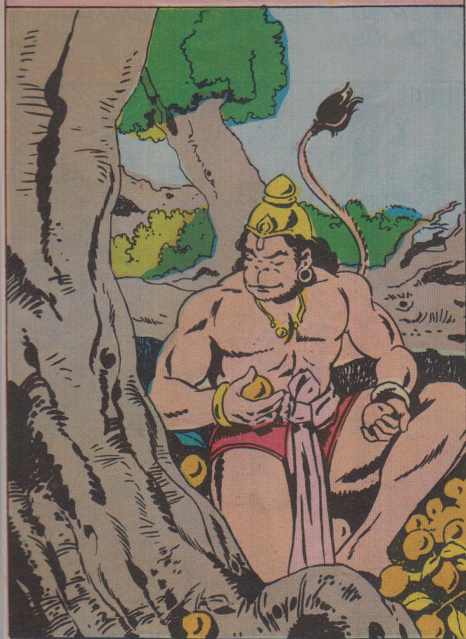
THUS HE SHOOK OR UPROOTED ALL THE  
TREES IN THE GARDEN...



RAAAAAAAAAAARH!!



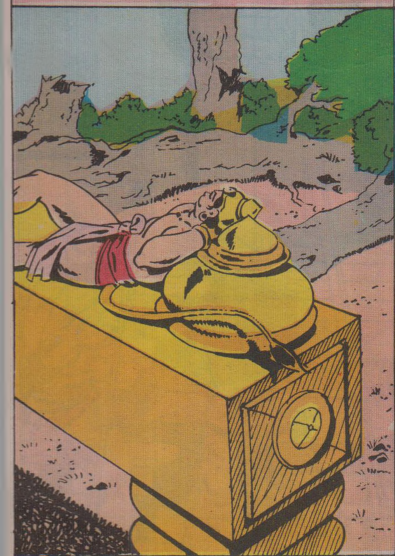
...AND ATE ALL THE FRUIT ON THE GROUND!



WITHIN MINUTES, THE GARDEN LAY IN UTTER RUIN. BUT HANUMAN'S HUNGER WAS APPEASED.



HE WENT AND SAT ON THE GARDEN GATE, GRINNING, VERY HAPPY WITH HIS DEEDS...



...WHILE THE RAKSHASAS RAN HERE AND THERE IN SHEER PANIC.





RAVANA WAS FURIOUS WHEN HE HEARD THAT THIS, HIS MOST BEAUTIFUL GARDEN HAD BEEN LAID WASTE BY A MERE MONKEY.

HE SENT A HOST OF RAKSHASA BRAVES TO CAPTURE HANUMAN. IT WAS A FIERCE ENCOUNTER BUT THEY WERE SOON REDUCED TO DUST.

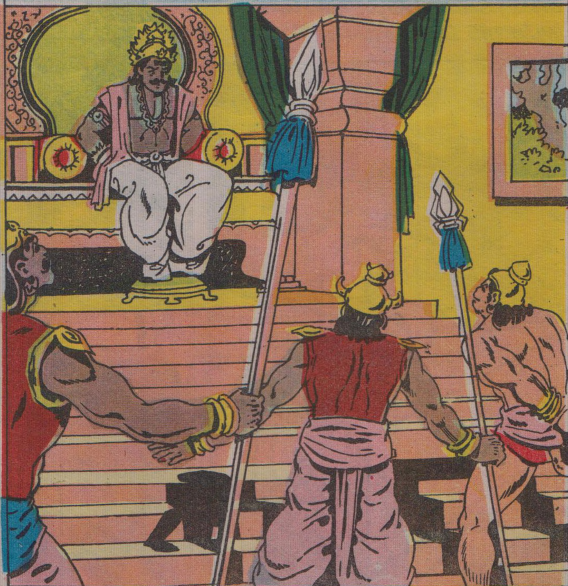
CATCH HIM AND BRING HIM TO ME!



AFTER SOME TIME, HANUMAN ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE BOUND AND CAPTURED.

HE WAS PRODUCED BEFORE RAVANA, WHOSE GLORY WAS UNIQUE IN THE THREE WORLDS.

LET ME TRY AND REASON WITH HIM. YET THERE IS TIME.





HE OCCUPIED THE HIGHEST THRONE IN THE WORLD  
AND HIS MINISTERS AND COURTIER'S COWERED AND  
TREMBLED IN HIS PRESENCE.



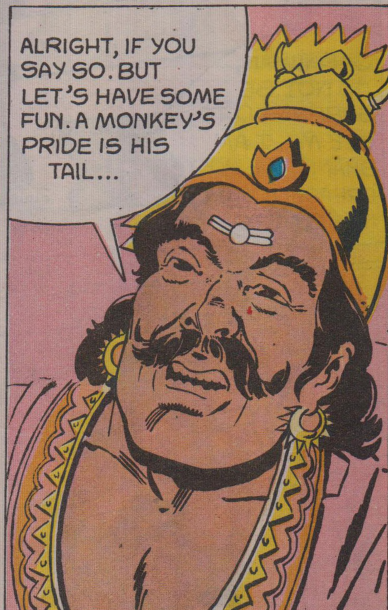
BUT HANUMAN STOOD ERECT  
AND UNAFRAID.




BUT VIBHEESHANA,  
RAVANA'S YOUNGER  
BROTHER, GAVE GOOD  
COUNSEL.



ALRIGHT, IF YOU  
SAY SO. BUT  
LET'S HAVE SOME  
FUN. A MONKEY'S  
PRIDE IS HIS  
TAIL...






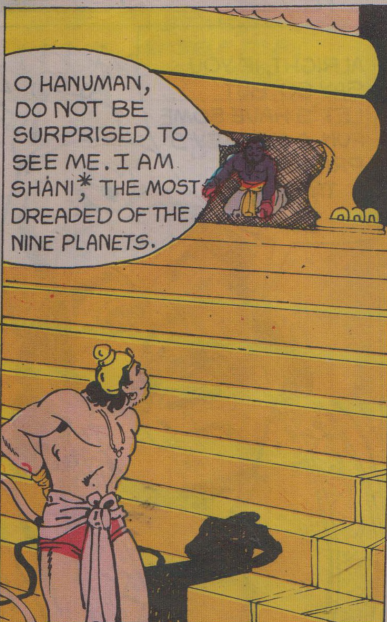


... SO TIE IT UP  
WITH RAGS DIPPED  
IN OIL AND SET IT ON  
FIRE, HA, HA!

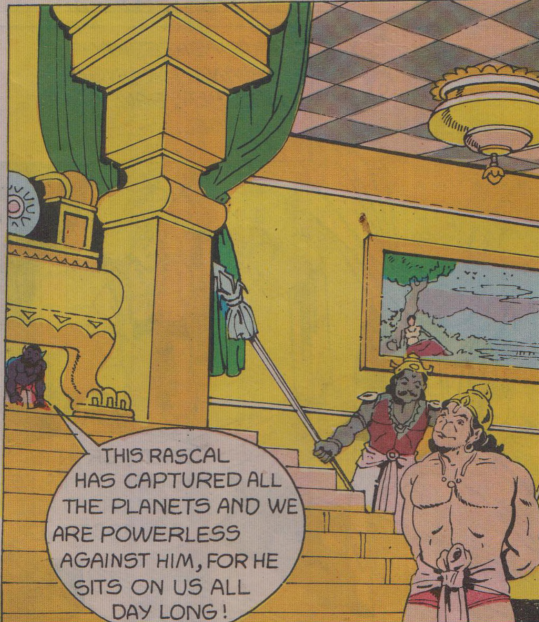
JUST THEN HANUMAN'S  
KEEN EYES FELL UPON A  
SMALL MOVEMENT UNDER  
RAVANA'S THRONE.



DEAR  
ME, WHAT  
COULD  
THAT BE ?



O HANUMAN,  
DO NOT BE  
SURPRISED TO  
SEE ME. I AM  
SHANI\*, THE MOST  
DREADED OF THE  
NINE PLANETS.

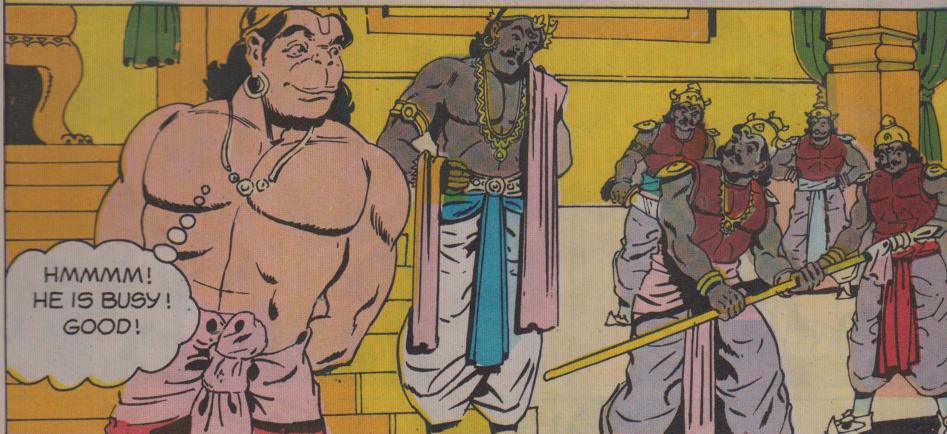


THIS RASCAL  
HAS CAPTURED ALL  
THE PLANETS AND WE  
ARE POWERLESS  
AGAINST HIM, FOR HE  
SITS ON US ALL  
DAY LONG !

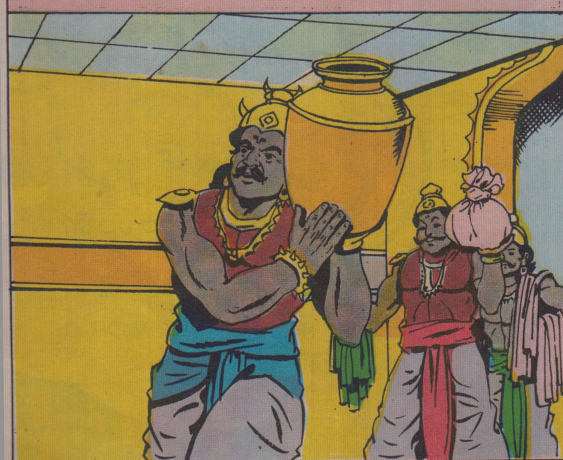




HANUMAN LOOKED ABOUT HIM. RAWANA WAS BUSY SUPERVISING...



... WHILE THE RAKSHASAS RAN HITHER AND  
THITHER TO PROCURE OIL AND RAGS.

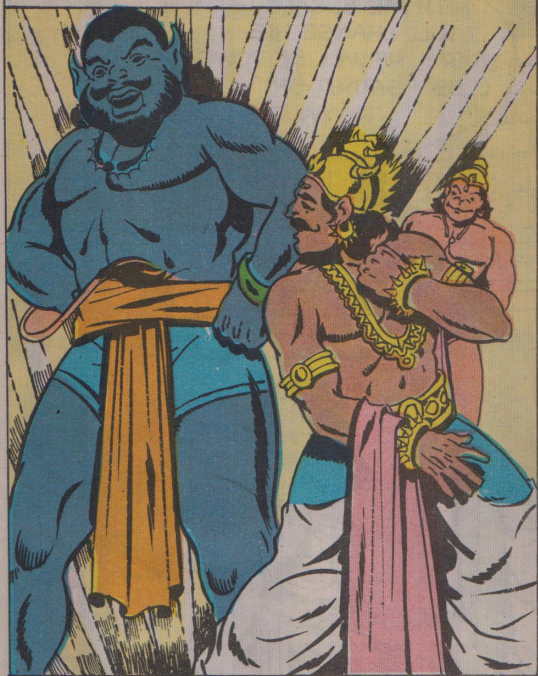


SWIFTLY, HANUMAN SWISHED  
HIS TAIL UNDER THE THRONE...

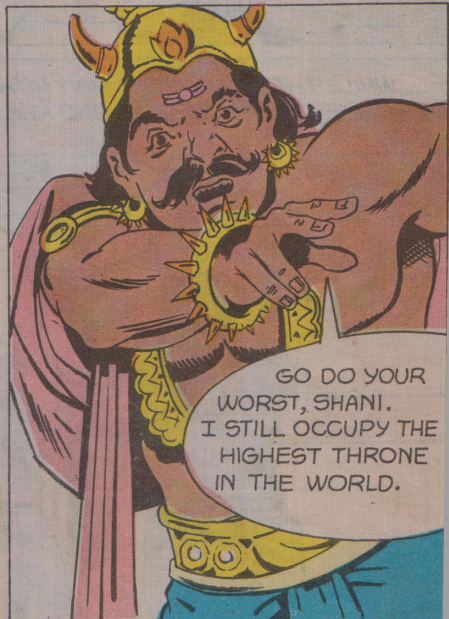




... AND SWEEP SHANI OUT !



FROM THAT MOMENT ONWARDS,  
RAVANA'S STARS CHANGED !





SHANI TURNED TO HANUMAN  
AND PRONOUNCED A BLESSING  
UPON HIM—

O ANJANEYA\*!  
FOR THIS  
SERVICE OF  
YOURS...

... WHOEVER  
WORSHIPS YOU ON  
SHANIWAR\*\* WILL BE FREE  
FROM THE POWER  
OF MY INFLUENCE!

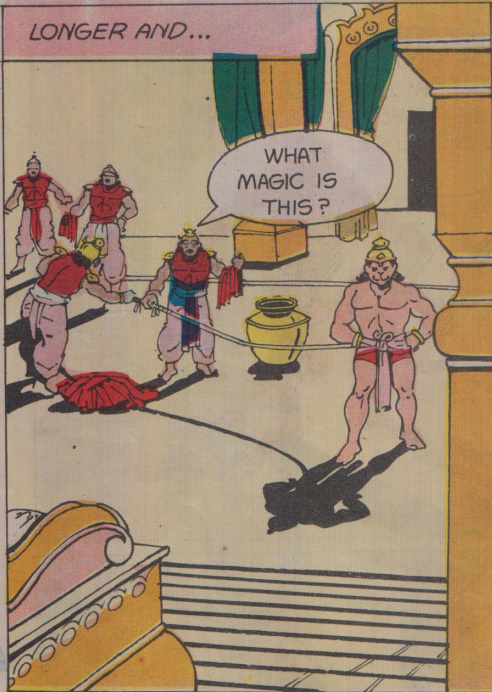
MEANWHILE, THE RAKSHASAS GOT BUSY WITH HANUMAN'S TAIL. BUT  
TO THEIR IMMENSE SURPRISE...

... THE TAIL JUST INCREASED IN LENGTH !

\* ANJANEYA = SON OF ANJANI \*\* SHANIWAR = SATURDAY: IN SOUTHERN INDIA, TO  
THIS DAY, WHEN PEOPLE WANT TO APPEASE SHANI, THEY PRAY TO HANUMAN



LONGER AND...



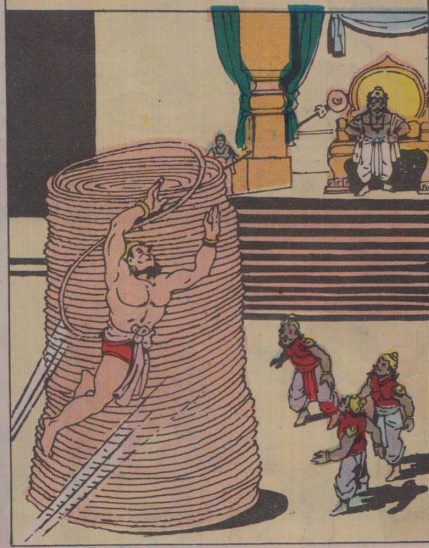
... LONGER IT GREW, TILL THEY  
RAN OUT OF RAGS.



QUICKLY, HANUMAN COILED HIS  
TAIL TILL IT REACHED A GREAT  
HEIGHT.

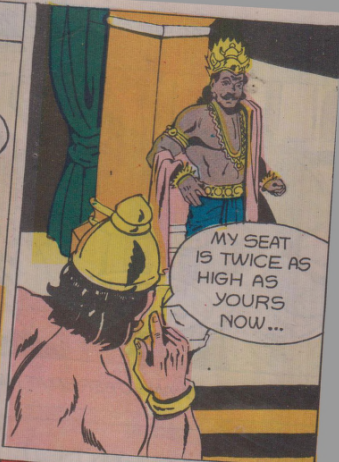
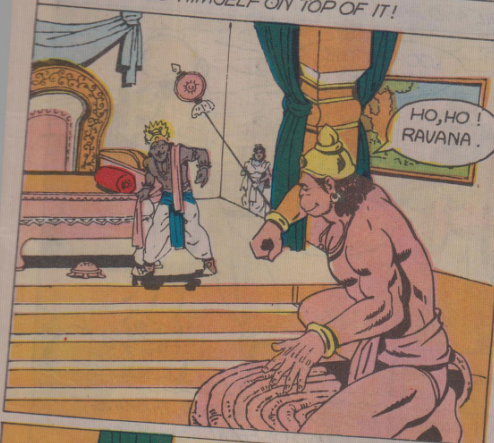


EVERYONE GAPED AT IT IN  
OPEN-MOUTHED ASTONISHMENT  
AS WITH ONE LEAP...



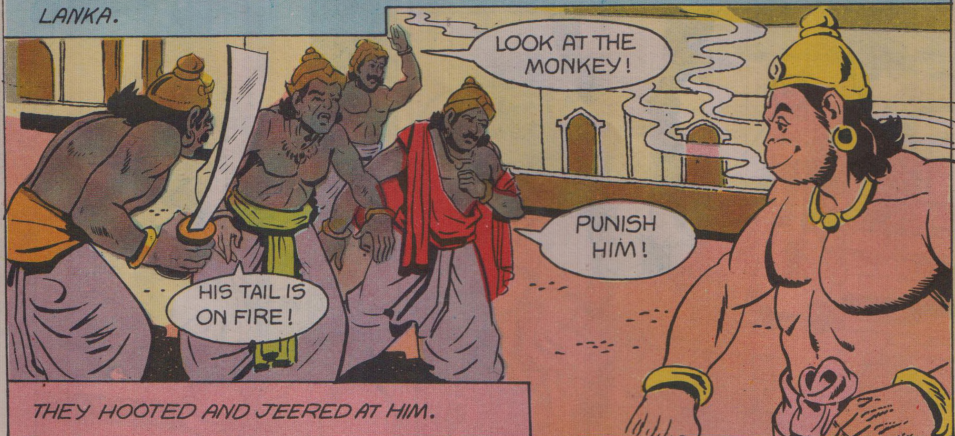


...HE SEATED HIMSELF ON TOP OF IT!

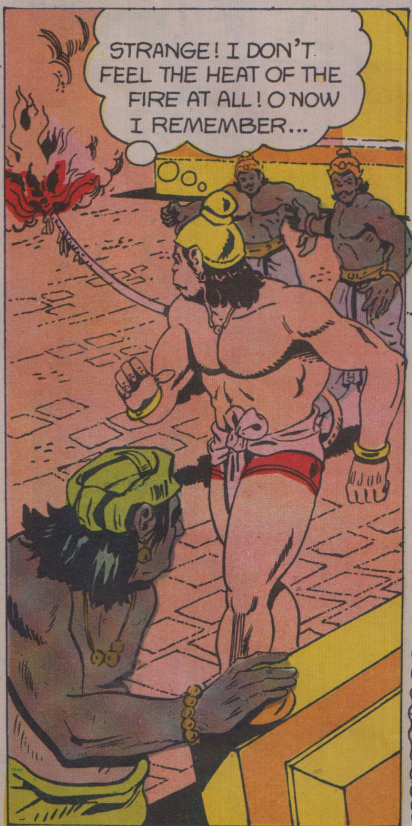




THE RAKSHASAS SET FIRE TO HIS TAIL AND PARADED HIM IN THE STREETS OF LANKA.



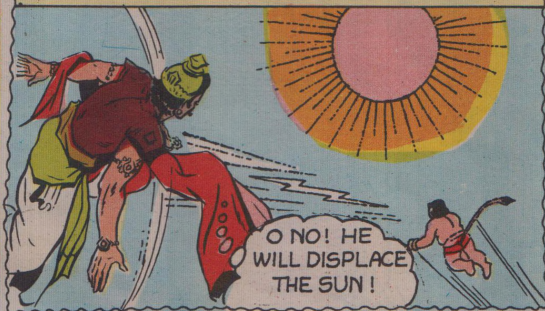
STRANGE! I DON'T FEEL THE HEAT OF THE FIRE AT ALL! O NOW I REMEMBER...



"WHEN I HAD LEAPT AT THE SUN, THINKING IT TO BE A NEW KIND OF FRUIT..."

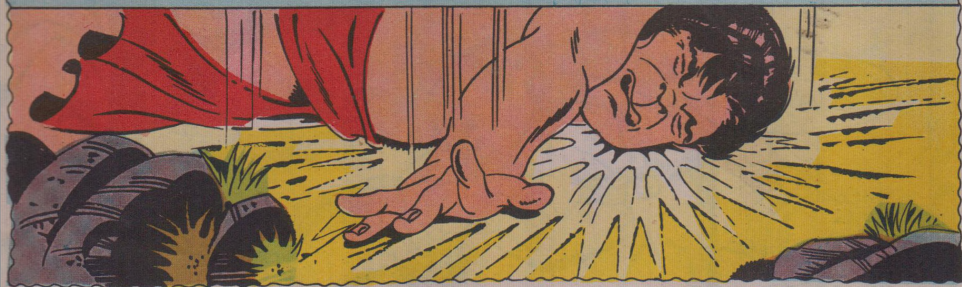


"...INDRA HAD SEEN DANGER FOR THE SUN AND HURLED HIS THUNDERBOLT AT ME!





"I HAD FALLEN ON A HILL AND BROKEN MY JAW..."



... WHICH HAD ENRAGED MY FATHER, VAYU.

MY BABY  
SON IS HURT! WHO  
HAS DARED DO THIS  
TO HIM!



"HIS ANGER HAD BEEN BOUNDLESS.  
HE HAD ORDERED ALL THE BREEZE  
AND WIND IN THE UNIVERSE TO BE  
STOPPED."

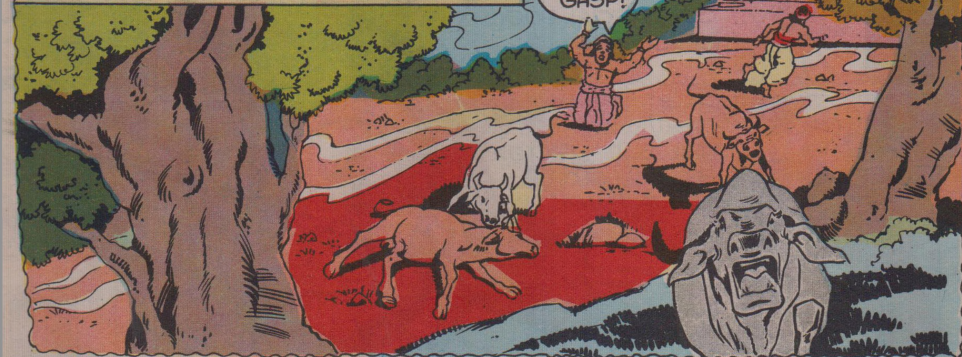
WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

THERE IS  
NO AIR!



"ALL CREATURES STARTED SUFFOCATING."

GASP!





"EVEN THE GODS GASPED FOR BREATH."

O PLEASE  
VAYU!

WE BEG  
YOU...

... BE  
MERCIFUL.

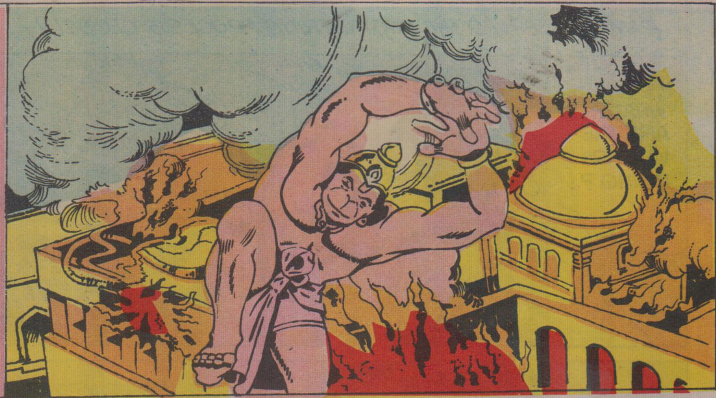
WE ALL OFFER  
OUR SPECIAL BOONS  
TO YOUR SON!

"FATHER'S ANGER WAS APPEASED.  
AND I GOT IMMUNITY FROM THE  
EFFECTS OF ALL THE ELEMENTS!"

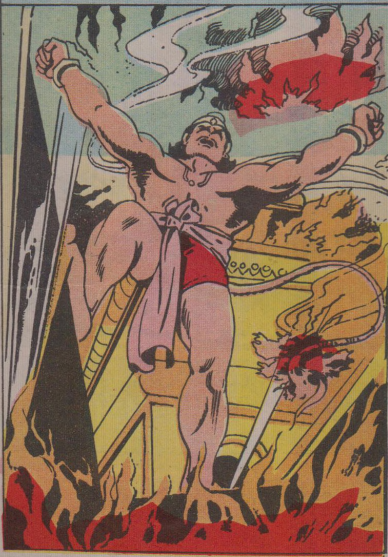
THAT IS WHY  
MY TAIL IS UNAFFECTED  
BY FIRE! GLORY  
TO SRI RAMA!



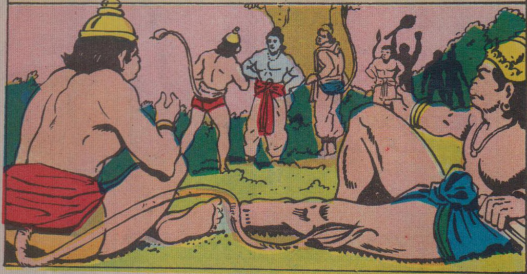
HANUMAN FREED  
HIMSELF FROM  
THE HOLD OF THE  
RAKSHASAS AND  
LEAPT FROM  
PALACE TO HOUSE-  
TOP, SETTING THE  
WHOLE CITY ON  
FIRE WITH HIS  
BURNING TAIL!



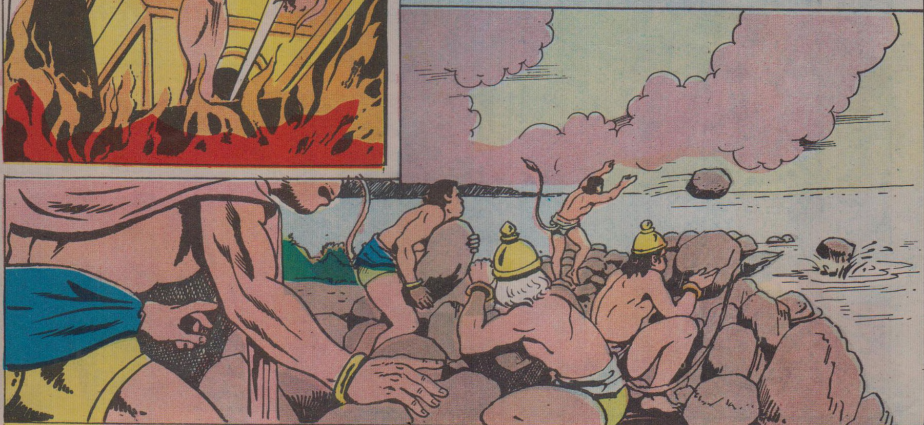
THEN WITH A MIGHTY ROAR, HE  
ROSE IN THE AIR...



...AND WAS BEFORE RAMA AND SUGREEVA,  
THE VAANARA KING, RELATING TO THEM THE  
COURSE OF EVENTS IN LANKA.



SOON, RAMA AND THE VAANARA ARMY MARCHED  
TO THE SEA-SHORE AND BECAME ENGAGED IN  
BUILDING A BRIDGE ACROSS THE SEA.





RAMA OBSERVED THE ENGINEERING PROCESS CLOSELY—

WHAT  
ARE THE  
VAANARAS  
DOING?



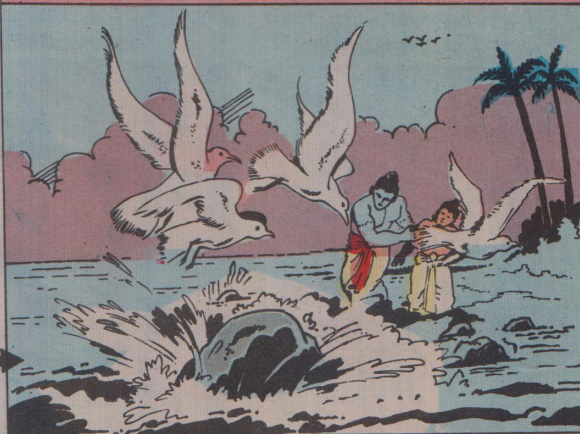
HOW  
INTERESTING!  
THE STONES THEY  
ARE THROWING  
ARE ALL FLOATING!  
I MUST TRY IT.



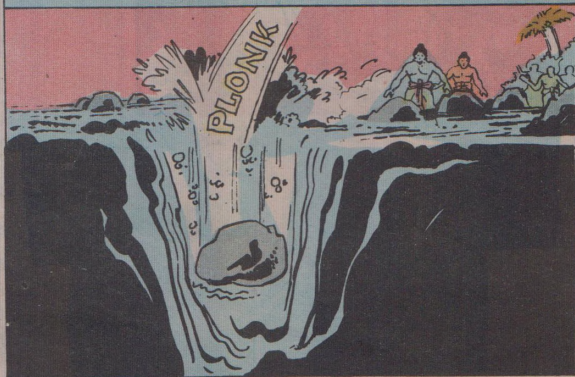
HE BENT TO PICK UP A STONE...



... AND FLUNG IT INTO THE OCEAN.

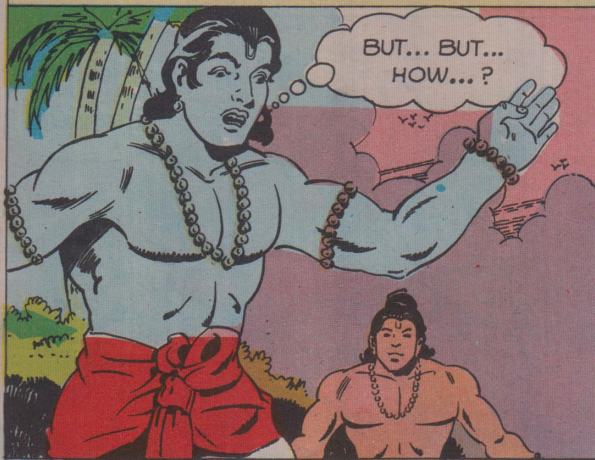


WITH A CONSPICUOUS SOUND, THE  
STONE SANK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE  
SEA!





RAMA WAS INCREDULOUS!



HE OBSERVED THE  
VAANARAS AGAIN—





HE TOOK ANOTHER STONE,  
INSCRIBED ON IT, AND  
FLUNG IT INTO THE OCEAN.



NOW LET  
US SEE WHAT  
HAPPENS TO  
IT.

ALAS! AGAIN THE STONE SANK.

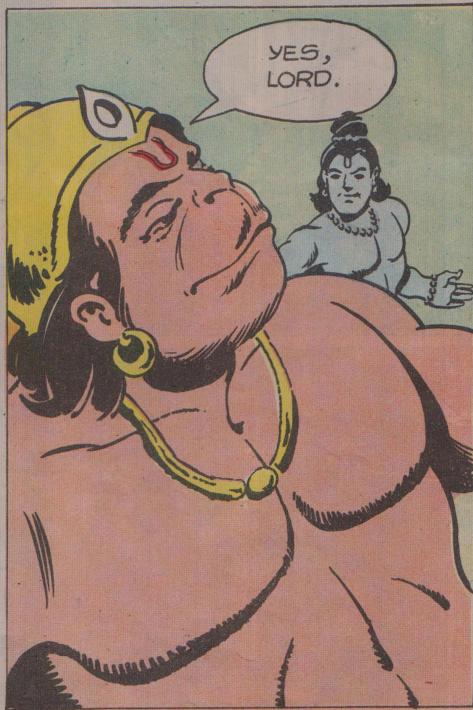


THIS IS  
REALLY  
STRANGE!

RAMA WAS BY NOW INTRIGUED BY THIS  
PHENOMENON. WHEN THE VARNARAS THREW  
THE STONES THEY FLOATED IN WATER, BUT  
WHEN HE THREW THEM, THEY SANK TO THE  
BOTTOM OF THE SEA.



HANUMAN,  
PLEASE  
COME HERE.



YES,  
LORD.



HOW IS IT THAT  
THE STONES THROWN  
BY THE VAANARAS ALL  
FLOAT ON THE OCEAN...

... AND THE  
ONES I THROW  
SINK ?

LORD, THOSE  
WHICH WE THROW  
IN YOUR  
NAME...

...ARE UPHELD  
BY YOU !

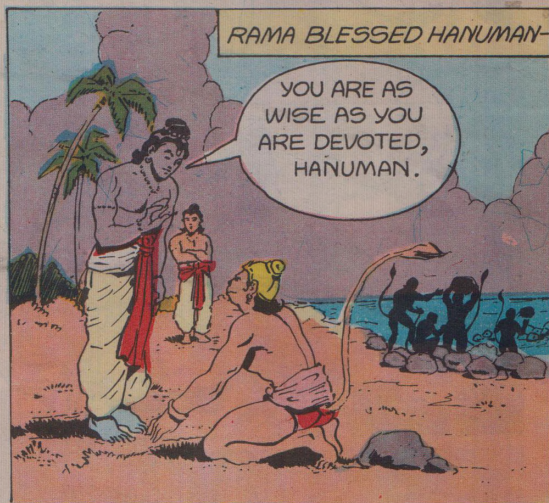




BUT THOSE WHICH  
ARE THROWN BY YOU, THE  
LORD OF THE  
UNIVERSE...



...WHO WILL  
HAVE THE STRENGTH  
TO HOLD  
THEM?



RAMA BLESSED HANUMAN-

YOU ARE AS  
WISE AS YOU  
ARE DEVOTED,  
HANUMAN.

THUS WAS BUILT THE BRIDGE BY WHICH RAMA'S ARMY CROSSED  
THE OCEAN INTO LANKA, WITH HARD WORK, ZEAL AND A GREAT DEAL  
OF FAITH AND DEDICATION.



JAI RAMA!

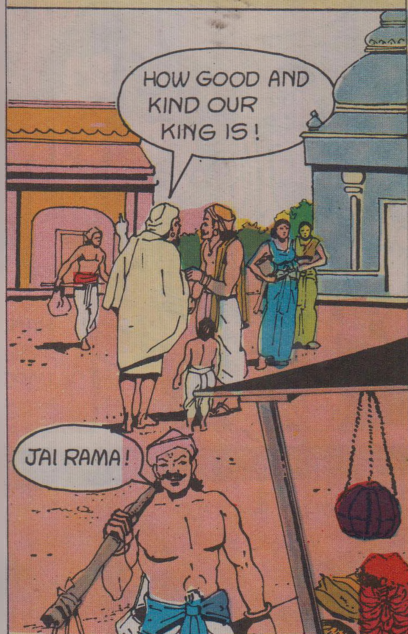
JAI RAMA!!



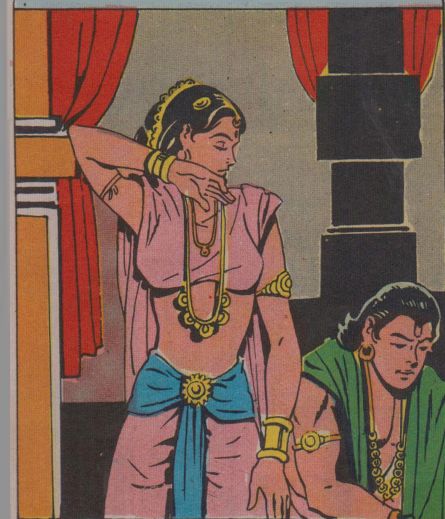
RAMA WON THE WAR AGAINST RAVANA. HE RESCUED SITA AND THEY RETURNED TO AYODHYA WHERE HE WAS CROWNED KING. THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD SEEMED WELL - SETTLED.



THERE WAS PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THE WHOLE KINGDOM.



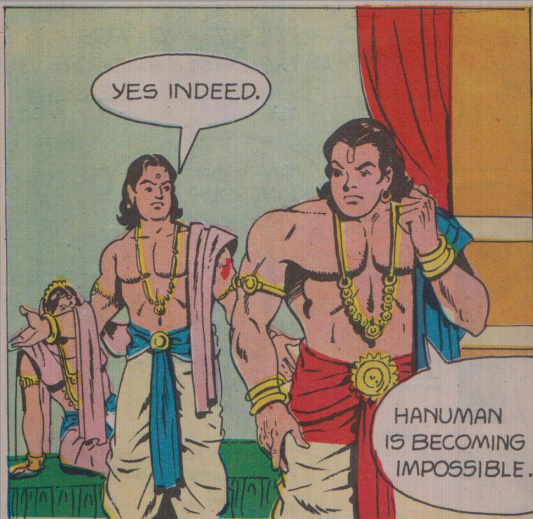
BUT THERE WAS DISCONTENT AMONG THE IMMEDIATE RELATIONS OF RAMA.



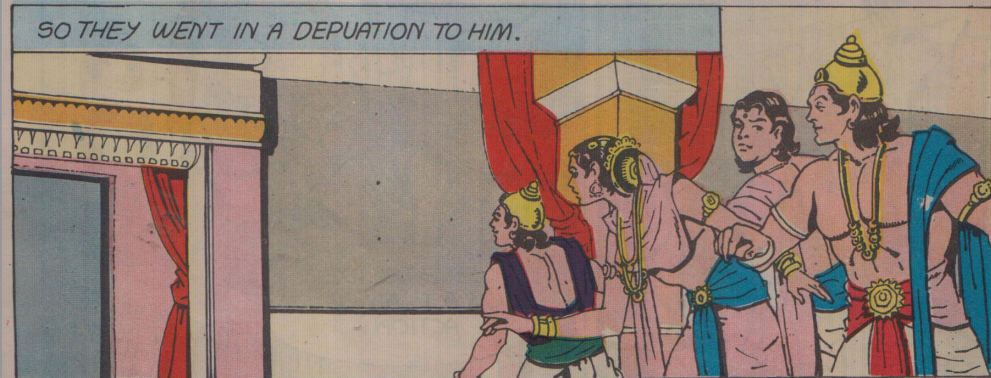
SITA, LAKSHMANA, BHARATA AND SHATRUGHNA GOT TOGETHER FOR A CONFERENCE -







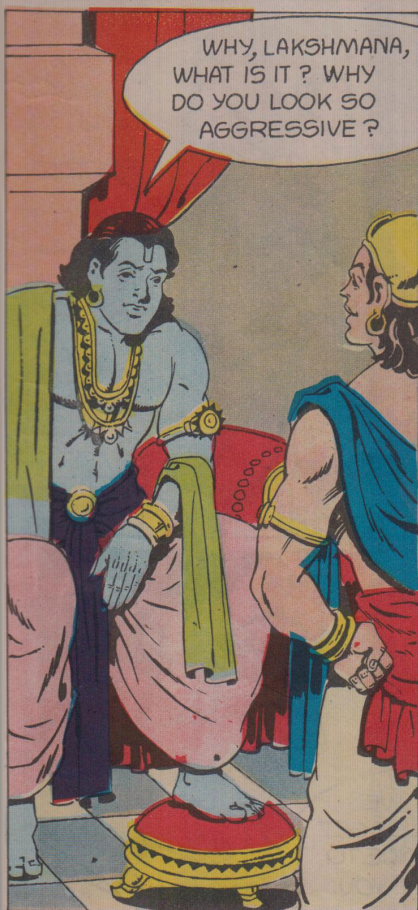
SO THEY WENT IN A DEPUTATION TO HIM.







ALL OF YOU  
TOGETHER? IS  
ANYTHING THE  
MATTER?



WHY, LAKSHMANA,  
WHAT IS IT? WHY  
DO YOU LOOK SO  
AGGRESSIVE?



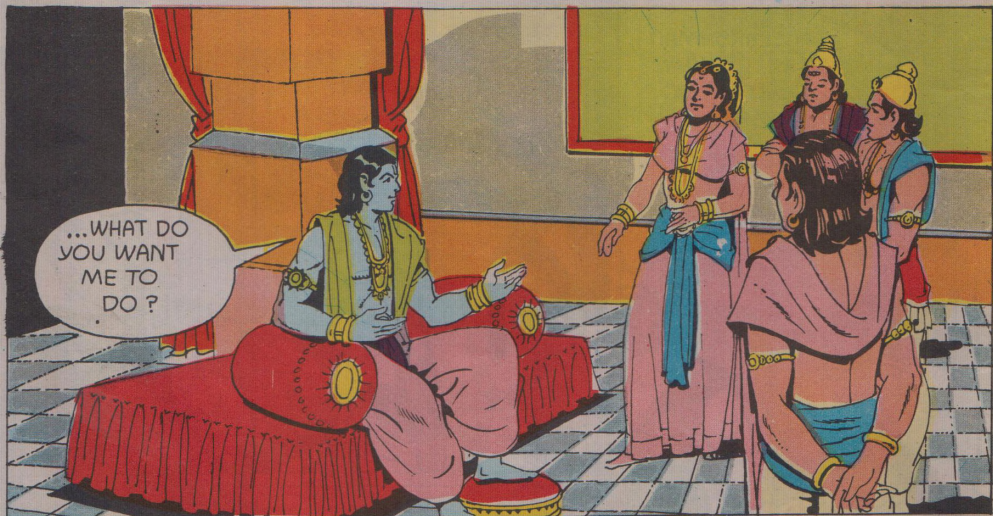
SITA SPOKE FIRST—

LORD, HANUMAN  
DOESN'T GIVE US A  
CHANCE TO SERVE  
YOU.

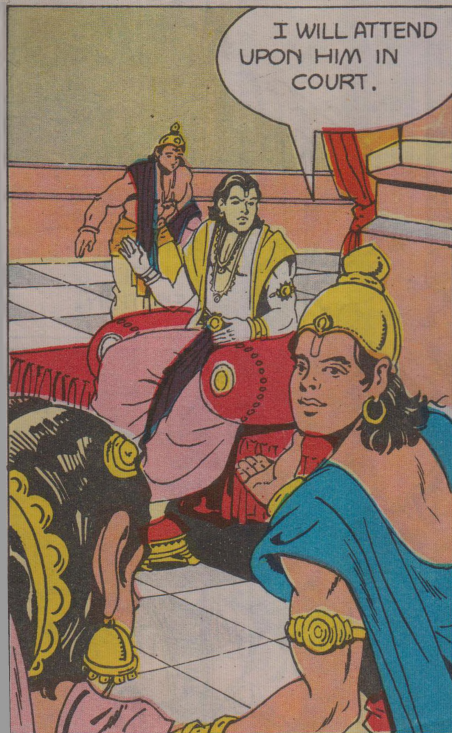


HE DOES ALL  
YOUR WORK,  
ATTENDS TO ALL  
YOUR NEEDS.

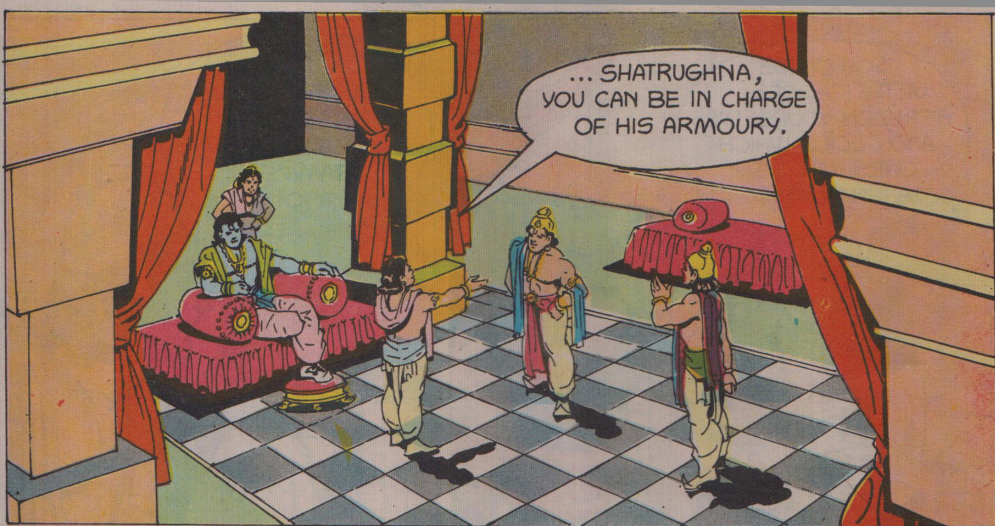












THEY WENT AWAY, SMUG AND SATISFIED.





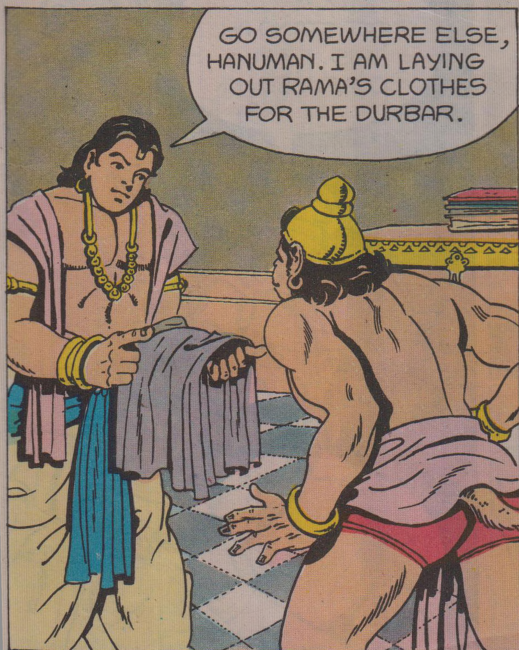
POOR HANUMAN WAS AWAY AT THAT TIME AND KNEW NOTHING OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED BEHIND HIS BACK.



WHEN HE RETURNED -



GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, HANUMAN. I AM LAYING OUT RAMA'S CLOTHES FOR THE DURBAR.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, HANUMAN? I HAVE ALREADY POLISHED SRI RAMA'S WEAPONS.

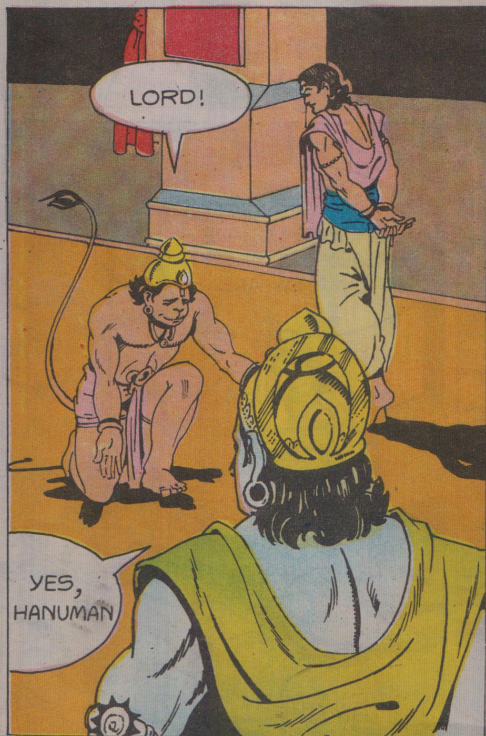
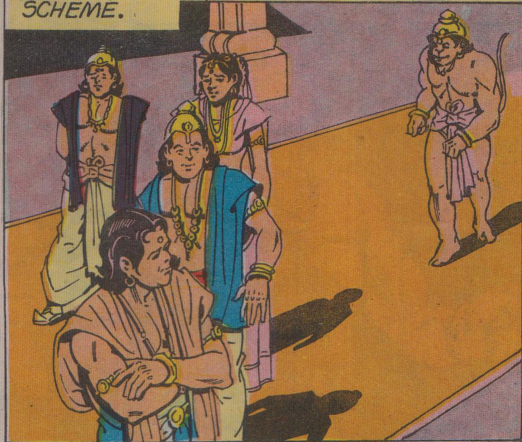






WHAT IS  
THE MATTER  
WITH THEM ?  
THEY ARE  
NOT LETTING  
ME PERFORM  
ANY  
DUTIES.

HANUMAN SOUGHT OUT SRI RAMA. MOTHER  
SITA, LAKSHMANA, BHARATA AND  
SHATRUGHNA HAD ALREADY GATHERED  
THERE TO SEE HIS REACTION TO THEIR  
SCHEME.



LORD!

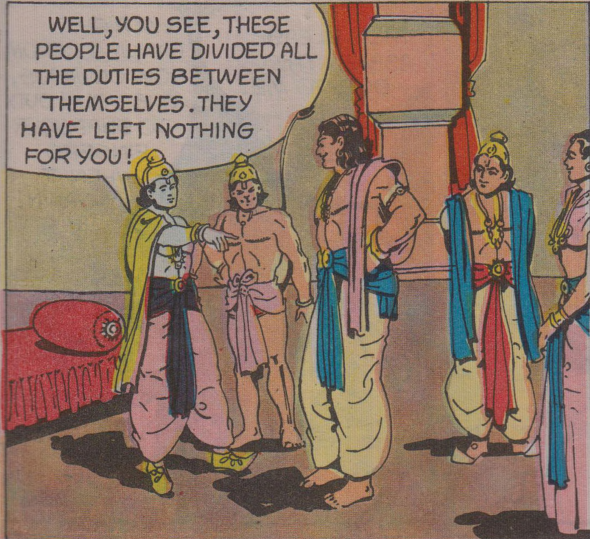
YES,  
HANUMAN



I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND ALL  
THIS. I AM  
CONFUSED.



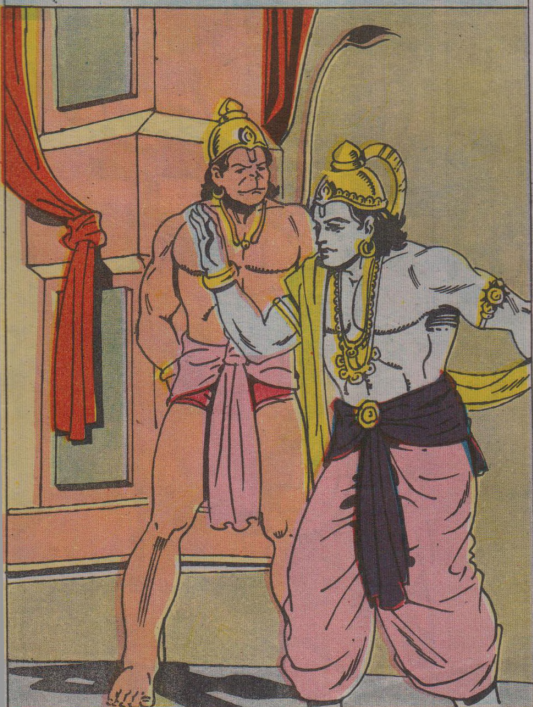
WELL, YOU SEE, THESE PEOPLE HAVE DIVIDED ALL THE DUTIES BETWEEN THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE LEFT NOTHING FOR YOU!



NOTHING ?  
ABSOLUTELY  
NOTHING,  
LORD ?



RAMA SHOOK HIS HEAD RUEFULLY WHILE HANUMAN PONDERED DEEPLY OVER WHAT HE HAD JUST SAID.



SUDDENLY, HE BRIGHTENED UP.

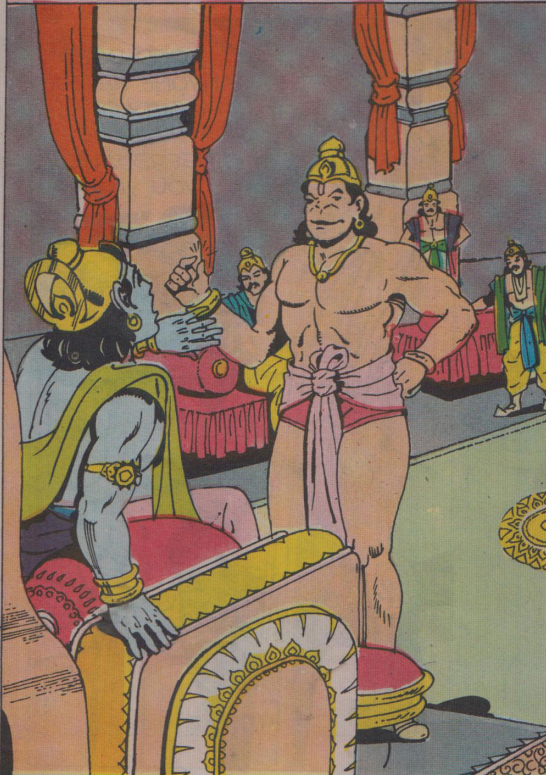


LORD, DOES ANYONE HAVE THE DUTY OF SNAPPING HIS FINGERS WHEN YOU YAWN ?





AND SO, IN COURT...



... IN THE GARDEN...





... WHILE EATING ...



... EVEN IN THE BEDROOM !



HANUMAN WAS EVER PRESENT,  
LEST LORD RAMA SHOULD YAWN.

YOU MAY GO NOW,  
HANUMAN . IT IS TIME  
FOR US TO SLEEP.



BUT MOTHER, I CAN'T.  
SUPPOSE THE LORD  
YAWNS AT  
NIGHT ?





DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. YOU SLEEP, MOTHER. DON'T LET MY PRESENCE BOTHER YOU.



THEN HE SETTLED HIMSELF NEAR THE BED AND WATCHED RAMA'S FACE INTENTLY, LEST HE SHOULD MISS A YAWN!



SITA KNEW SHE HAD BEEN OUTWITTED! ALSO, SHE WAS PLEASED WITH HIS DEVOTION AND SENSE OF DUTY.



YOU WIN, HANUMAN. FROM TOMORROW, YOU MAY SERVE THE LORD IN WHATEVER WAY YOU WANT!

HANUMAN'S DEVOTION TO RAMA IS INDEED EXEMPLARY. WAKING, SLEEPING, WALKING, EATING, - EVEN IN THE PERFORMANCE OF MUNDANE DUTIES IN LIFE, HIS THOUGHTS ARE PERMEATED WITH THE DIVINE PRESENCE OF SRI RAMA!



SRI RAMA,  
JAI RAMA,  
JAI JAI RAMA!



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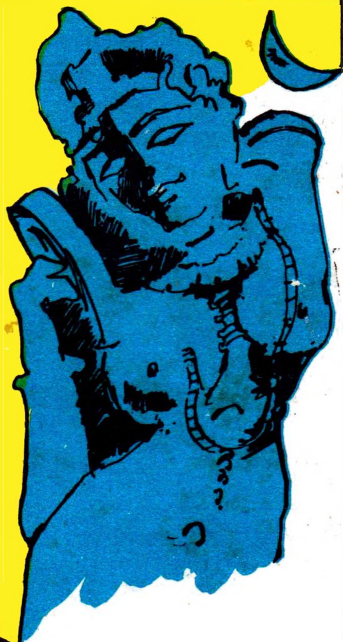
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