



When Brahma created the universe, he wanted human beings to be born as Deva Purushas. While he was meditating thus, his form divided itself. The right half became man and the left half woman-Swayambhuva Manu and Satarupa,-the father and mother respectively of the beautiful princes Devahuti; and of all mankind.

Kardama Rishi, who was born of the heart of Brahma, propitiated Vishnu for the purpose of getting a virtuous and charming wife. Vishnu granted the desire of his devotee and also condescended to be born as his son.

Soon after, Swayambhuva Manu and Satarupa visited Kardama's hermitage and requested him to accept their daughter as his wife. Kardama married Devahuti on the condition that he would renounce the world after a son was born to them.

In the course of time, Devahuti gave birth to nine daughters who were married to nine eminent sages. But when Kapila was born, Kardama remembered the promise he had made to Brahma, his father and left for the forest.

Kapila, from his very birth, was a free soul. He became the founder of the School of Sankhya philosophy; and as a natural teacher of mankind, he instructed his mother Devahuti into the path of attaining the highest bliss.

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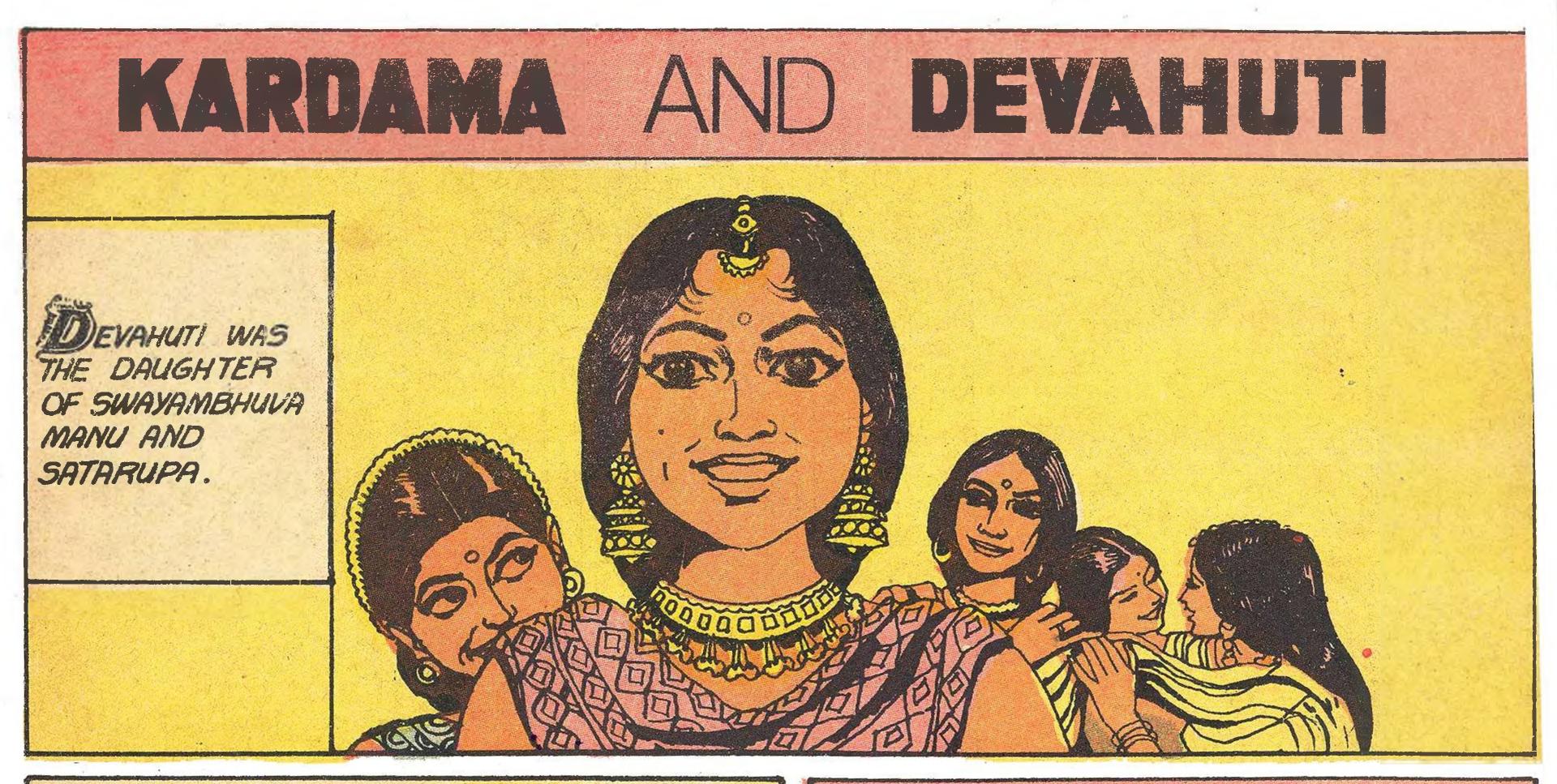
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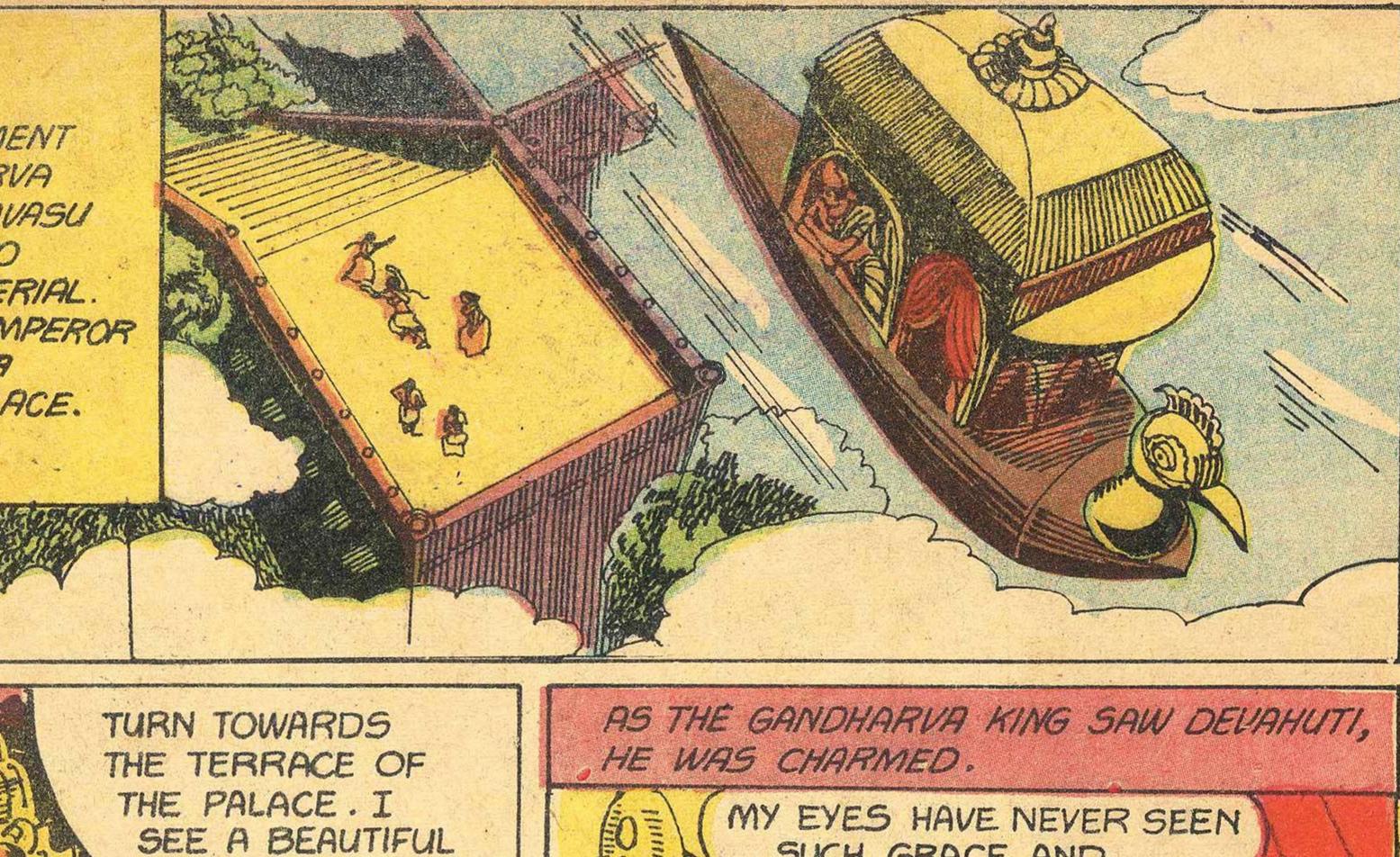


DRAWN BY HER BEAUTY AND CHARACTER, MANY SUITORS FOR HER HAND APPROACHED HER FATHER, BUT DEVAMUTI DECLINED TO ACCEPT ANY.





AT THAT MOMENT THE GANDHARVA KING, VISHWAVASU HAPPENED TO FLY IN HIS AERIAL. CAR OVER EMPEROR SWAYAMBHUVA MANU'S PALACE.



SUCH GRACE AND

SPRIGHTLINESS.

PRINCESS AT

PLAY.











15, WELL GREATEST OF ALL SAGES, MEDITATING ON LORD VISHNU FOR THE PAST TEN THOUSAND YEARS, IS THE SON OF BRAHMA PRAJAPATI.

DEVAHUTI WAS FASCINATED TO HEAR ABOUT KARDAMA.

HE IS TALL IN BEARING, STRONG IN LIMBS, WITH EYES LIKE A PAIR OF LOTUSES . KARDAMA, MY DAUGHTER, IS CHARM ITSELF. O KARDAMA, MAY THE BLESSING OF LORD VISHNU BE UP-ON YOU FOREVER.

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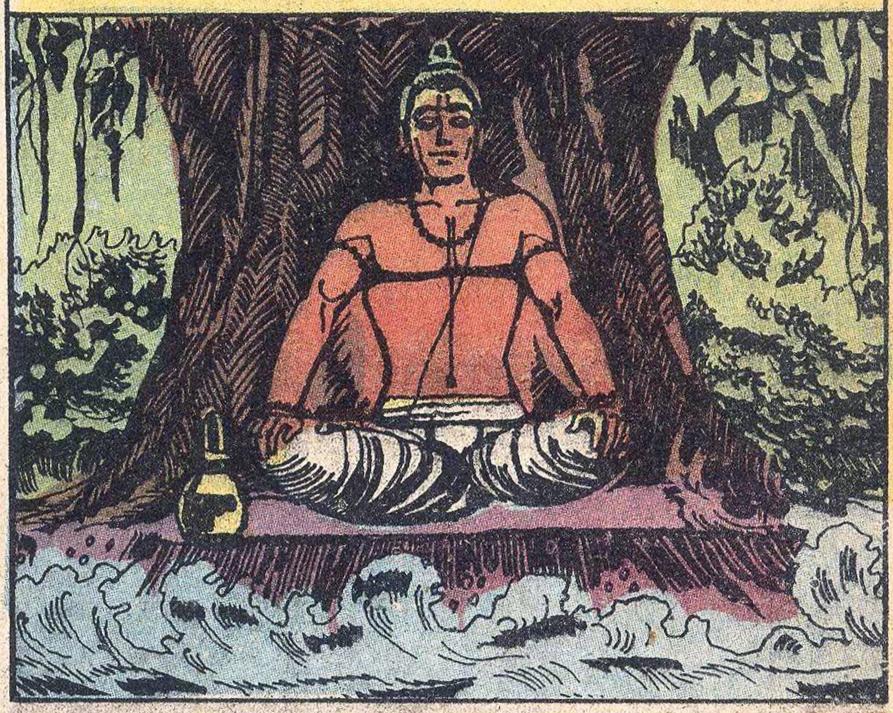
THE HEAVENLY SAGE WENT AWAY LEAVING A MUSING







IN THE FOREST THE YOUTHFUL RISHI KARDAMA SAT LOST, MEDITATING ON LORD VISHNU...

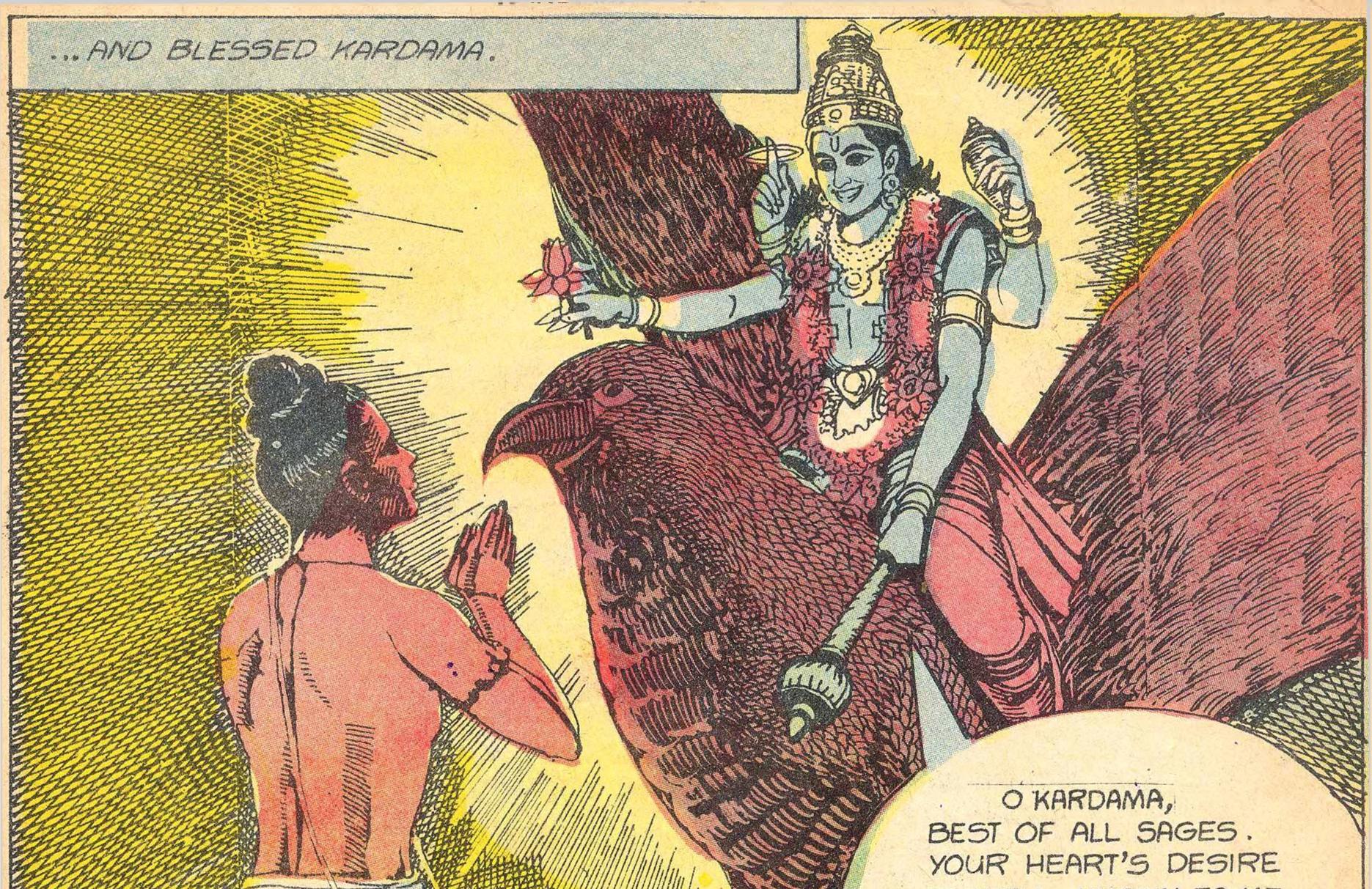


... AND THE WATERS OF THE RIVER SARASWATI TOUCHED HIS BODY, AS IF IN HOLY ANOINTMENT. PLEASED WITH KARDAMA'S PENANCE, LORD VISHNU APPEARED TO HIM IN THE FORM OF SOUND...









IS WELL - KNOWN TO ME, AND I FULFIL THE WISH OF HIM WHOSE SOUL IS CENTRED IN ME.

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ON BRAHMA'S ADVICE VOU HAVE PRACTISED AUSTERITY, NOT ONLY FOR GETTING A WORTHY WIFE, BUT FOR ILLUSTRIOUS PROGENY TO CONTINUE THE HUMAN RACE.

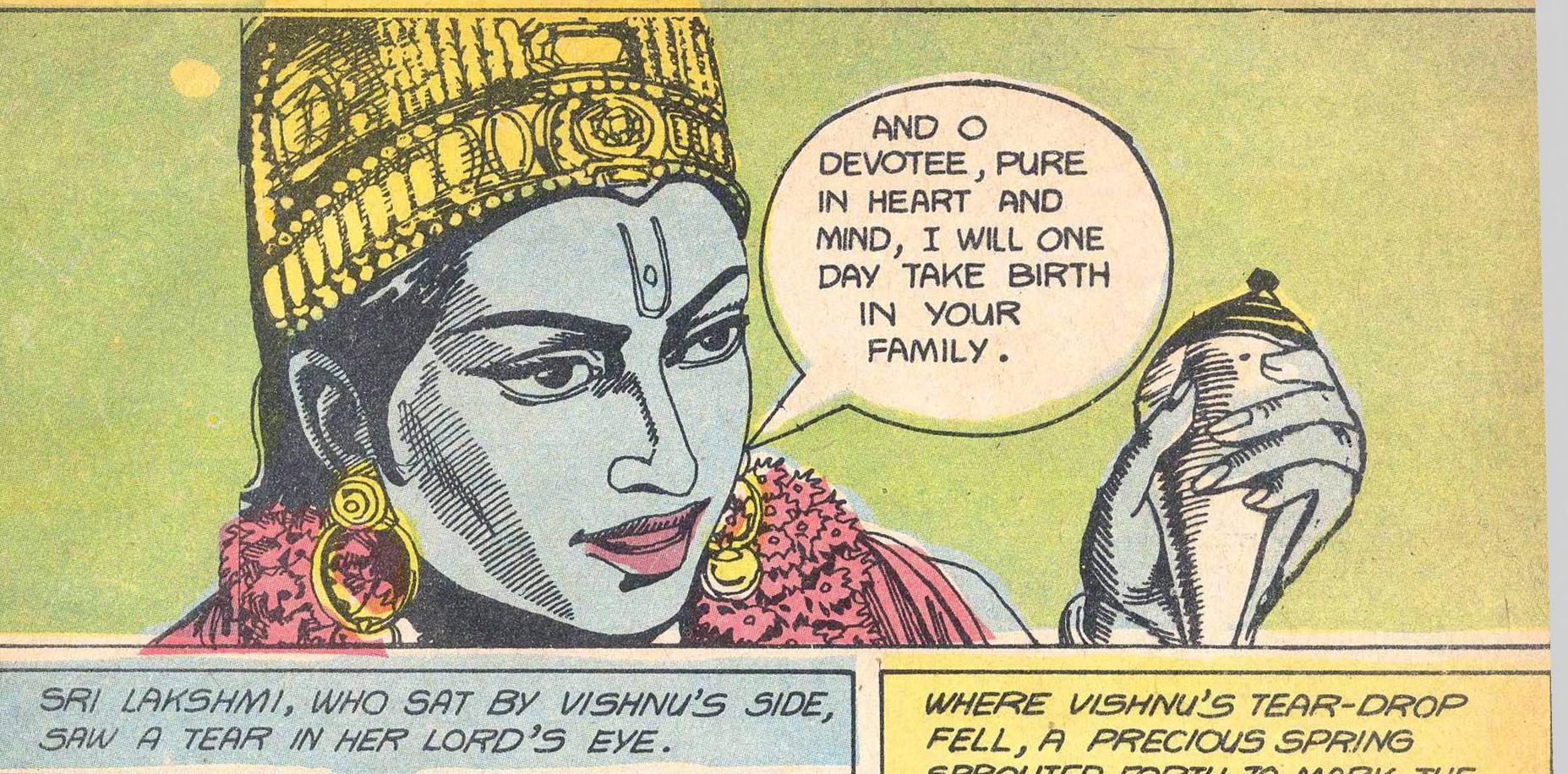


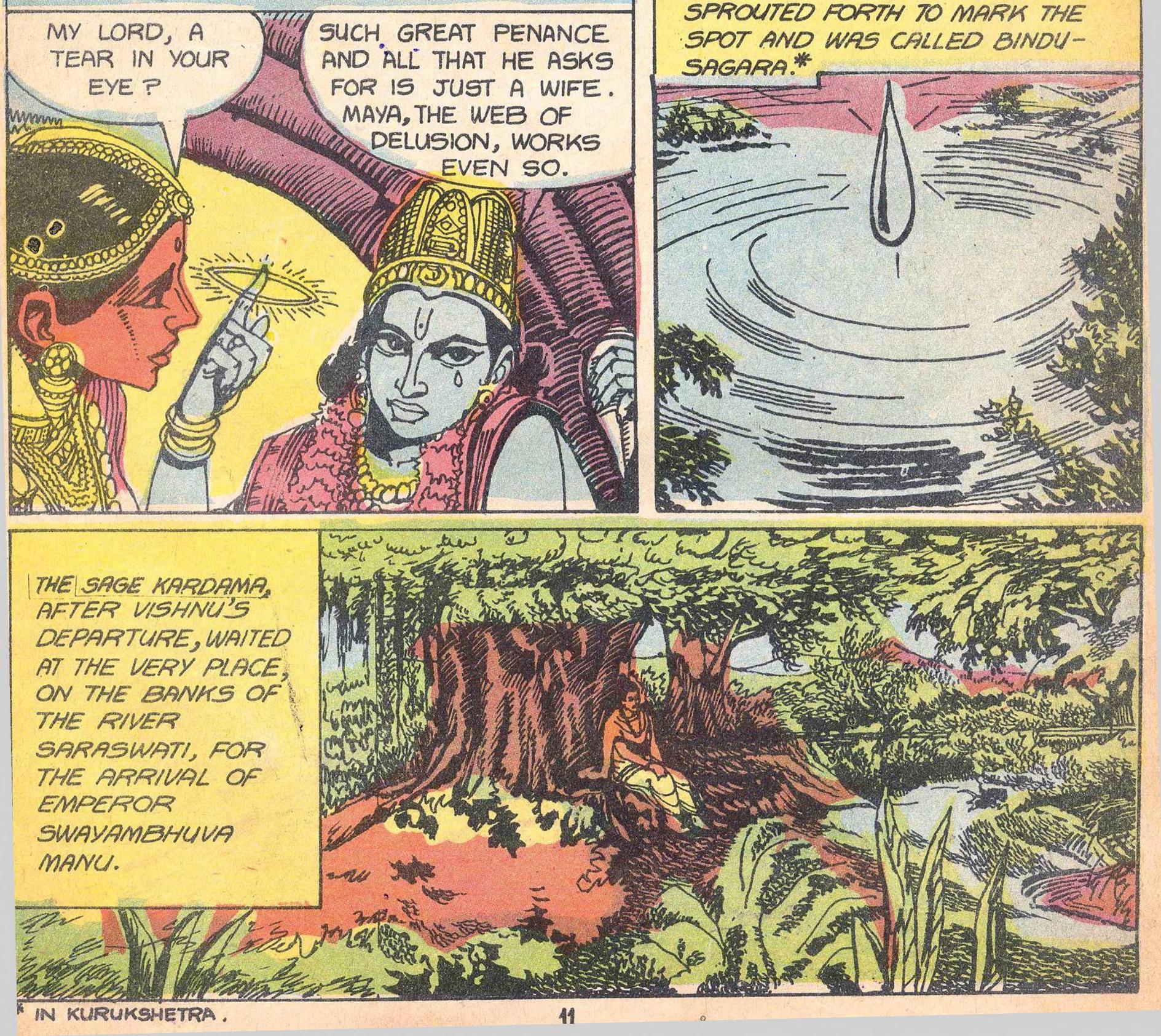
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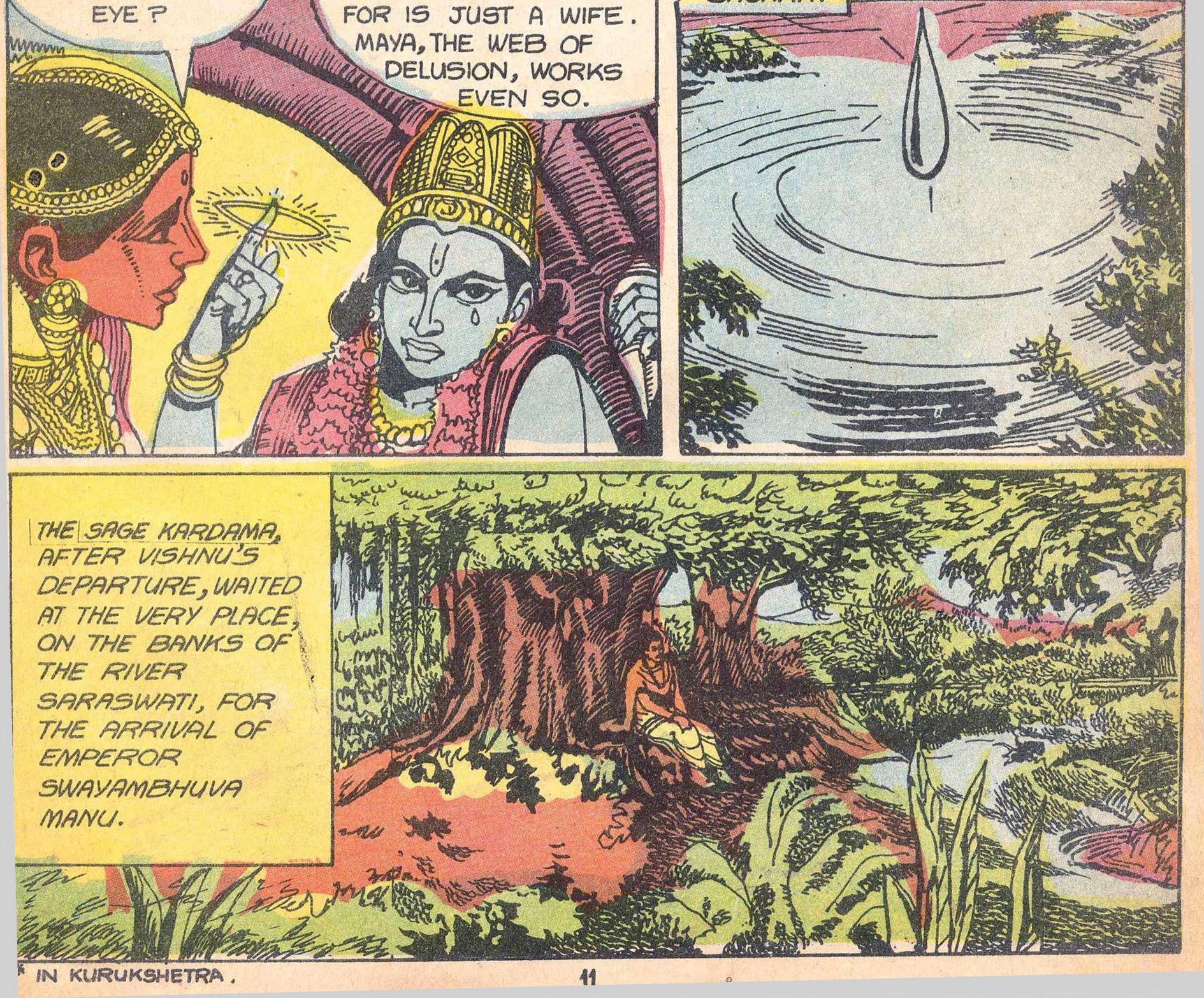


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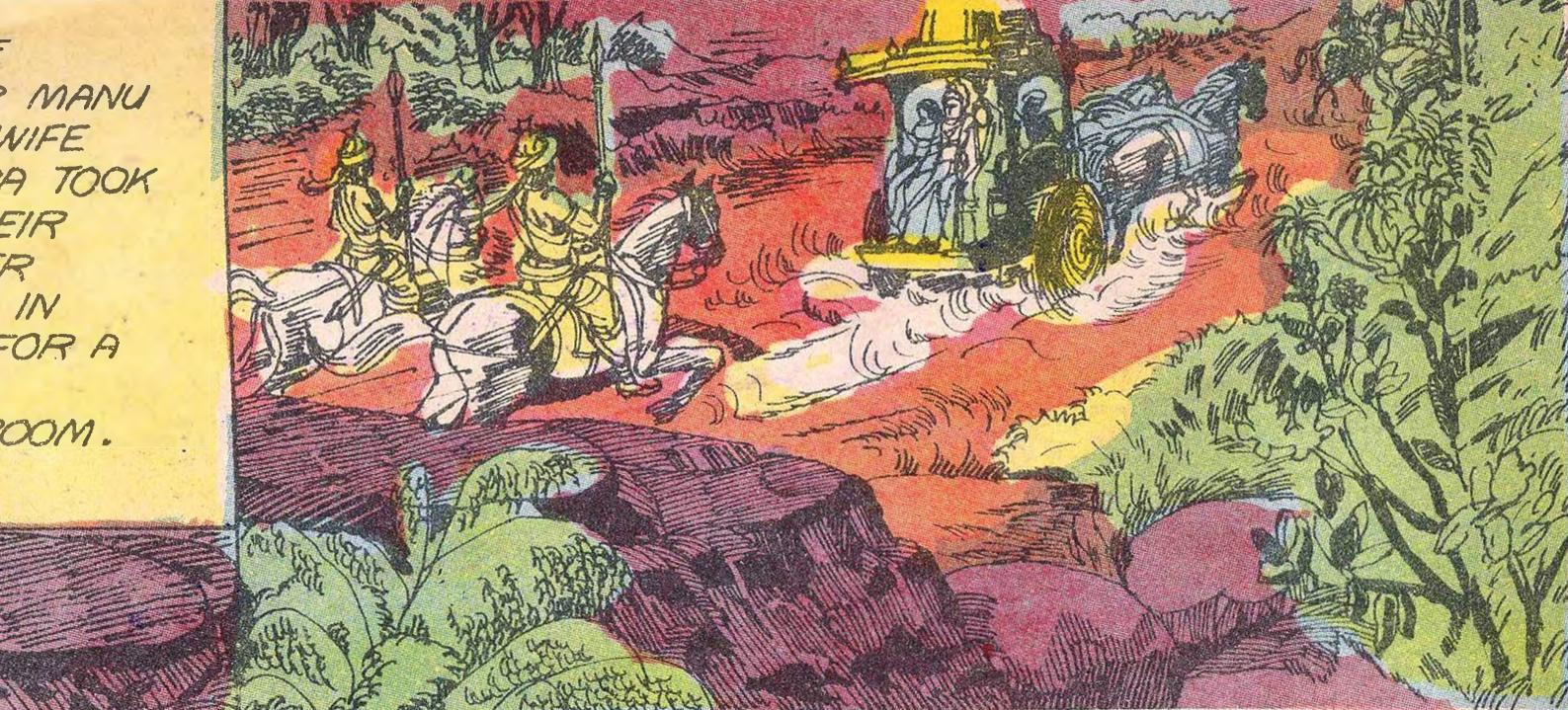


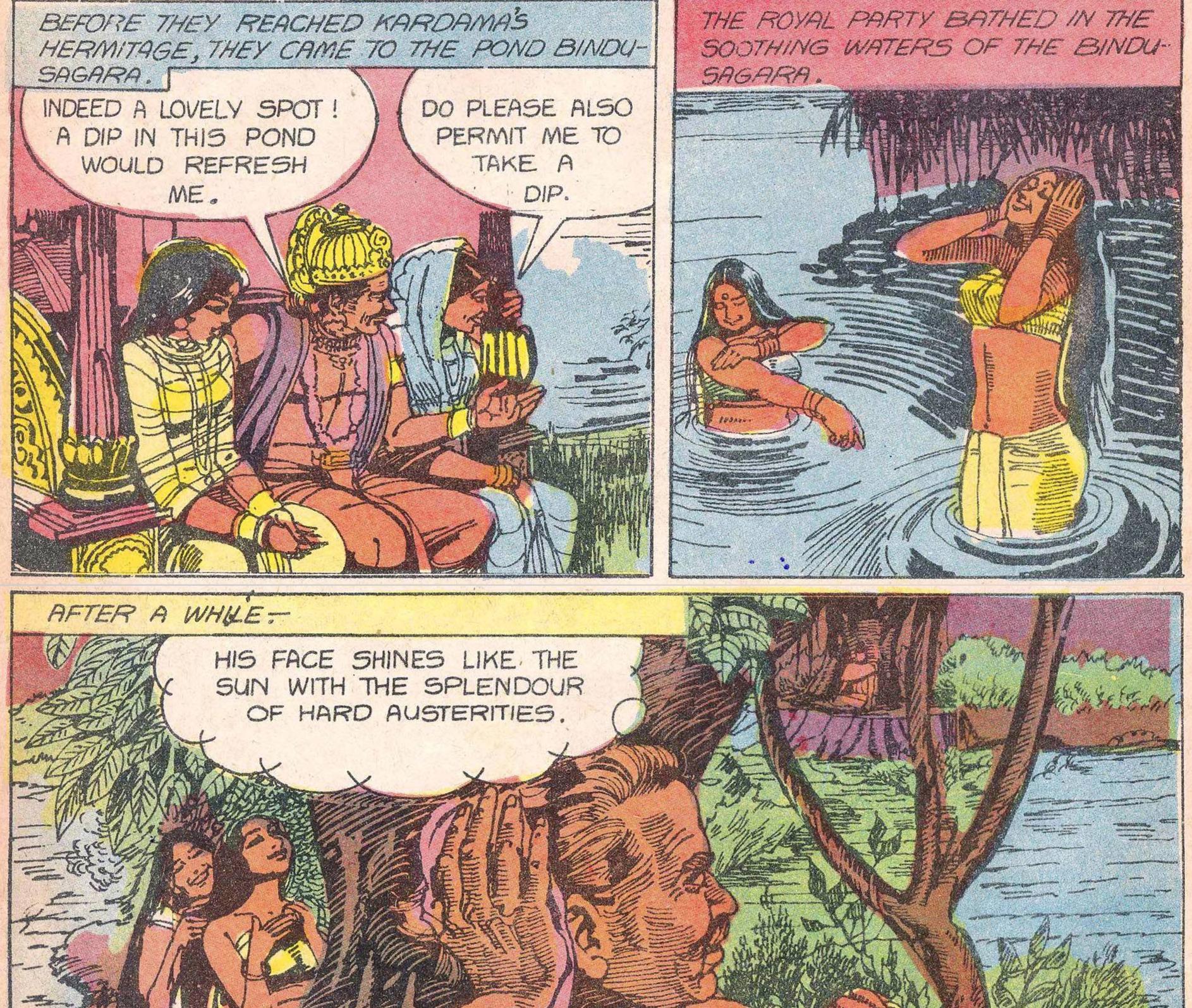


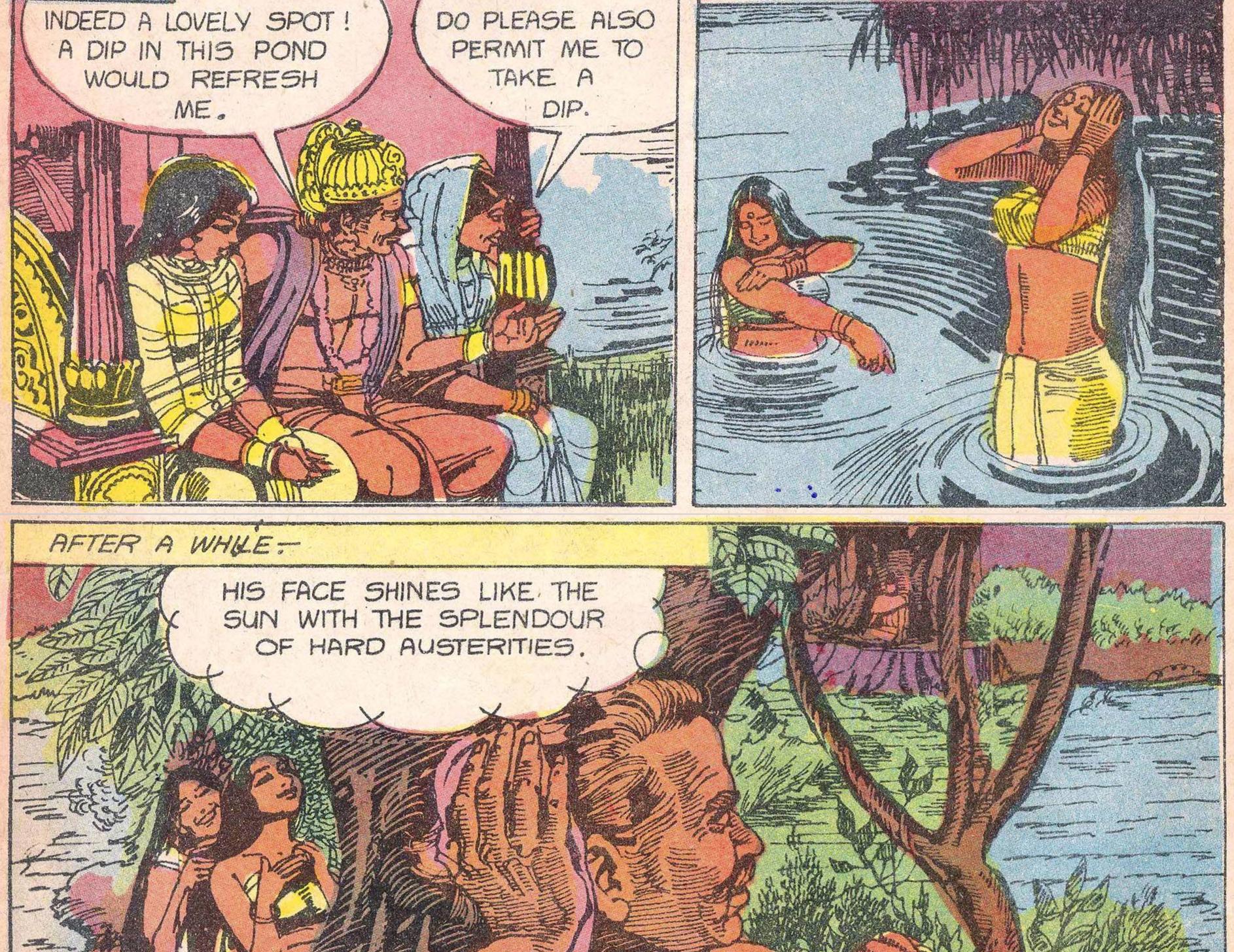




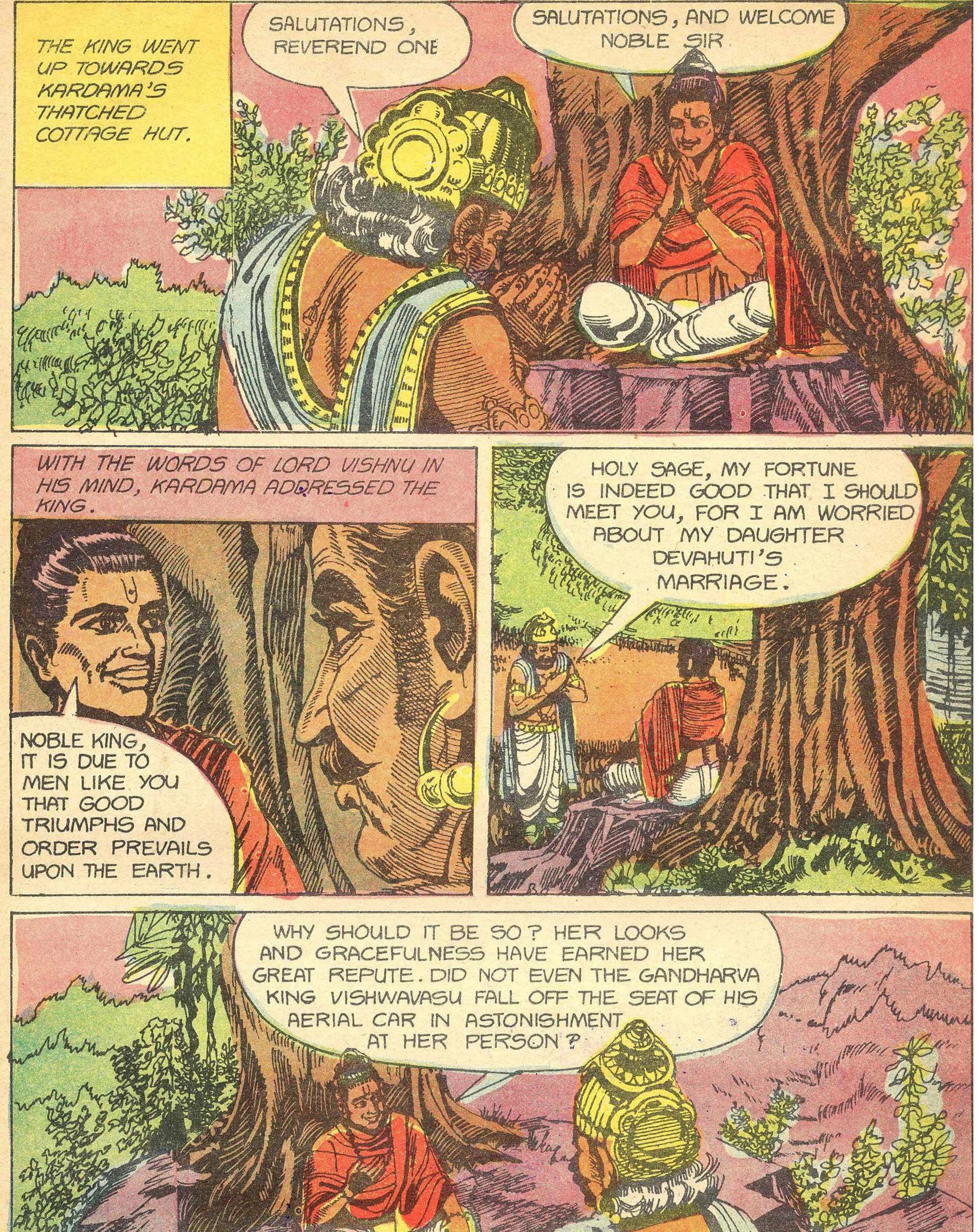
MEANWHILE EMPEROR MANU AND HIS WIFE SATARUPA TOOK ALONG THEIR DAUGHTER DEVAHUTI IN SEARCH FOR A SUITABLE BRIDEGROOM.







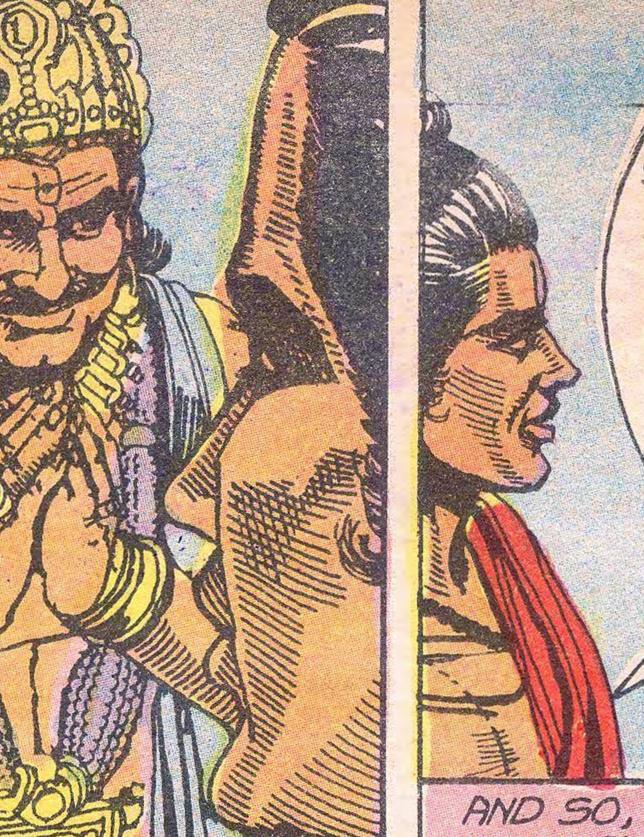








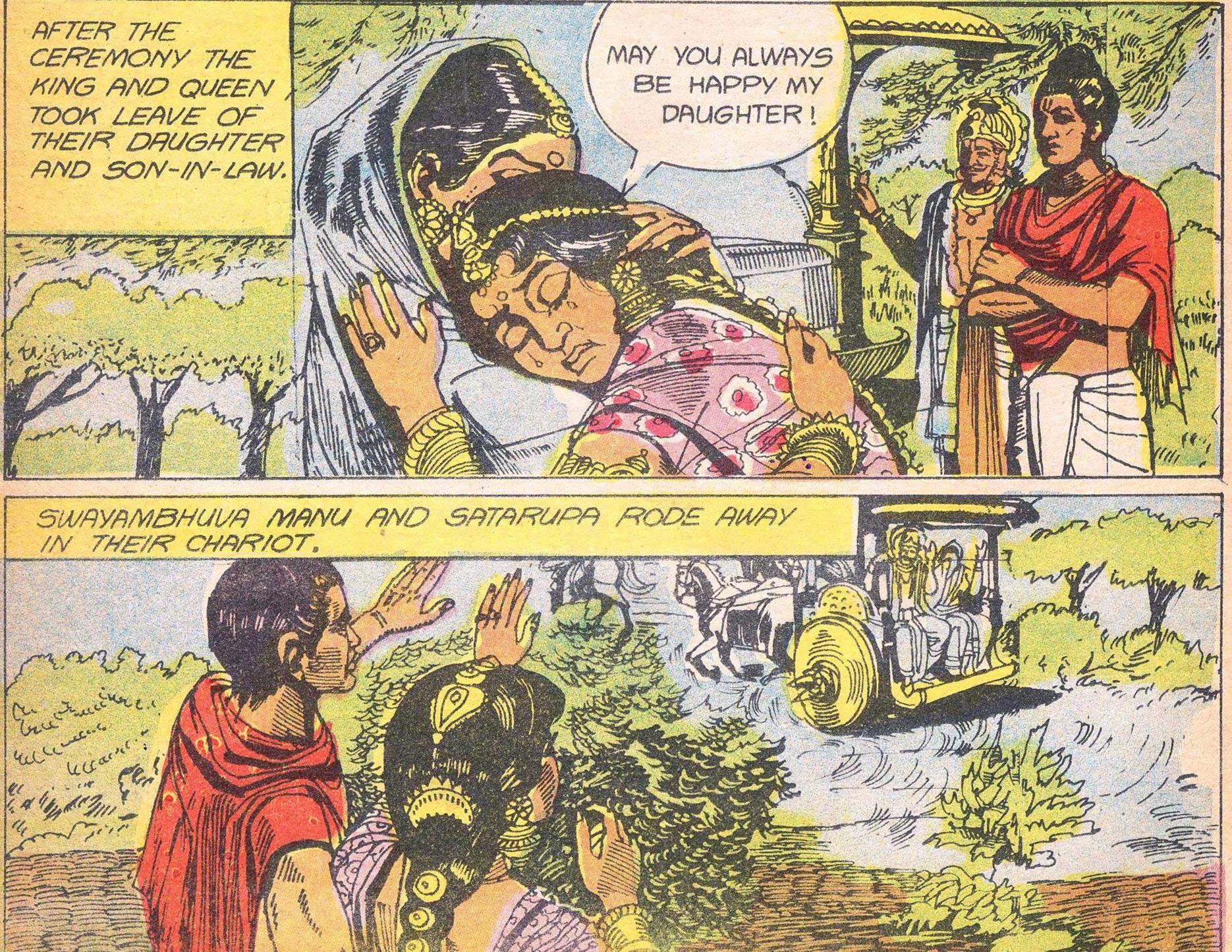
BUT, EVER SINCE SHE HEARD FROM THE DIVINE SAGE NARADA OF YOUR BIRTH, CHARACTER AND LEARNING, SHE HAS SET YOU UP IN HER MIND AS HER HUSBAND. ACCEPT MY DAUGHTER'S HAND IN MARRIAGE O NOBLEST OF THE TWICE -BORN!



O LORD OF MEN, YOUR DAUGHTER SHALL BE MY WIFE . BUT UPON THE BIRTH OF CHILDREN I WOULD CUT THE BONDS OF FAMILY LIFE AND RETURN TO MEDITATION ON THE LORD OF PRAJAPATIS. THE LORD VISHNU.

AND SO, DEVAHUTI WAS MARRIED TO MAHARISHI KARDAMA.

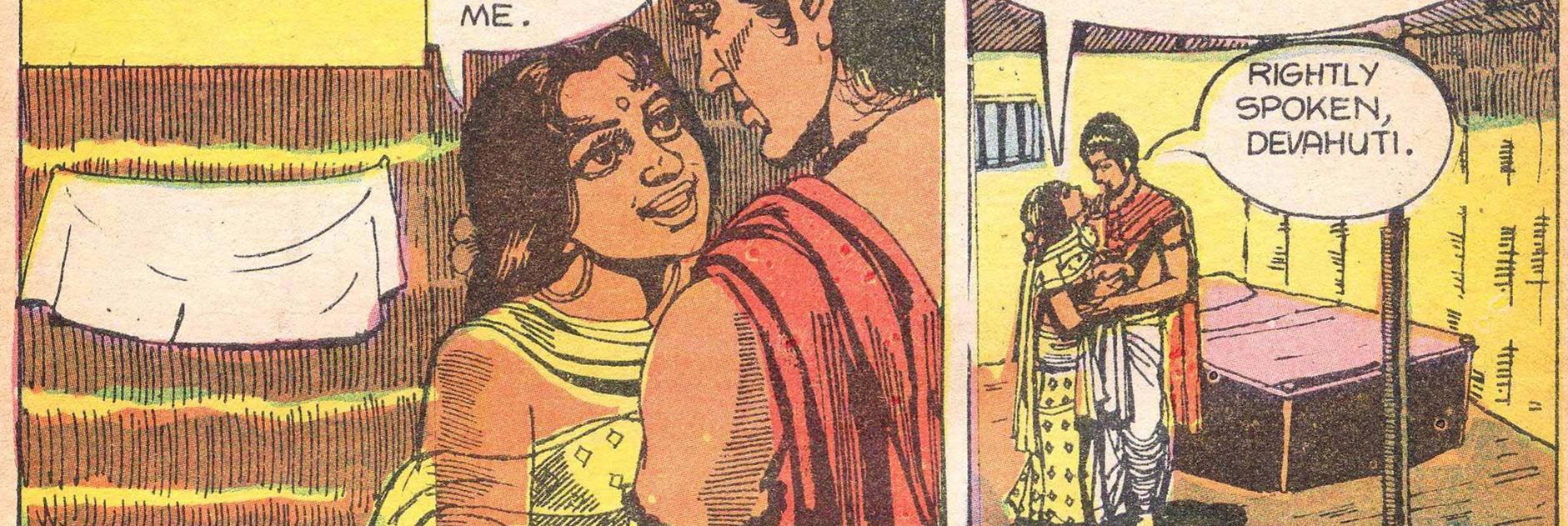
AFTER THE CEREMONY THE KING AND QUEEN TOOK LEAVE OF THEIR DAUGHTER AND GON-IN-IDIA



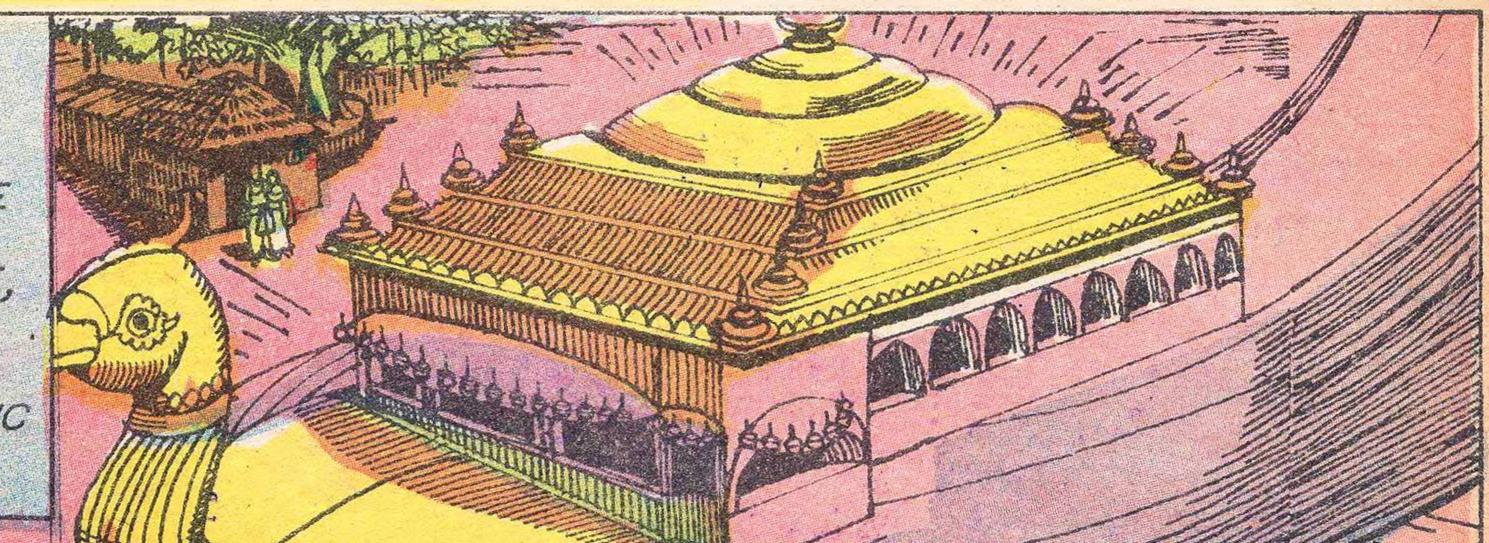






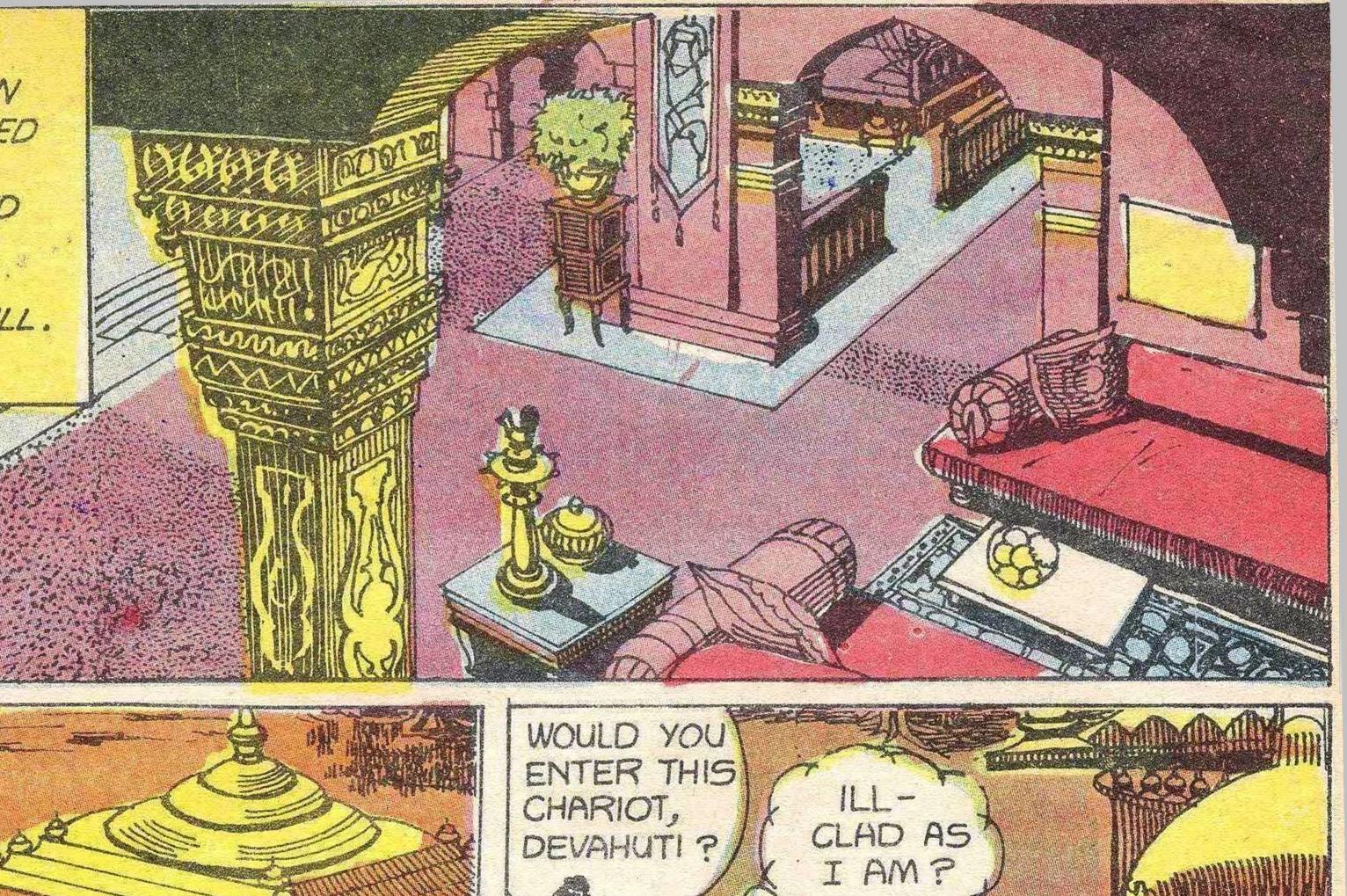


DUE TO KARDAMA'S SPIRITUAL POWERS, THERE APPEARED IN THE HERMITAGE, A VAYUYAAN, AN AERIAL CAR OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE.





THE VAYUYAAN WAS FURNISHED WITH LAVISH COMFORTS AND WAS CAPABLE OF BEING PILOTED AT WILL.



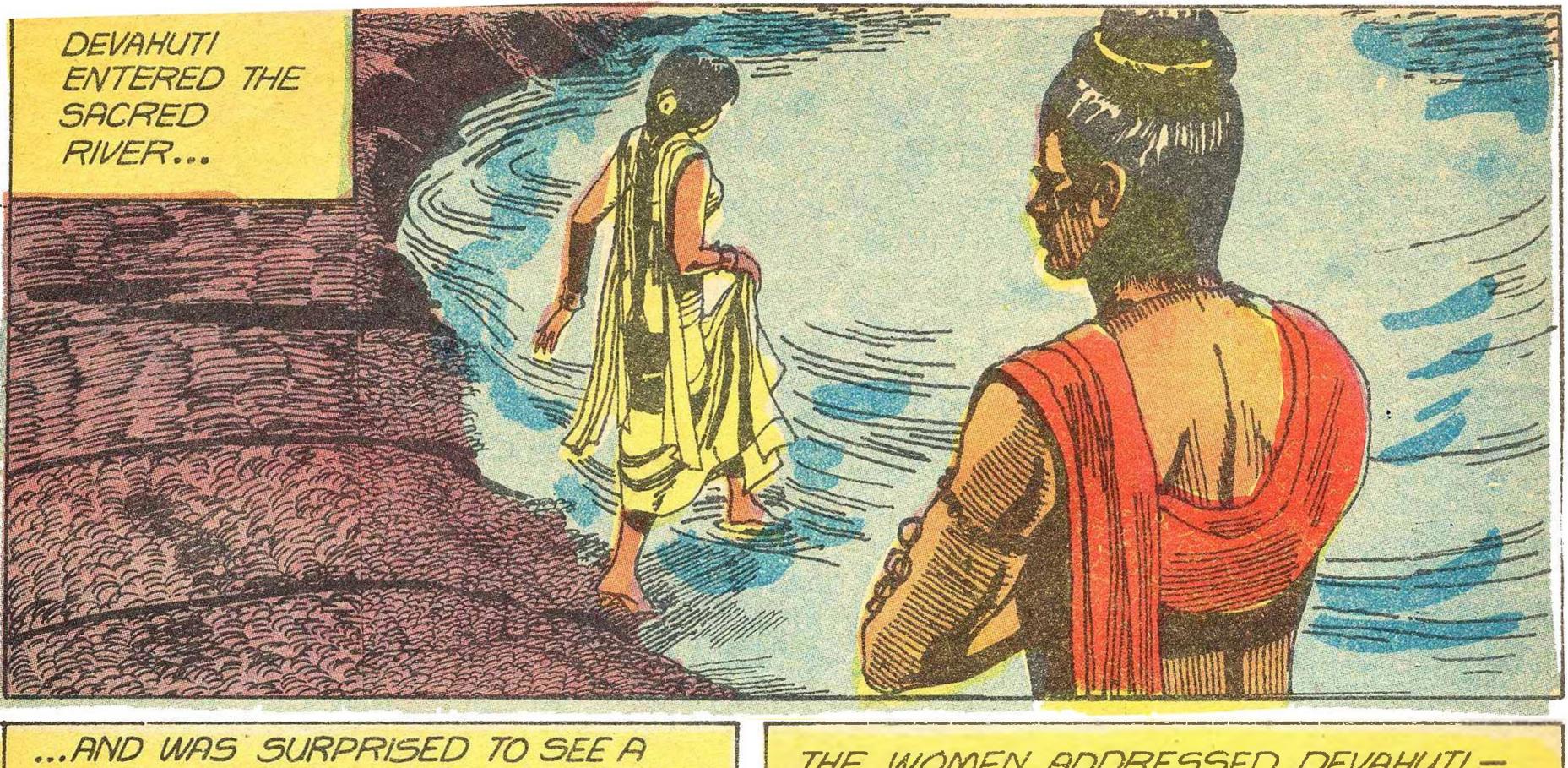
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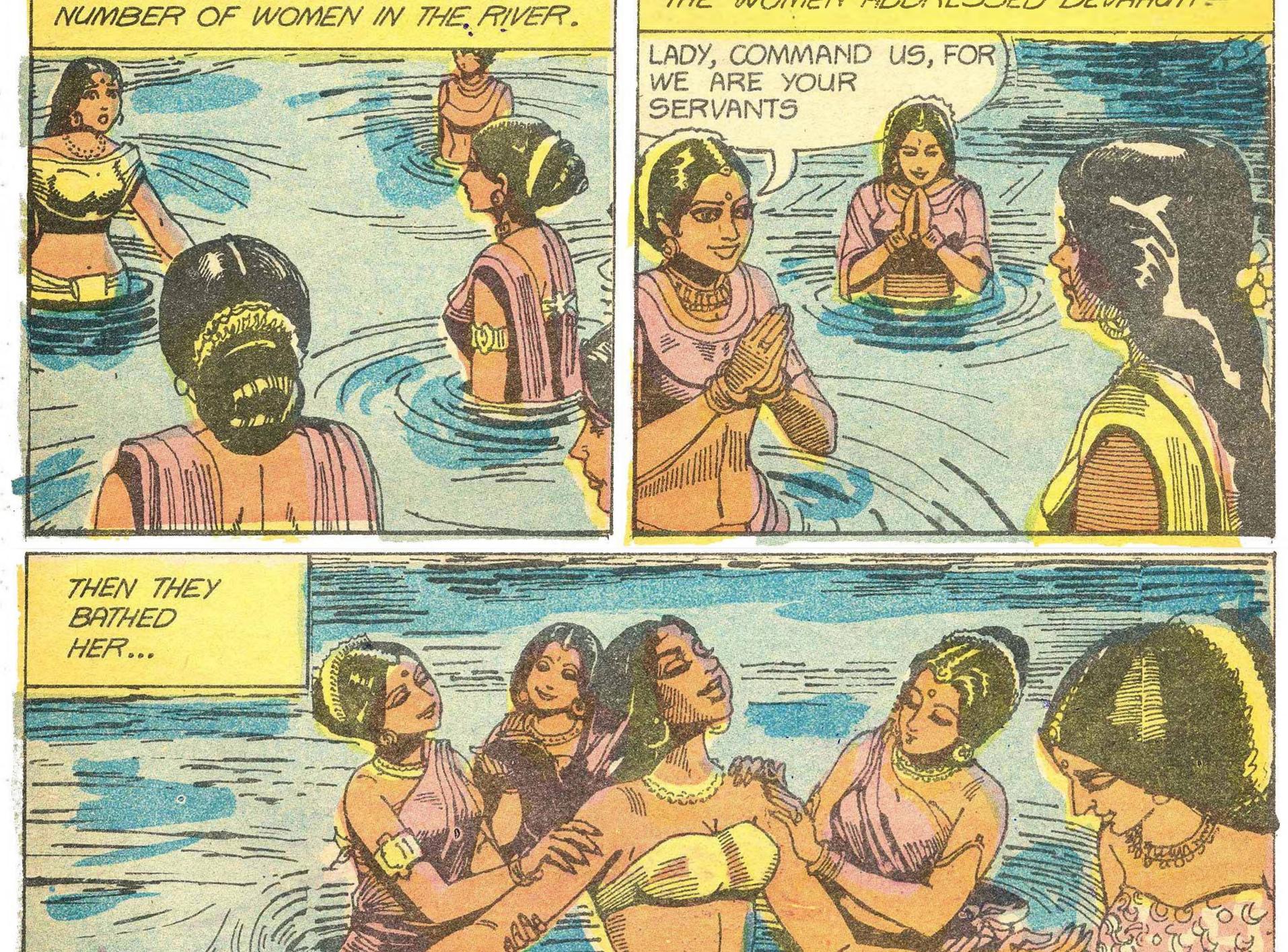
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THE WOMEN ADDRESSED DEVAHUTI -

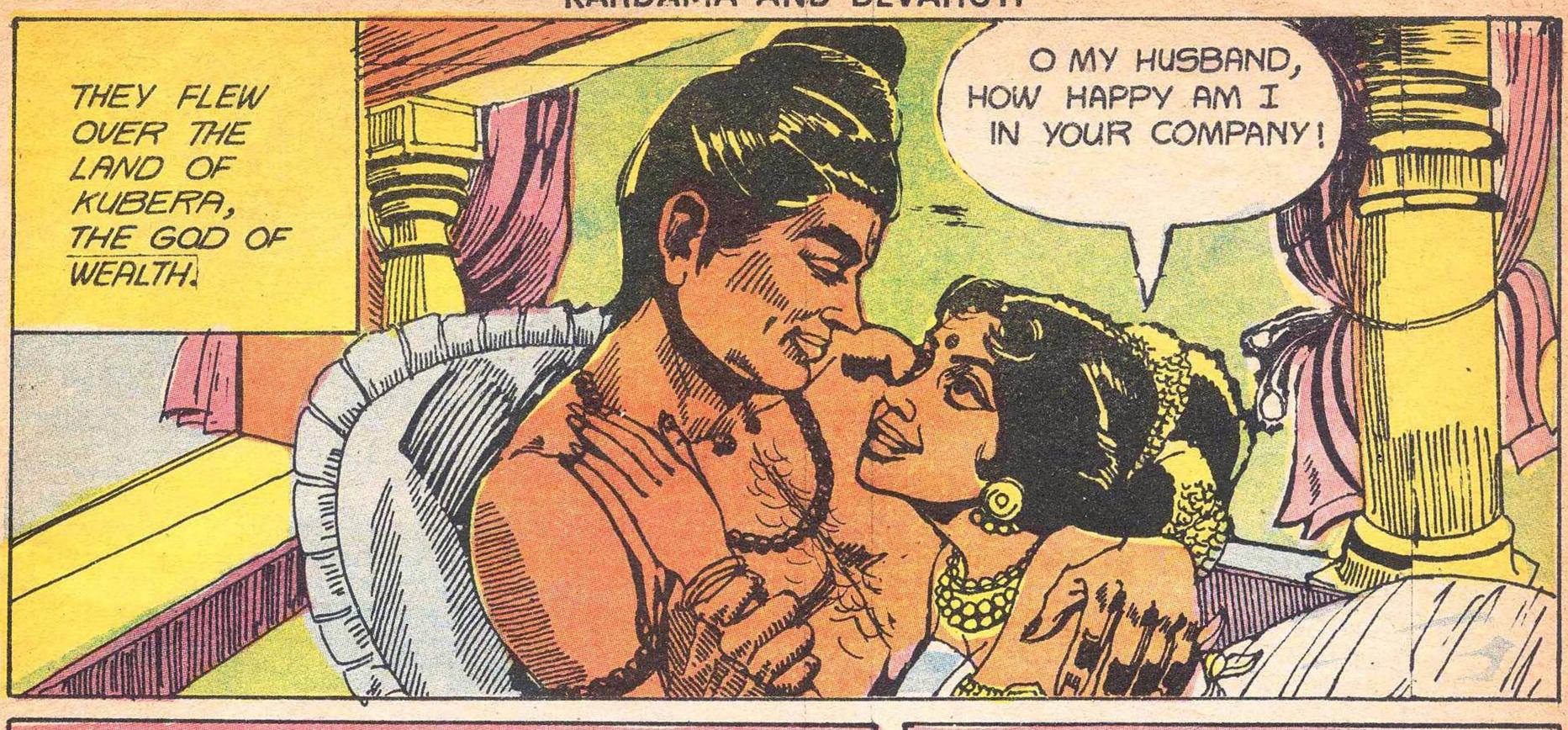


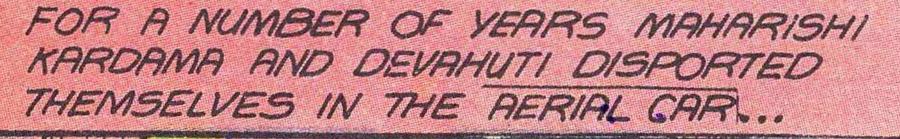
















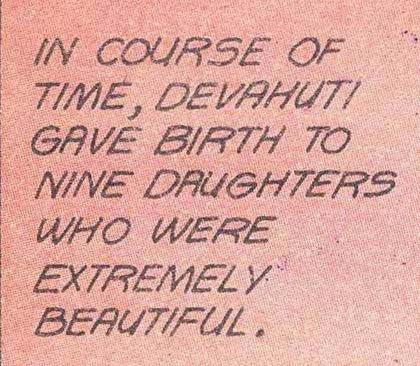


....FLYING OVER THE HEAVENLY REGIONS OF VAISRAMBHAKA, SURA-SENA, NANDANA AND MANY MORE ...



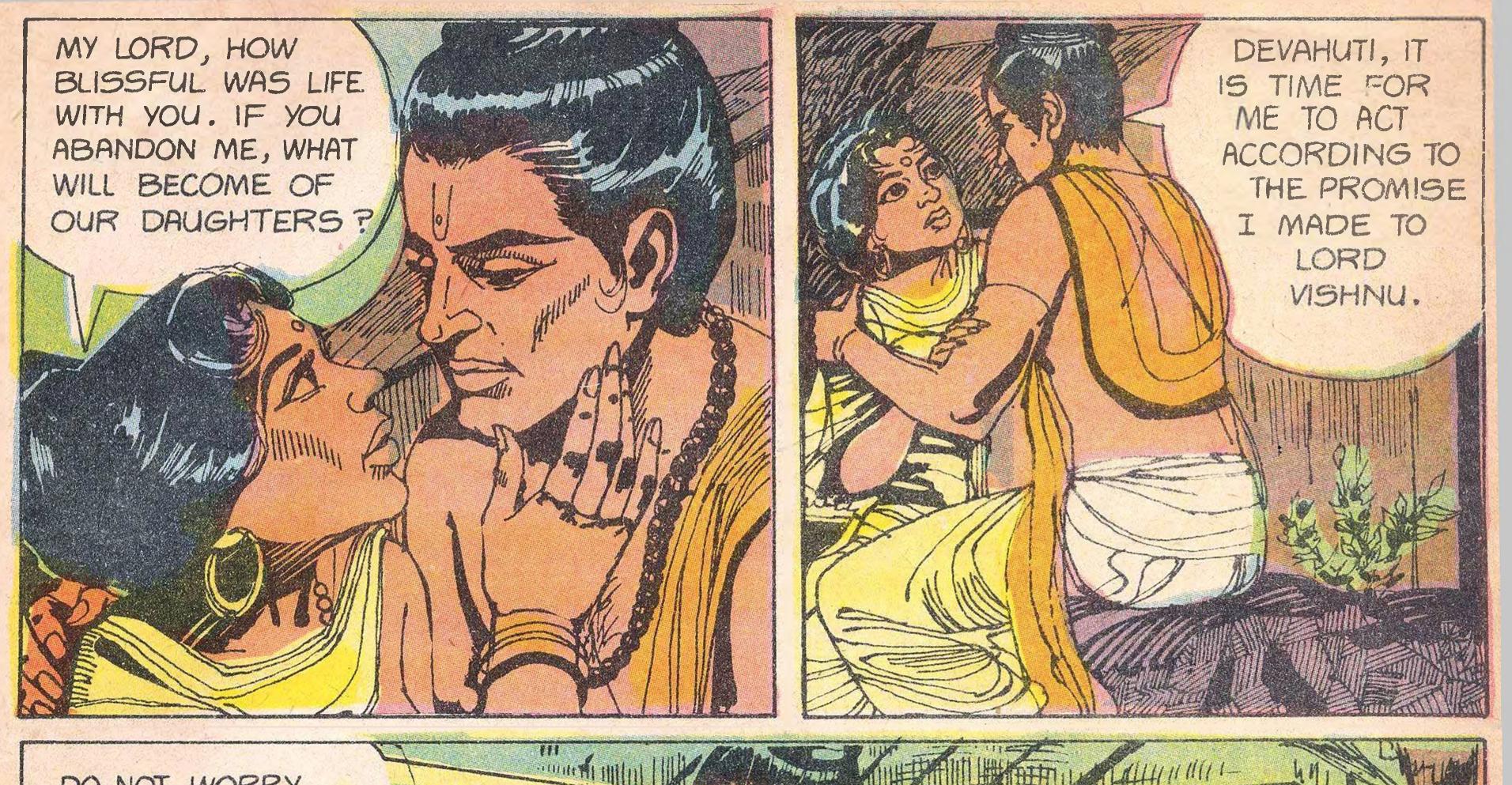


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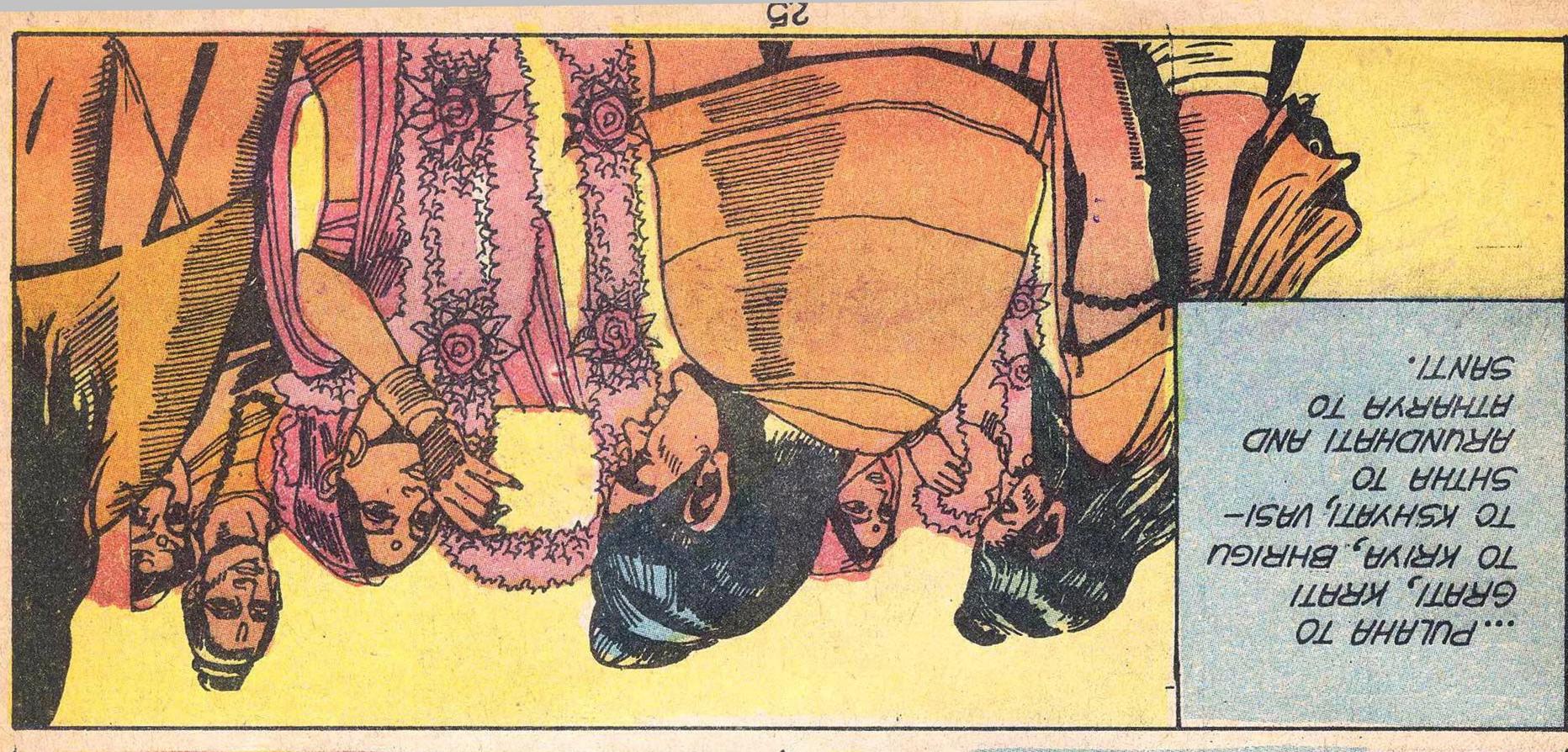
DO NOT WORRY OR GRIEVE. PROPITIATE LORD VISHNU AND HE WILL BE BORN



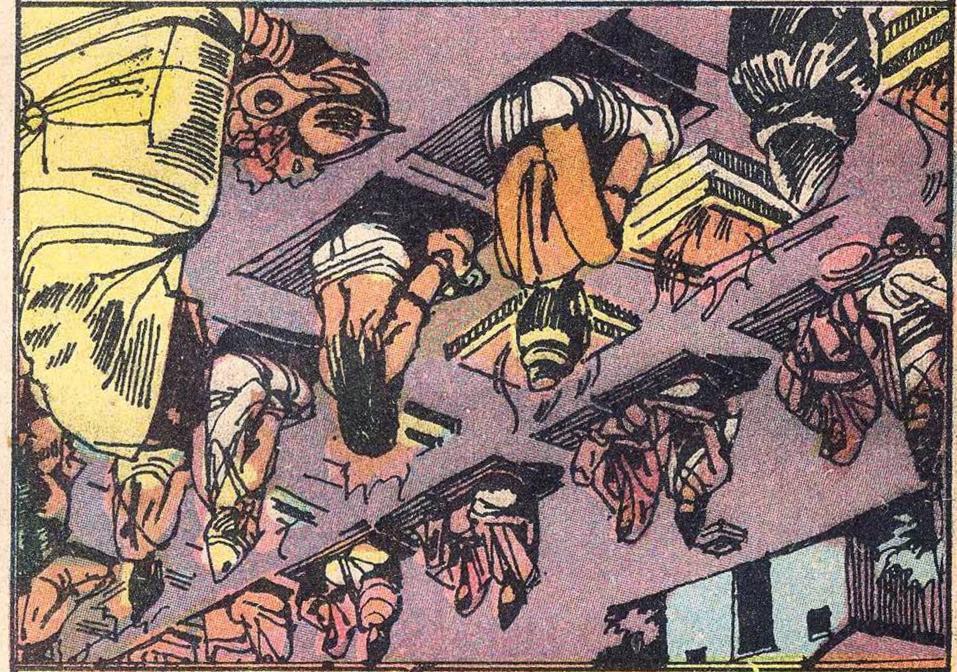
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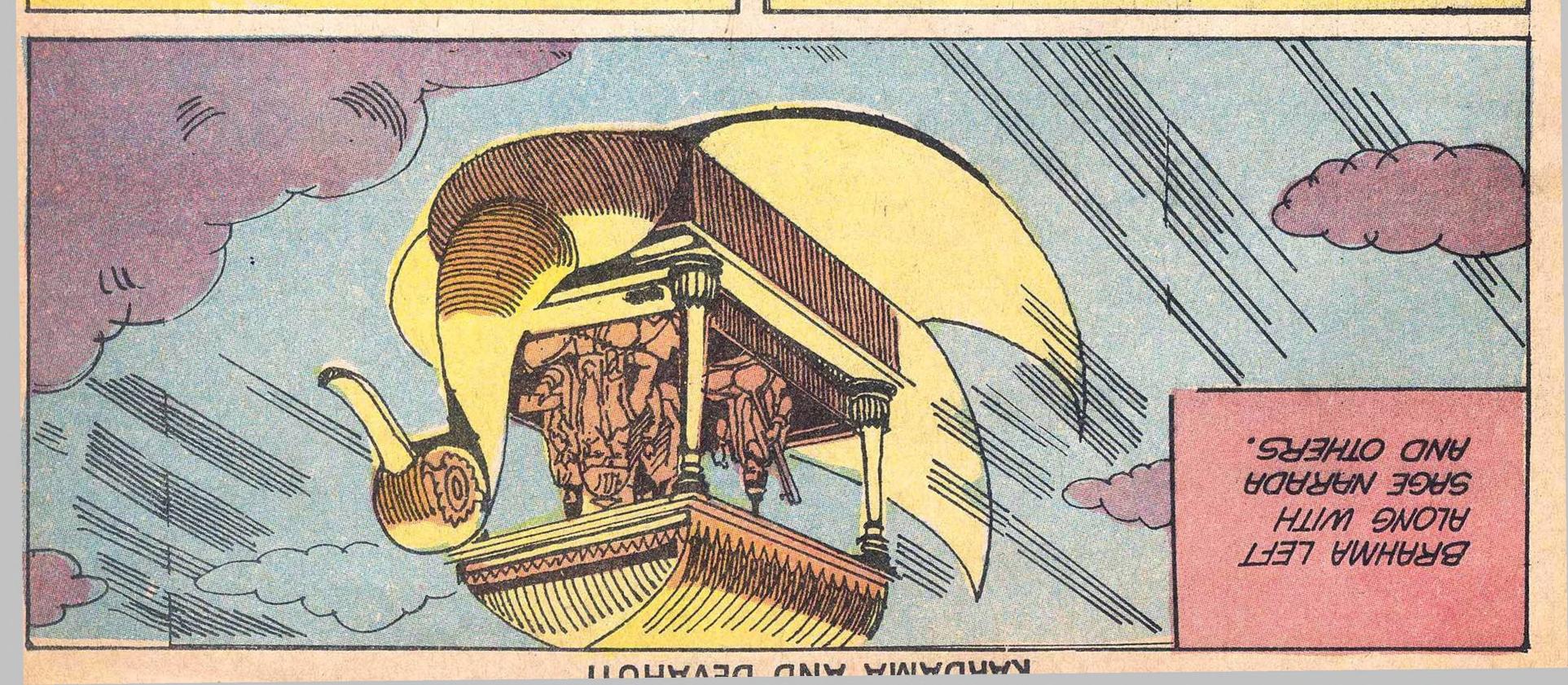




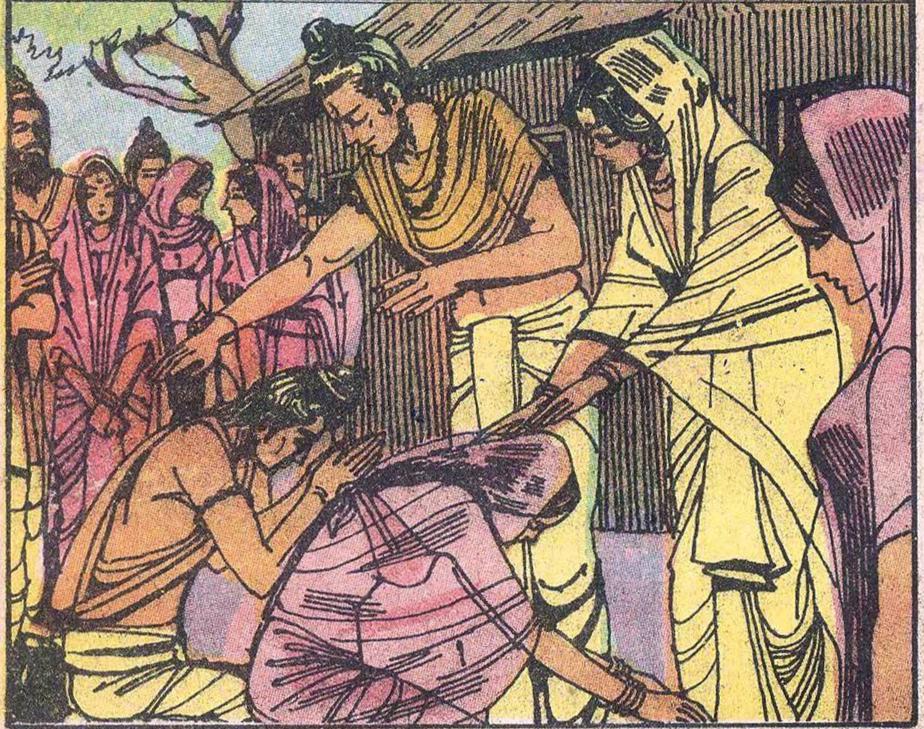


PULASTYA TO HABIRBHU

CUTTED THE PROGENITORS OF MANNIND. IN MARRIAGE TO RISHIS WHO CAME TO RE BRAHMA, KARDAMA GANI AMAY HIS DAUGHTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF



KARDAMA AND DEVAHUTI ENTERTAINED THEIR EXALTED SONS-IN-LAW AT THE HERMITAGE.



AFTER SOME TIME, THEY TOOK LEAVE AND LEFT FOR THEIR OWN HERMITAGES WITH DELIGHTED HEARTS.



WISHING THEM FAREWELL, KARDAMA WENT TO HIS YOUNG









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BEFORE KARDAMA DEPARTED, DEVAHUTI APPROACHED HIM.

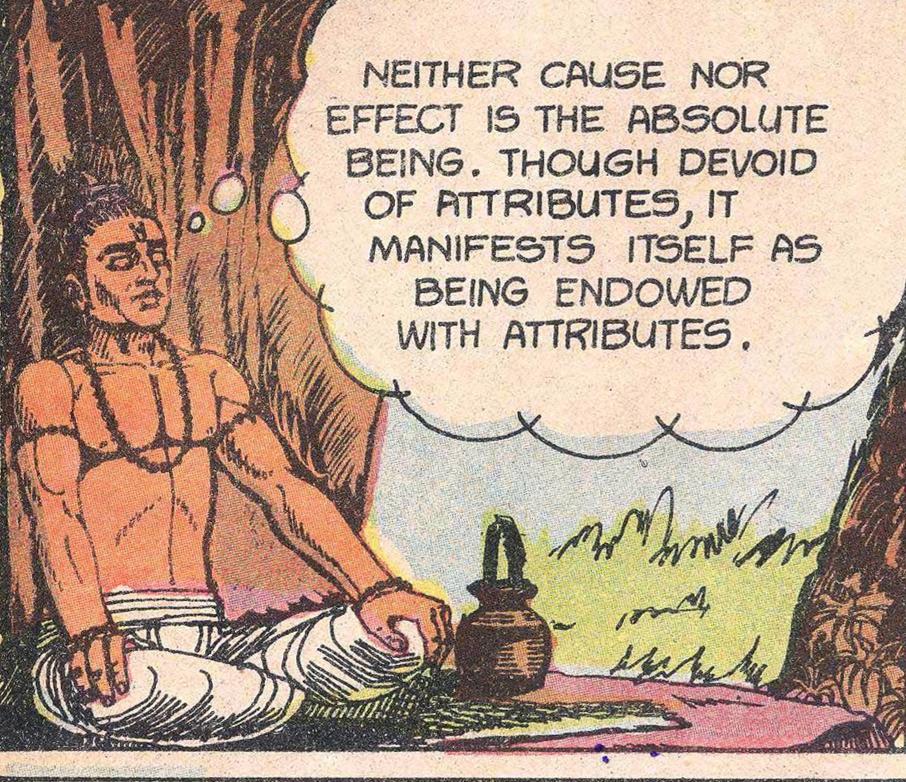
ISN'T IT? I FEEL SAD





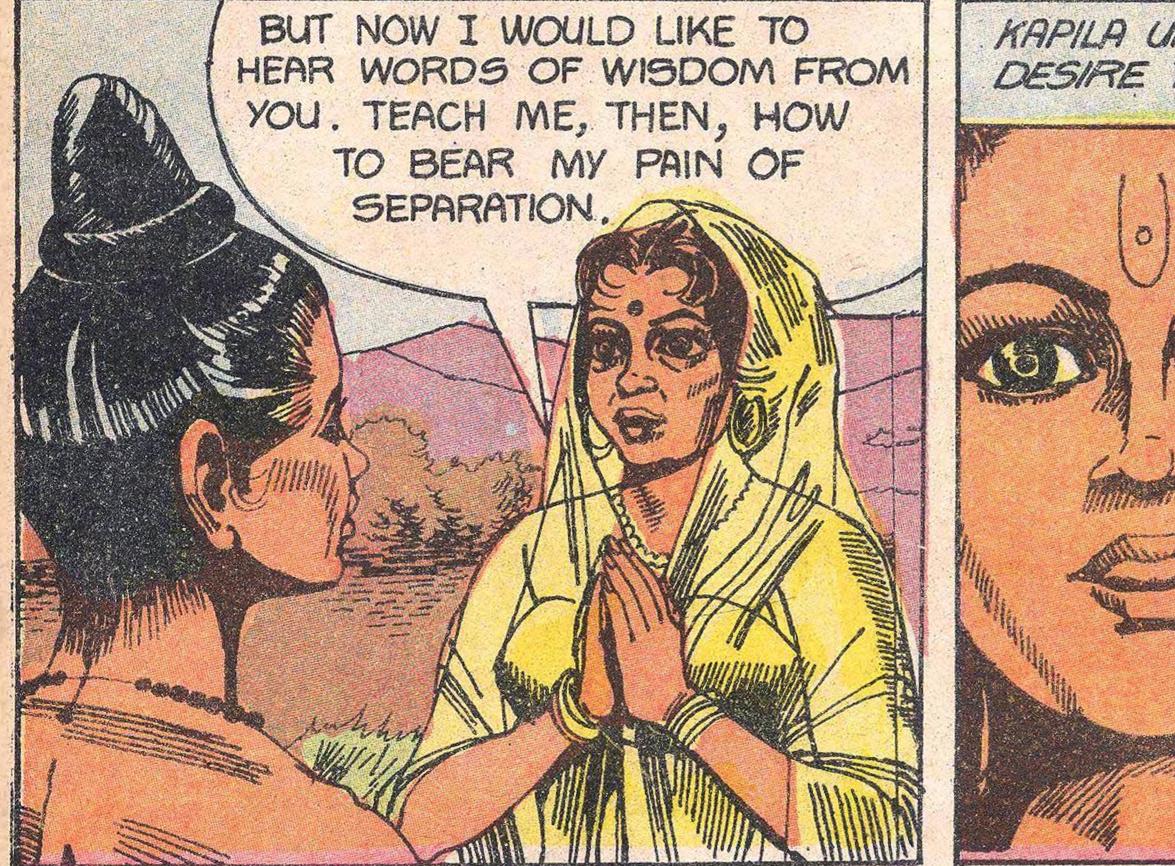
NARUAMA AND DEVAHUTI

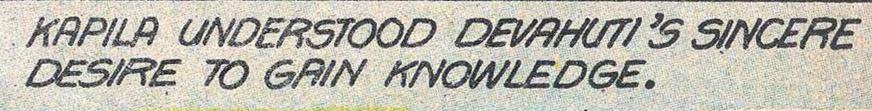
... AND SAT IN THE FOREST, LOST IN DEEP MEDITATION.



AT THE HERMITAGE, KAPILA SAT MEDITATING BY THE LAKE BINDUSAGARA, WHEN DEVAHUTI APPROACHED HIM.

MY SON : A WIFE IS A WIFE IS A SHADOW WITHOUT A HUSBAND. I LEARNT MUCH FROM YOUR FATHER.





O MOTHER ! BY YOGA ALONE ONE REMOVES THE FEELING OF PLEASURE AND PAIN. WHEN THE MIND IS CENTRED IN THE SELF, ONE ATTAINS FREE-DOM FROM DESIRES.

LORD! I AM A WOMAN AND FULL OF IGNORANCE. THEREFORE, PLEASE EXPLAIN THE SYSTEM OF YOGA IN A SIMPLE MANNER THAT I MAY UNDER-STAND.

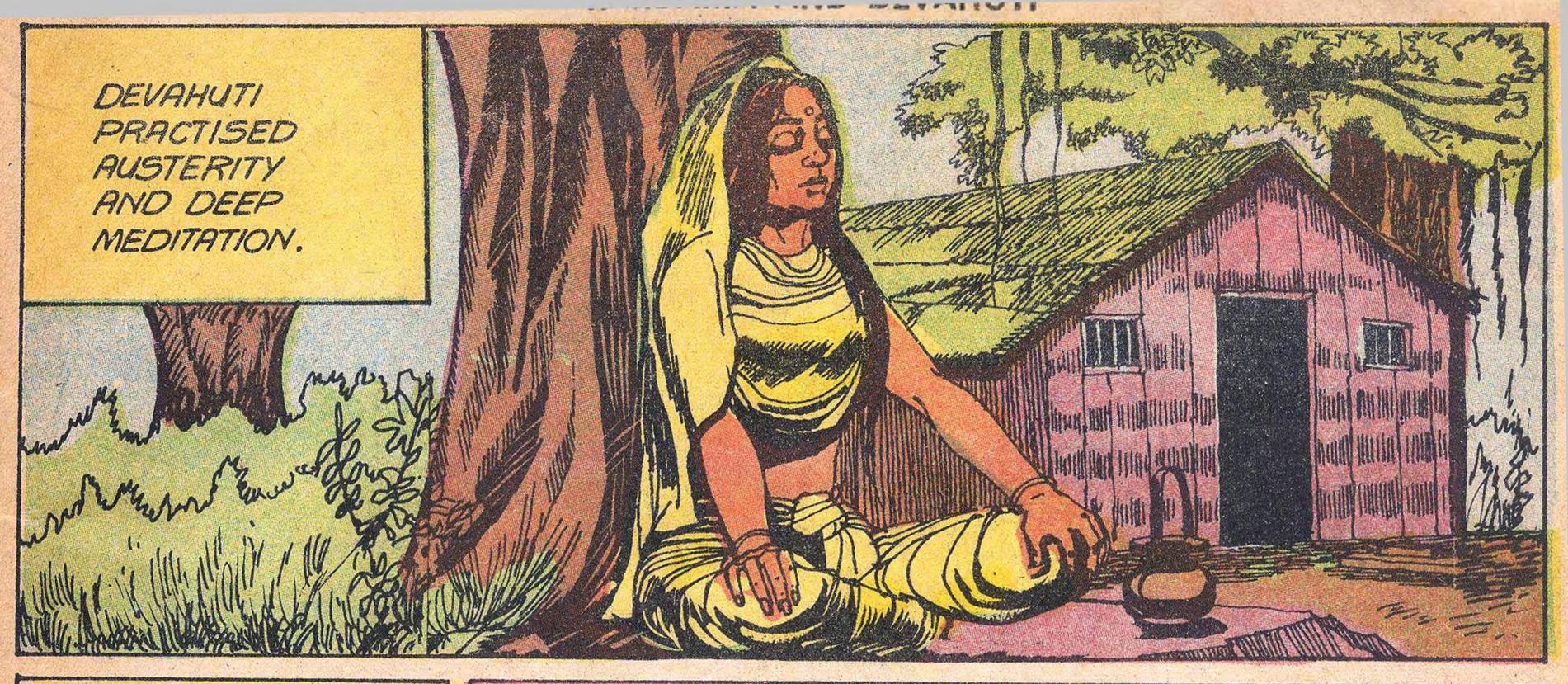




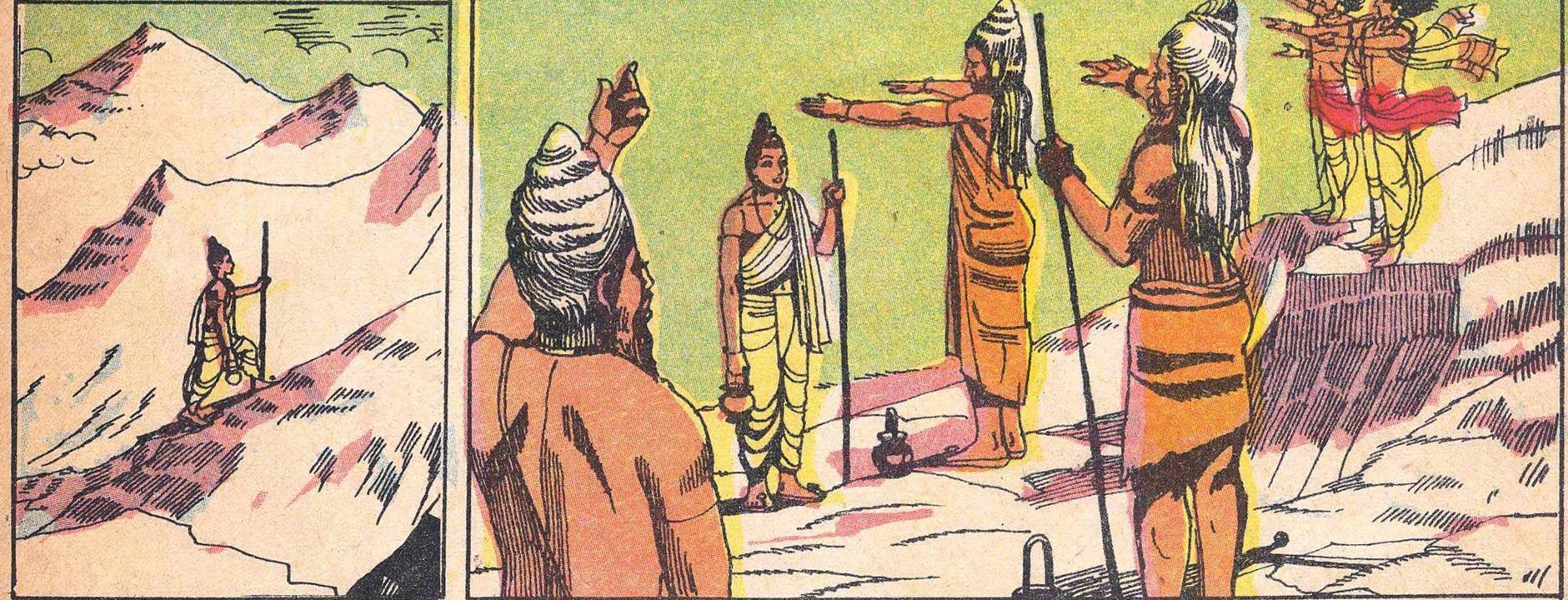
KAPILA EXPOUNDED THE INTRICATE SYSTEM OF THE SANKHYA PHILOSOPHY TO HIS MOTHER DEVAHUTI, THEREBY KINDLING IN HER THE FIRE OF KNOWLEDGE.

O MOTHER ! IF YOU FOLLOW THE PATH OF RELIGION THAT I HAVE DESCRI-BED, YOU ARE SURE TO ATTAIN THE GOAL OF LIFE WHICH IS EVERLASTING PEACE.









... WHERE THE SIDDHAS, THE GANDHARVAS AND THE SAGES SHOWERED PRAISES ON HIM.



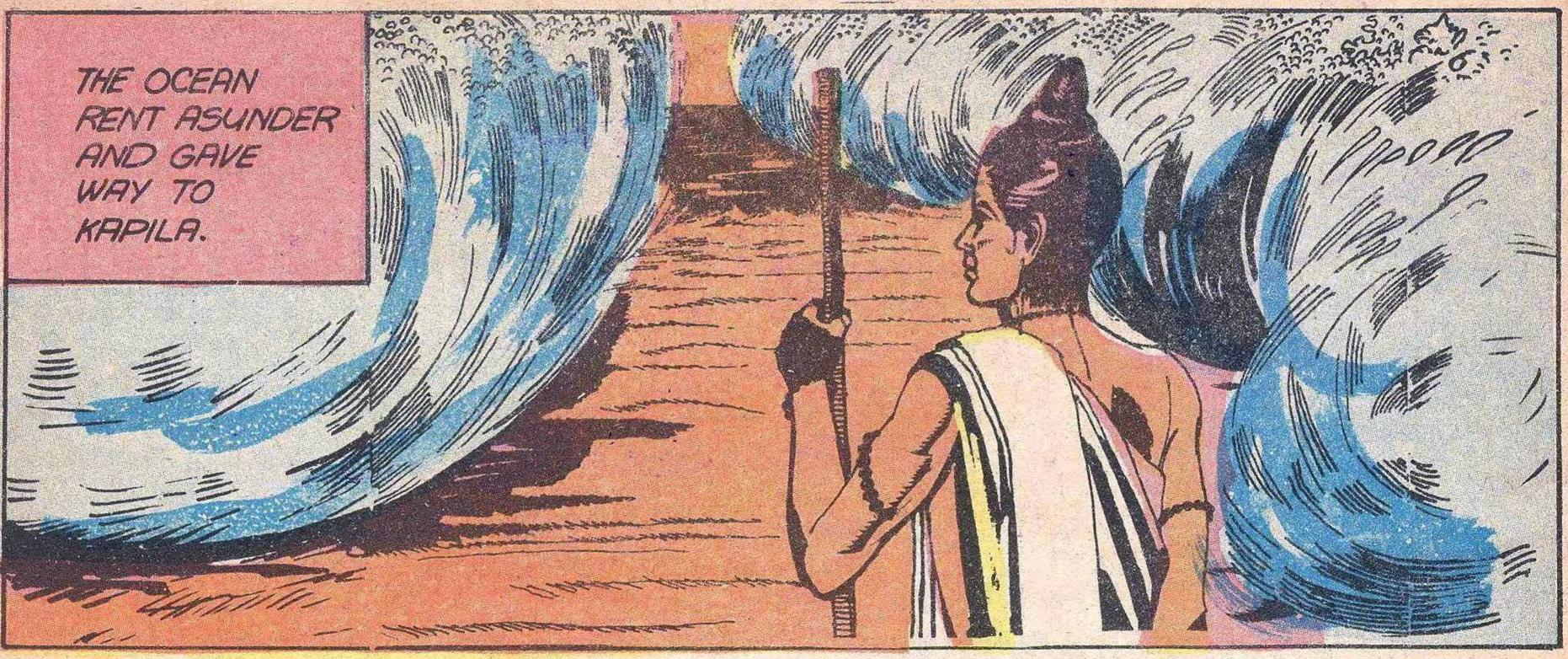
WHEN HE REACHED THE EAST, VARUNA, THE LORD OF THE WATERS MADE OFFERINGS OF FLOWERS.

I AM BLESSED INDEED WITH THE COMING OF YOUR HOLY PRESENCE.

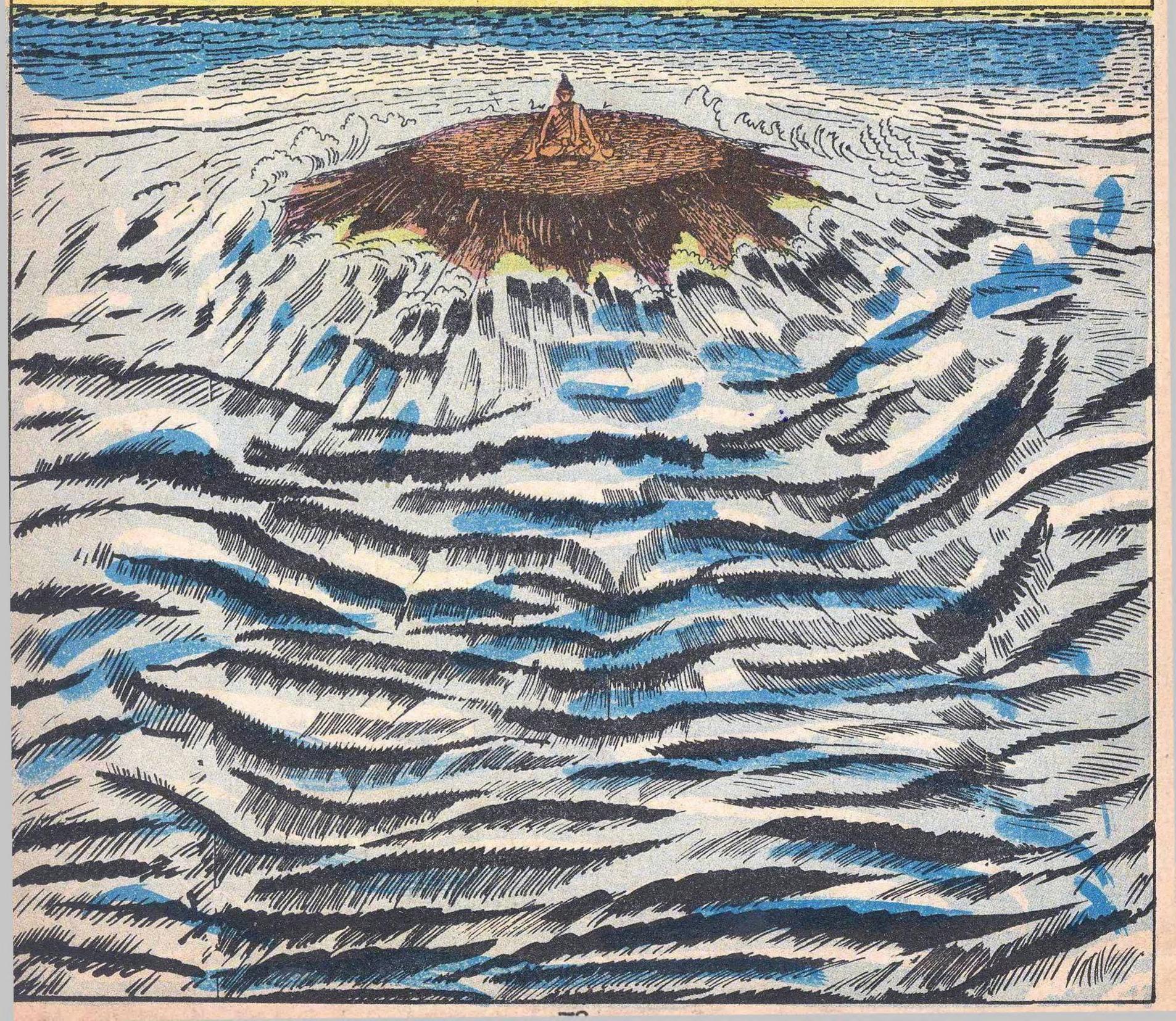
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AND HERE THE SAGE SAT MEDITATING ON HIS CREATION. (THE PLACE WHERE KAPILA SAT IS KNOWN TO US AS GANGA SAGARA.



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