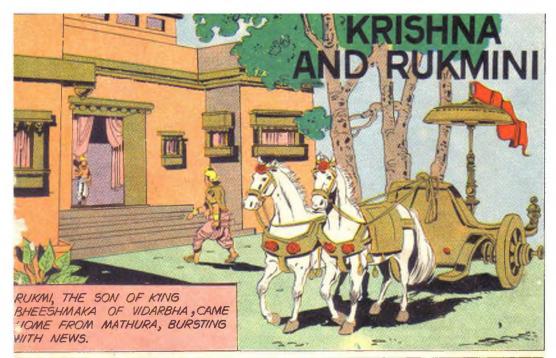


Krishna is the great lover of Indian mythology. Yet the details of the women he had wooed, won and wed are surprisingly limited and perhaps should be confined to his conquest of Rukmini. Here is the unalloyed romantic tale of none but the brave deserving the fair. Krishna here is the romantic hero par excellence who recklessly carries away his lady love under the very nose of his rivals.

Rukmini is a perfect foil to Krishna in this idyllic tale. It is she who though coy, makes the first move, by confidently revealing her heart to her lover. She plans the details of their escapade too and proves how high the status of resourceful women was in ancient India.

This story has been so popular all over our country, through the centuries, that even today to most of us the word "Swayamvara" has specific reference to the story of Krishna and Rukmini, And it is ironical that in the conventional sense it was hardly a Swayamvara.





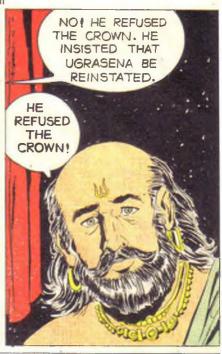




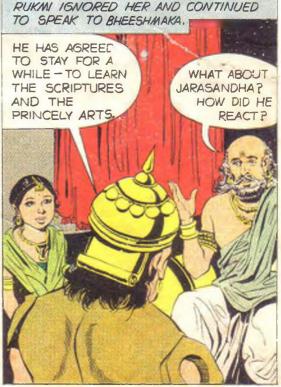


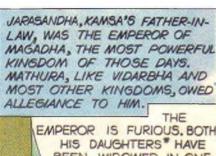
* IT WAS FORETOLD THAT VISHNU, REBORN AS THE EIGHTH SON OF DEVAKI. WOULD SLAY KAMSA.





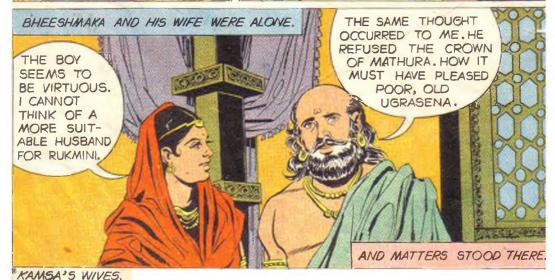


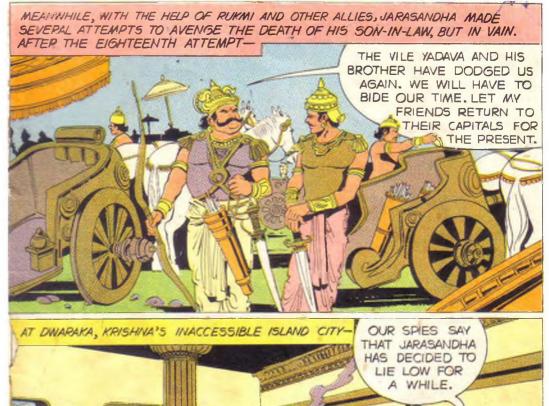








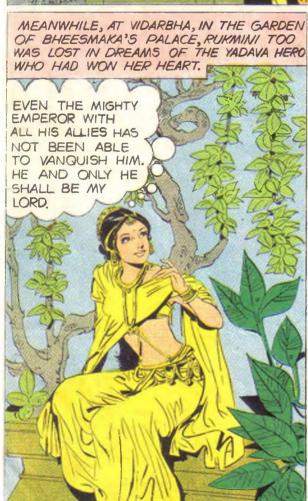






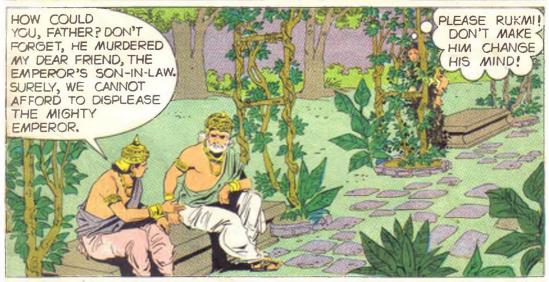






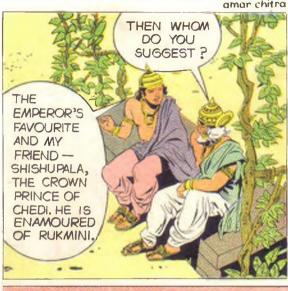








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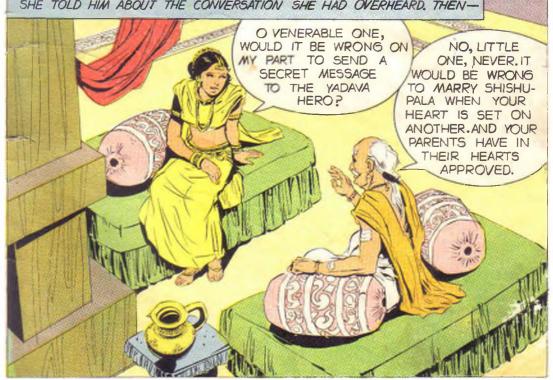








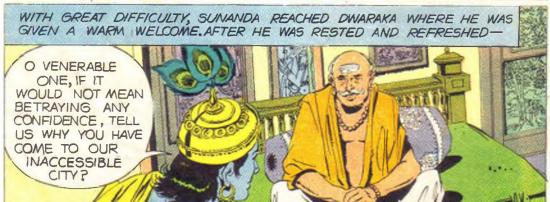
















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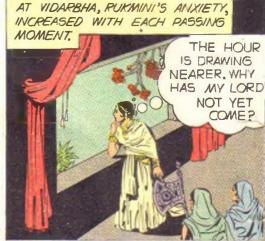








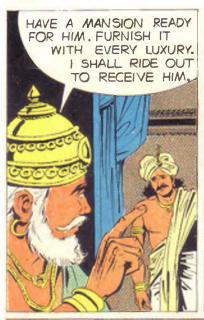


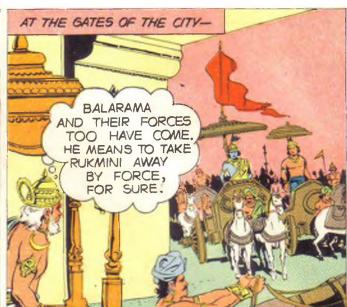






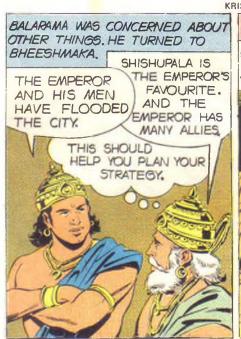
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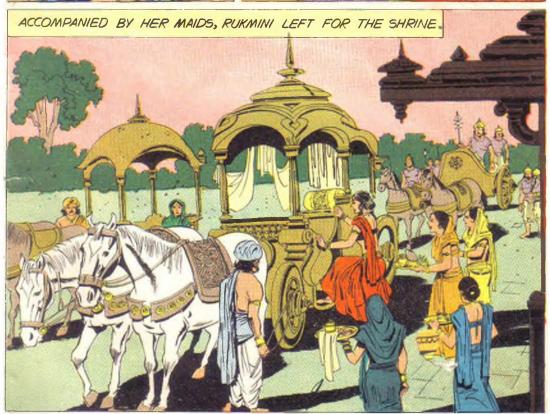


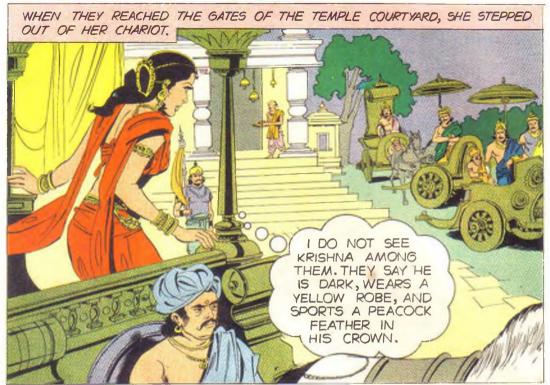




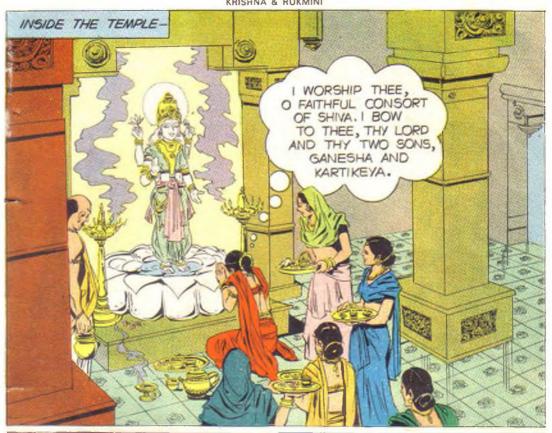




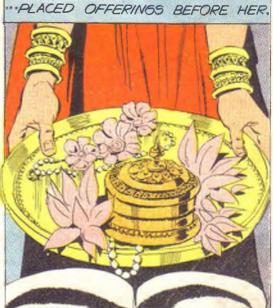




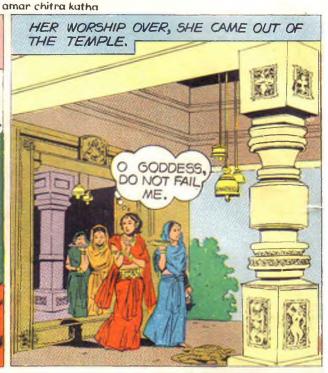


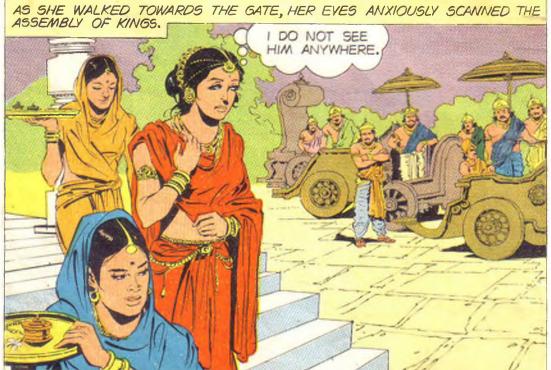








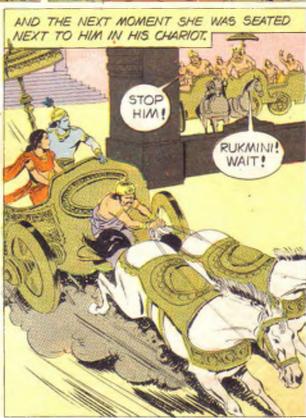


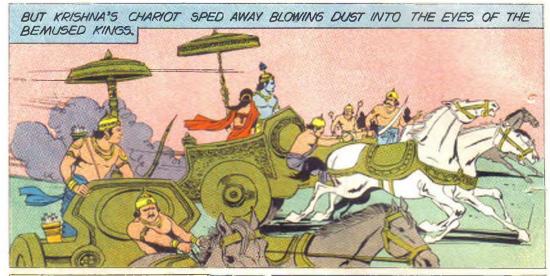


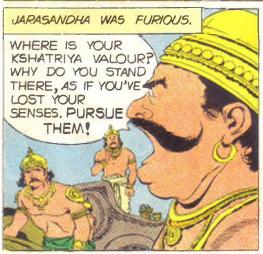


















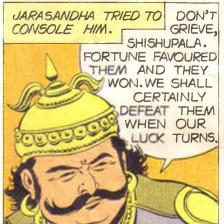


WHILE BALARAMA WAS BUSY TACKLING JARASANDHA, SHISHUPALA AND THEIR HORDES, RUKMI CHARGED AHEAD AFTER KRISHNA'S VANISHING CHARIOT.





















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