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KUMBHAKARNA



KUMBHAKARNA WAS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF RAVANA, THE TEN-HEADED RAKSHASA KING OF LANKA. HE WAS STRONG, BUT SAD TO SAY, HE WAS A BIG BULLY. HE LOVED TO FRIGHTEN AND HURT THOSE WHO WERE WEAKER THAN HIM.

RAVANA, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE DONE TODAY? I WALKED INTO THE DANDAKA FOREST AND FRIGHTENED THE SAGES THERE! HA! HA! HA! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THEM RUN!

WELL DONE, KUMBHAKARNA! I AM PLEASED.

BUT WHAT KUMBHAKARNA HAD DONE MADE HIS YOUNGER BROTHER VIBHISHANA UNHAPPY.

KUMBHAKARNA, WHAT HARM HAVE THOSE SAGES DONE YOU? WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE THEM ALONE?



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, KUMBHAKARNA. YOU CARRY ON WITH YOUR WORK.

IF YOU DO, WE'LL HAVE TO FACE INDRA'S ANGER.



INDRA, KING OF THE DEVAS, WAS INDEED ANGRY.

I WON'T LET KUMBHAKARNA HARASS THE SAGES. I'LL TEACH HIM TO BEHAVE!

AND INDRA WITH HIS ARMY OF DEVAS ATTACKED KUMBHAKARNA.



KUMBHAKARNA, I'VE COME TO PUNISH YOU FOR BEING SO CRUEL.

COME, INDRA. I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.

INDRA HURLED HIS MACE AT KUMBHAKARNA.



BUT—



OH! NO! HE HAS SWALLOWED IT!



THEN KUMBHAKARNA LEAPT FORWARD...



... CAUGHT HOLD OF INDRA'S ELEPHANT BY ITS TUSKS ...



... AND FLUNG IT FAR AWAY.



INDRA'S ARMY FLED IN TERROR.

WHEN KUMBHAKARNA TOLD RAVANA WHAT HE HAD DONE—

NO ONE CAN BEAT YOU, KUMBHAKARNA. YOU'RE THE MIGHTIEST OF THE MIGHTY.

THEN WHY DON'T WE CONQUER THE THREE WORLDS?

NOT YET. WE'RE STRONG AND POWERFUL. BUT WE MUST PRAY TO LORD BRAHMA AND GET MORE STRENGTH AND MORE POWER.

THEN LET'S DO SO.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, VIBHISHANA?

I TOO WANT TO PRAY TO LORD BRAHMA, BUT FOR A DIFFERENT REASON.

THE THREE BROTHERS WENT TO A LONELY, QUIET PLACE AND BEGAN TO PLEASE BRAHMA BY THINKING ONLY OF HIM AND NOTHING ELSE.

BRAHMA WAS PLEASED. HE APPEARED BEFORE THEM.

RAVANA, YOU WILL BE THE LORD OF THE THREE WORLDS.

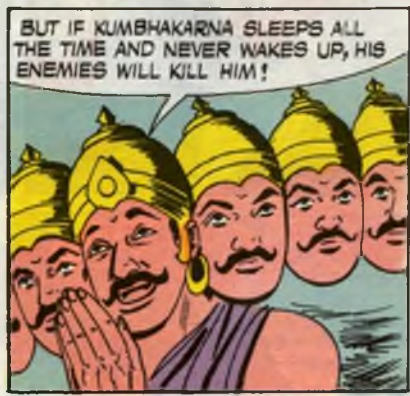
WHEN INDRA HEARD THAT, HE WAS WORRIED.



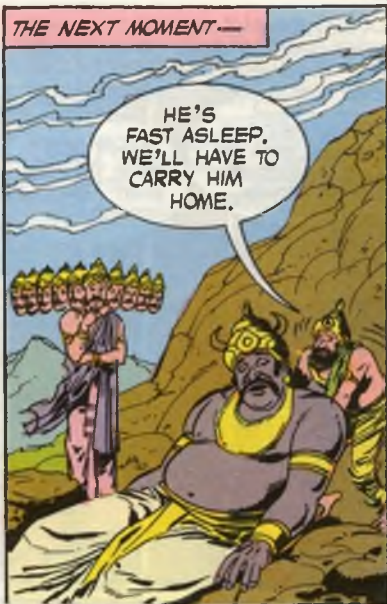
HE WENT TO SARASWATI, THE GODDESS OF SPEECH.



BEFORE KUMBHAKARNA COULD SPEAK, SARASWATI CAST HER SPELL!



THE NEXT MOMENT—



HE'S FAST ASLEEP. WE'LL HAVE TO CARRY HIM HOME.

THERE GOES KUMBHAKARNA! WE'RE SAFE!



RAVANA AND VISHISHANA TOOK KUMBHAKARNA TO HIS PALACE AND GENTLY LAID HIM ON HIS BED.

RAVANA, AREN'T YOU SAD ABOUT KUMBHAKARNA?

NOT REALLY. ON THE DAYS HE WAKES UP, HE WILL DO WHAT OTHERS COULDN'T IN A HUNDRED YEARS.



BRAHMA'S BOON TO RAVANA ALSO CAME TRUE. HE SOON BECAME THE MASTER OF THE THREE WORLDS.

EVEN THE SUN CAN'T SHINE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.

DON'T BOAST, RAVANA. USE YOUR STRENGTH FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS. A GOOD KING SHOULD BE KIND, HUMBLE AND JUST.



INSTEAD OF TAKING HIS BROTHER'S ADVICE, RAVANA CARRIED AWAY SITA, THE WIFE OF RAMA, THE PRINCE OF AYODHYA.



AT LANKA, RAVANA KEPT SITA IN HIS ASHOKA GARDEN WHICH WAS FAR AWAY FROM HIS PALACE. VIBHISHANA CAME TO SEE HIM.

WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS WRONG. SITA IS RAMA'S WIFE. TAKE HER BACK TO HIM.

DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO!



IF YOU DON'T TAKE SITA BACK TO RAMA, I'LL GO AWAY FROM LANKA.

AND I WON'T STOP YOU!



VIBHISHANA LEFT AND WENT TO RAMA WHO WAS MARCHING TOWARDS LANKA WITH A HUGE ARMY OF MONKEYS.

RAMA, YOU ARE GOOD. I'M ON YOUR SIDE. I'VE COME TO SERVE YOU, TO FIGHT FOR YOU.

WELCOME, VIBHISHANA.



WITH THE HELP OF THE MONKEYS, RAMA BUILT A BRIDGE ACROSS THE SEA TO LANKA. HIS BROTHER LAKSHMANA WAS VERY HAPPY.

WE'LL SOON DEFEAT RAVANA AND RESCUE SITA.

IT WILL BE DIFFICULT, BUT WE'LL SUCCEED.



AT LANKA —

MY LORD, RAMA AND HIS MONKEYS ARE CROSSING THE SEA. THEY'LL SOON BE ON OUR SHORES.

LET BHASMALOCHANA FIGHT THEM BACK.



WITH ONE LOOK, HE'LL DESTROY ALL OF THEM.



WHEN RAMA AND HIS ARMY REACHED THE SHORES OF LANKA —

WHO IS THAT STRANGE WARRIOR RIDING TOWARDS US? WHY HAS HE COVERED HIS EYES?

IT'S BHASMALOCHANA!



WHY DO YOU
LOOK SCARED,
VIBHISHANA?

WHOEVER
BHASMALOCHANA
LOOKS AT, IS
REDUCED TO ASHES.
HE'LL UNCOVER HIS
EYES WHEN HE
COMES NEAR US.



SHOOT HIM WITH
MIRRORS! HE'LL SEE
HIMSELF AND GET
BURNT INSTEAD.



RAMA QUICKLY CREATED MILLIONS OF
MIRRORS AND AIMED THEM AT BHASMA-
LOCHANA.



BEFORE BHASMALOCHANA COULD
UNCOVER HIS EYES, THE MIRRORS HAD
SURROUNDED HIM.



WHEN THE TERRIBLE RAKSHASA OPENED HIS
EYES, HE FELT HUNDREDS OF EYES BURNING
INTO HIM, THEY WERE THE REFLECTIONS OF HIS
OWN FIERY EYES!



AND THE NEXT MOMENT, BHASMALOCHANA WAS BURN'T TO ASHES.



WICKED
BHASMALOCHANA
IS DEAD! VICTORY
TO RAMA!

AFTER THAT, MANY RAKSHASAS
CAME TO FIGHT RAMA. BUT ALL
OF THEM WERE KILLED BY HIM.
AT LAST RAVANA HIMSELF CAME.

RAVANA, GET READY
TO DIE. NO ONE CAN
SAVE YOU!



RIDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF HANUMAN,
THE MIGHTY MONKEY-WARRIOR, RAMA
LET FLY HIS ARROWS.

RAVANA TOO TOOK AIM...

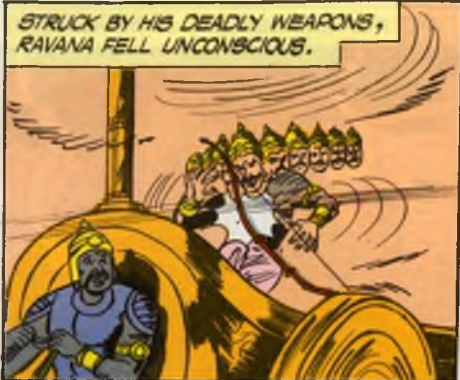


...AND SHOT AT RAMA.

BUT RAMA WAS TOO QUICK FOR HIM.



STRUCK BY HIS DEADLY WEAPONS, RAVANA FELL UNCONSCIOUS.



AFTER A WHILE, HOWEVER, HE WAS ON HIS FEET AGAIN. BUT—

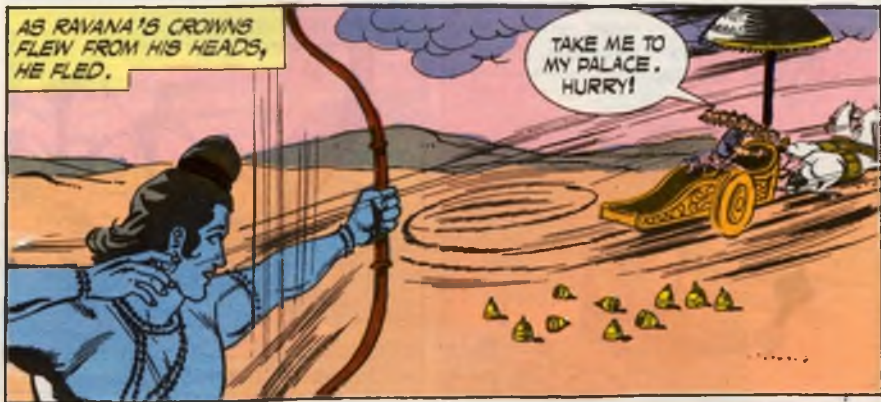
TAKE CARE OF YOUR CROWNS, RAVANA.



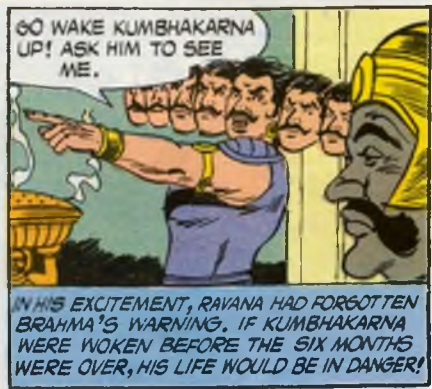
THE NEXT MOMENT RAMA FLUNG A CRESCENT-SHAPED WEAPON AT HIM.



AS RAVANA'S CROWNS FLEW FROM HIS HEADS, HE FLED.



TAKE ME TO MY PALACE. HURRY!



KUMBHAKARNA WAS FAST ASLEEP.
AS HE BREATHED OUT...



... THE RAKSHASAS WERE SWEEPED OFF THEIR
FEET...



...AND AS HE BREATHED IN, THEY WERE PULLED TOWARDS HIS NOSTRILS.



I CAN'T SEE
ANYTHING!
WHERE
AM I?

WE ARE IN
KUMBHAKARNA'S
NOSE!



THEN AS KUMBHAKARNA BREATHED
OUT—

WE ARE OUT!
SAFE!





THE RAKSHASAS WENT BACK TO RAVANA.

ALL OUR EFFORTS HAVE FAILED. KUMBHAKARNA IS STILL ASLEEP.

TRY BEATING HIM.



THE RAKSHASAS WENT BACK TO KUMBHAKARNA, WITH HUGE LOGS AND ROCKS...




... WHICH THEY FLUNG AT THE SLEEPING RAKSHASA.



THEN THEY BROUGHT ELEPHANTS AND MADE THEM WALK ON HIM.




HOURS LATER —



THE ELEPHANTS ARE TIRED. THEY NEED REST.

TAKE THEM AWAY! LET'S DRAG HIM OUT OF BED.

WE'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE.







KUMBHAKARNA LEFT FOR RAVANA'S PALACE.



RAVANA TOLD KUMBHAKARNA ALL ABOUT HIS WAR WITH RAMA.

RAMA SEEMS TO BE A GREAT MAN. WHAT IF HE'S LORD VISHNU IN HUMAN FORM?

IMPOSSIBLE! HE'S ONLY A CUNNING MAN. HE MUST BE KILLED.



IT SHALL BE DONE. I'LL KILL OUR ENEMIES AND PROTECT OUR CITY.



I'VE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. YOU ARE MIGHTY AND FEARLESS. I'M SURE YOU'LL SUCCEED.



KUMBHAKARNA MARCHED ALONE.



HE WAS FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE BY TWO THOUSAND SLAVES CARRYING A HEAVY IRON ROD, THE WEAPON OF THE MIGHTY RAKSHASA.



THE EARTH SHOOK UNDER HIM...



... AND THE WAVES ROSE HIGH IN THE OCEAN.



THE MONKEY-WARRIORS TREMBLED WITH FEAR.

WE'RE NO MATCH FOR THIS GIANT.



NEELA, A MIGHTY
MONKEY, UPROOTED
A HUGE SAL TREE...



... RAV TOWARDS
KUMBHAKARNA...



... AND HURLED IT AT HIM.



BUT IT WAS THE TREE THAT BROKE INTO BITS!



SUGREEVA, THE MONKEY-KING,
CHALLENGED KUMBHAKARNA
TO A FIGHT.

HEY! KUMBHAKARNA,
WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT
WITH ME? I'LL KILL
YOU WITH ONE
BLOW.



KUMBHAKARNA HELD OUT HIS HAND
FOR THE MIGHTY IRON ROD.



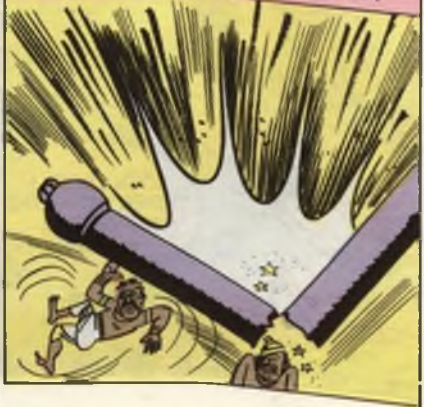
BUT SUGREEVA SPRANG UP...



... TORE AWAY THE ROD ...



... AND DASHED IT TO THE GROUND.



THE NEXT MOMENT KUMBHAKARNA PICKED HIM UP...



... AND MARCHED OFF TOWARDS RAVANA'S PALACE.



AS KUMBHAKARNA WALKED THROUGH THE CITY, THE RAKSHASAS MADE FUN OF SUGREEVA.



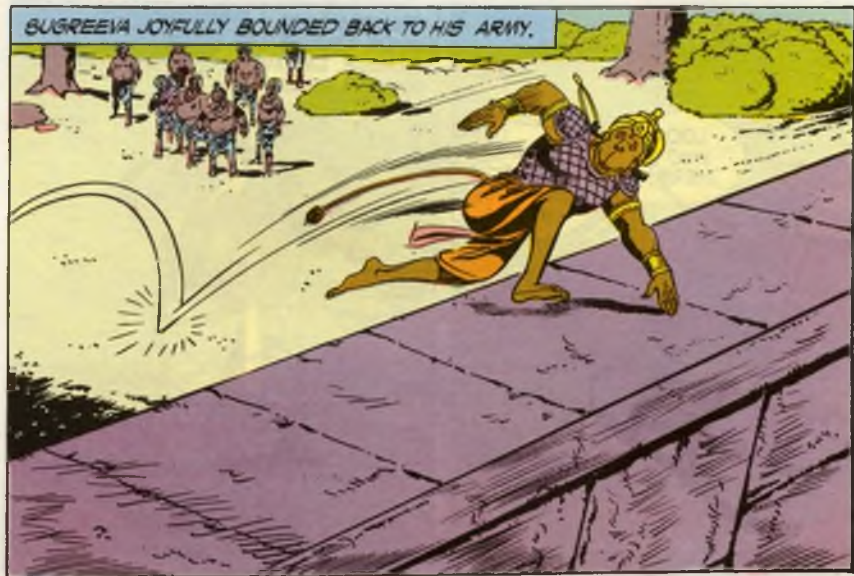
SUDDENLY, SUGREEVA TORE OFF KUMBHAKARNA'S EAR.



KUMBHAKARNA SHRIEKED AND FLUNG HIM AWAY.



SUGREEVA JOYFULLY BOUNDED BACK TO HIS ARMY.



KUMBHAKARNA WAS FILLED WITH SHAME.

THE GREAT KUMBHAKARNA
OVERPOWERED BY A MERE
MONKEY! OH, THE
SHAME OF IT!



I SHALL GO BACK
AND DEVOUR EVERY
MONKEY ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.



LOOK,
WHO'S
HERE!

HE STILL
HASN'T
LEARN'T HIS
LESSON.



CALL RAMA, OF
WHOM I'VE HEARD
SO MUCH, LET ME
SEE HIM FIGHT.





RAMA SHOT A DART AT HIM. BUT—

HA! HA! THAT TICKLES. NOW SEE WHAT I CAN DO!



AND KUMBHAKARNA RUSHED TOWARDS RAMA.



RAMA FIXED A SPECIAL ARROW TO HIS BOW.



THE ARROW FOUND ITS MARK.



AND KUMBHAKARNA FELL DEAD.

WHEN THE NEWS REACHED RAVANA—

ALAS! WHY DID I WAKE
UP MY BROTHER IN SPITE
OF THE WARNING?



I WILL AVENGE
HIS DEATH. I'LL
SLAY RAMA.



BUT IN THE BATTLE WITH RAMA, IT WAS RAVANA WHO WAS SLAIN. RAMA MADE
VIBHISHANA THE LORD OF LANKA...



... AND RETURNED TO AYODHYA, HIS CAPITAL, WITH SITA AND LAKSHMANA.



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