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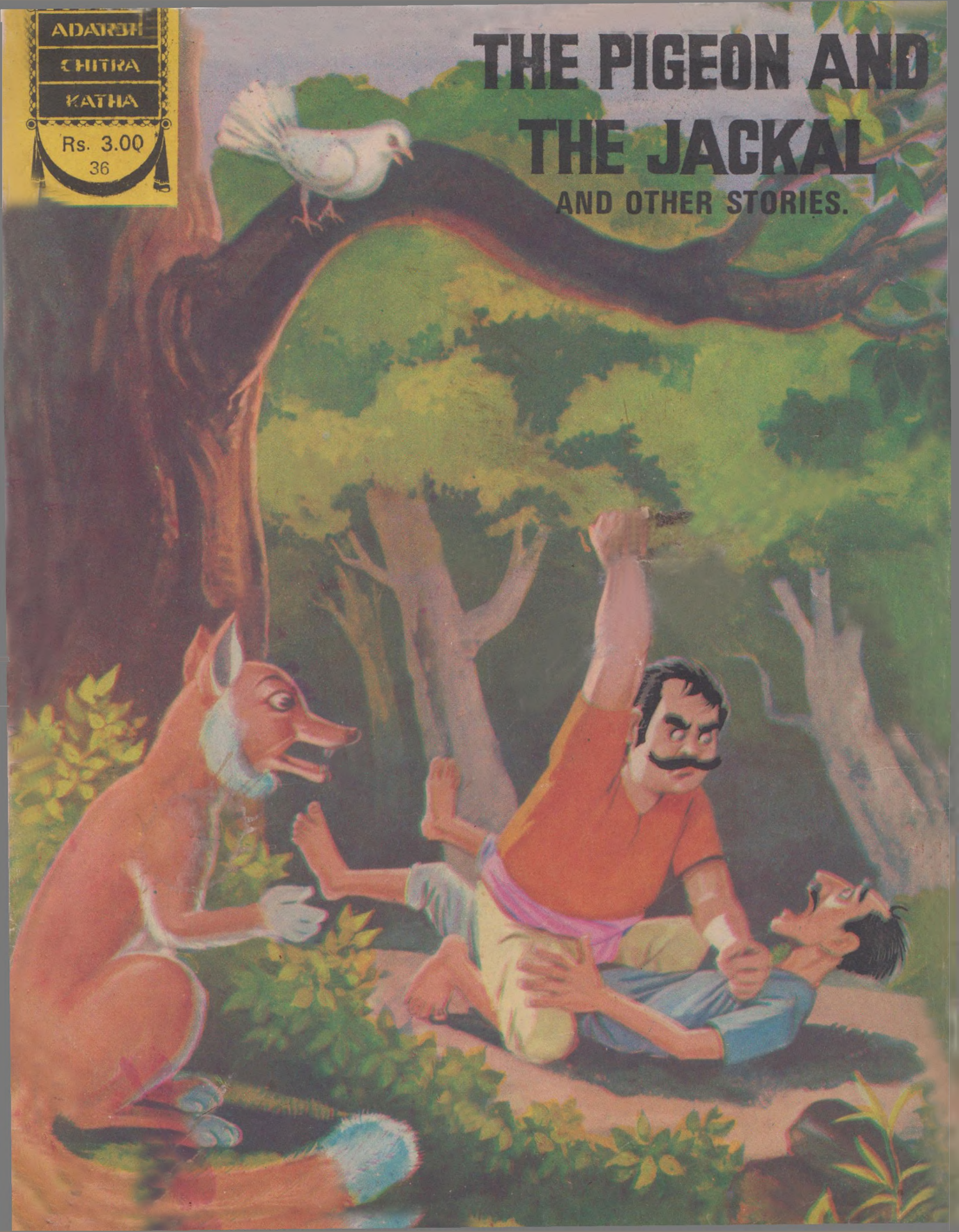
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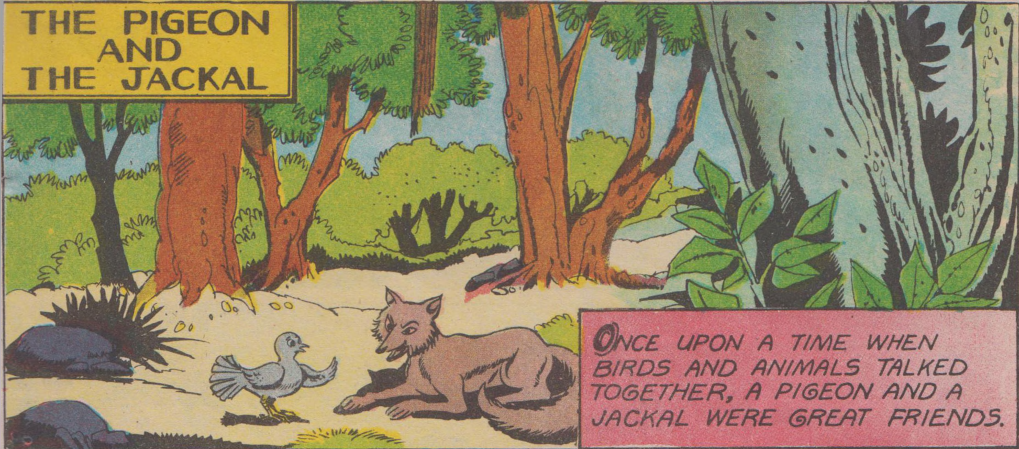
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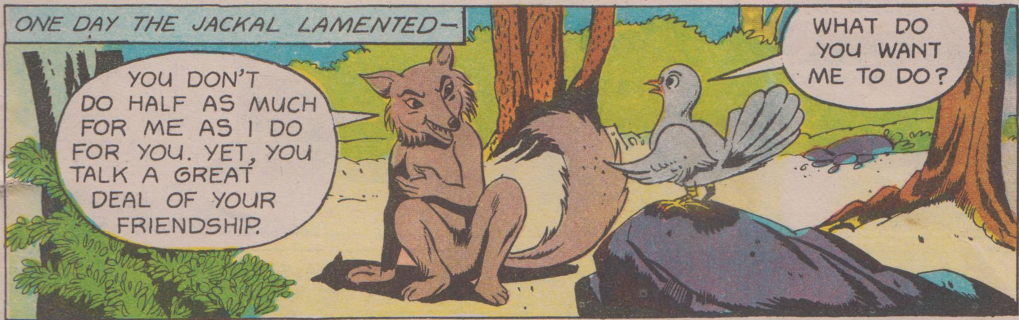
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THE PIGEON AND THE JACKAL



ONCE UPON A TIME WHEN BIRDS AND ANIMALS TALKED TOGETHER, A PIGEON AND A JACKAL WERE GREAT FRIENDS.

ONE DAY THE JACKAL LAMENTED—



YOU DON'T DO HALF AS MUCH FOR ME AS I DO FOR YOU. YET, YOU TALK A GREAT DEAL OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?



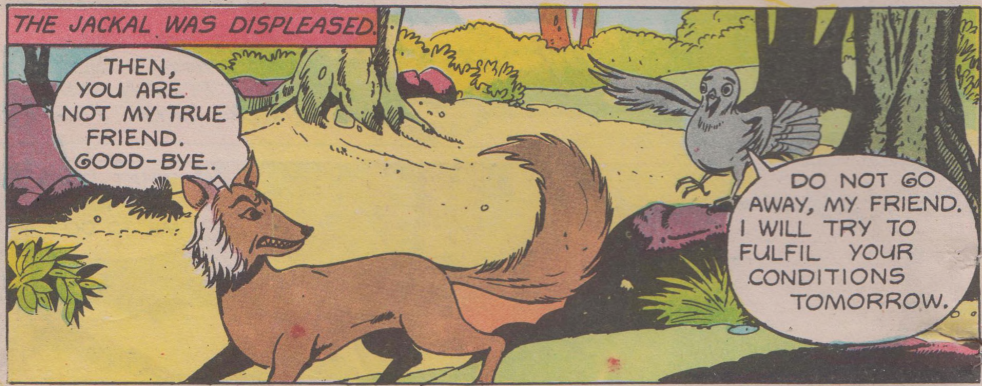
NOW, MY IDEA OF A FRIEND IS ONE WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE ME LAUGH.

OH! THAT IS EASY.



... AND GIVE ME A SQUARE MEAL.

OF COURSE I CAN DO THAT



THE PIGEON SETTLED VERY LIGHTLY ON THE TRAVELLER'S STICK.

WHAT A CHANCE FOR A SUPPER.



I MUST CATCH IT RIGHT AWAY.



YOU... YOU... WHY DID YOU THROW YOUR SHOES AT ME.

??



DO NOT BE VEXED, BROTHER. I THREW MY SHOE AT A PIGEON SITTING ON YOUR STICK.

PIGEON? WHAT PIGEON? I DON'T SEE ANY.



I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO BEHAVE YOURSELF.



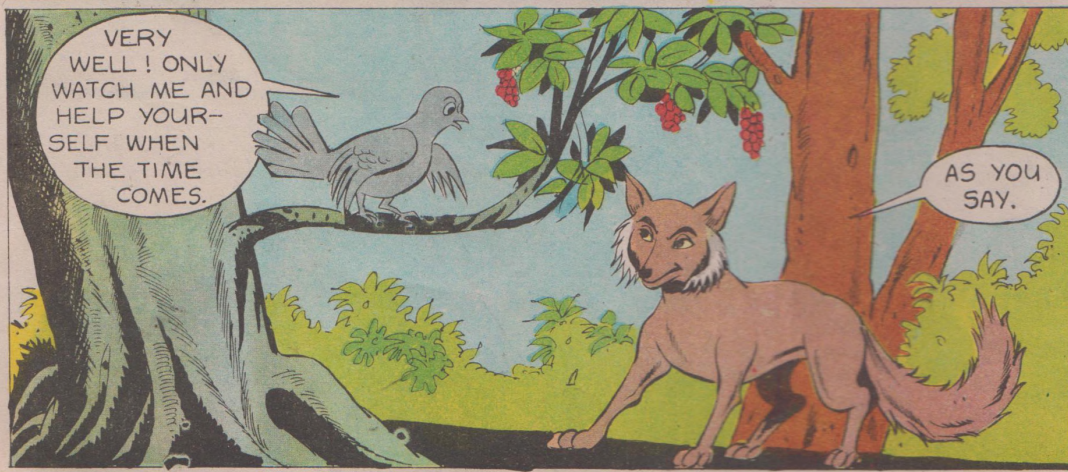
ARE YOU SATISFIED.?

YE...S. BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO GIVE ME A GOOD DINNER.



VERY WELL! ONLY WATCH ME AND HELP YOURSELF WHEN THE TIME COMES.

AS YOU SAY.



JUST THEN, A TROOP OF WOMEN. CAME BY, CARRYING THEIR HUSBANDS' DINNER TO THE HARVEST FIELD.



THE PIGEON FLUTTERED FROM BUSH TO BUSH IN FRONT OF THE WOMEN.

A PRETTY BIRD!

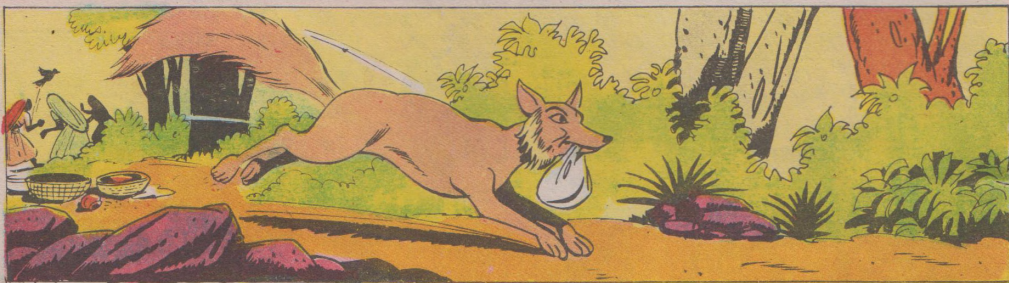
POOR THING! IT IS WOUNDED, IT SEEMS.

LET'S CATCH IT.



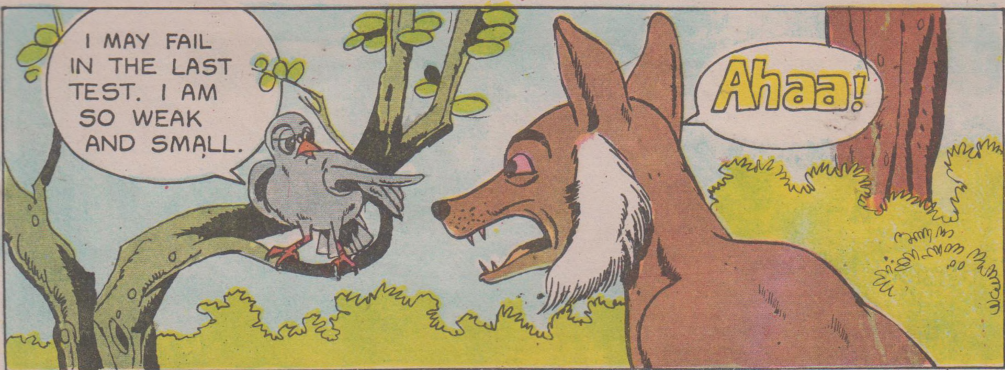
THE WOMEN SET OFF AFTER THE PIGEON.





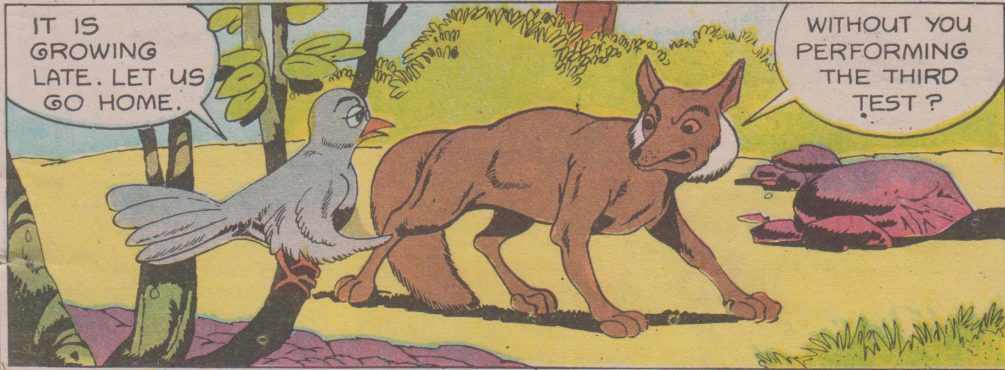
THE PIGEON FLEW AWAY.





I MAY FAIL
IN THE LAST
TEST. I AM
SO WEAK
AND SMALL.

Ahaa!




IT IS
GROWING
LATE. LET US
GO HOME.

WITHOUT YOU
PERFORMING
THE THIRD
TEST ?



GIVE ME
SOME TIME
TO THINK.

WE...LL!
ALRIGHT.




LET US GO HOME
ACROSS THE
RIVER. IT IS A
LONG WAY ROUND
THE FORD.

WHO WILL
TAKE US ACROSS?

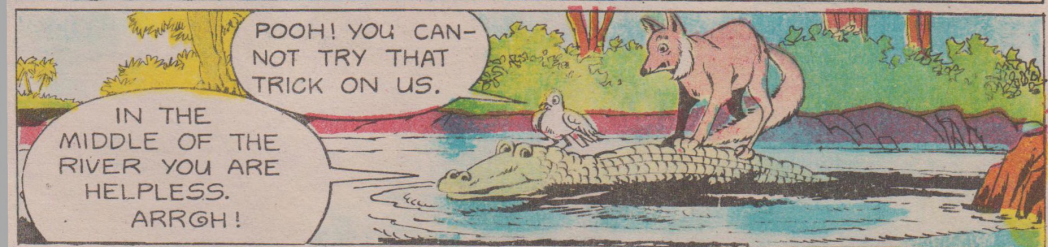
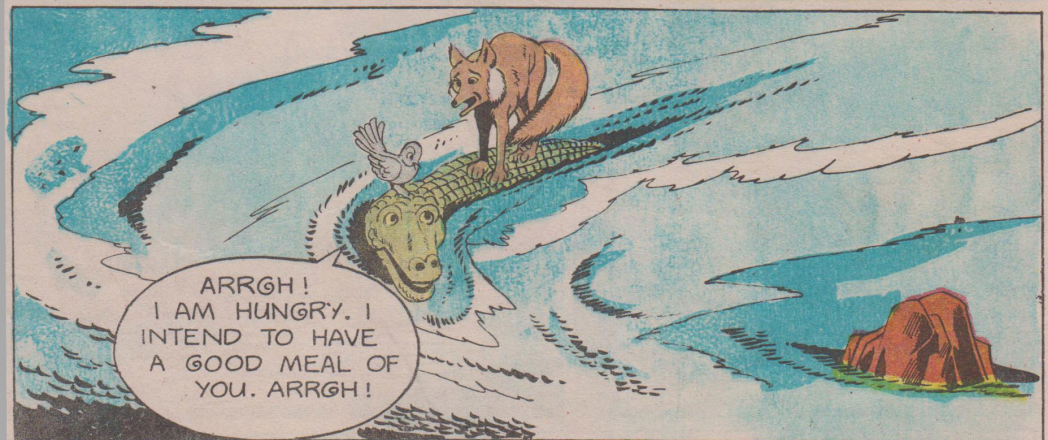
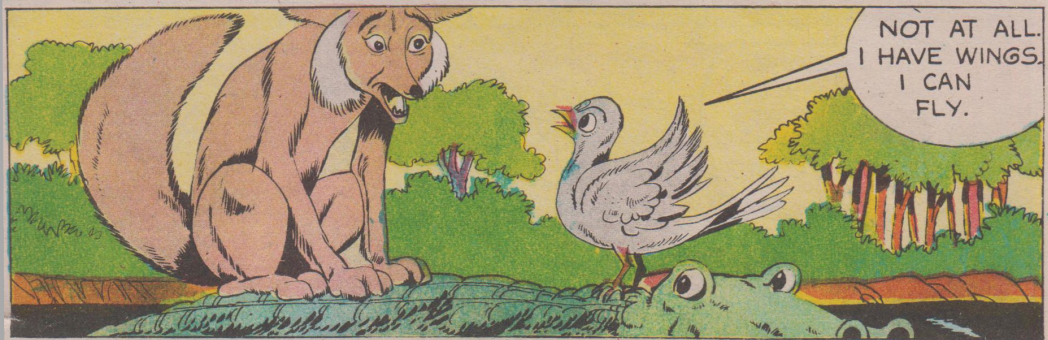
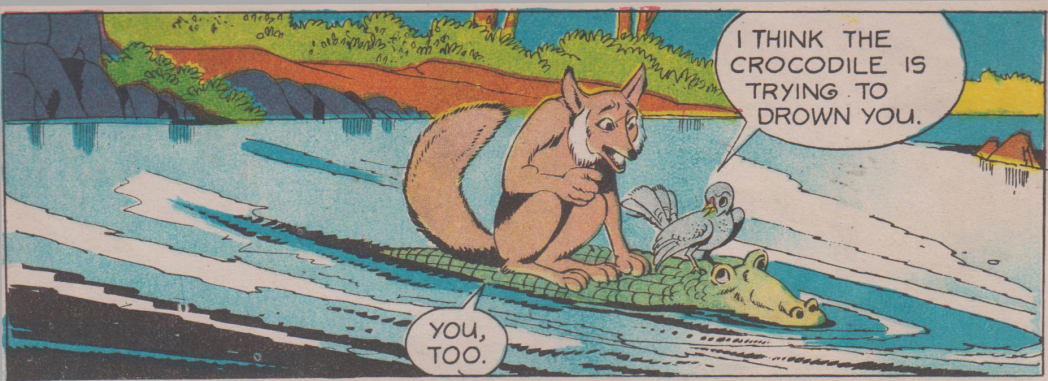


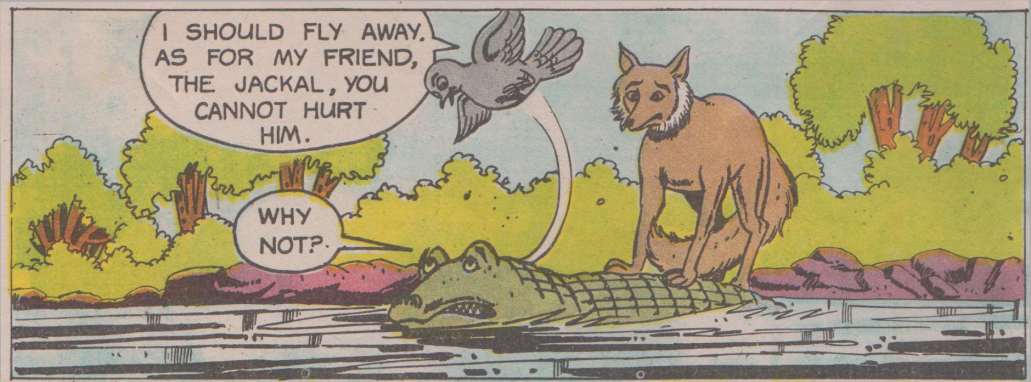
MY
FRIEND, THE
CROCODILE WILL
TAKE US
ACROSS.



THE PIGEON AND THE JACKAL SAT ON
THE CROCODILE'S BACK AND HE FERRIED
THEM OVER. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
STREAM —


HEY! WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
FRIEND
CROCODILE?






I SHOULD FLY AWAY,
AS FOR MY FRIEND,
THE JACKAL, YOU
CANNOT HURT
HIM.

WHY
NOT?



BECAUSE HE
LEAVES HIS LIFE
LOCKED UP AT
HOME, WHEN-
EVER HE COMES
OUT.


IS
THAT
SO?

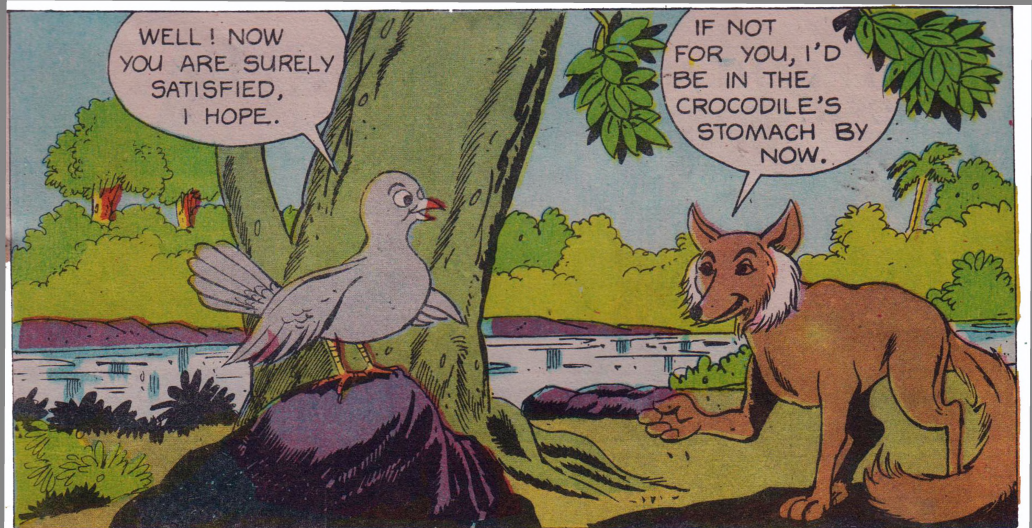


CERTAINLY!
TRY TO EAT
HIM WHO
HAS NO
HEART.

HOW
VERY ODD!
GRRGH!

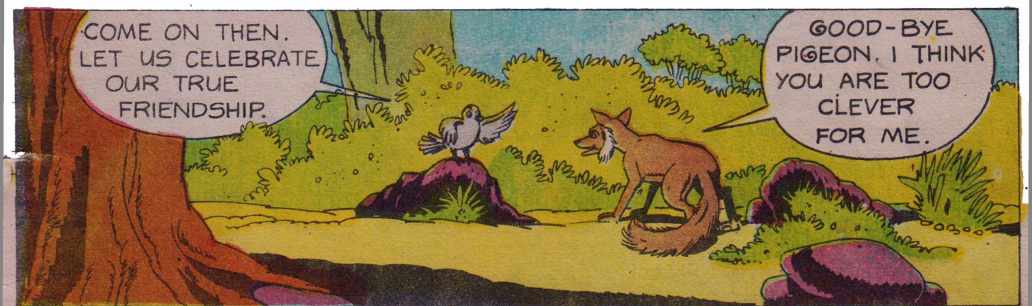
THE CROCODILE WAS SO TAKEN ABACK THAT HE CARRIED THE JACKAL SAFELY TO THE SHORE.






WELL! NOW
YOU ARE SURELY
SATISFIED,
I HOPE.

IF NOT
FOR YOU, I'D
BE IN THE
CROCODILE'S
STOMACH BY
NOW.



COME ON THEN.
LET US CELEBRATE
OUR TRUE
FRIENDSHIP.

GOOD-BYE
PIGEON. I THINK
YOU ARE TOO
CLEVER
FOR ME.



WHY, WHY?
WHAT IS THE
MATTER?

WELL! TODAY YOU
SAVED MY LIFE. BUT
THEN, YOU ARE CLEVER
ENOUGH TO EVEN TAKE
MY LIFE SOME OTHER
DAY. SO I WISH TO
GO AWAY FROM
YOU.

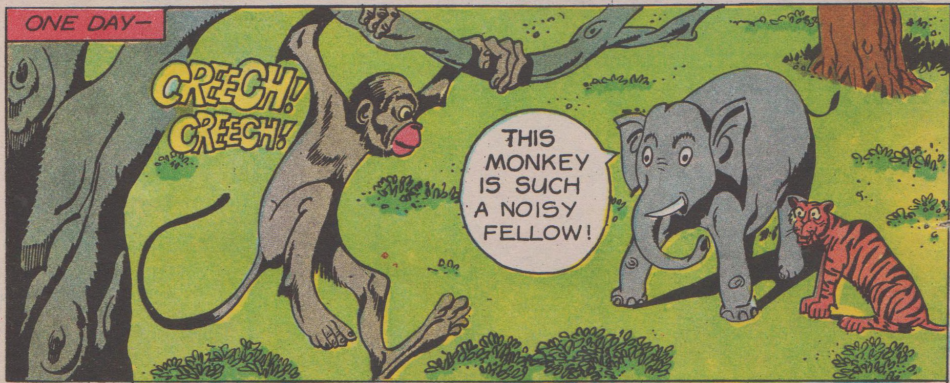
THE JACKAL LEFT HASTILY, AND NEVER
MET THE PIGEON AGAIN.

THE ELEPHANT AND THE TIGER



LONG, LONG AGO, AN ELEPHANT AND A TIGER WERE FRIENDS.

ONE DAY—



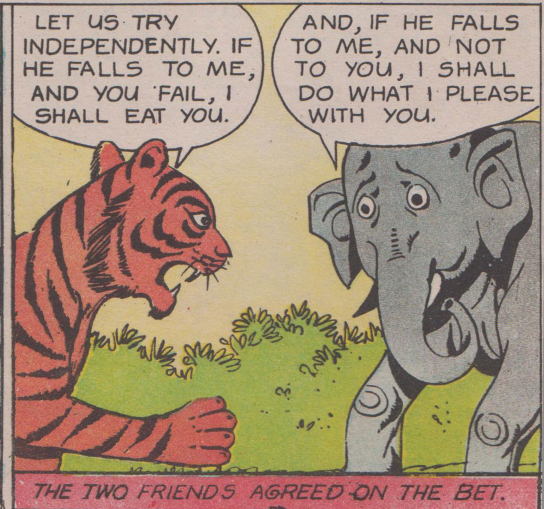
CREECH!
CREECH!

THIS
MONKEY
IS SUCH
A NOISY
FELLOW!



HOW?

YES. HE
IS FAR TOO
NOISY. WE
MUST
SHAKE
HIM OFF.



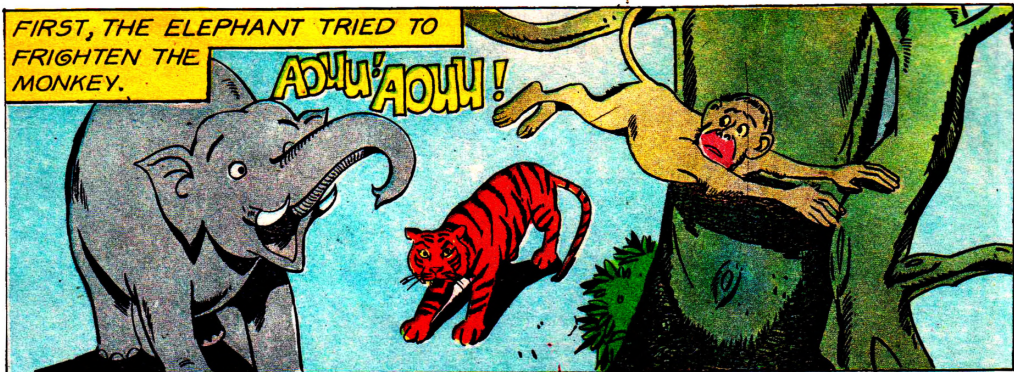
LET US TRY
INDEPENDENTLY. IF
HE FALLS TO ME,
AND YOU FAIL, I
SHALL EAT YOU.

AND, IF HE FALLS
TO ME, AND NOT
TO YOU, I SHALL
DO WHAT I PLEASE
WITH YOU.

THE TWO FRIENDS AGREED ON THE BET.

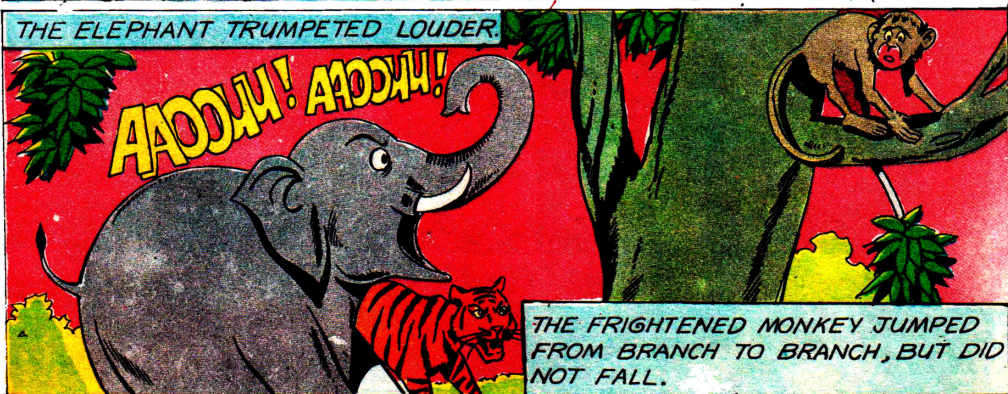
FIRST, THE ELEPHANT TRIED TO FRIGHTEN THE MONKEY.

AOUU! AOUU!



THE ELEPHANT TRUMPETED LOUDER.

AOUU! AOUU!



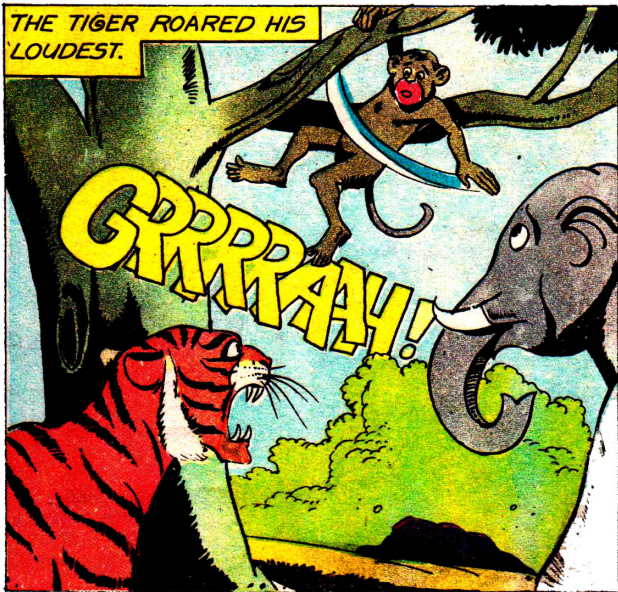
THE FRIGHTENED MONKEY JUMPED FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH, BUT DID NOT FALL.

WELL, FRIEND ELEPHANT WOULD YOU LIKE YOU TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN?

NO. IT IS YOUR TURN NOW. BUT, THE MONKEY IS TOO CLEVER TO FALL TO EITHER OF US.

THE TIGER ROARED HIS LOUDEST.

GRRRAH!



HE THEN PRETENDED TO SPRING



THE MONKEY LEAPED. BUT IT WAS VERY FRIGHTENED. IT LOST ITS HOLD ON THE BRANCH.



IT FELL AT THE TIGER'S FEET AND WAS QUITE DEAD.

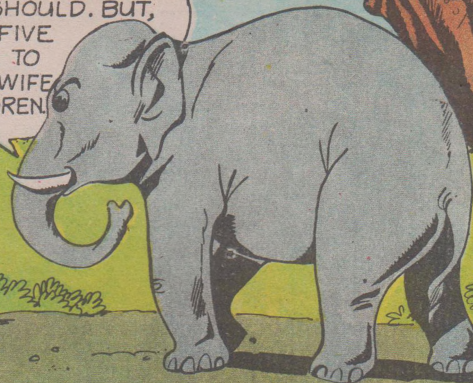


AH! NOW, THE MONKEY IS MINE AND SO IS THE ELEPHANT.

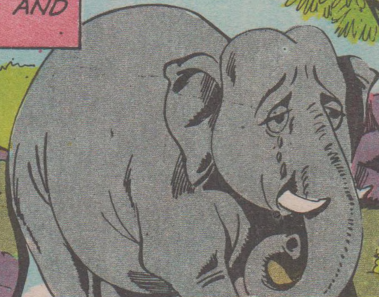


I SHALL
EAT YOU NOW,
FRIEND
ELEPHANT.

ACCORDING TO OUR
BET, YOU SHOULD. BUT,
GRANT ME FIVE
DAYS TIME TO
VISIT MY WIFE
AND CHILDREN!



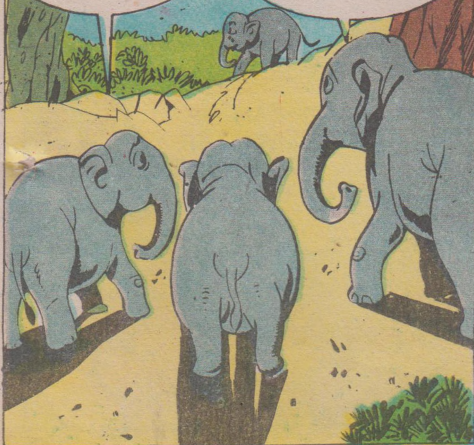
THE TIGER GRANTED THE REQUEST. THE
ELEPHANT WENT HOME, BELLOWING AND
SOBBING ALL THE WAY.



AS HE NEARED HIS HOME, HIS
WIFE AND CHILDREN HEARD HIM.

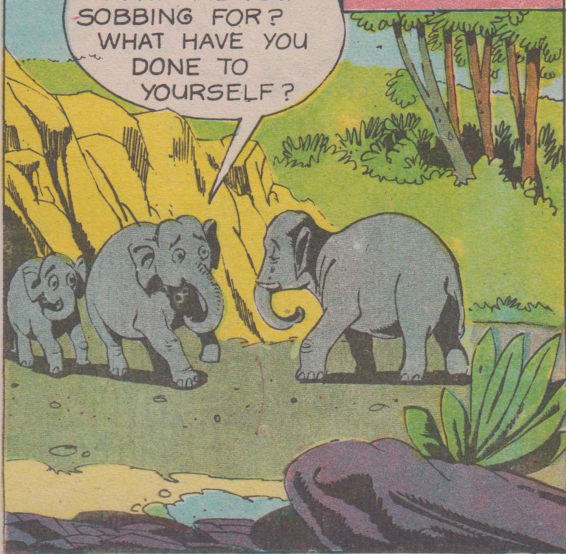
MA, THAT
IS FATHER'S
VOICE.

WHAT CAN BE THE
MATTER WITH
YOUR FATHER? HE
SOUNDS SAD.



IN A SHORT WHILE, FATHER ELEPHANT
REACHED HOME.

WHAT ARE YOU
SOBBING FOR?
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE TO
YOURSELF?



FATHER ELEPHANT TOLD HIS WIFE ALL THAT HAPPENED. HE KEPT SOBBING. SHE COULD NOT CONSOLE HIM.

IS THERE NO WAY OUT ?

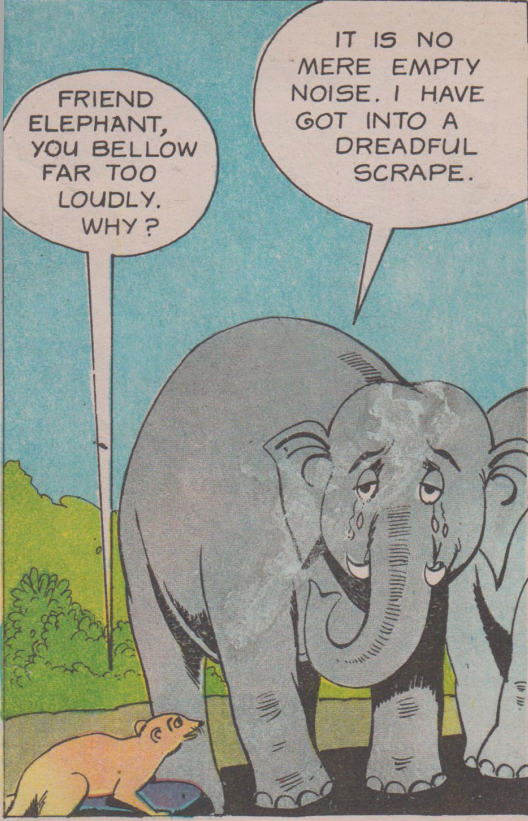
NONE AT ALL. I HAVE COME TO BID YOU ALL GOOD-BYE.

OH! OH! HOW CAN I LIVE WITHOUT MY HUSBAND ?

SHALL WE NOT HAVE A FATHER ANY MORE ?


JUST THEN—

WHAT CAN BE THE MATTER WITH FRIEND ELEPHANT ?



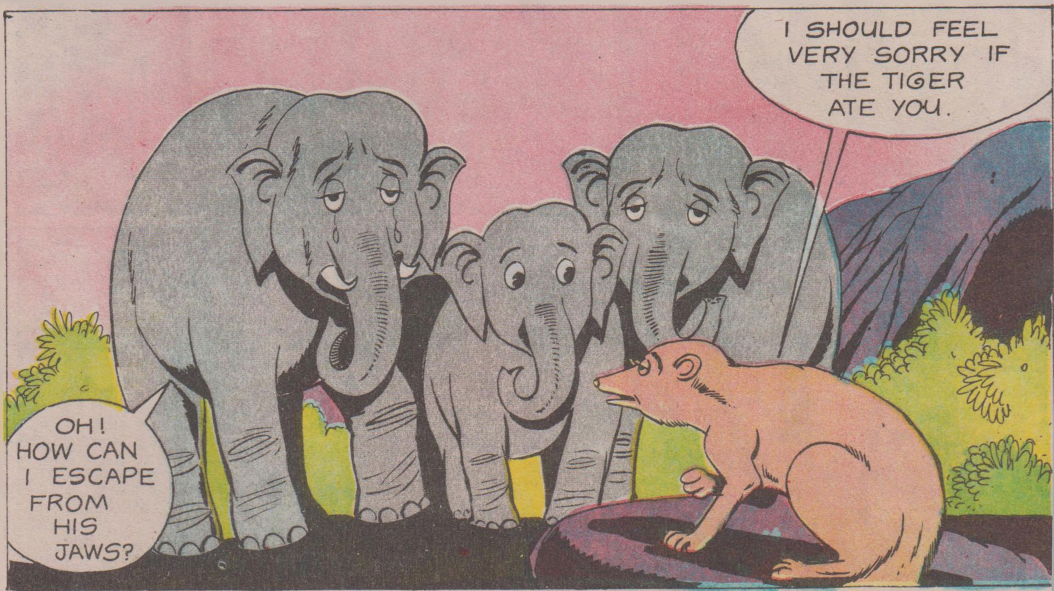
FRIEND
ELEPHANT,
YOU BELLOW
FAR TOO
LOUDLY.
WHY?

IT IS NO
MERE EMPTY
NOISE. I HAVE
GOT INTO A
DREADFUL
SCRAPE.



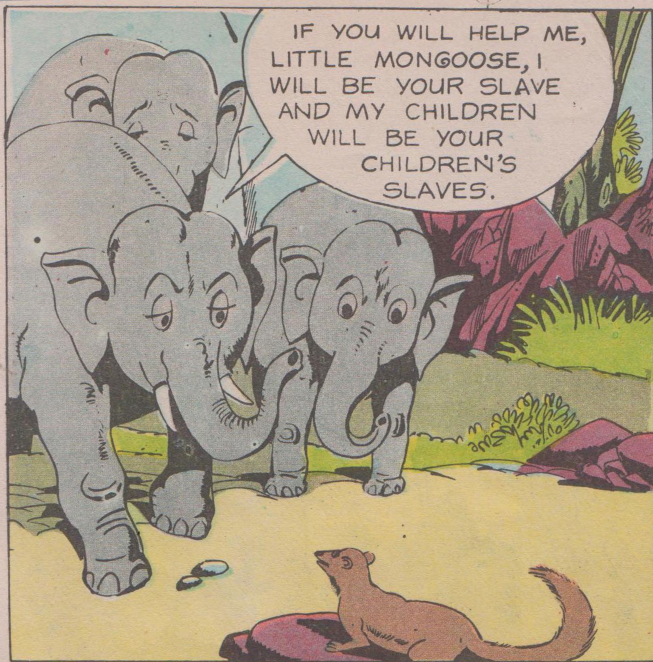
WHAT
SORT OF
A SCRAPE?

THE 'ELEPHANT TOLD THE MONGOOSE
ALL ABOUT THE TIGER AND HIS BET.



OH!
HOW CAN
I ESCAPE
FROM
HIS
JAWS?

I SHOULD FEEL
VERY SORRY IF
THE TIGER
ATE YOU.



IF YOU WILL HELP ME,
LITTLE MONGOOSE, I
WILL BE YOUR SLAVE
AND MY CHILDREN
WILL BE YOUR
CHILDREN'S
SLAVES.

THE MONGOOSE THOUGHT
FOR A WHILE.



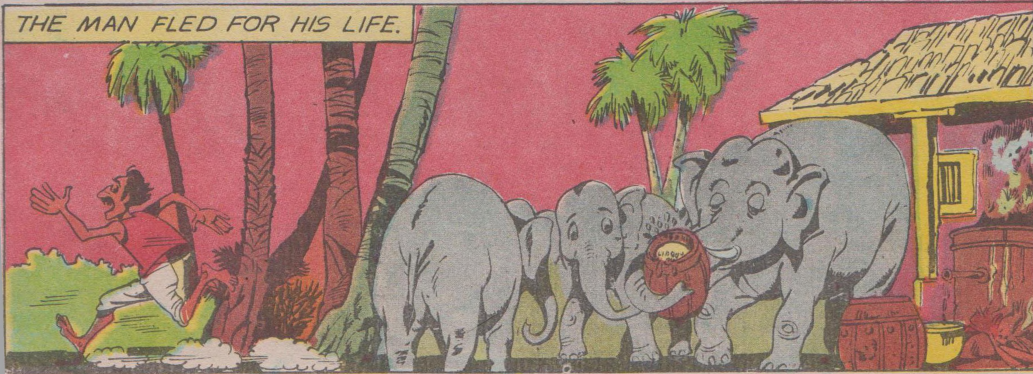
I SHALL
TRY TO HELP
YOU. GET ME A
JARFUL OF
MOLASSES.

THE ELEPHANT AND HIS CHILDREN
HASTENED TO THE HOUSE OF A MAKER
OF PALM WINE.

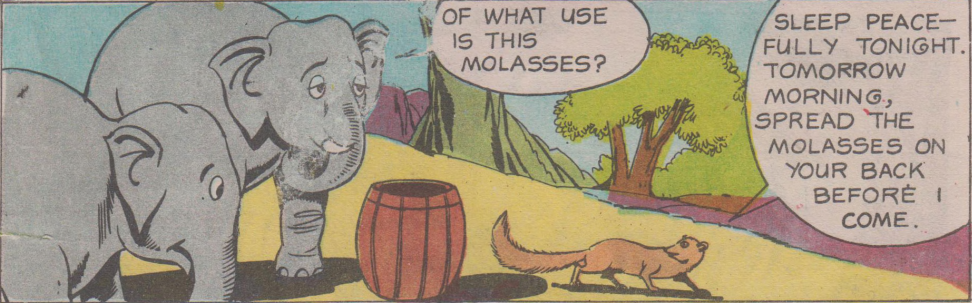
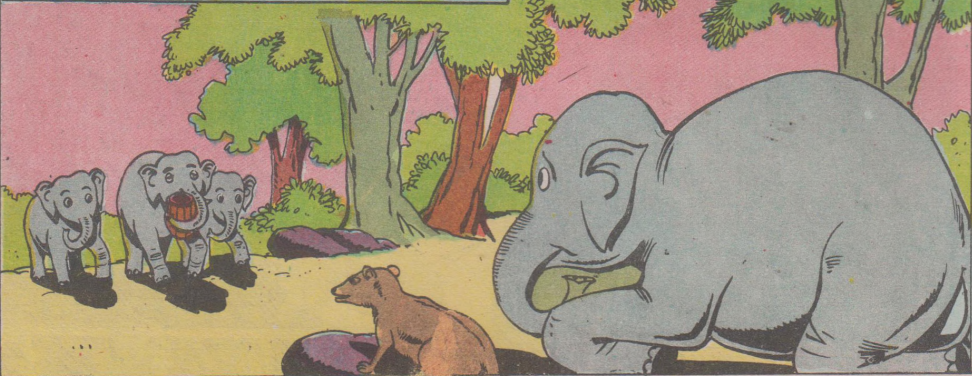


OH! MY GOOD-
NESS! THREE
ELEPHANTS
COMING TO
TRAMPLE ME!

THE MAN FLED FOR HIS LIFE.

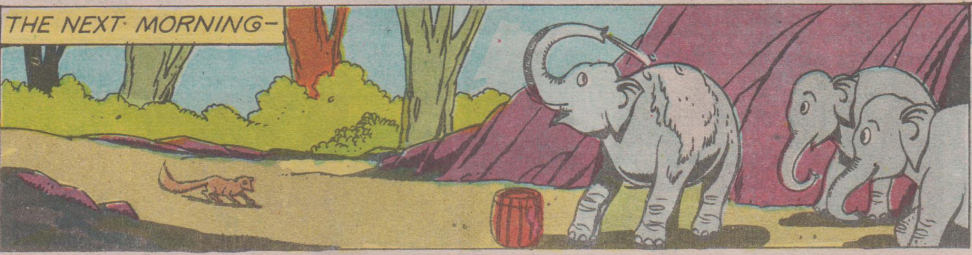


THE ELEPHANTS HURRIED BACK HOME.

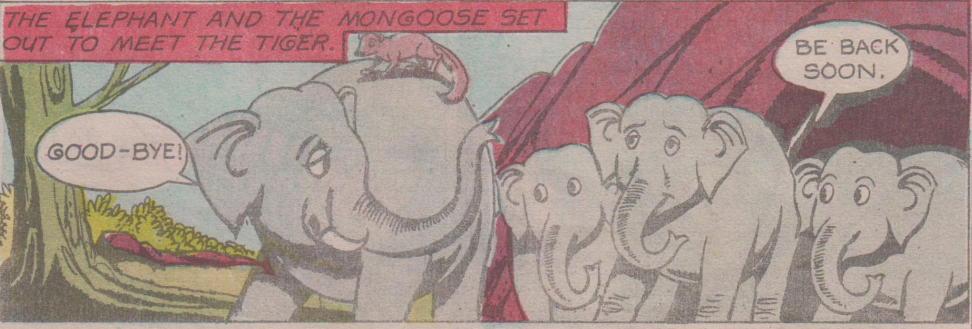


OF WHAT USE IS THIS MOLASSES?

SLEEP PEACEFULLY TONIGHT. TOMORROW MORNING, SPREAD THE MOLASSES ON YOUR BACK BEFORE I COME.



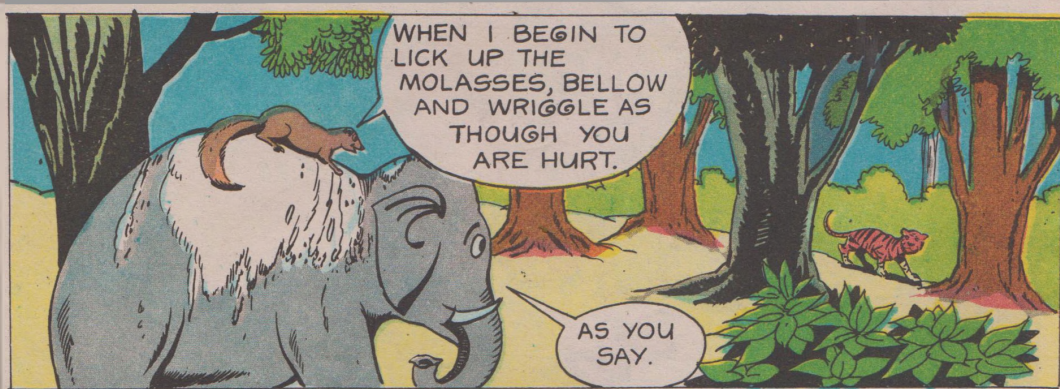
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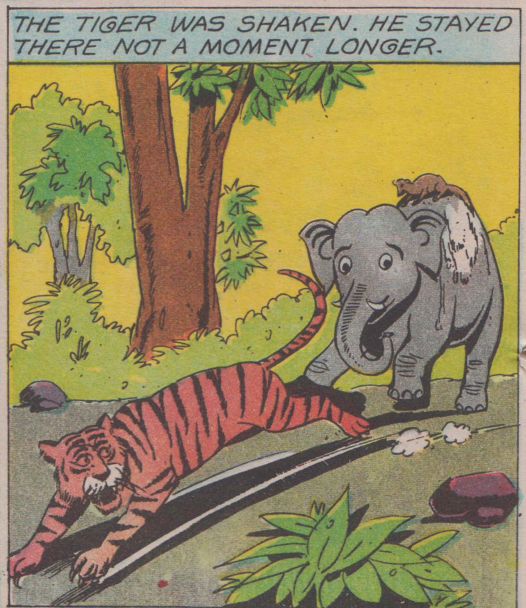
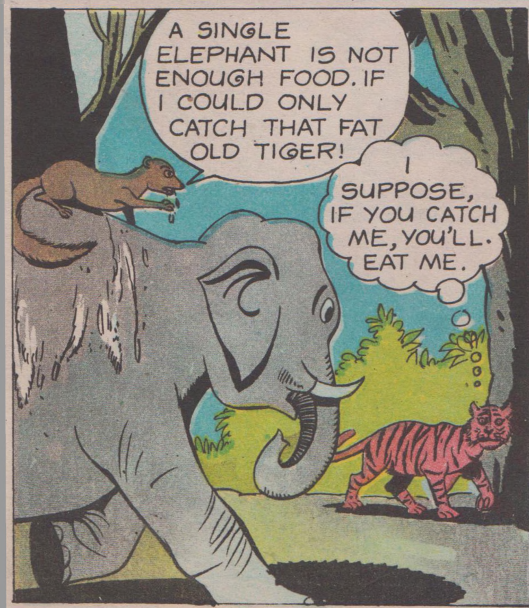
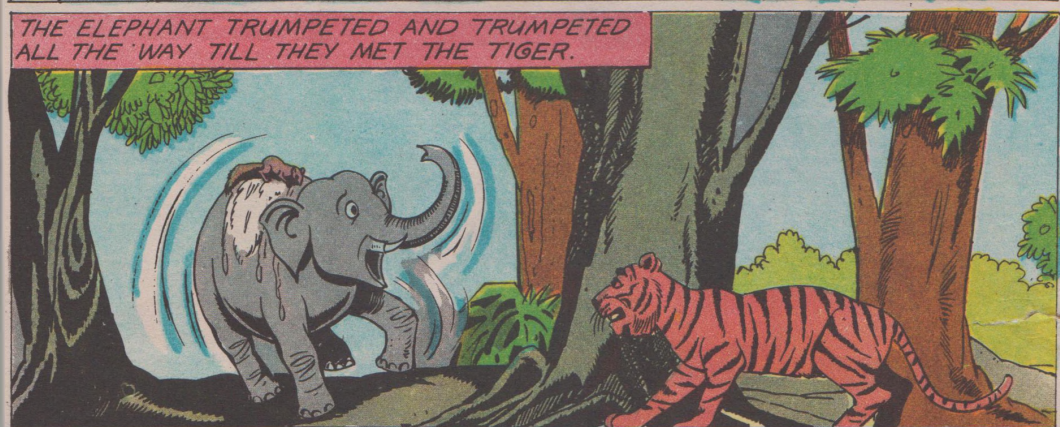
THE ELEPHANT AND THE MONGOOSE SET OUT TO MEET THE TIGER.

GOOD-BYE!

BE BACK SOON.



THE ELEPHANT TRUMPETED AND TRUMPETED ALL THE WAY TILL THEY MET THE TIGER.



SOON, HE MET THE APE.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING SO FAST, FRIEND TIGER?

THAT... THAT THING ON THE ELEPHANT'S BACK IS PLANNING TO EAT ME.

WHAT WAS THAT 'THING'?

I DON'T KNOW.

THE APE THOUGHT FOR A WHILE.

AH! I WONDER IF IT COULD BE OUR LITTLE FRIEND, THE MONGOOSE.

HOW IN THE WORLD COULD A MONGOOSE SWALLOW ME?

COME THEN. LET US GO BACK AND SEE.

YOU GO AHEAD. I'LL FOLLOW YOU.

THEY SOON MET THE ELEPHANT AND THE MONGOOSE

HULLO, FATHER APE! THIS IS A DOG'S TRICK INDEED.

WHAT DOES THE MONGOOS MEAN?

YOU PROMISED TO BRING ME TWO TIGERS. BUT YOU'VE BROUGHT ME ONLY ONE.

WELL... YOU SEE...

BUT, THE TIGER DID NOT WAIT TO LISTEN TO THE APE. HE RAN AS FAST AS HE COULD, IN ORDER TO SAVE HIMSELF.


THE ELEPHANT, THE MONGOOSE AND THE APE HAD A HEARTY LAUGH.

THE TIGER NEVER CAME NEAR ANY OF THESE ANIMALS FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

THE ASS AND THE HARE

ONE DAY, A HUNGRY WOLF, ROAMING ABOUT IN SEARCH OF SOMETHING TO EAT CAME ACROSS A YOUNG ASS.

AH! HE WOULD MAKE A FINE MEAL.



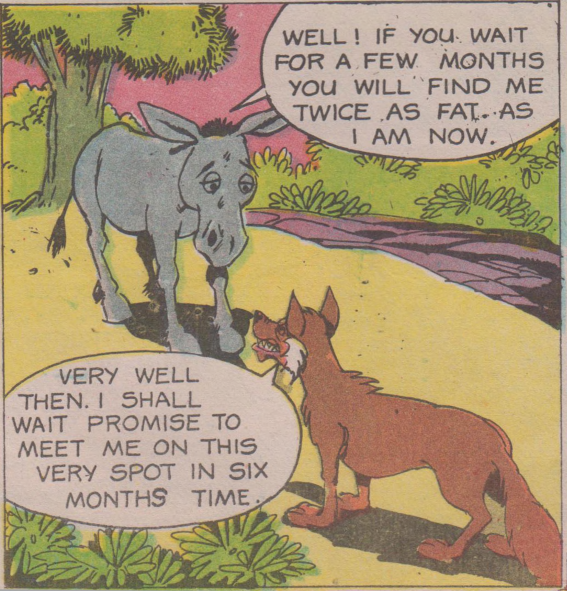
THE WOLF WAS ABOUT TO PONCE UPON THE ASS

UNCLE WOLF, WHY DO YOU WANT TO EAT ME NOW.

WHY NOT?




WELL! IF YOU WAIT FOR A FEW MONTHS YOU WILL FIND ME TWICE AS FAT AS I AM NOW.



VERY WELL THEN. I SHALL WAIT PROMISE TO MEET ME ON THIS VERY SPOT IN SIX MONTHS TIME.

I PROMISE.

IN THAT CASE, I WILL SPARE YOU NOW.



THE POOR ASS THEN RAN TO THE WISE OLD HARE.

UNCLE HARE PLEASE HELP ME.

WHAT HAPPENED?

THE ASS TOLD HIM ABOUT THE WOLF.

THE HARE THOUGHT FOR A WHILE.

DON'T WORRY, AND MEET THE WOLF SIX MONTHS HENCE.

BUT, ... BUT, HE'LL EAT ME UP.

I'LL BE THERE TO LOOK AFTER YOU.

THE HARE TOLD THE ASS HIS PLAN.

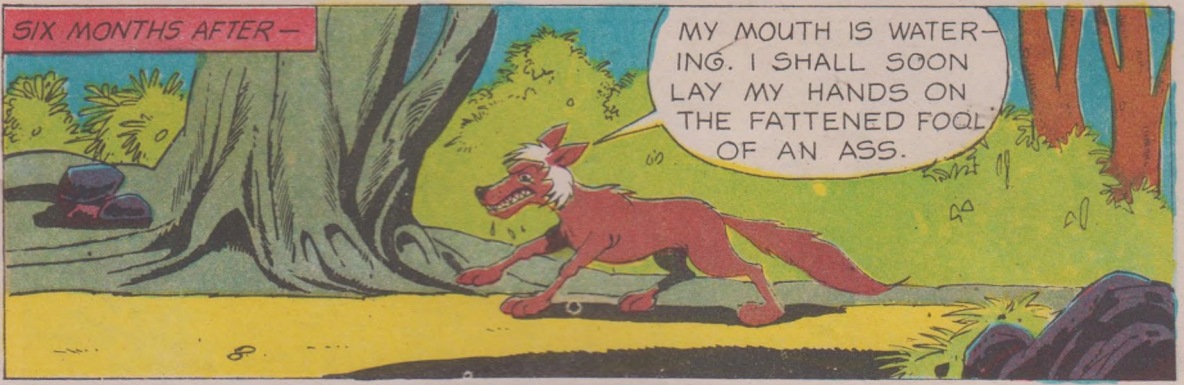
HOW DO I KNOW?

OH! THAT IS A VERY GOOD IDEA, INDEED. I SHALL DO JUST AS YOU SAY.

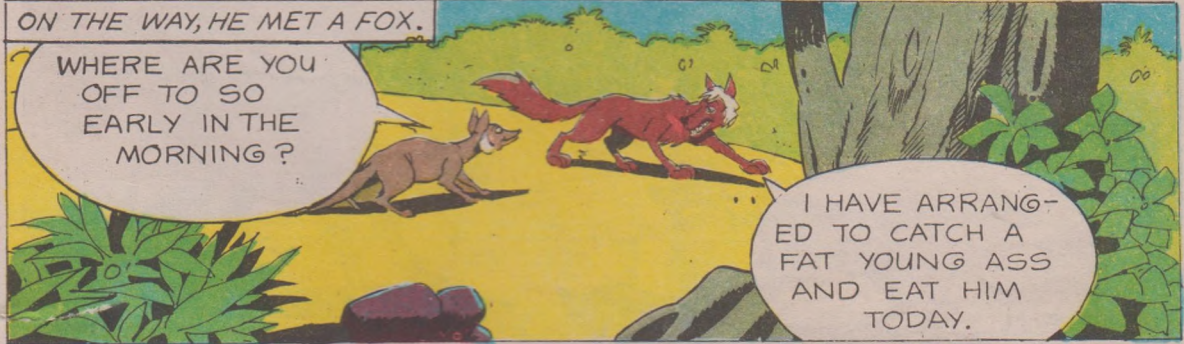
DON'T FORGET MY INSTRUCTIONS—IN SIX MONTHS TIME. ALSO, EAT WELL AND BE STRONG.

THE HARE AND THE ASS THEN WENT THEIR WAY.

SIX MONTHS AFTER—



ON THE WAY, HE MET A FOX.

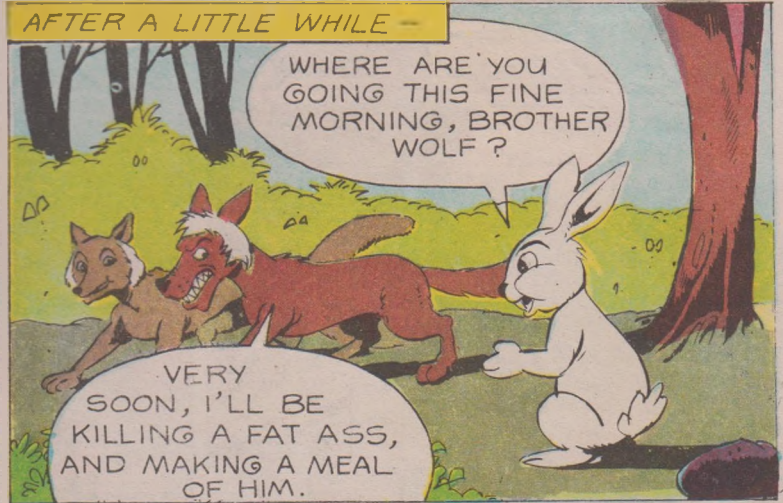


THAT IS VERY NICE. BUT, AN ASS IS A LARGE ANIMAL. WILL YOU ALLOW ME TO COME AND SHARE HIM WITH YOU?

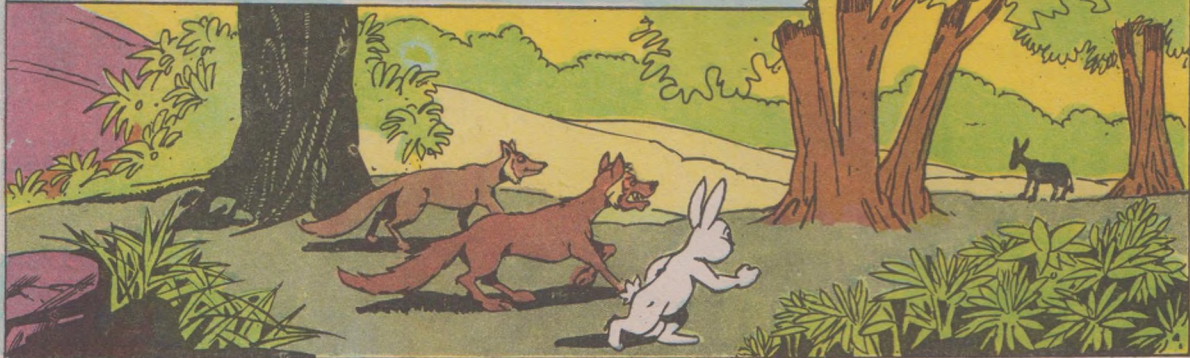


THE FOX AND THE WOLF WENT ON TOGETHER.

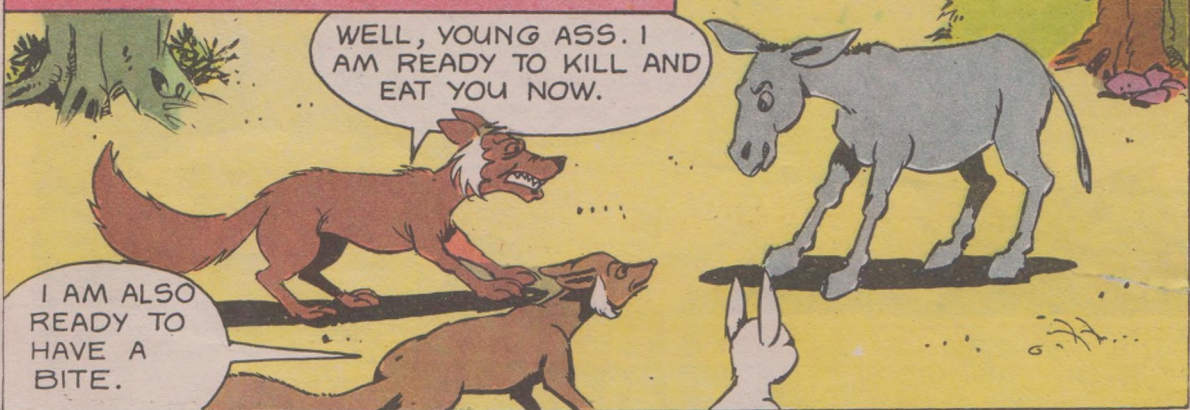
AFTER A LITTLE WHILE—



SO THE HARE JOINED THE FOX AND THE WOLF. THE THREE OF THEM HURRIED ON TO MEET THE ASS.



IN A SHORT TIME, THEY MET THE ASS.



WELL, YOUNG ASS. I AM READY TO KILL AND EAT YOU NOW.

I AM ALSO READY TO HAVE A BITE.



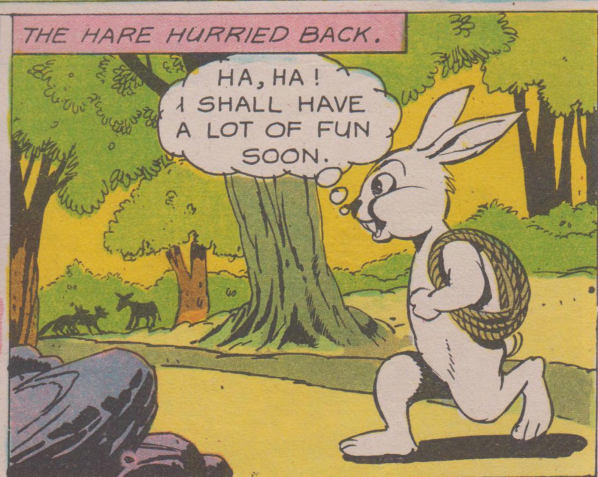
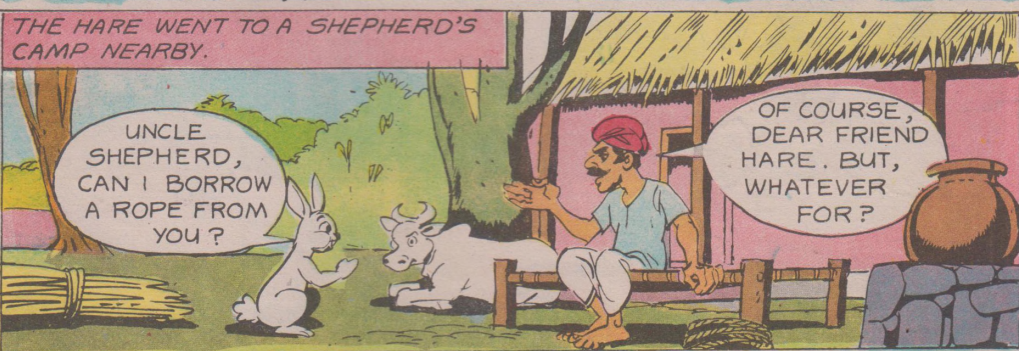
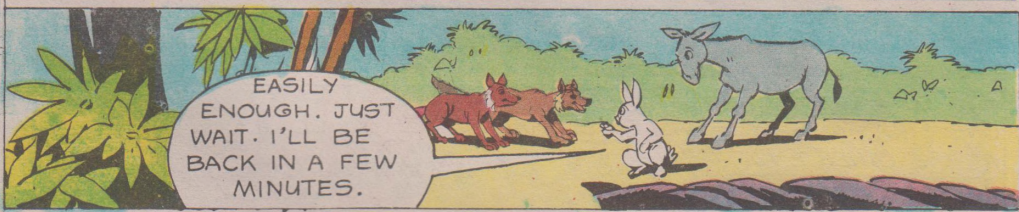
JUST WAIT A MINUTE, PLEASE.

WHY? WHAT NOW?



IF YOU KILL THE ASS BY SEIZING HIS THROAT A LOT OF BLOOD WILL FLOW.

WHY THEN, WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE?



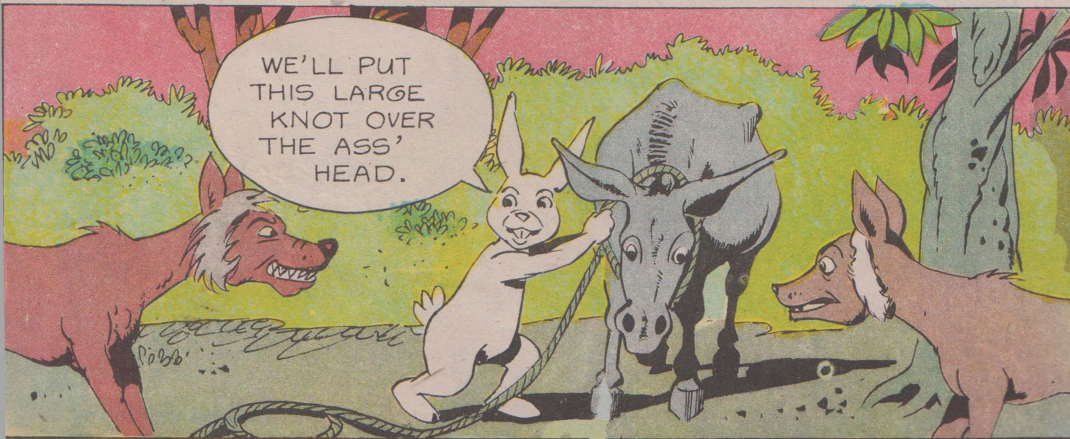
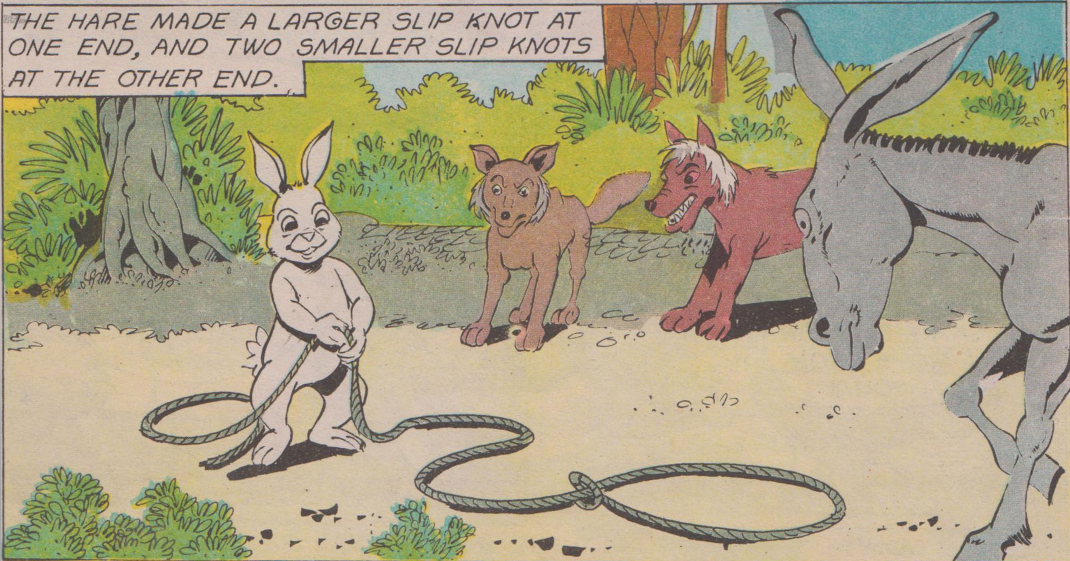
THE WOLF AND THE FOX WERE WAITING EAGERLY FOR HIM.

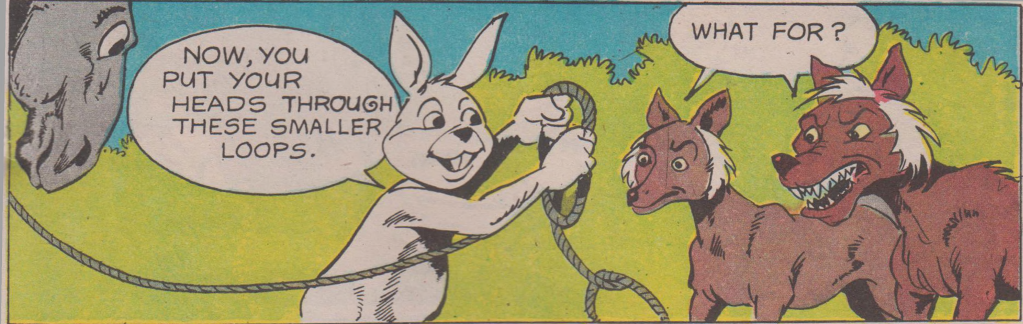
NOW, I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.

WHAT CAN THIS LITTLE HARE DO WITH THIS THICK ROPE?

THE HARE MADE A LARGER SLIP KNOT AT ONE END, AND TWO SMALLER SLIP KNOTS AT THE OTHER END.

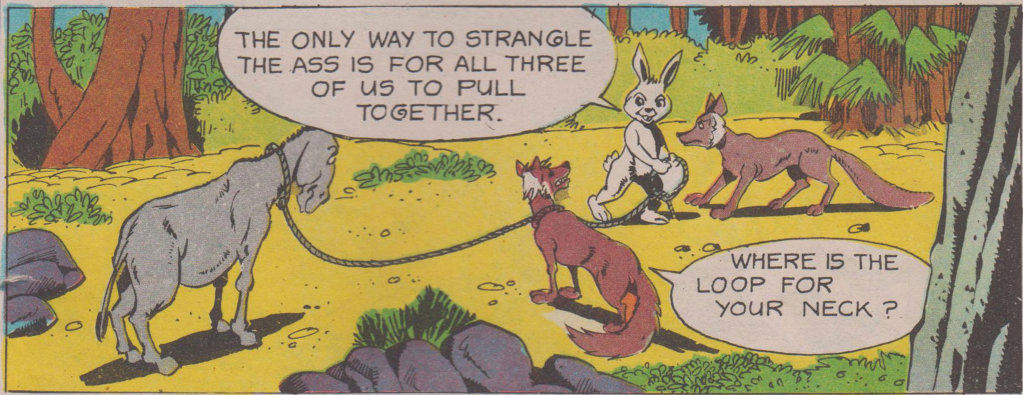
WE'LL PUT THIS LARGE KNOT OVER THE ASS' HEAD.





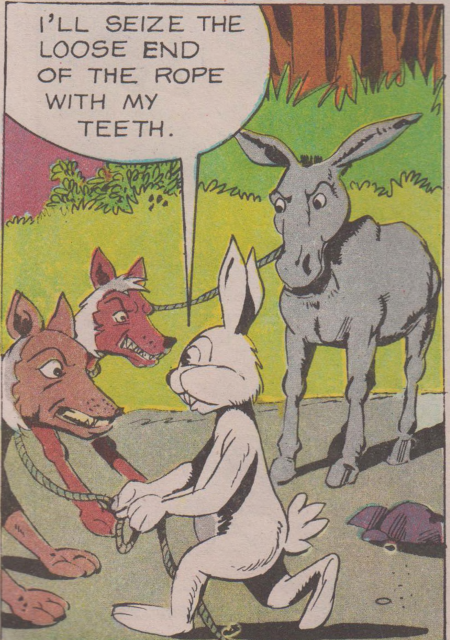
NOW, YOU PUT YOUR HEADS THROUGH THESE SMALLER LOOPS.

WHAT FOR?

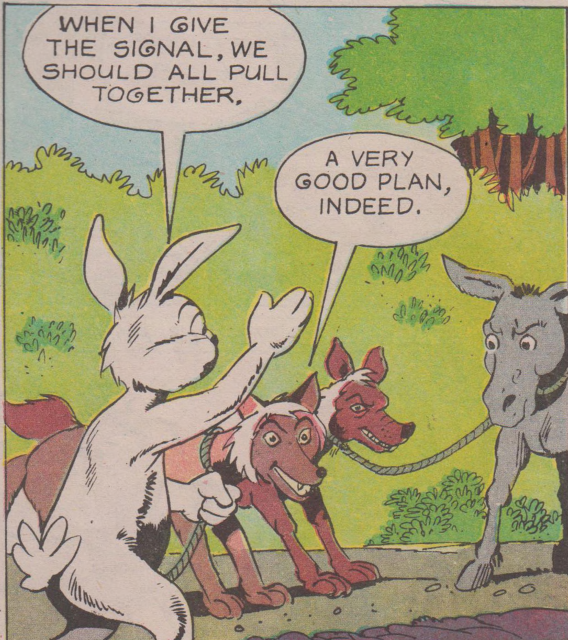


THE ONLY WAY TO STRANGLE THE ASS IS FOR ALL THREE OF US TO PULL TOGETHER.

WHERE IS THE LOOP FOR YOUR NECK?

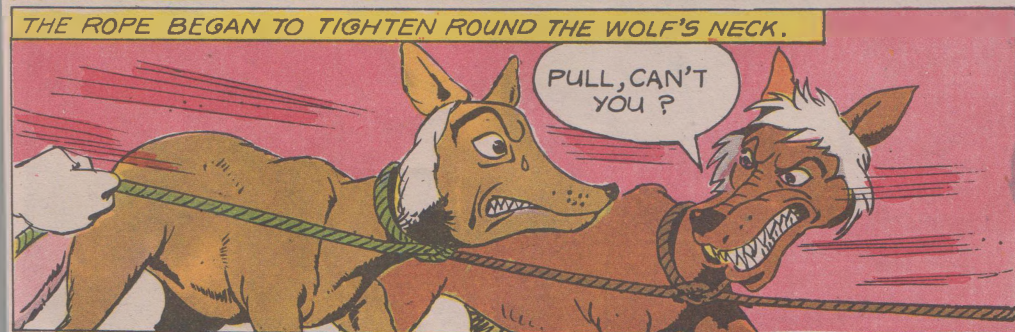
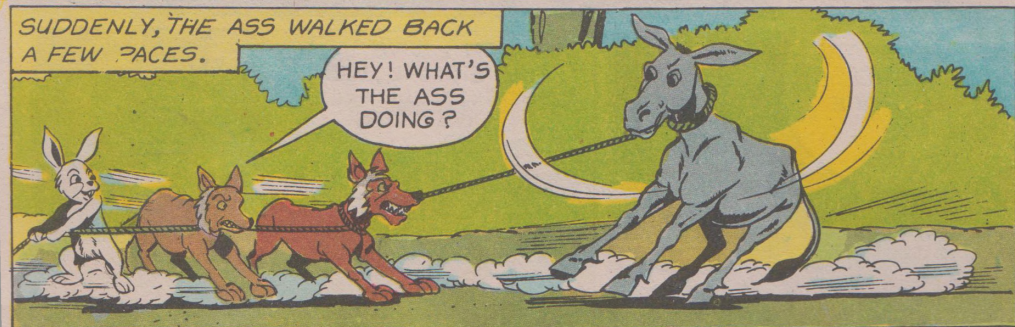
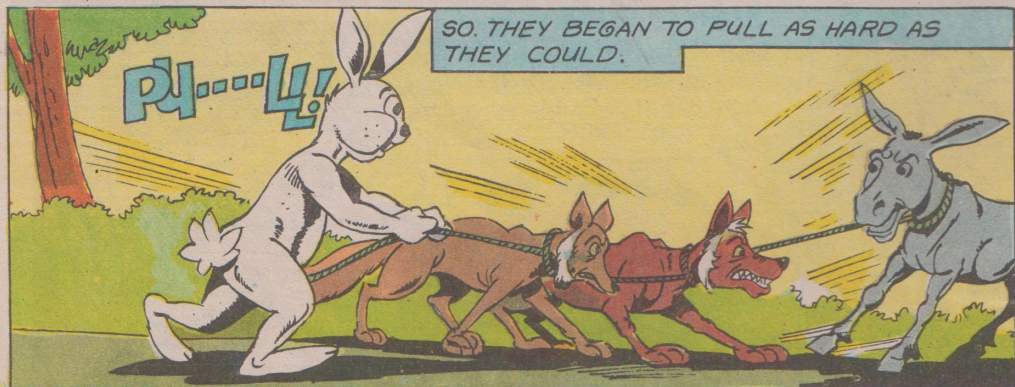
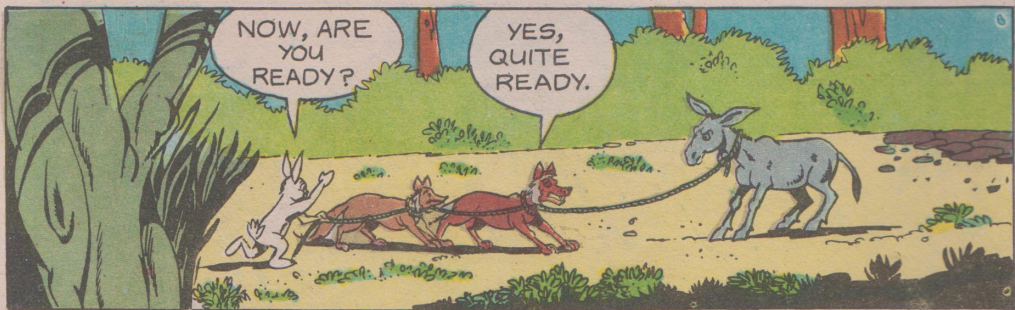


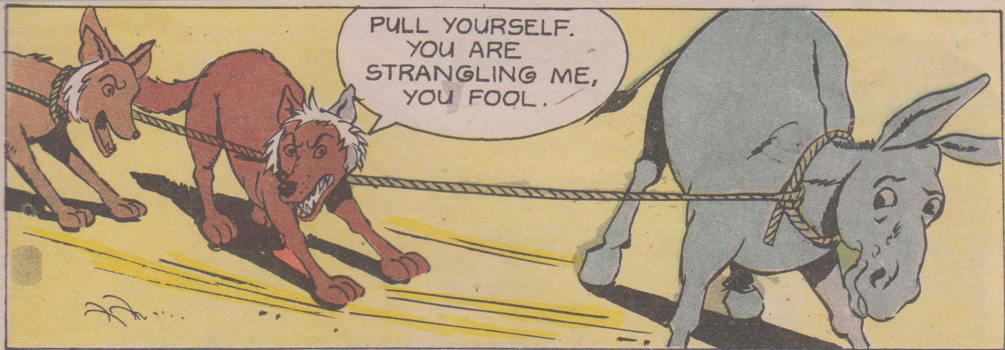
I'LL SEIZE THE LOOSE END OF THE ROPE WITH MY TEETH.



WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, WE SHOULD ALL PULL TOGETHER.

A VERY GOOD PLAN, INDEED.



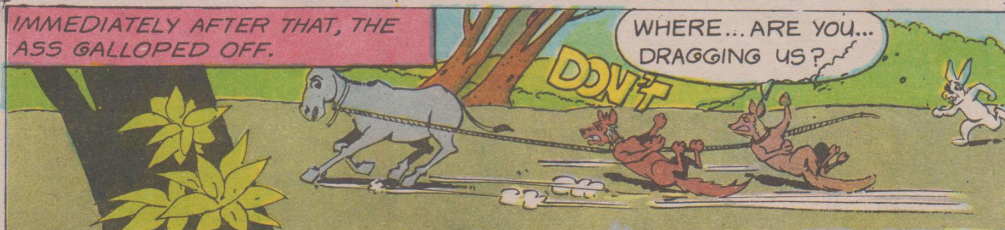


PULL YOURSELF. YOU ARE STRANGLING ME, YOU FOOL.



PULL, ALL OF YOU.

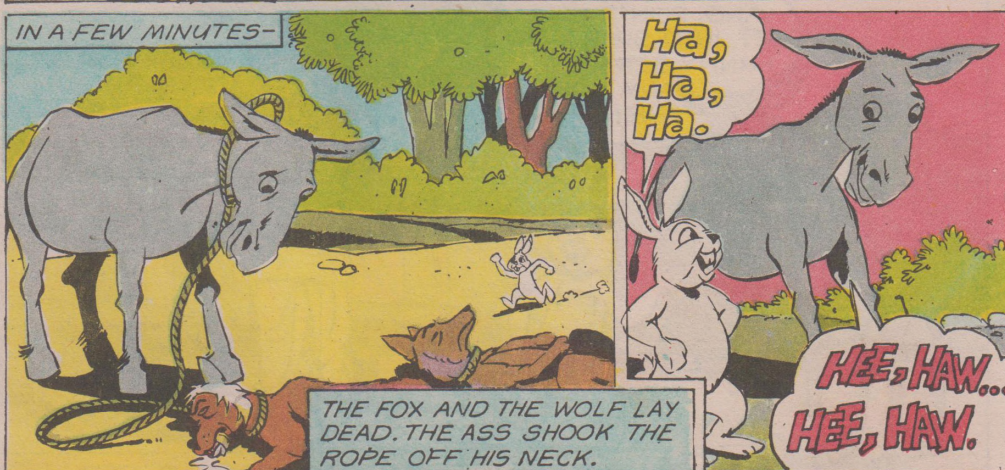
THE HARE, ALL OF A SUDDEN LET GO HIS END OF THE ROPE.



IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, THE ASS GALLOPED OFF.

WHERE... ARE YOU... DRAGGING US?...

DON'T



IN A FEW MINUTES-

Ha, Ha, Ha.

HEE, HAW...
HEE, HAW.

THE FOX AND THE WOLF LAY DEAD. THE ASS SHOOK THE ROPE OFF HIS NECK.

THE HARE AND THE ASS THEN WENT TO THE SHEPHERD'S CAMP.

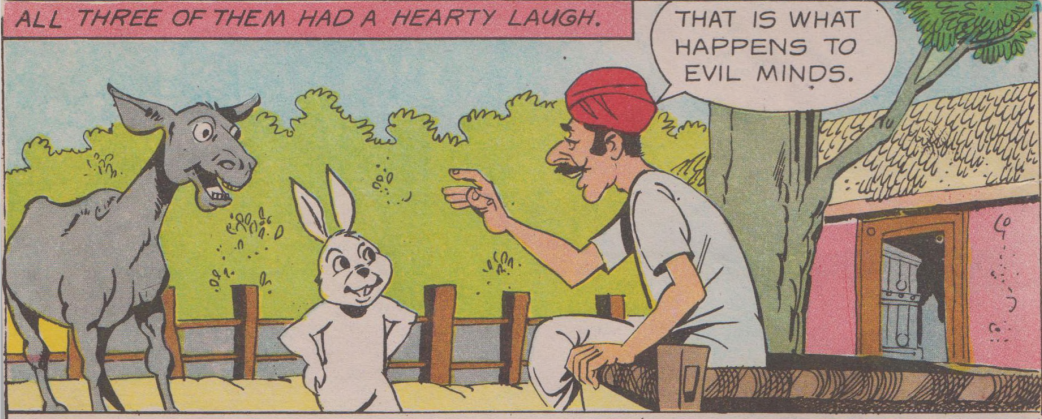


THANK YOU FOR THE ROPE, UNCLE SHEPHERD.

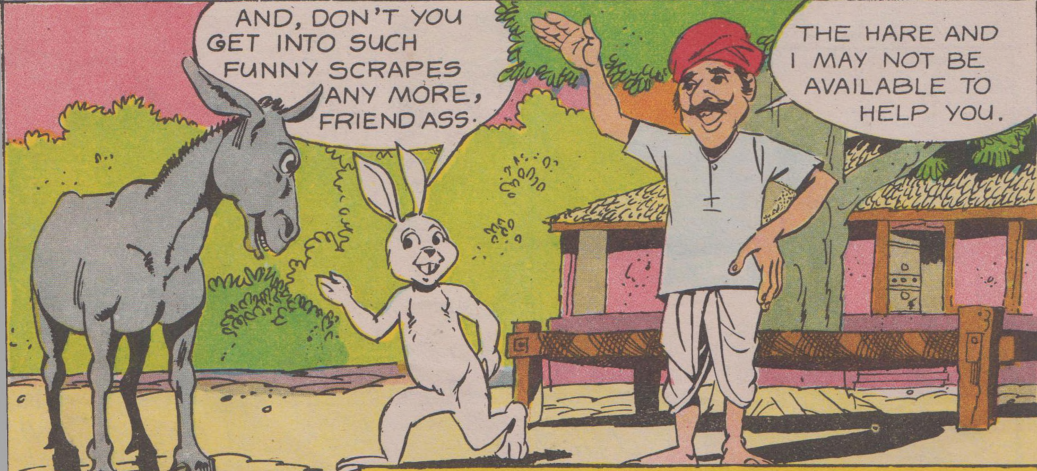
YOU HAVE NOT TOLD ME WHAT YOU DID WITH THE ROPE.

THE HARE TOLD HIM.

ALL THREE OF THEM HAD A HEARTY LAUGH.



THAT IS WHAT HAPPENS TO EVIL MINDS.



AND, DON'T YOU GET INTO SUCH FUNNY SCRAPES ANY MORE, FRIEND ASS.

THE HARE AND I MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU.

THE FRIENDS PARTED IN GOOD CHEER.

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