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Sri Venkateswara (or Bala ji) is an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. When sage Narada expressed concern regarding the deterioration of human values in Kali-Yuga, Brahma, the Creator, told him that only Lord Vishnu, the Preserver of Creation, could save a wayward suffering mankind. But the problem was how to ask Vishnu to leave Vaikuntha, his abode, and take upon an incarnation to descend to Bhooloka, the Earth. The events that led to Vishnu dwelling in the sacred Tirumala hills in the Southern India, as Srinivasa, is the saga of Sri Venkateswara. The Tirumala hills are also known as the Venkataadri hills, for the dweller on the Venkataadri is Sri Venkateswara. "Ven" in Sanskrit means sin and 'kata' that which burns. Hence the devotees believe that even a visit to the holy Venkataadri hills can bring peace and salvation to mankind in Kali-Yuga.

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ONCE UPON A TIME, THE GREAT RISHIS OF YORE, GOT TOGETHER AT NYMISARANYA,\* TO PERFORM A GREAT YAJNA\*\*FOR THE WELFARE OF MANKIND.

AS THE PREPARATIONS WERE ON, SAGE NARADA VISITED THE SITE-

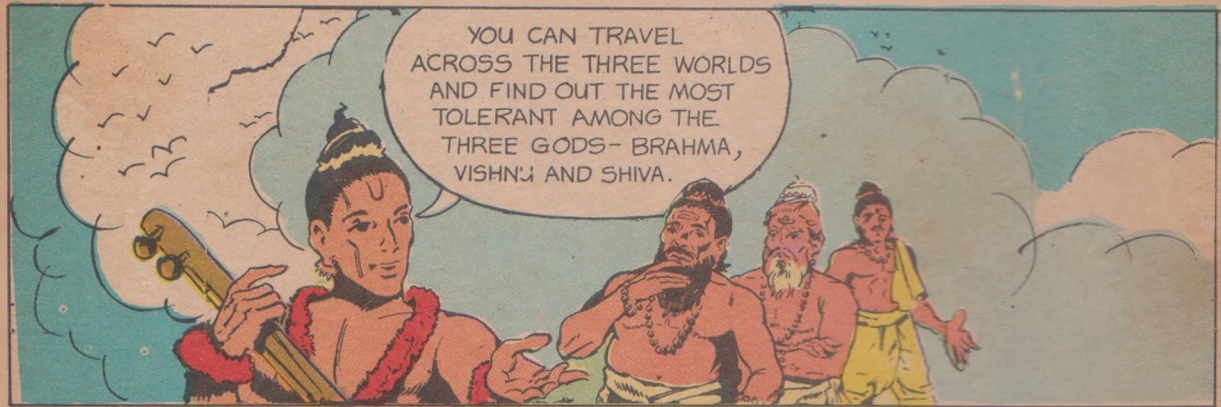
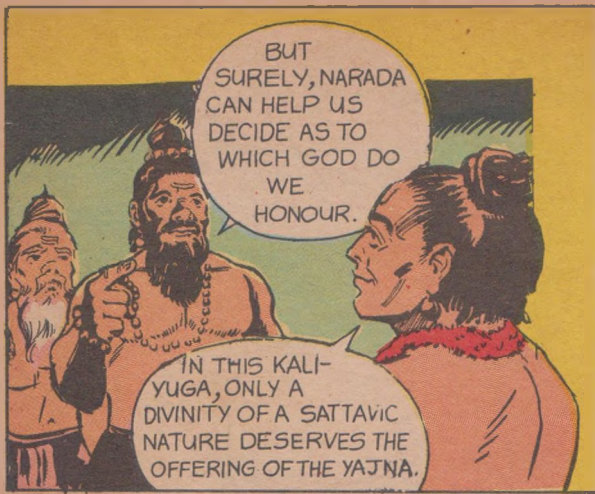
NARAYANA!  
NARAYANA!!

WELCOME,  
HOLY SIRE.

WHAT IS THIS  
YAJNA  
FOR?

FOR PURIFY-  
ING THE MIND OF  
MAN IN THIS KALIYUGA.  
BUT WE ARE NOT SURE AS  
TO WHOM WE SHOULD  
OFFER THE OBLATIONS.

\* FOREST ABODE OF RISHIS \*\*RITUAL SACRIFICE



SAYING SO, THE CELESTIAL SAGE NARADA LEFT THE SACRIFICIAL GROUNDS .

THE RISHIS WERE HESITANT, BUT SAGE BHRIGU AGREED TO UNDERTAKE THE GREAT JOURNEY.



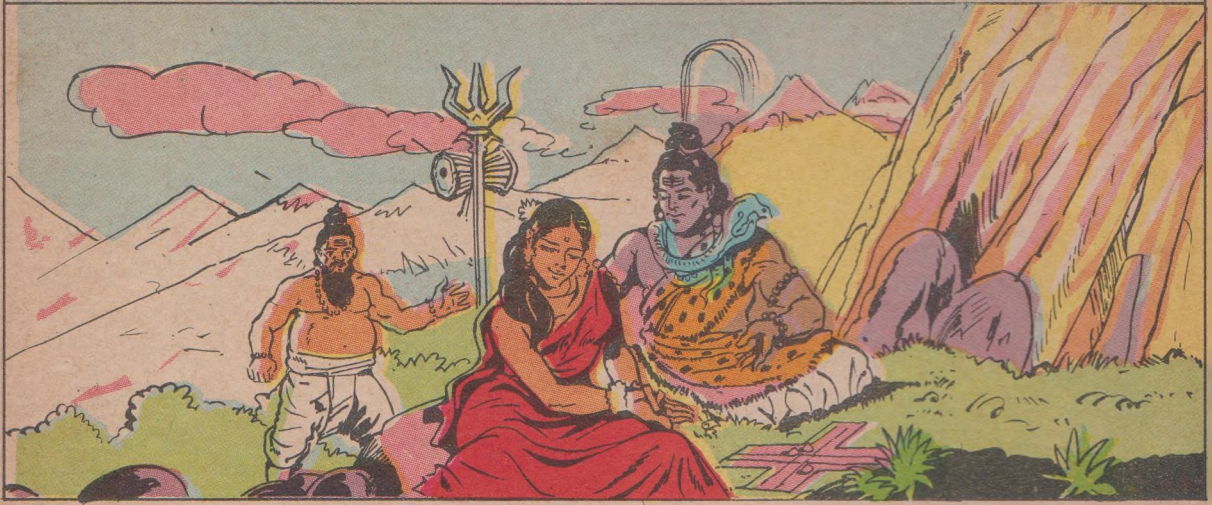
SHRIGU VISITED SATYLOKA, THE WORLD OF BRAHMA, AND FOUND BRAHMA ABSORBED IN RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION WITH SARASWATI, HIS CONSORT, AND OTHER DEVAS.



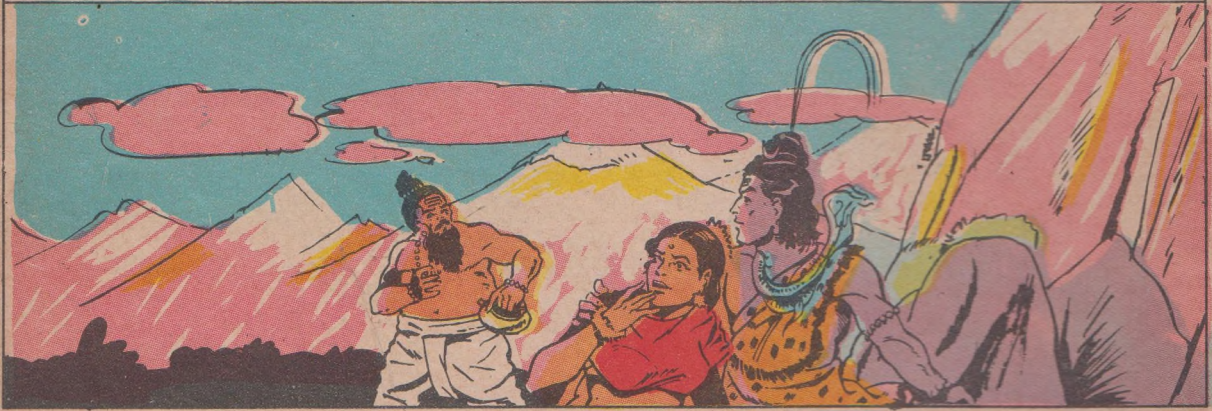
THEREAFTER THE SAGE WENT TO KAILASH, THE ABODE OF SHIVA...



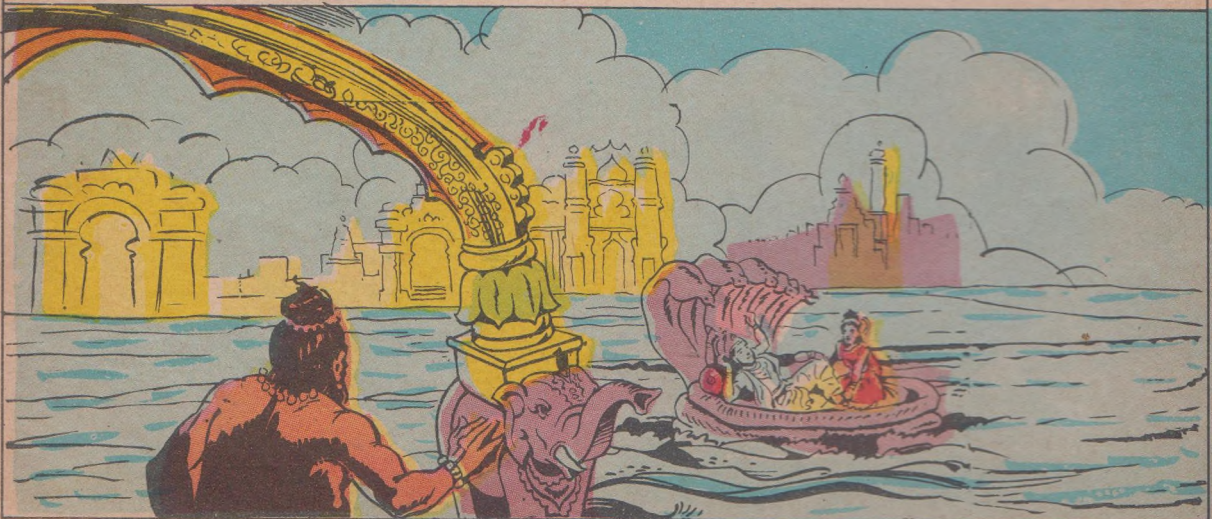
...WHERE HE FOUND THE GOD SPORTING WITH HIS CONSORT PARVATI.



BHRIGU SAW A TINGE OF IRRITATION ON SHIVA'S FACE, AND DECIDED TO RETIRE.

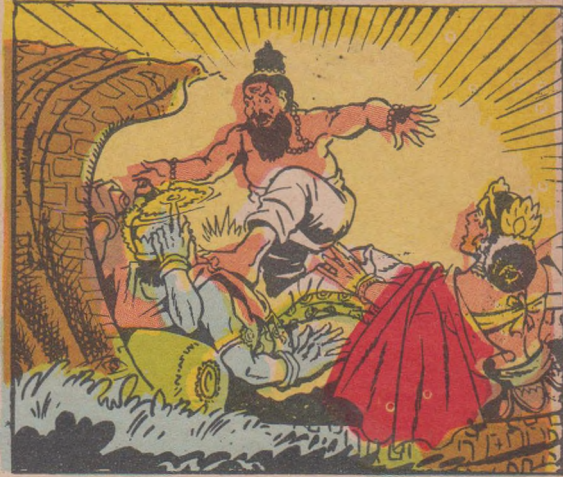
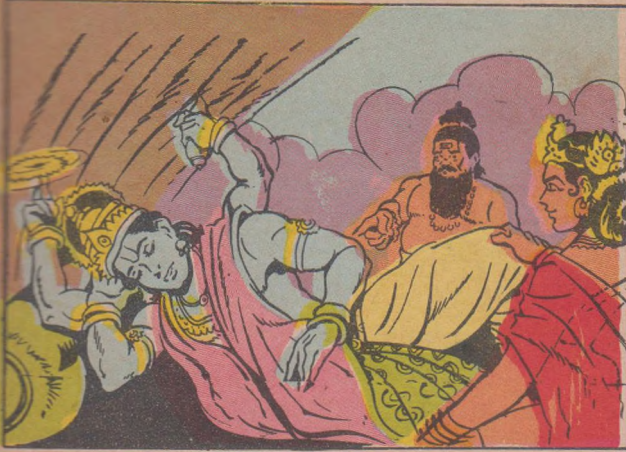


NEXT, HE VISITED VAIKUNTHA, THE HEAVENLY ABODE OF LORD VISHNU.



BHRIGU SAW VISHNU, RECLINING IN SOUND SLUMBER, WITH HIS CONSORT LAKSHMI AT HIS FEET.

IN ANGER, THE SAGE KICKED THE GOD AWAKE.



LORD VISHNU AT ONCE UNDERSTOOD THE CAUSE OF BHRIGU'S RESENTMENT.

GREAT RISHI, YOUR TOUCH HAS BLESSED ME!



SURPRISED AT VISHNU'S REACTION, BHRIGU FELL UPON HIS KNEES.

SUPREME LORD!  
PARDON ME  
FOR MY  
RASH ACT

THE FAULT  
LIES WITH THE  
HOST WHO  
DOES NOT NOTICE THE  
ARRIVAL OF HIS GUEST.



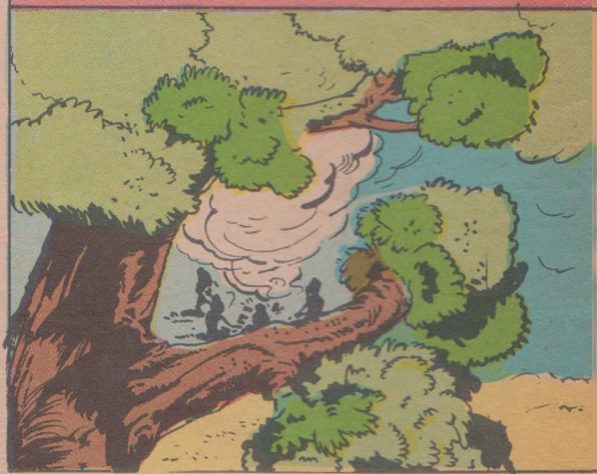
YOUR FORGIVENESS  
AGAIN, LORD.  
THE OBJECT OF  
MY VISIT IS  
FULFILLED.



BHRIGU RETURNED TO EARTH AND  
NARRATED TO THE OTHER RISHIS  
ABOUT HIS JOURNEY TO THE THREE  
WORLDS.



VISHNU WAS ELECTED THE PRESIDING  
DEITY OF THEIR YAJNA AND THE  
CEREMONIES BEGAN DEVOUTLY.



AT VAIKUNTHA, WHEREAS VISHNU UNDERSTOOD THE  
PLAY OF MAYA IN THE VISIT OF BHRIGU, LAKSHMI  
FELT INSULTED.

HOW DARE  
A MERE MORTAL  
BEHAVE WITH  
YOU IN THIS  
MANNER ?





THE HOLY SAGE MEANT NO INSULT.



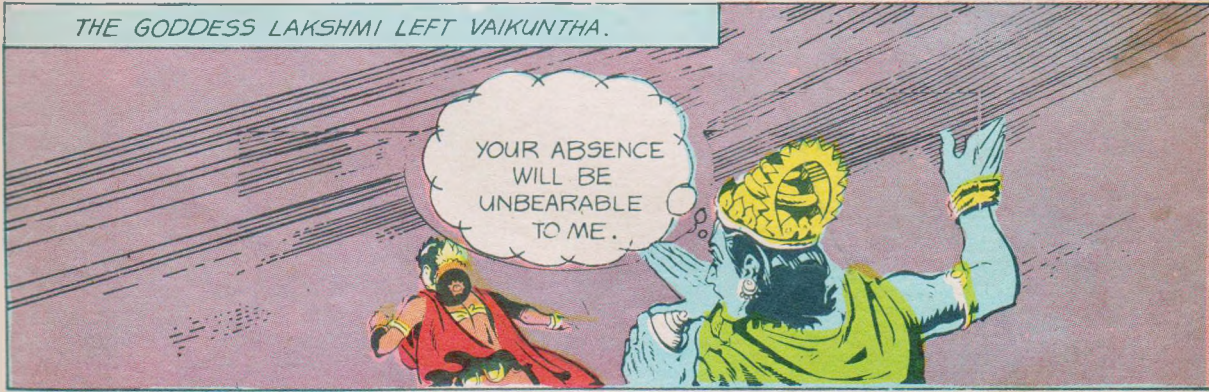
YOU TAKE IT LIGHTLY MY LORD. I MUST HAVE SINNED, FOR HOW COULD I BE WITNESS TO YOUR DISHONOUR?

LORD VISHNU FAILED TO PACIFY HIS ENRAGED SPOUSE...



I MUST DO PENANCE TO QUELL MY MIND'S TORMENT. PARDON ME, MY LORD, FOR I MUST LEAVE YOU AT ONCE.

THE GODDESS LAKSHMI LEFT VAIKUNTHA.



YOUR ABSENCE WILL BE UNBEARABLE TO ME.

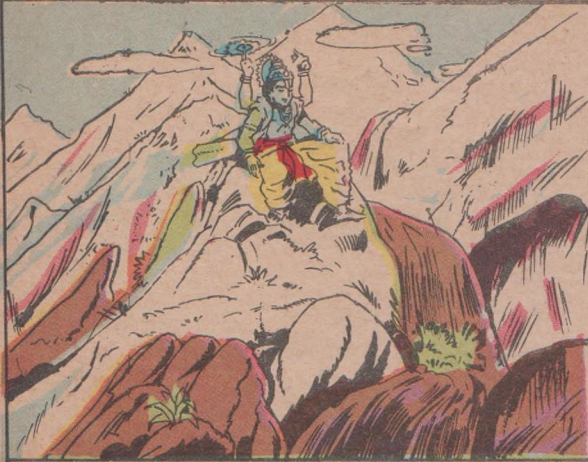
AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF LAKSHMI, VAIKUNTHA LOST ITS LUSTER. VISHNU, PAINED AT THE SEPERATION OF HIS BELOVED, SAT FORLORN AND DEJECTED.



HE LEFT VAIKUNTHA AND CAME TO EARTH:



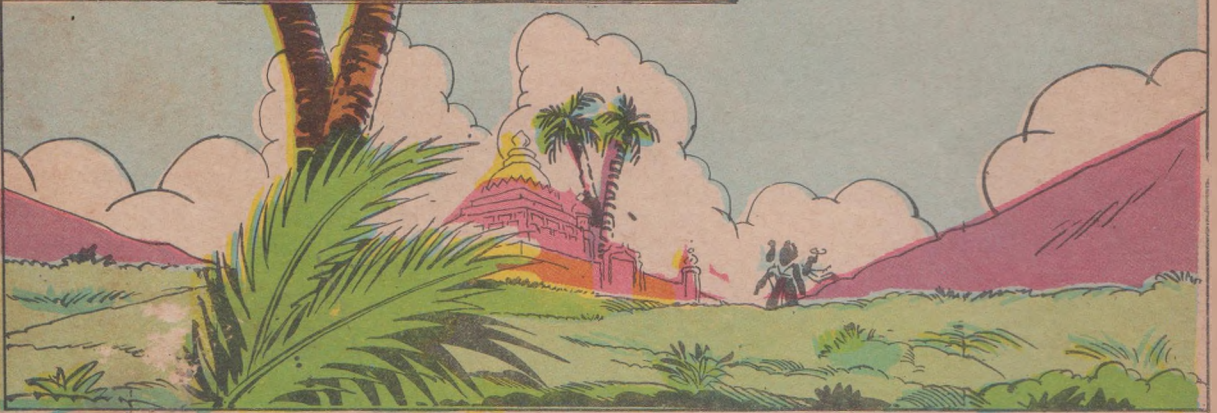
HE VISITED THE HOLY GANGA...



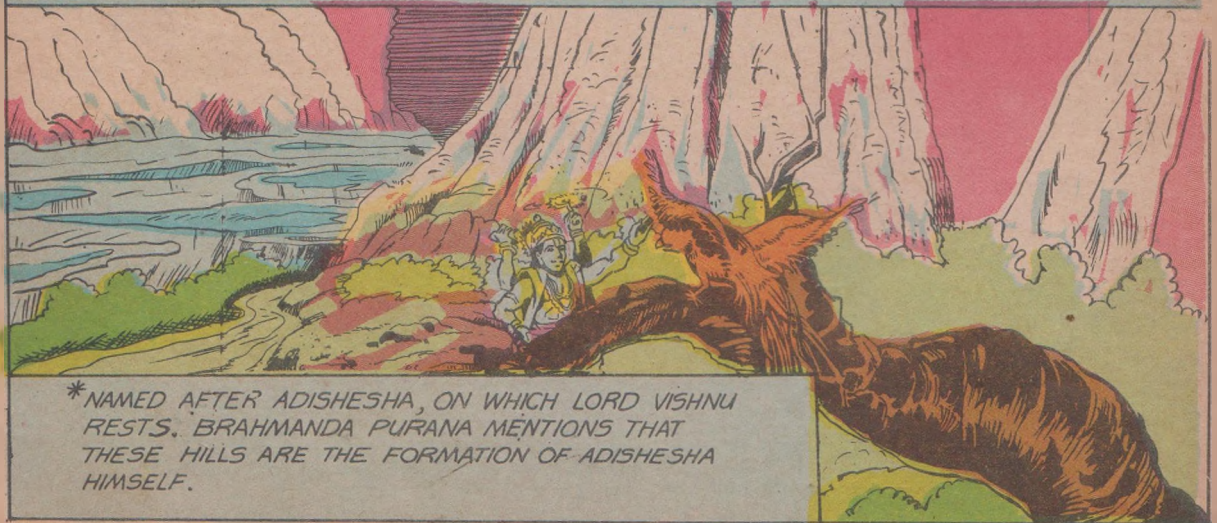
...THE VINDHYA MOUNTAINS...



... AND CROSSED INTO THE DECCAN PLATEAU, BUT  
COULD FIND NO SOLACE ANYWHERE.

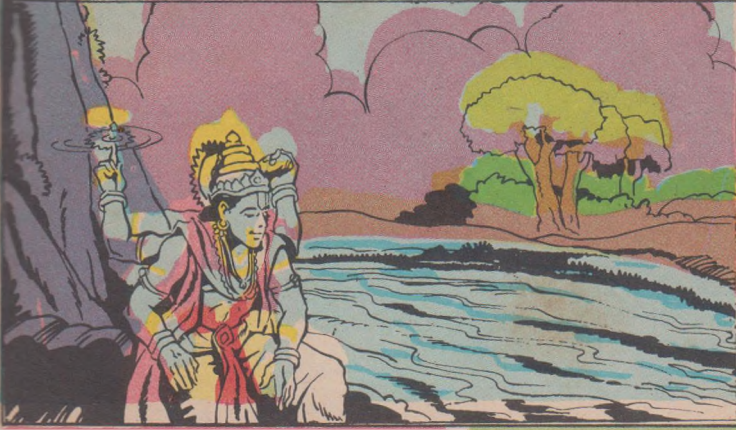


AFTER TRAVERSING HALF THE WORLD, VISHNU,  
AT LAST, CAME TO THE SESHAADRI HILLS\*



\*NAMED AFTER ADISHESHA, ON WHICH LORD VISHNU  
RESTS. BRAHMANDA PURANA MENTIONS THAT  
THESE HILLS ARE THE FORMATION OF ADISHESHA  
HIMSELF.

ON THE HILLS, LORD VISHNU CAME  
UPON THE COOK BANK OF THE LAKE,  
SWAMPUSHKARNI.



HE SAT UNDER A HUGE TREE.  
A STRANGE FEELING OF  
PEACE CAME UPON HIM.



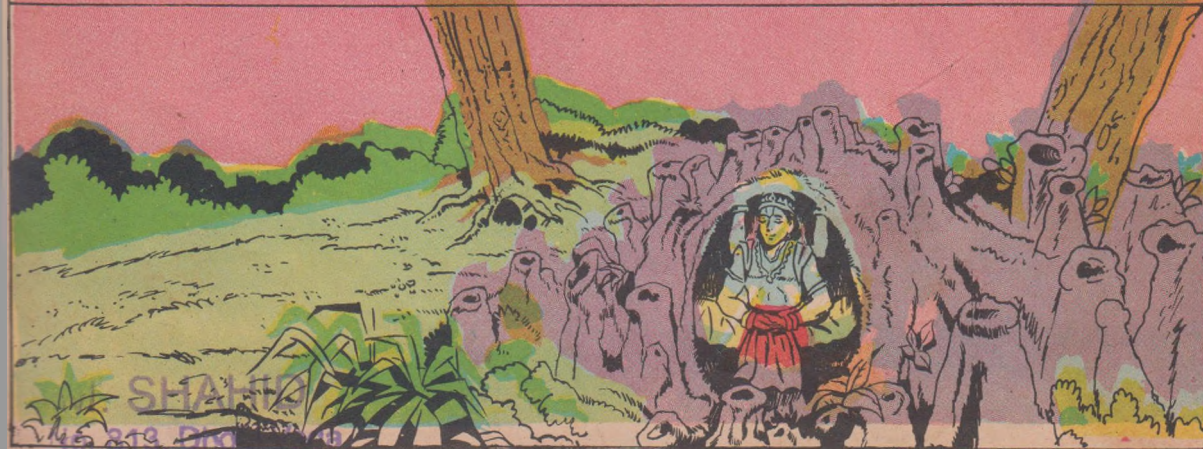
WILD DEER PLAYED NEAR  
THE LAKE, AND TREES  
HUMMED WITH BIRDS.



LORD VISHNU SAW A HUG ANT-  
HILL NEARBY, WITH A CAVE-  
LIKE ENTRANCE.



THE SUPREME LORD SAT INSIDE THE ANT-HILL IN  
MEDITATION, FORGETTING ALL THOUGHT OF FOOD AND DRINK.



THE SEVERE PENANCE OF VISHNU  
DISTURBED BRAHMA, SHIVA AND  
OTHER GODS.

BUT WHY  
HAS THIS  
HAPPENED ?

OH  
BHOOLENATH,\* THIS  
WAS JUST AN  
EXCUSE FOR LORD  
VISHNU TO GO TO  
BHOOLOKA, FOR THE  
WELFARE OF MANKIND.

BUT  
VISHNU HAS  
NO CARE FOR  
FOOD  
OR DRINK.

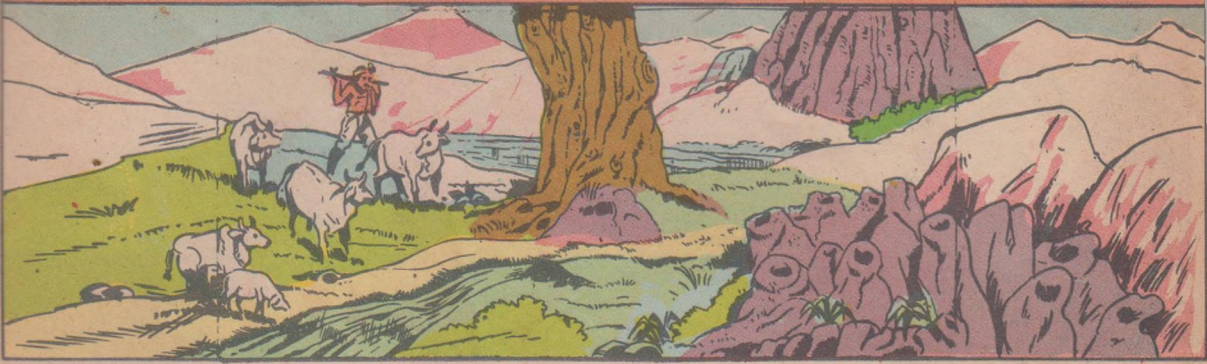
BRAHMA DEvised A PLAN AND BECAME A COW  
WHILE SHIVA TOOK THE FORM OF ITS CALF. AND  
UPON SURYA'S\*\* REQUEST, LAKSHMI TOOK THE  
FORM OF A YOUNG GIRL ESCORTING THE COW.

LAKSHMI TOOK THE COW TO THE CITY  
OF A CHOLA KING WHO RULED THE  
AREA OF THE SESHADRI HILLS.

ACCORDING TO BRAHMA'S PLAN, THE KING  
PURCHASED THE COW AT A GRAND PRICE.

THE COW AND ITS CALF WERE  
ADDED TO THE ROYAL HERD.

THE COWHERD OF THE PALACE USED TO TAKE THE HERD FOR GRAZING TO THE NEARBY SESAHAADRI HILLS, AND...



... WHILE THE COWS GRAZED, THE COWHERD DOZED BENEATH A SHADY TREE.



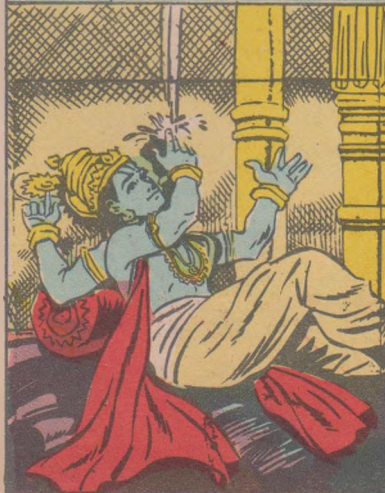
THE DIVINE COW TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY AND WENT TO THE PLACE WHERE LORD VISHNU SAT IN MEDITATION.



THE COW STOOD ABOVE THE HOLE OF THAT CAVE AND Poured ITS MILK.



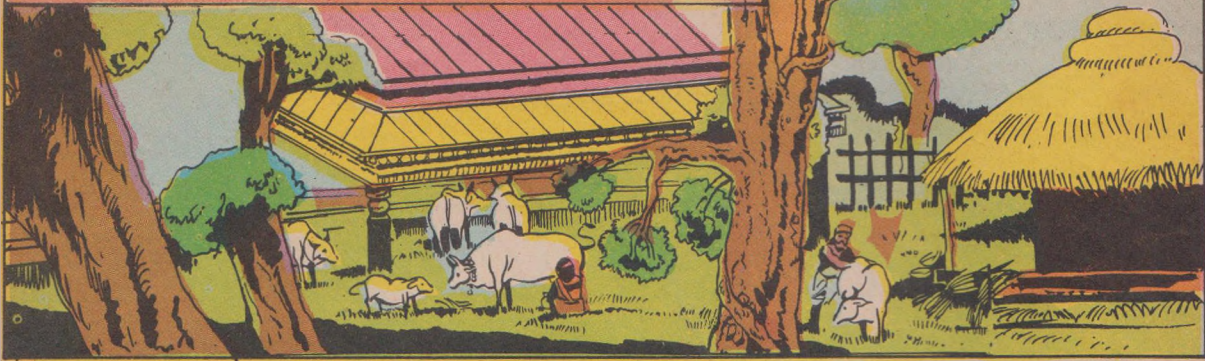
LORD VISHNU STIRRED FROM HIS CONTEMPLATION, AND BECAME AWARE OF BRAHMA'S CONCERN FOR HIM...



...AND DRANK THE MILK.



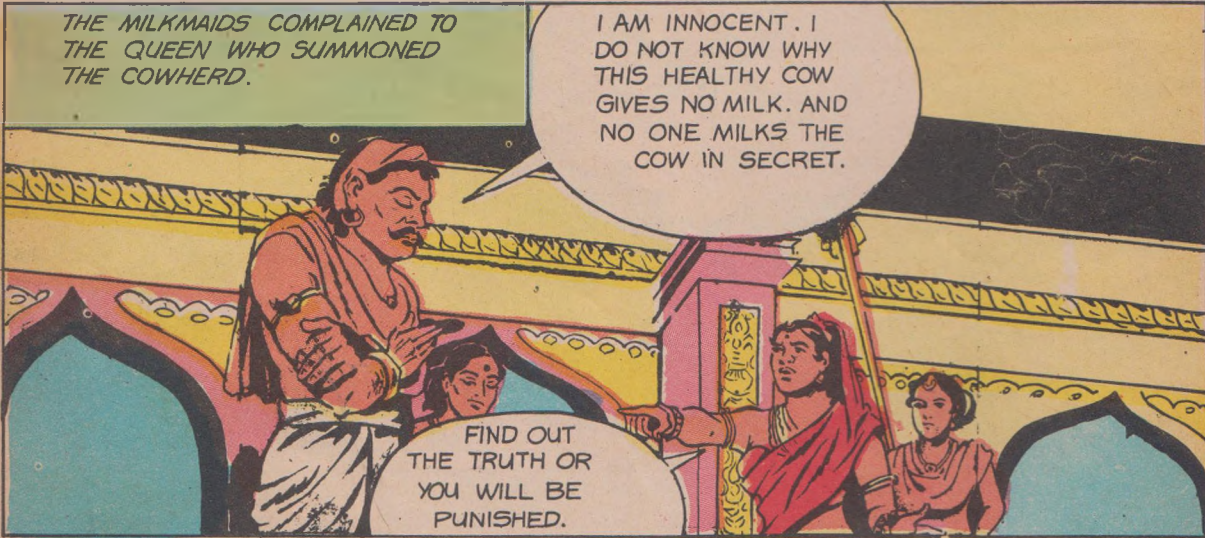
THIS CONTINUED FOR A FEW DAYS BECAUSE OF WHICH THE COW WOULD NOT YIELD A SINGLE DROP OF MILK AT THE PALACE STABLES.



THE MILKMAIDS COMPLAINED TO THE QUEEN WHO SUMMONED THE COWHERD.

I AM INNOCENT. I DO NOT KNOW WHY THIS HEALTHY COW GIVES NO MILK. AND NO ONE MILKS THE COW IN SECRET.

FIND OUT THE TRUTH OR YOU WILL BE PUNISHED.



THE NEXT DAY THE COWHERD LED THE HERD TO THE SESHADRI HILLS.

HE PRETENDED SLEEP AND NOTICED THE COW SLIP AWAY FROM THE HERD.

TODAY, I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THAT COW.



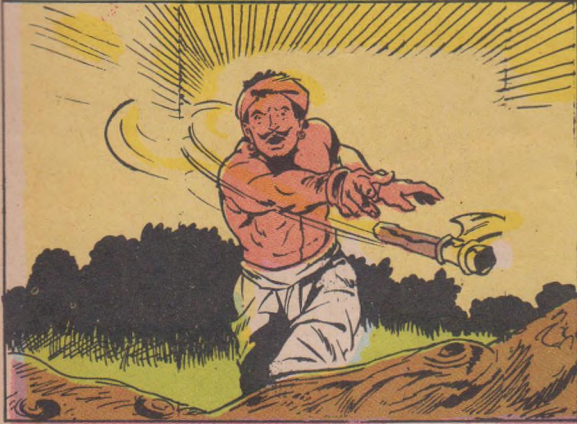
HE QUICKLY PICKED UP HIS AXE AND FOLLOWED THE COW.



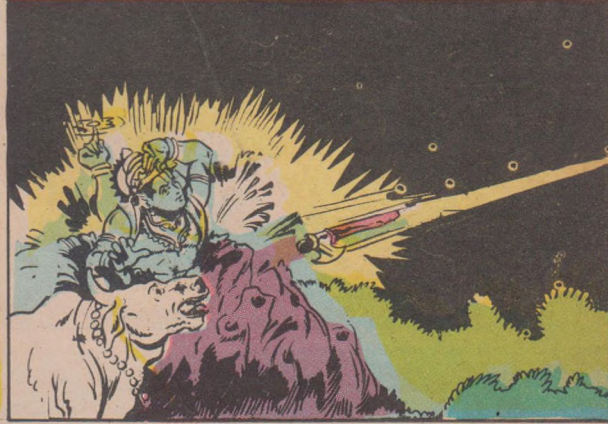
THE COW, AS USUAL, Poured ITS MILK INTO THE CAVE.



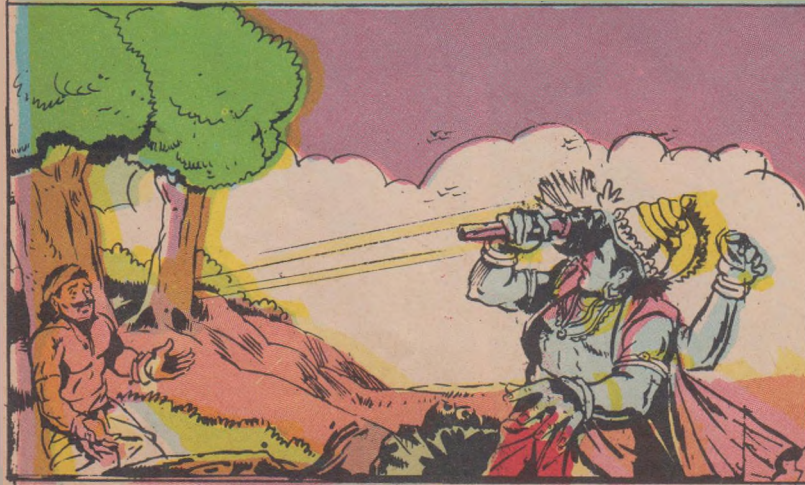
IN ANGER THE COWHERD FLUNG HIS AXE AT THE COW.



LORD VISHNU SENSED THE DANGER TO THE COW AND QUICKLY ROSE UP FROM THE ANT HILL...



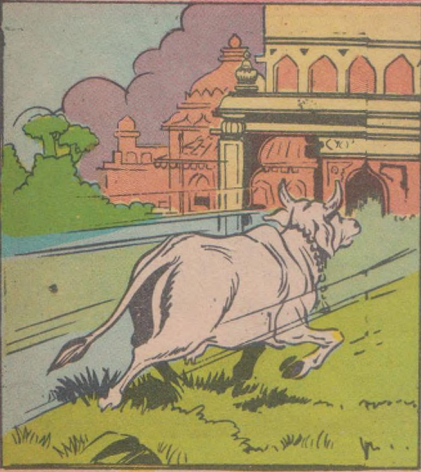
...AND CAUGHT THE AXE BEFORE IT COULD HARM THE COW, BUT NOT BEFORE THE WEAPON HAD CAUSED A DEEP WOUND ON HIS HEAD.



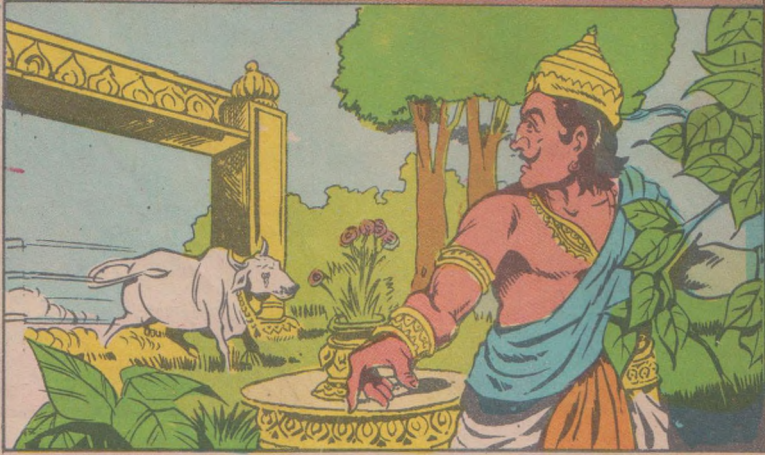
UPON SEEING VISHNU, THE COWHERD FELL TO THE GROUND UNCONSCIOUS.



THE COW RAN TOWARDS  
THE PALACE...



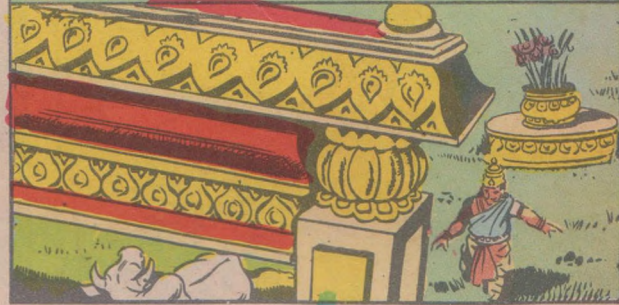
... AND WENT STRAIGHT TO THE KING,  
AGITATED AND WITH TEAR-FILLED  
EYES.



THE KING WAS SURPRISED AT  
IT'S BEHAVIOUR...



... BUT SOON UNDERSTOOD THAT IT  
WANTED HIM TO FOLLOW IT.



THE KING FOLLOED THE COW...




... THAT BROUGHT HIM TO THE ANT-  
HILL, WHERE THE COWHERD LAY  
SPRAWLED ON THE GROUND.






VISHNU, SITTING UNDER A TREE NEARBY,  
CAME OUT TO MEET HIM.




WHO HAS  
KILLED MY  
SERVANT? COME  
OUT AND FACE THE  
CONSEQUENCE!




I AM  
THE CULPRIT,  
O KING!

THE KING WAS SHOCKED UPON  
SEEING VISHNU.



A  
BEING OF  
SUCH GLORY!



WHO ARE YOU?  
AND HOW DID YOU IN-  
JURE YOUR HEAD? AND  
WHY DID YOU HARM MY  
COWHERD?

YOUR  
MAN TRIED TO KILL  
THE COW, BUT WHILE  
SAVING IT, THE AXE  
STRUCK MY FOREHEAD.



I AM  
EXTREMELY  
SORRY.

UNDER  
RASH KINGS LIKE  
YOU THE COMMON  
PEOPLE SUFFER YOU  
WILL BECOME A GHOST  
AND WANDER IN  
FORESTS.

THE KING RECOGNISED THE PERSON TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GOD VISHNU HIMSELF.



YOUR FORGIVENESS, MY LORD. PLEASE CANCEL YOUR CURSE.

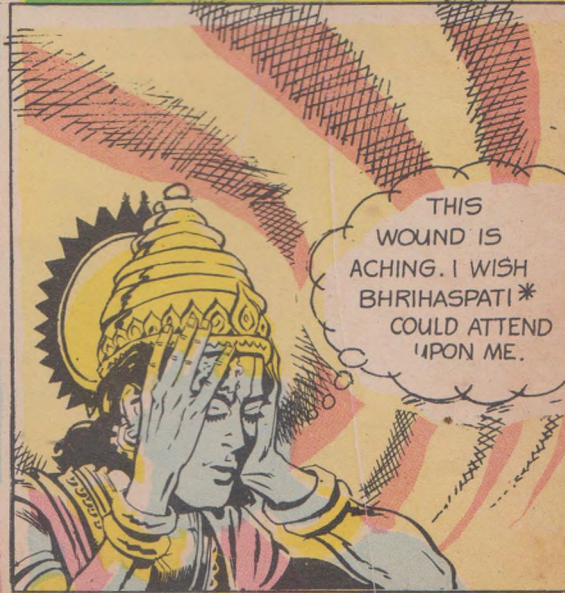
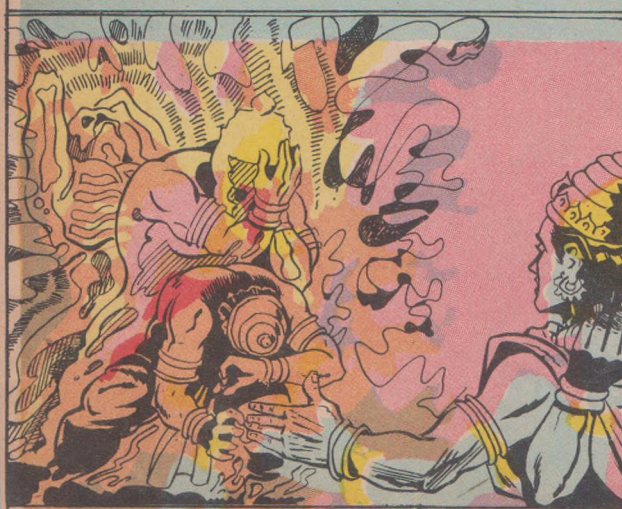


YOUR GOOD DEEDS BROUGHT YOU INTO MY PRESENCE, BUT WHAT I HAVE JUST SPOKEN WILL COME TO PASS.



BUT AFTER WANDERING IN THE FORM OF A GHOST, YOU SHALL AGAIN TAKE BIRTH AS A KING AND HAVE THE GODDESS LAKSHMI FOR A DAUGHTER WHOM I SHALL MARRY.

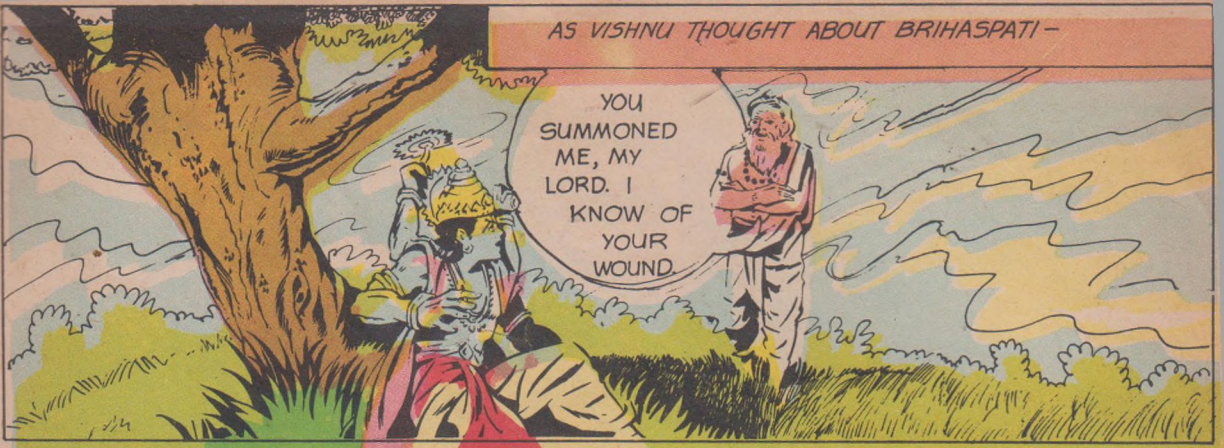
AS ORDAINED, THE KING SUDDENLY TURNED INTO A GHOST.



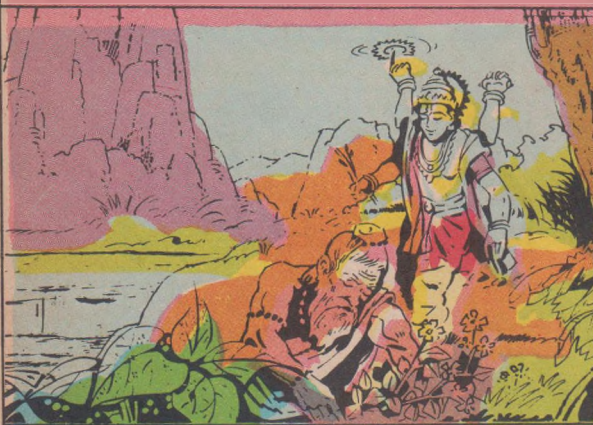
THIS WOUND IS ACHING. I WISH BHRIHASPATI\* COULD ATTEND UPON ME.

\* THE PRECEPTOR OF THE DEVAS

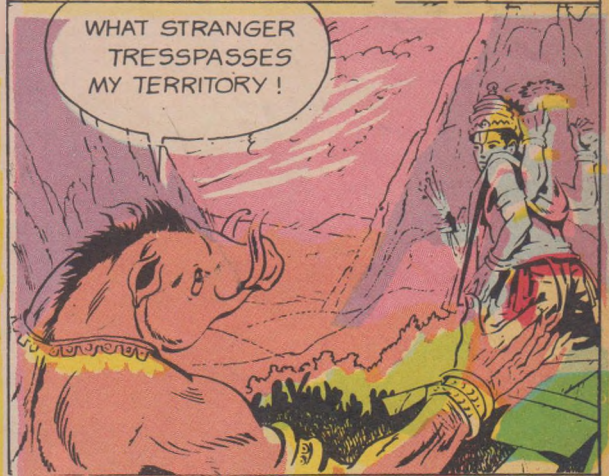
AS VISHNU THOUGHT ABOUT BRIHASPATI -



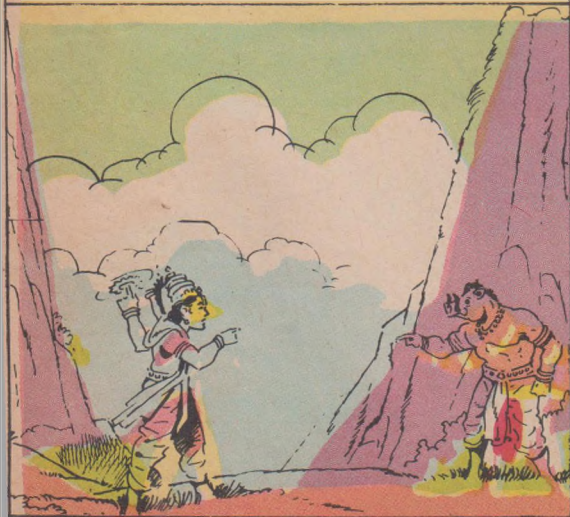
BRIHASPATI TOLD VISHNU TO APPLY A PARTICULAR HERB FOUND NEAR THE LAKE, SWAMIPUSHKARANI.



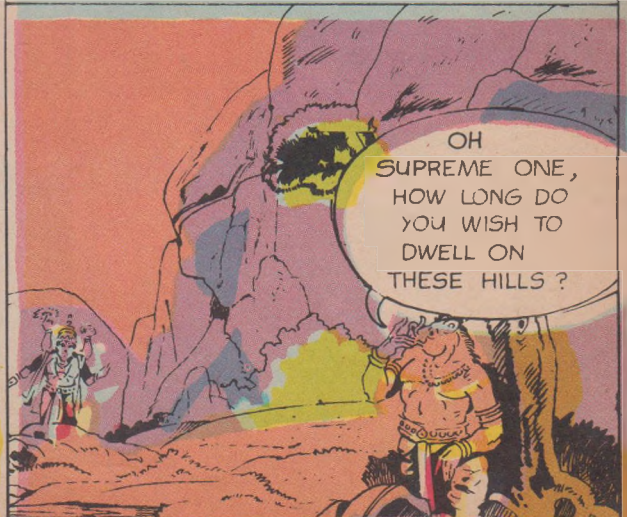
AS THE GOD LOOKED FOR THE HERB, LORD VARAHA\* APPEARED.



VISHNU TURNED AND LOOKED AT THE SPEAKER. THE TWO RECOGNISED EACH OTHER.



VISHNU RELATED HOW HE CAME TO LIVE THERE AFTER LAKSHMI'S DEPARTURE.



\* THE BOAR - AVATAR OF VISHNU

VISHNU SMILED.

PERHAPS UNTIL THE END OF THIS KALIYUGA, OR MORE.

THAT, FOR MANKIND, WOULD BE SUCCOUR INDEED. BUT MY LORD, ARE YOU NOT AWARE THAT THIS PLACE IS CALLED VARAHA-BHOOMI?

VARAHA WANTED LORD VISHNU TO PAY FOR HIS STAY.

WHEN LAKSHMI LEFT ME, I LOST EVERYTHING. HOW THEN CAN I PAY YOU ?

LORD VARAHA WAS AWARE OF THE EVENTS TO COME.

LORD, PLEASE AGREE TO GIFT ME THE FIRST OF THE PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS OF YOUR DEVOTEES.

CERTAINLY

THEREUPON LORD VARAHA SUMMONED WAKULAMALIKA.\*

MOTHER, PLEASE ATTEND UPON VISHNU, WHO IS WOUNDED.

WAKULAMALIKA ACCOMPANIED VISHNU, KNOWING WELL THAT HE WAS NONE OTHER THAN LORD KRISHNA.

\*YASHODA IN PREVIOUS BIRTH, WHEN VISHNU TOOK KRISHNA-AVATARA

AS TIME PASSED, THE DECCAN PLATEAU PROSPERED UNDER THE CHOLA KINGS, AKASHRAJ AND THONDAMAN.



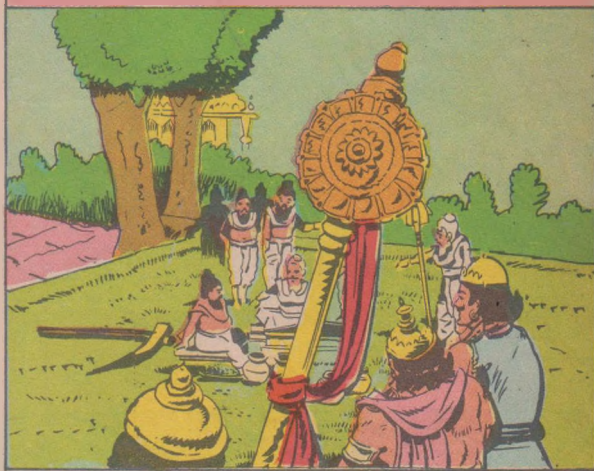
KING AKASHRAJ HAD A CHARMING WIFE DHARINIDEVI, BUT HAD NO CHILD.



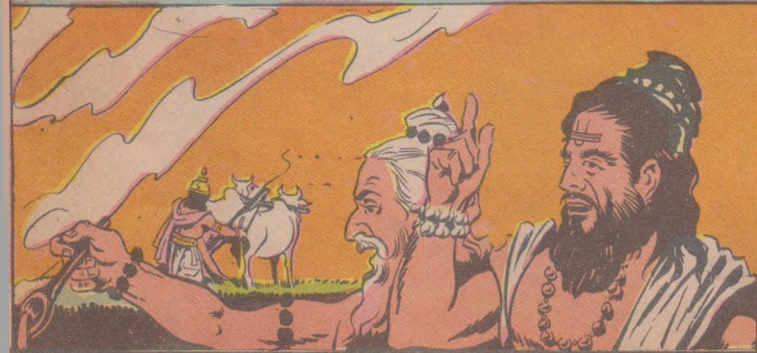
UPON THE ADVICE OF PRIESTS AND ASTROLOGERS THE KING DECIDED TO PERFORM A YAJNA FOR BEGETTING A CHILD.



PRIESTS OF RENOWN ASSEMBLED TO PERFORM THE YAJNA.



AS THE PRIESTS CHANTED THE 'MANTRAS,' THE KING PLOUGHED THE LAND AS REQUIRED BY THE YAJNA.



AFTER A FEW ROUNDS, THE PLOUGH STRUCK AN OBJECT...



... WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE A CASKET.

THE PRIESTS OPENED THE CASKET AND DISCOVERED WITHIN IT A CHARMING CHILD.



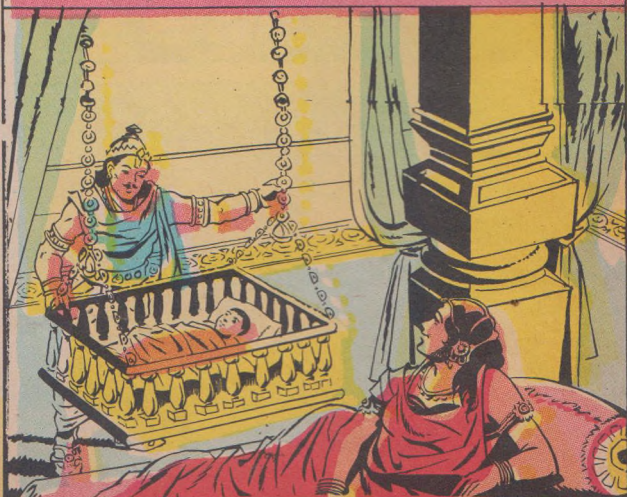
YOUR MAJESTY, THIS CHILD MUST BE THE GODDESS LAKSHMI FOR WAS NOT SITA\* FOUND IN A SIMILAR FASHION ?

THE KING LIFTED THE LOVELY CHILD.



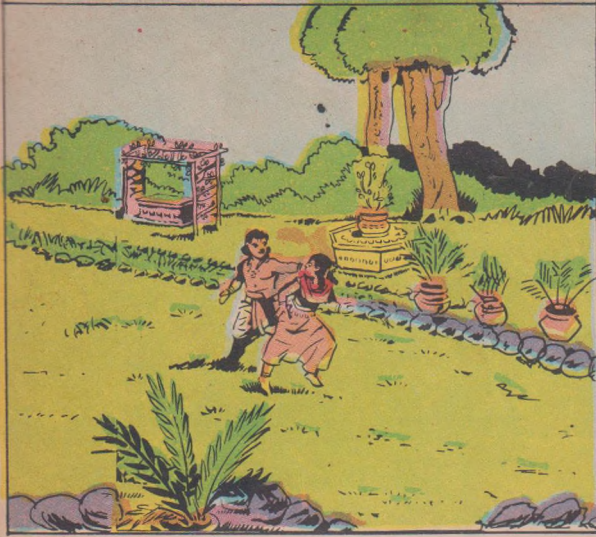
THE ROYAL RETINUE RETURNED TO THE PALACE, AMIDST GREAT REJOICING.

AFTER A FEW MONTHS QUEEN DHARINIDEVI GAVE BIRTH TO A MALE CHILD WHOM THE KING NAMED VASUDHANA.



\* DAUGHTER OF KING JANAKA AND WIFE OF SRI RAMA

THE TWO CHILDREN GREW TOGETHER...



... INTO A HANDSOME PAIR.



PADMAVATI GREW TO BE A LOVELY PRINCESS.



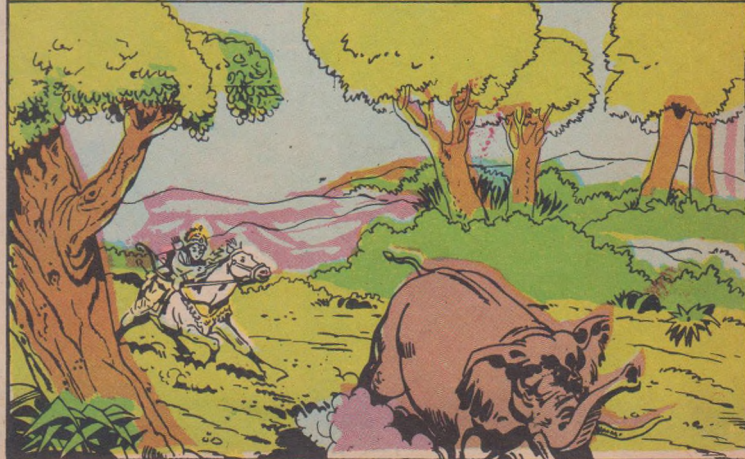
ONE DAY, VISHNU WENT OUT TO HUNT, ON A HORSE BROUGHT BY GARUDA.



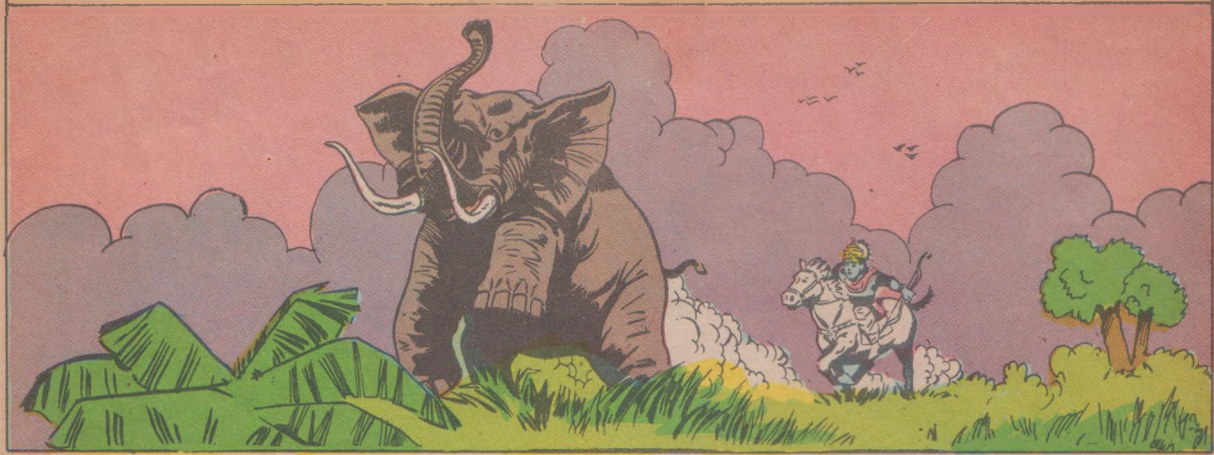
AFTER GALLOPING FOR SOME DISTANCE...



... HE SAW A WILD ELEPHANT TO WHOM HE GAVE CHASE.



THE ELEPHANT RAN FASTER THAN USUAL FOR ITS KIND, MAKING AN INTERESTING CHASE.



PADMAVATI, AT PLAY WITH HER FRIENDS IN THE PALACE GARDENS, SAW THE WILD TUSKER RUNNING TOWARDS THEM.



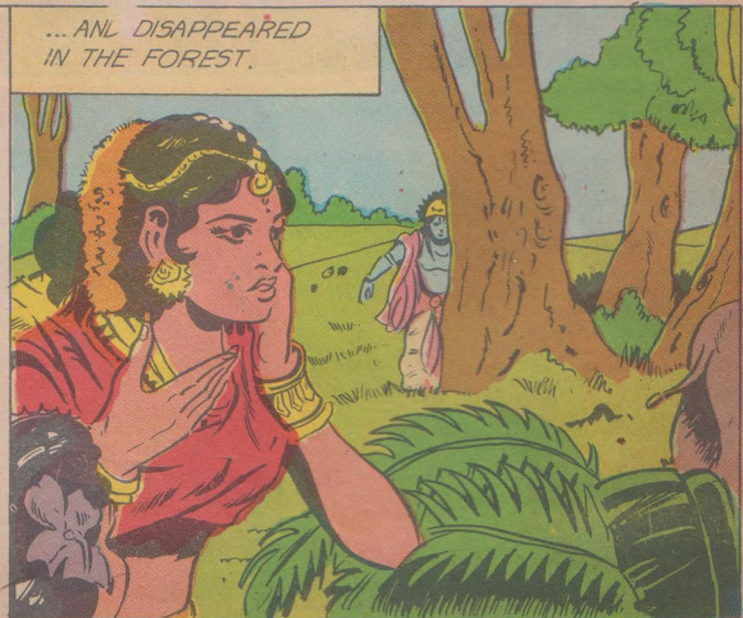
HER FRIENDS SCATTERED IN FEAR.



THE ELEPHANT, UPON SEEING THE PRINCESS PADMAVATI, RAISED ITS TRUNK IN SALUTATION...



...AND DISAPPEARED IN THE FOREST.





LORD VISHNU, WHO HAD WITNESSED ALL,  
ABANDONED HIS CHASE.

NOBLE LADY,  
WHO ARE  
YOU ?

I AM  
PADMAVATI,  
DAUGHTER OF THE  
CHOLA KING AKASHRAJ.  
AND YOU ?

I AM A  
DESCENDANT OF  
THE MOON DYNASTY,  
JUST LIKE  
THE  
CHOLAS.

BY NOW PADMAVATI'S FRIENDS HAD RETURNED TO THE SPOT.



PADMAVATI WAS STRUCK BY VISHNU'S HANDSOME MIEN.

WE SHALL MEET  
SOON, PRINCESS  
PADMAVATI.



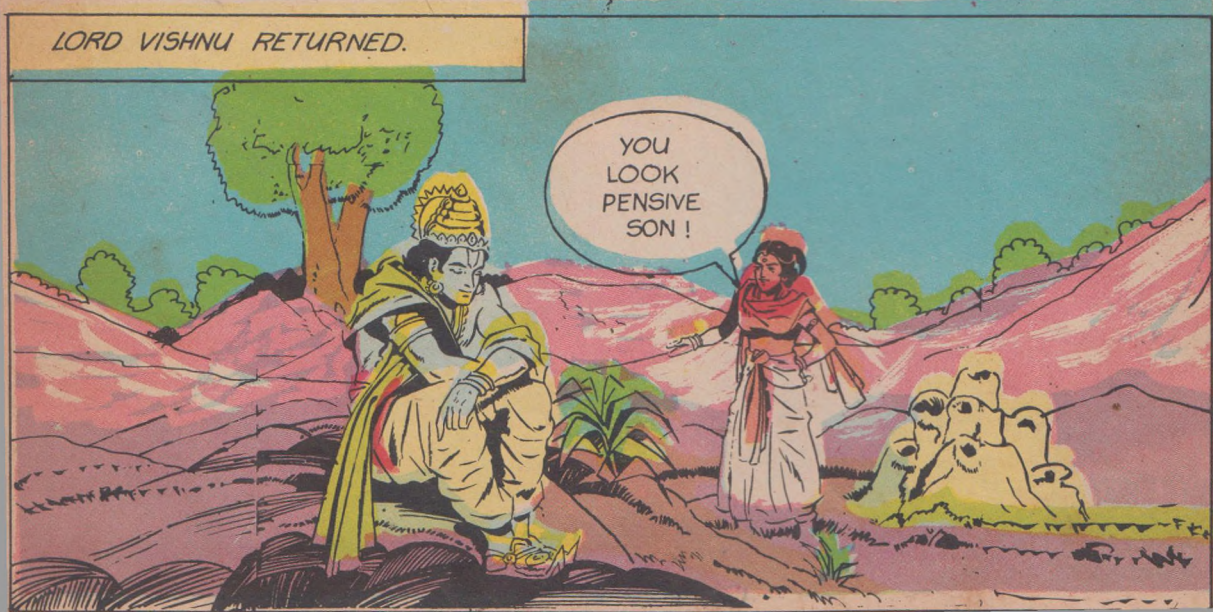
HOW DARE  
THIS STRANGER SPEAK  
THUS TO OUR  
PRINCESS ?

STRONG AND  
POWERFUL IN BUILT,  
THE HANDSOME  
HUNTER SEEMS TO  
HAVE LOST HIS HEART  
TO PADMAVATI.



LORD VISHNU RETURNED.

YOU  
LOOK  
PENSIVE  
SON !



AFTER BEING PERSISTENTLY QUESTIONED BY YAKULAMALIKA, VISHNU TOLD HER ABOUT HIS ENCOUNTER WITH PADMAVATI.



HOW CAN YOU ADORE AN ORDINARY PRINCESS?



NO MOTHER PADMAVATI IS NO ORDINARY BEING.

MOTHER, I WILL TELL YOU THE STORY OF PADMAVATI'S PREVIOUS BIRTH.



"IN HER LAST BIRTH PADMAVATI WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A SAGE NAMED KUSATHWAJA."



"SHE WAS AN INCARNATION OF GODDESS LAKSHMI, WHO TOOK THE FORM OF A CHILD BY THE CHANTING OF VEDIC MANTRAS BY THE GREAT RISHI."



"HENCE SHE WAS CALLED VEDAVATI."



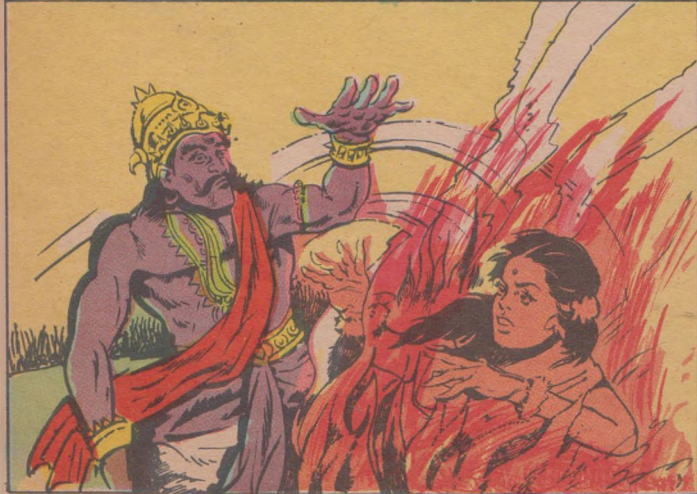
"SHE WANTED TO MARRY LORD VENHU, AND ON HER FATHER'S ADVICE, SHE REPAIRED TO THE HIMALAYAS TO UNDERGO AUSTERITIES FOR THE PURPOSE."



"RAVANA, THE KING OF LANKA, SAW HER ONCE AND WAS CAPTIVATED BY HER CHARM."



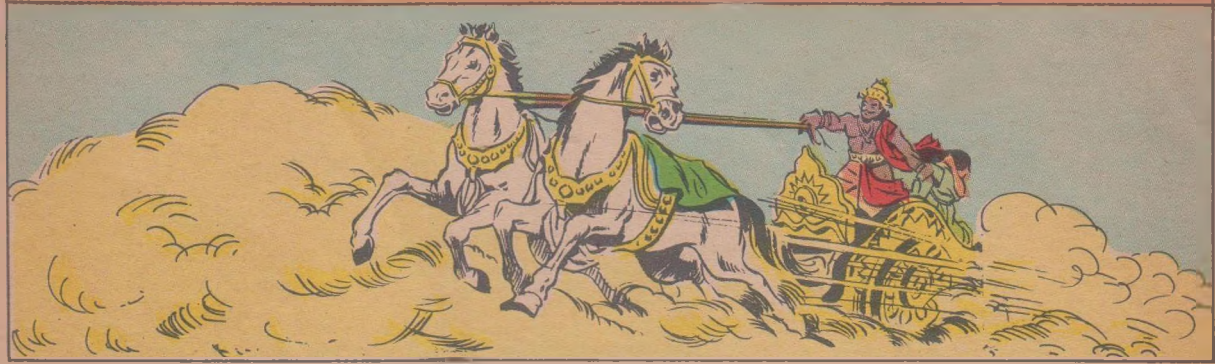
"HE WANTED TO FORCE HER INTO MARRYING HIM, WHICH SHE RESISTED BY LEAPING INTO THE FIRE."



"THE FIRE-GOD, AGNI, SAVED HER AND KEPT PADMAVATI WITH HIS WIFE."



"LATER WHEN RAVANA CARRIED AWAY SITA, MY WIFE, IN MY INCARNATION AS RAMA..."



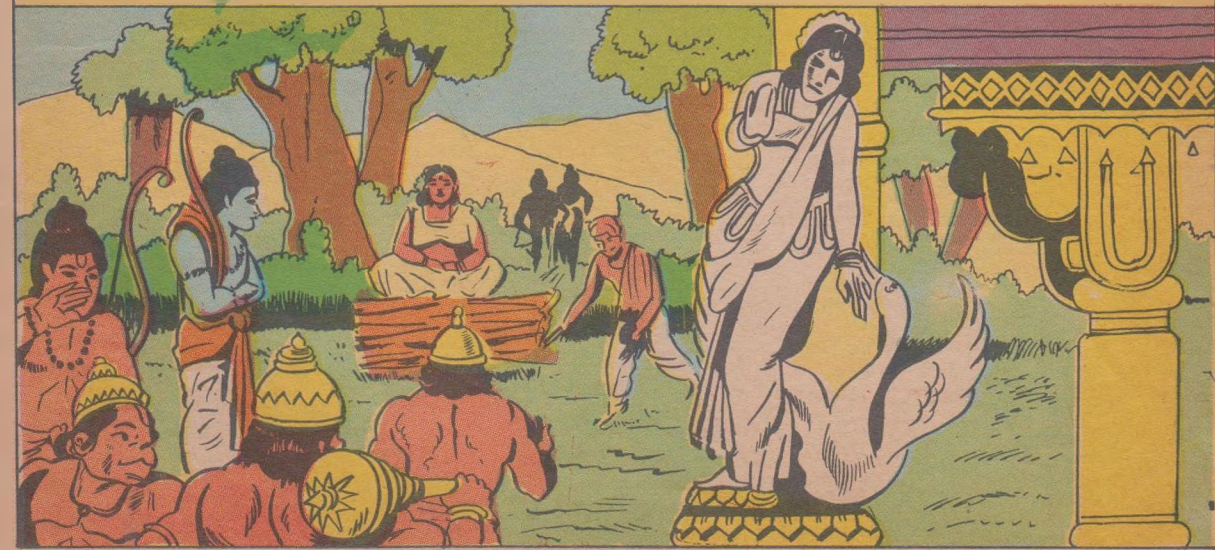
"...THE FIRE GOD, TOOK VEDAVATI TO RAVANA STATING THAT SHE WAS THE REAL SITA."



"VEDAVATI THUS AIDED SITA AND HERSELF SUFFERED IMPRISONMENT IN LANKA."



"WHEN RAMA RESCUED SITA FROM RAVANA, HE ASKED HER TO UNDERGO A FIRE-TEST TO PROVE HER PURITY."



"SITA, THAT IS VEDAVATI, ENTERED FIRE, BUT THE FIRE-GOD IMMEDIATELY CAME OUT WITH THE REAL SITA."

"RAMA WAS SURPRISED TO SEE TWO SITAS, BUT THE FIRE-GOD EXPLAINED THE EPISODE OF VEDAVATI."



"THEN RAMA GRANTED VEDAVATI A BOON THAT WHEN HE TOOK HIS INCARNATION AS SRINIVASA, SHE WOULD BE BORN AS PADMAVATI TO THE CHOLA KING AKASHRAJ, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE MARRIED."



AFTER THE TALE OF PADMAVATI'S  
PREVIOUS BIRTH—

HENCE MOTHER,  
I WILL MARRY  
PADMAVATI.

I WILL  
HELP  
YOU.

AFTER A FEW DAYS, VAKULAMALIKA  
SOUGHT AUDIENCE WITH  
THE QUEEN.

WELCOME,  
NOBLE LADY.

PLEASE  
HONOUR ME BY  
ACCEPTING  
A SMALL  
GIFT.

VAKULAMALIKA PRESENTED THE  
QUEEN AN IVORY PLATE FULL  
OF GEMS AND PRECIOUS STONES.

I WISH YOUR  
DAUGHTER  
PADMAVATI TO BE  
MY SON SRINIVASA'S  
WIFE.

THE QUEEN APPROACHED THE KING.

THE KING, UPON BEING TOLD ABOUT THE  
STRANGE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL, SOUGHT  
THE GREAT RISHI SUKA'S ADVICE

THE GREAT SAGE SUKA WAS AWARE OF LORD VISHNU'S ABODE AT THE SESAHADRI HILLS. (TIRUMALA)

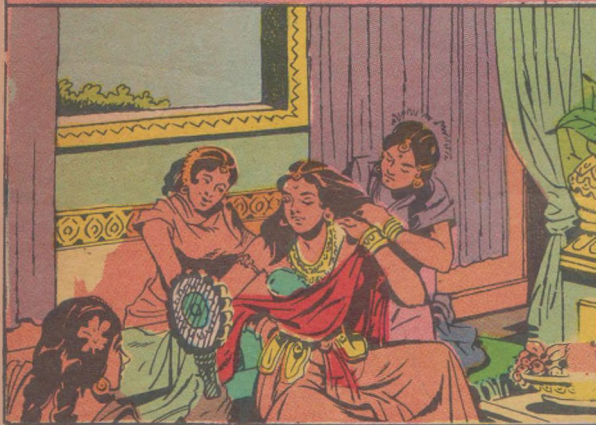


GLORY BE,  
FOR LORD SRI-  
NIVASA HAS  
CHOSEN TO BE  
YOUR SON-IN-LAW.

THE KING WAS HAPPY AND ORDERED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR THE BETROTHAL.



THE WEDDING PREPARATIONS BEGAN IN FULL SWING AT THE PALACE.



AT THE HILLS, BRAHMA, SHIVA AND THE OTHER GODS ASSEMBLED TO ACCOMPANY VISHNU'S WEDDING ENTOURAGE.

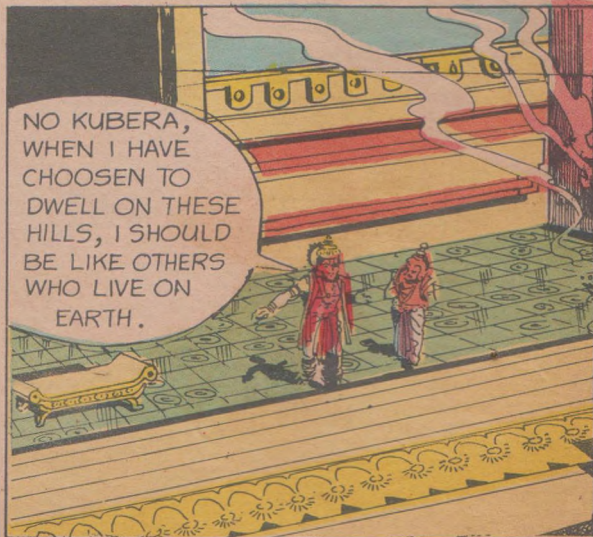


VISHNU SUMMONED KUBERA.

YOU KNOW WITH LAKSHMI GONE, I'VE LOST ALL WEALTH. SO I NEED YOUR HELP.

O GOD OF GODS, MY HELP YOU SAY! ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS.

NO KUBERA, WHEN I HAVE CHOSEN TO DWELL ON THESE HILLS, I SHOULD BE LIKE OTHERS WHO LIVE ON EARTH.





GIVE ME A  
LOAN. I'LL  
REPAY IT WITH  
INTEREST.

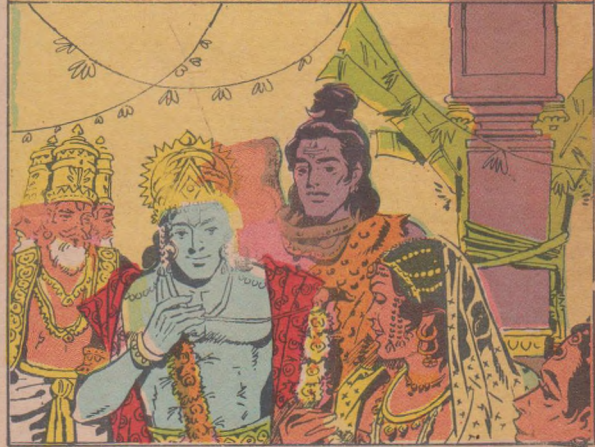
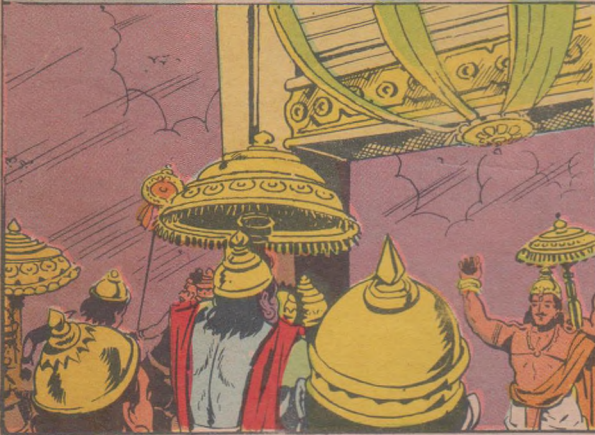
AS YOU  
WISH, MY  
LORD.

UPON BRAHMA'S BIDDING, SURYA REQUESTED THE GODDESS LAKSHMI TO ATTEND THE WEDDING CEREMONY TO WHICH SHE HAPPILY AGREED.



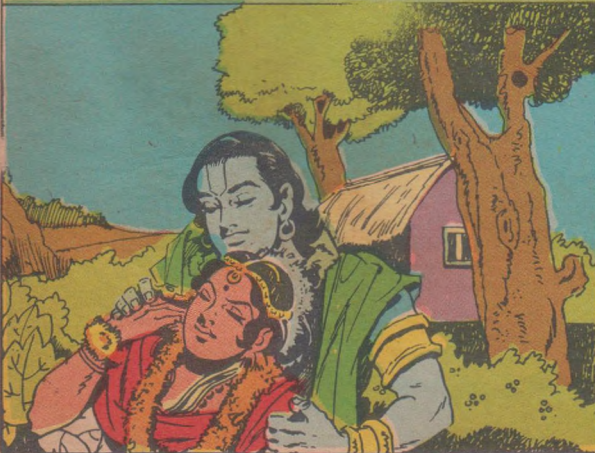
THE GREAT PROCESSION WAS RECEIVED  
AT NARAYANAPURAM BY KING AKASHRAJ...

... AND THE WEDDING WAS PERFORMED WITH  
GREAT FESTIVITY.

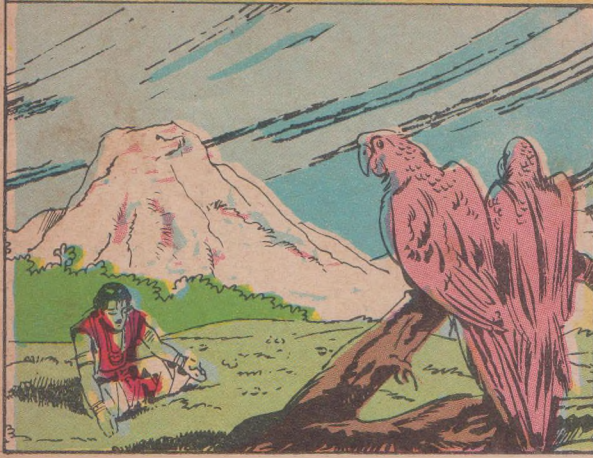


AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE VISHNU AND  
PADMAVATI LIVED HAPPILY

... BUT THE THOUGHT OF LAKSHMI  
TROUBLED VISHNU ALL THE TIME.



VISHNU DECIDED TO PERFORM A SEVERE PENANCE TO GET HER BACK...



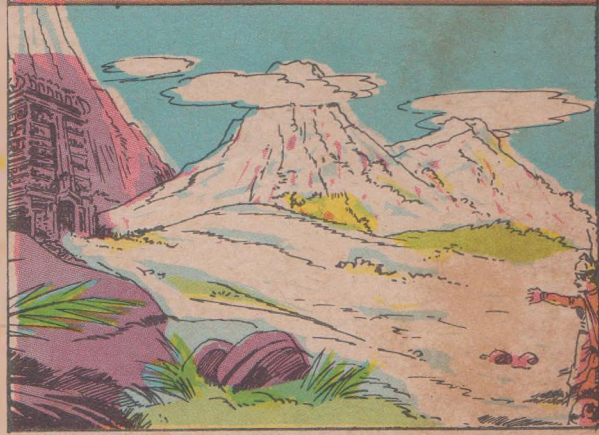
... AND AFTER BRHMA AND OTHER GODS INTERVENED, LAKSHMI AGREED TO RETURN TO HER LORD.



LAKSHMI JOINED VISHNU AND PADMAVATI, AND ALL THE GODS SHOWERED BLESSINGS UPON THEM.



ON THE VERY SITE, A GREAT TEMPLE WAS BUILT BY THE CHOLA KING THONDAMAN...



... WHERE THE DEVOUT FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD WOULD FLOCK TO HAVE A GLIMPSE OF THE IMAGE OF THE SUPREME LORD...



... WHO HAD, IN HIS BENEVOLENCE, COME DOWN TO EARTH TO HALLOW THIS SPOT, THE SESHADRI HILLS FOR THE FAITHFUL.



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