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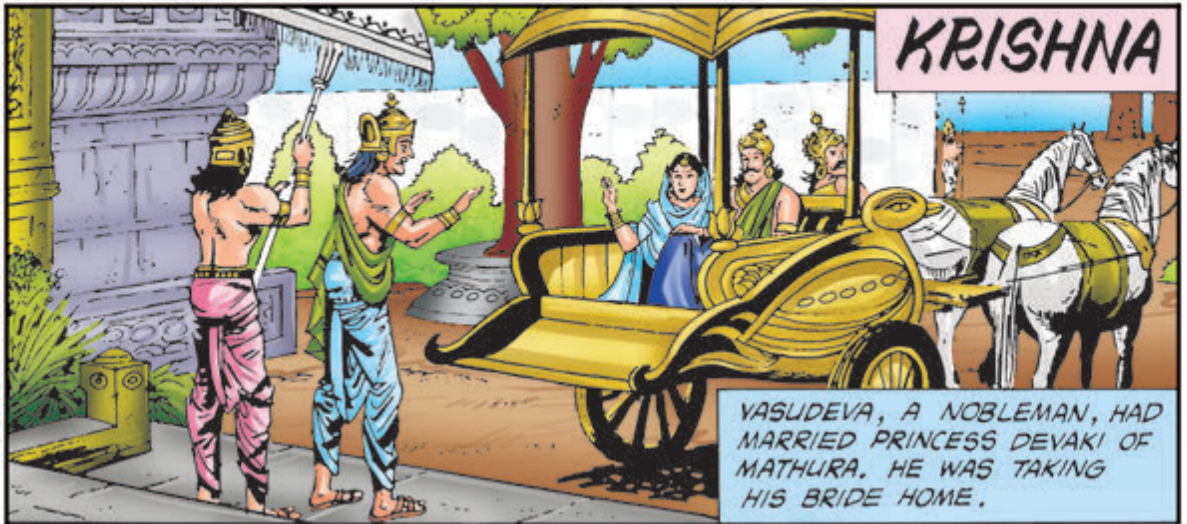
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VASUDEVA, A NOBLEMAN, HAD MARRIED PRINCESS DEVAKI OF MATHURA. HE WAS TAKING HIS BRIDE HOME.

DEVAKI'S COUSIN, PRINCE KAMSA, WAS DRIVING THE CHARIOT. HE WAS CRUEL AND THE PEOPLE FEARED HIM.

HA! LOOK AT THEM RUN, VASUDEVA!



IT'S KAMSA!
RUN!

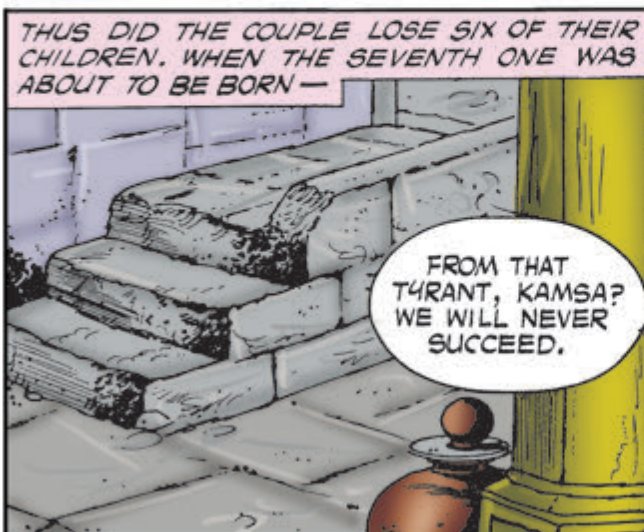
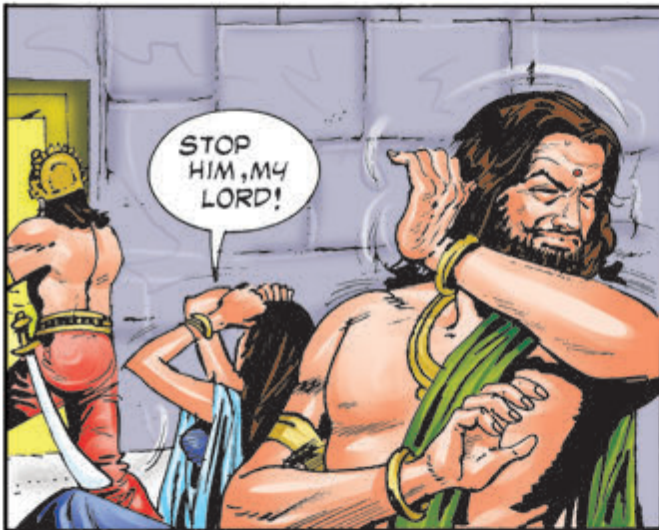
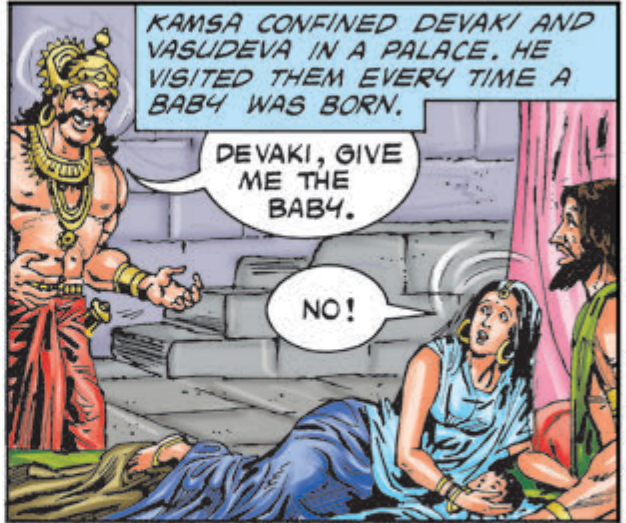
JUST THEN A HEAVENLY VOICE WAS HEARD.

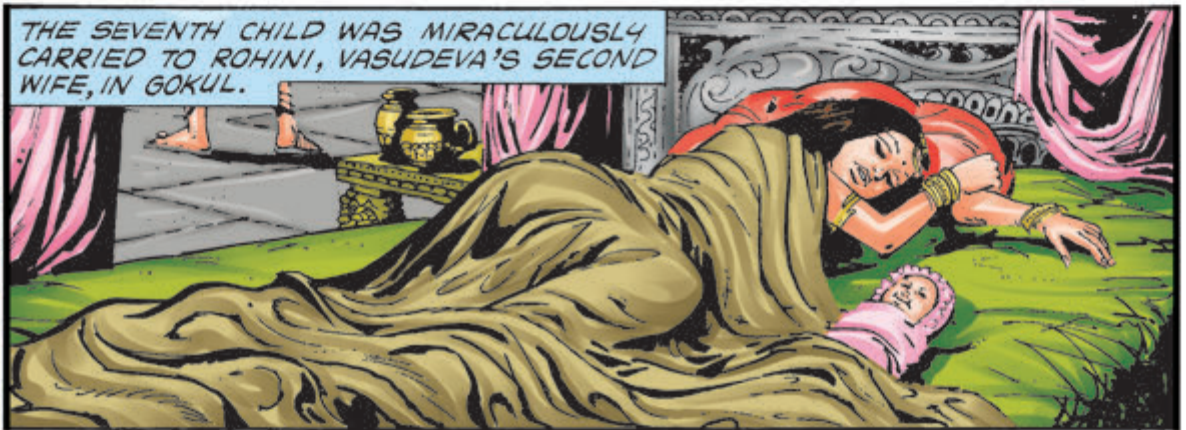
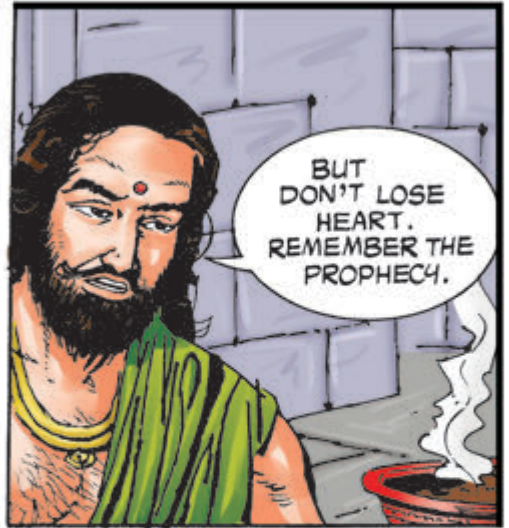
KAMSA, YOU
SHALL SOON DIE.
THE EIGHTH CHILD
BORN TO DEVAKI
WILL SLAY YOU!

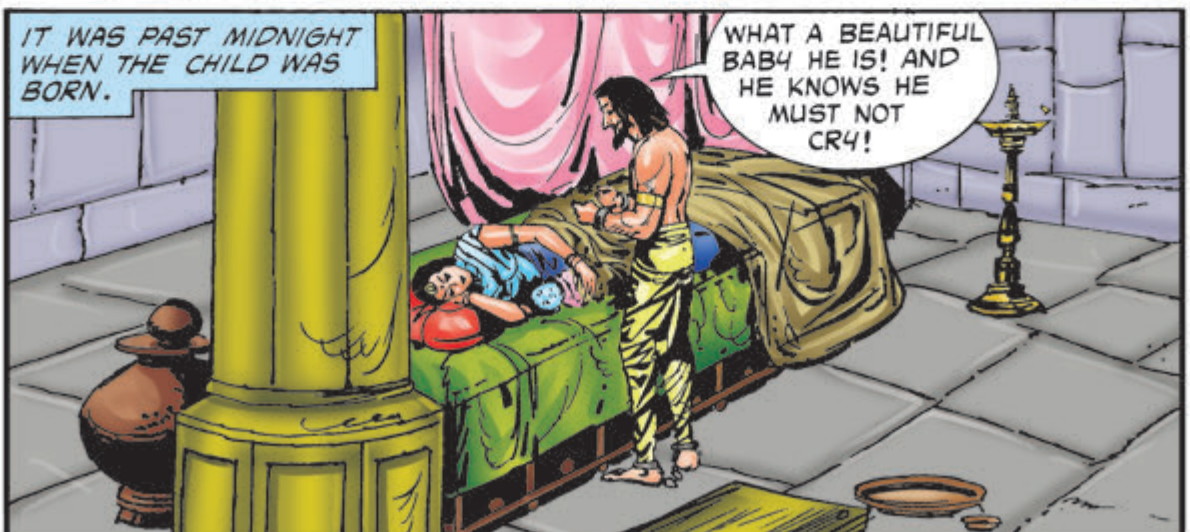
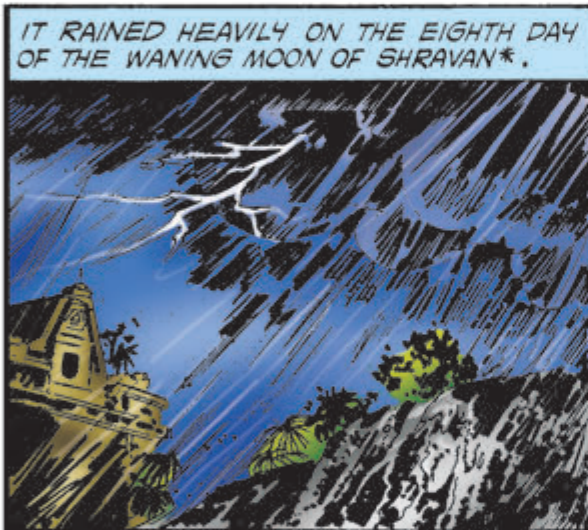
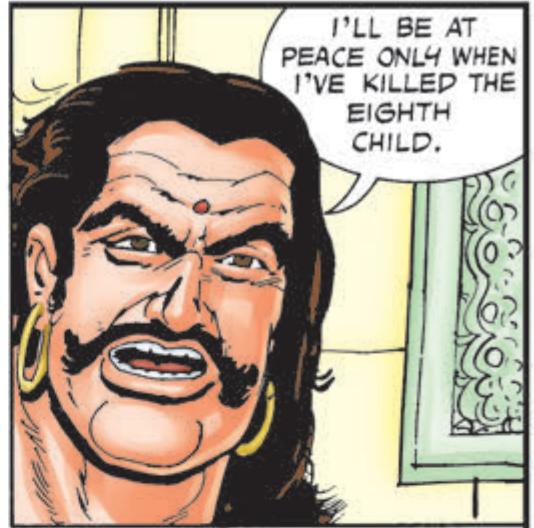
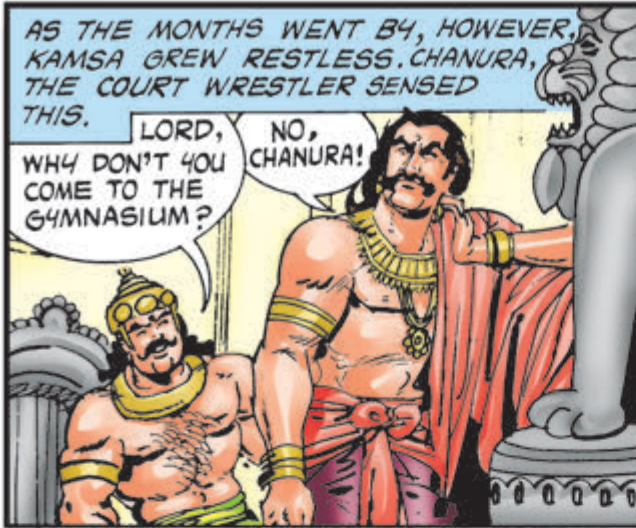
IF SHE LIVES
TO HAVE THAT EIGHTH
CHILD! I'LL SLAY HER
BEFORE, THEN!

KAMSA,
DON'T!

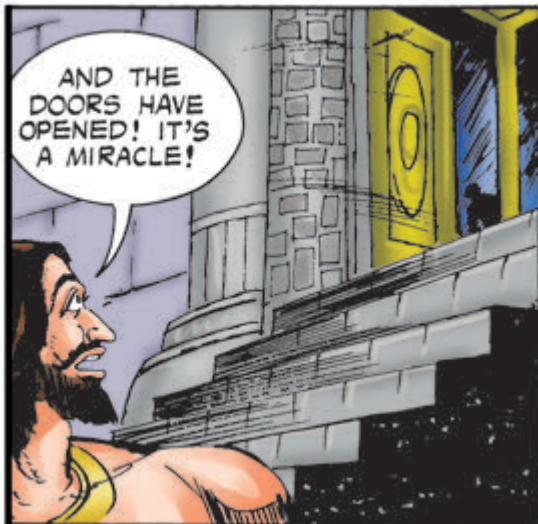




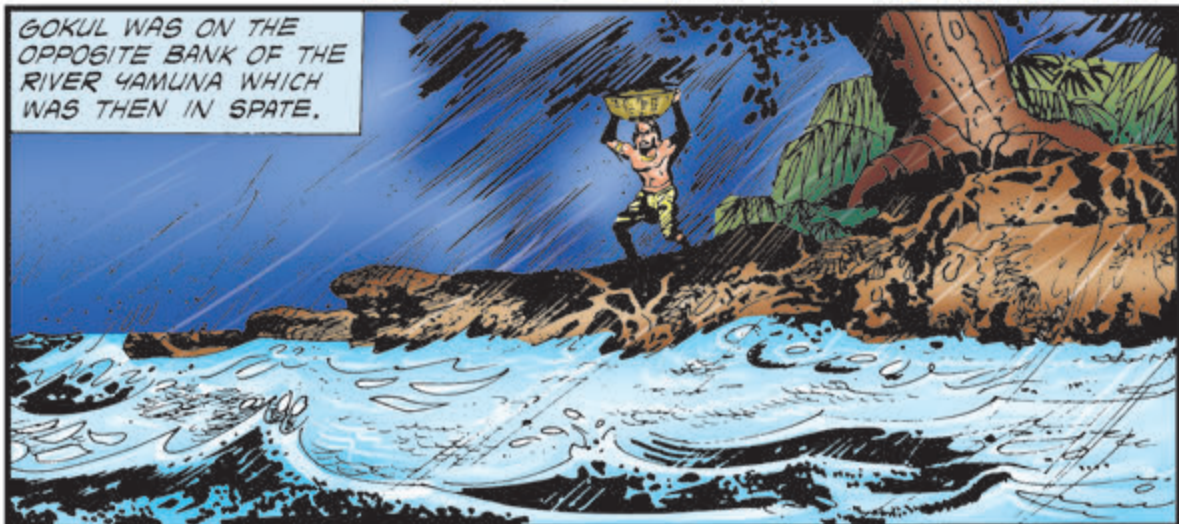




*5TH MONTH OF THE HINDU CALENDAR. STARTS LATE JULY AND ENDS IN 3RD WEEK OF AUGUST.



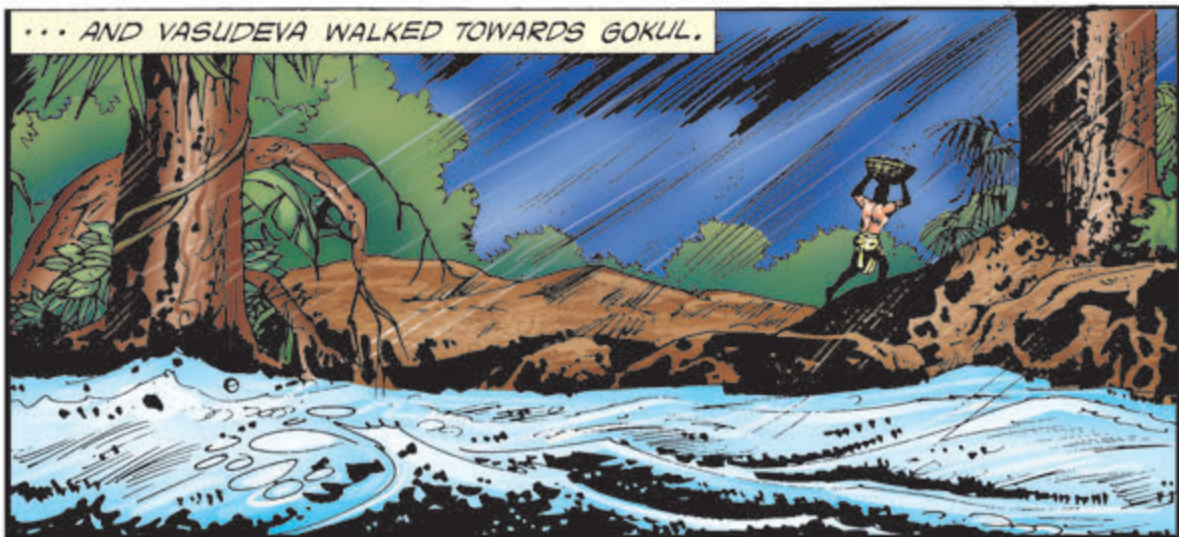
GOKUL WAS ON THE
OPPOSITE BANK OF THE
RIVER YAMUNA WHICH
WAS THEN IN SPATE.

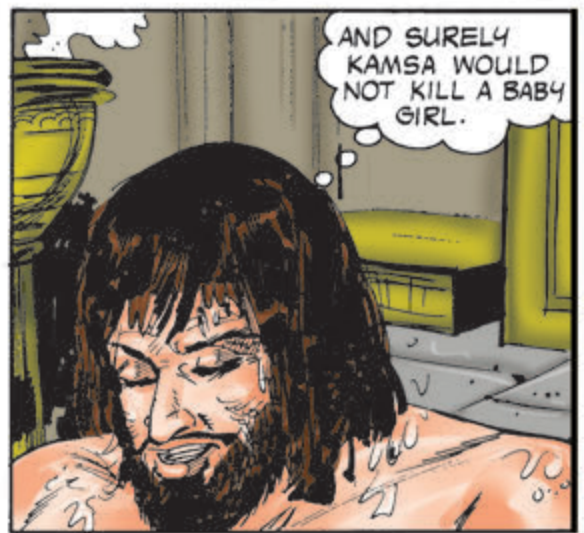
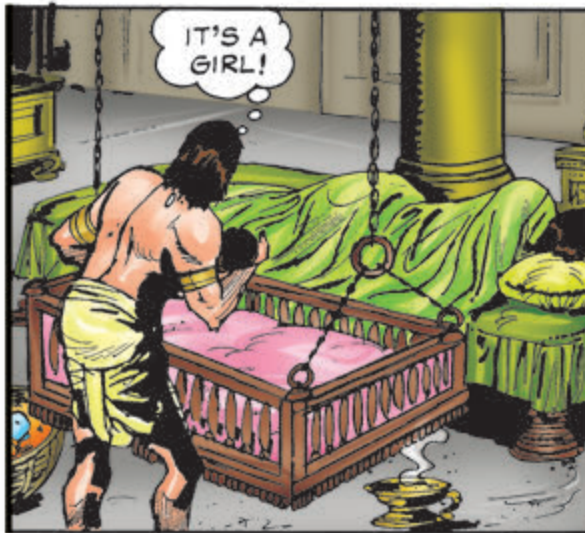
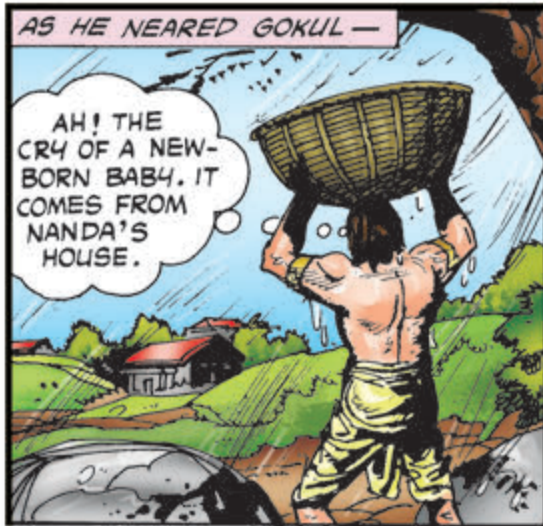


AS VASUDEVA APPROACHED, HOWEVER, THE WATERS PARTED...



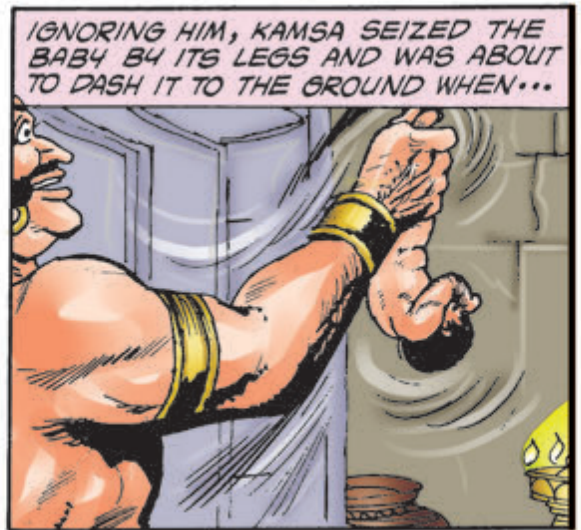
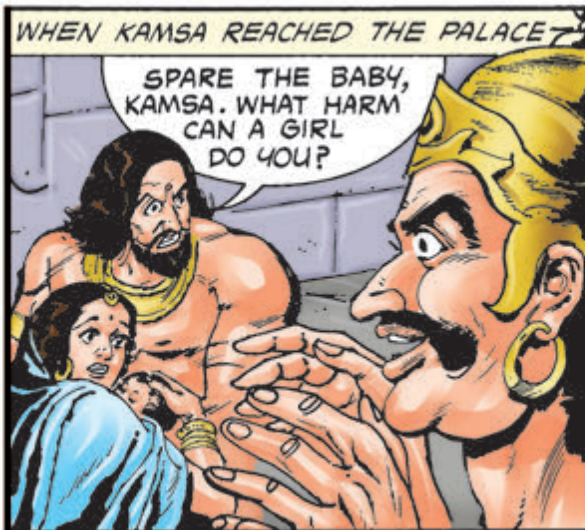
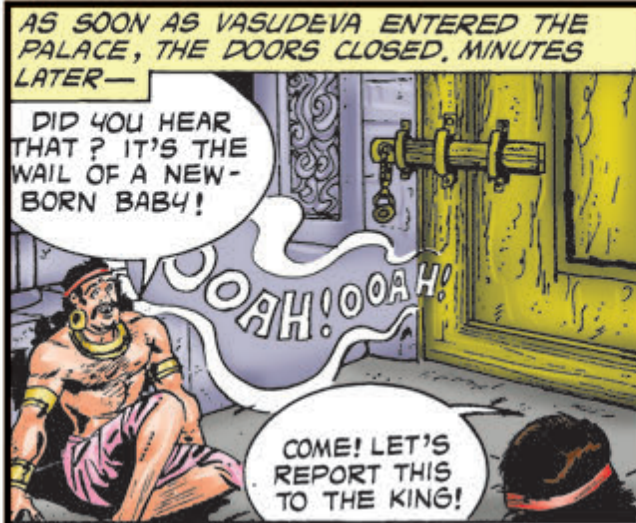
... AND VASUDEVA WALKED TOWARDS GOKUL.





SO VASUDEVA LEFT HIS EIGHTH CHILD IN NANDA'S HOUSE AND CARRIED THE BABY GIRL TO MATHURA.







KAMSA SET DEVAKI AND VASUDEVA FREE. HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO TRACE THE EIGHTH CHILD. SO HE SENT FOR THE WICKED PUTANA.

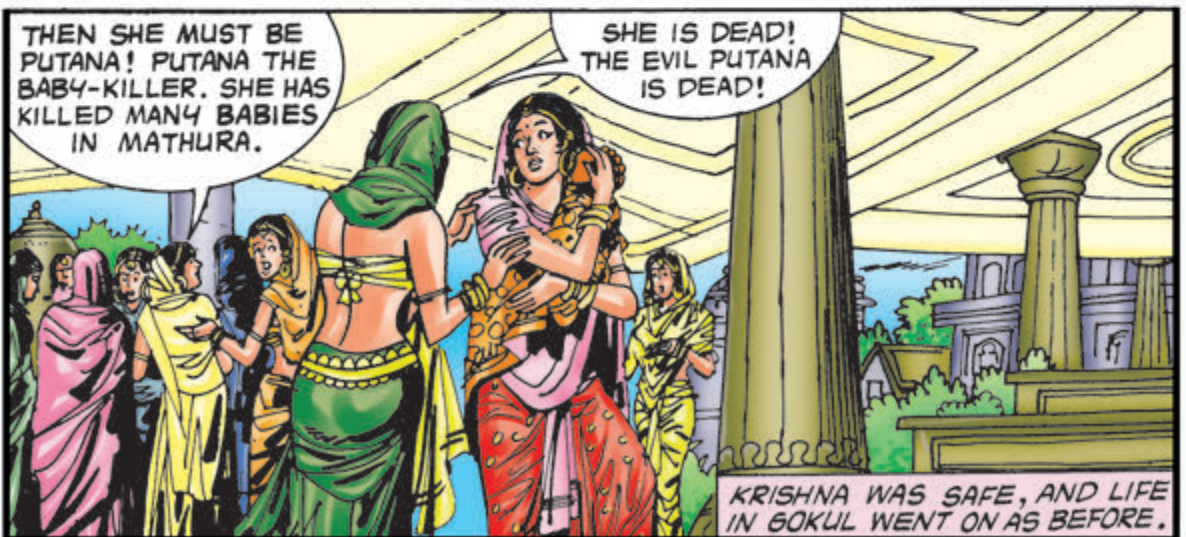
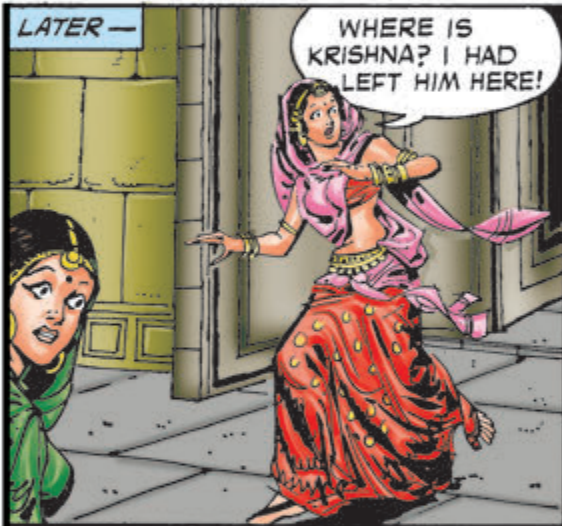
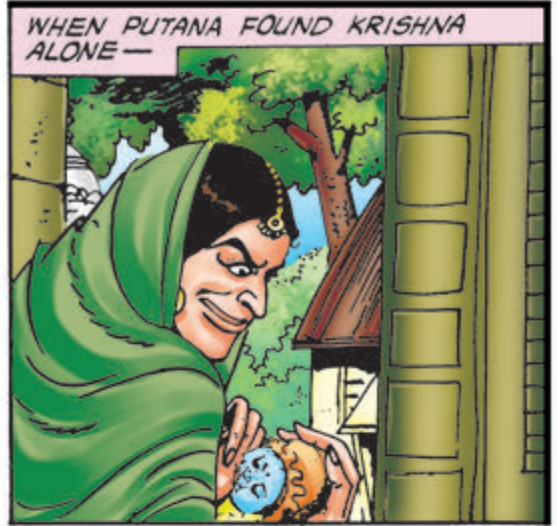
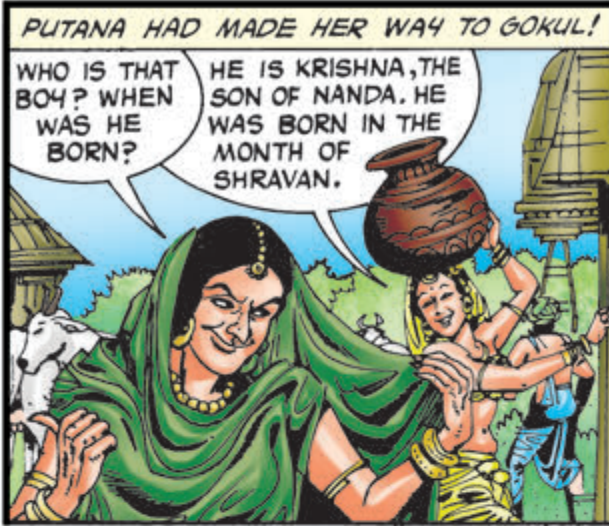


PUTANA WENT ABOUT HER EVIL TASK.



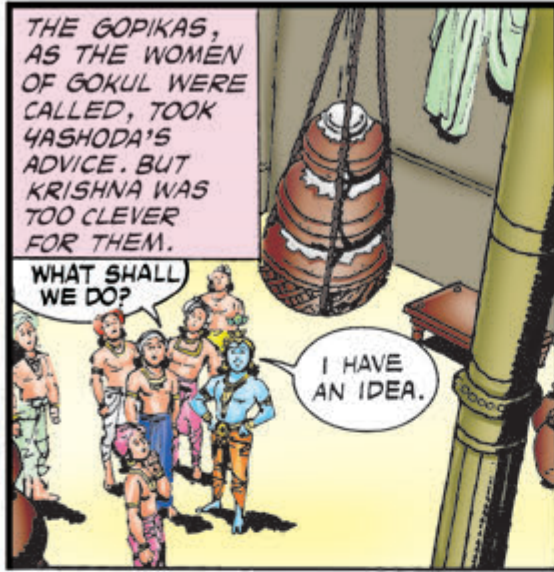
THE MOTHER WAS FLATTERED. SHE GAVE THE BABY TO PUTANA.

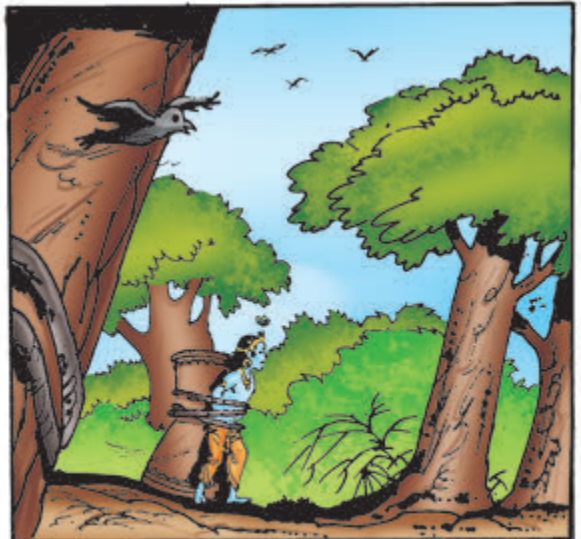
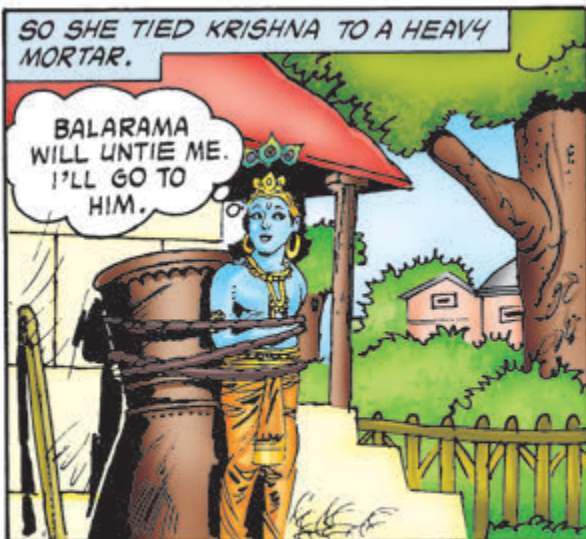
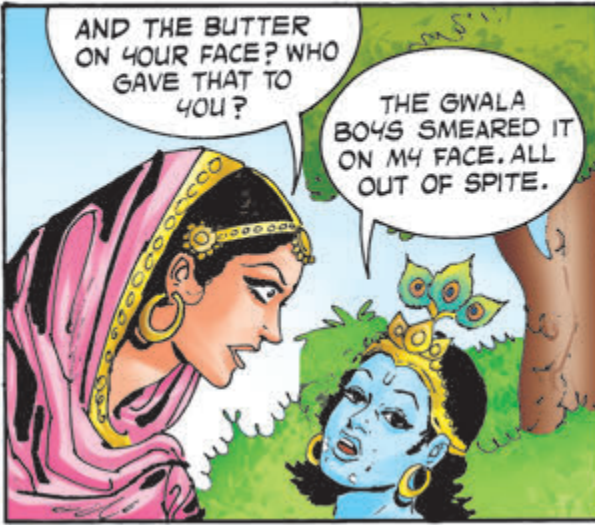












BUT WHILE HE WAS ON HIS WAY
THE MORTAR WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN
TWO TREES.



HE PULLED WITH ALL HIS
MIGHT TILL...

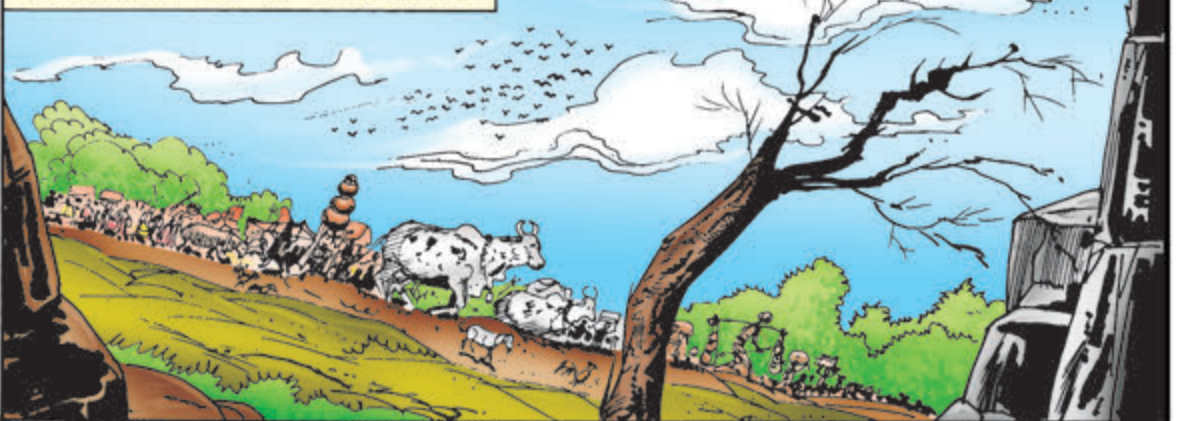
...THE TREES CRASHED TO THE GROUND.

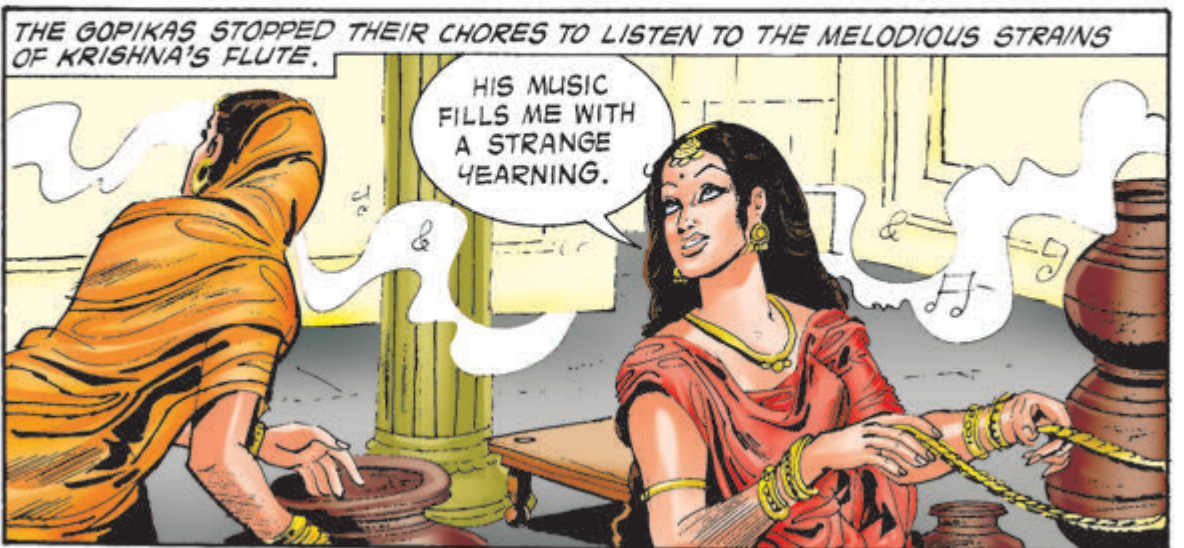
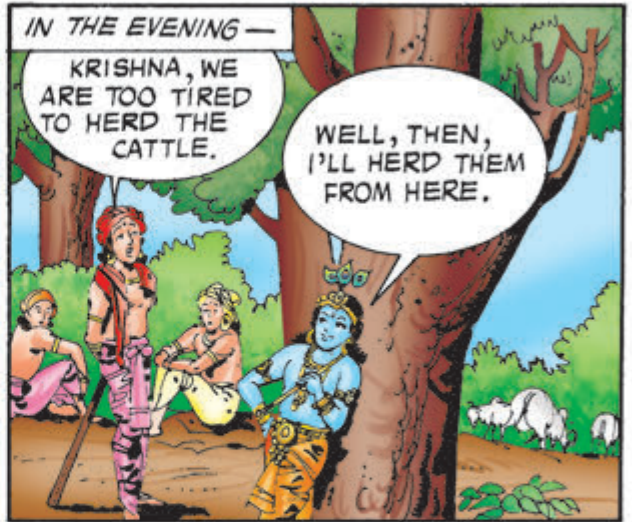
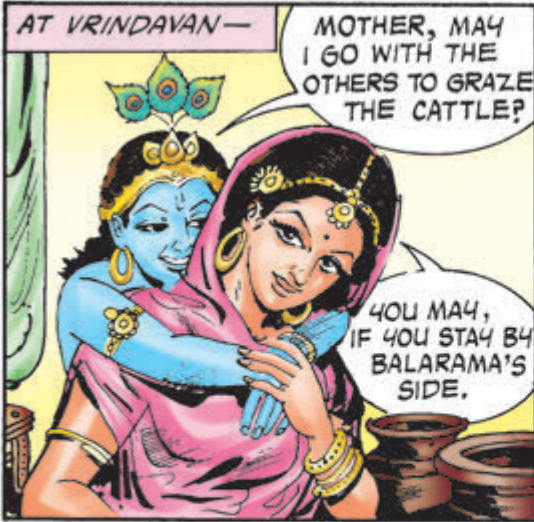


AS THE NEWS SPREAD, A CROWD
GATHERED AT THE SPOT.

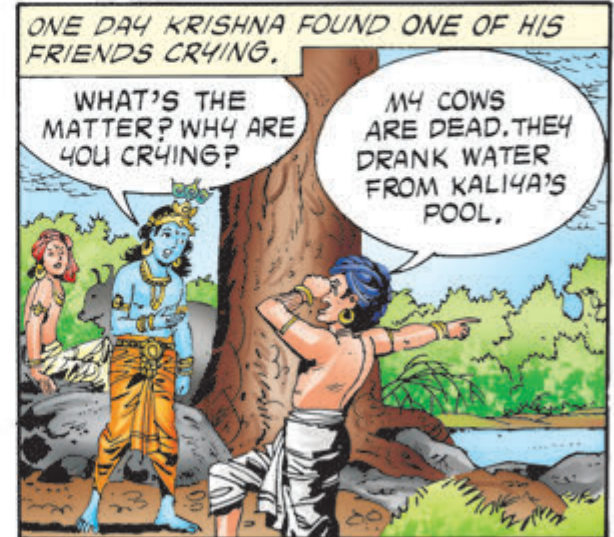
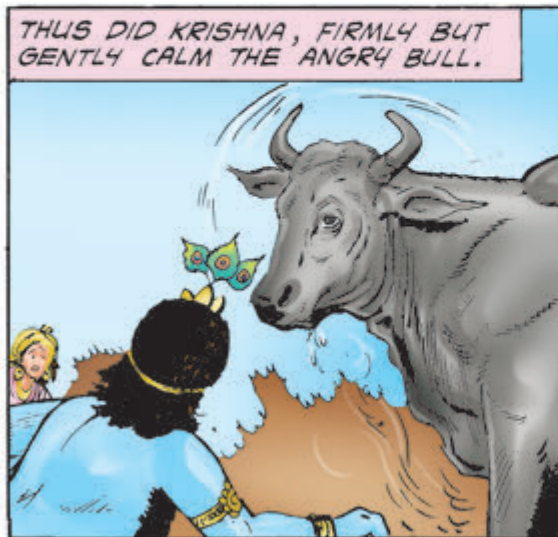
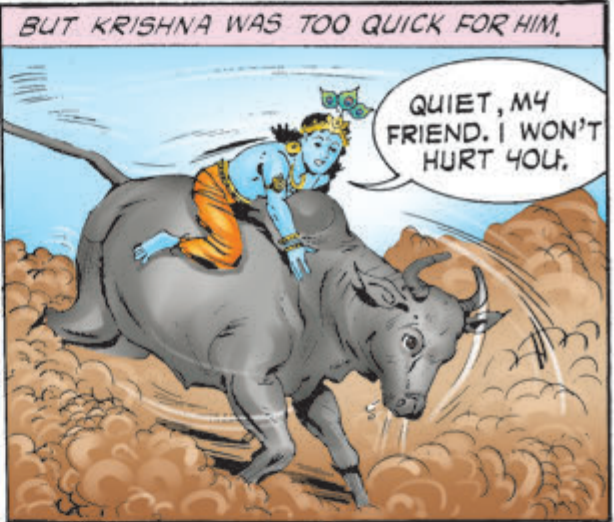
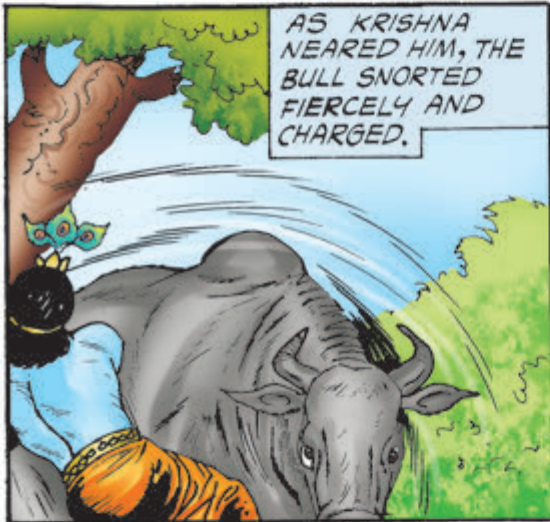


THESE STRANGE HAPPENINGS FRIGHTENED
THE PEOPLE. SO THEY DECIDED TO LEAVE
GOKUL AND GO TO VRINDAVAN.

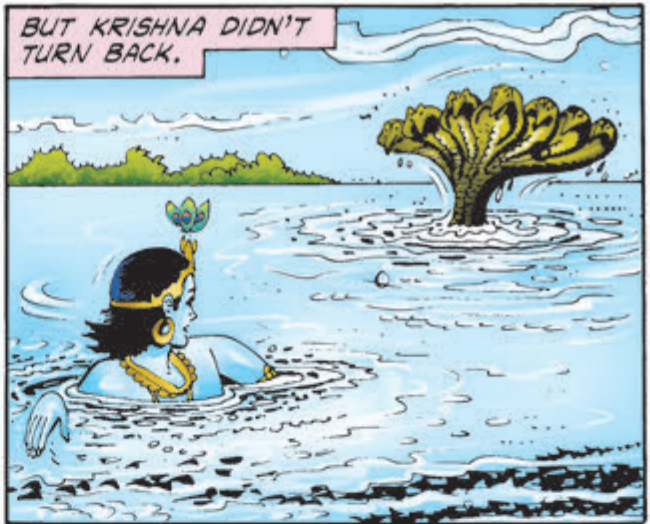


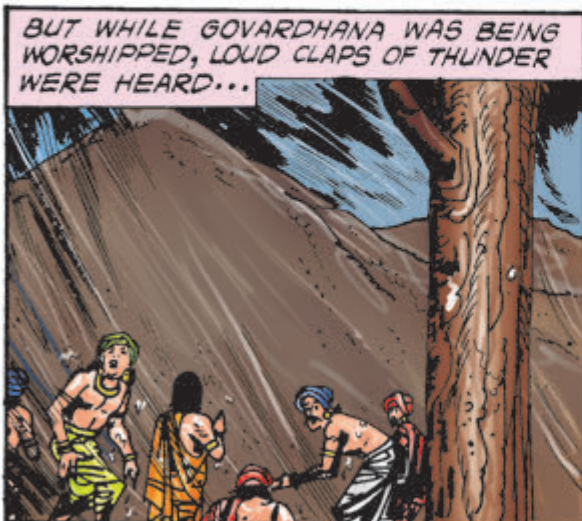
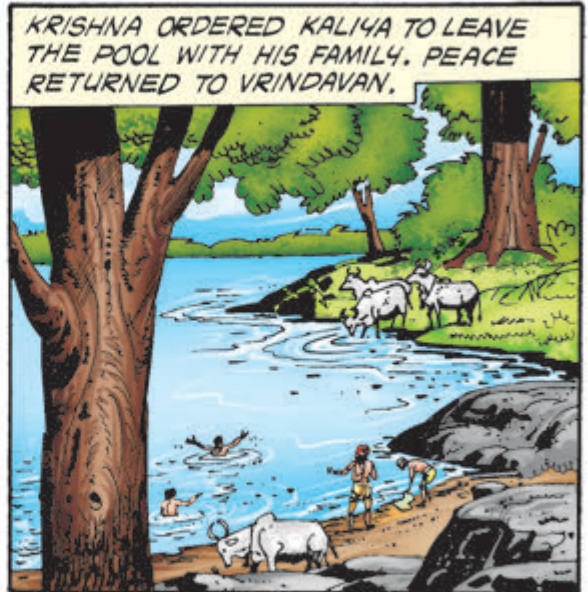


ONE DAY —

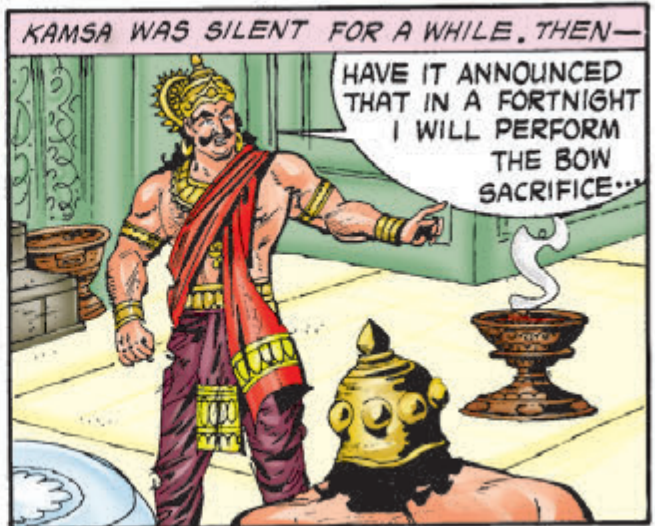
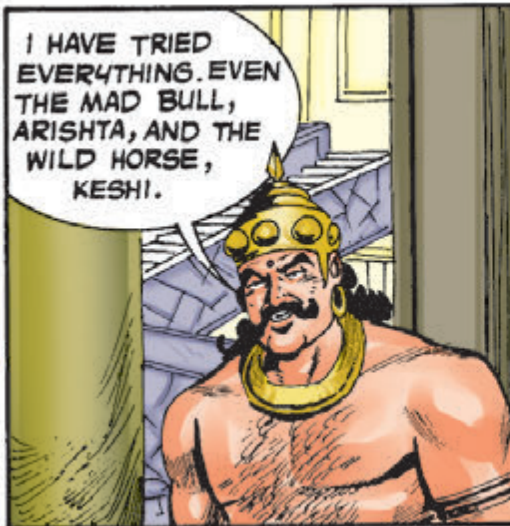
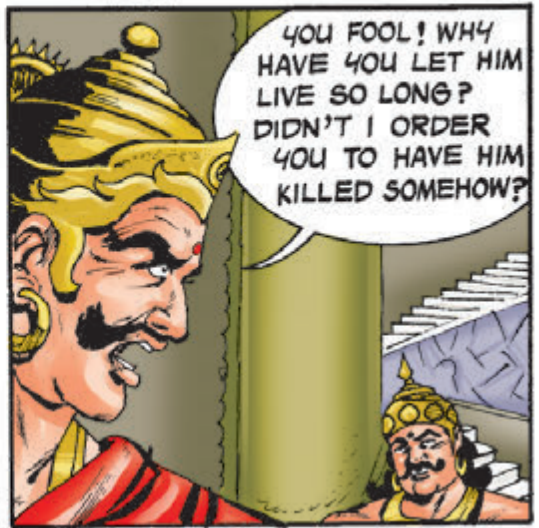


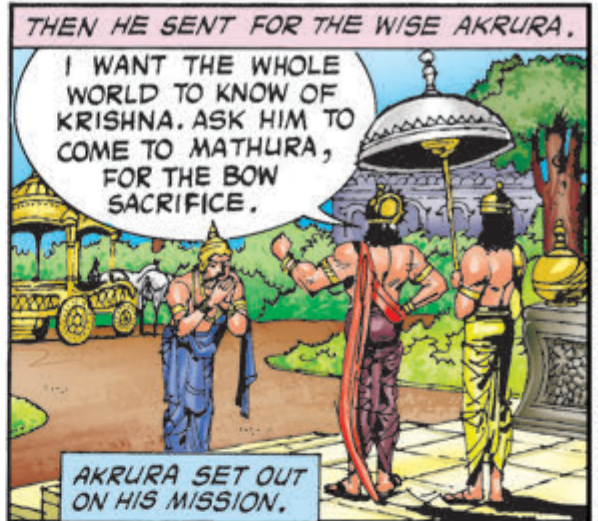
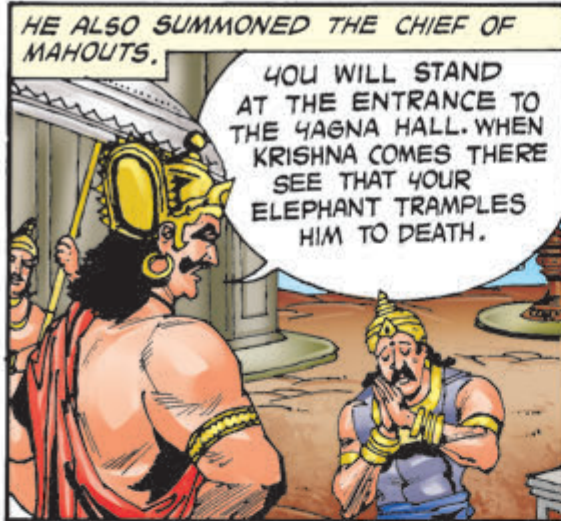


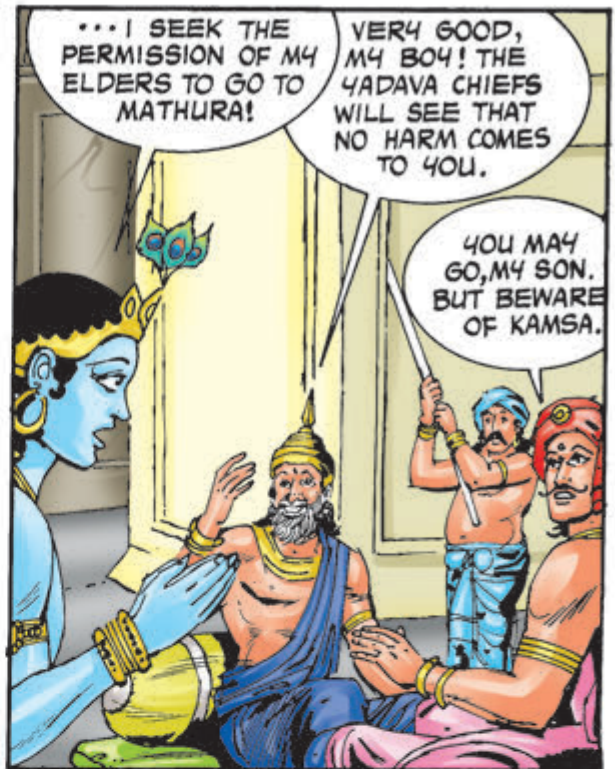










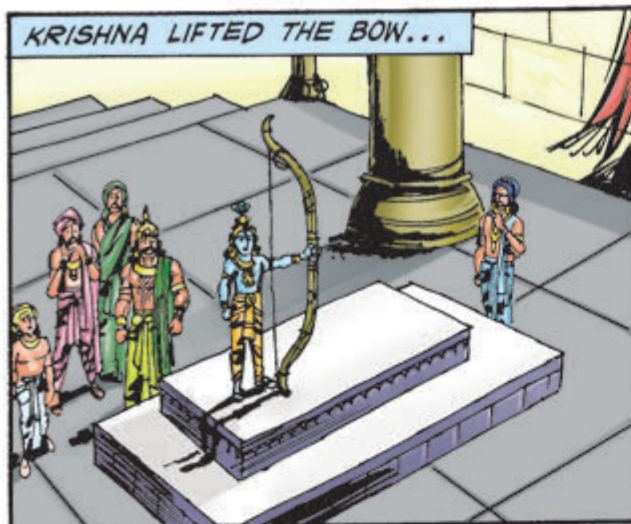


AS THEY NEARED THE CITY OF MATHURA, KRISHNA DECIDED TO WALK. SUDDENLY—



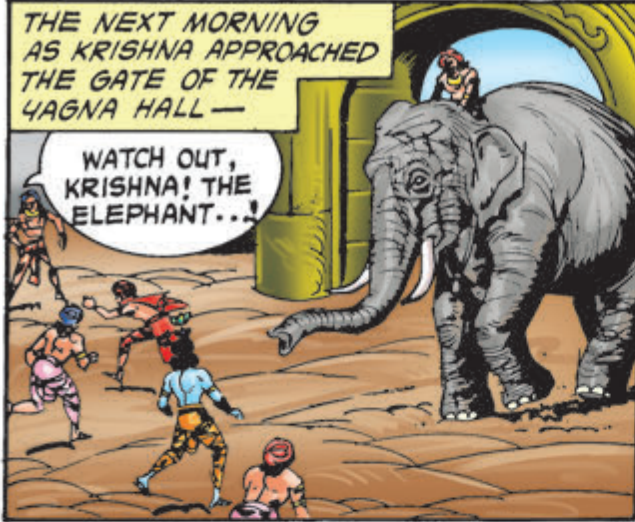
THE NEWS SPREAD AND A CROWD FOLLOWED KRISHNA AND BALARAMA TO THE GATE OF THE YAGNA HALL.



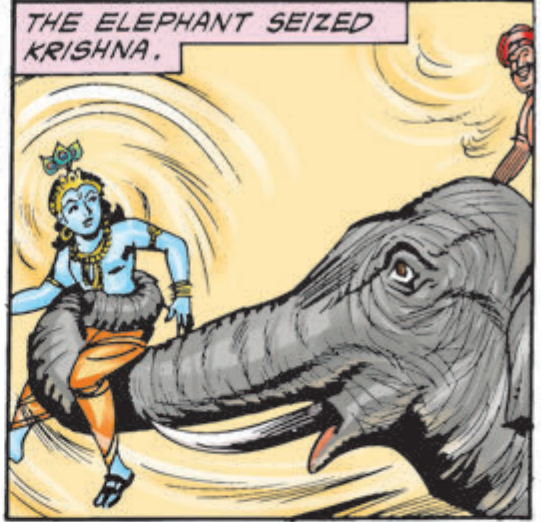


THE NEXT MORNING
AS KRISHNA APPROACHED
THE GATE OF THE
YAGNA HALL —

WATCH OUT,
KRISHNA! THE
ELEPHANT...!



THE ELEPHANT SEIZED
KRISHNA.



BUT KRISHNA
ESCAPED ITS
GRIP, LIFTED
IT BY ITS
TRUNK...



... AND HURLING
IT INTO THE
AIR ...



... KILLED IT.



THEN WITH BALARAMA, HE TOOK HIS PLACE IN THE ARENA WHERE THE GAMES WERE BEING HELD.

KRISHNA, KAMSA HAS HEARD MUCH ABOUT YOUR STRENGTH AND VALOUR. HE HAS INVITED YOU TO WRESTLE... WITH ME!

IT'S AN HONOUR, CHANURA. I AM READY.

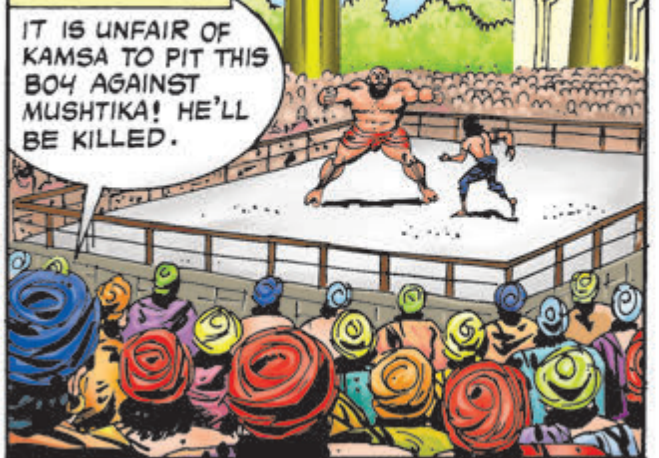


FIRST MUSHTIKA WILL WRESTLE WITH YOUR BROTHER.



BALARAMA AND MUSHTIKA FACED EACH OTHER.

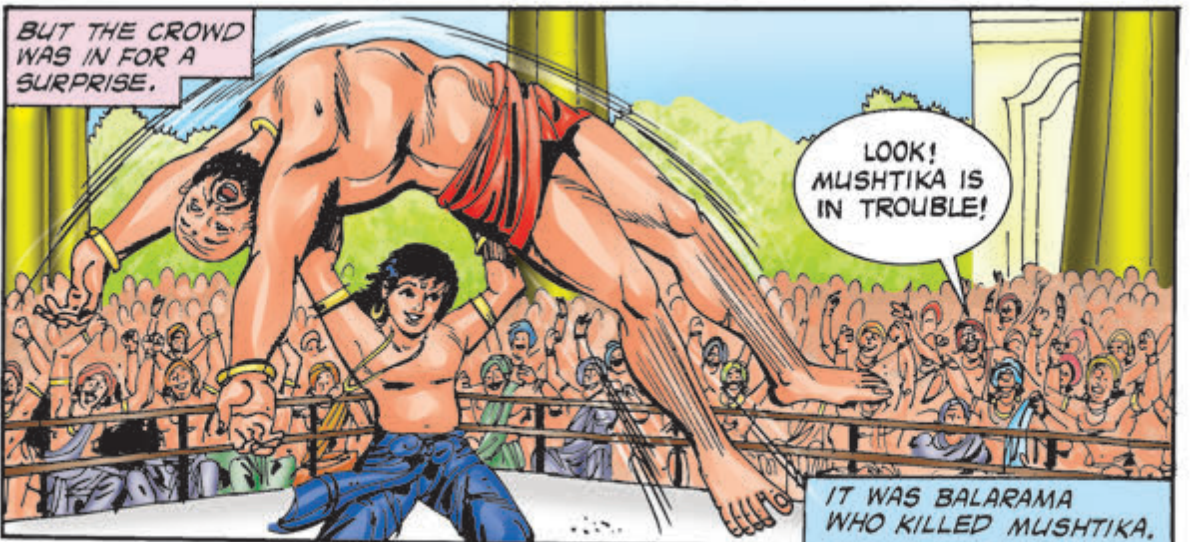
IT IS UNFAIR OF KAMSA TO PIT THIS BOY AGAINST MUSHTIKA! HE'LL BE KILLED.



BUT THE CROWD WAS IN FOR A SURPRISE.

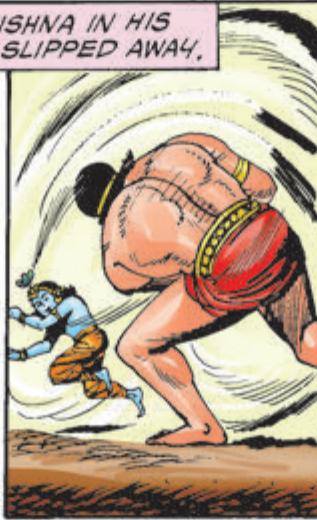
LOOK! MUSHTIKA IS IN TROUBLE!

IT WAS BALARAMA WHO KILLED MUSHTIKA.





CHANURA TRIED TO CRUSH KRISHNA IN HIS MIGHTY ARMS. BUT KRISHNA SLIPPED AWAY.



DISAPPOINTED, CHANURA RUSHED MADLY AT HIM.



BUT KRISHNA NIMBLY STEPPED ASIDE AND PICKING HIM UP...



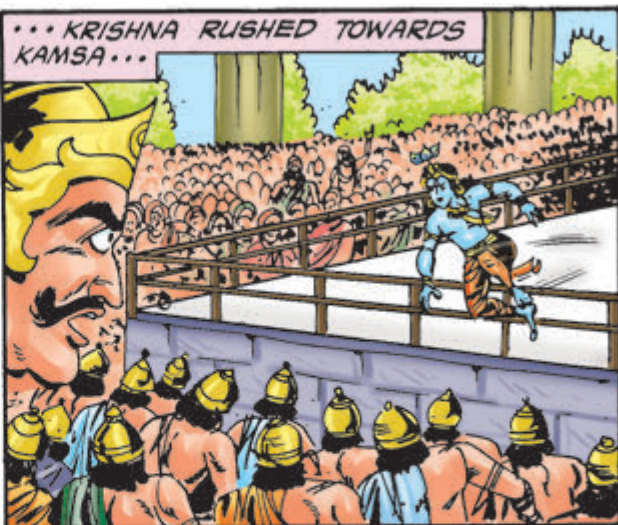
...DASHED HIM TO THE GROUND.



AS KAMSA'S SOLDIERS MOVED TOWARDS THE YADAVA CHIEFS...



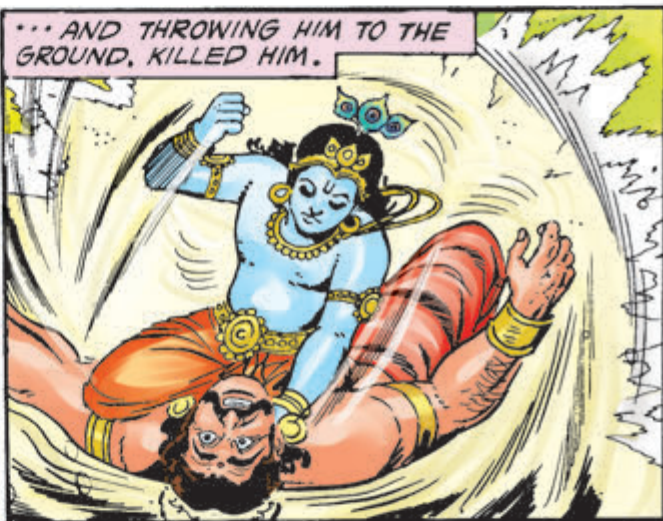
... KRISHNA RUSHED TOWARDS KAMSA...



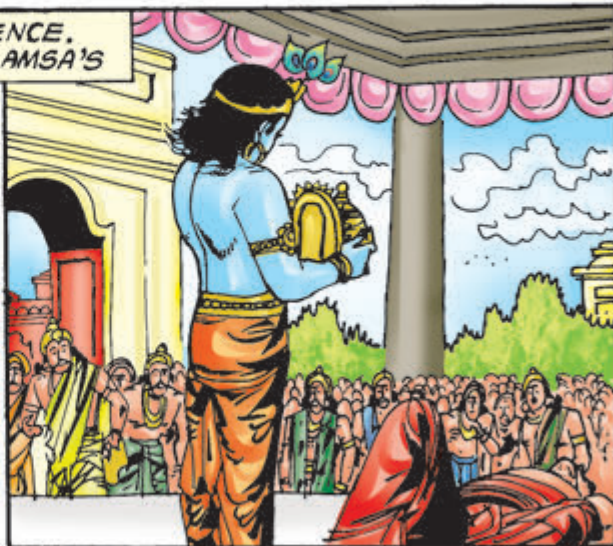
... TOOK AWAY HIS SWORD...



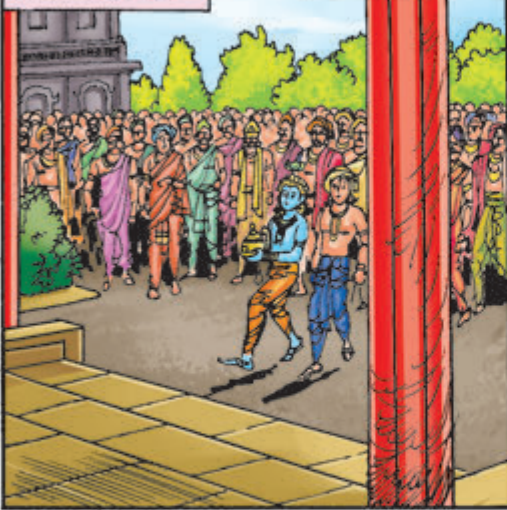
... AND THROWING HIM TO THE GROUND, KILLED HIM.



THE CROWD WAS STUNNED INTO SILENCE. KRISHNA LIFTED THE CROWN FROM KAMSA'S HEAD...



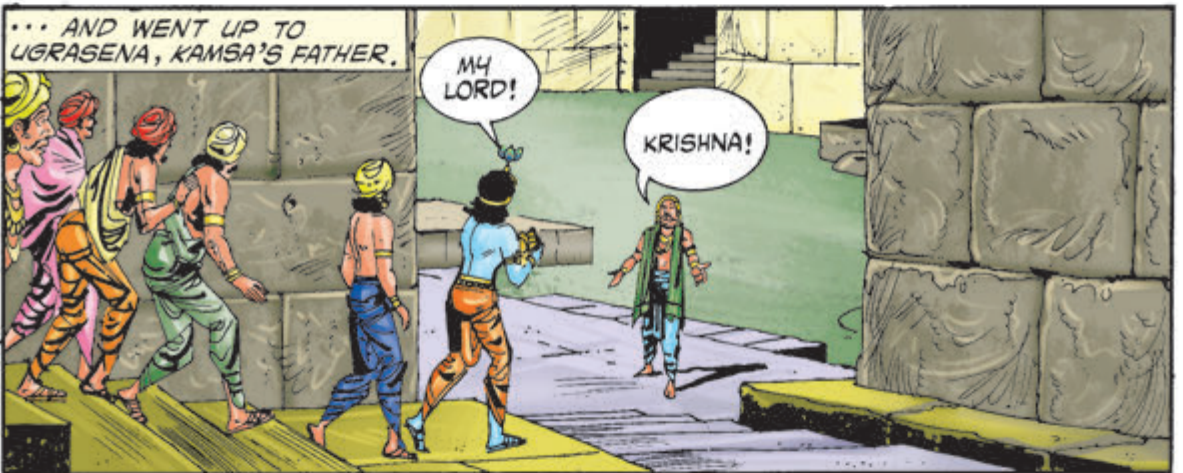
... AND BEGAN WALKING TOWARDS THE PALACE.



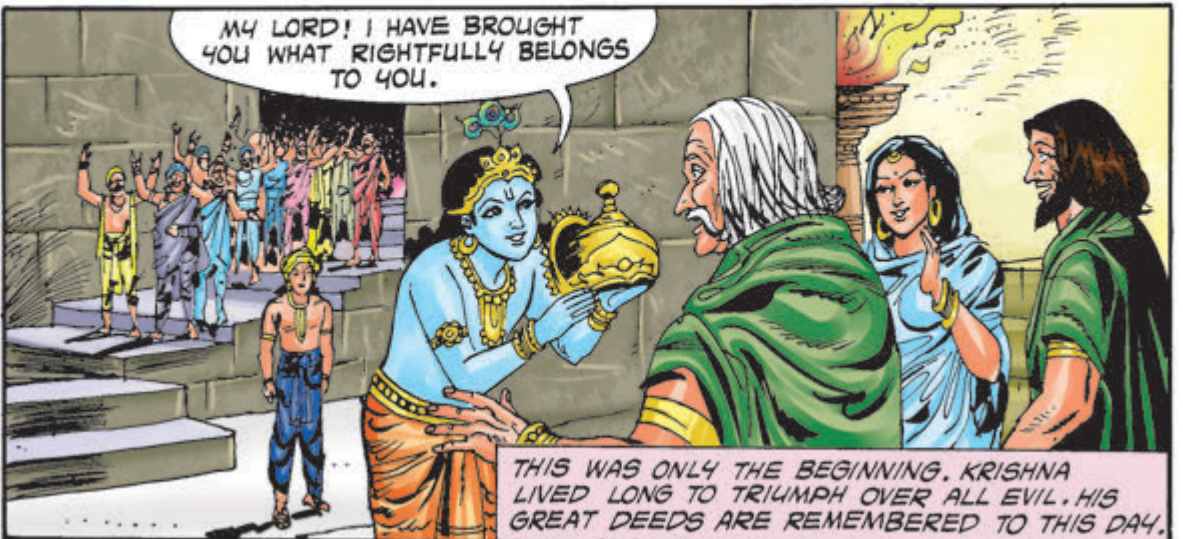
HE WALKED PAST THE GUARDS...



... AND WENT UP TO UGRASENA, KAMSA'S FATHER.



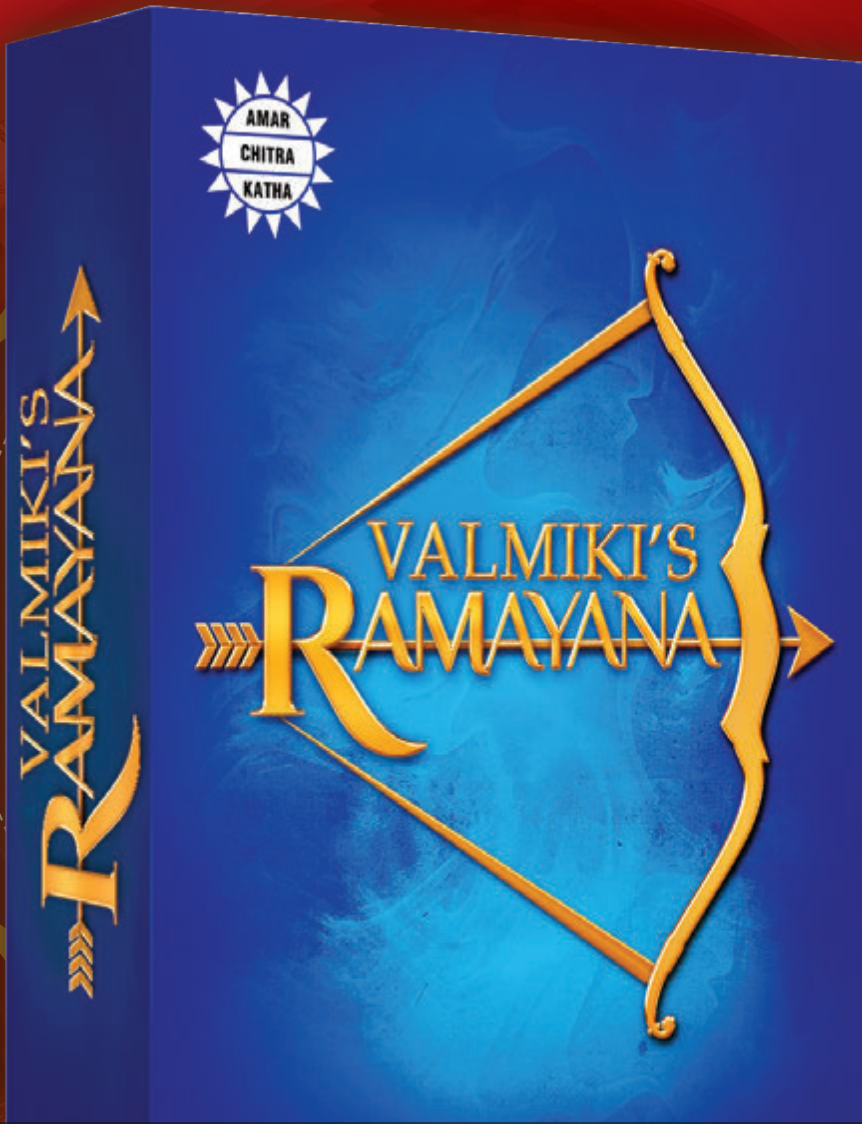
MY LORD! I HAVE BROUGHT YOU WHAT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO YOU.



THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING. KRISHNA LIVED LONG TO TRIUMPH OVER ALL EVIL. HIS GREAT DEEDS ARE REMEMBERED TO THIS DAY.



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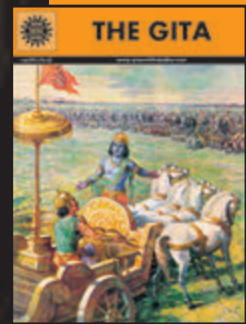


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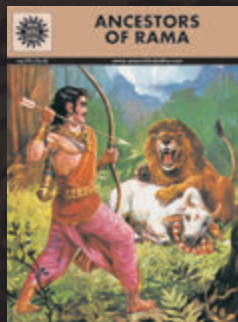
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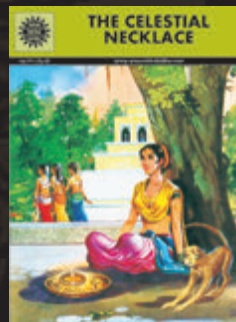
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