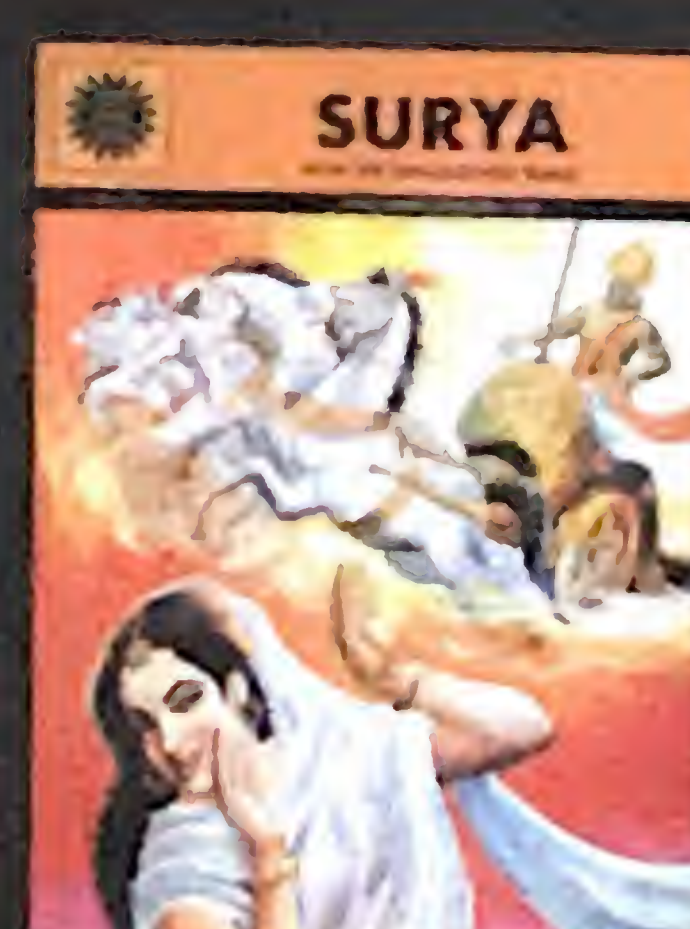
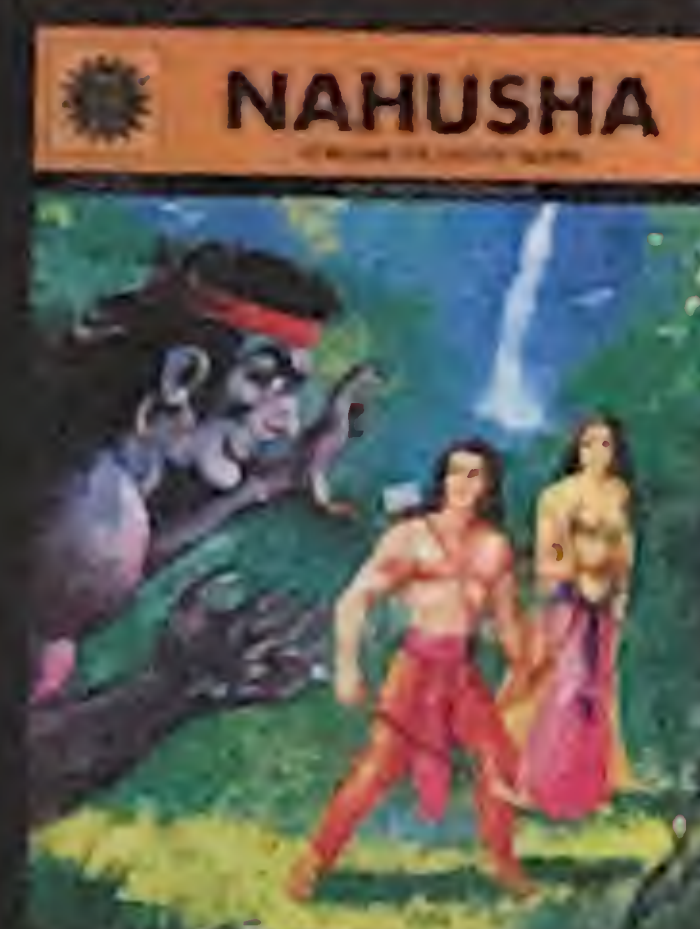


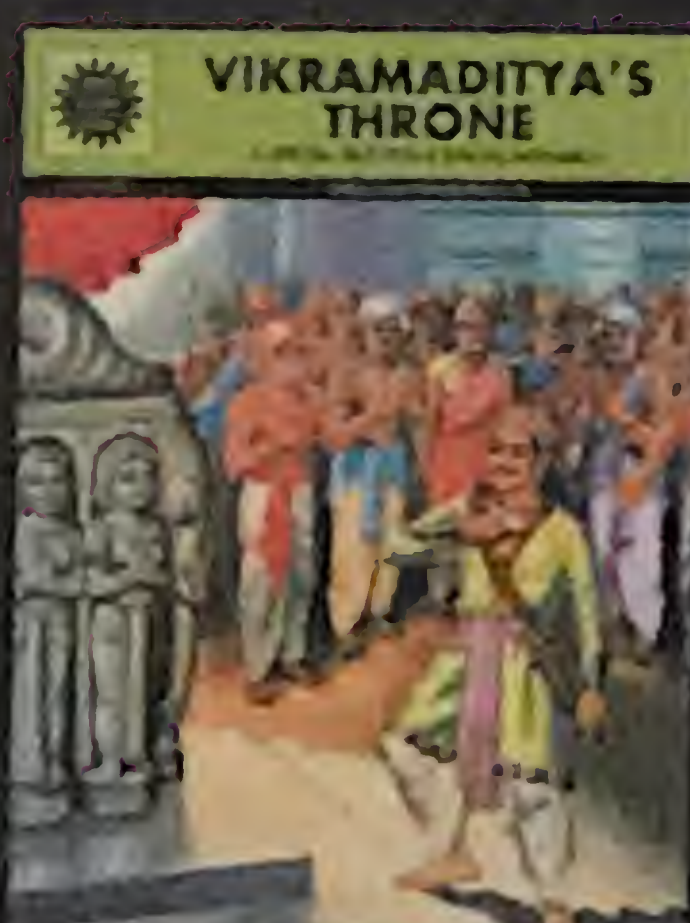
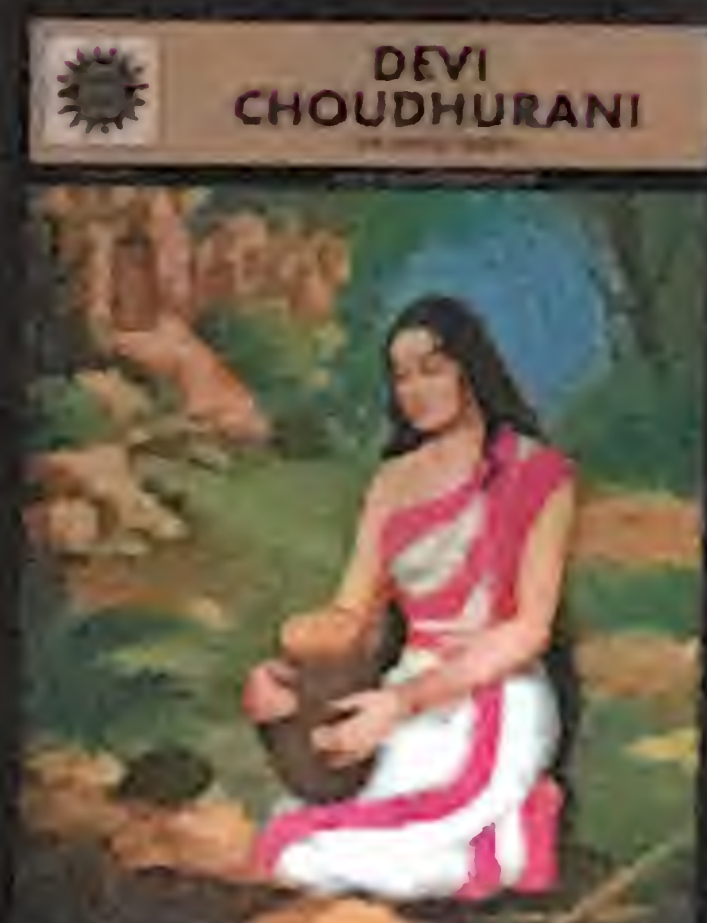
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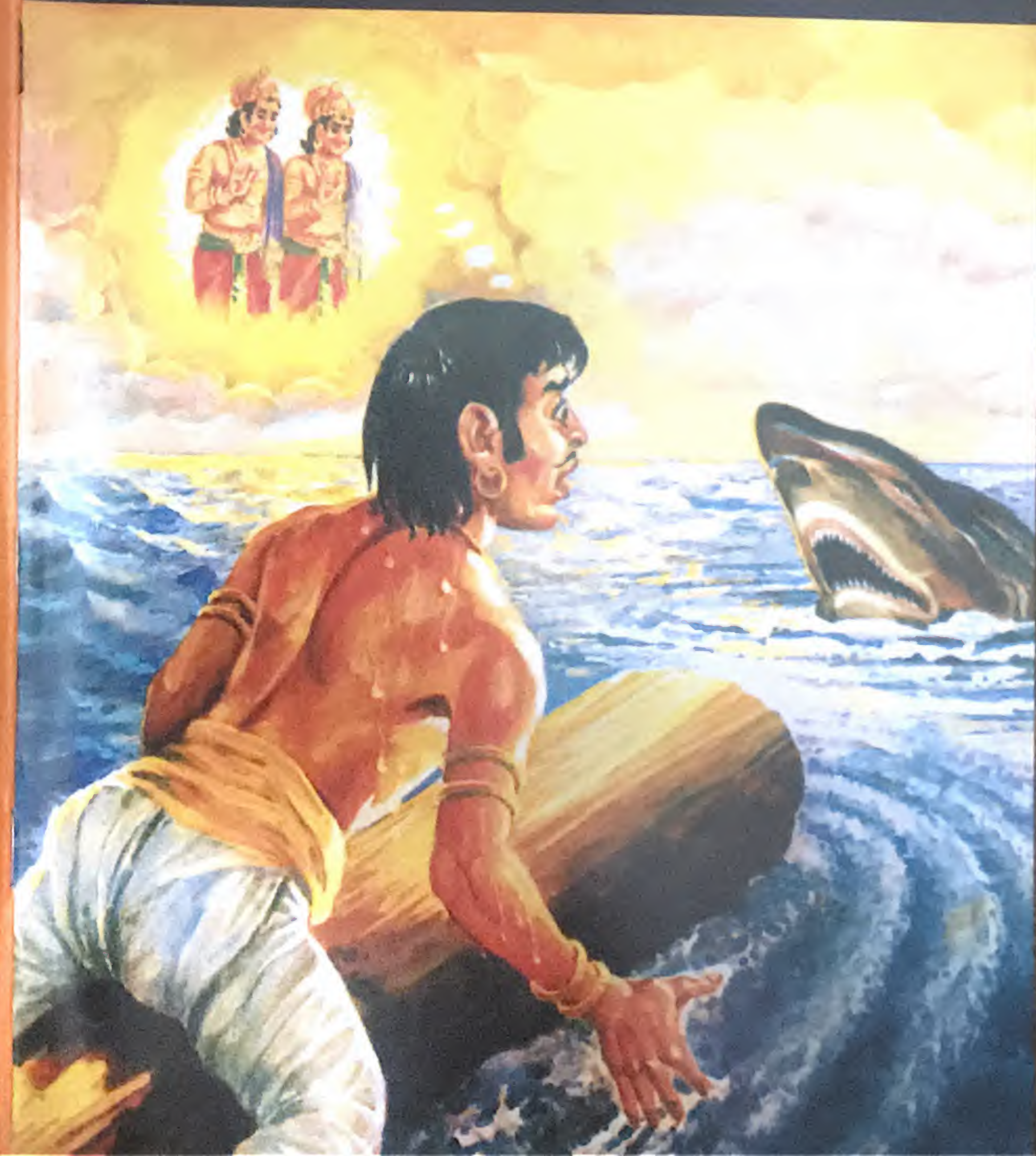
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SHIPS LADEN WITH RICHES WERE SAILING BACK TO SINDHU, THE LAND OF RAJA TUGRA.

THE MERCHANTS ON BOARD WERE QUITE PLEASED WITH THEMSELVES.

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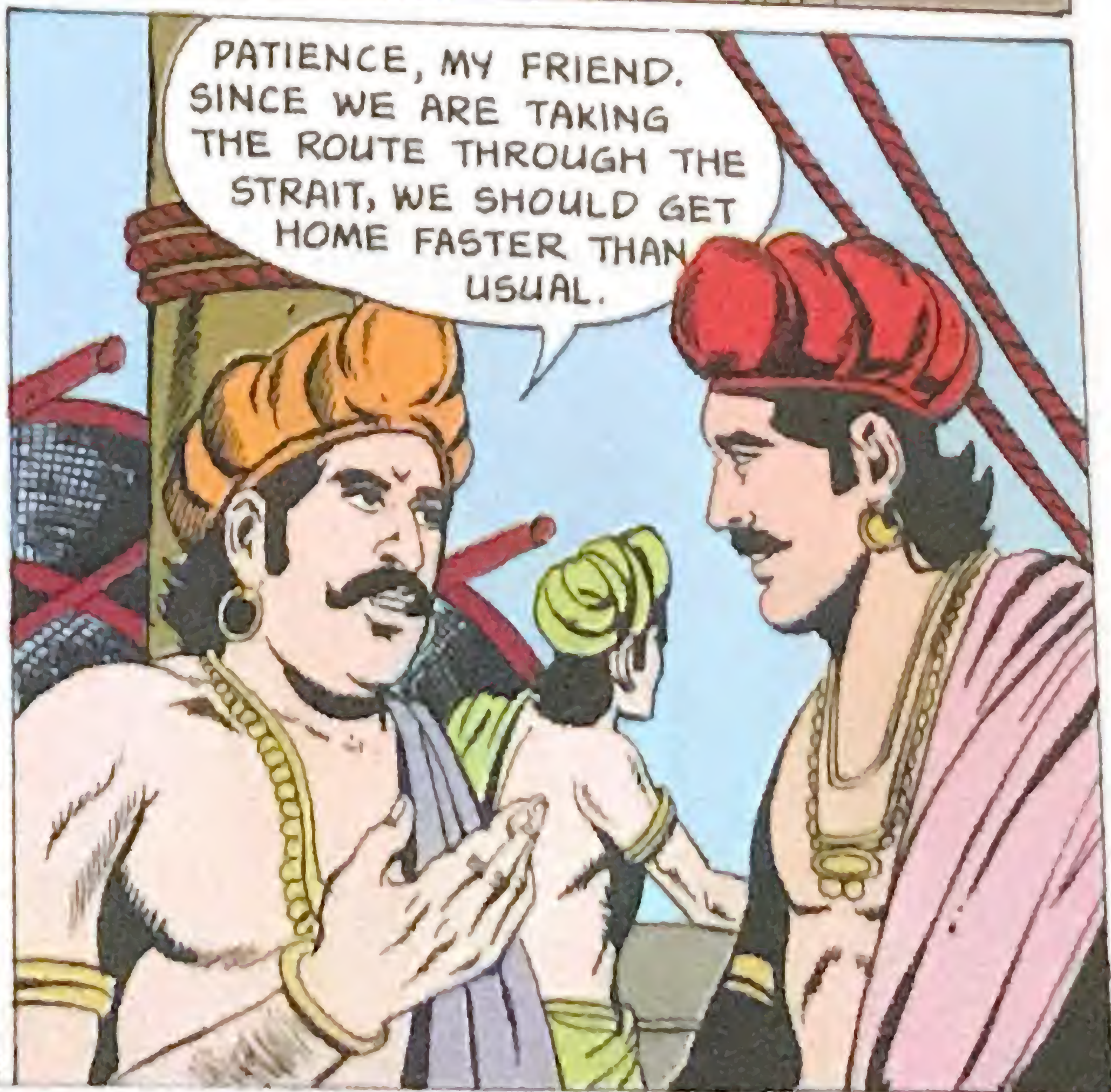
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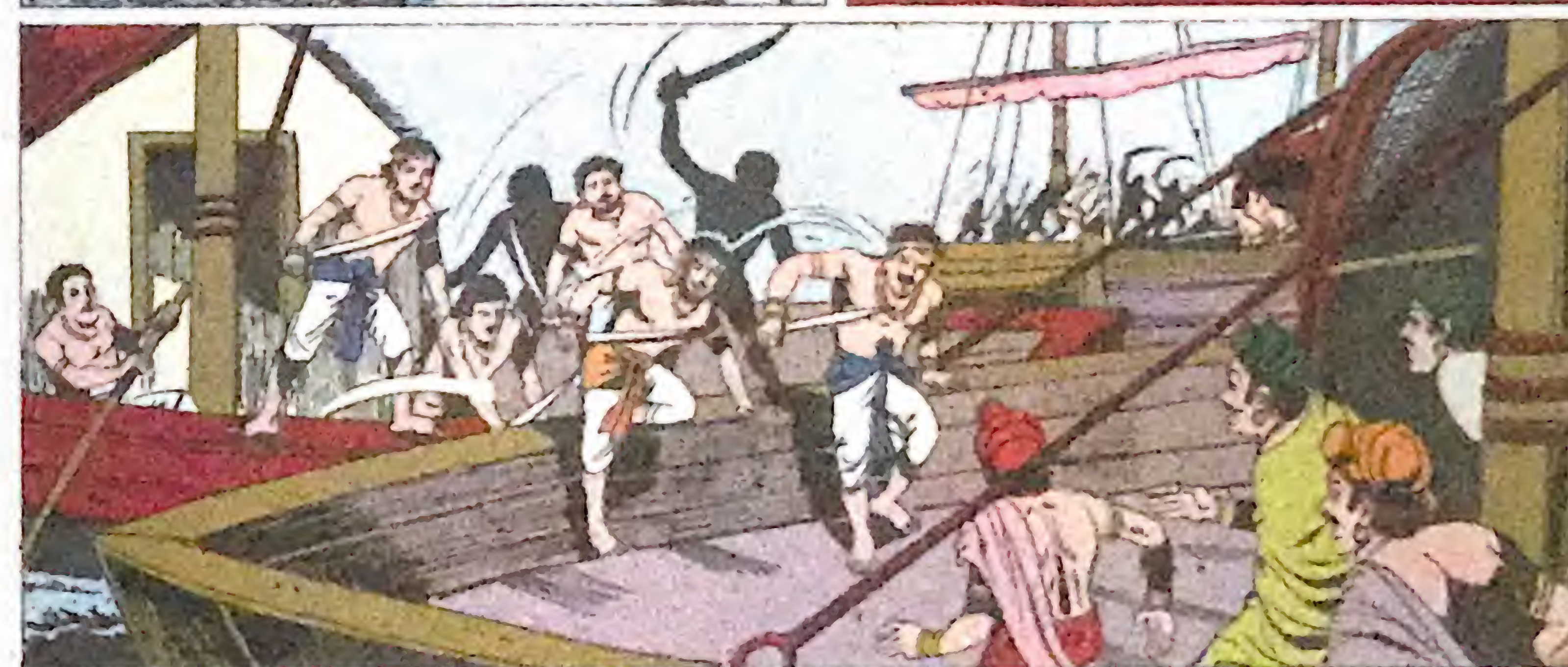
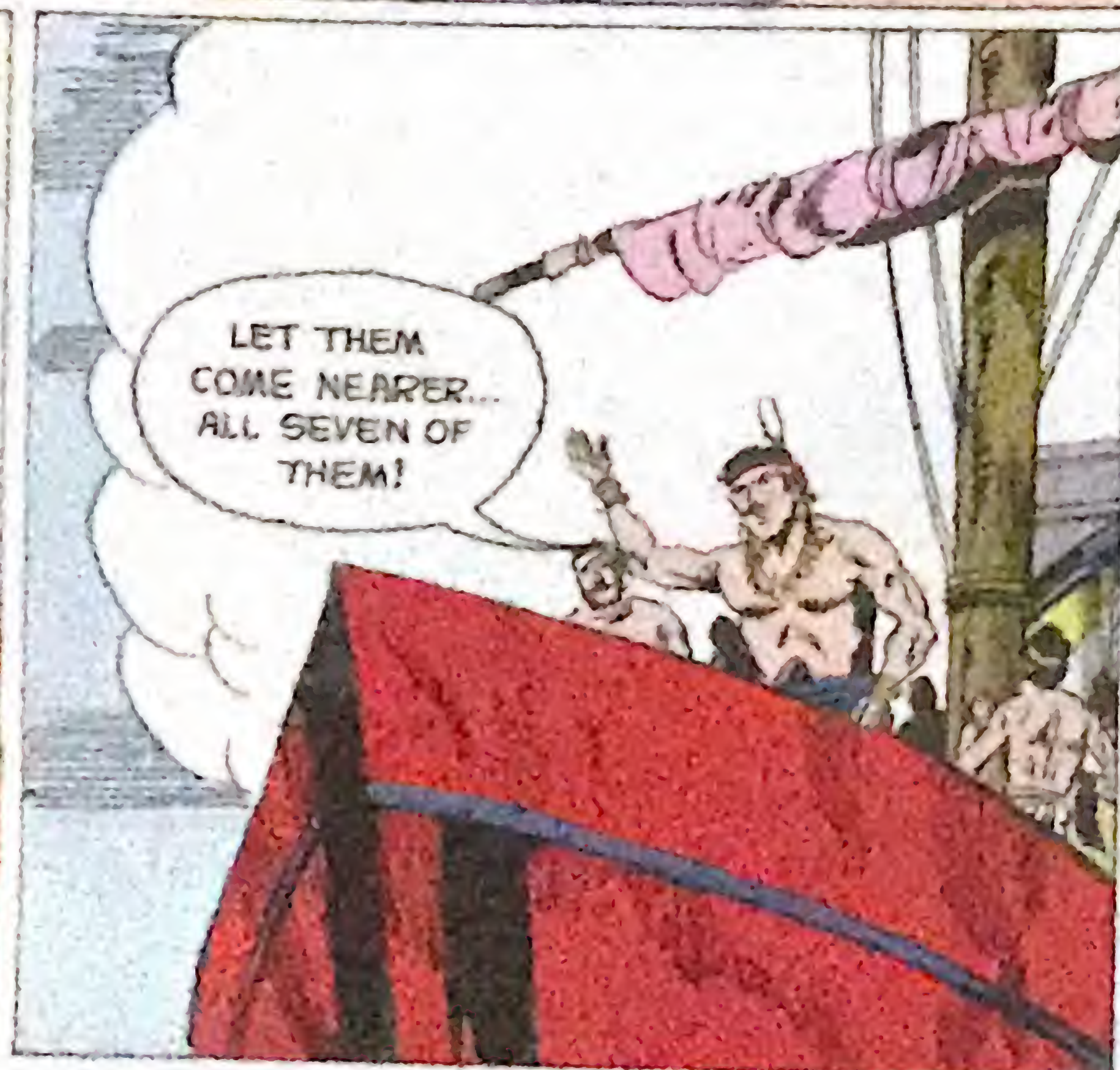
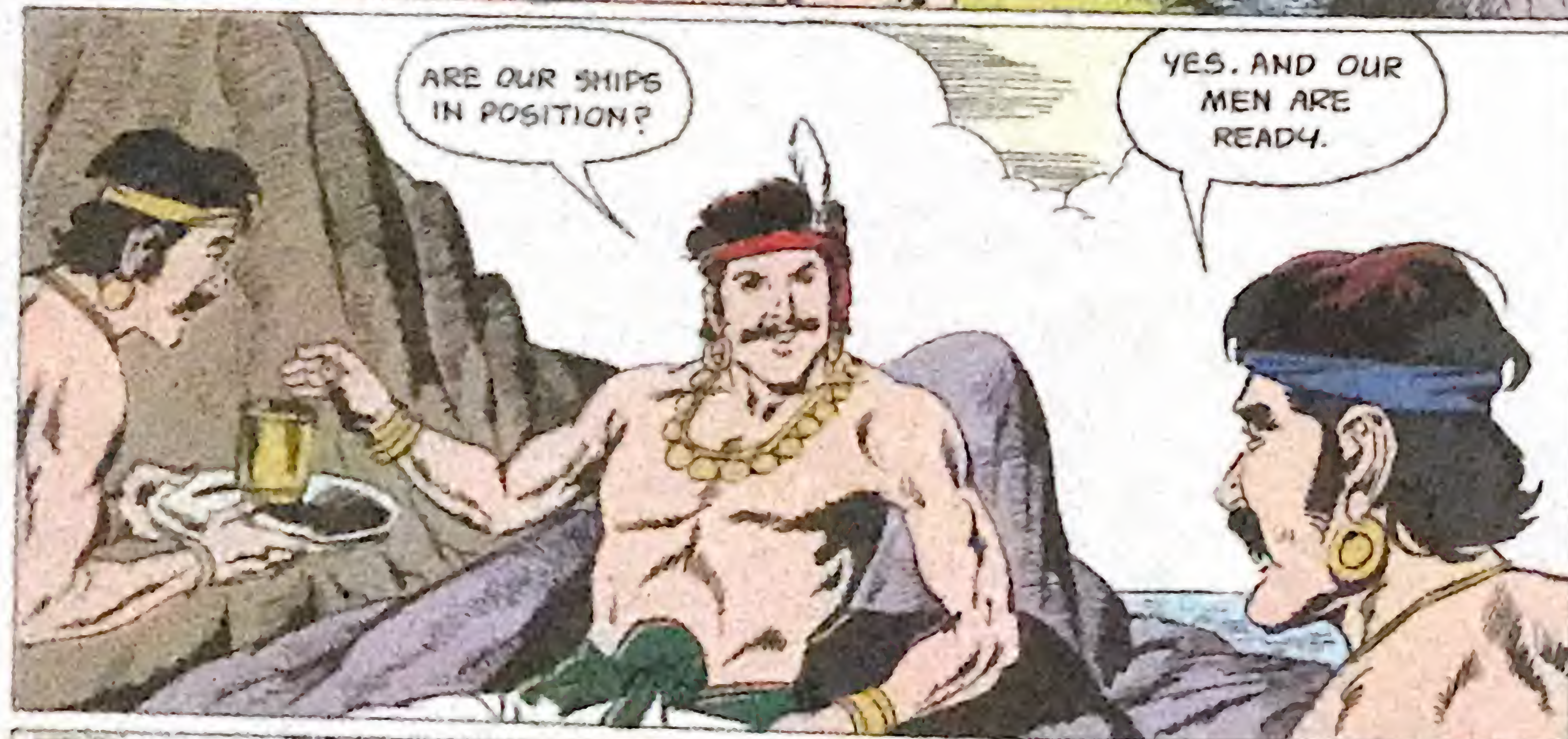
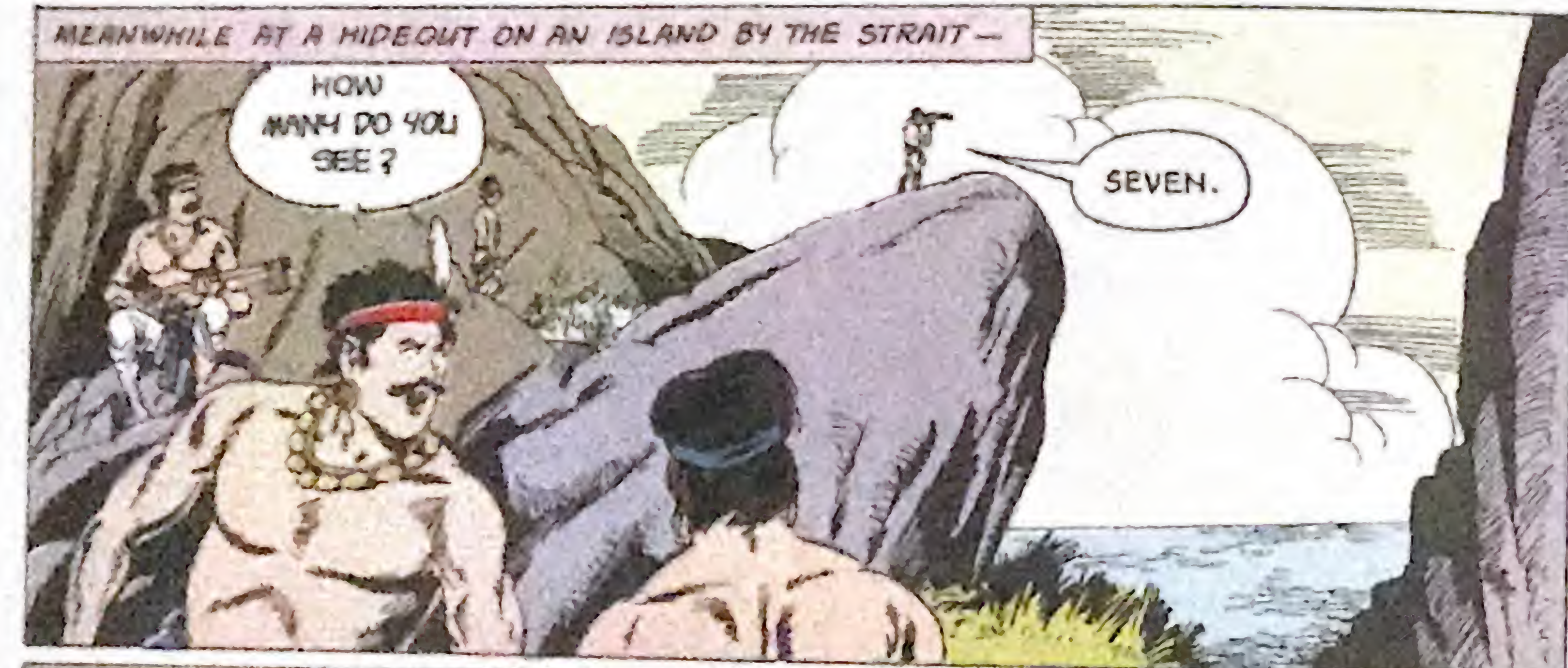
OUR RAJA WILL BE PLEASED WITH THE MONEY THE ROYAL TREASURY WILL GET AS ITS SHARE. I AM IMPATIENT TO LAND.



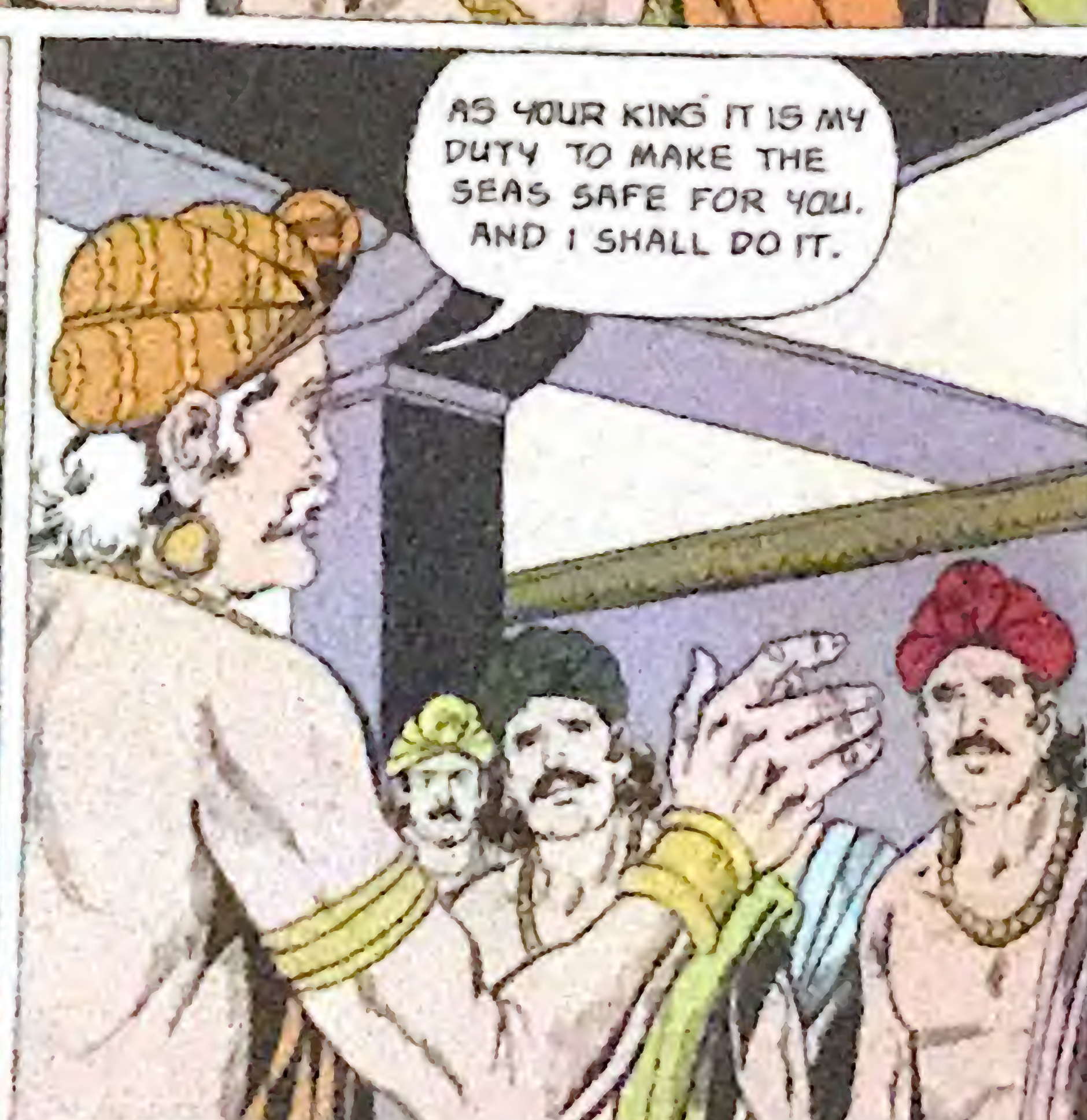
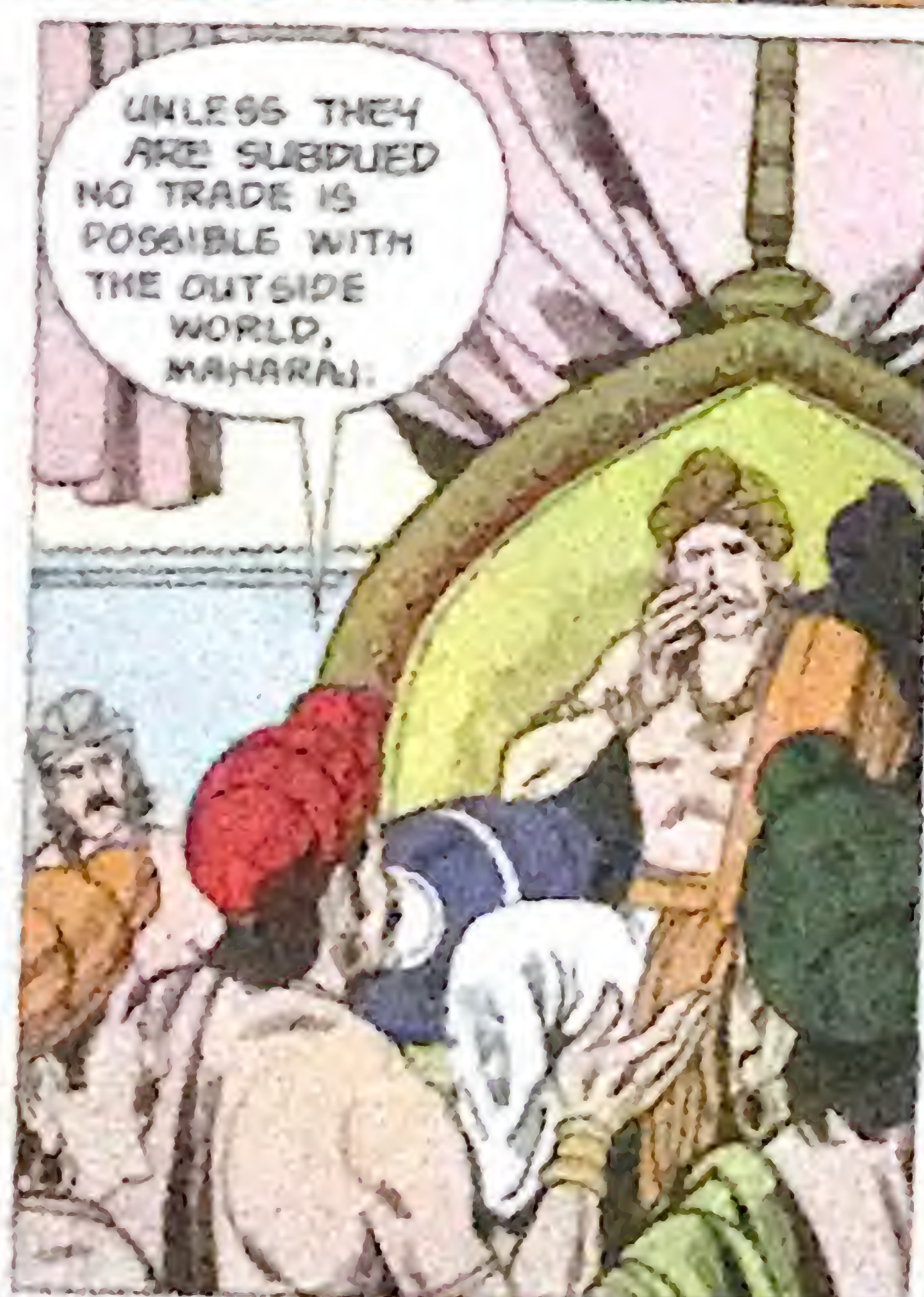
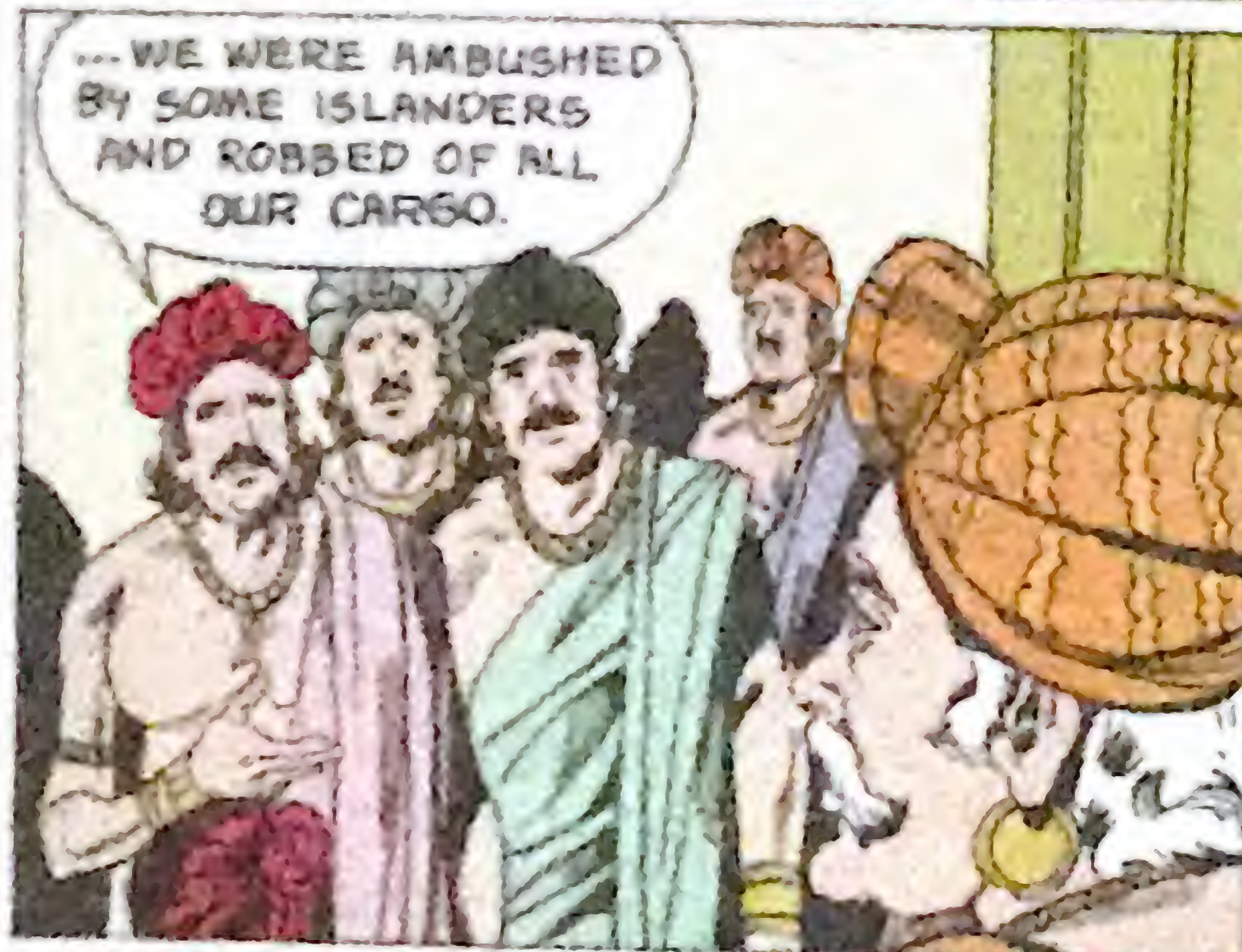
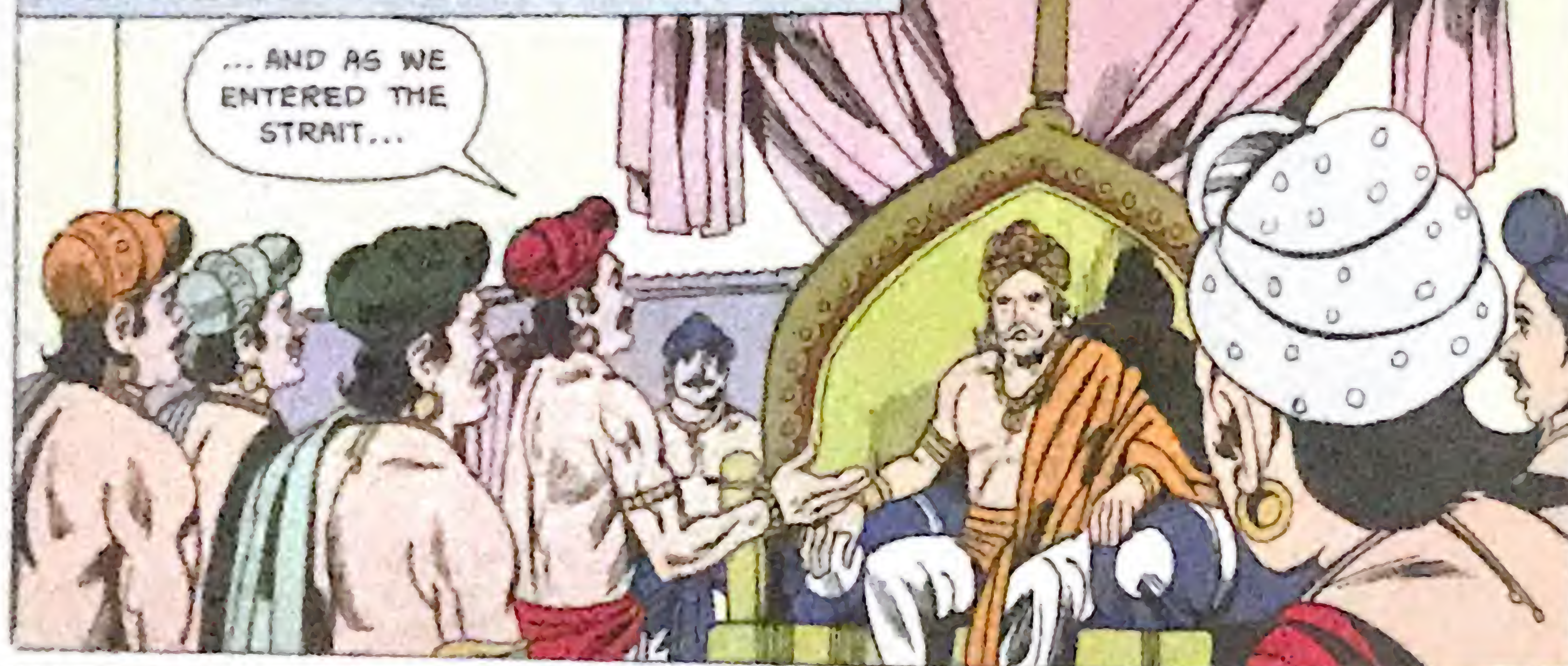
PATIENCE, MY FRIEND. SINCE WE ARE TAKING THE ROUTE THROUGH THE STRAIT, WE SHOULD GET HOME FASTER THAN USUAL.



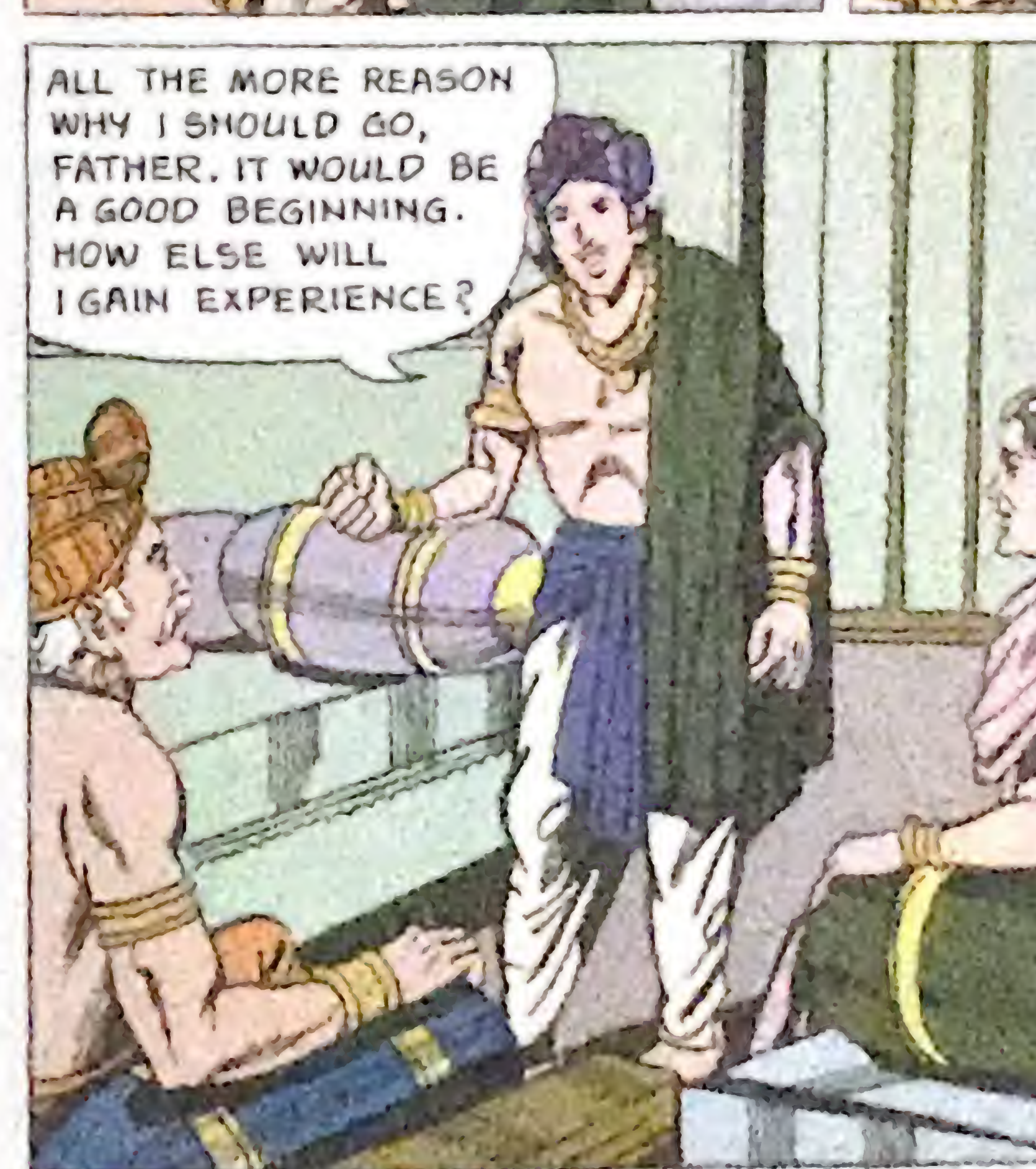
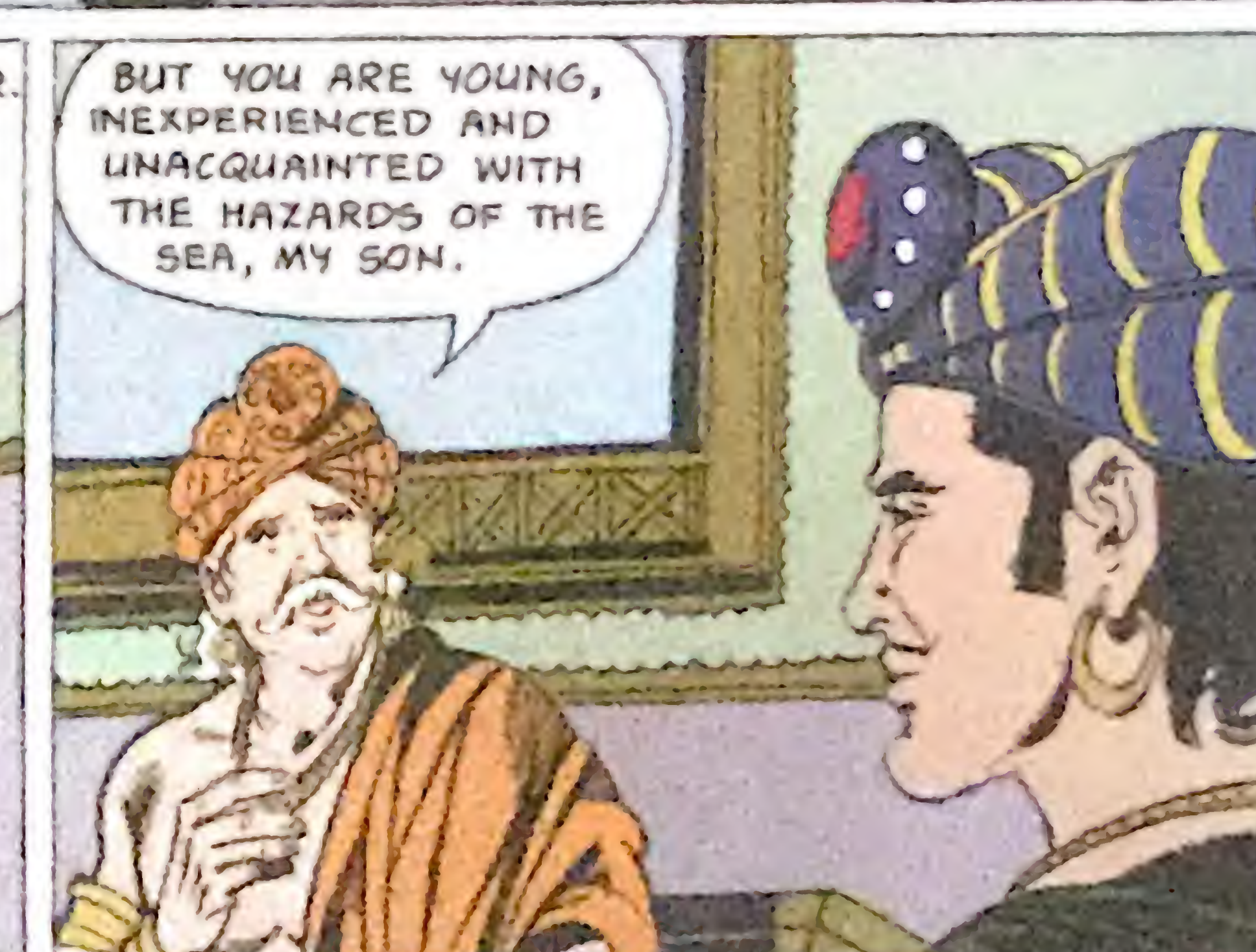
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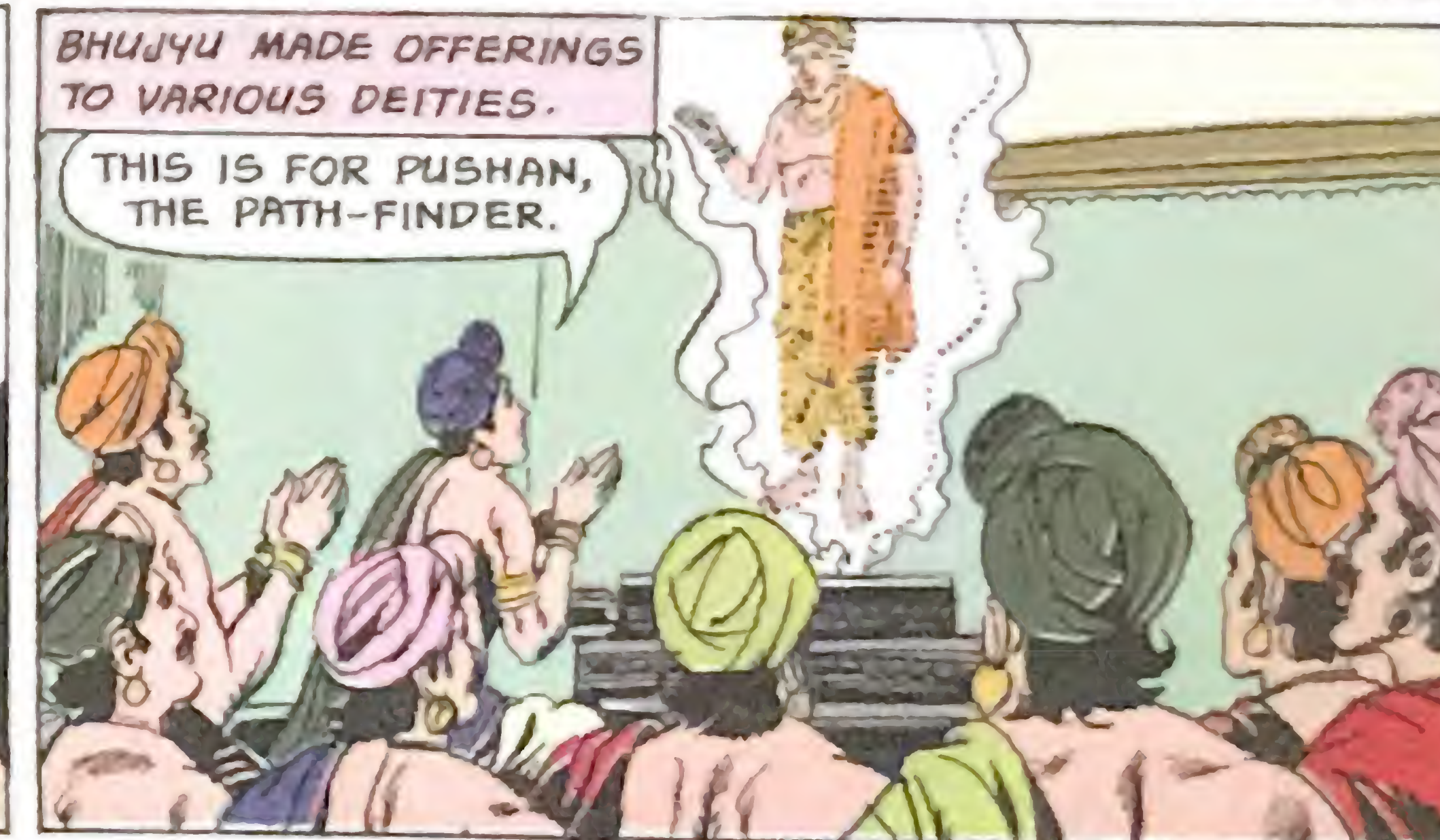
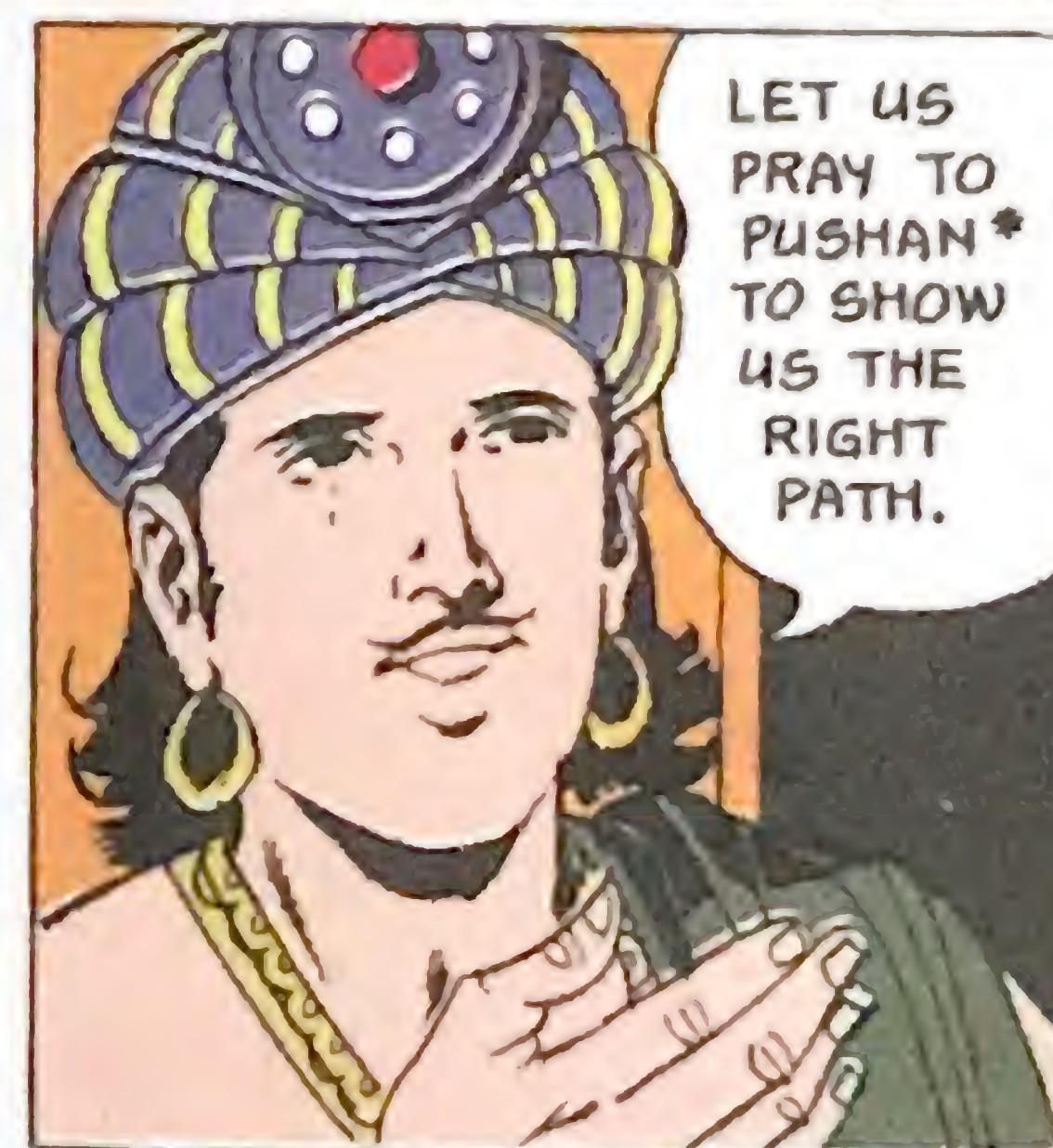
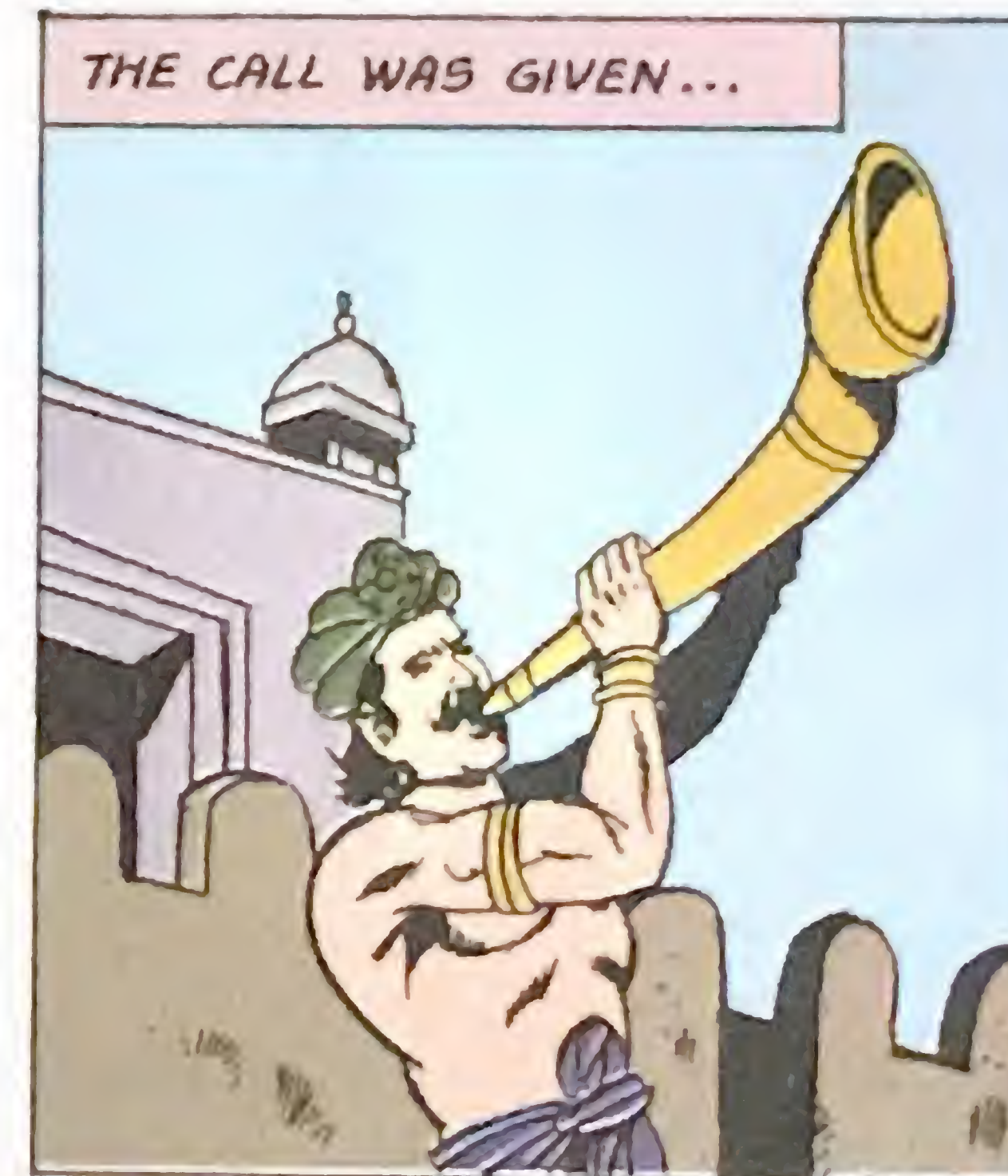
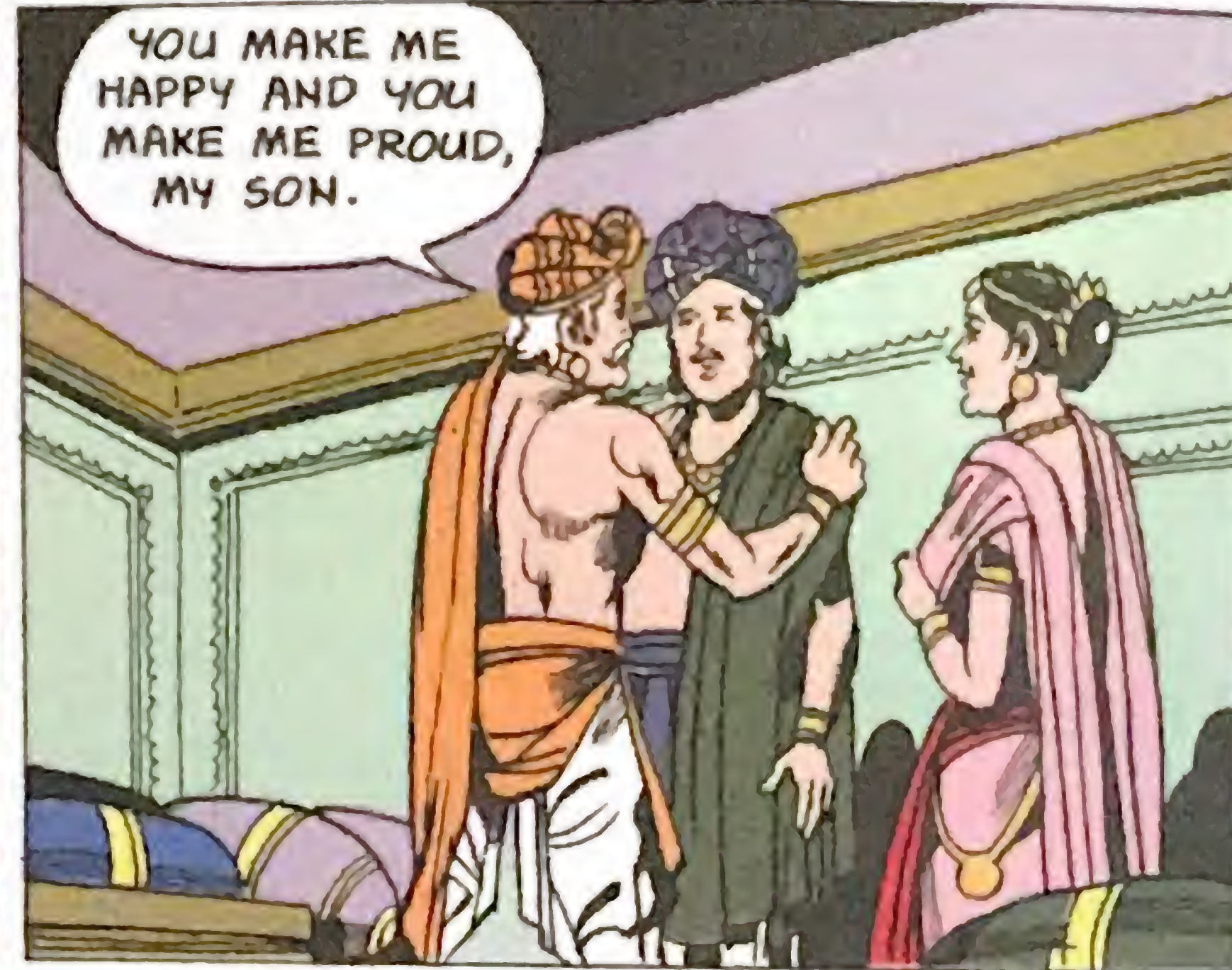
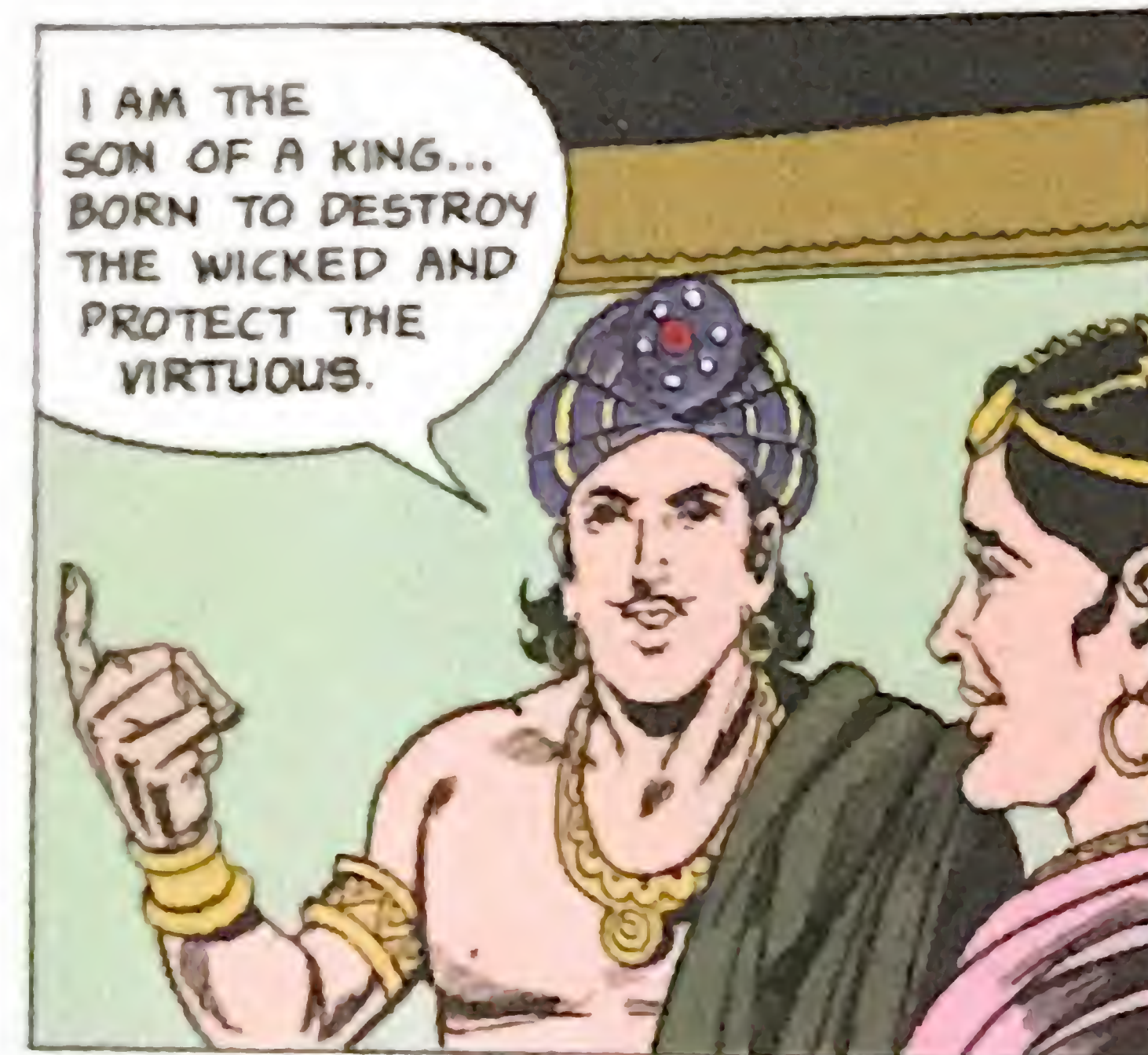


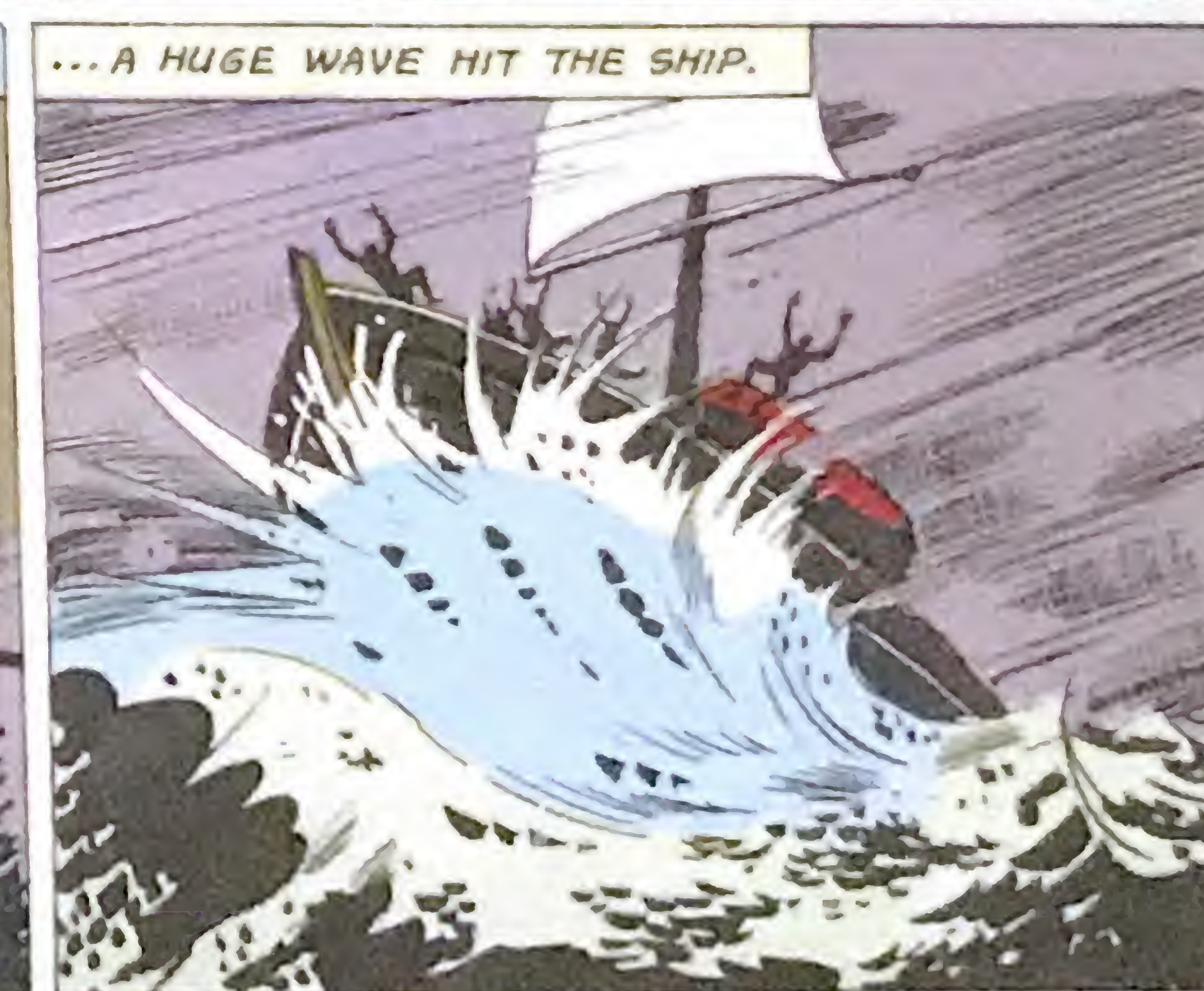
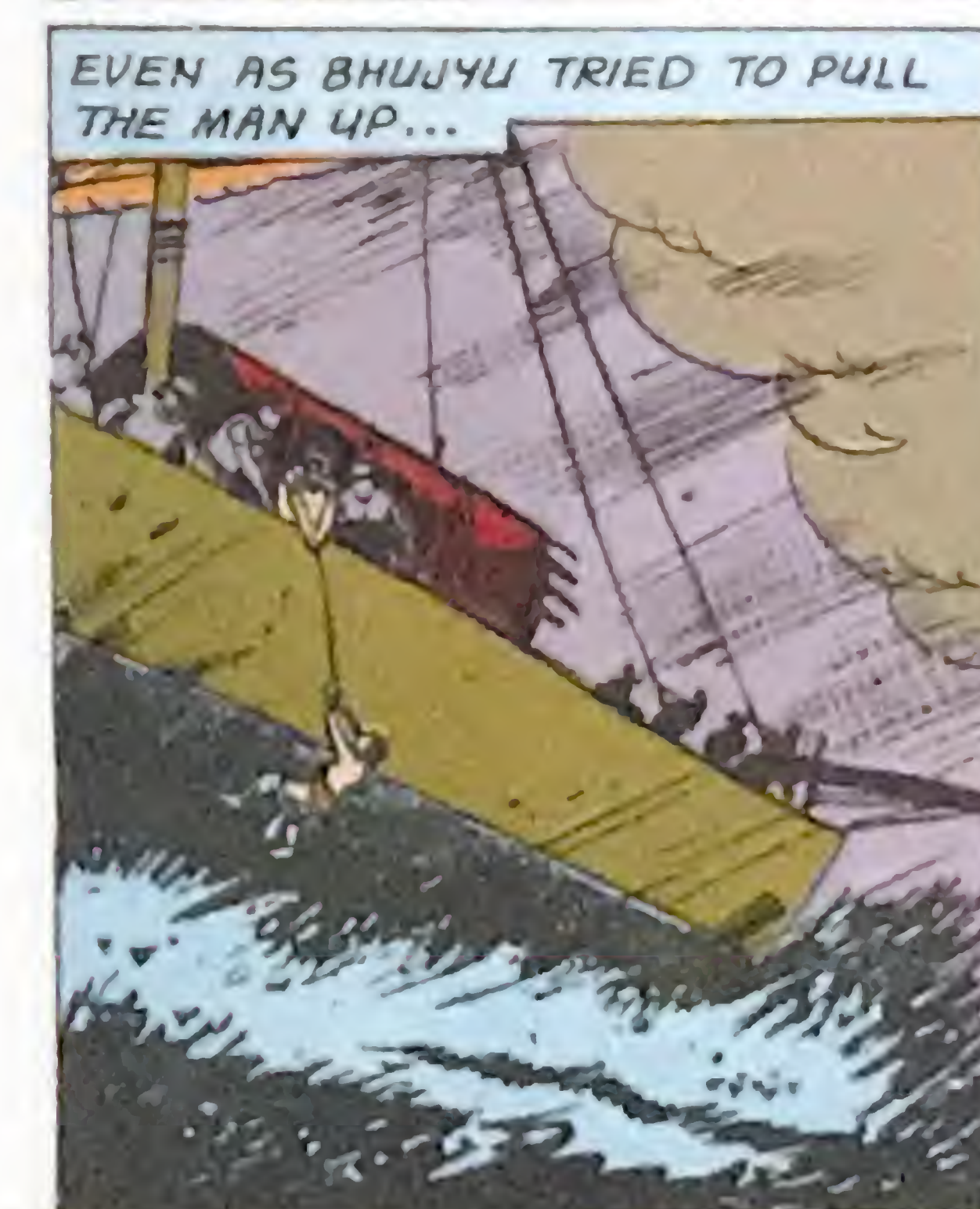
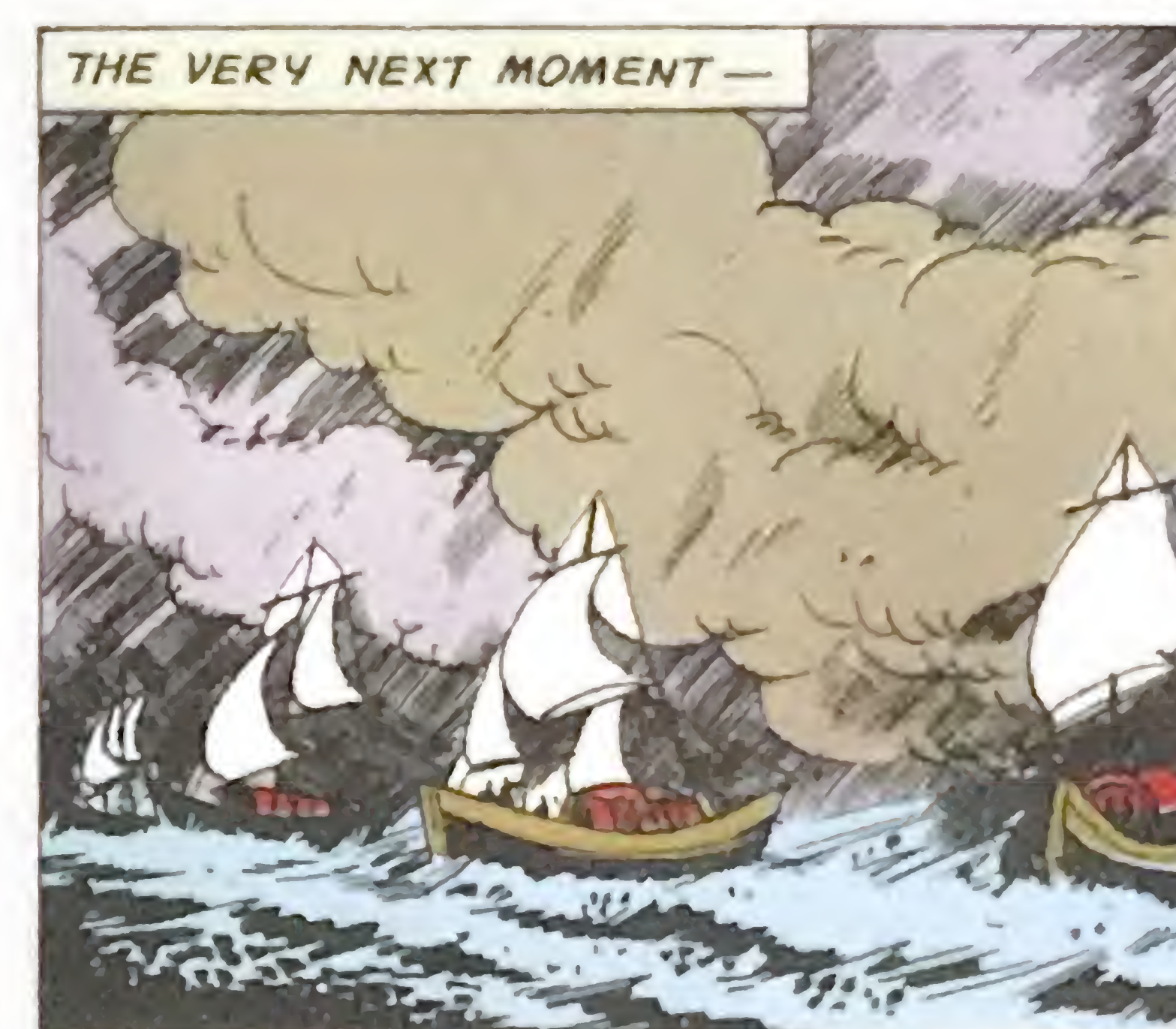
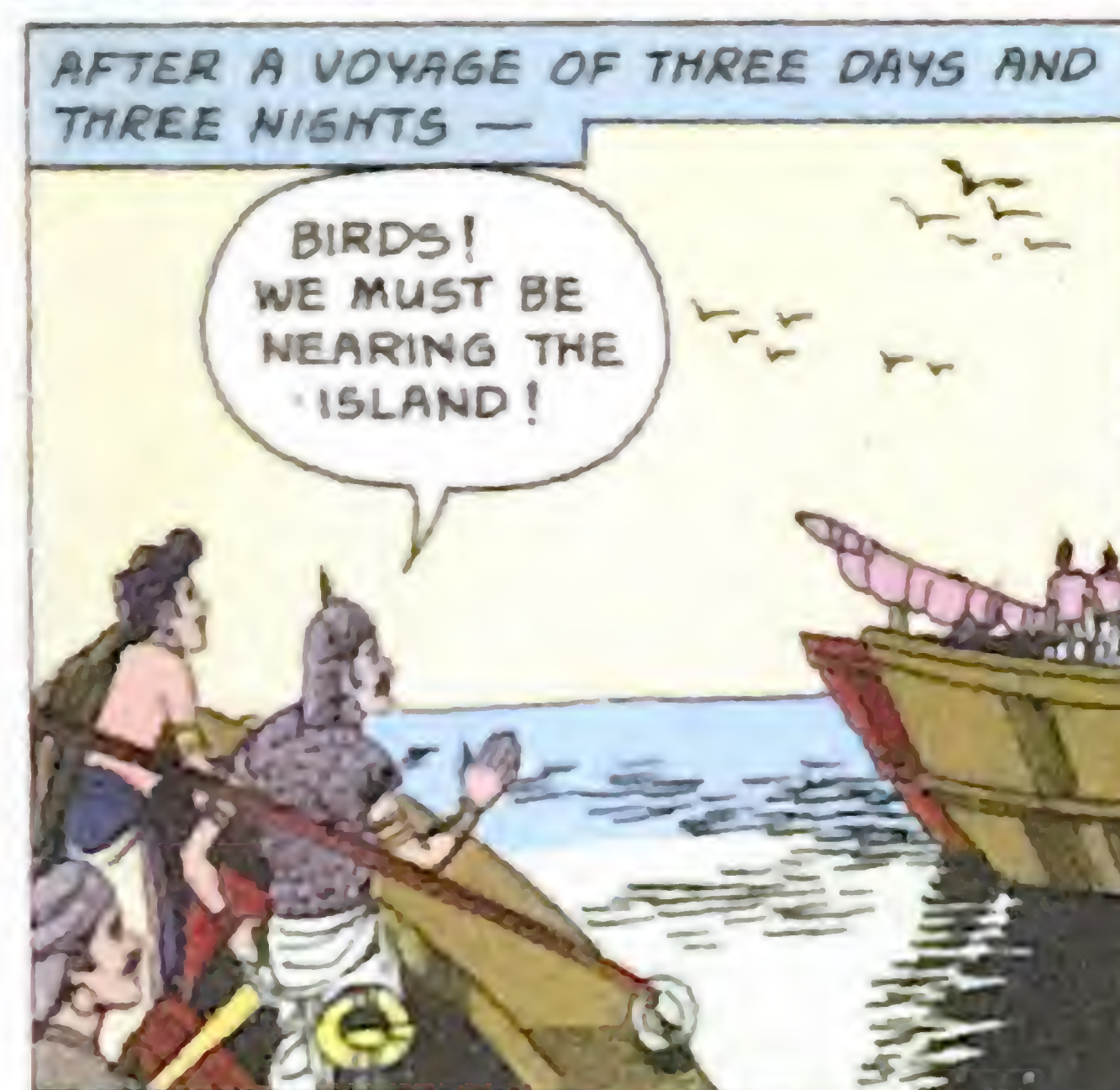
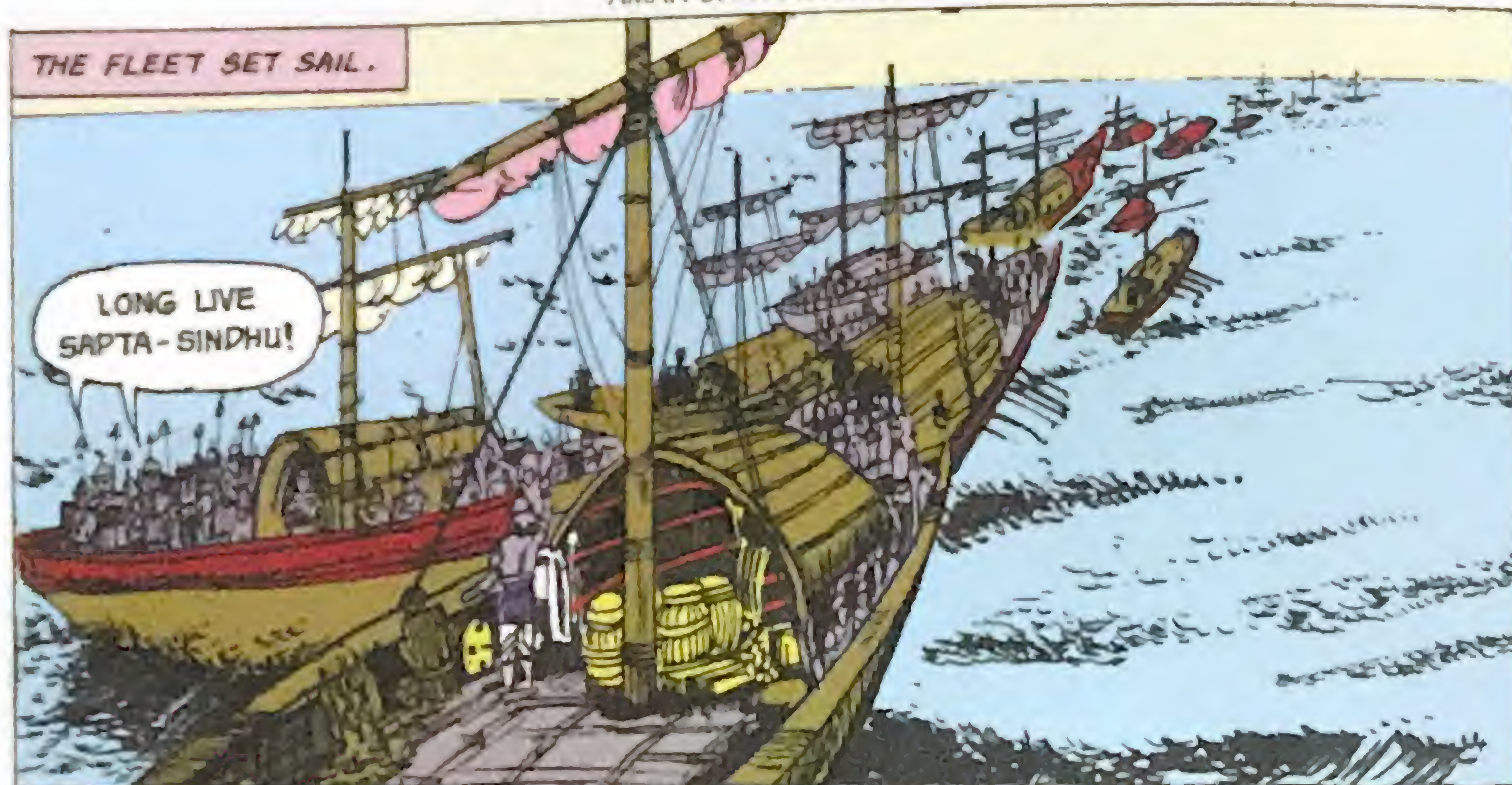
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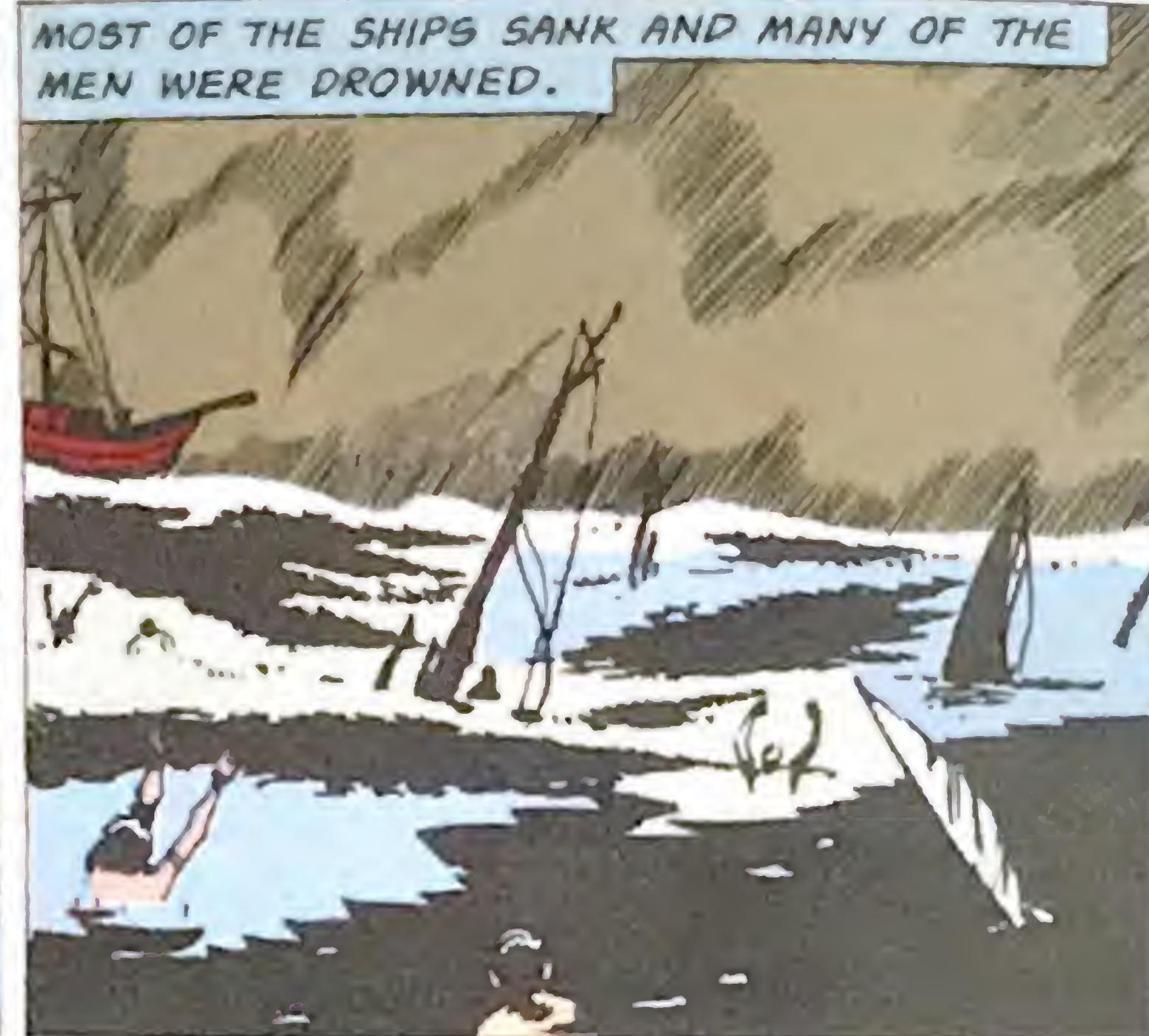


LATER TUGRA SPOKE TO HIS SON BHUJYU.

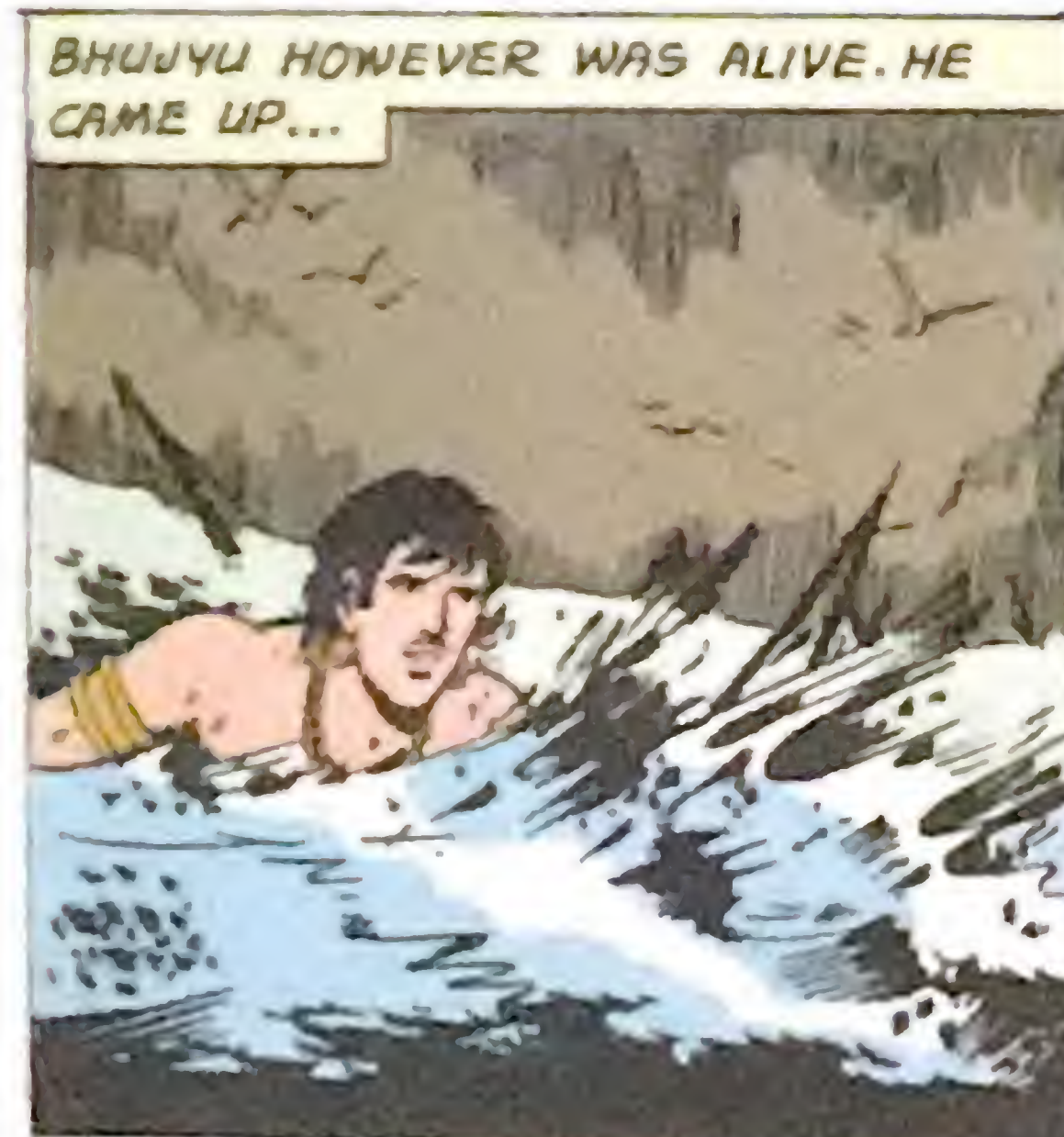








MOST OF THE SHIPS SANK AND MANY OF THE MEN WERE DROWNED.



BHUYU HOWEVER WAS ALIVE. HE CAME UP...



...AND WITH GREAT EFFORT SWAM ON.



SUDDENLY —

A SHIP! ONE OF OUR SHIPS!



HELP!
HELP!



DID YOU HEAR THAT CRY?

ONE OF OUR MEN CALLING OUT FOR HELP.



SHALL WE TURN THE BOAT?

NO!



LET US GET AWAY FROM THIS ACCURSED PLACE.



HELP!



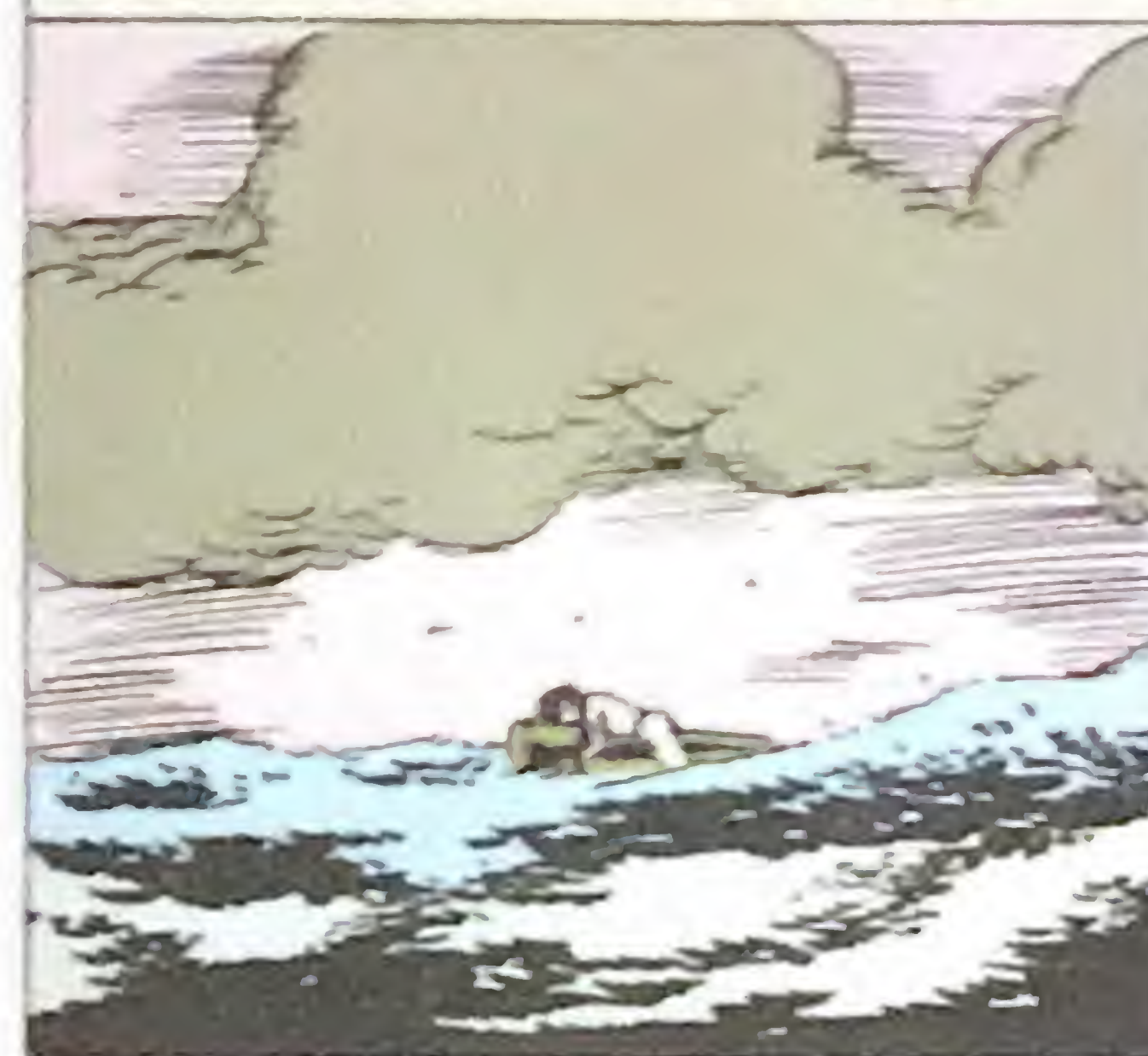
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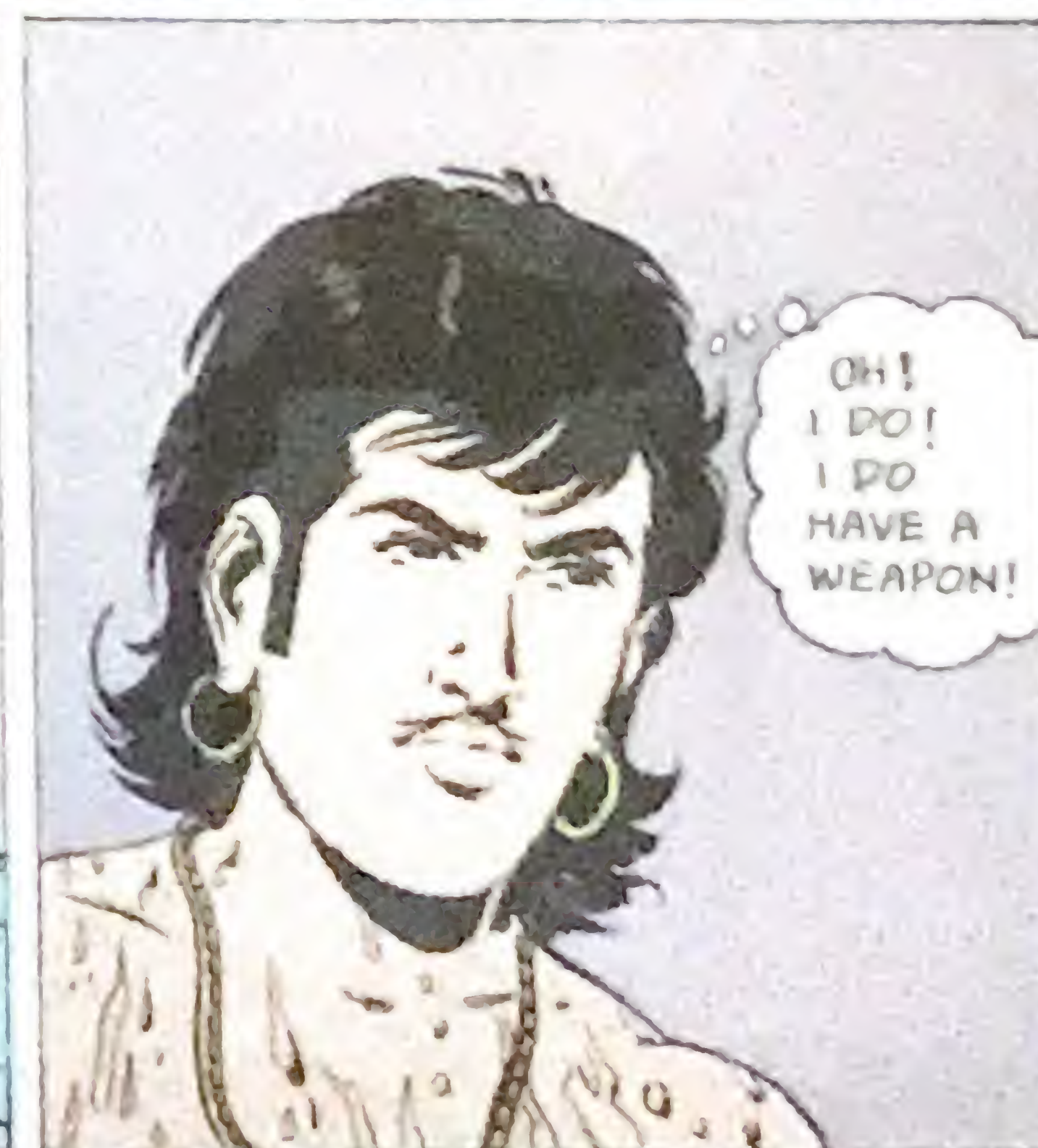
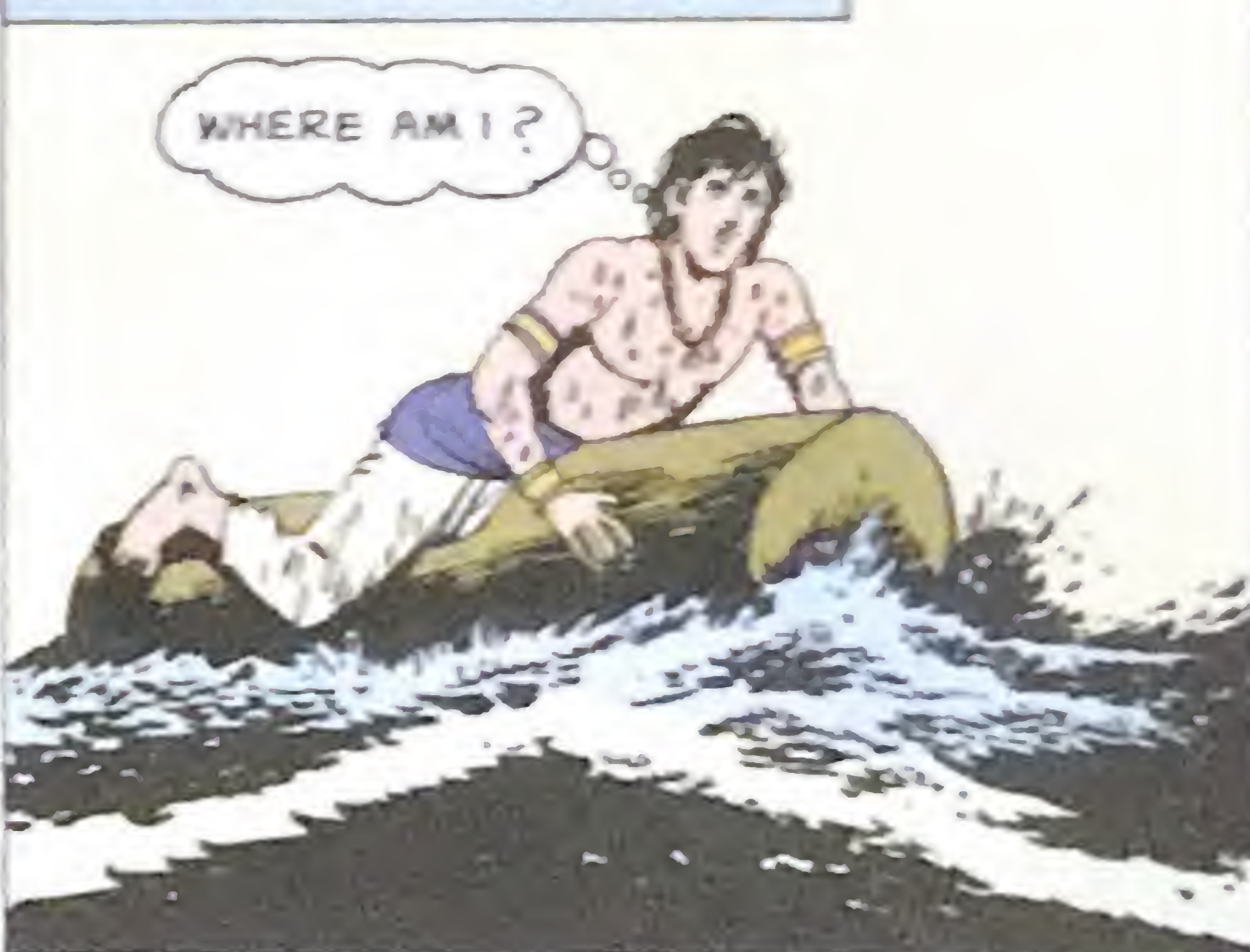
THE STORM AT LAST SUBSIDED. BHUJYU WAS ALL ALONE, AFLOAT ON THE HIGH SEAS.

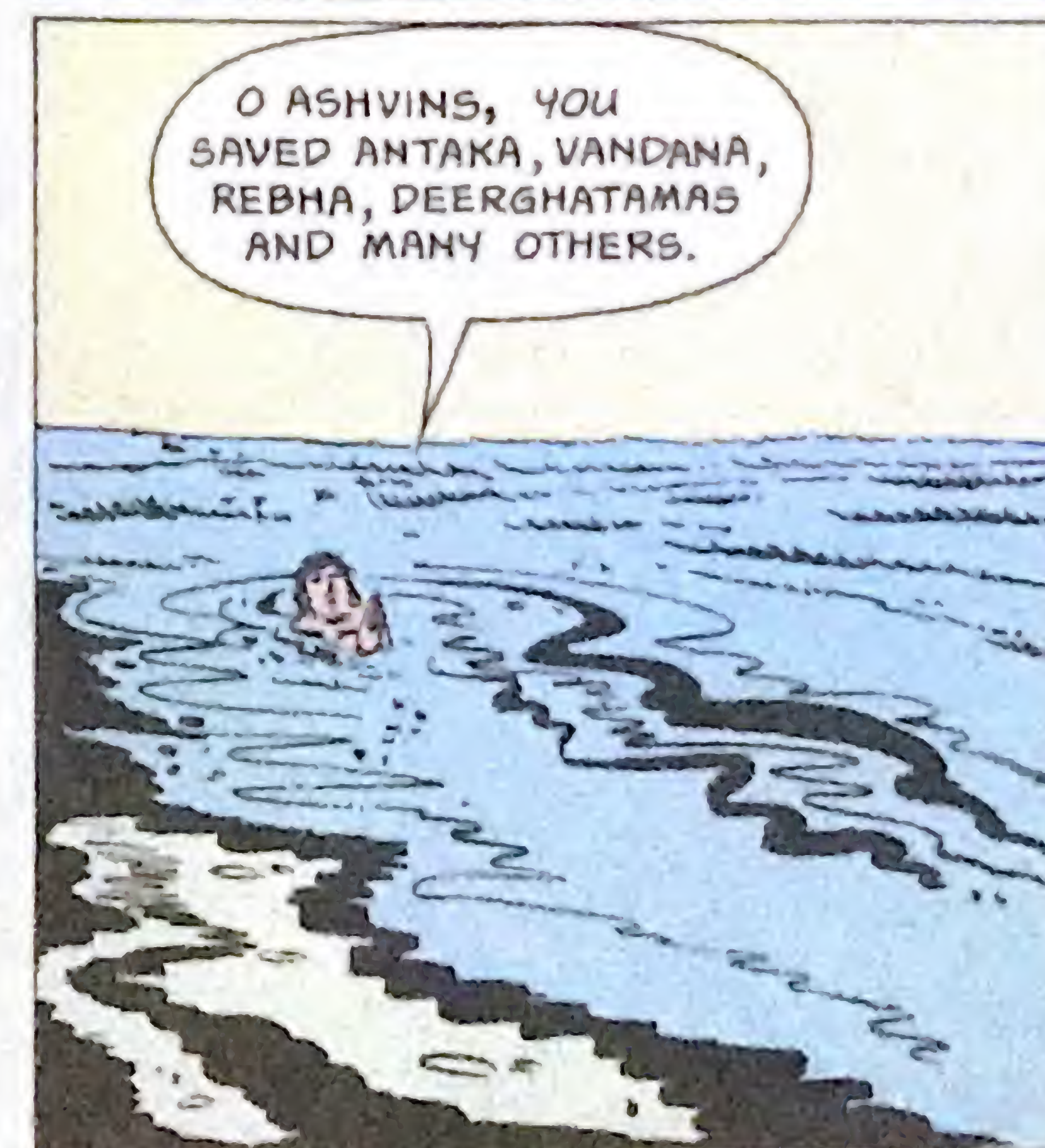
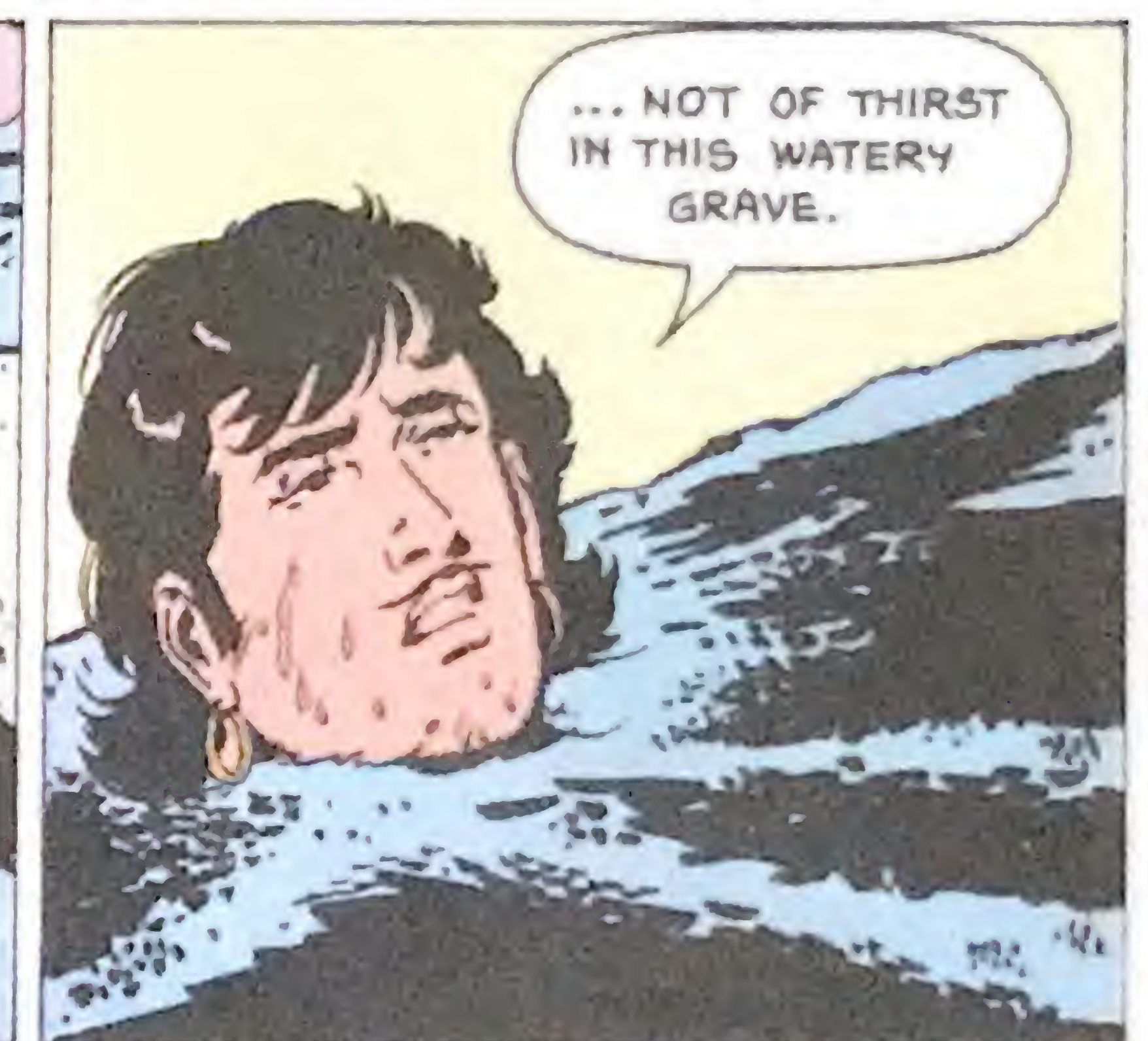
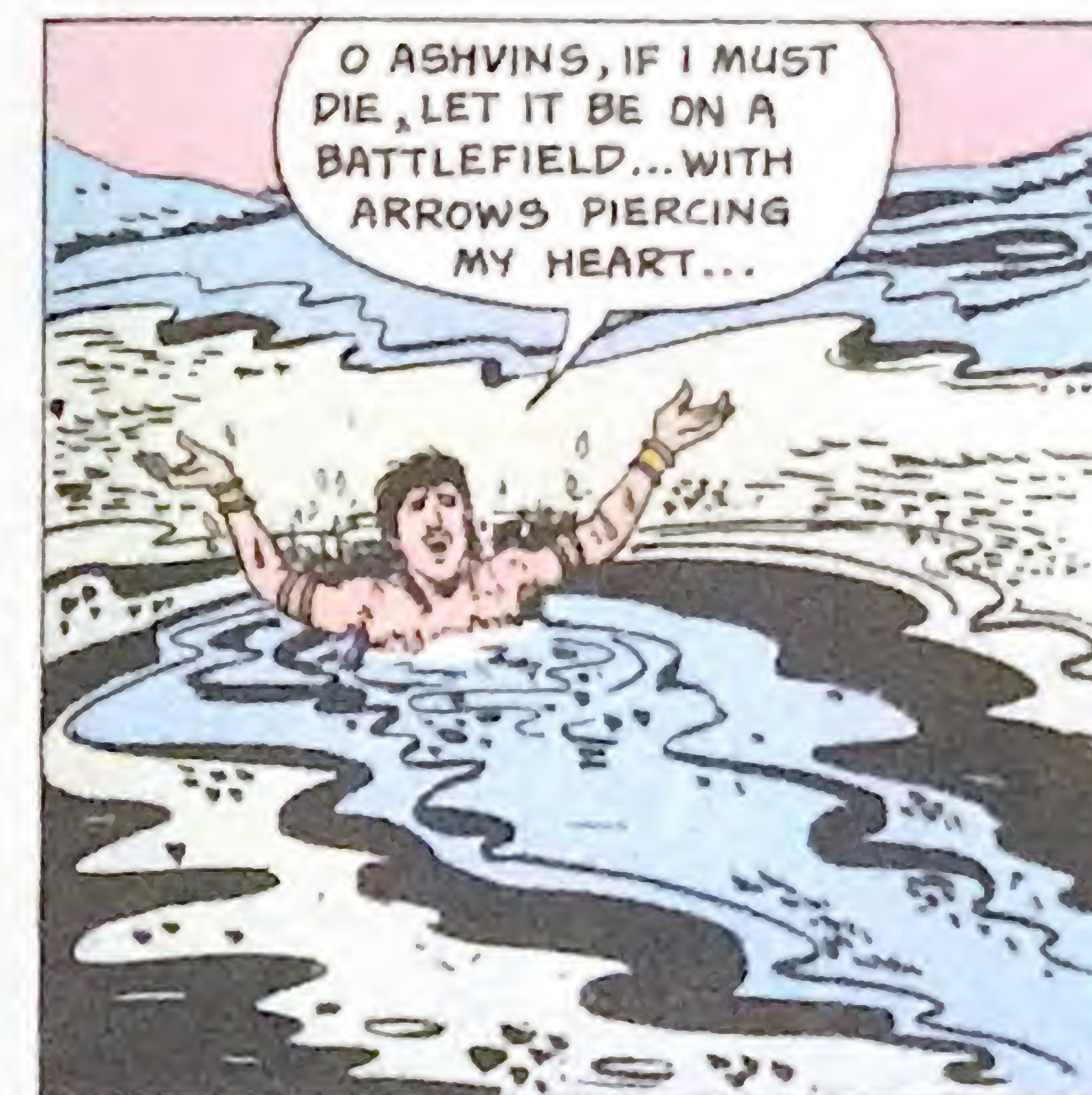
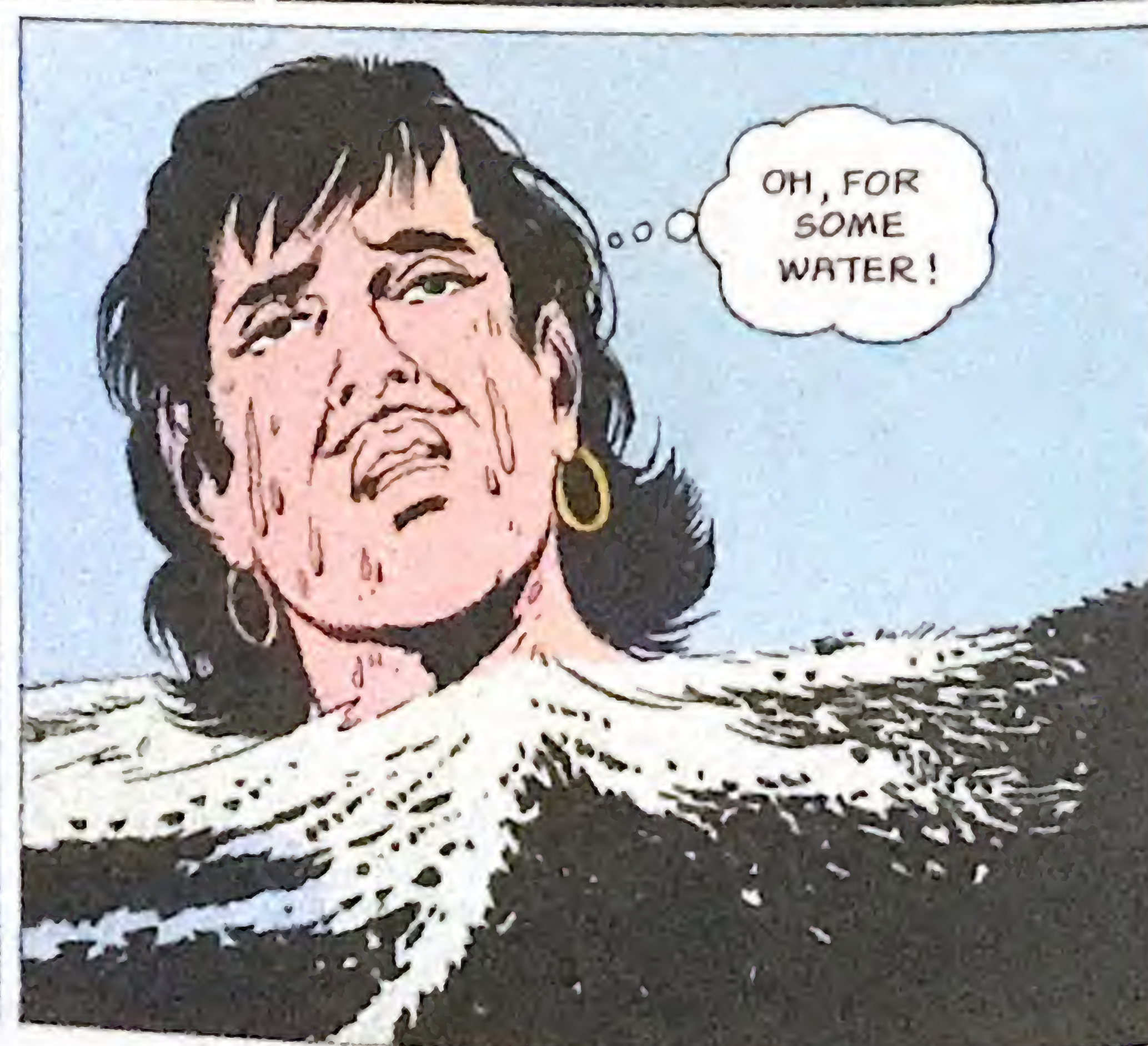
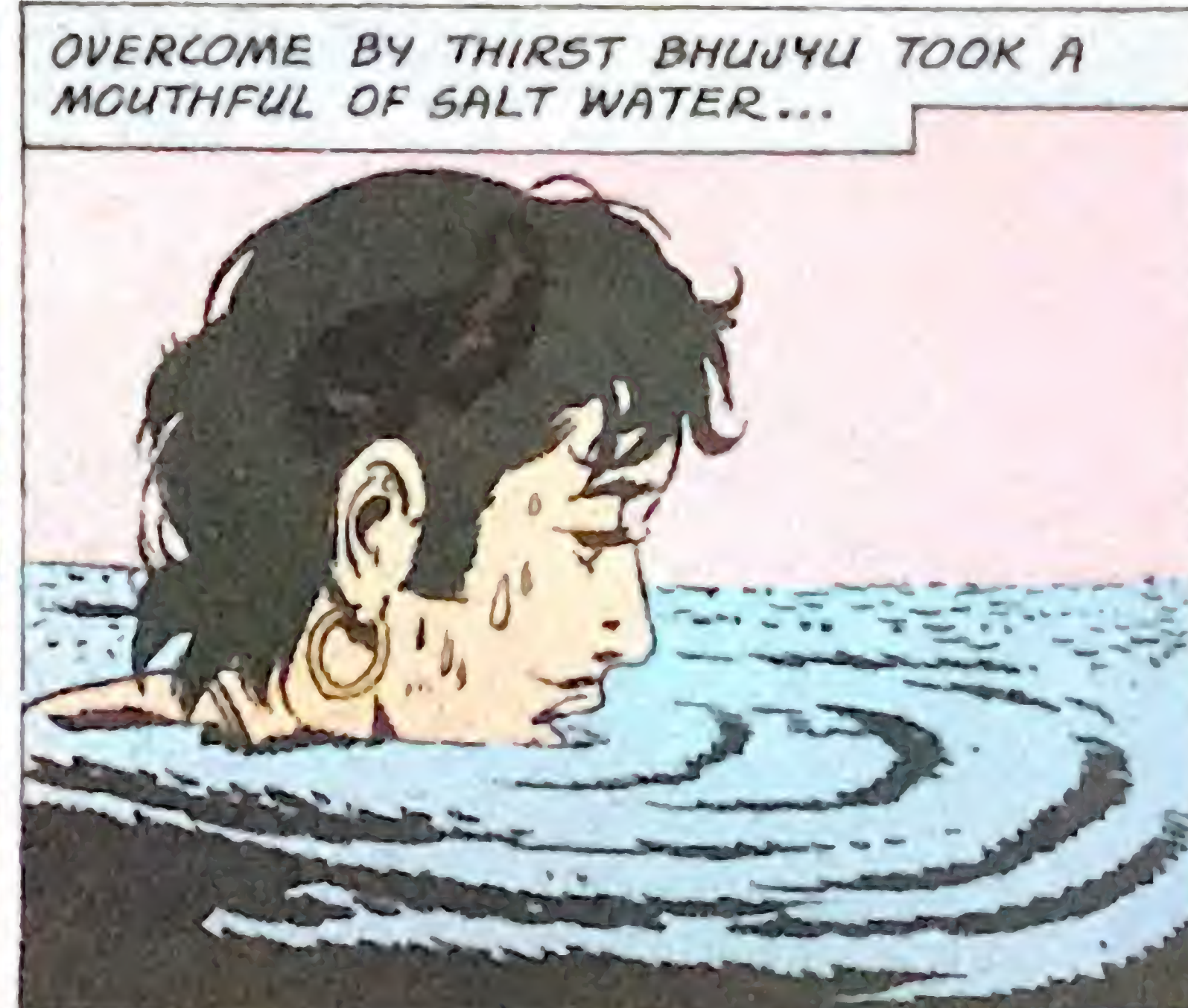
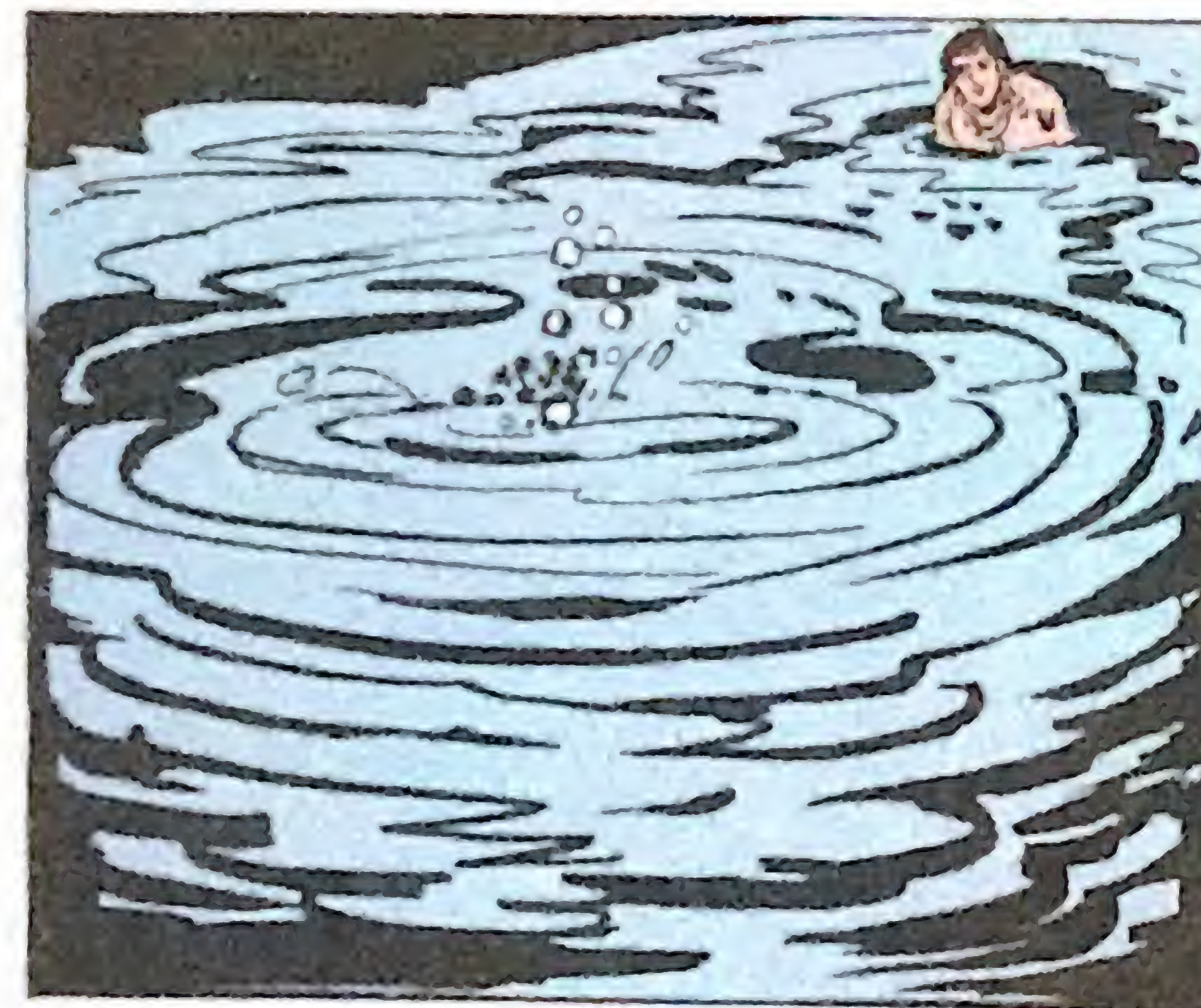
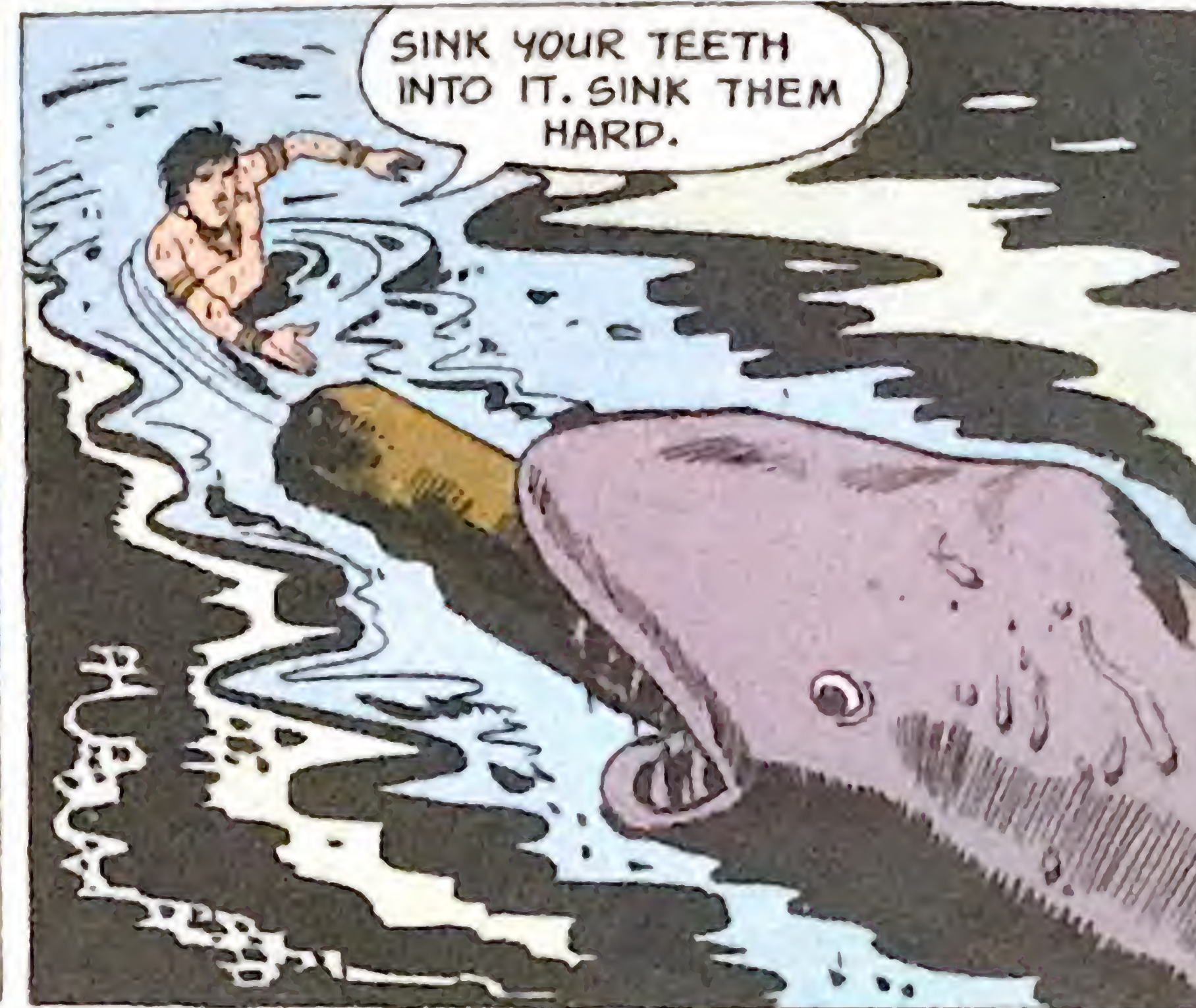


FOR SOME TIME BHUJYU DRIFTED ON CLINGING TO THE LOG OF WOOD.



WHEN HE OPENED HIS EYES —





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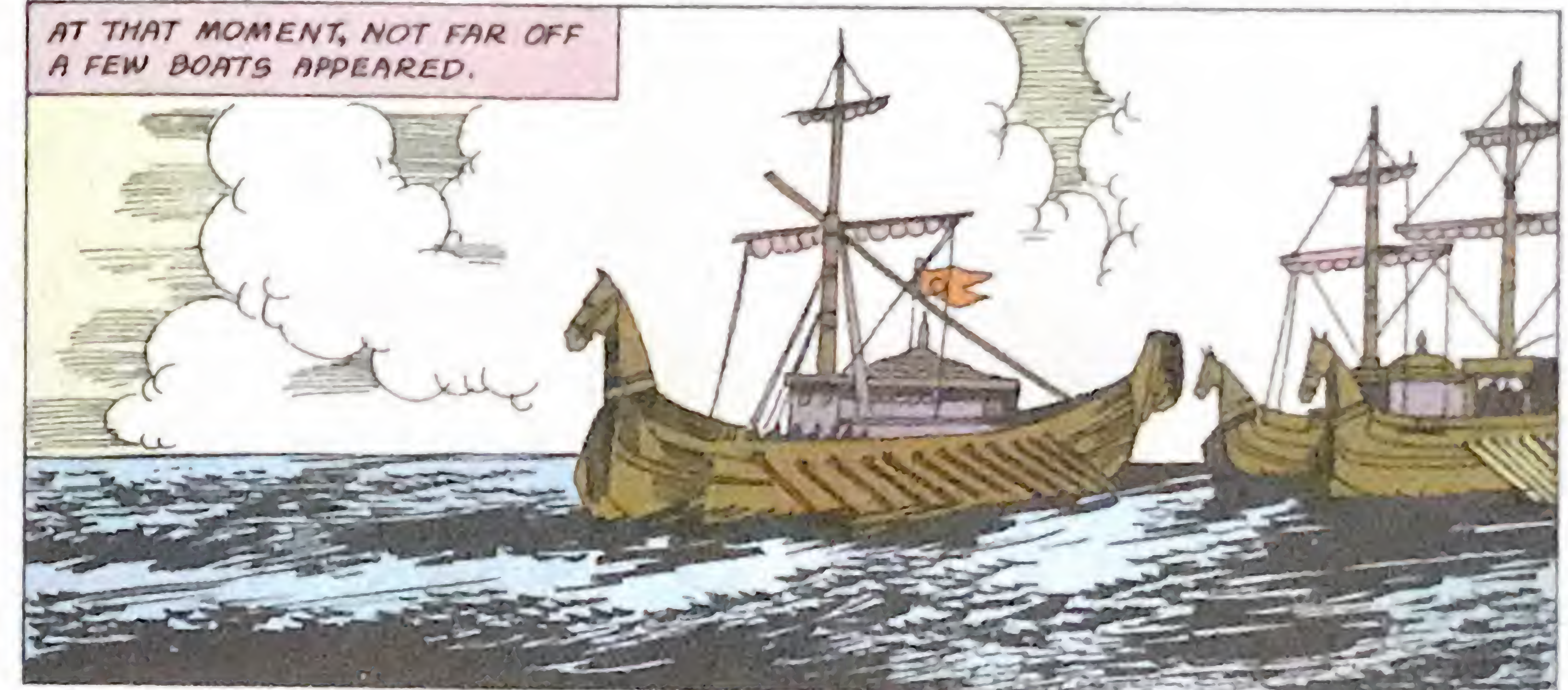
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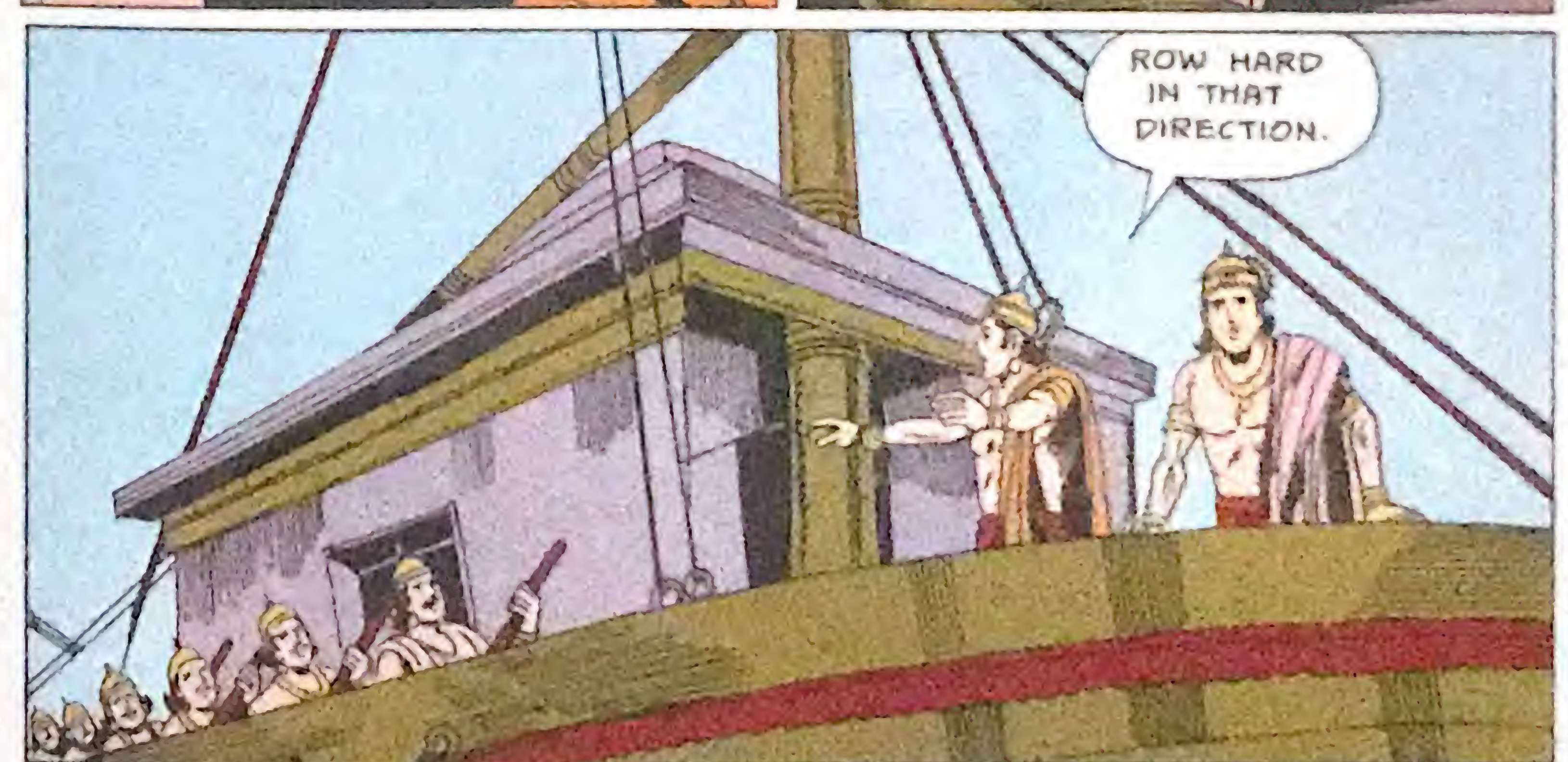
AT THAT MOMENT, NOT FAR OFF A FEW BOATS APPEARED.



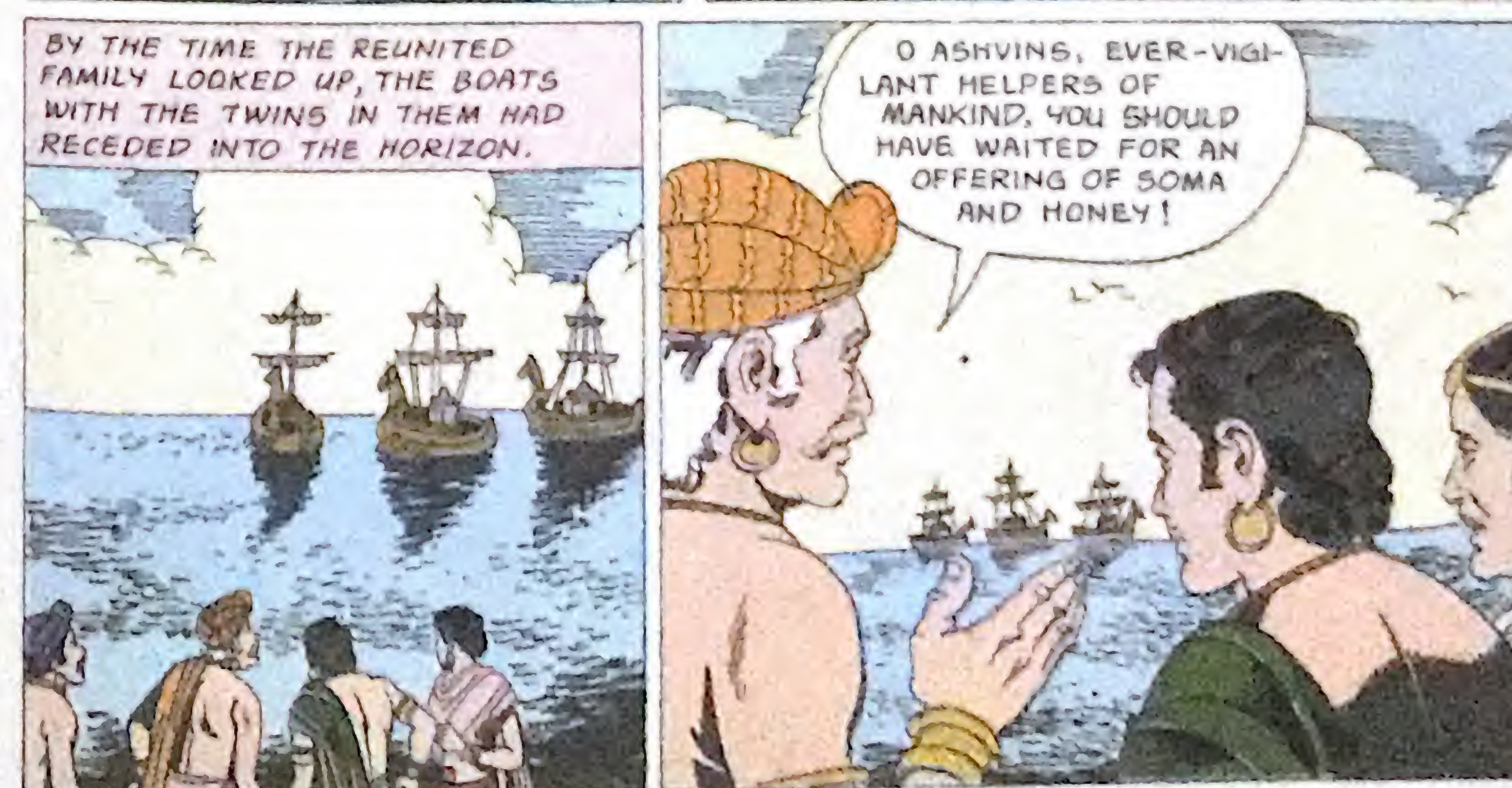
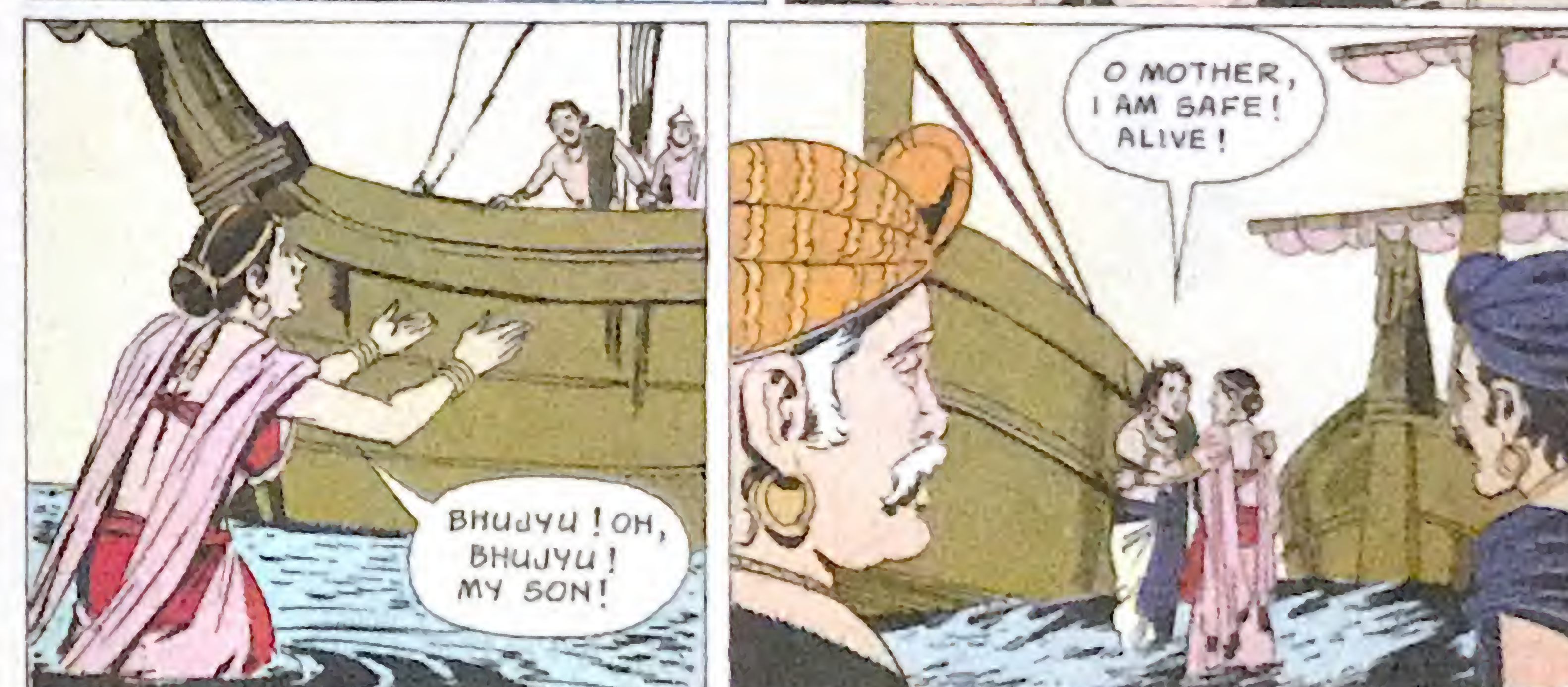
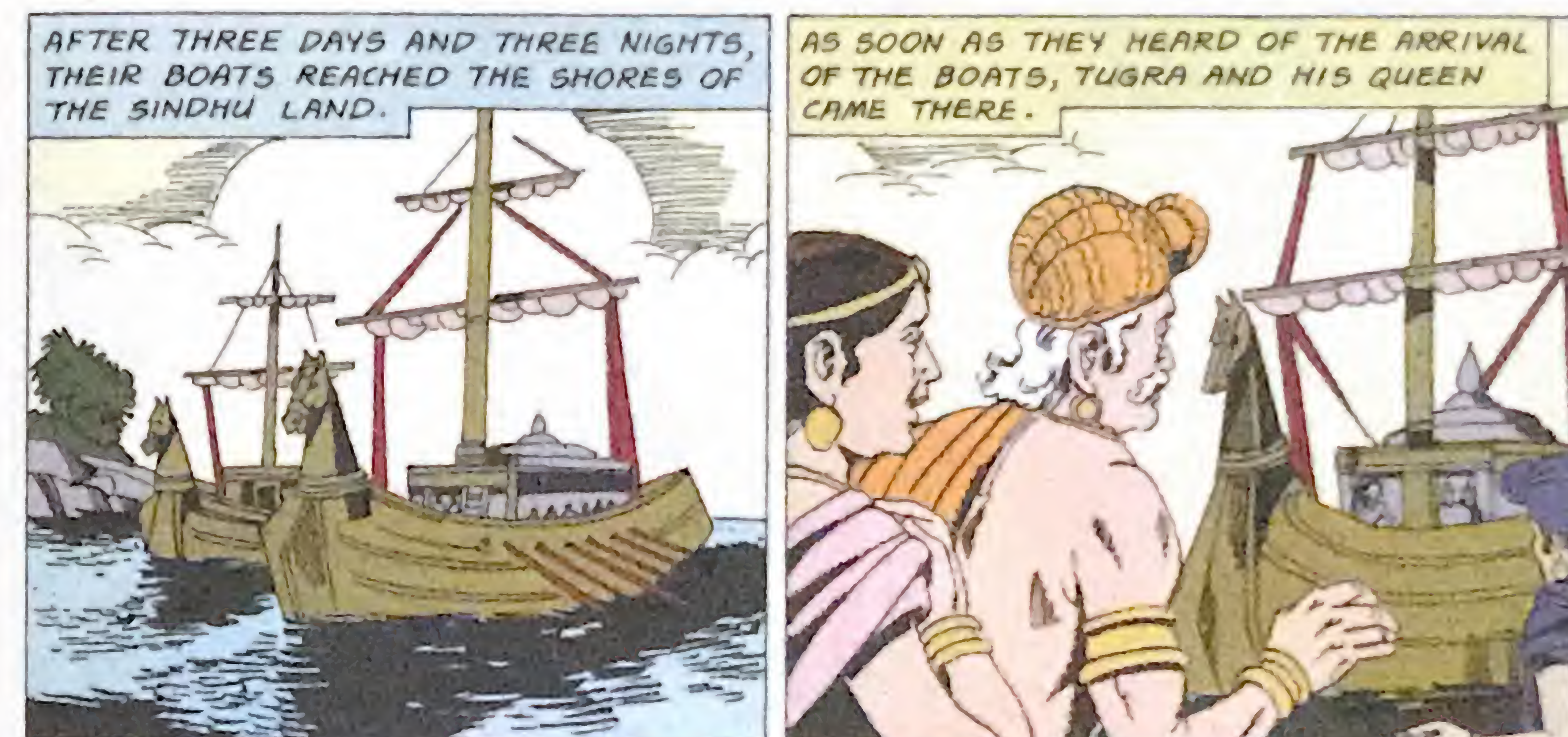
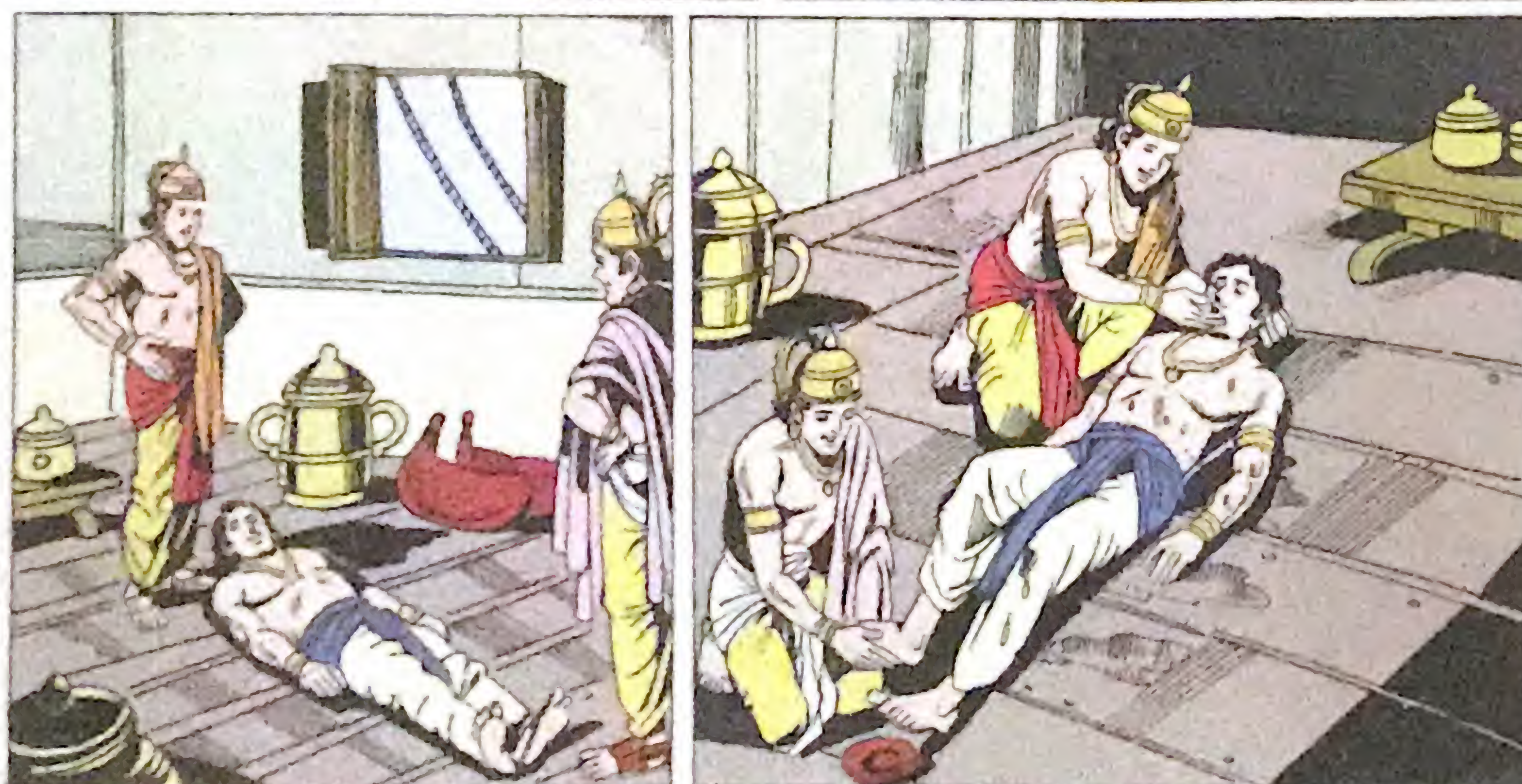
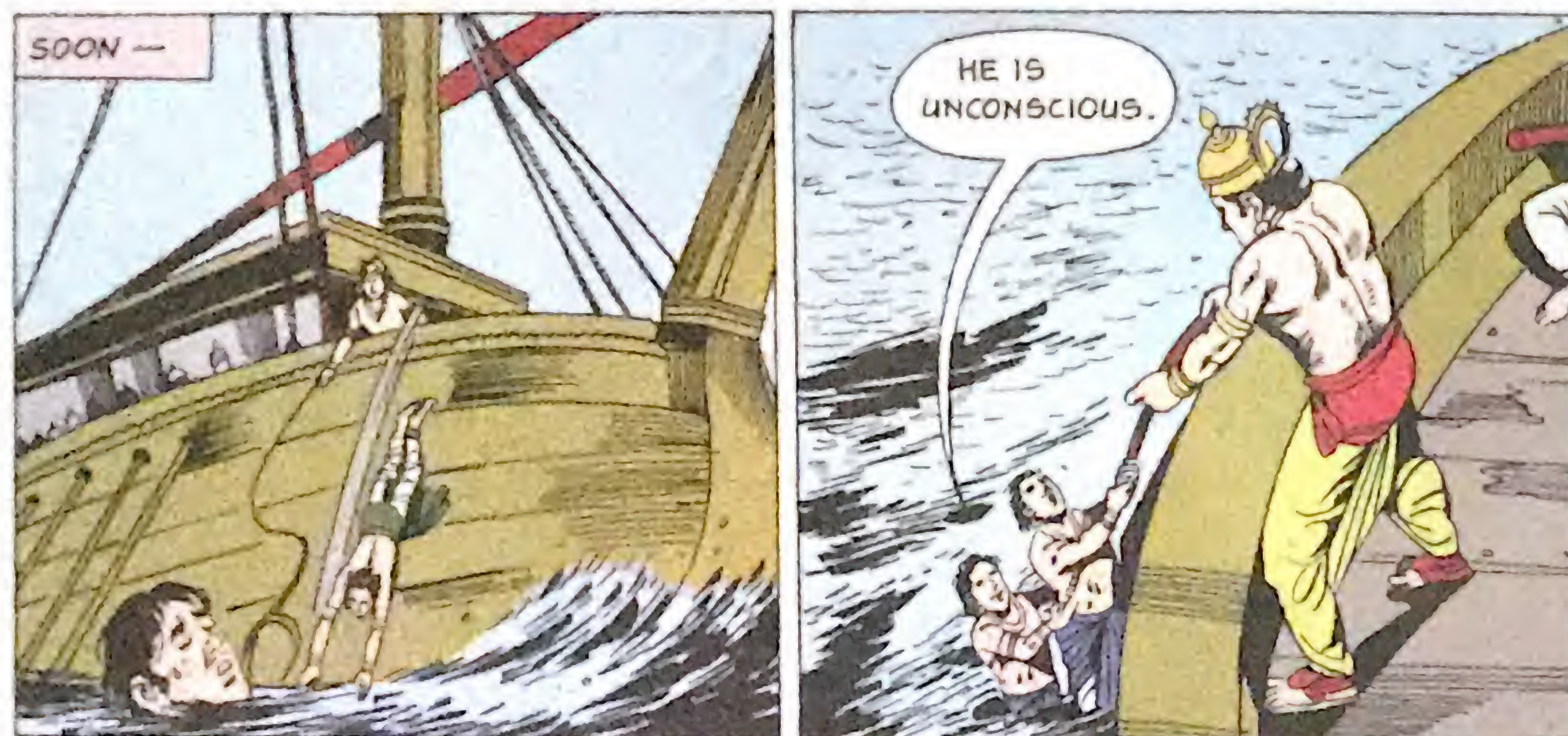
CAN YOU SEE THAT SPECK ON THE WATER? IT SEEMS TO BE A HUMAN BEING.

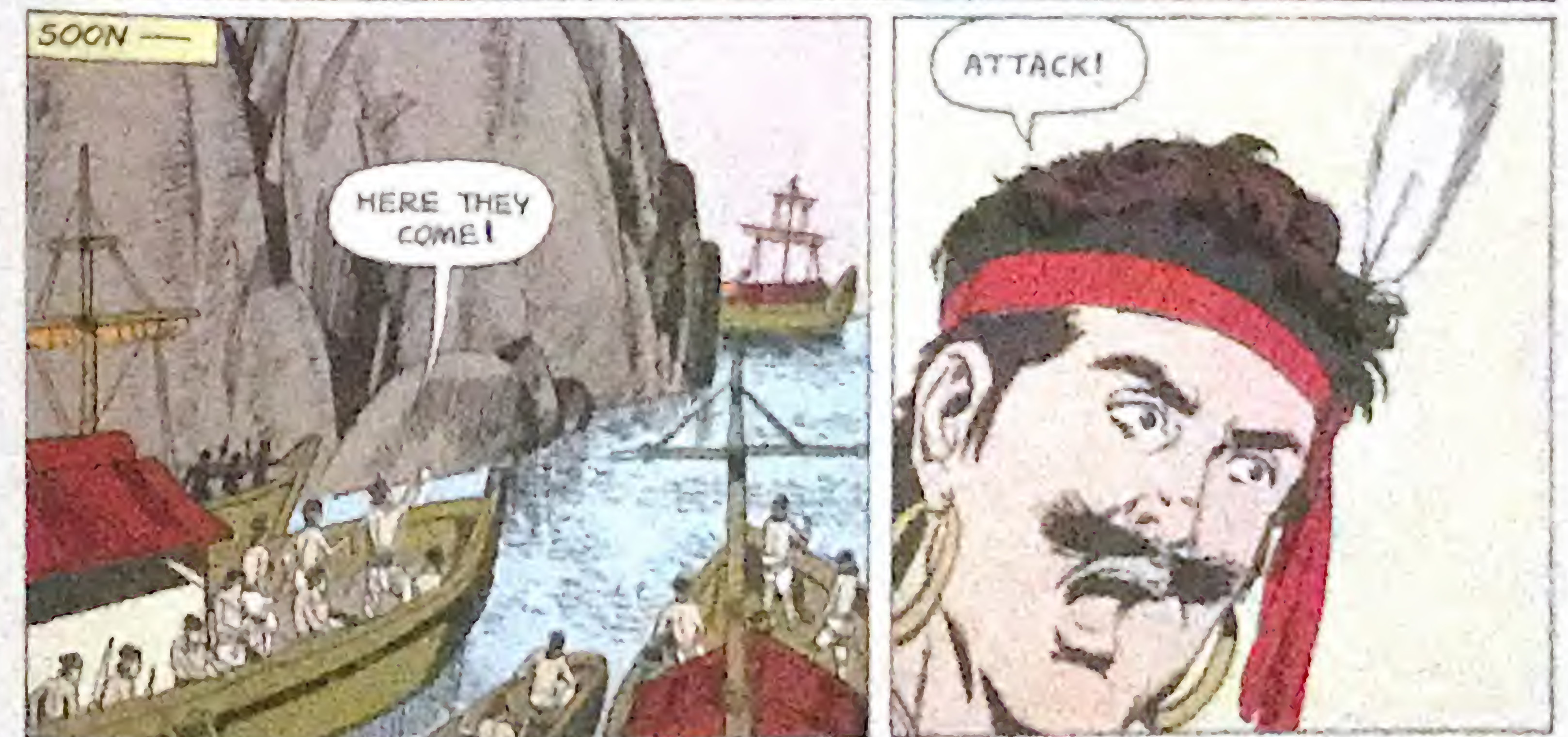
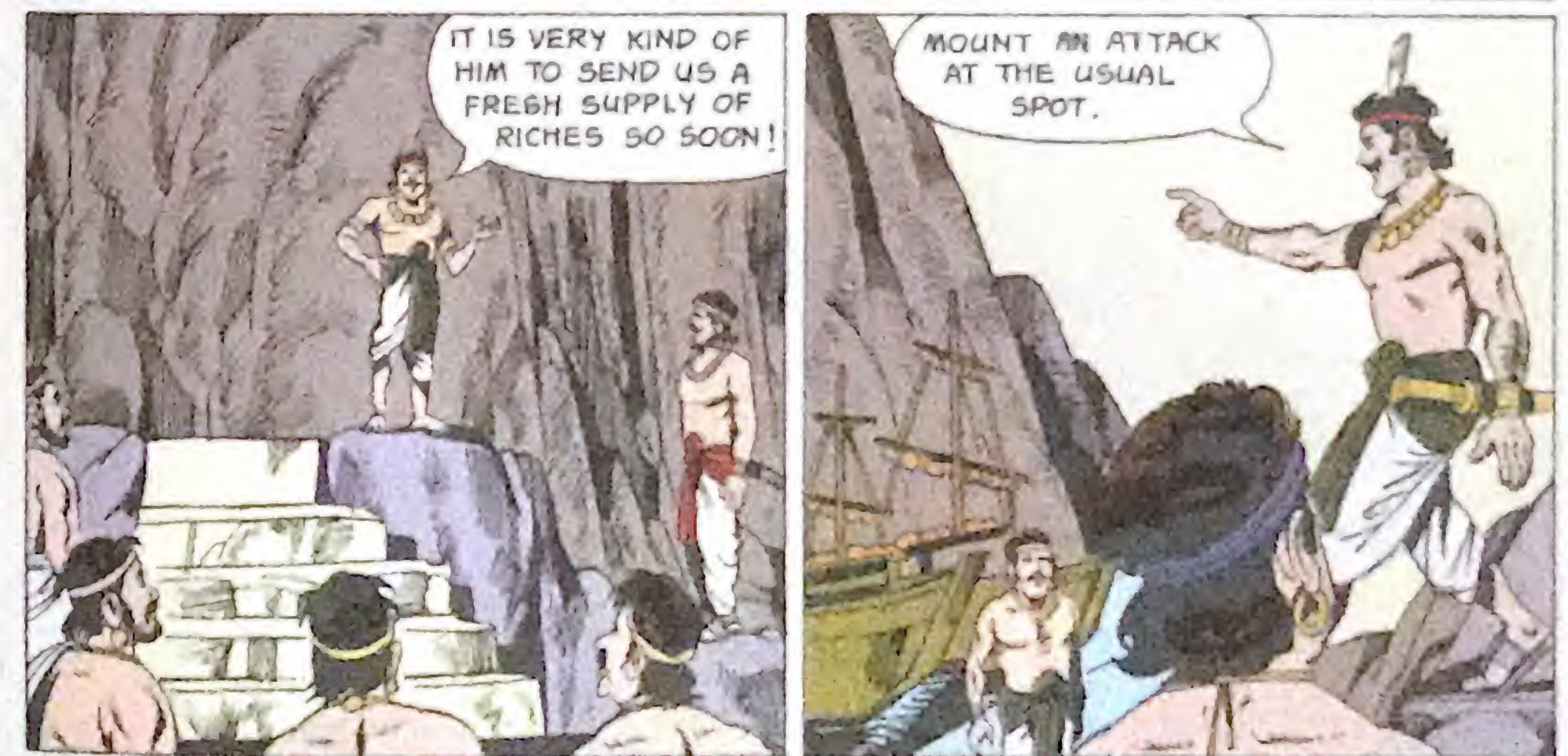
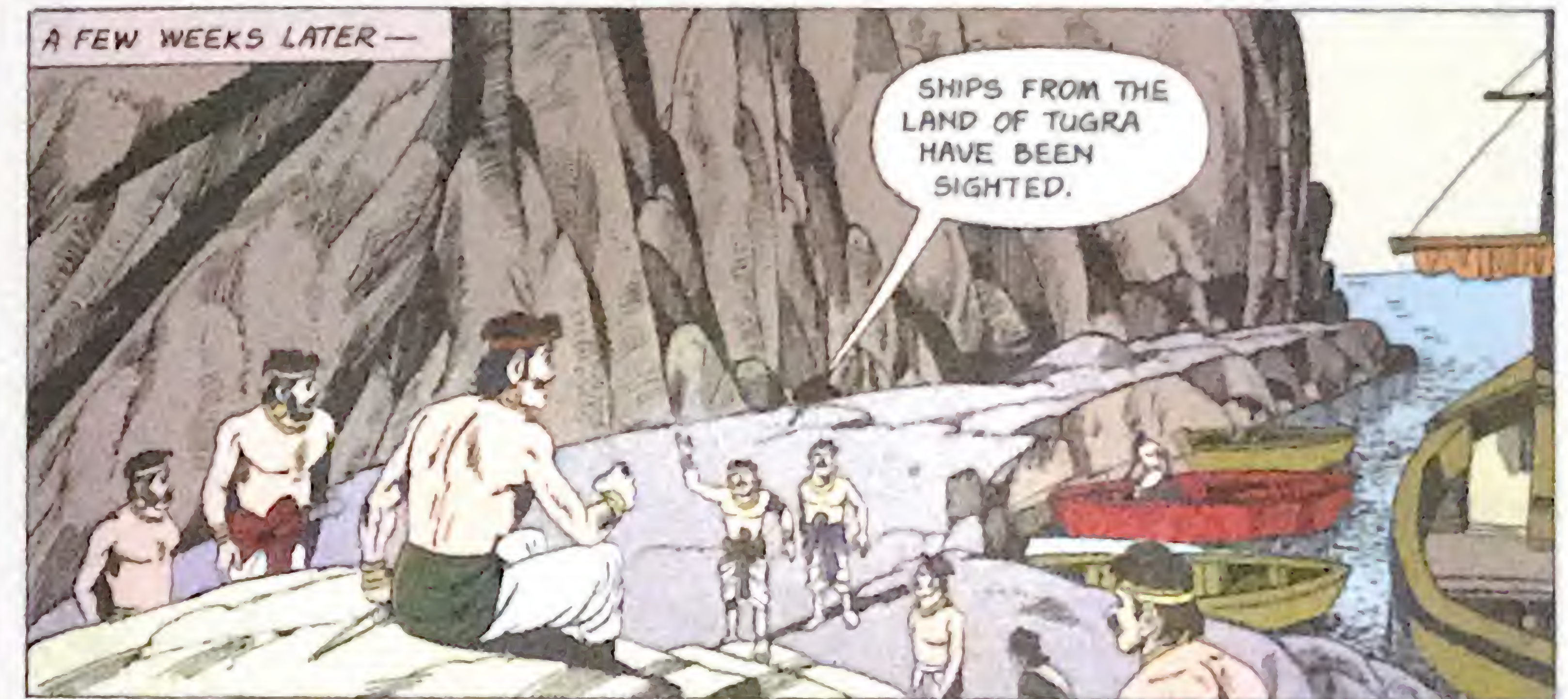


IT MUST BE SOME HAPLESS, SHIP-WRECKED SAILOR!



ROW HARD IN THAT DIRECTION.





THIS TIME THE ISLANDERS WERE IN FOR A SURPRISE.



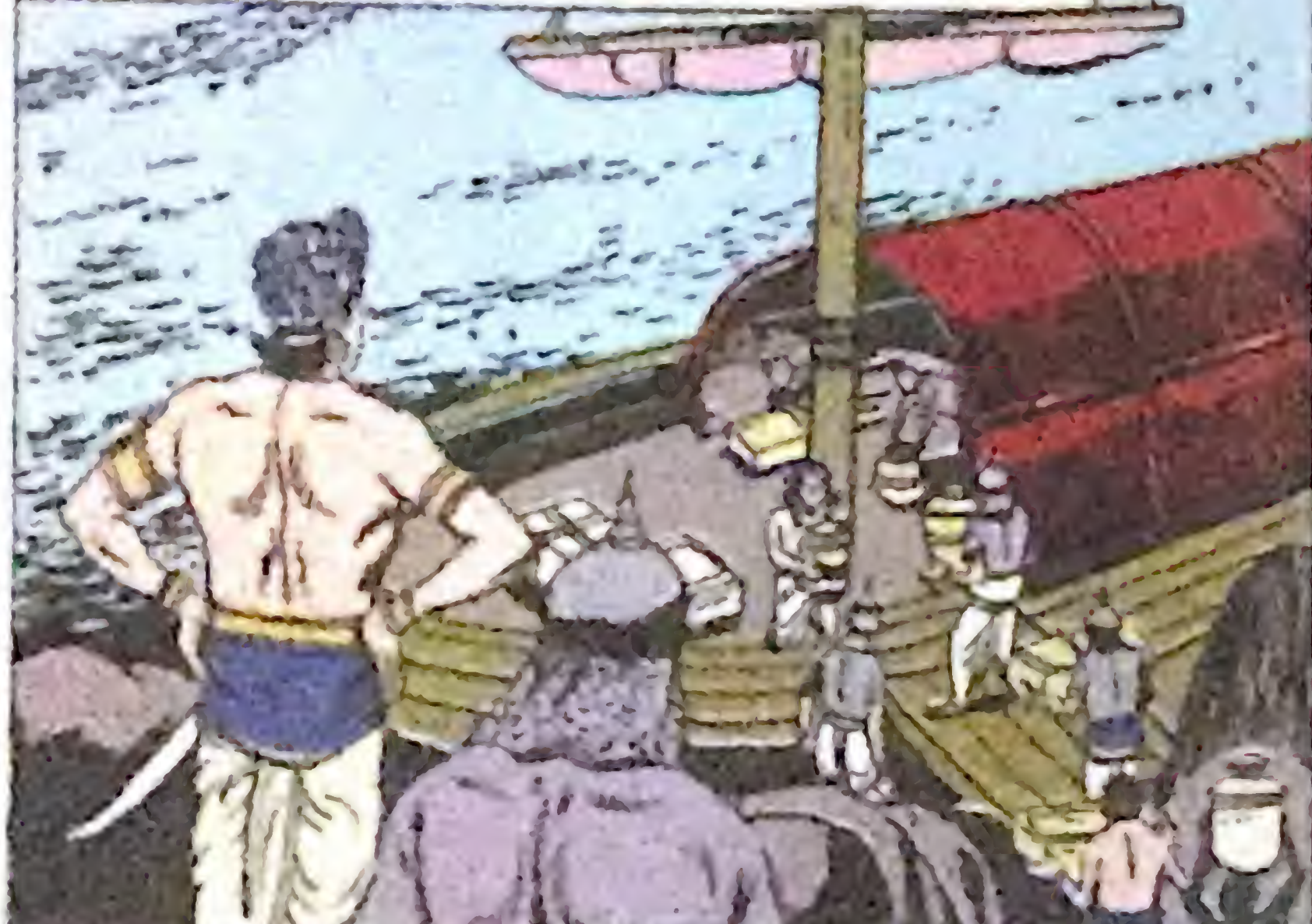
IN THE FIERCE BATTLE THAT TOOK PLACE...



...BHUJYU'S MEN OVERPOWERED THE ISLANDERS...



...RECOVERED THE STOLEN RICHES...



...AND RETURNED HOME IN TRIUMPH.



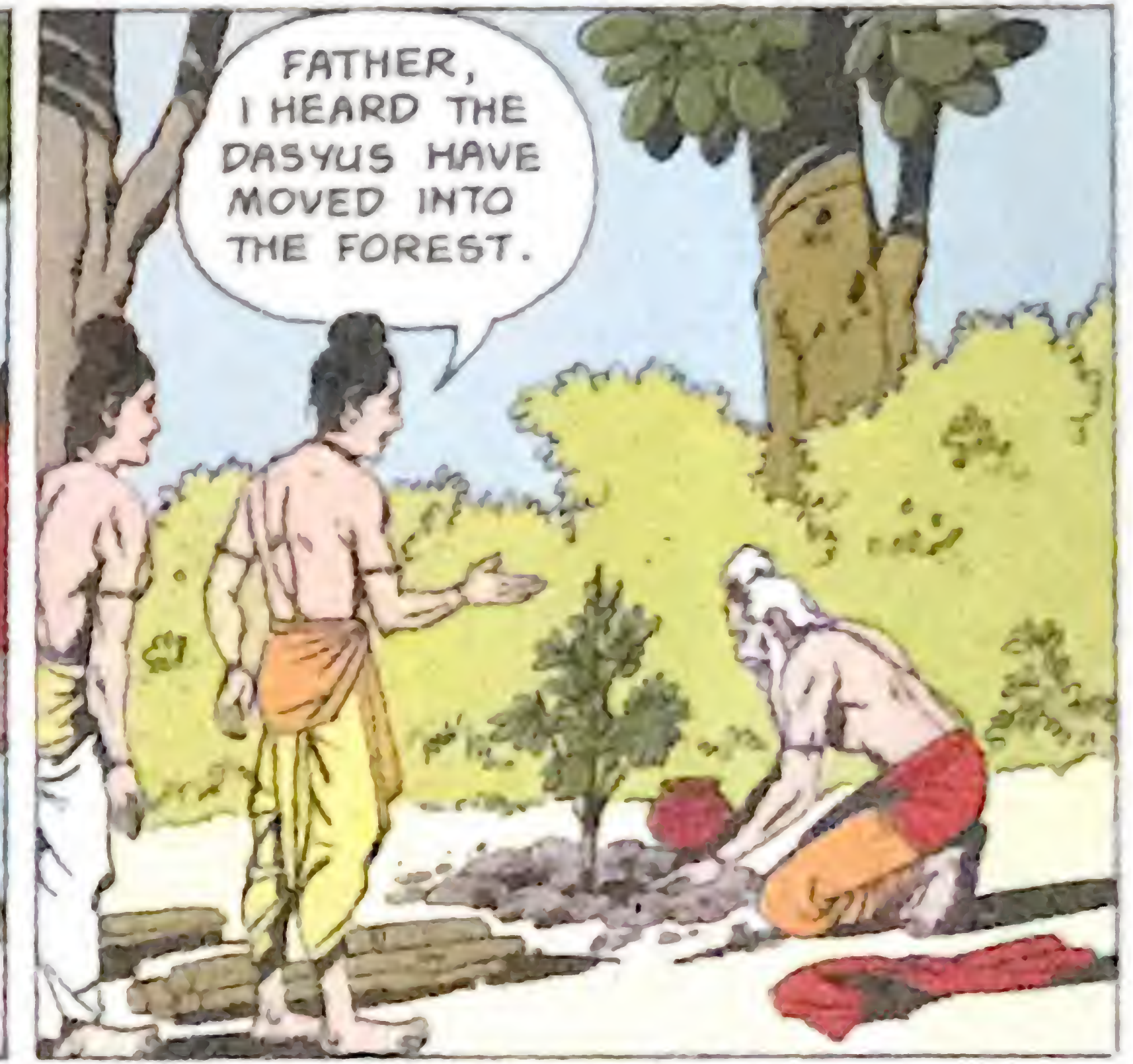
THE SEAS ARE NOW SAFE FOR THE TRADERS OF TUGRA. IN PERFORMING YOUR DHARMA, YOU HAVE HELPED ME PERFORM MINE. I AM PROUD OF YOU, MY SON.



ATRI

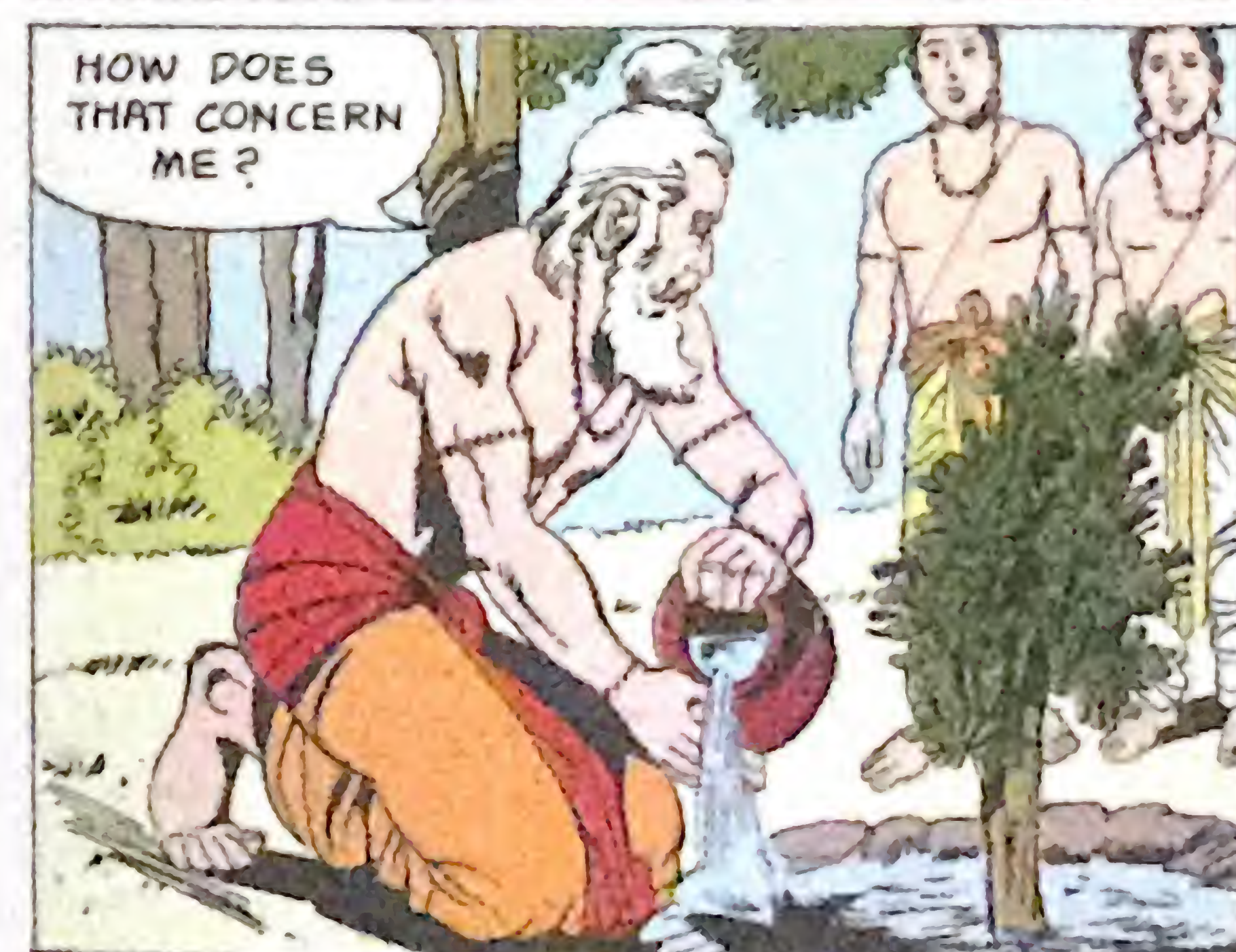


SAGE ATRI LIVED WITH HIS FAMILY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A FOREST.

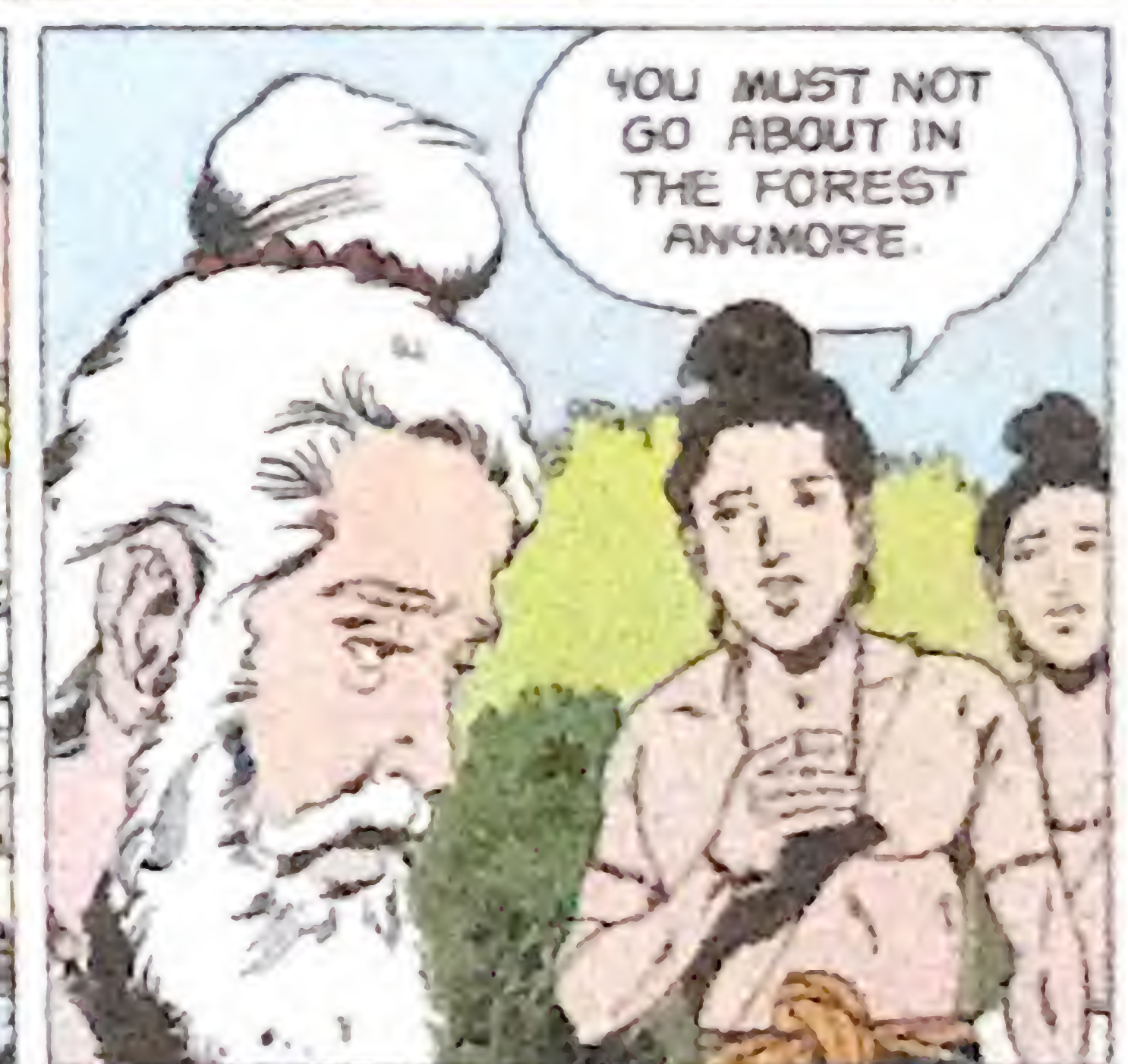


FATHER, I HEARD THE DASYUS HAVE MOVED INTO THE FOREST.

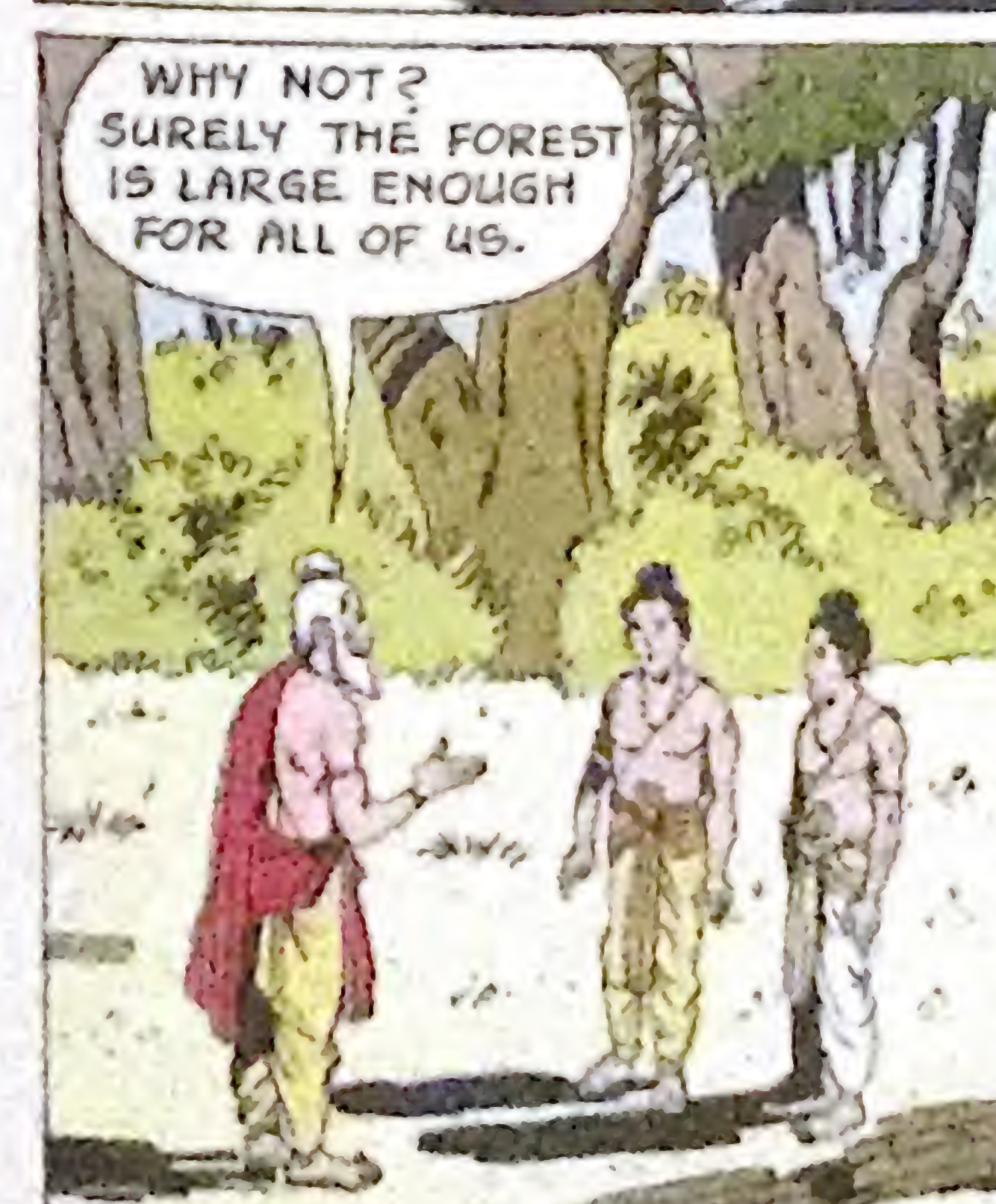
HOW DOES THAT CONCERN ME?



YOU MUST NOT GO ABOUT IN THE FOREST ANYMORE.

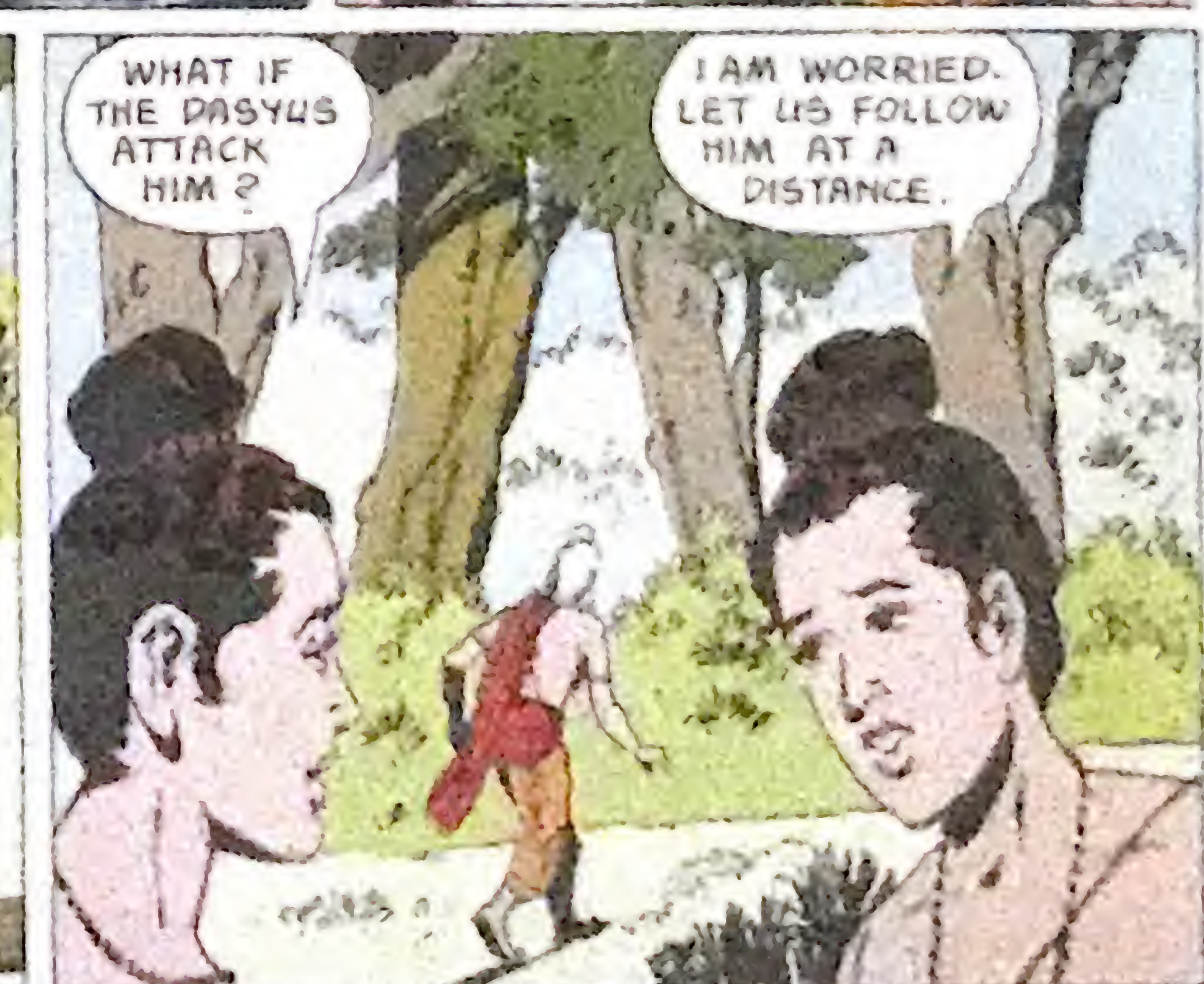


WHY NOT? SURELY THE FOREST IS LARGE ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US.



WHAT IF THE DASYUS ATTACK HIM?

I AM WORRIED. LET US FOLLOW HIM AT A DISTANCE.



ATRI WALKED ON AND ON TILL HE REACHED THE THICKEST PART OF THE FOREST.



WHAT A TALL TREE! I WONDER WHAT THE EARTH LOOKS LIKE FROM ABOVE!

ATRI BEGAN TO CLIMB THE TREE.



HE WENT HIGHER AND HIGHER. AT LAST —



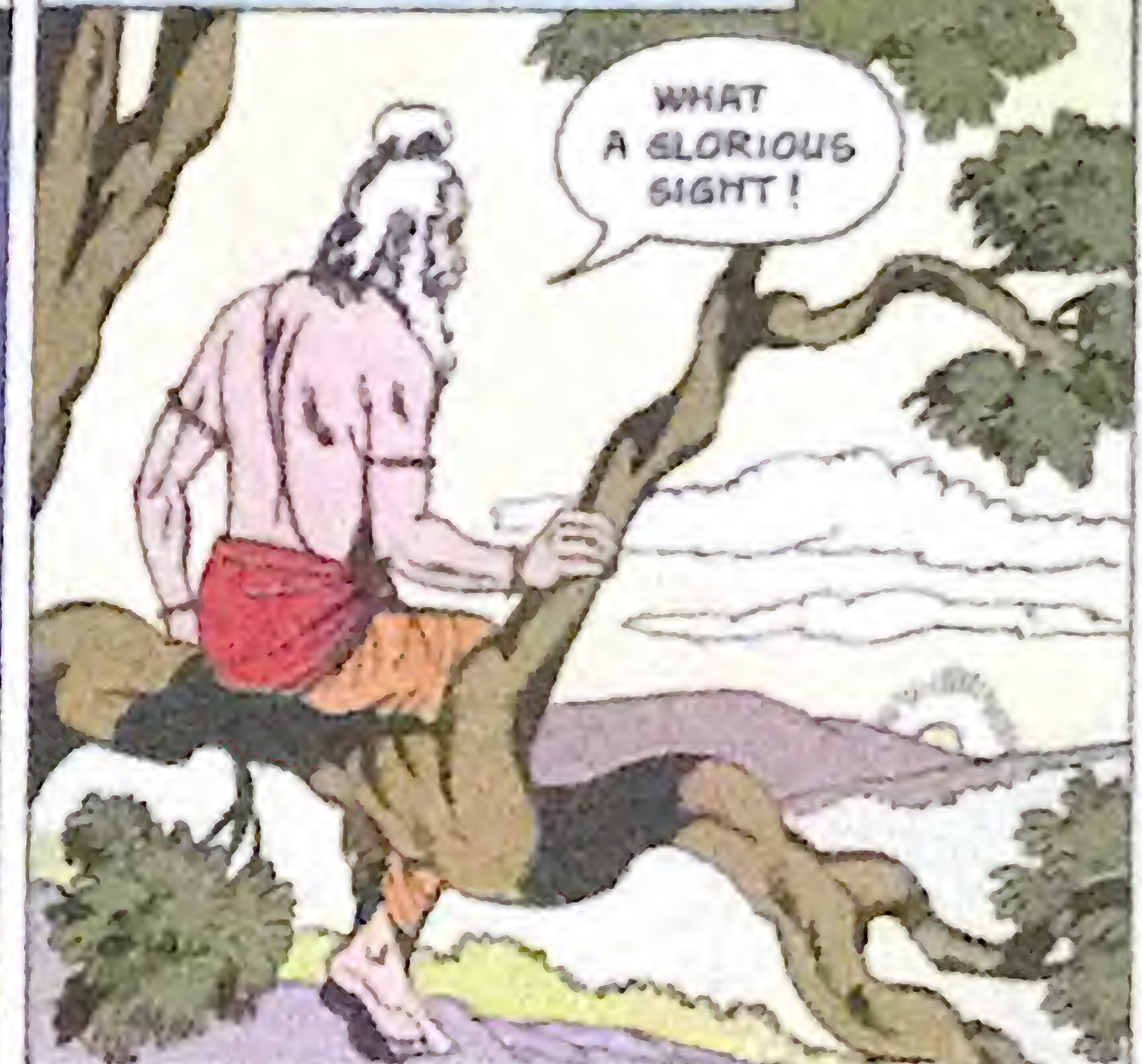
WHAT A MAGNIFICENT VIEW. THE EARTH SEEMS TO EXPAND WHEN SEEN FROM SUCH A HEIGHT. I WONDER HOW IT WOULD LOOK WHEN SEEN FROM THE SKIES.

AND HE BEGAN TO MEDITATE ON THE IDEA.

SOON IT WAS NIGHT. ATRI WAS STILL LOST IN MEDITATION.



WHEN HE OPENED HIS EYES —



WHAT A GLORIOUS SIGHT!

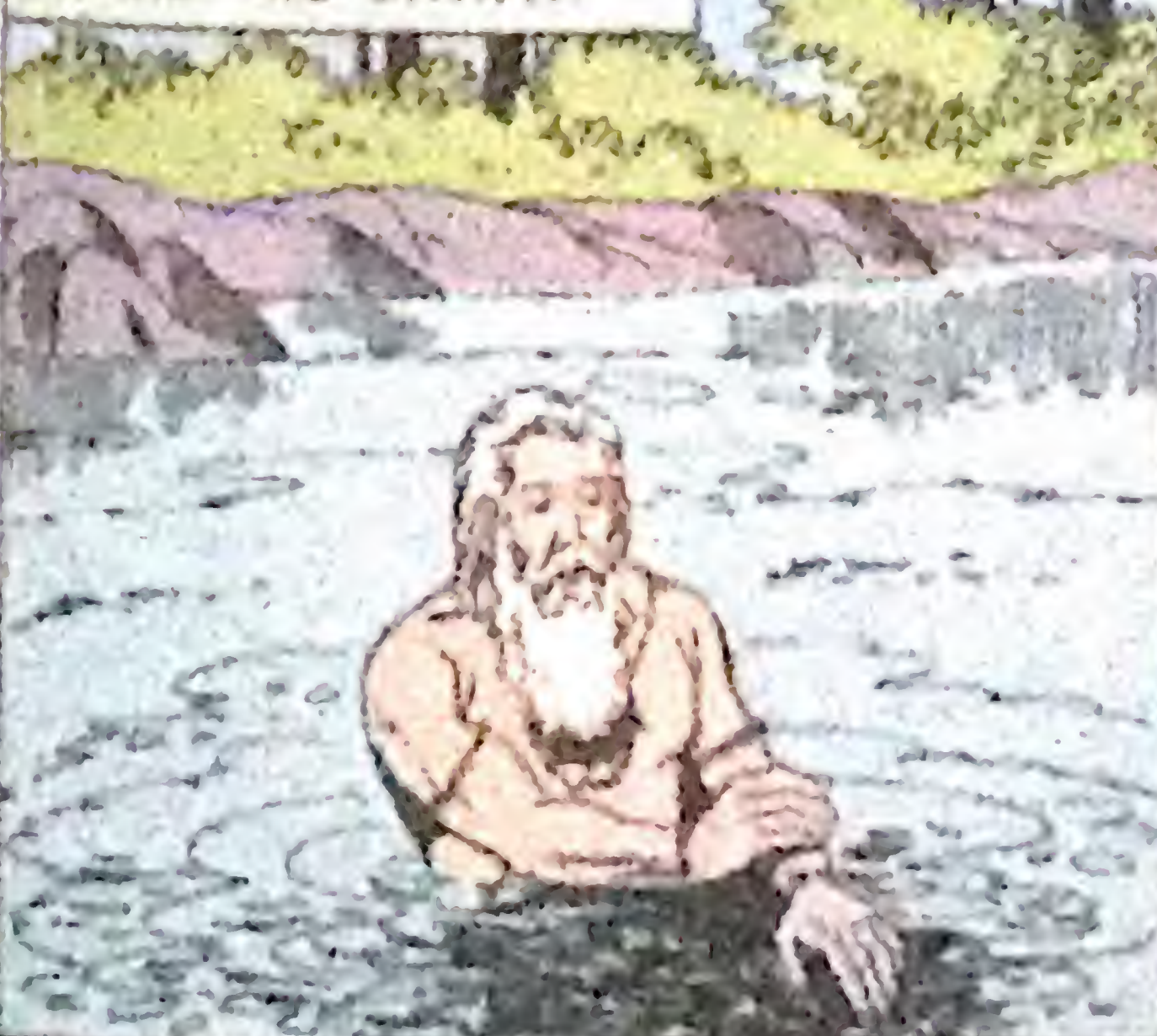
ATRI SLID DOWN THE TREE...



...WALKED TO A STREAM NEAR BY...

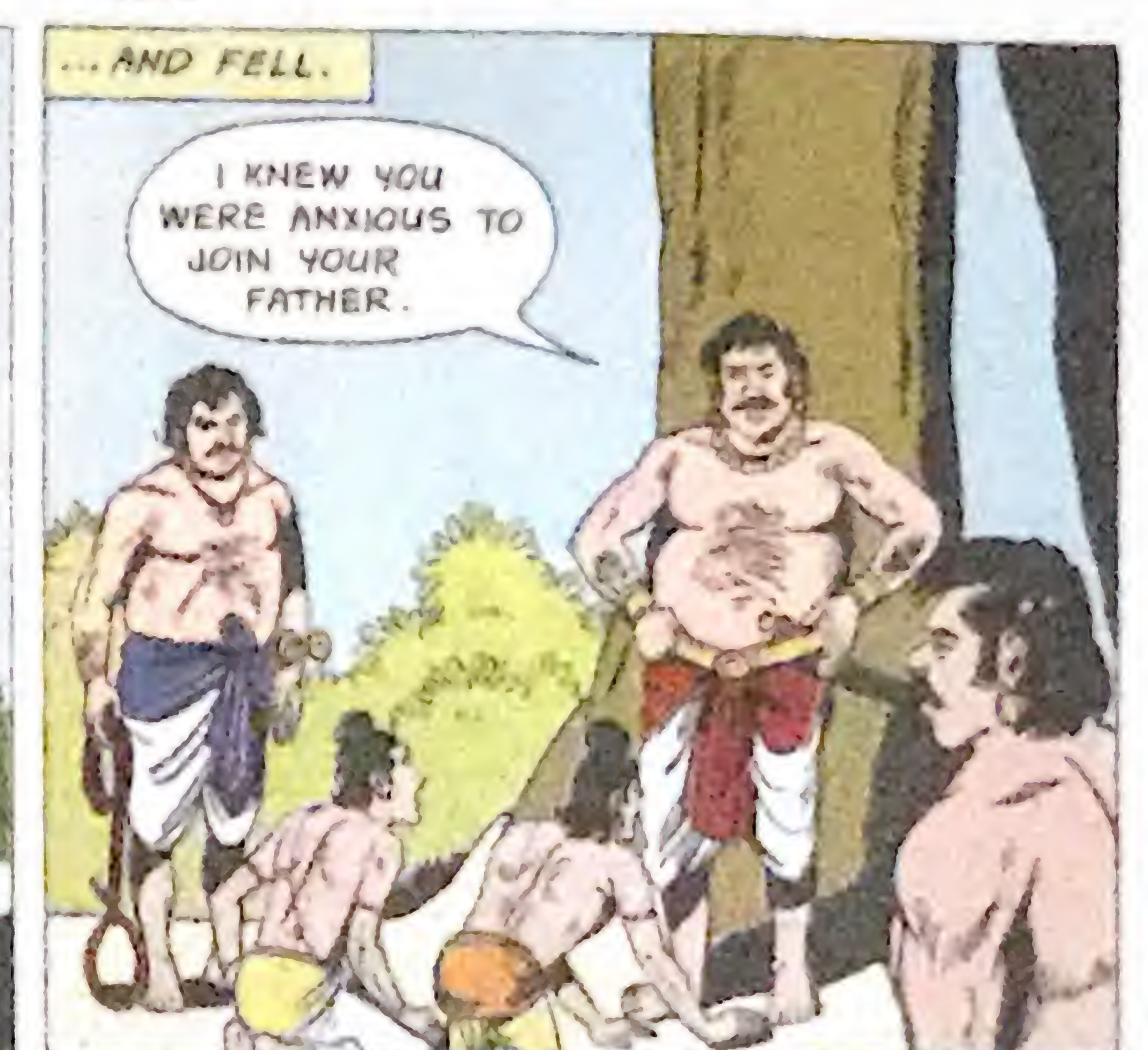


...HAD HIS BATH...



...AND PRAYED TO THE SUN.







THE NEXT MOMENT HE HEARD SOME NOISES. HE LOOKED UP.

