

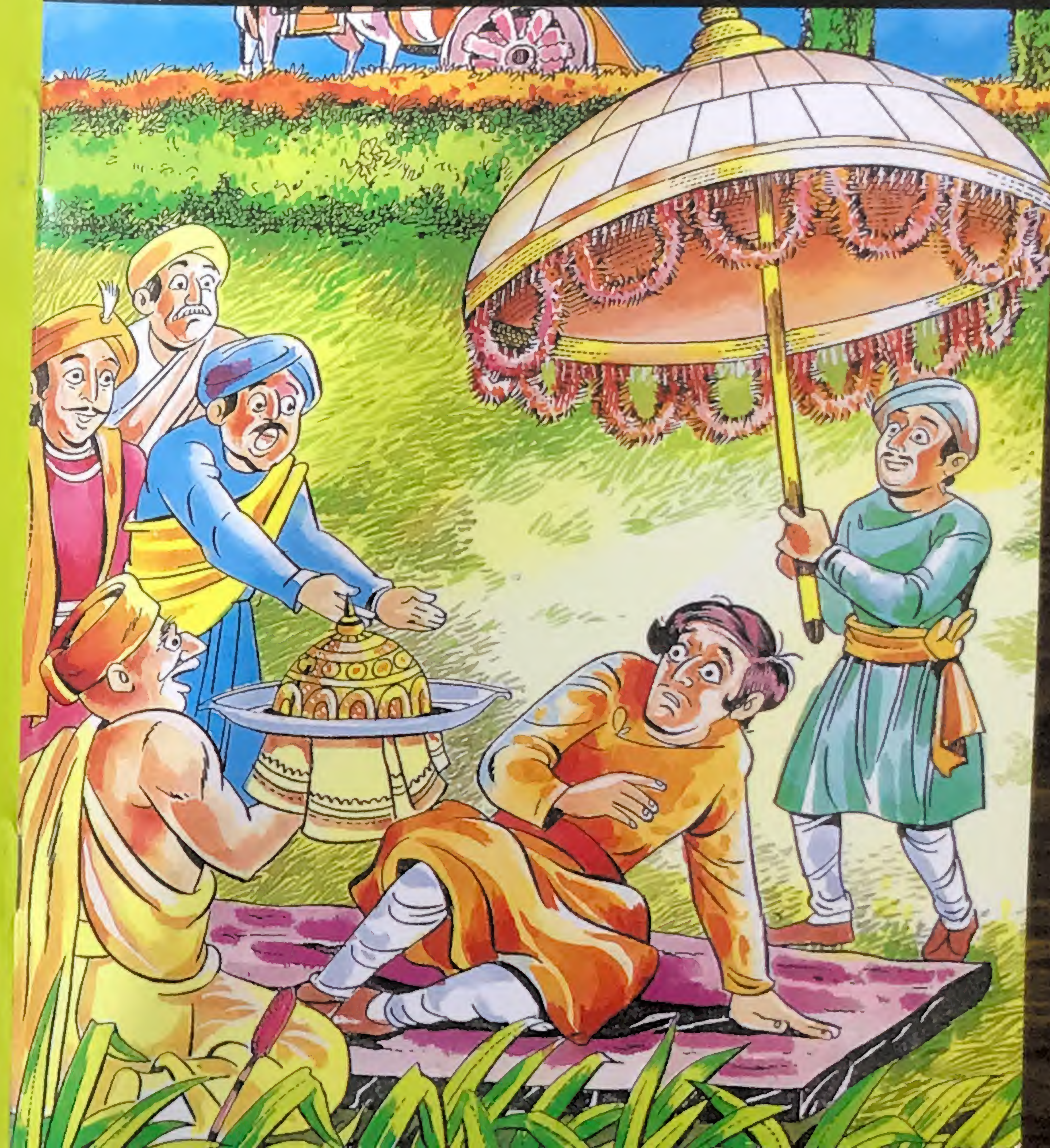
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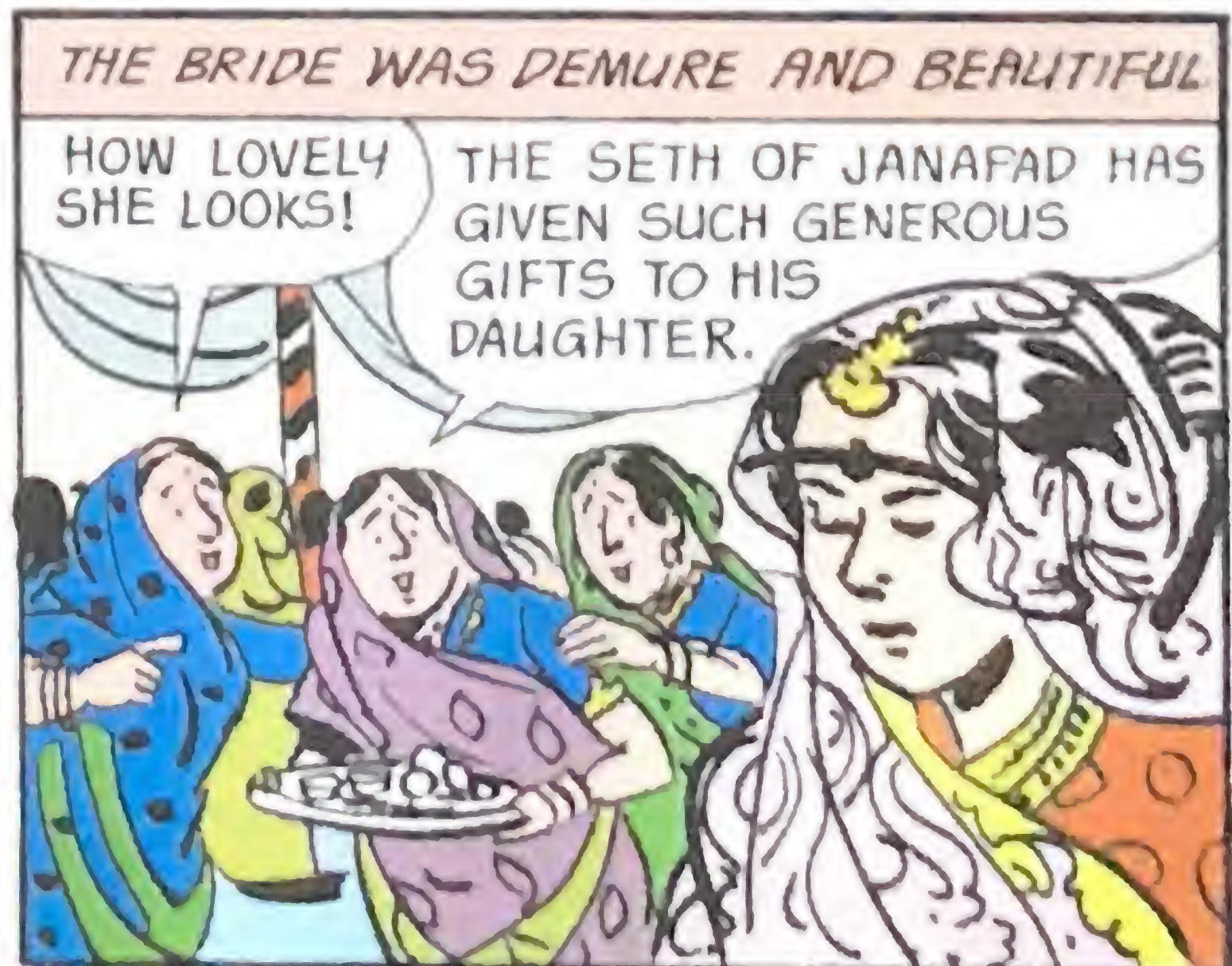
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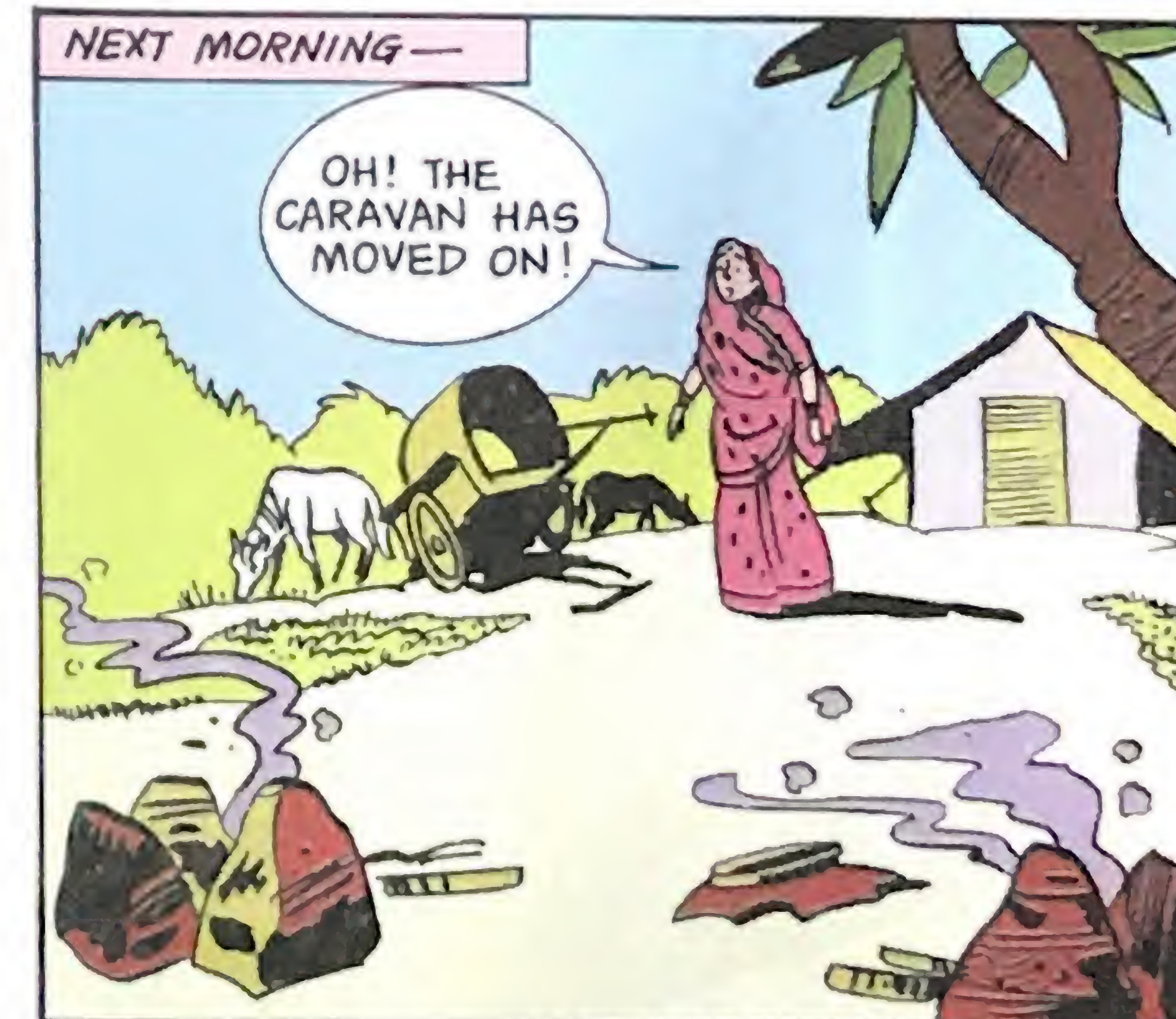
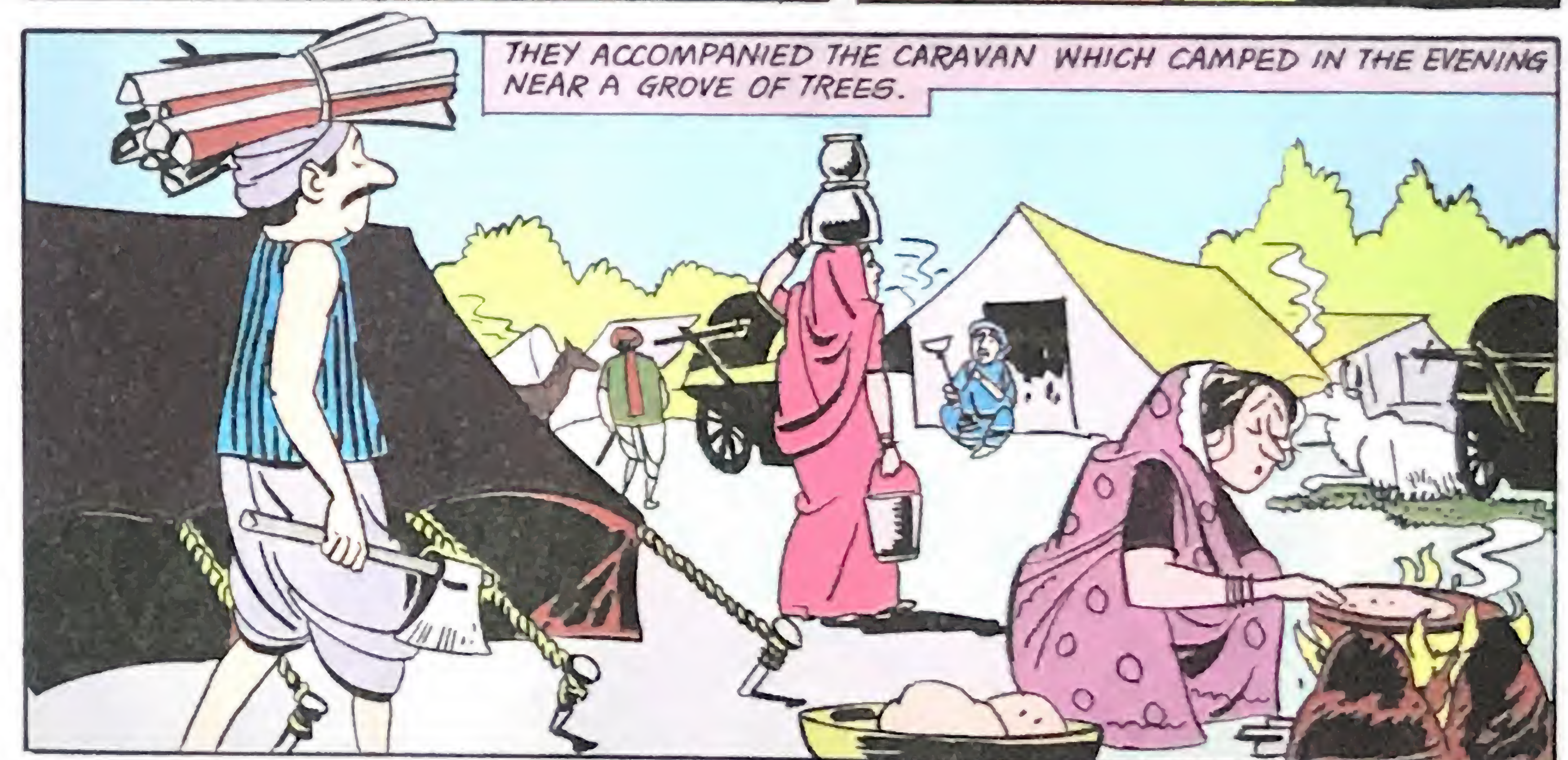
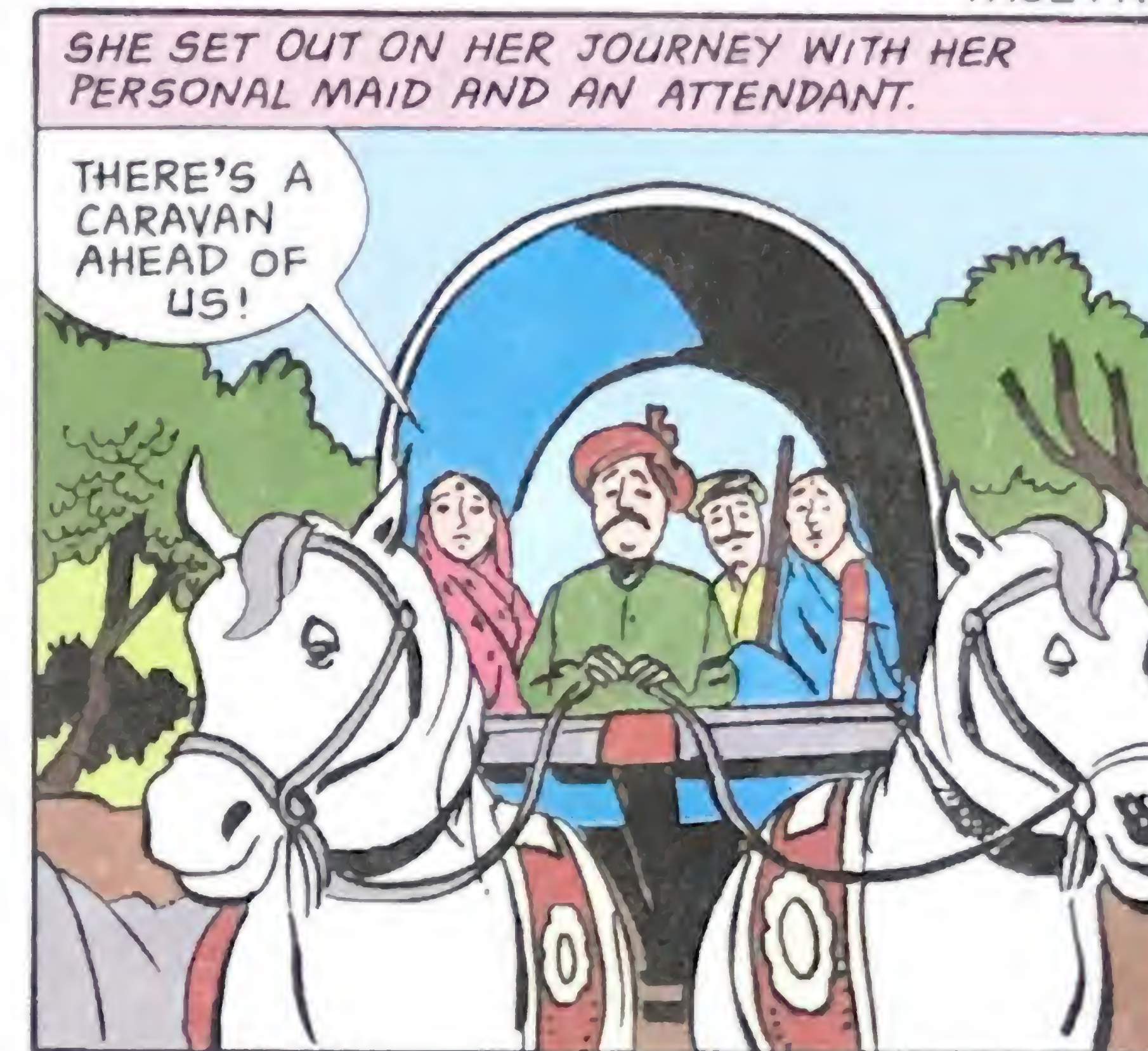
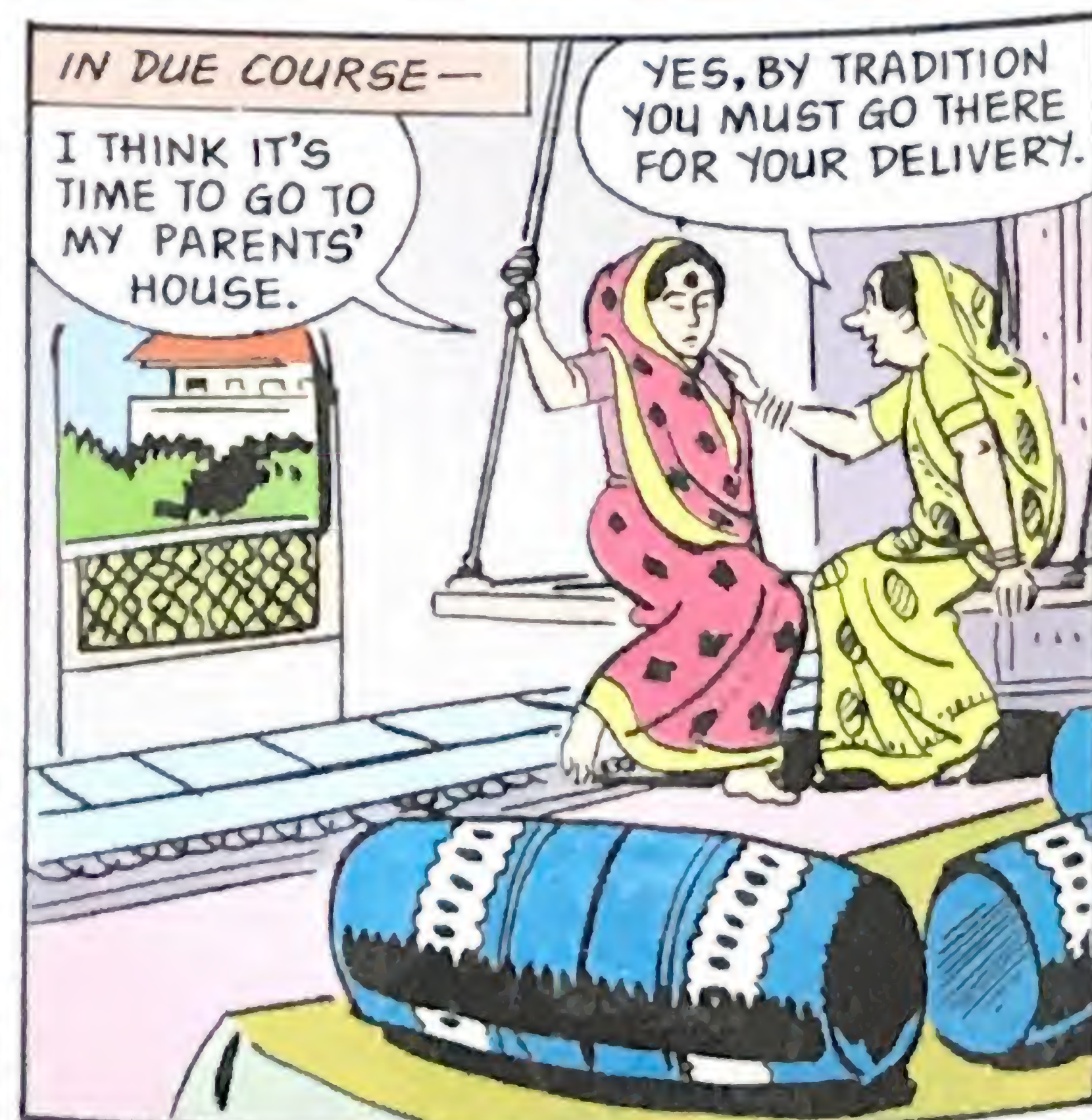
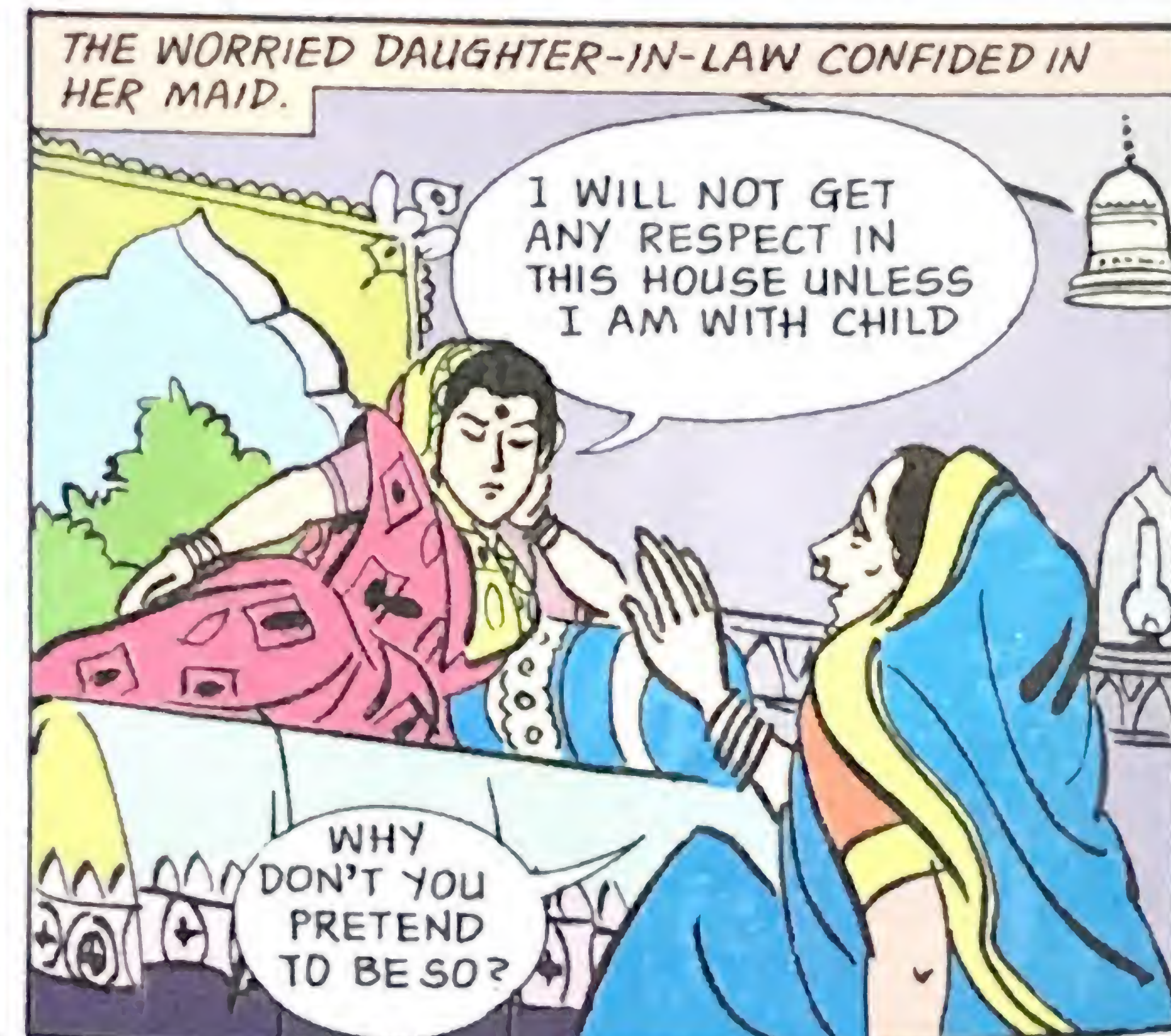
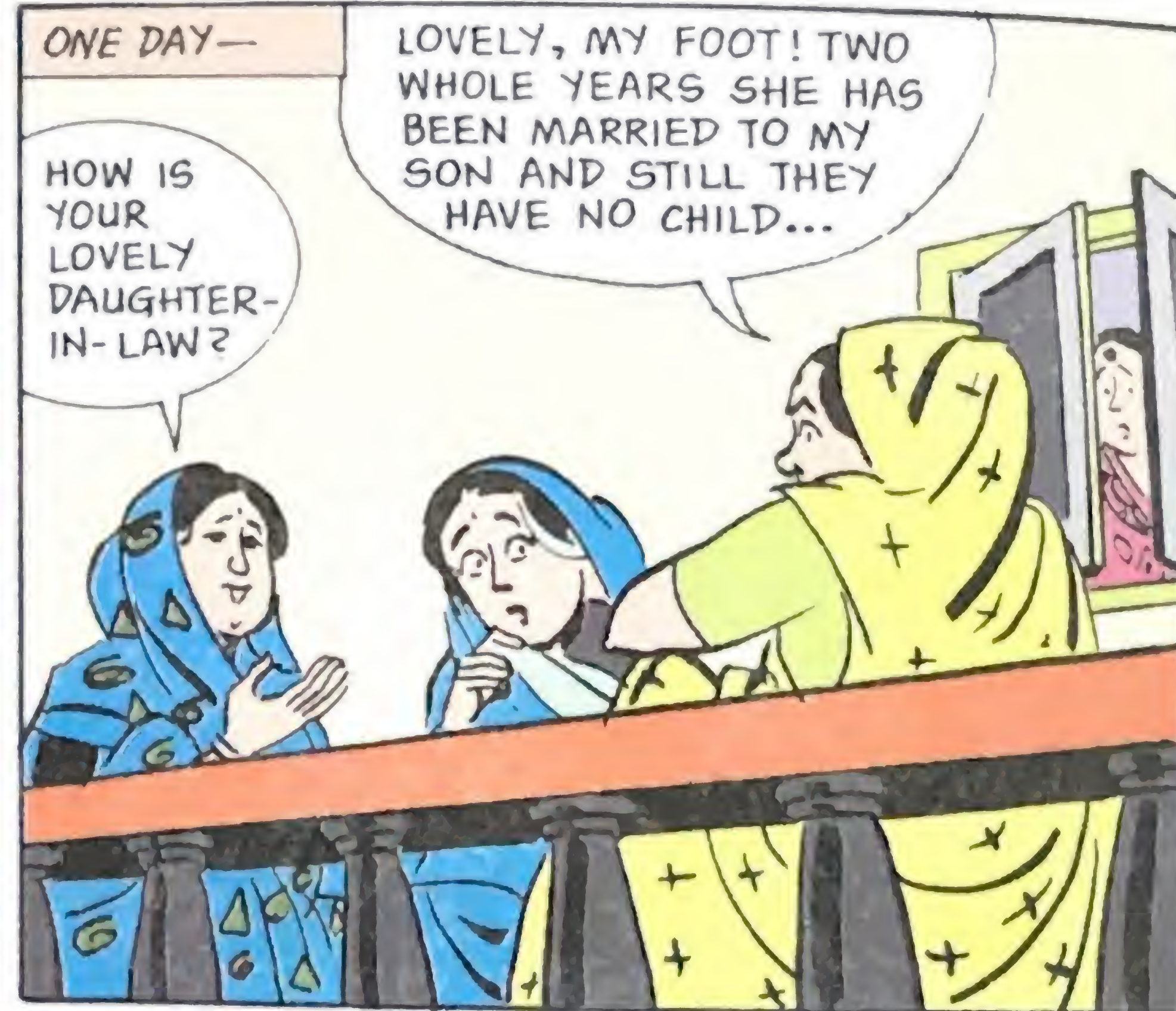


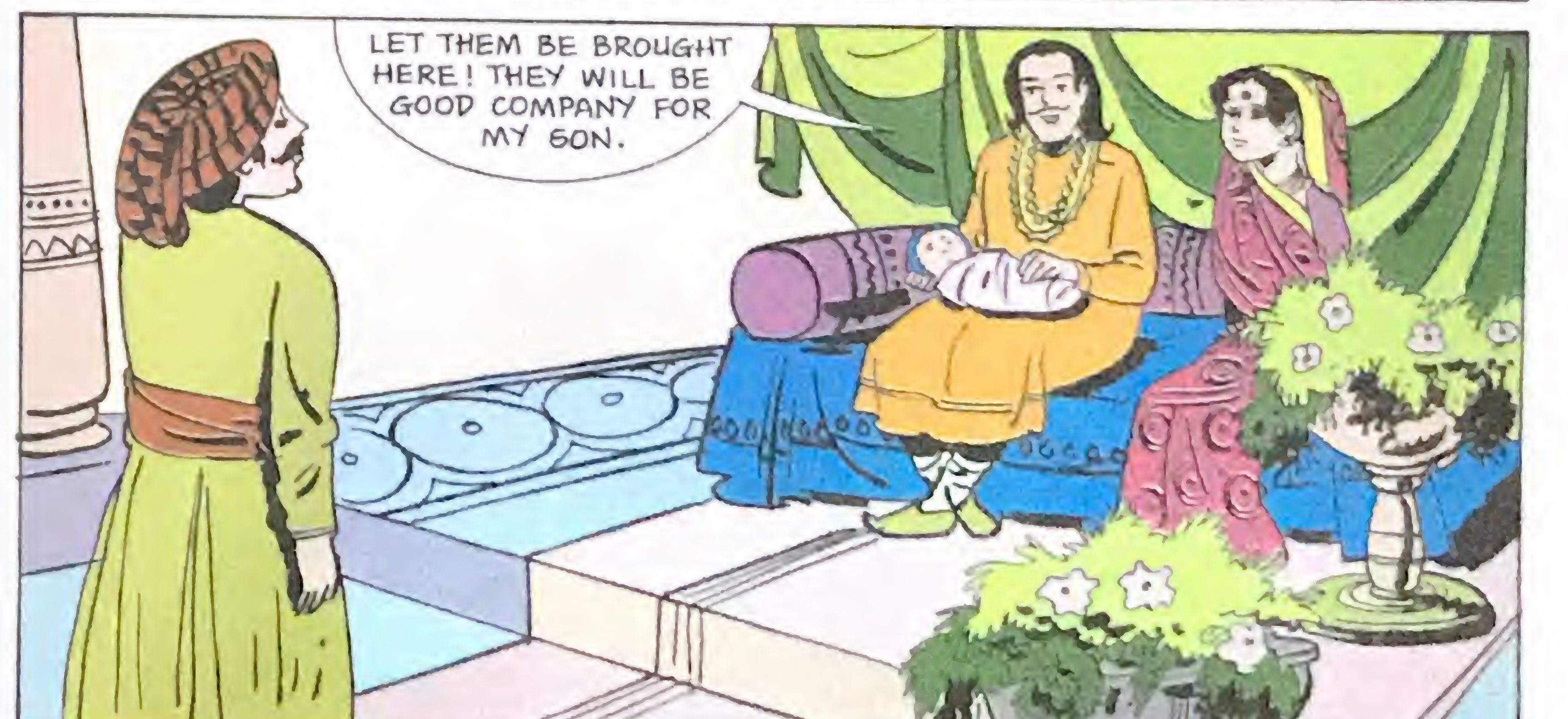
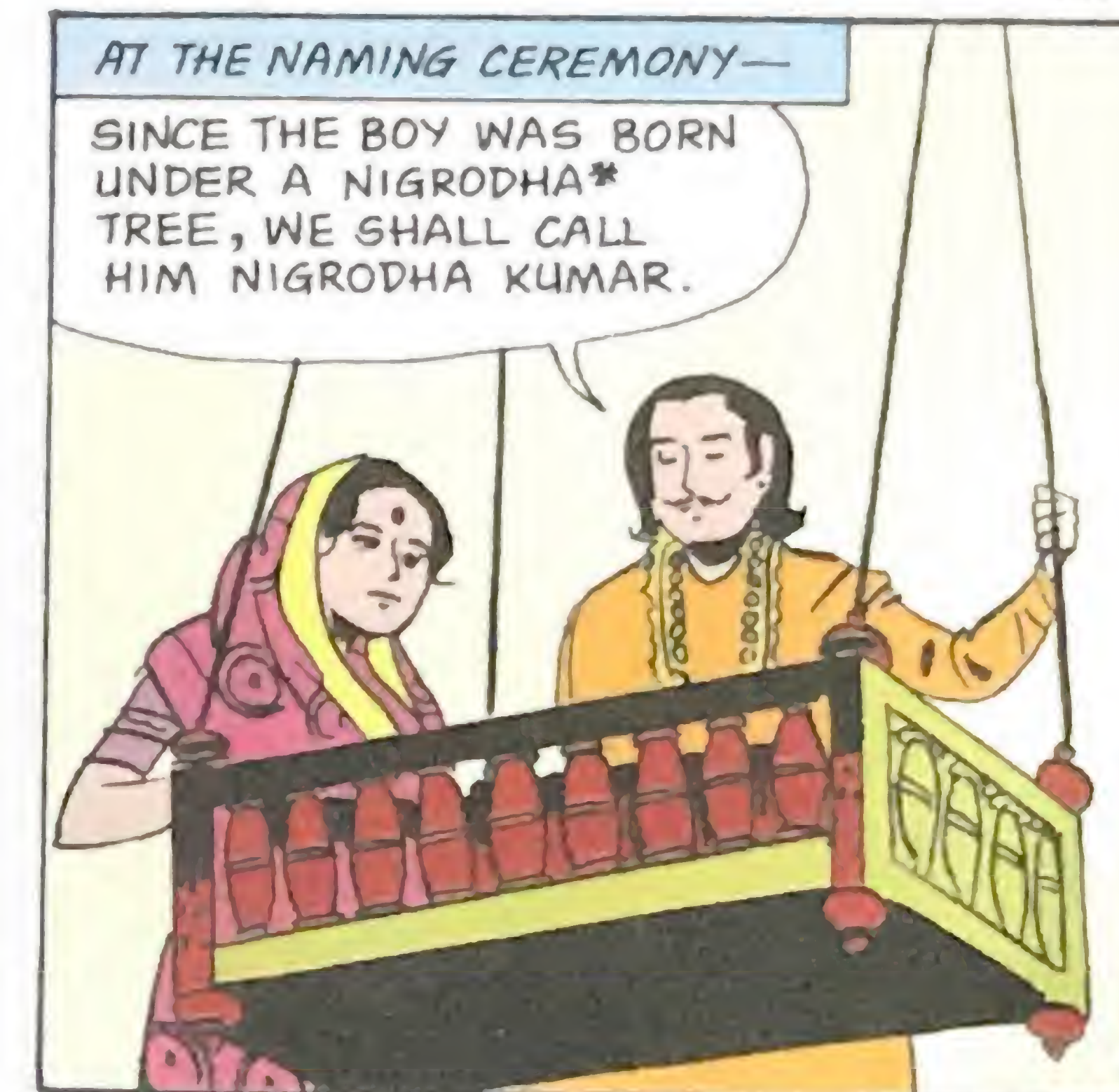
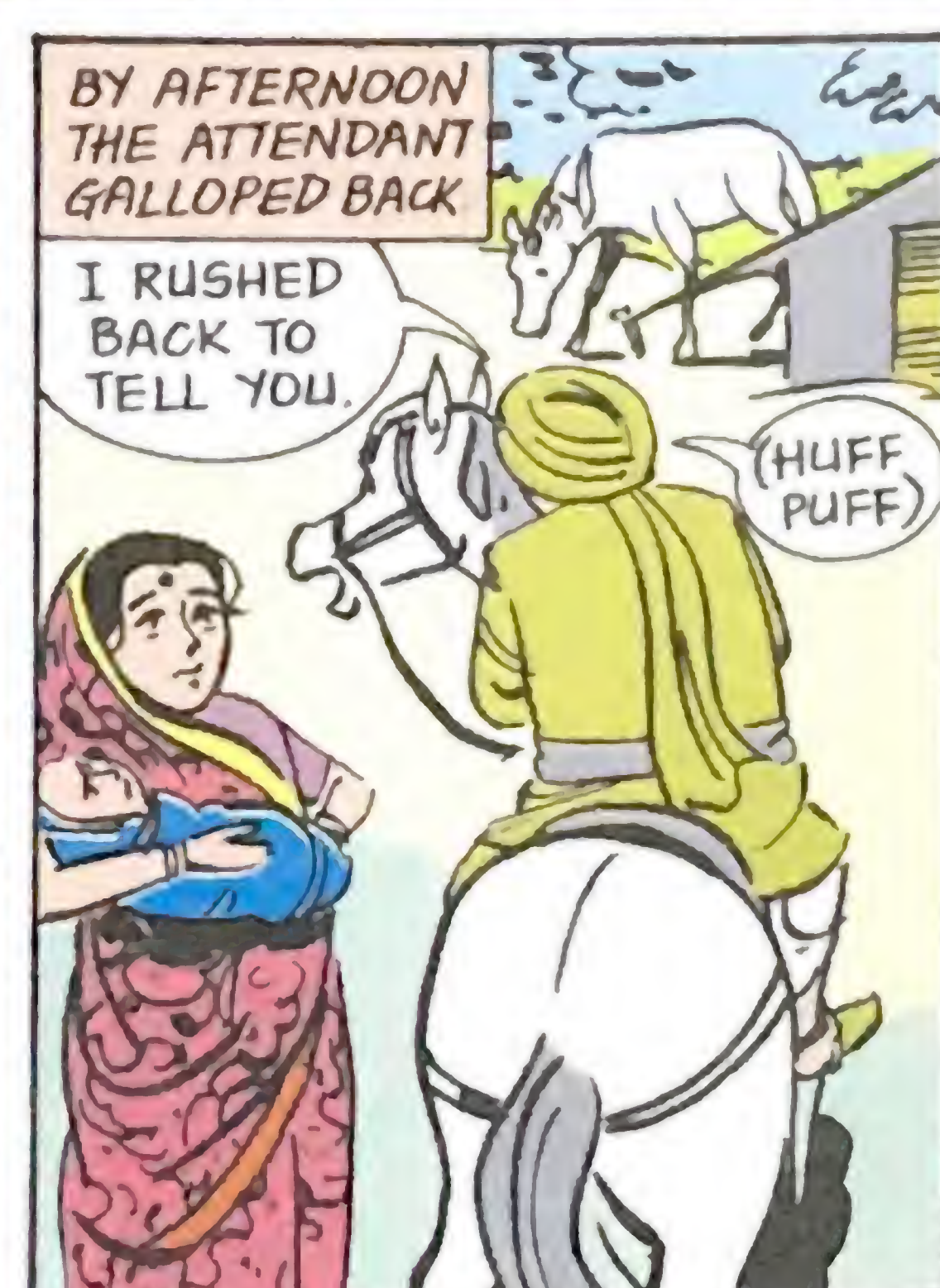
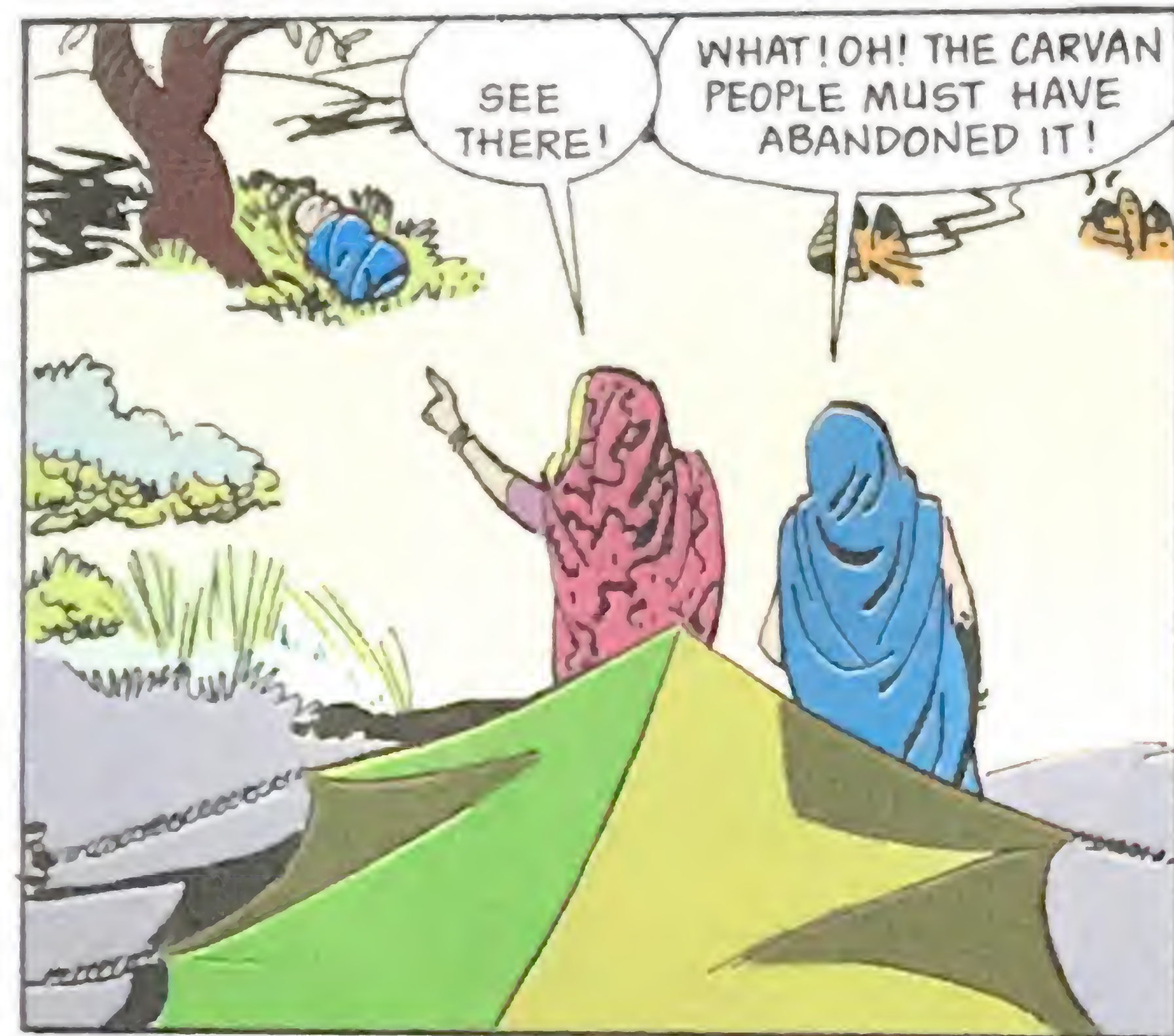
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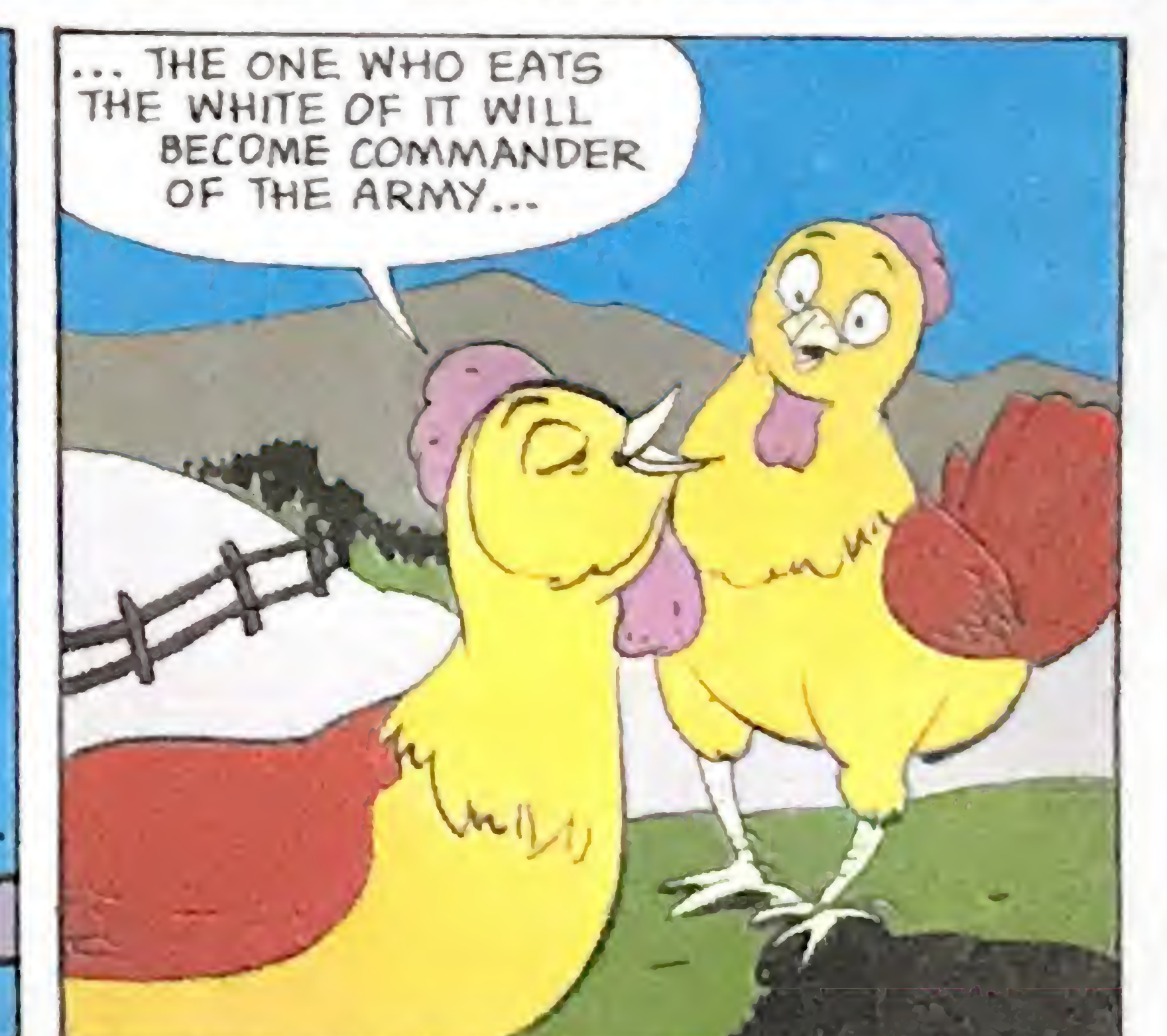
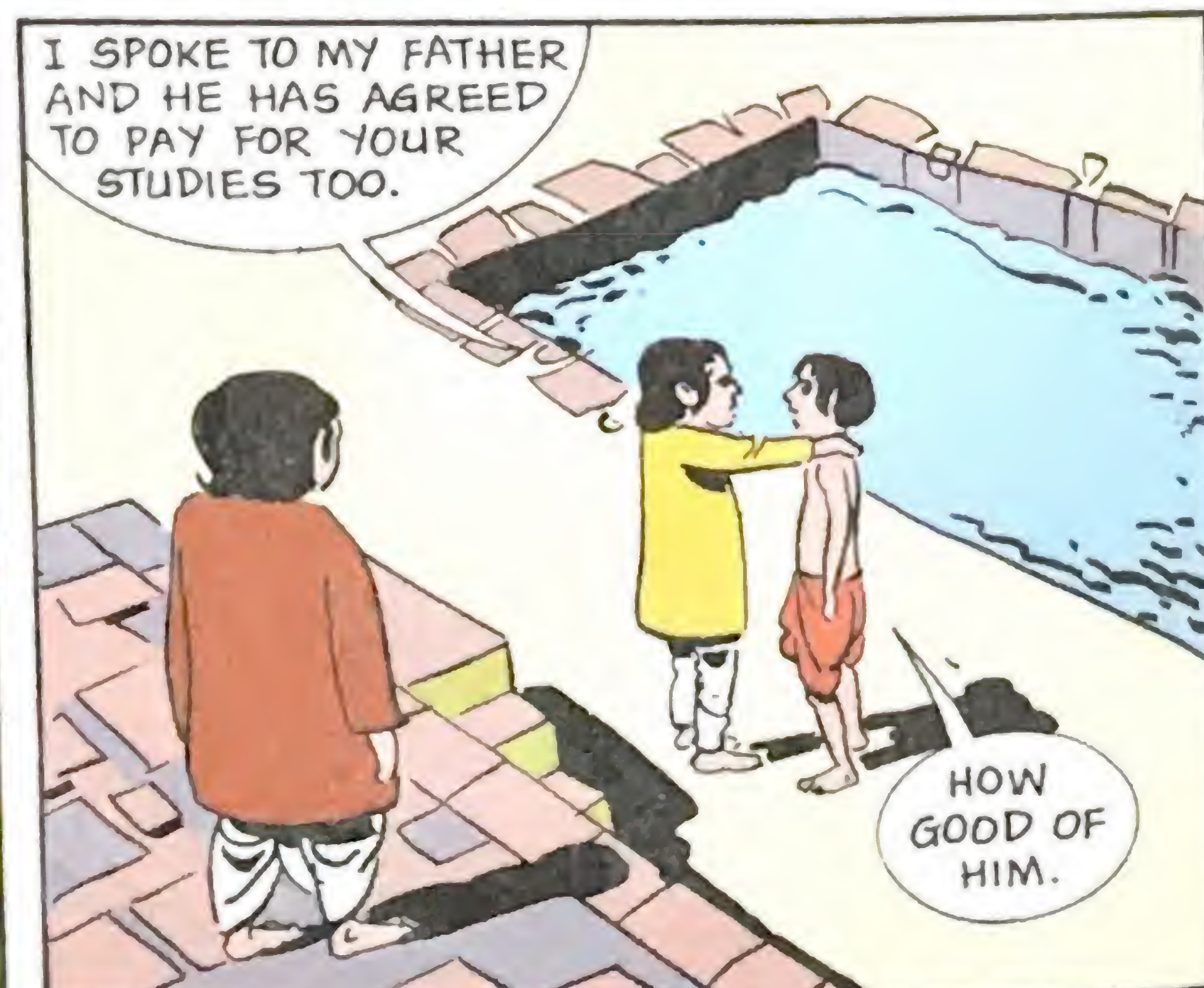
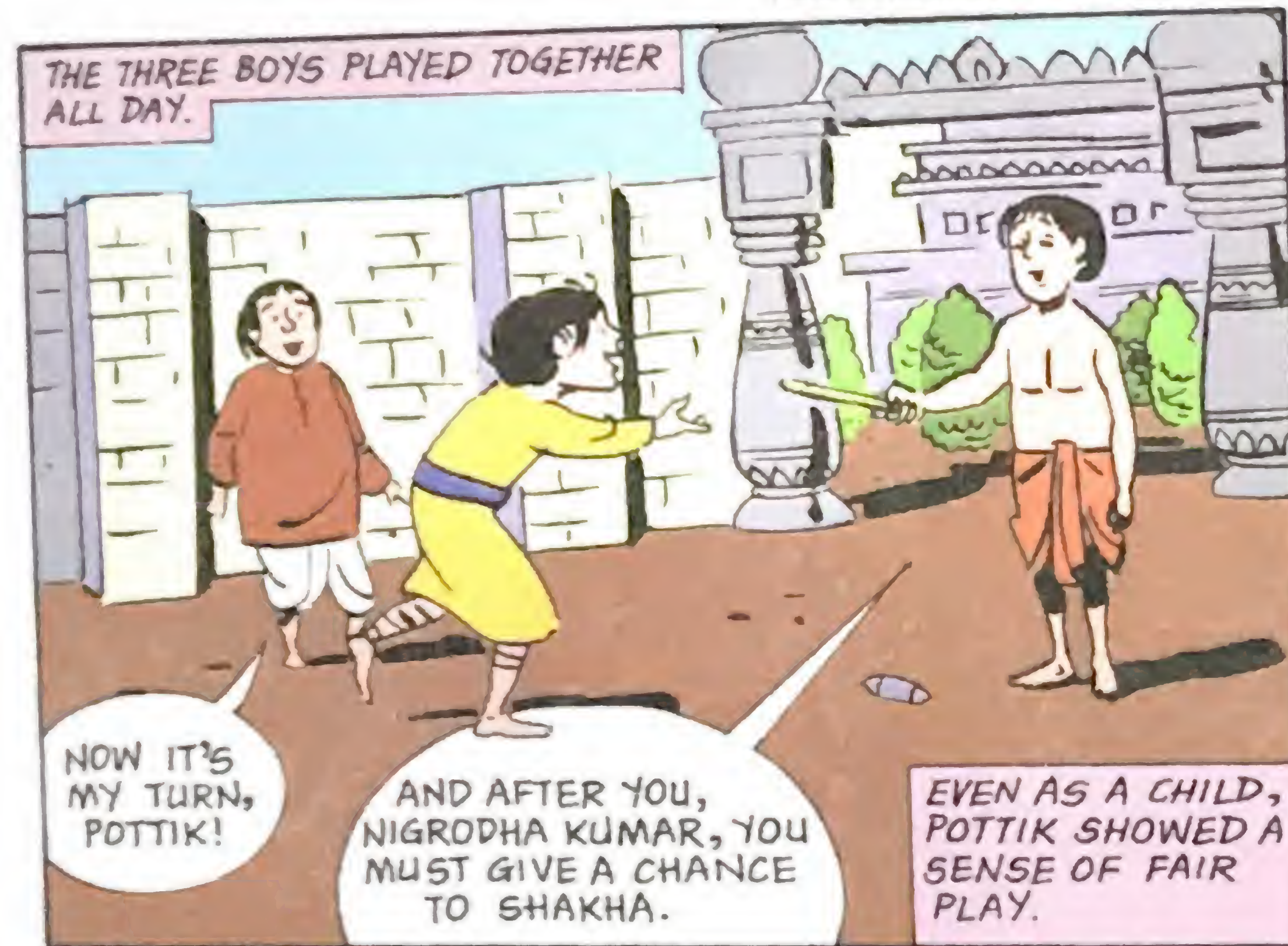
LONG LONG AGO, DURING THE REIGN OF KING MAGADHA, A WEDDING WAS BEING CELEBRATED IN RAJAGRIHA.

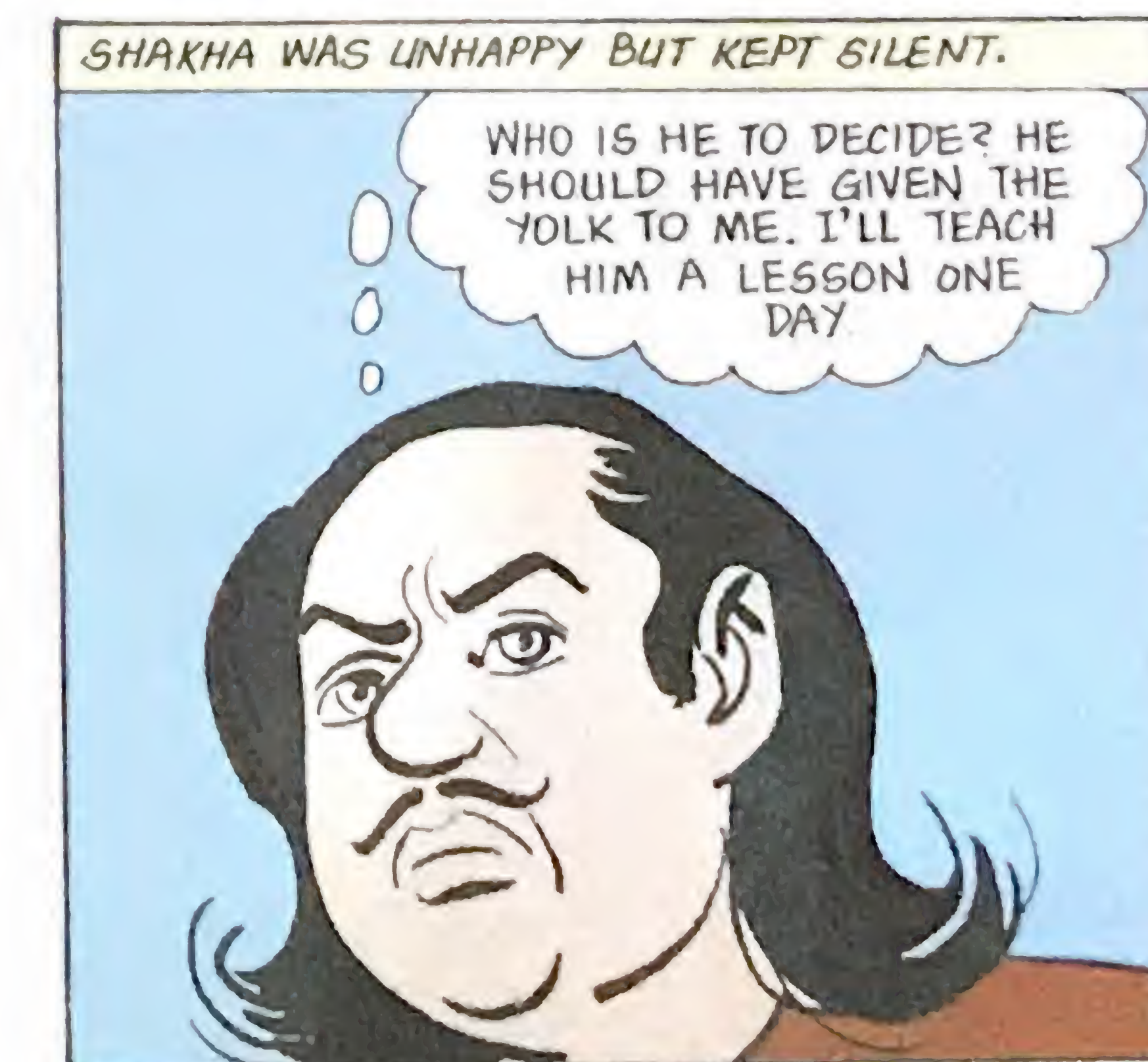
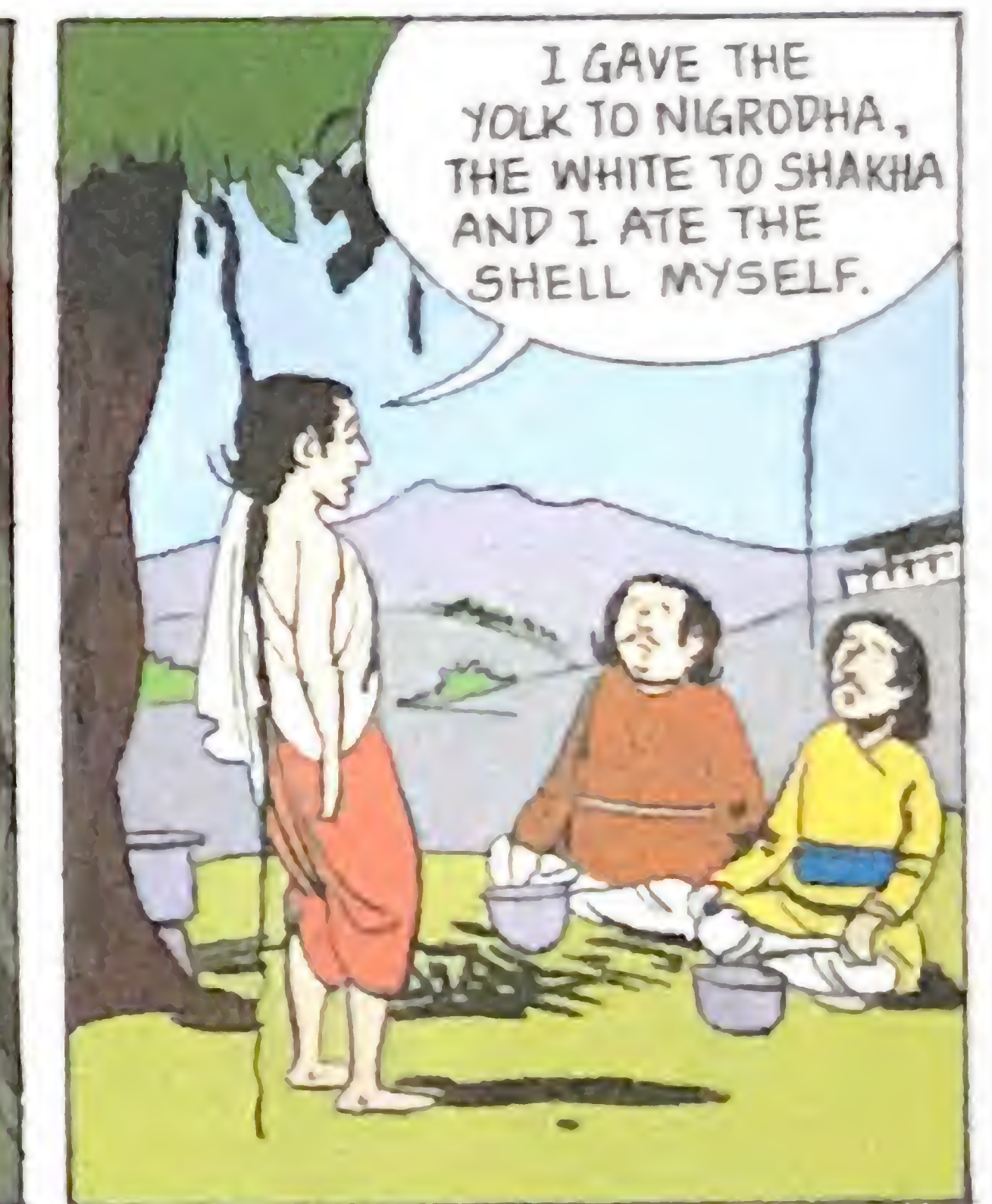
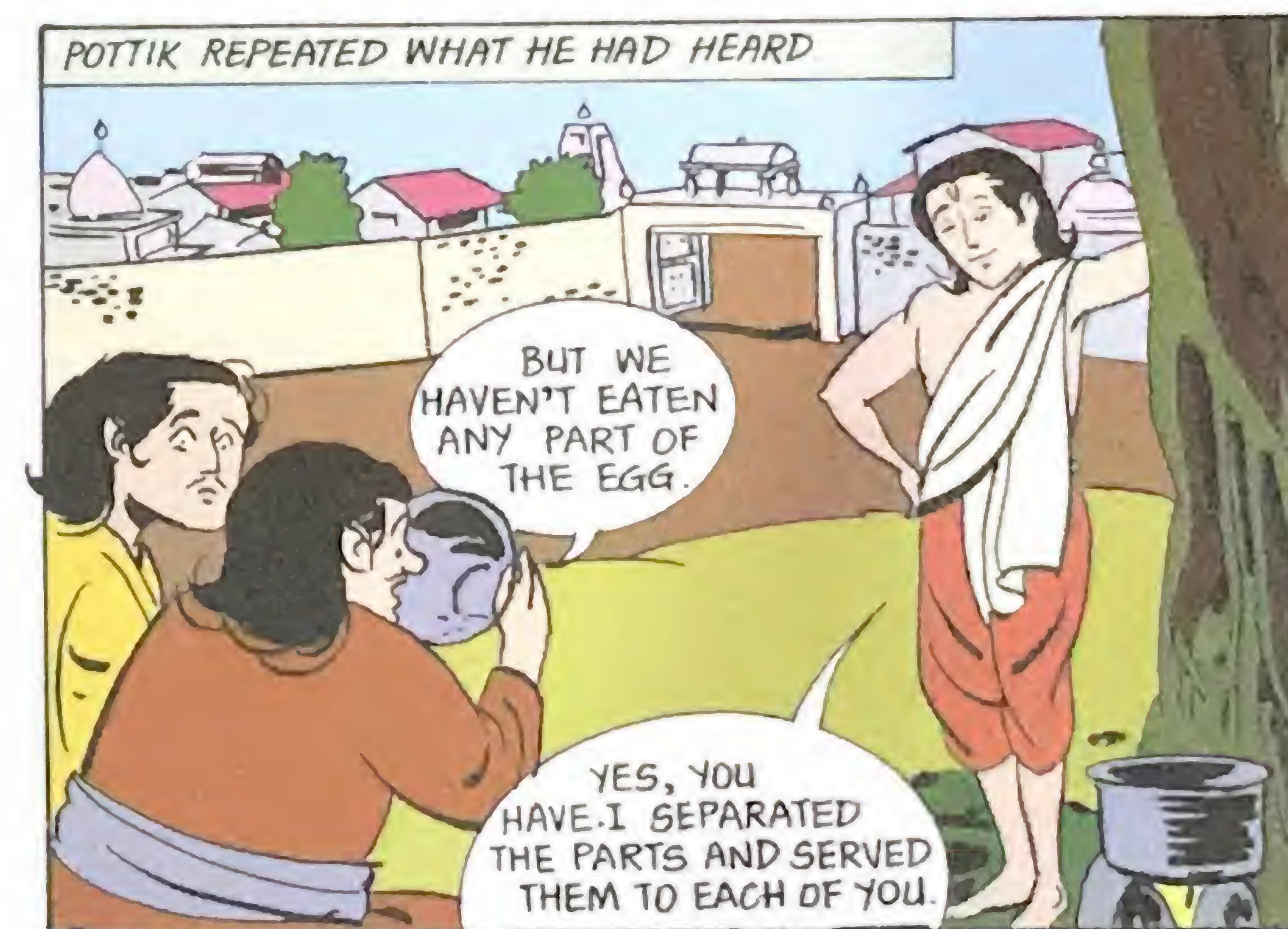
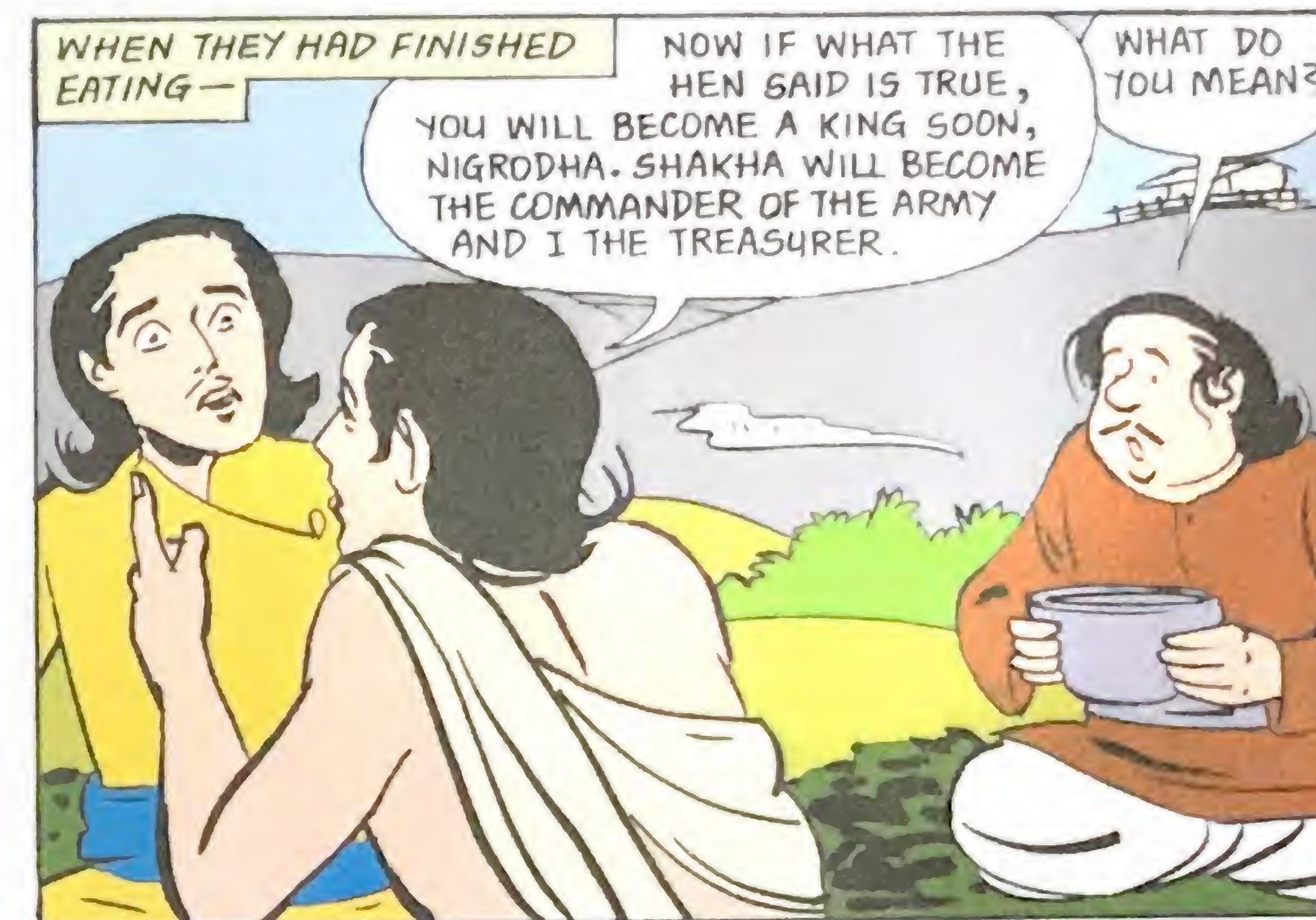
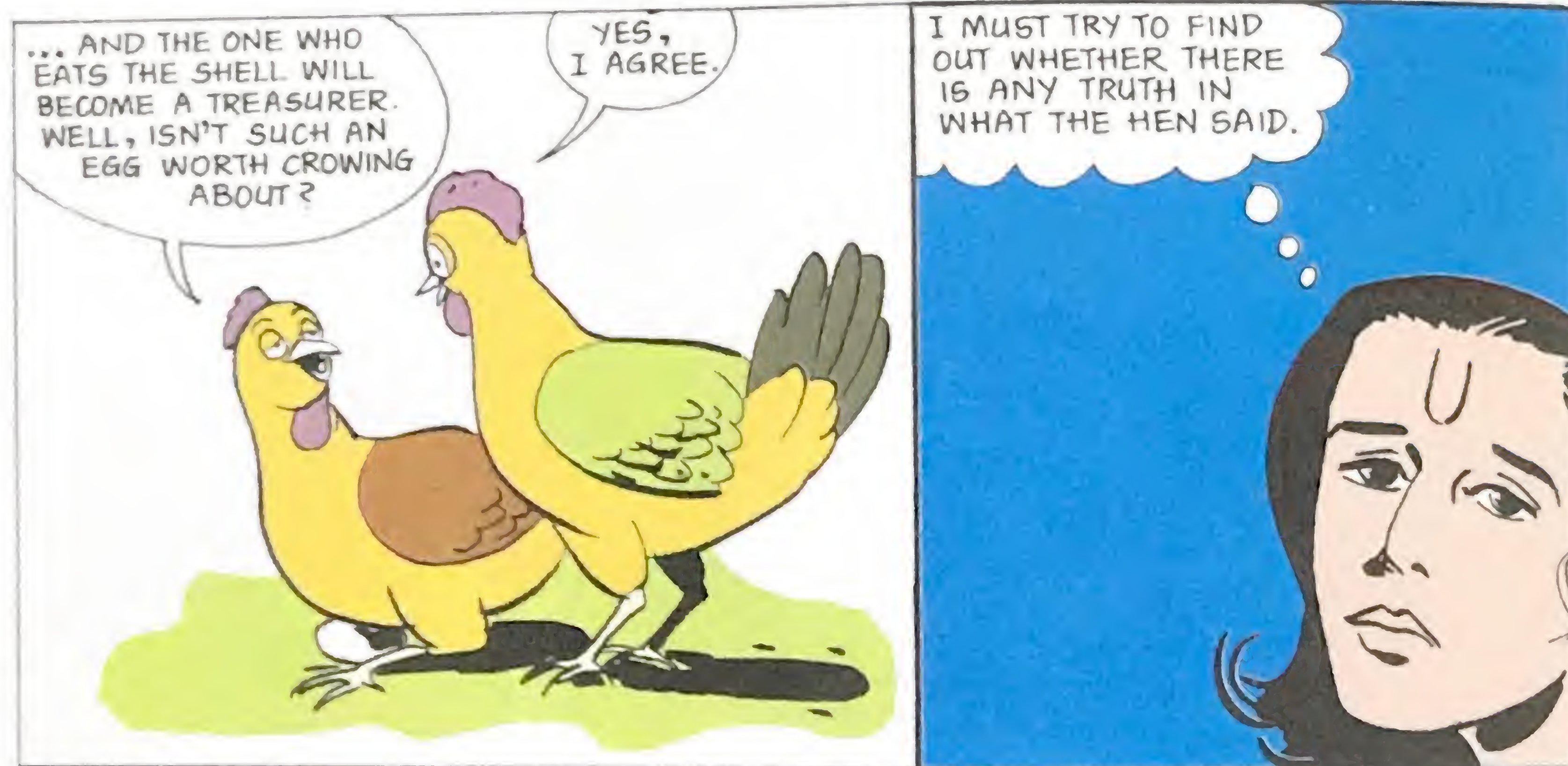




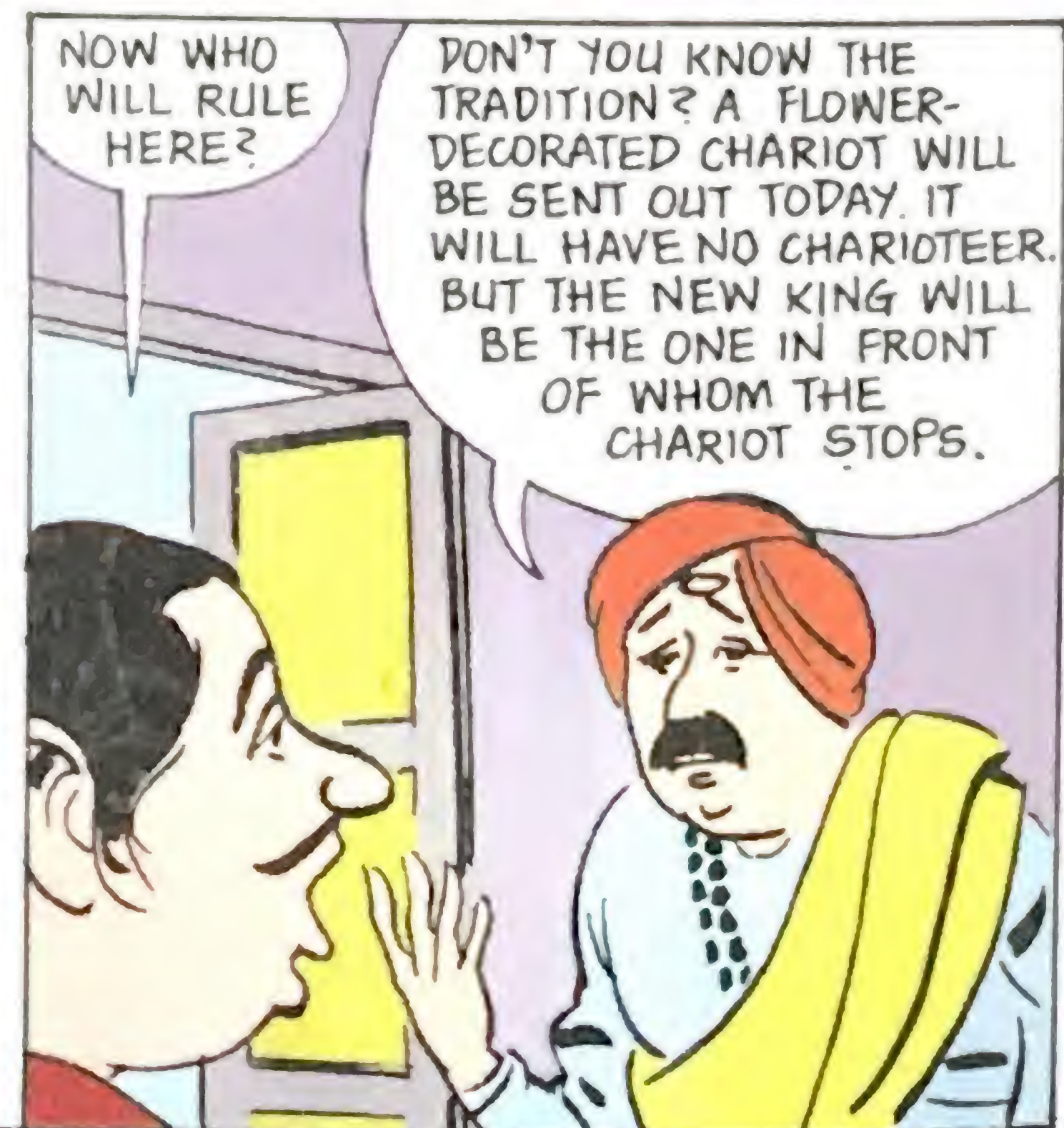
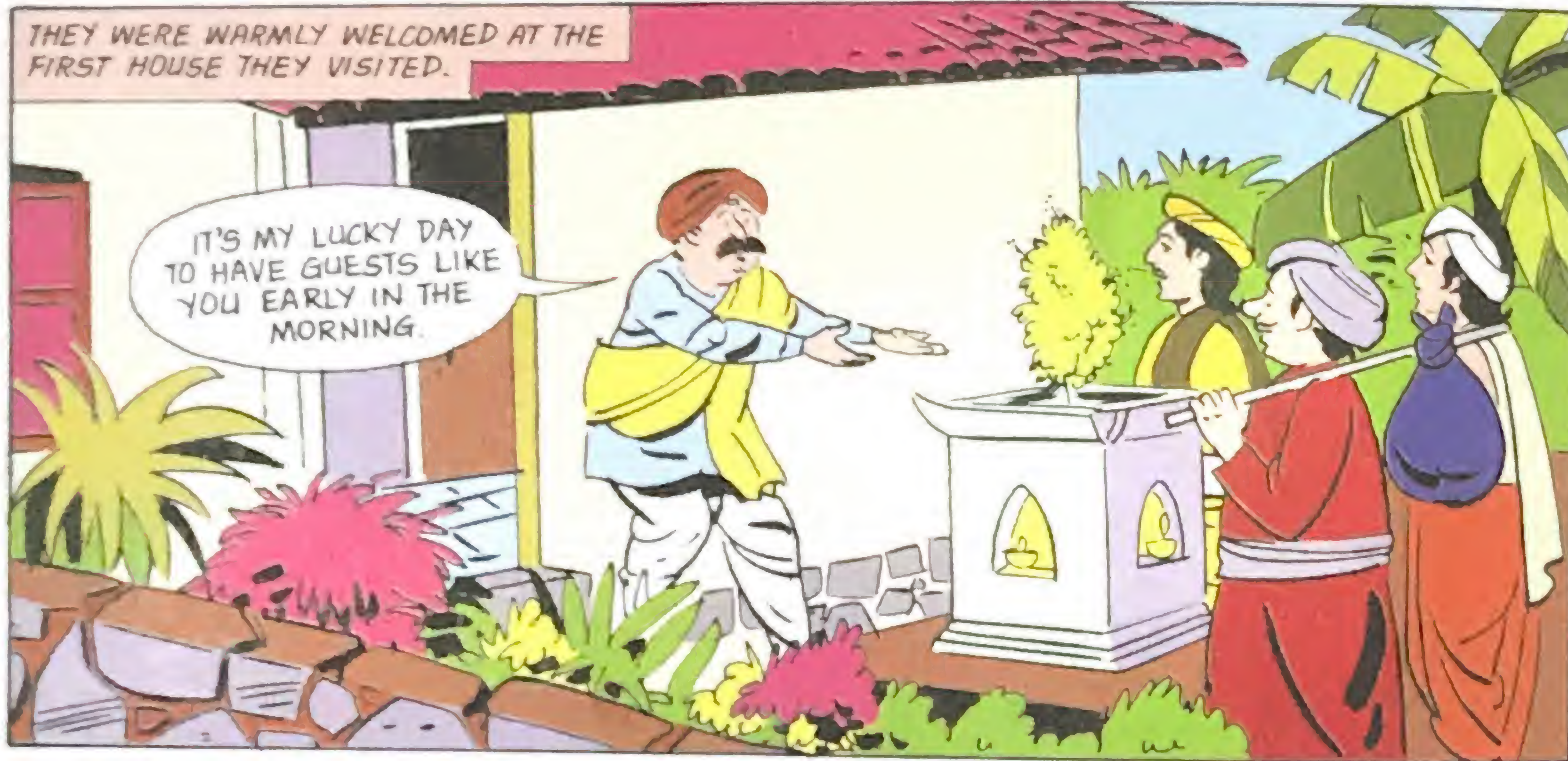


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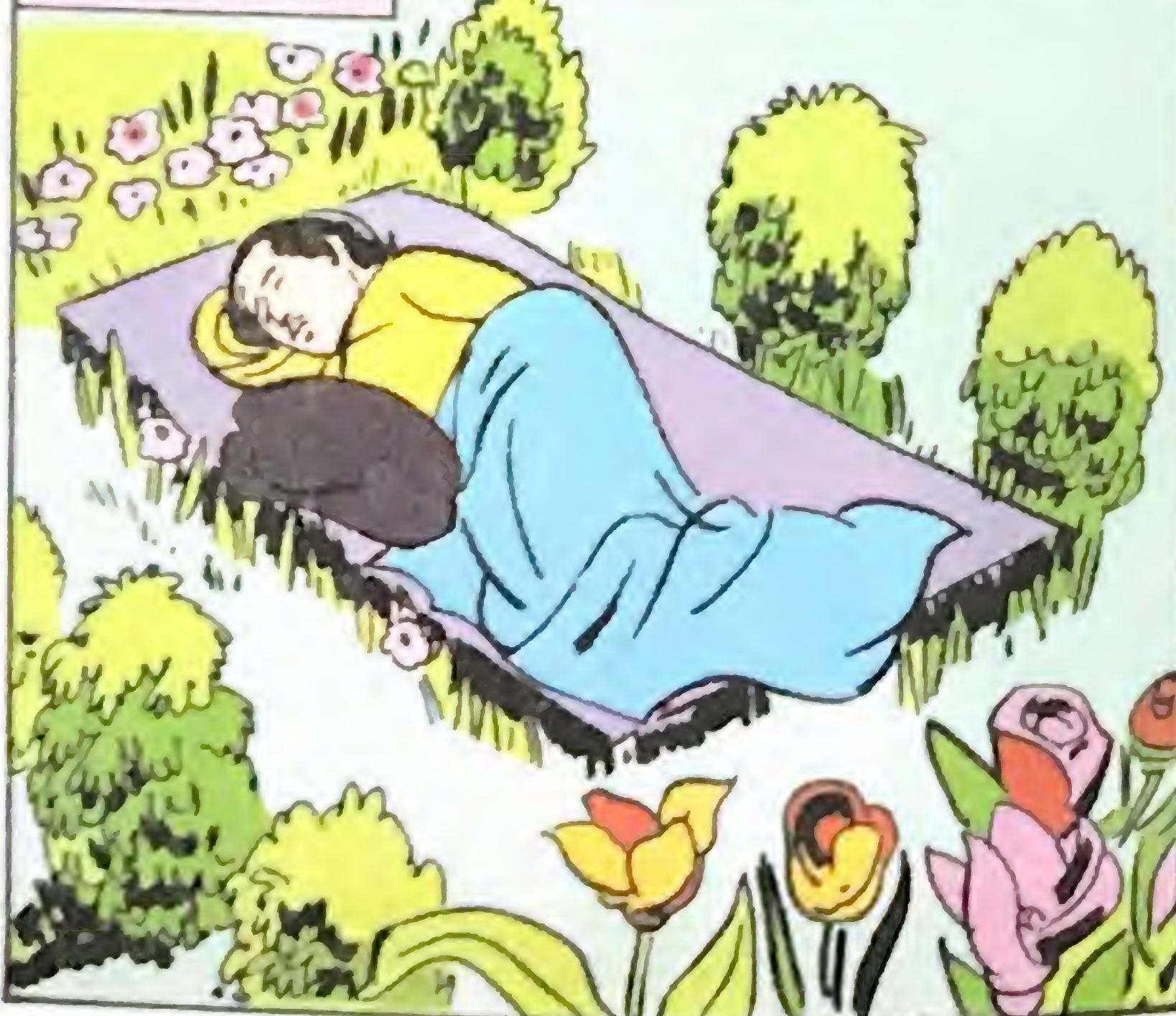
THEY WERE WARMLY WELCOMED AT THE FIRST HOUSE THEY VISITED.



THE THREE YOUNG MEN THANKED THEIR HOST FOR THE MEAL AND SET OUT. AFTER ROAMING FOR A WHILE —



NIGRODHA KUMAR SLEPT ON A STONE-SLAB IN THE PARK.



THE OTHER TWO SLEPT ON THE BROAD STEPS OUTSIDE THE PARK.



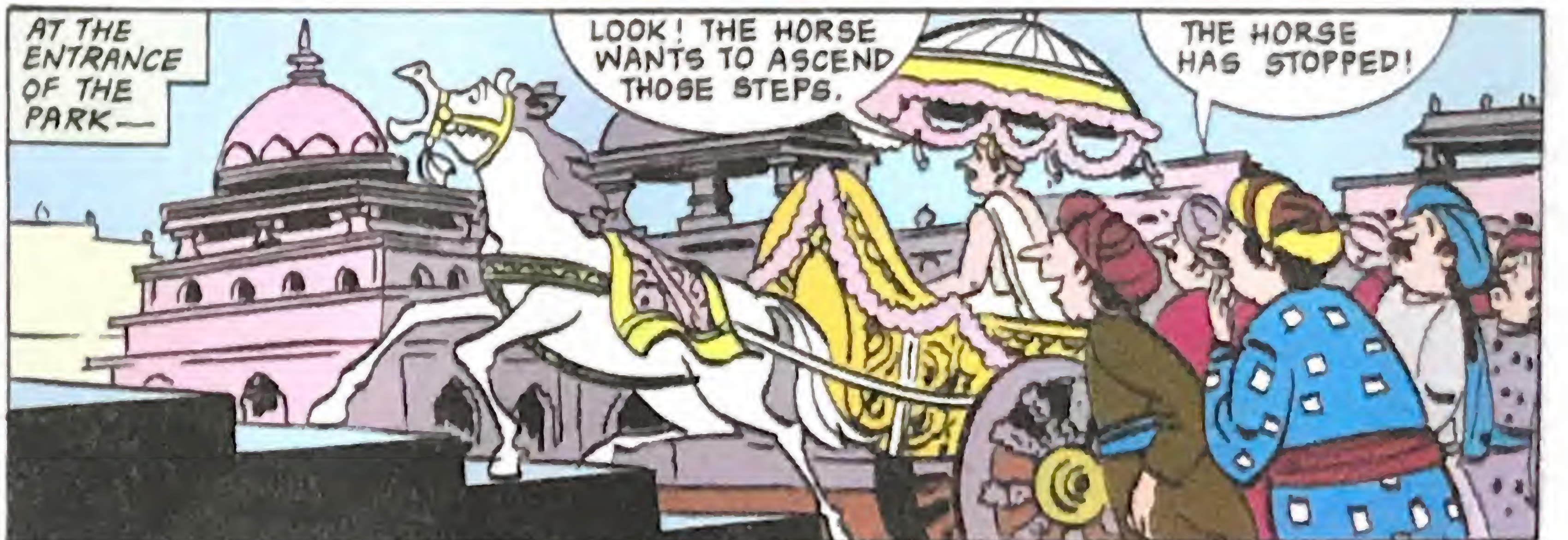
THEY DID NOT EVEN HEAR THE APPROACHING HUBBUB.



AN EXCITED MOB FOLLOWED THE DECORATED CHARIOT.



AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE PARK —

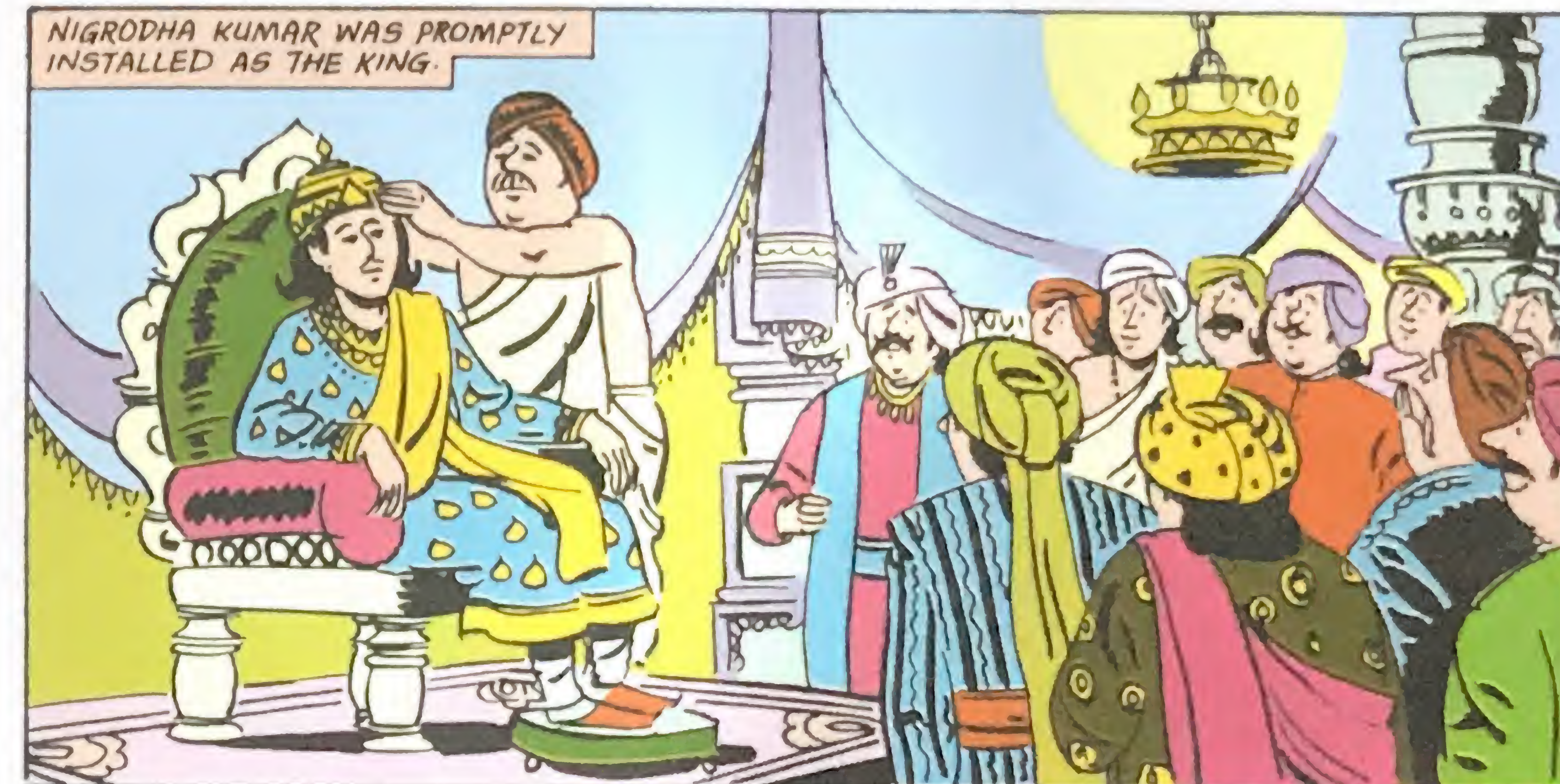
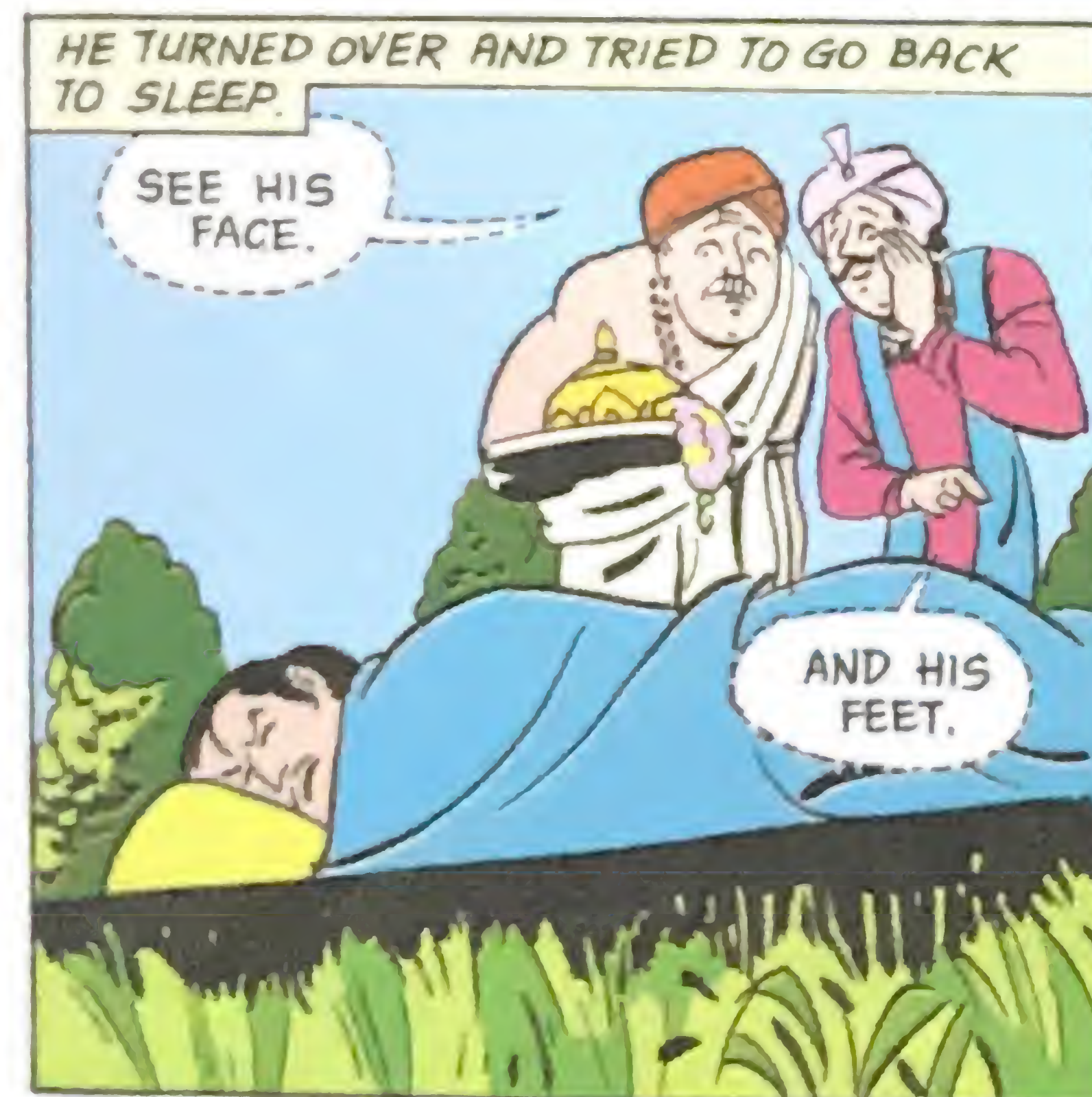


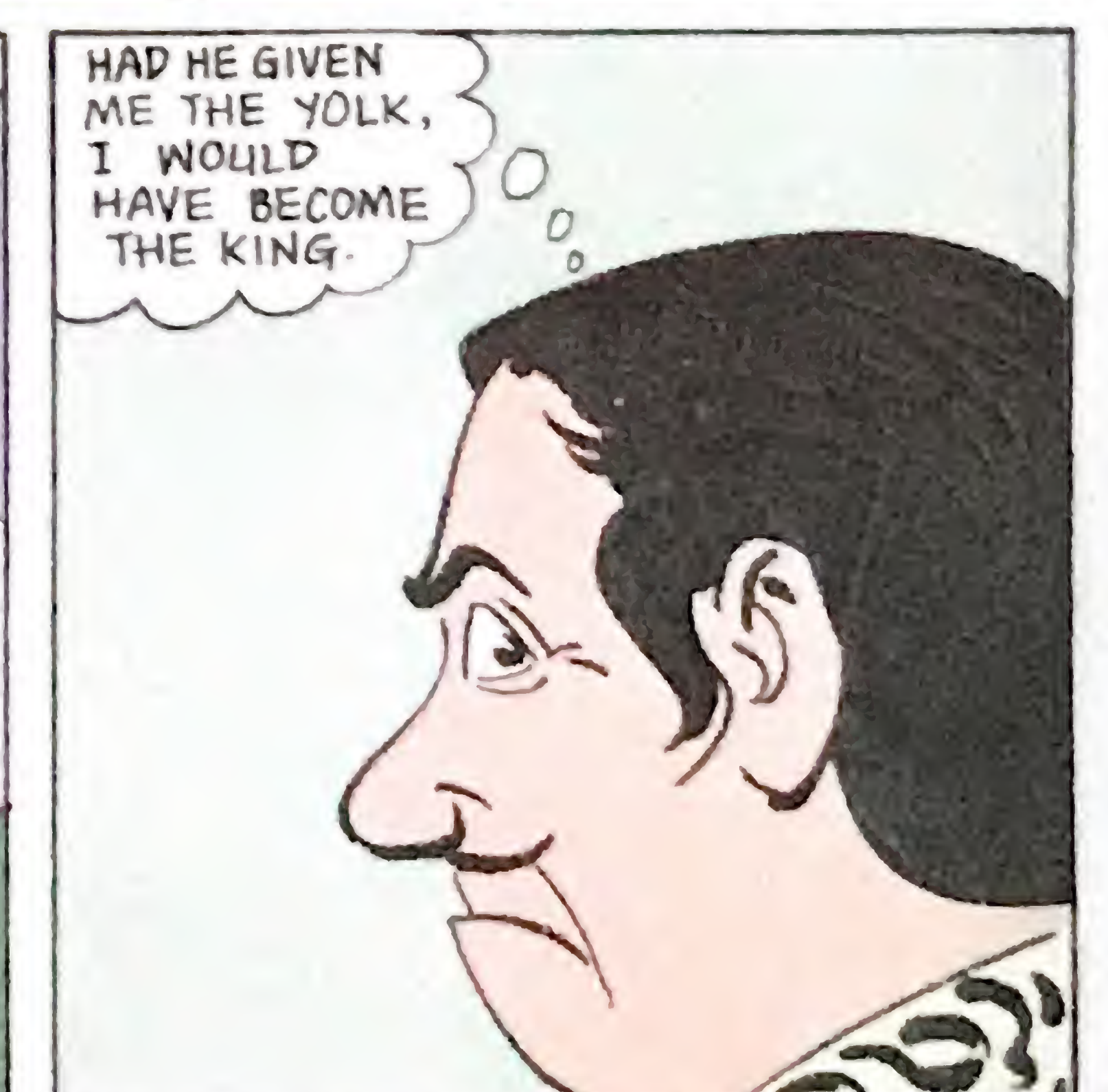
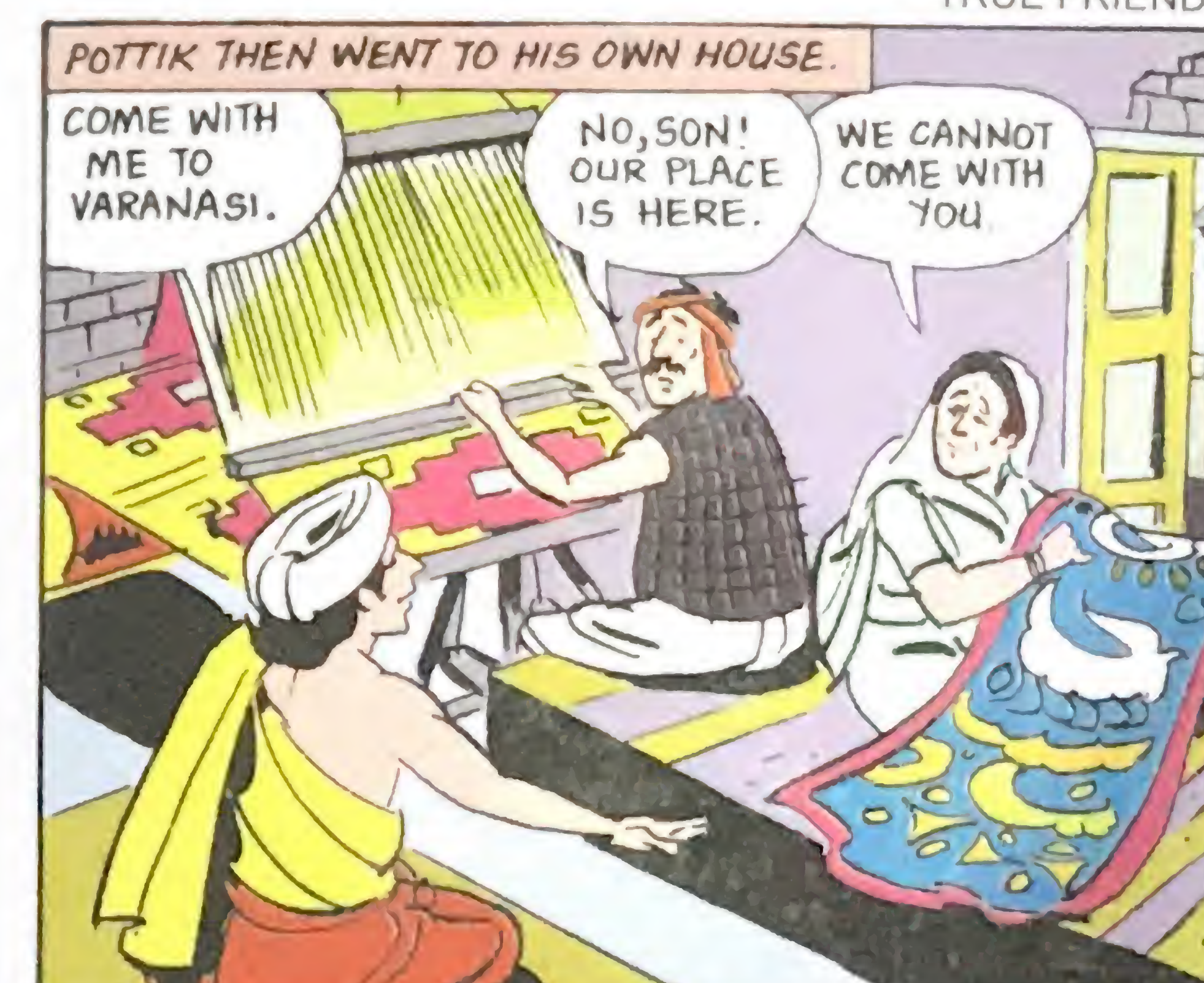
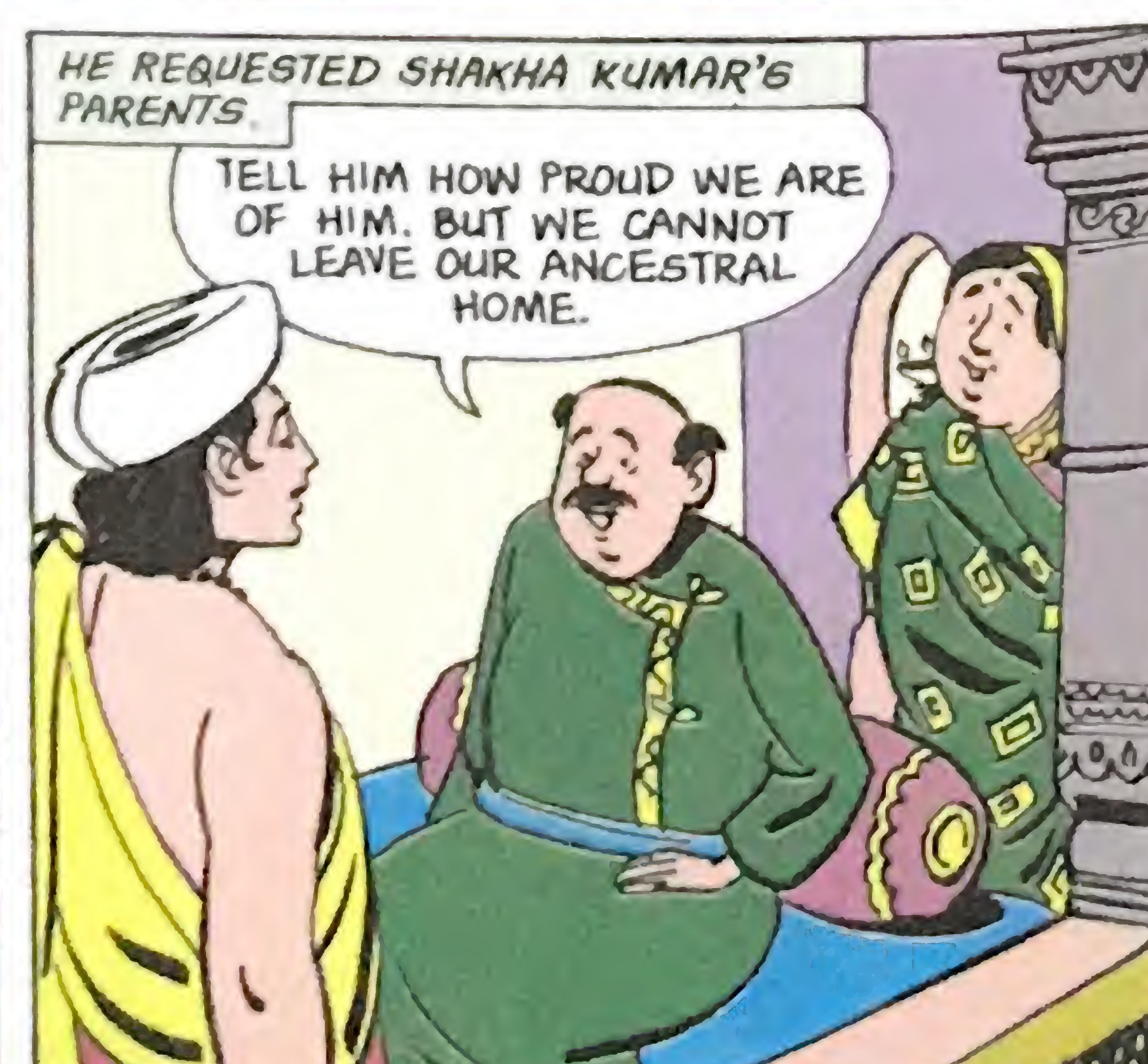
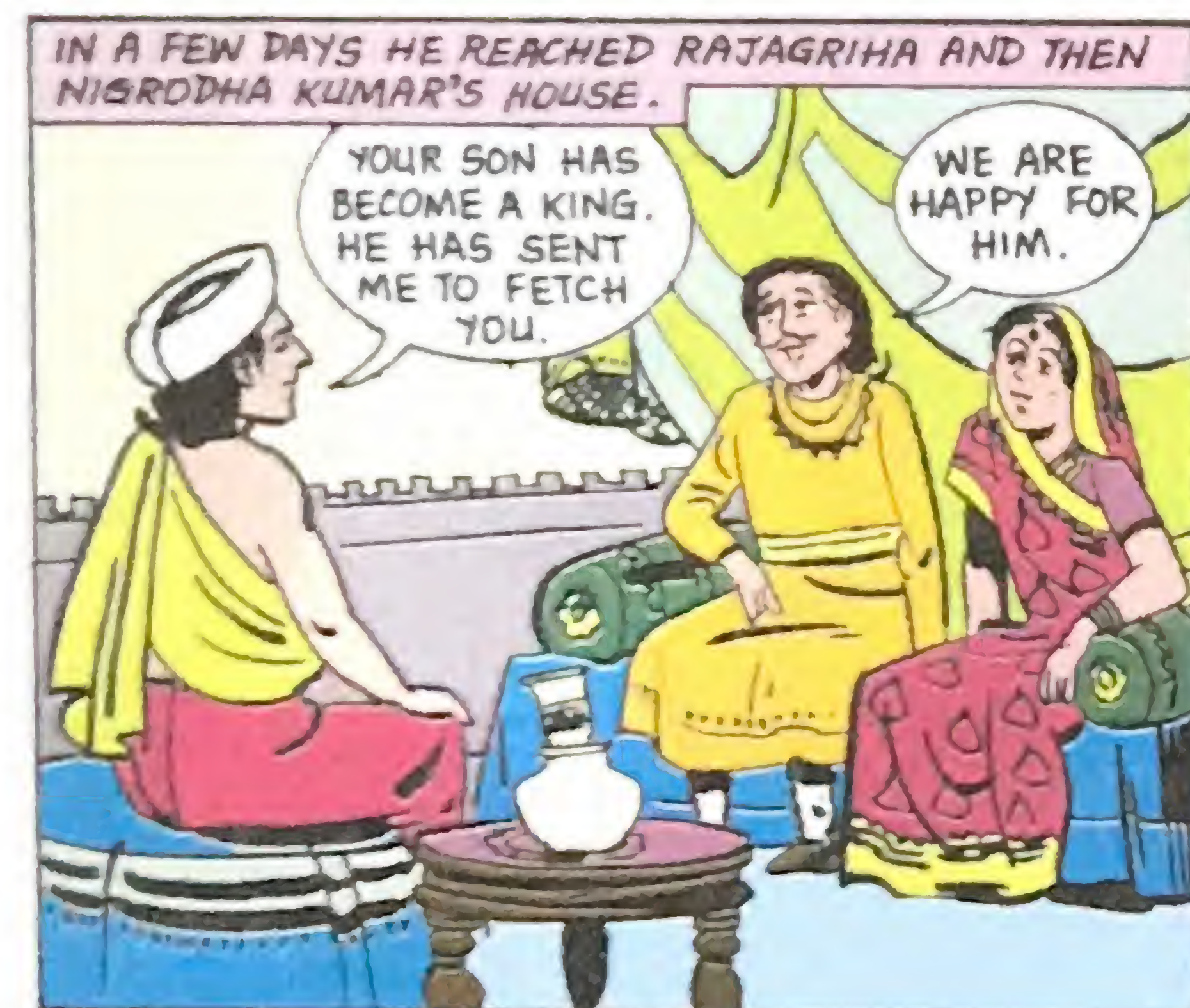
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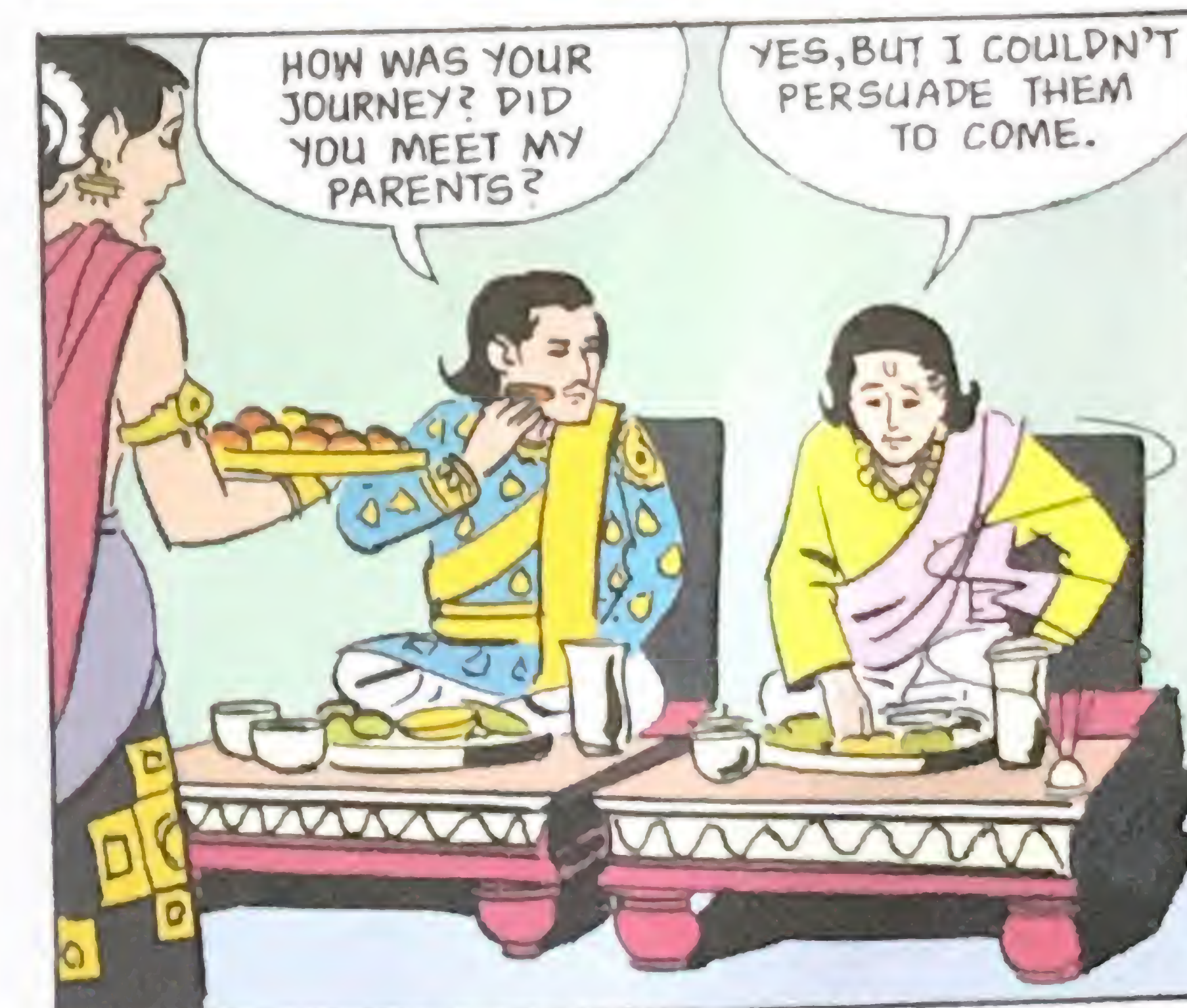
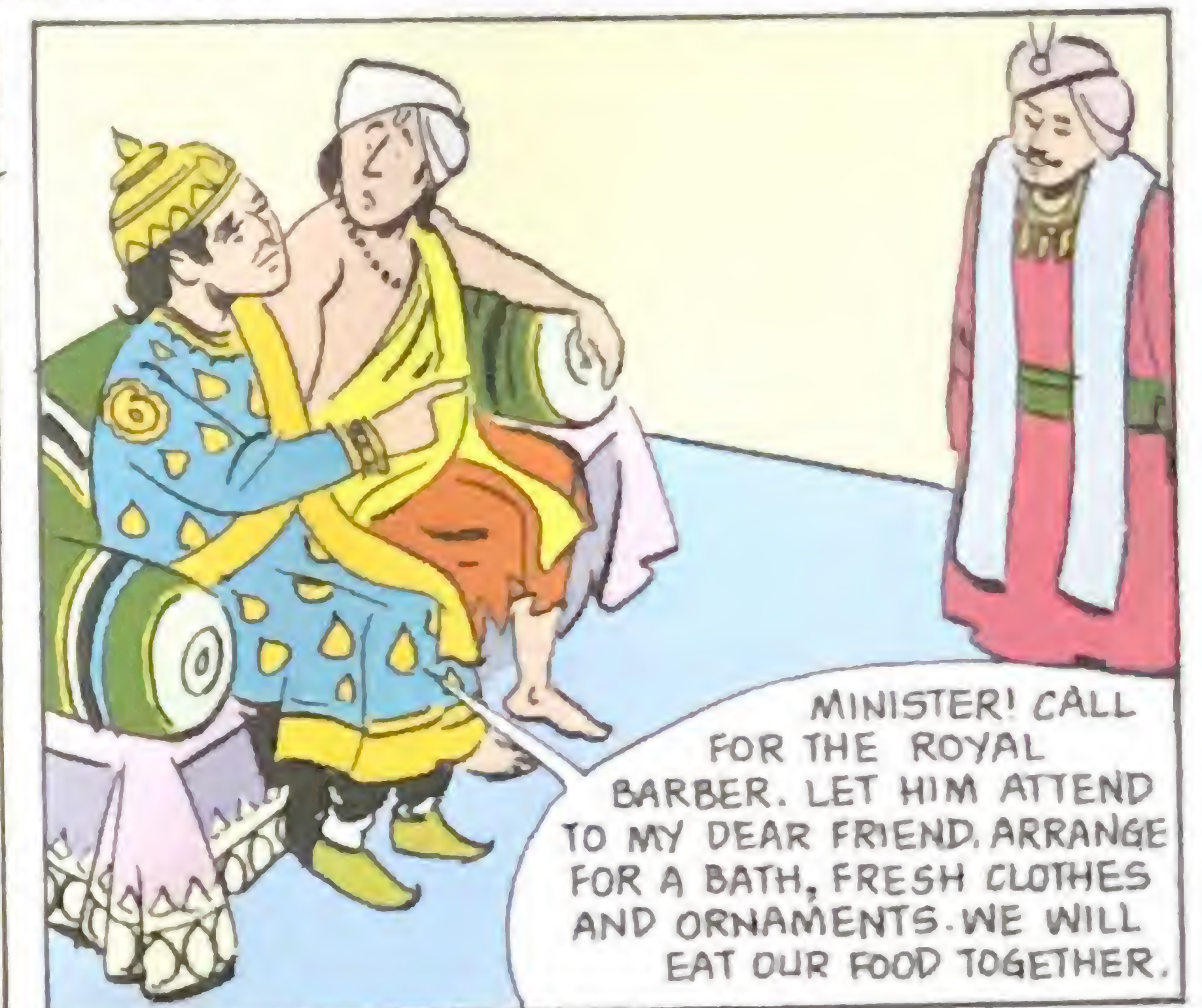
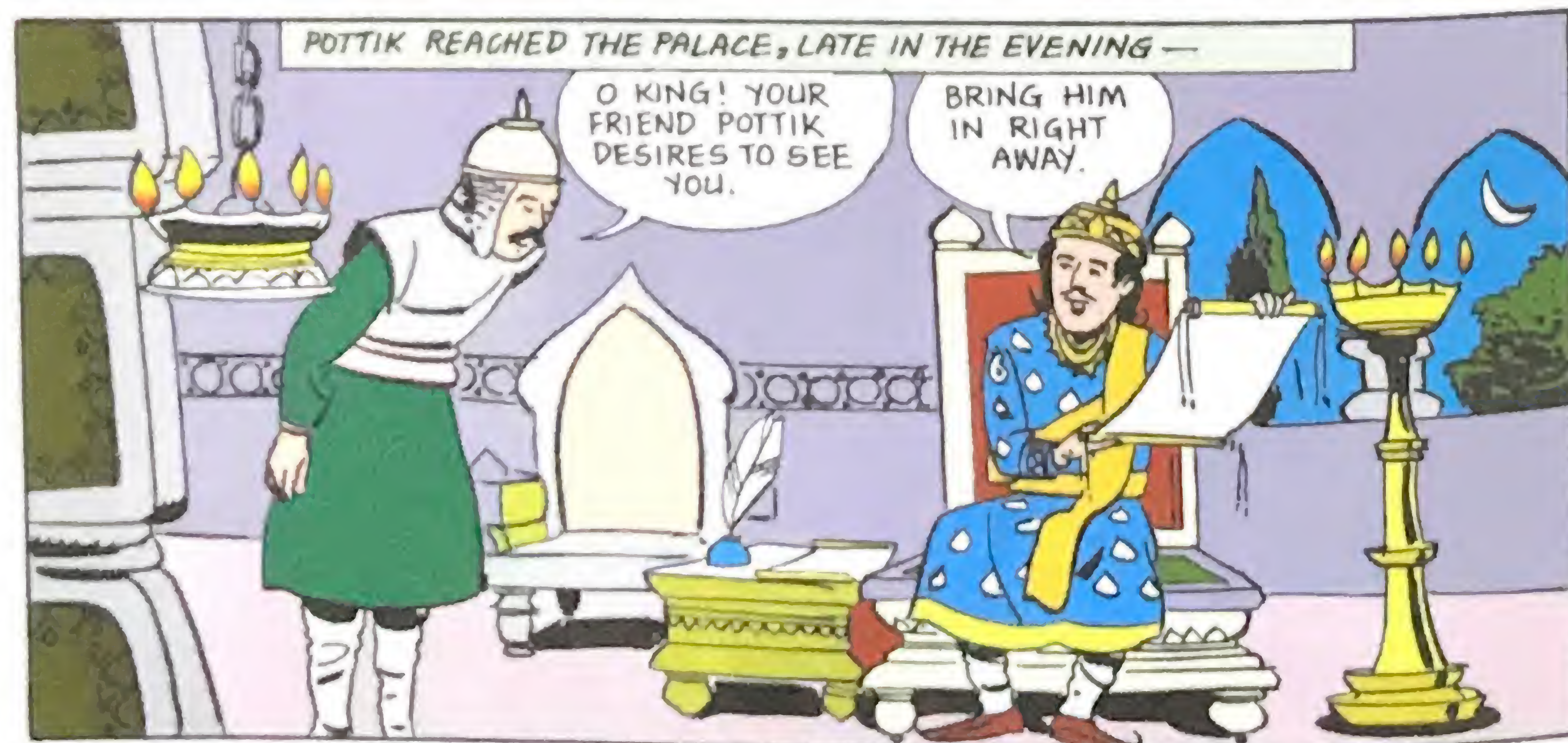


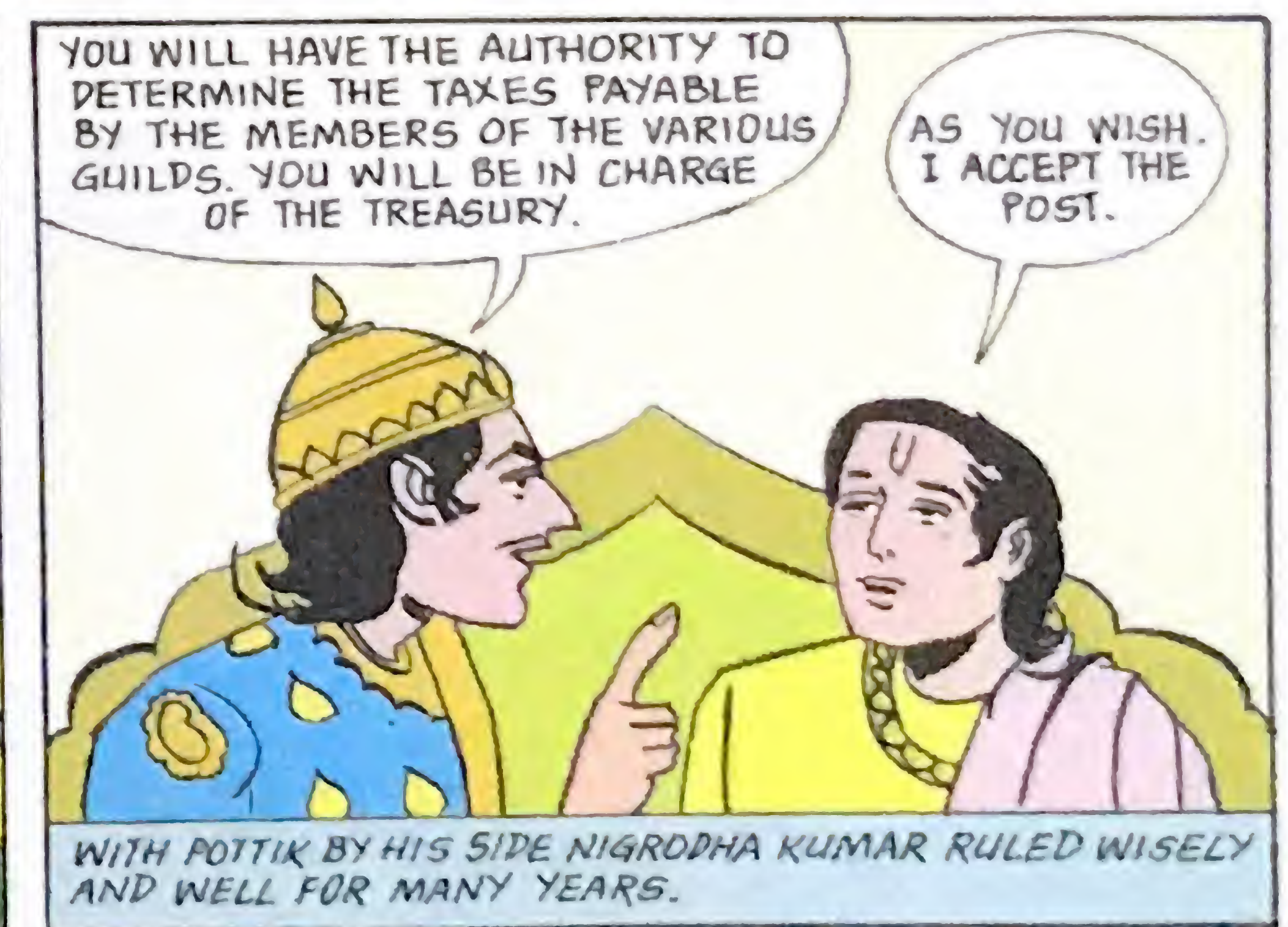
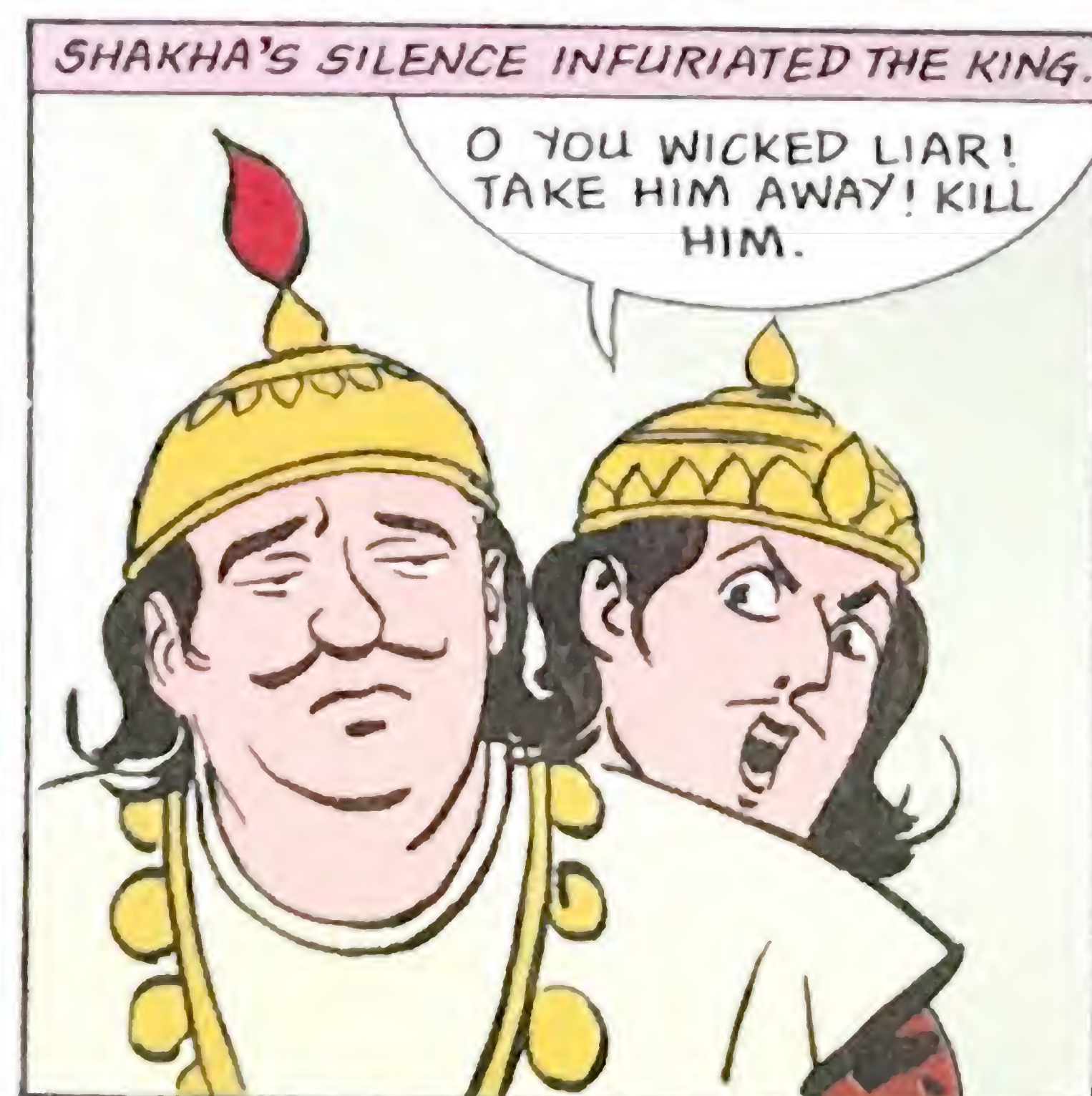
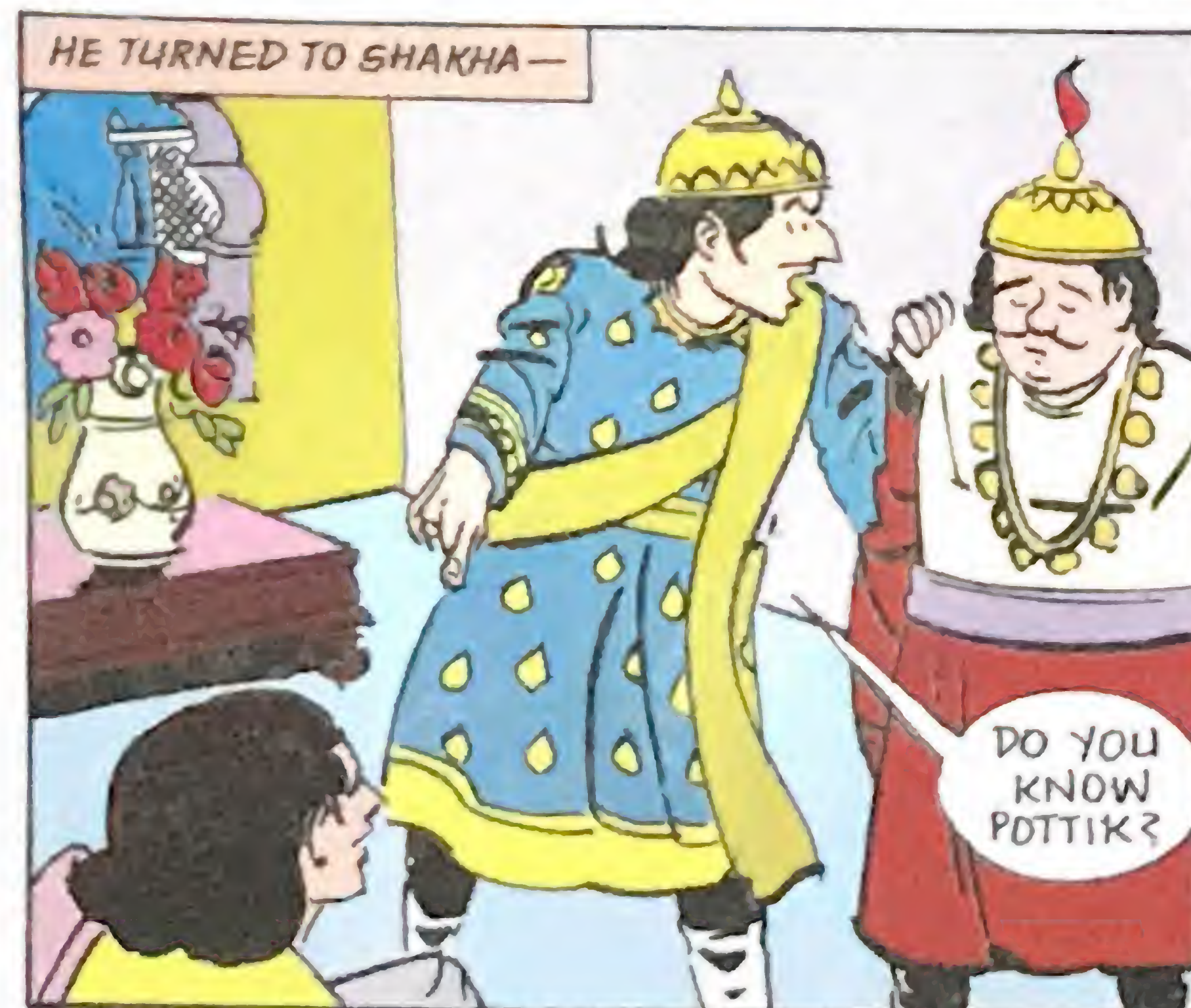
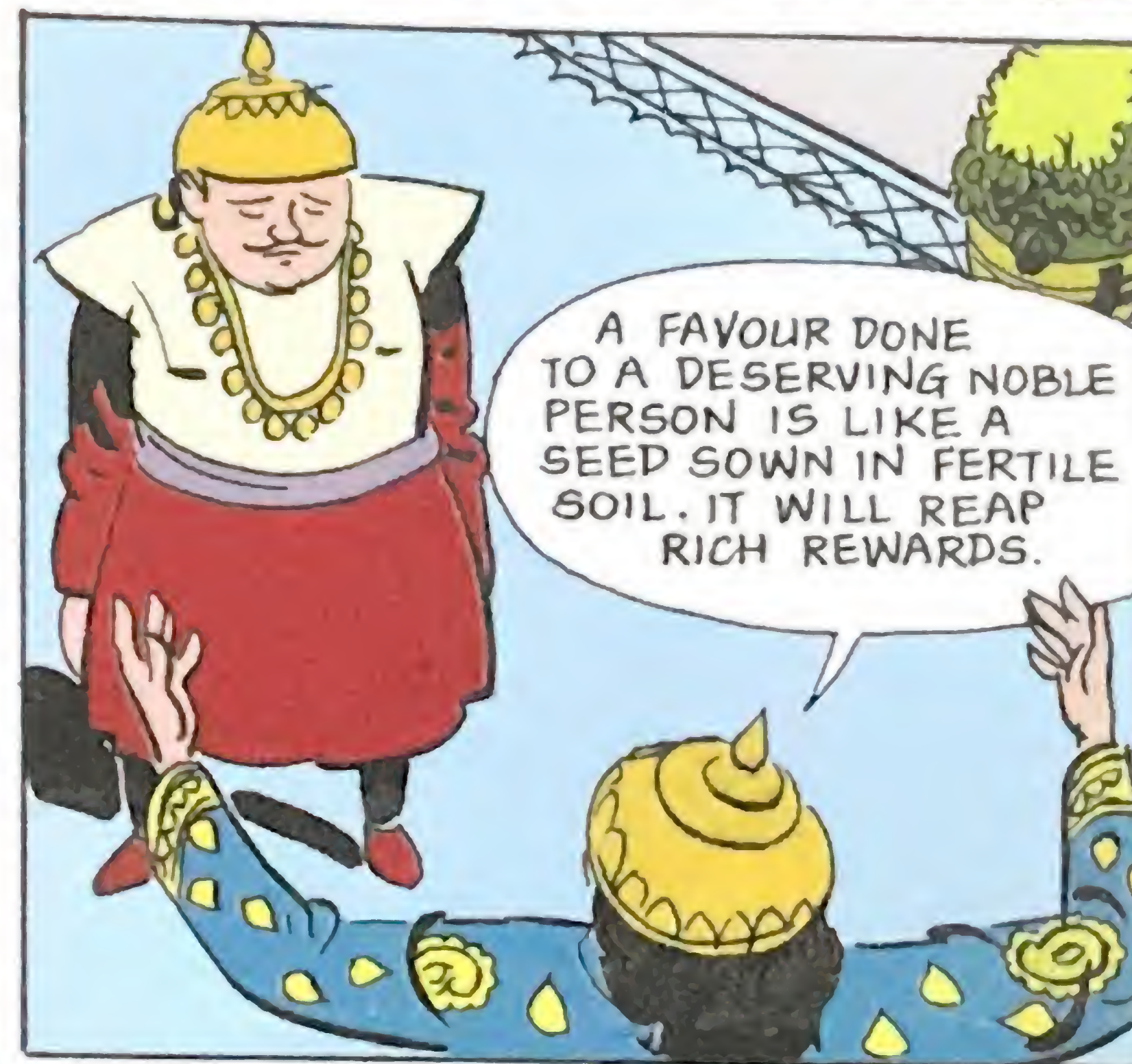
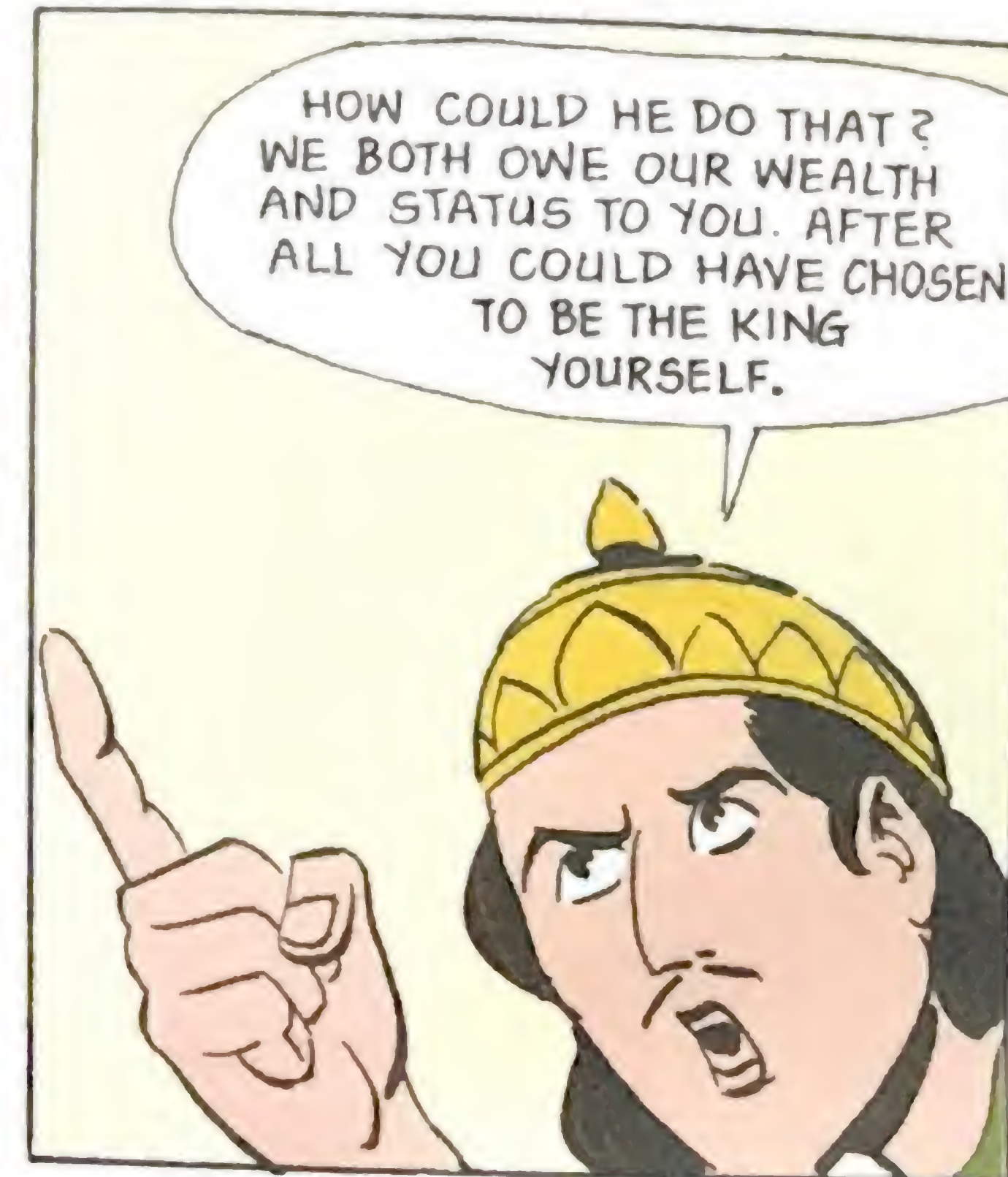
AH! WHAT A NOBLE FACE THIS YOUNG MAN HAS.







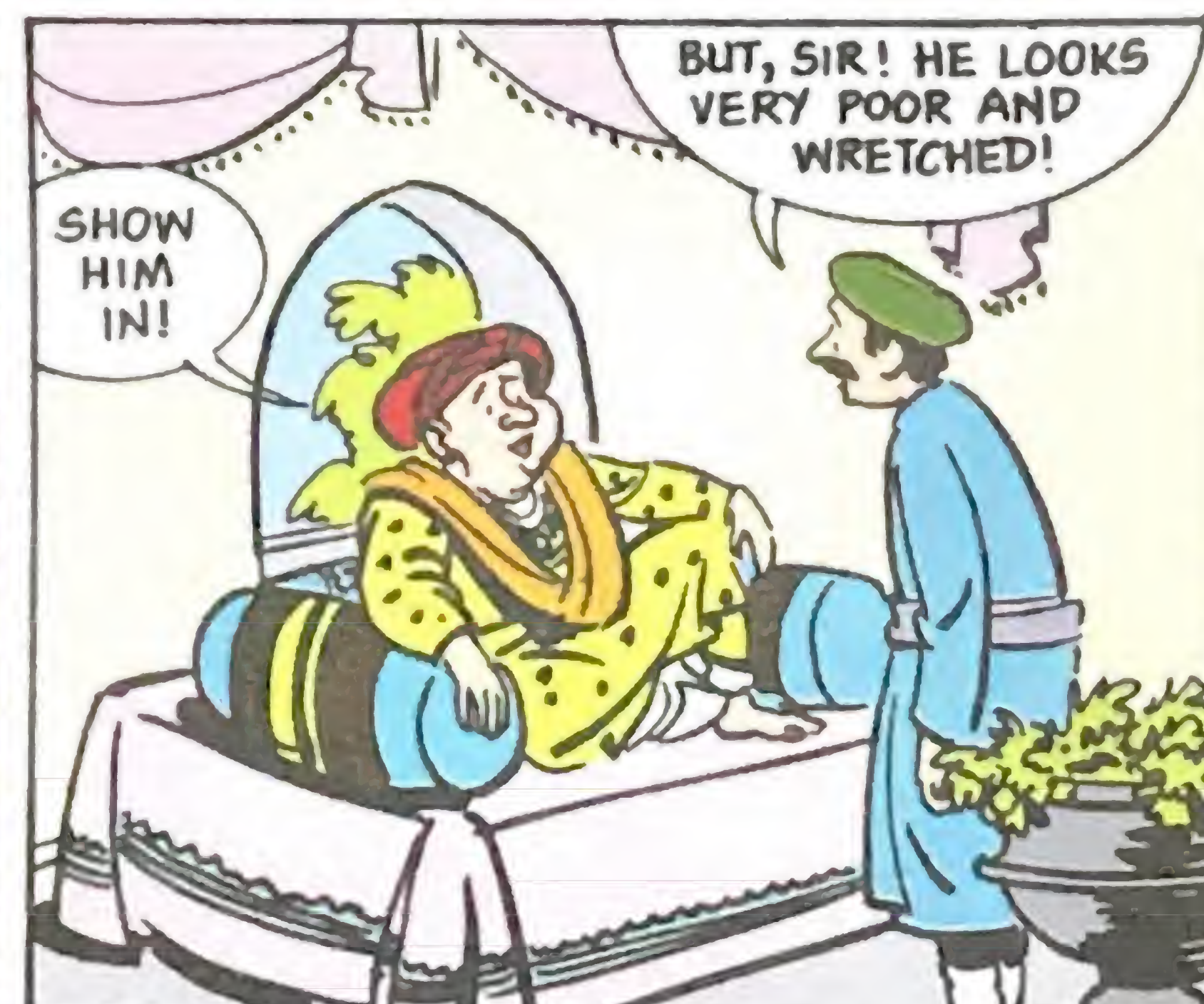
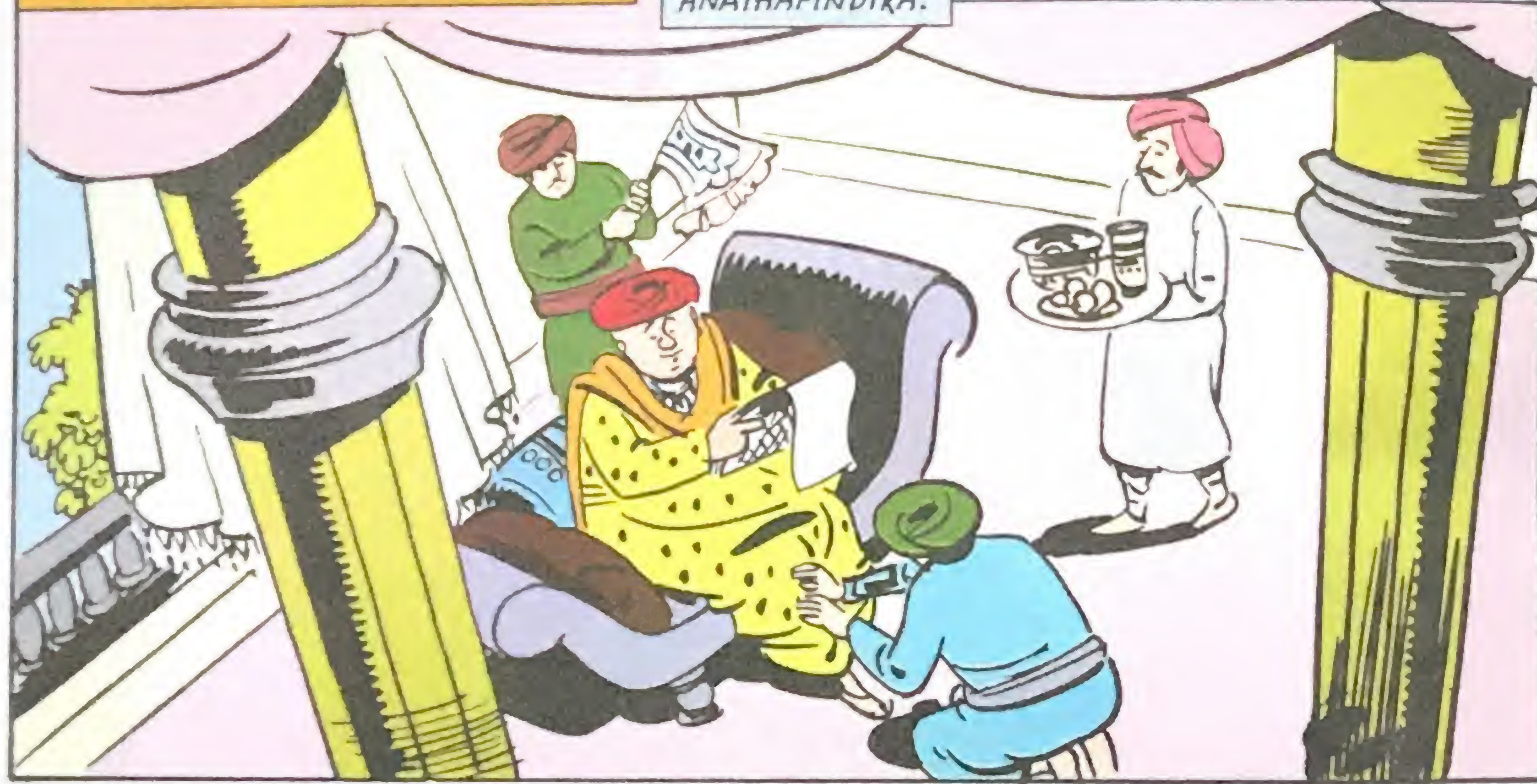




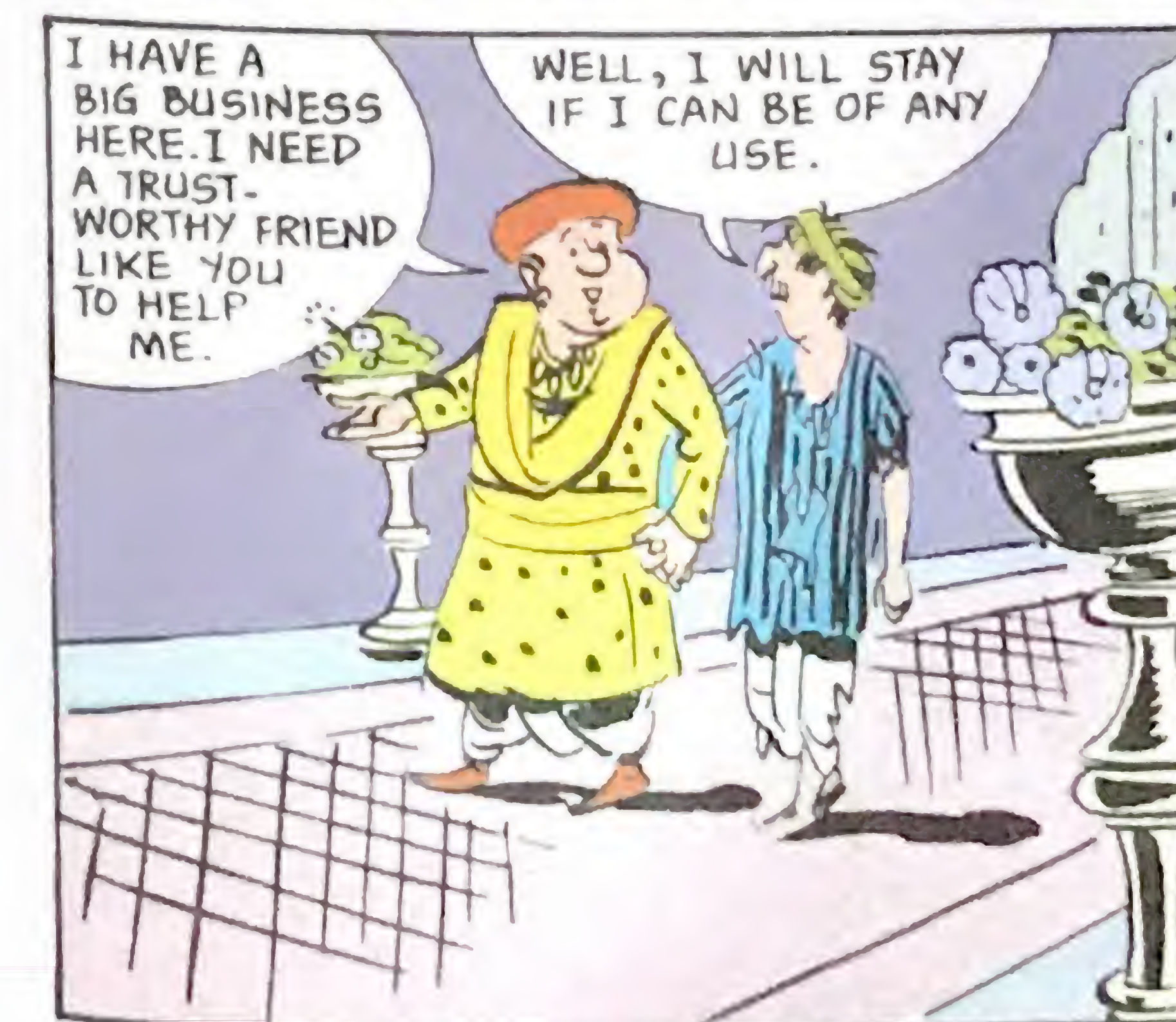
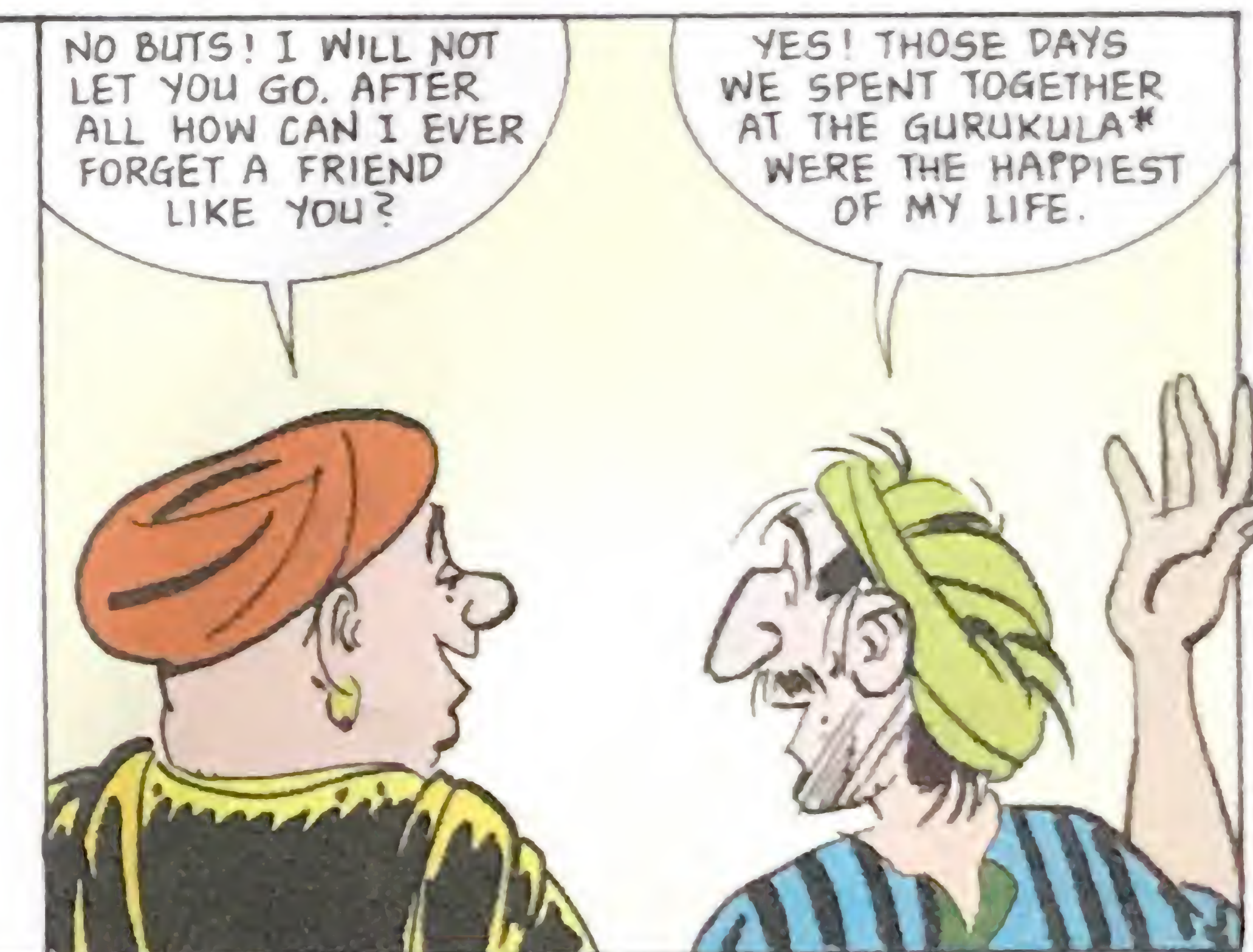
WITH POTTIK BY HIS SIDE NIGRODHA KUMAR RULED WISELY AND WELL FOR MANY YEARS.

KANNI, THE UNLUCKY *

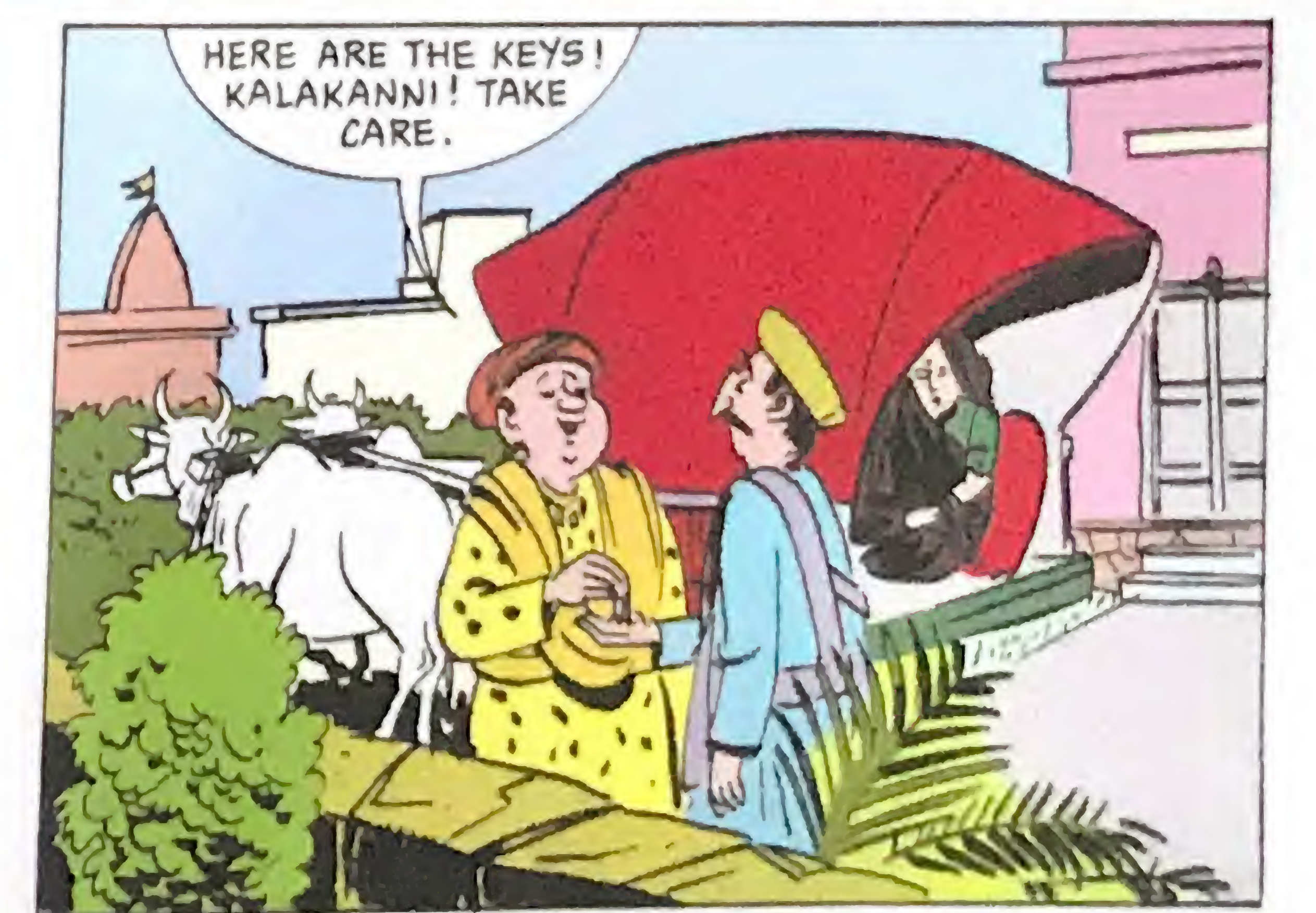
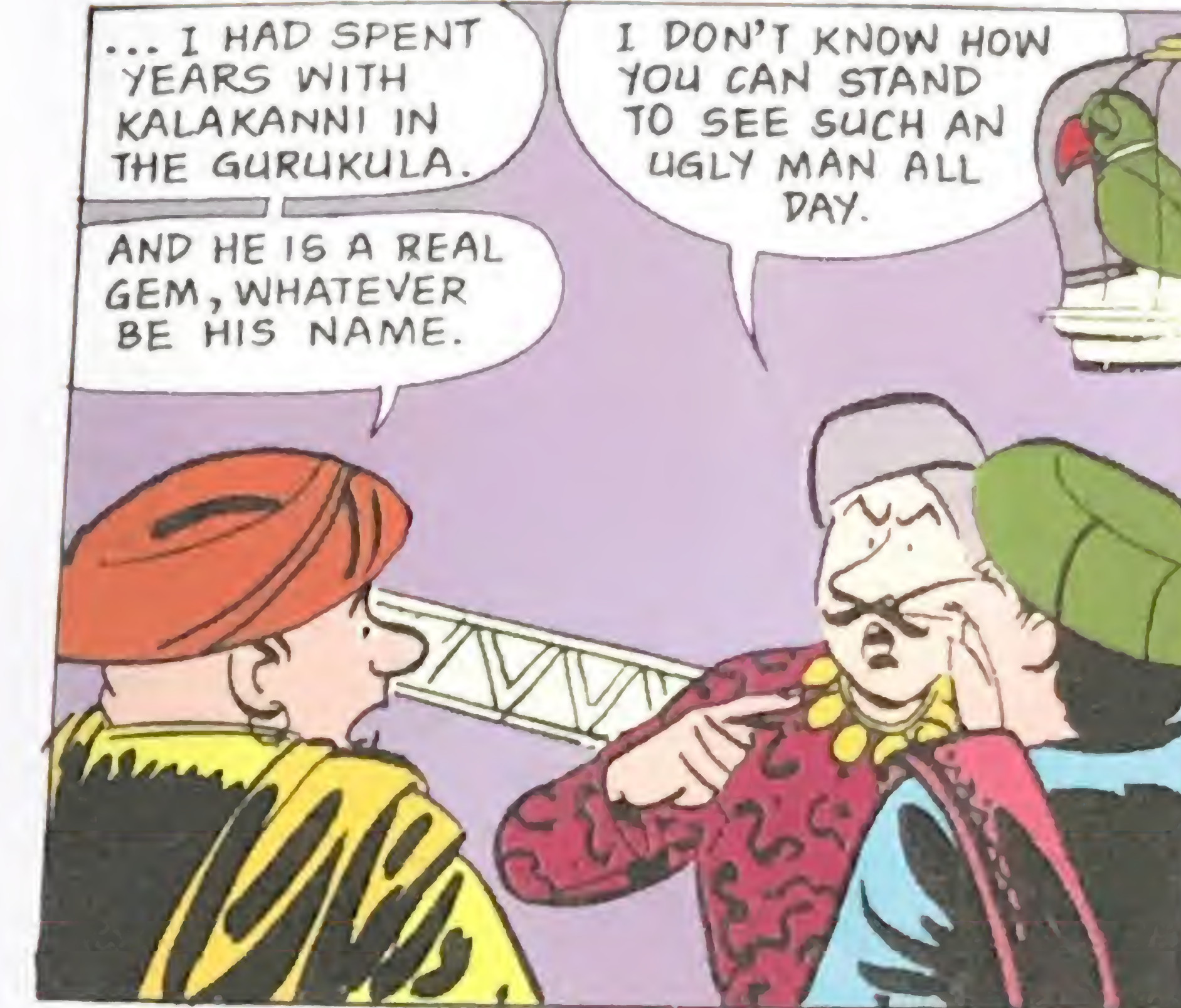
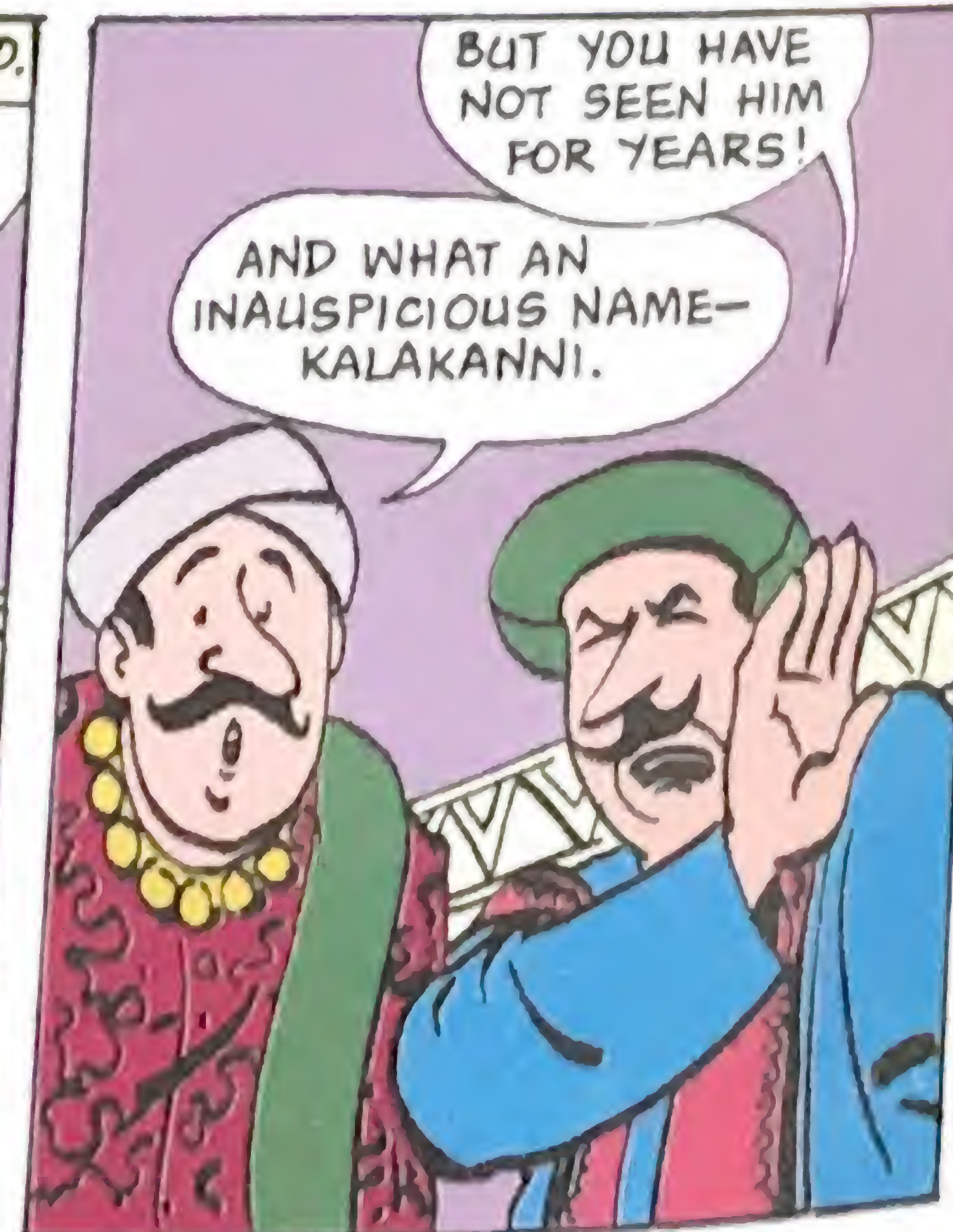
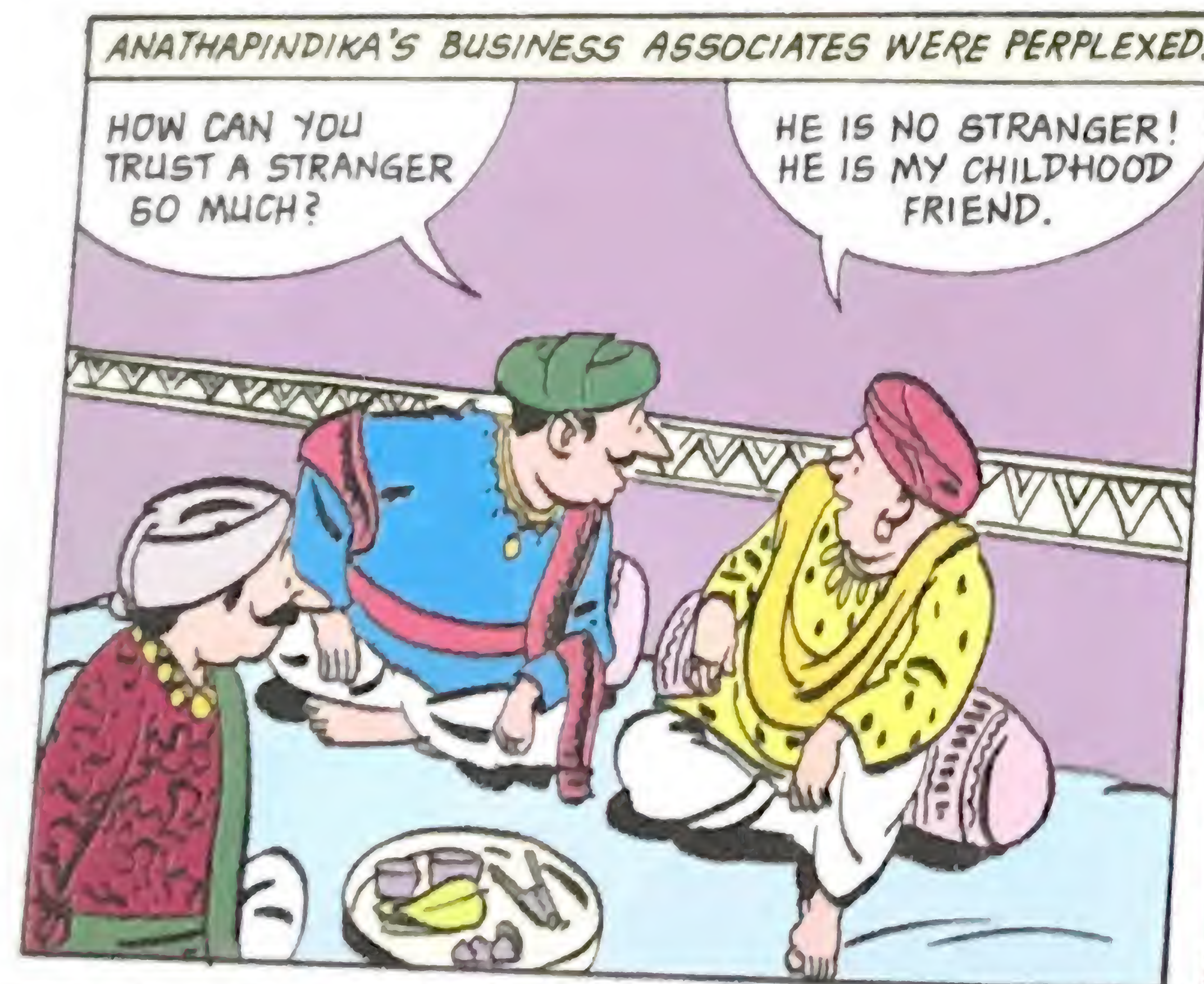
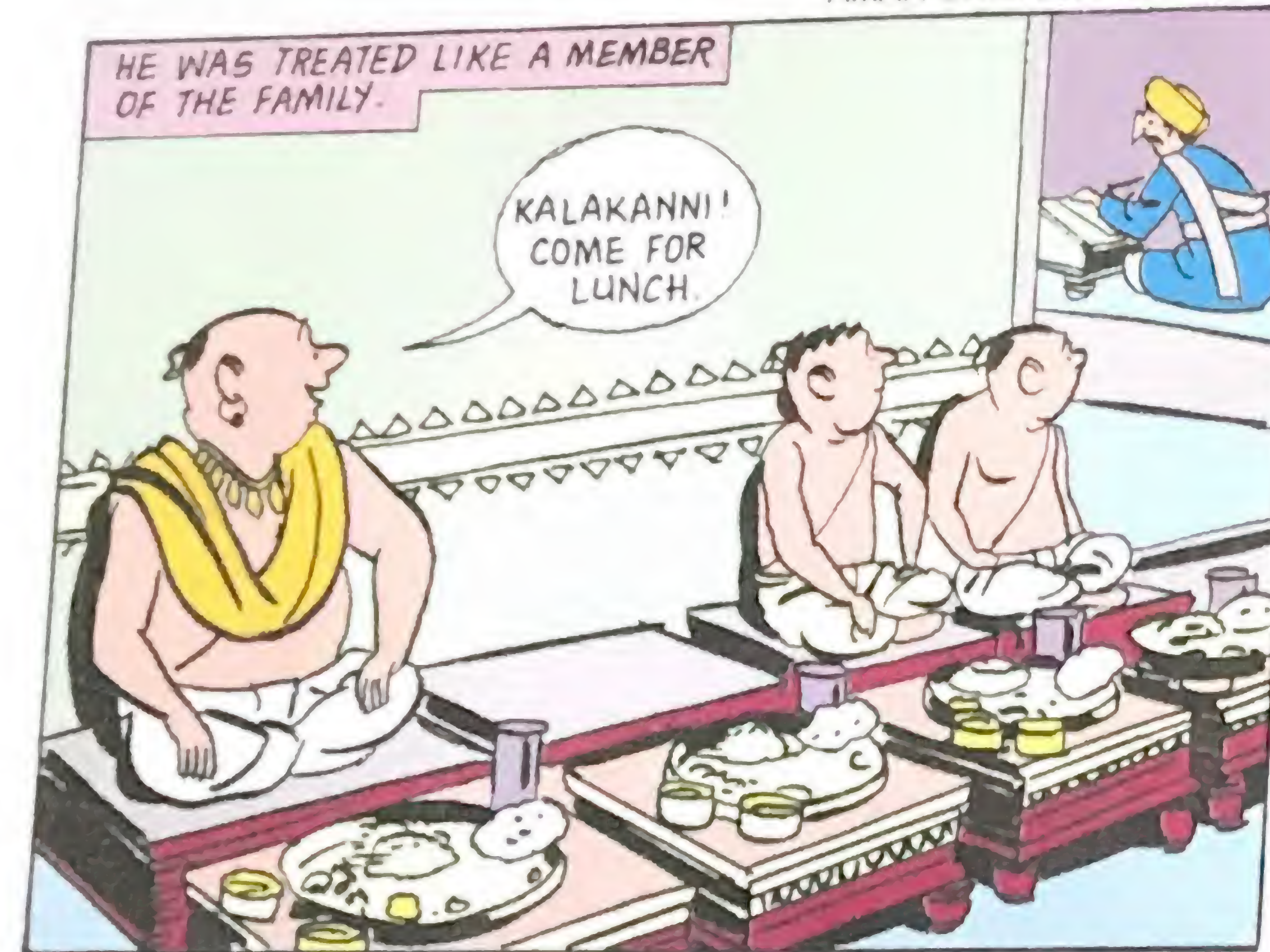
DURING THE REIGN OF BRAHMADATTA IN VARANASI, THERE LIVED A PROSPEROUS MERCHANT CALLED ANATHAPINDIKA.

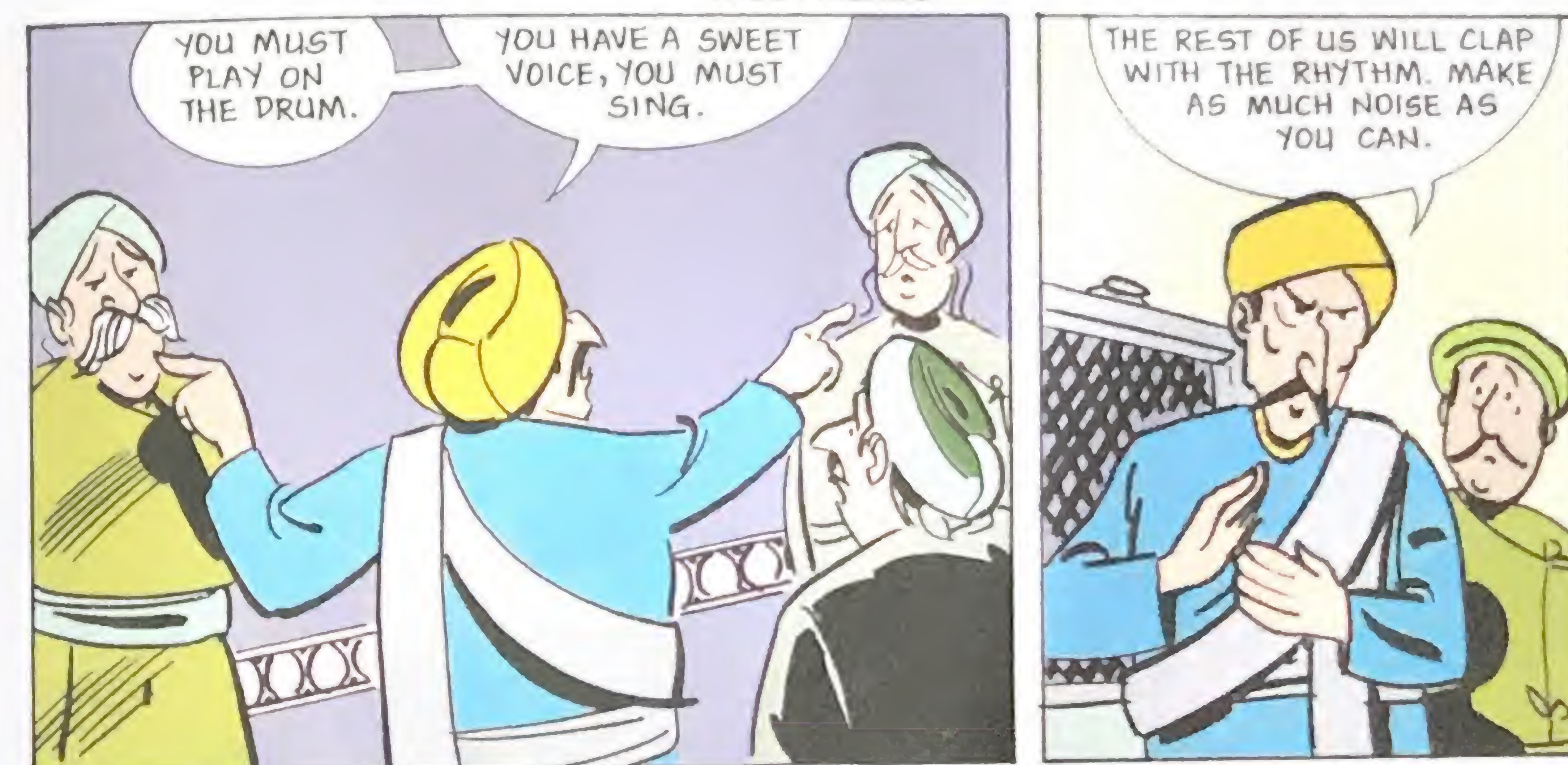
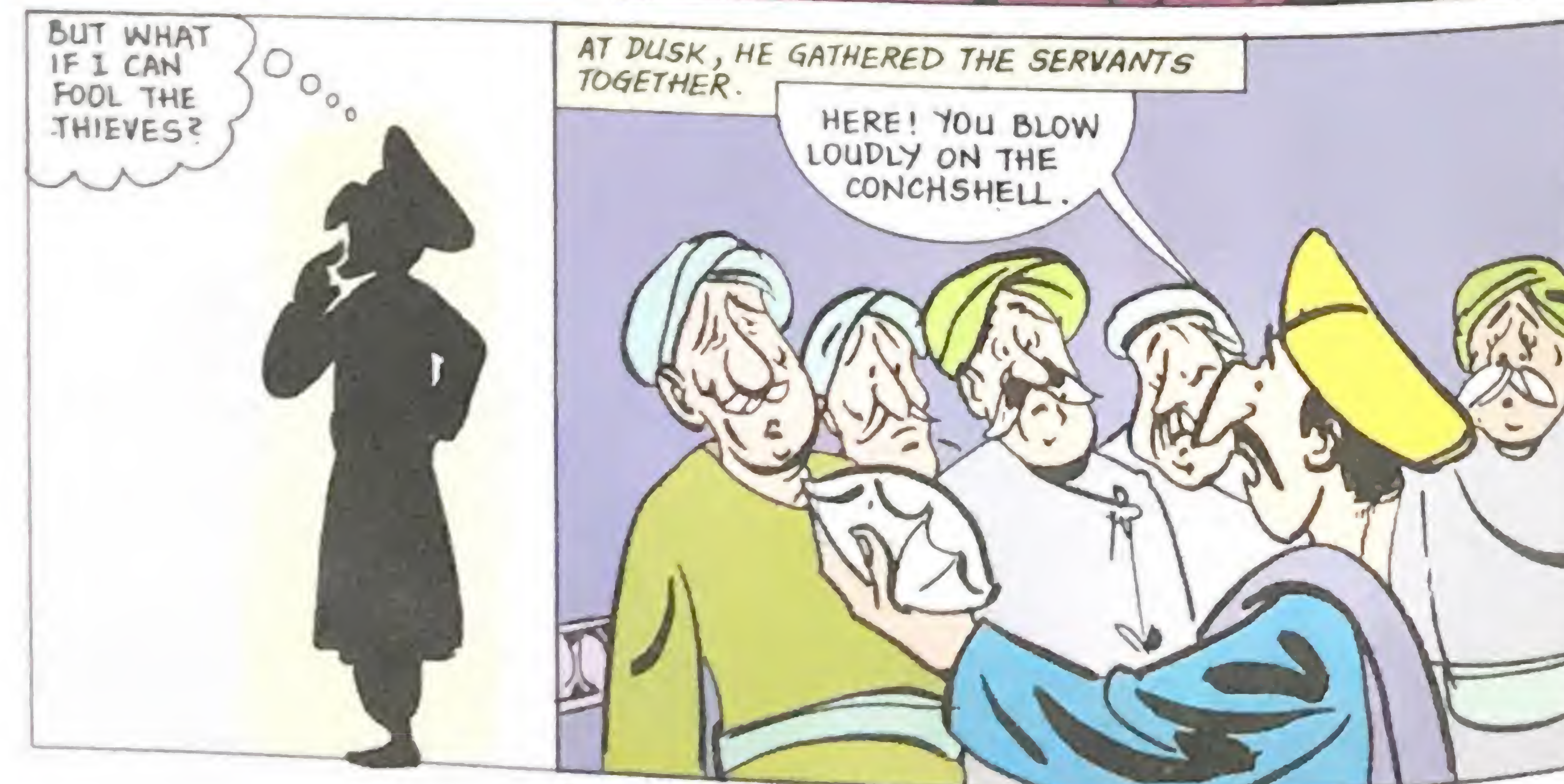


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* HERMITAGE OF THE GURU.







A MONK IN NEED* IS A FRIEND INDEED

ONE DAY KING BRAHMADATTA OF VARANASI AND HIS SON WERE BUSY DISCUSSING MATTERS OF STATE.



