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A JATAKA TALE OF WIT AND WISDOM

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All living creatures die to be born again, so the Hindus believe. The Buddha was no exception. Legend has it that several lifetimes as a Bodhisattva went into the making of the Buddha, the Enlightened one.

The Bodhisattva came in many forms—man, monkey, deer, elephant, lion. Whatever his mortal body, he spread the message of justice and wisdom, tempered with compassion. This wisdom, the wisdom of right thinking and right living, is preserved in the Jataka tales.

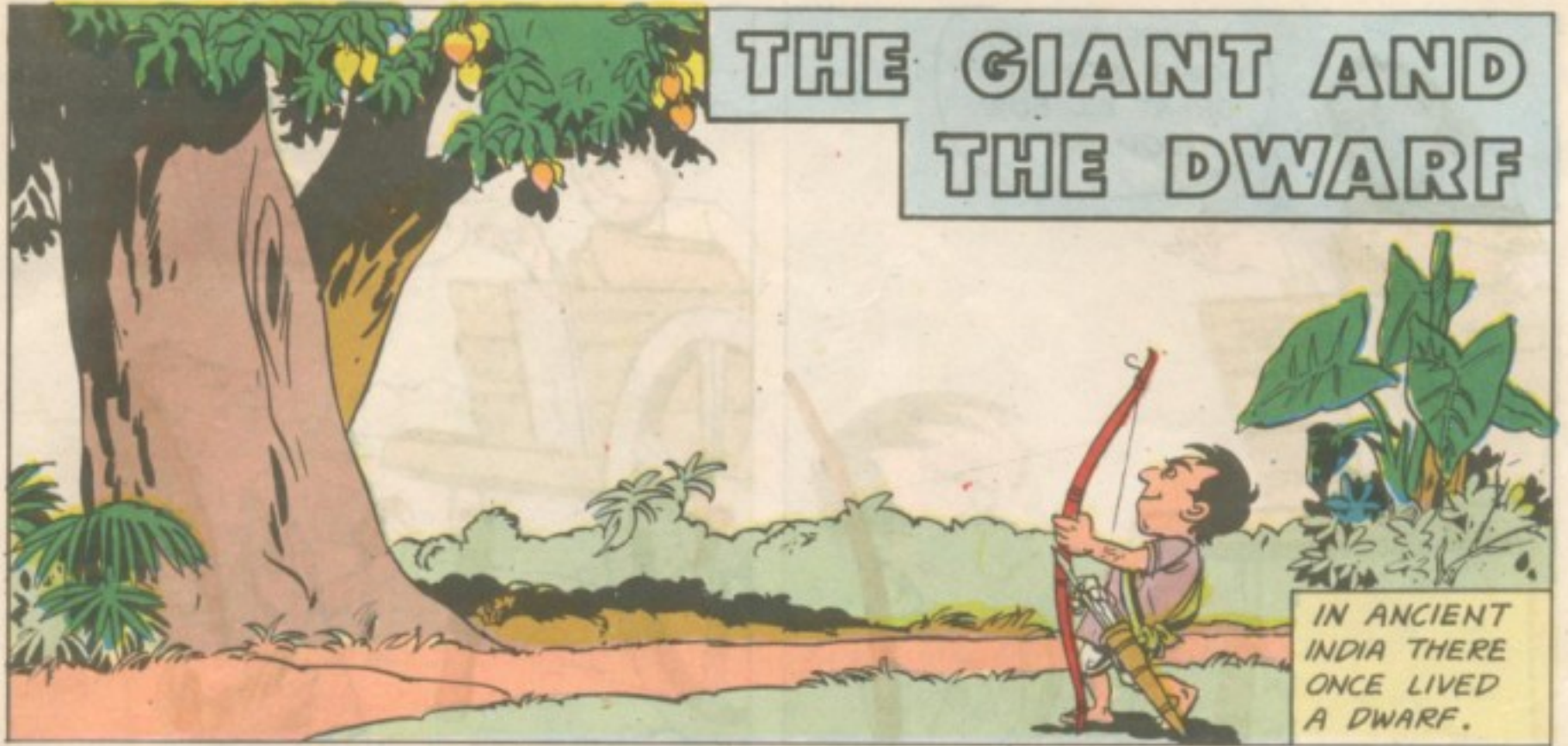
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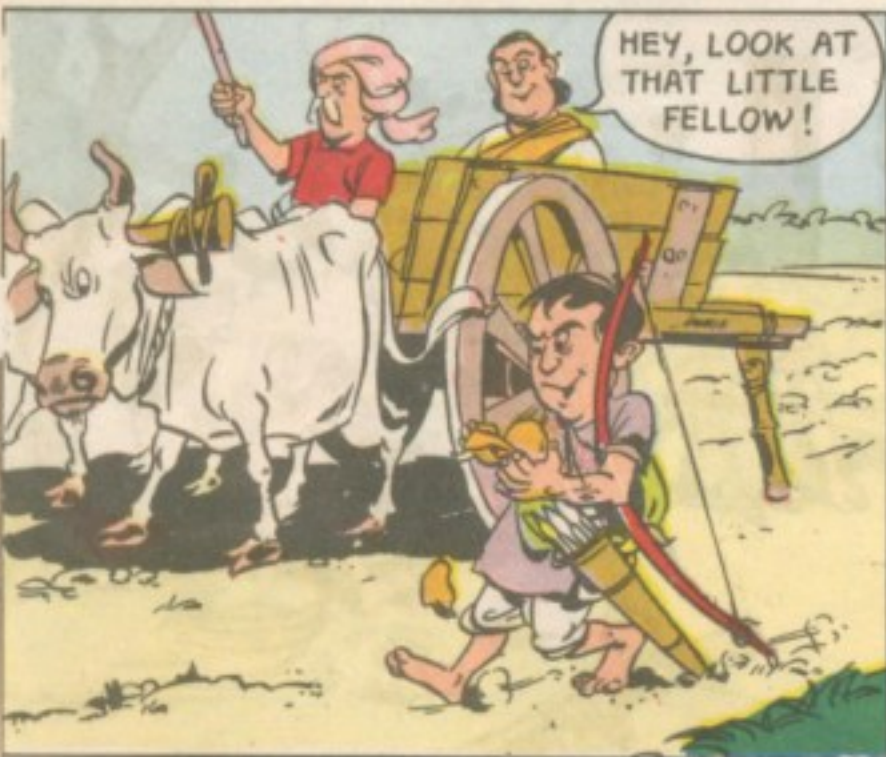
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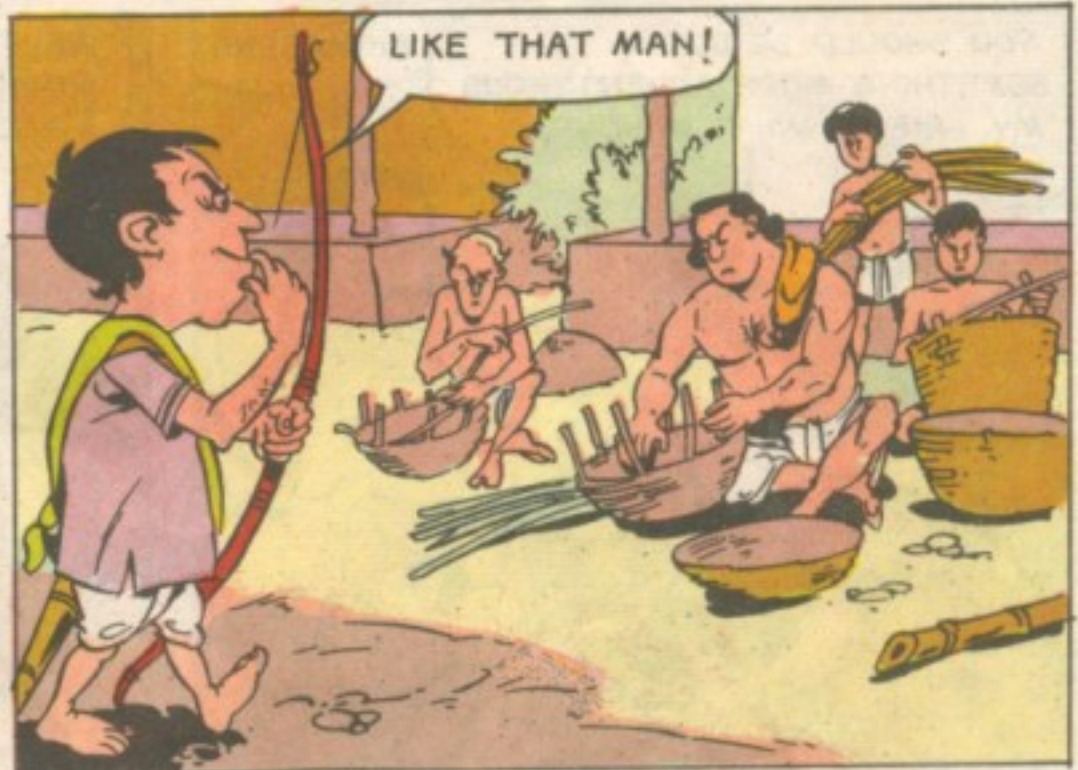
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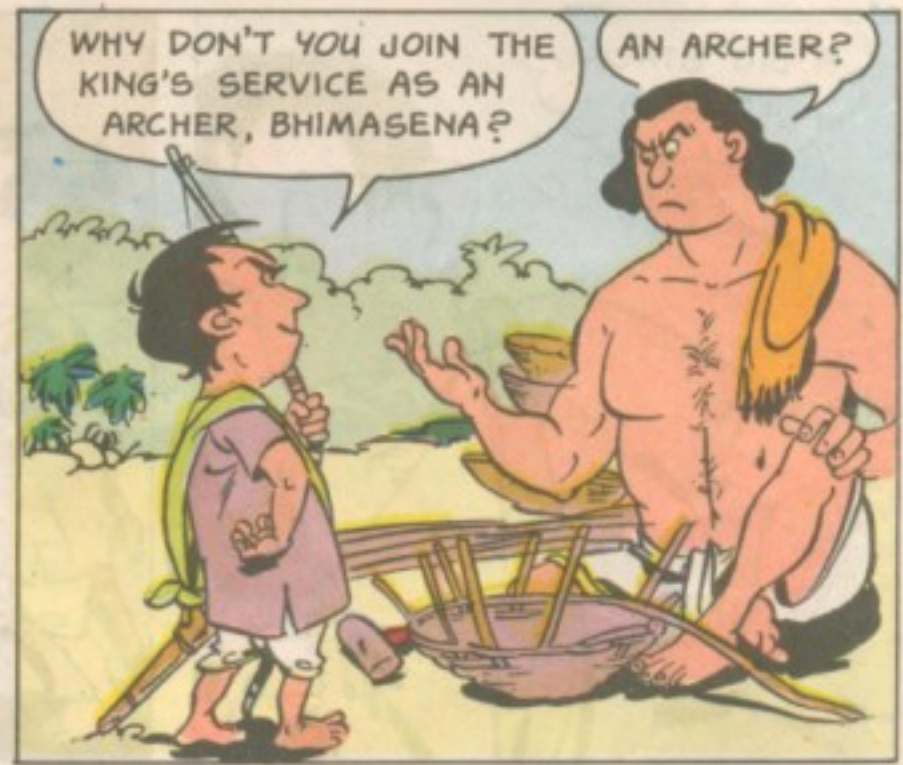


COMICAL THOUGH HE LOOKED,
HE WAS EXCEEDINGLY CLEVER.
AND HE HAD ONE GREAT TALENT.









SOME TIME LATER,
BHIMASENA AND
LITTLE BOWMAN
WENT TO THE
PALACE OF THE
KING OF VARANASI.

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT
BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE
AT THE PALACE?

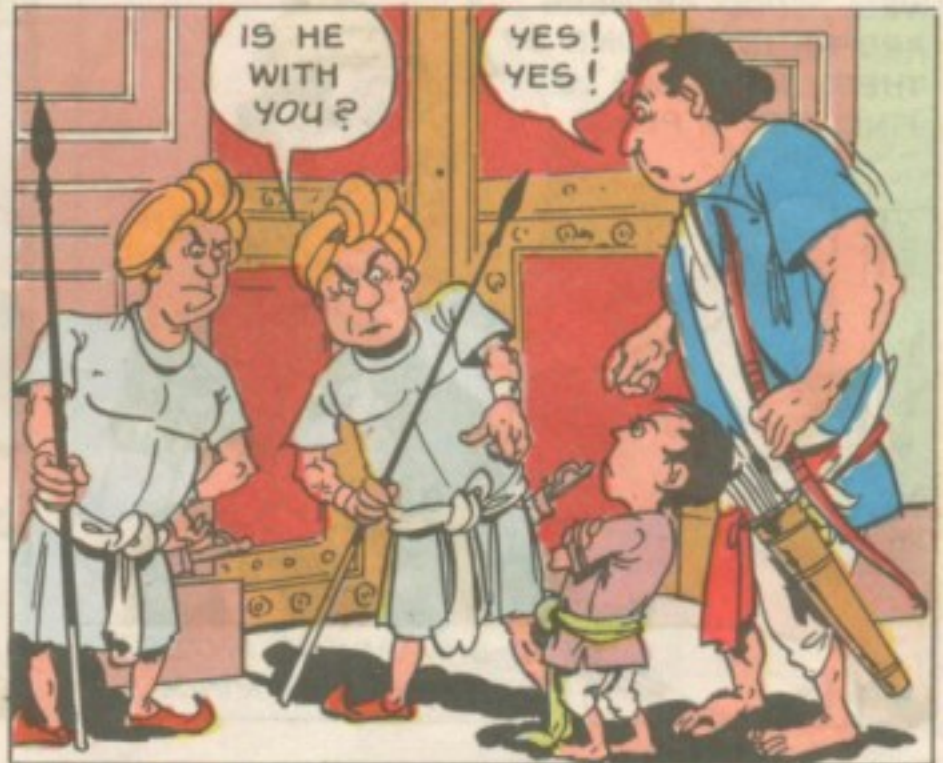


I... I AM BHIMASENA, A MIGHTY
WEAV... I MEAN, ARCHER.
I HAVE COME TO OFFER MY
SERVICES TO THE KING.

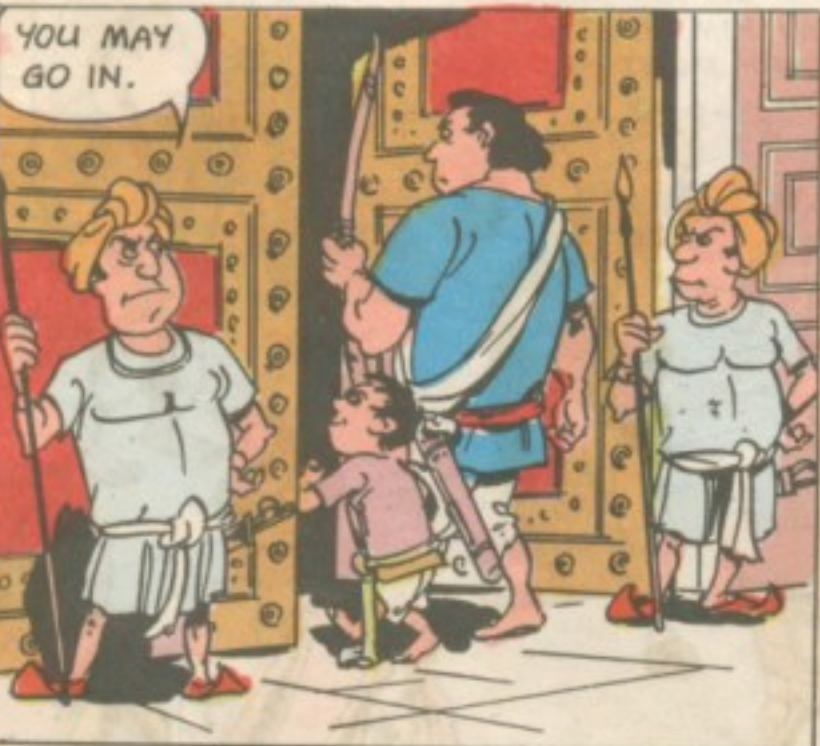


IS HE
WITH
YOU?

YES!
YES!



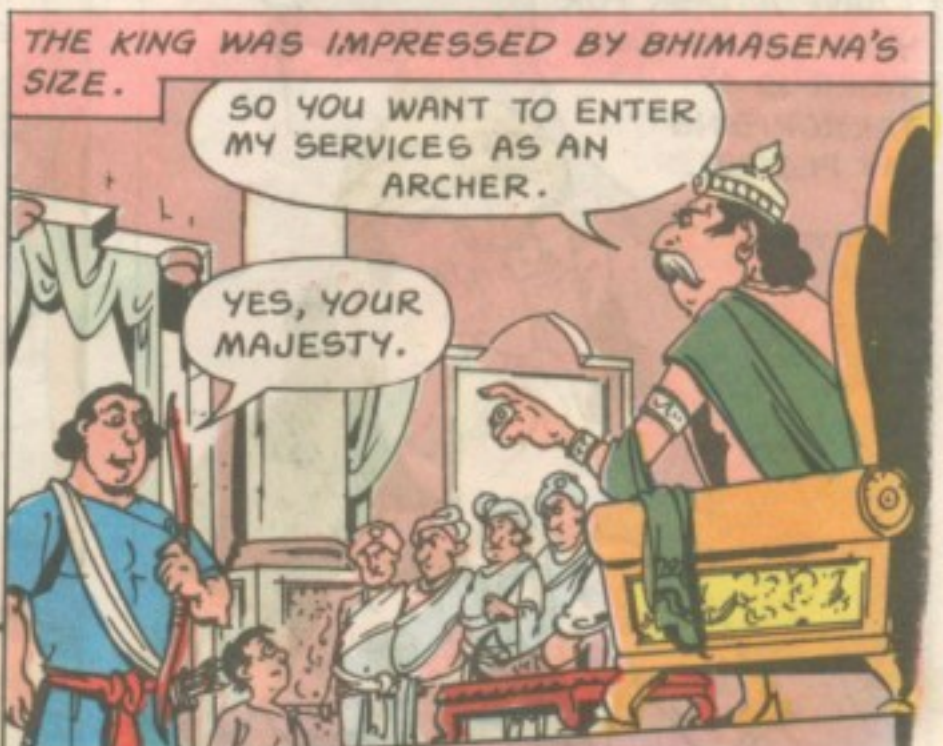
YOU MAY
GO IN.

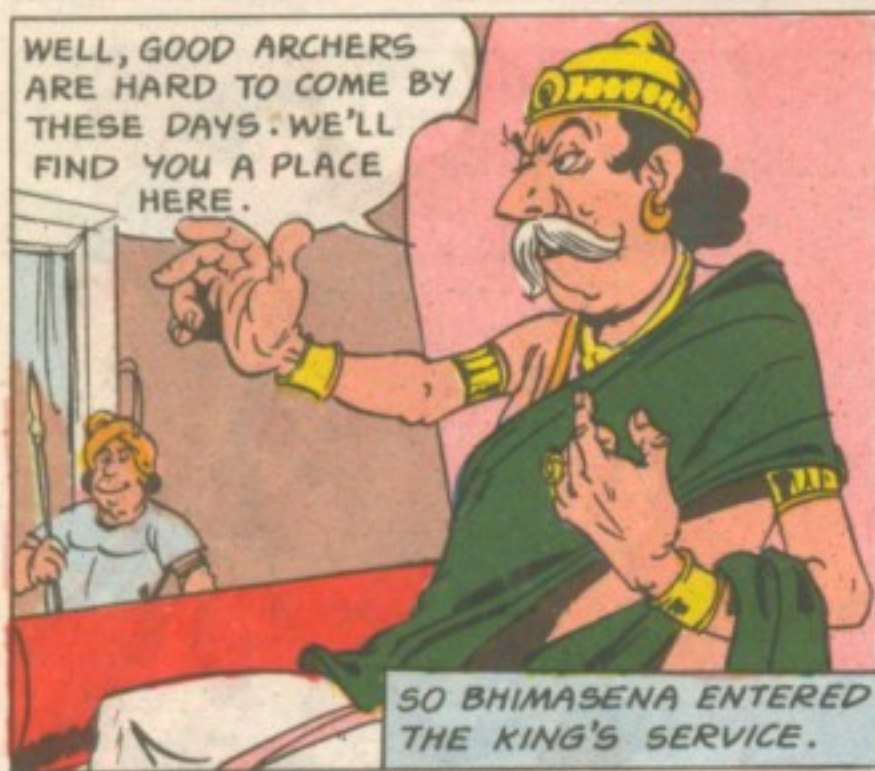


THE KING WAS IMPRESSED BY BHIMASENA'S
SIZE.

SO YOU WANT TO ENTER
MY SERVICES AS AN
ARCHER.

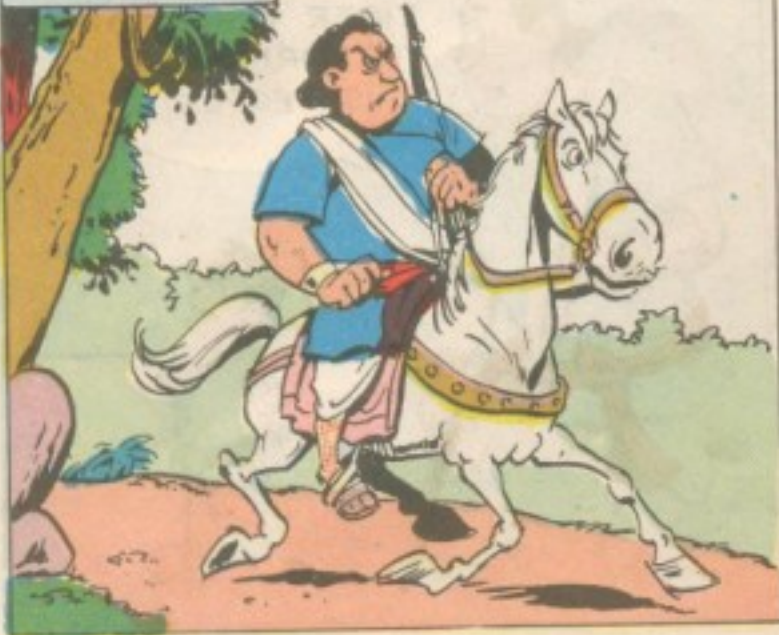
YES, YOUR
MAJESTY.







SOON, BHIMASENA SET OUT FOR THE VILLAGE WHERE THE TIGER HAD LAST BEEN SEEN.



WHEN HE GOT THERE —



FRIENDS, I AM A HUNTER. THE KING HAS SENT ME TO RID YOU OF THE TIGER.

BUT I NEED MEN TO FLUSH HIM OUT OF HIS LAIR. ONCE HE IS OUT IN THE OPEN, I'LL DO THE REST.



YOU CAN TAKE ALL THE ABLE-BODIED MEN OF THIS VILLAGE WITH YOU, MY LORD. WE WILL SEND WORD TO THE OTHER VILLAGES, TOO.



WHEN BHIMASENA FINALLY ENTERED THE FOREST, HE HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS WITH HIM.







THE VILLAGERS SET UPON THE TIGER...



...AND BEAT HIM TO DEATH.



PULLING OUT A CREEPER...

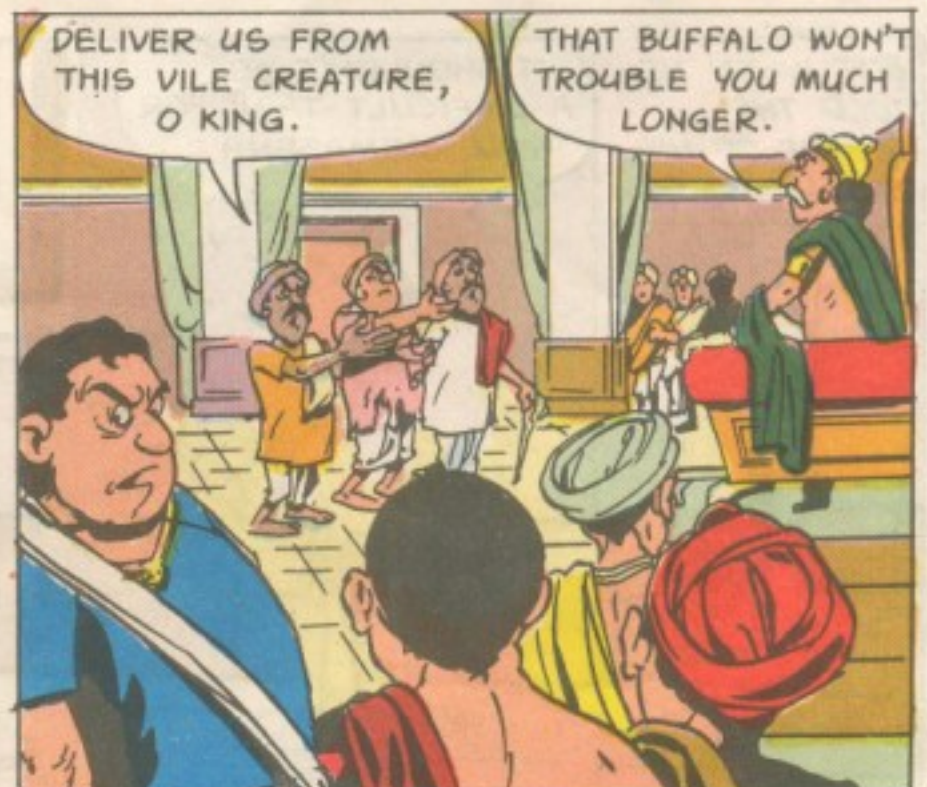
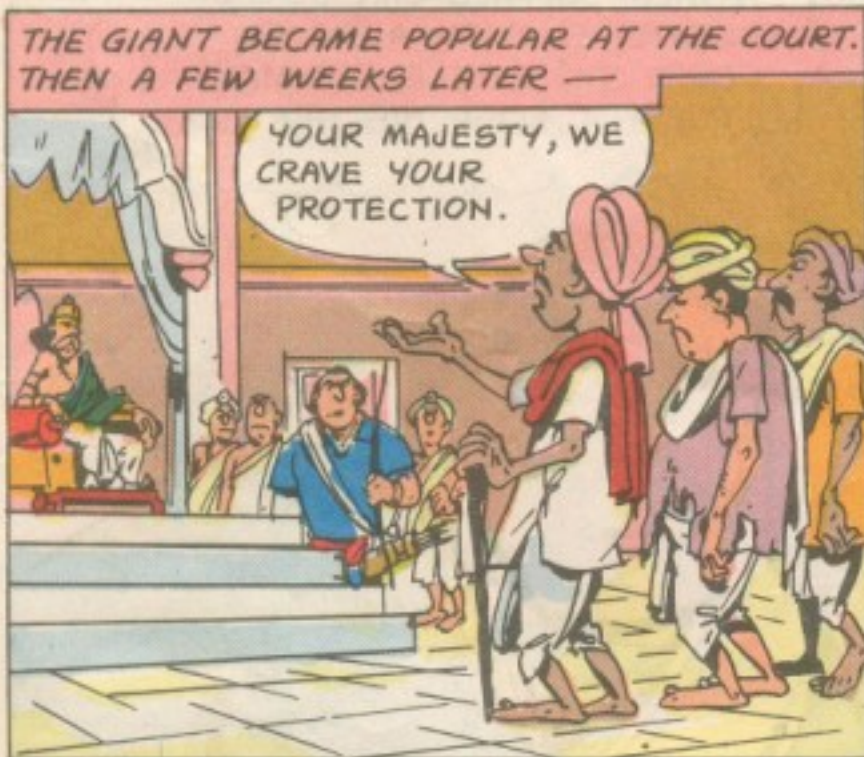


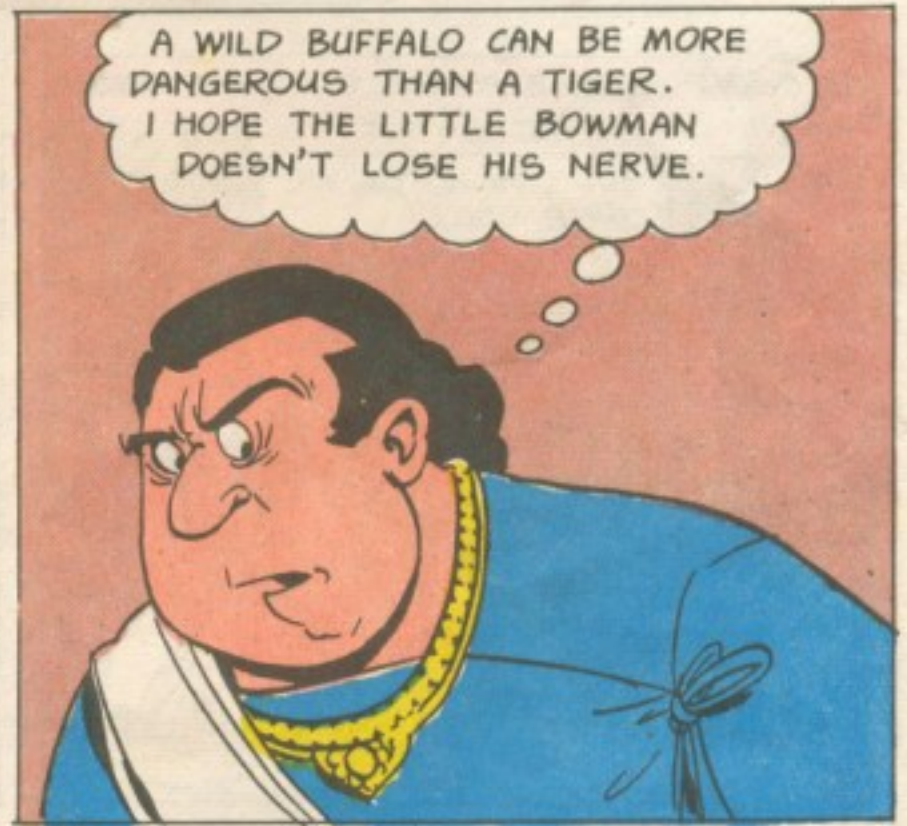
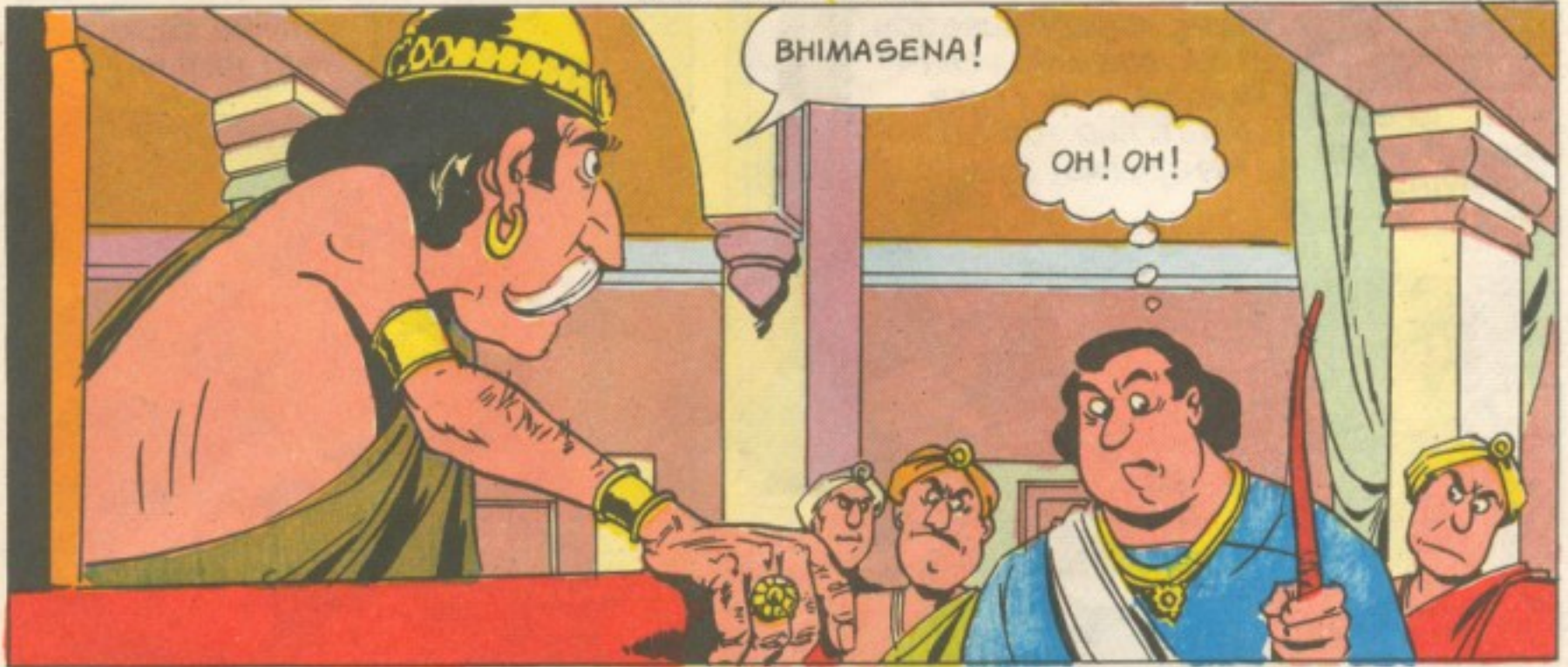
...HE RUSHED BACK TO THE VILLAGERS.

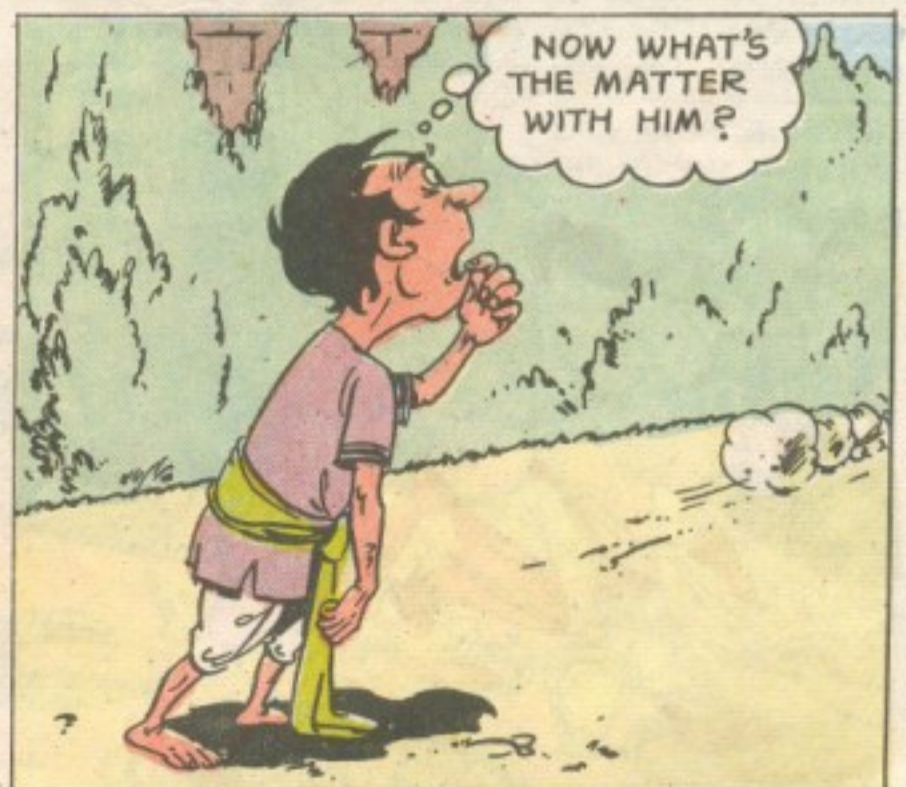
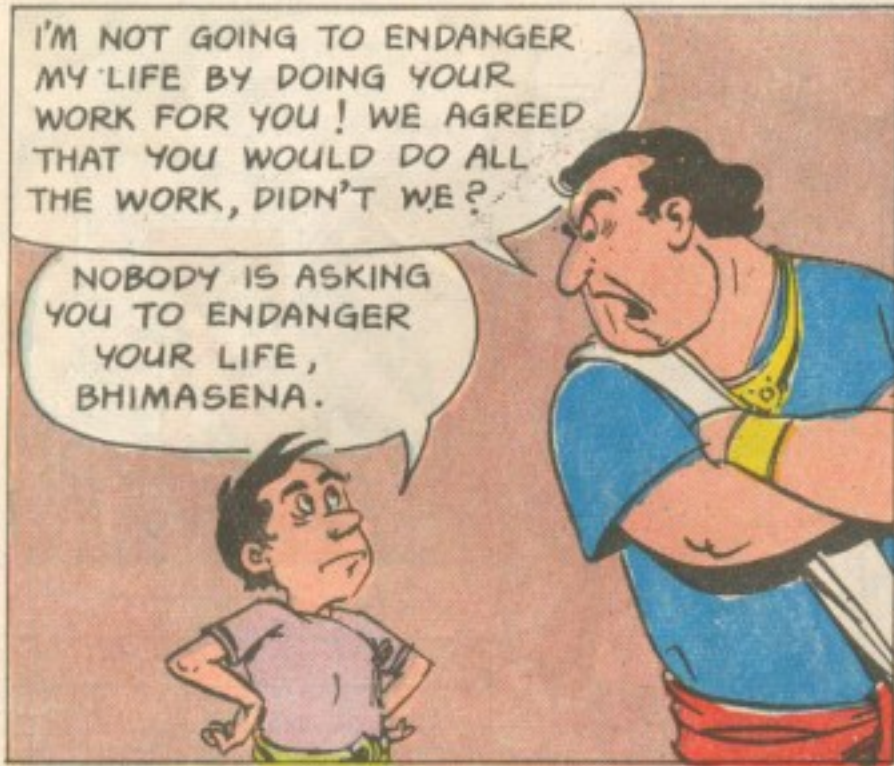




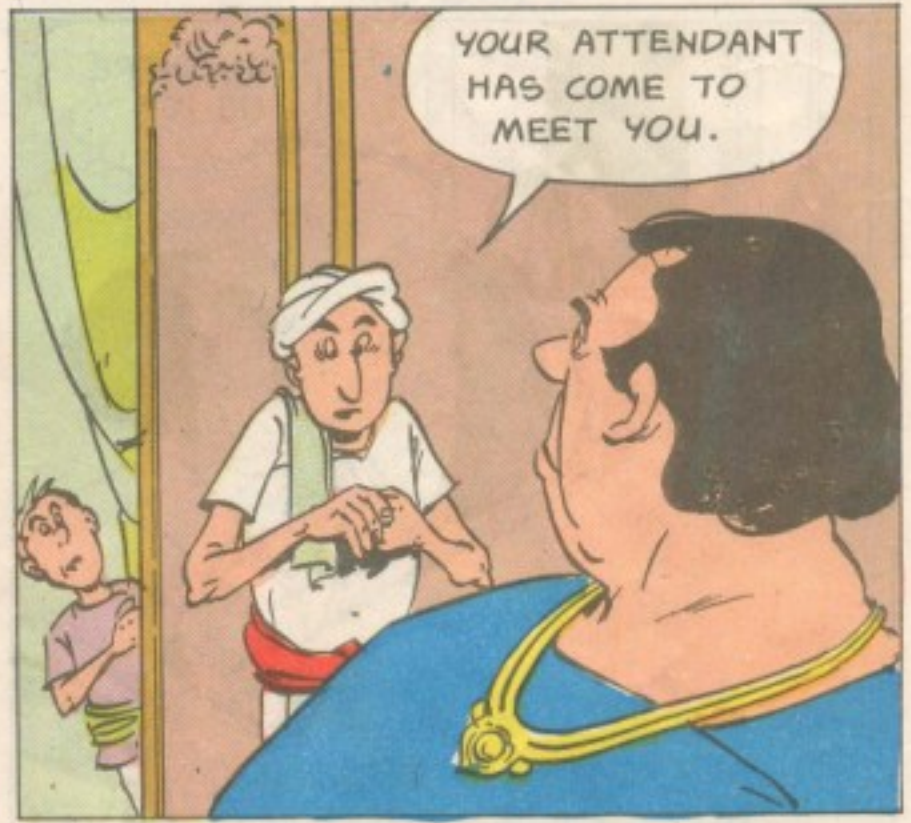
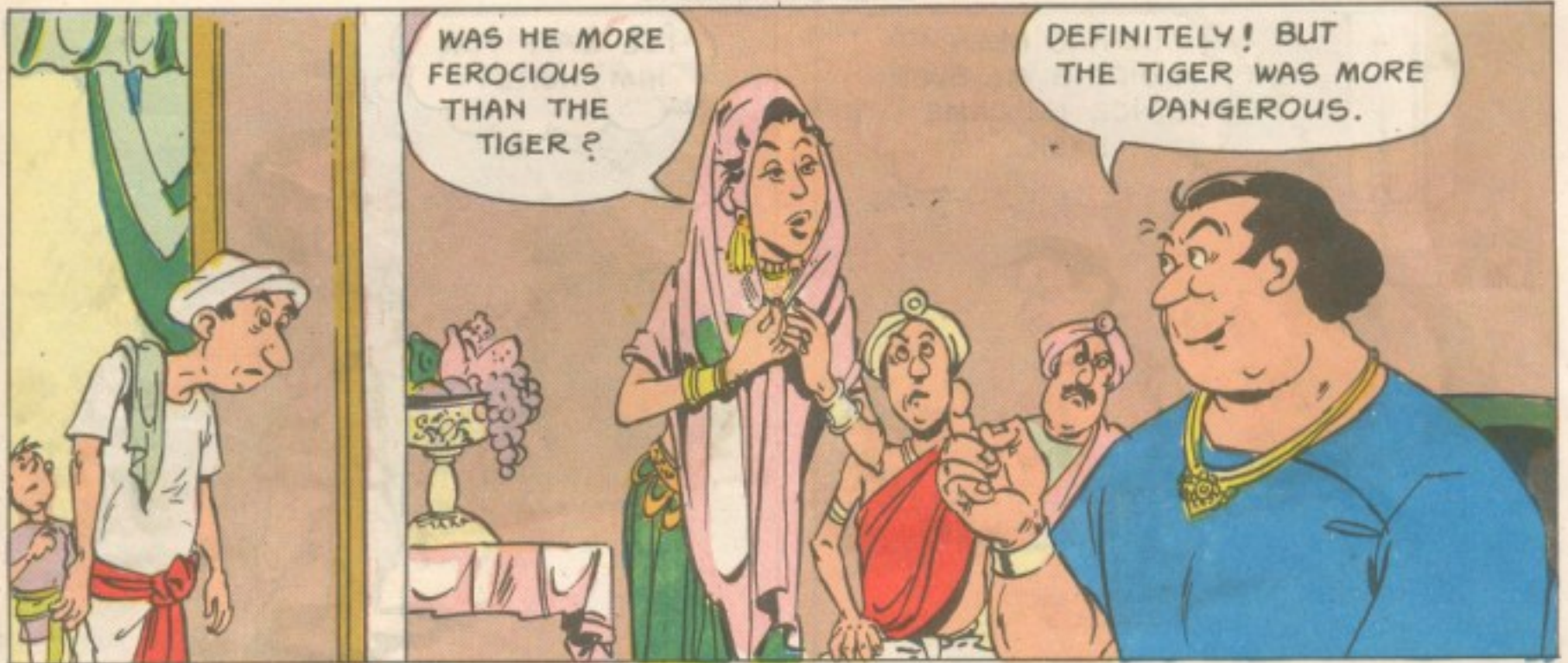












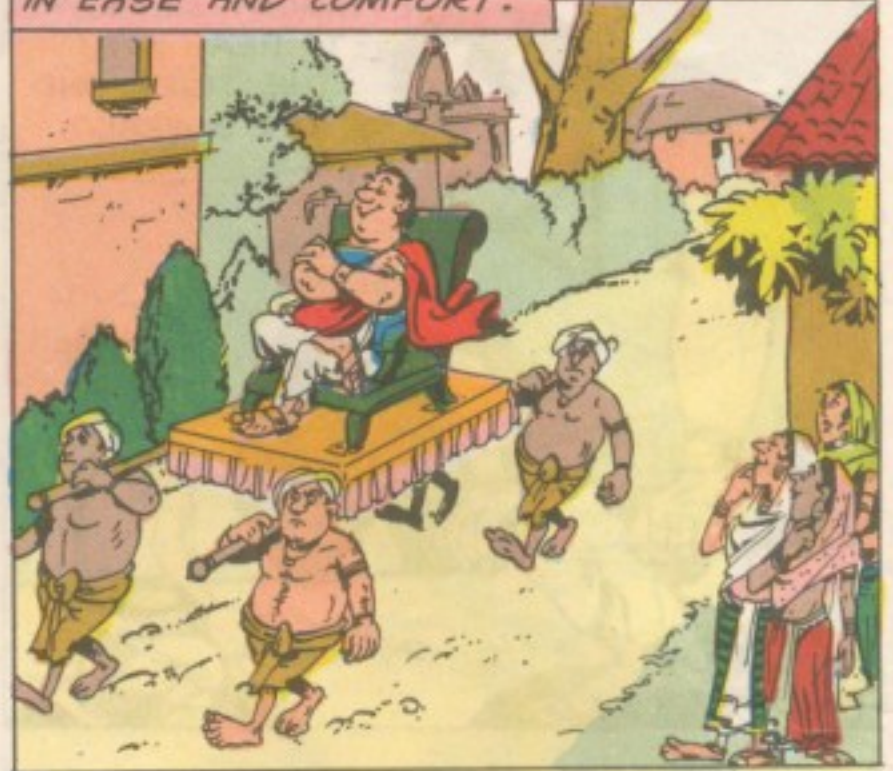




LITTLE BOWMAN, THEREAFTER, KEPT OUT OF BHIMASENA'S WAY. BUT THE GIANT HARDLY MISSED HIM. HE NOW HAD SEVERAL FRIENDS, BOTH IN THE COURT...



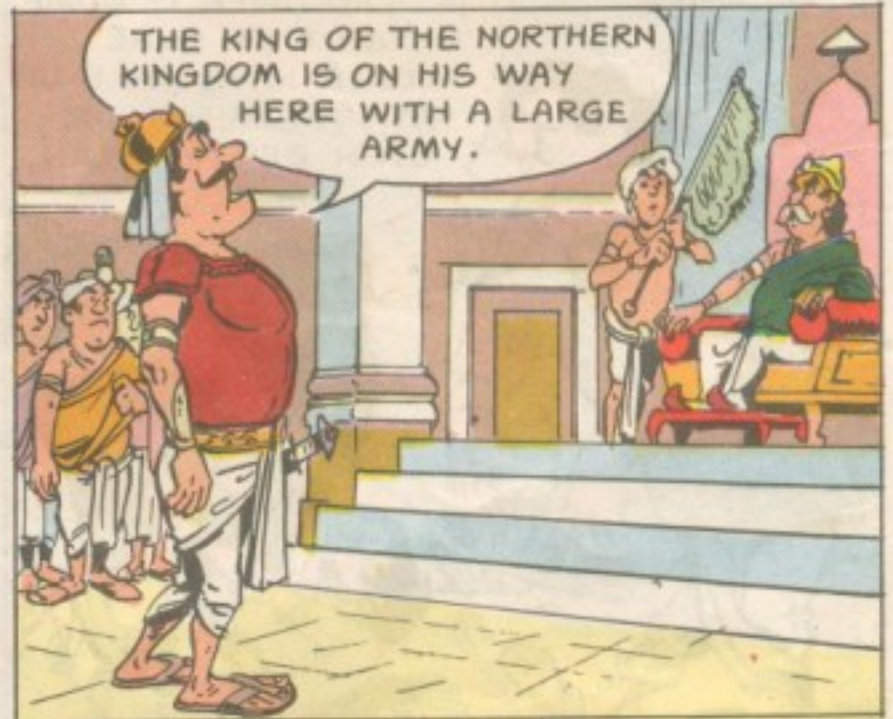
... AND OUT OF IT. HE SPENT HIS DAYS IN EASE AND COMFORT.



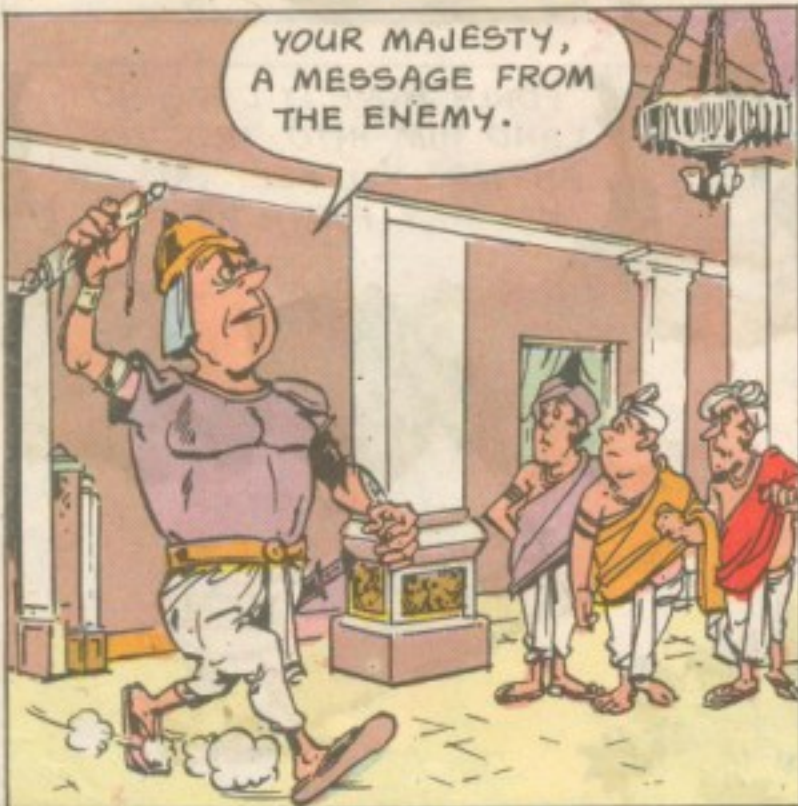
THEN ONE DAY —



THE KING OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM IS ON HIS WAY HERE WITH A LARGE ARMY.



YOUR MAJESTY, A MESSAGE FROM THE ENEMY.

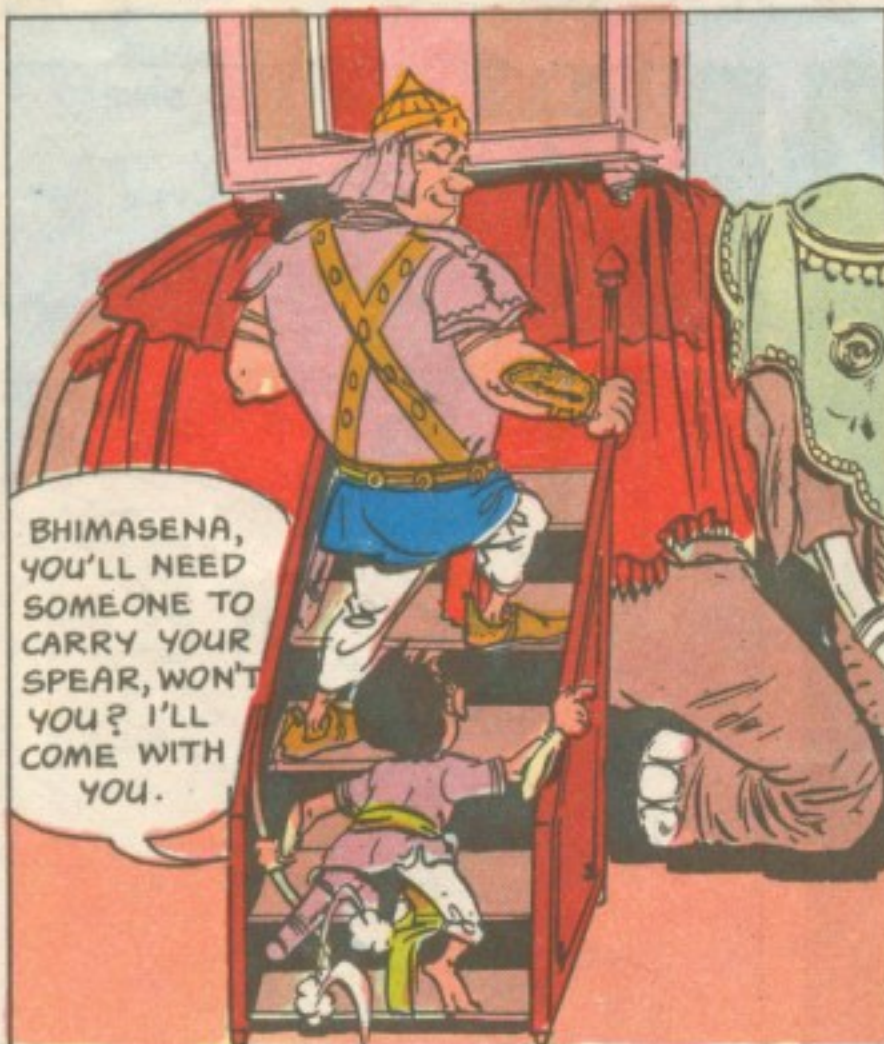
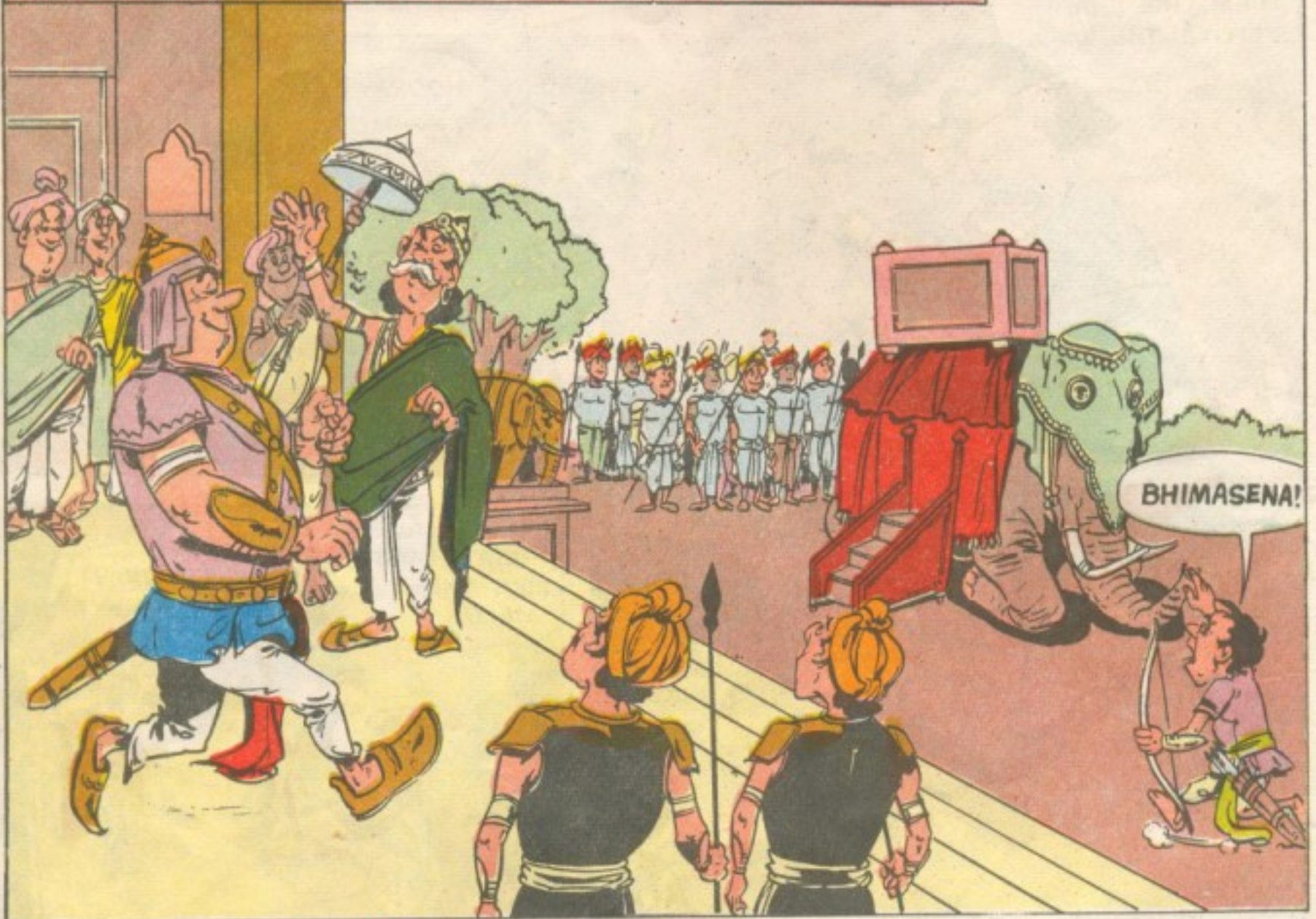


"SEND OUT YOUR CHAMPION TO FIGHT WITH OUR OWN OR SURRENDER."





AS BHIMASENA SWAGGERED OUT OF THE PALACE AND WALKED MAJESTICALLY TOWARDS THE WAR ELEPHANT WHICH WAS WAITING FOR HIM —



CROWDS CHEERED THE GIANT AS HE SET OUT TO MEET THE ENEMY.

THERE GOES BHIMASENA, THE GREAT!

DO YOU SEE WHAT A GREAT MAN I'VE BECOME?



YOU CAN IMAGINE THE HONOURS THEY'LL HEAP ON ME ON MY TRIUMPHANT RETURN!



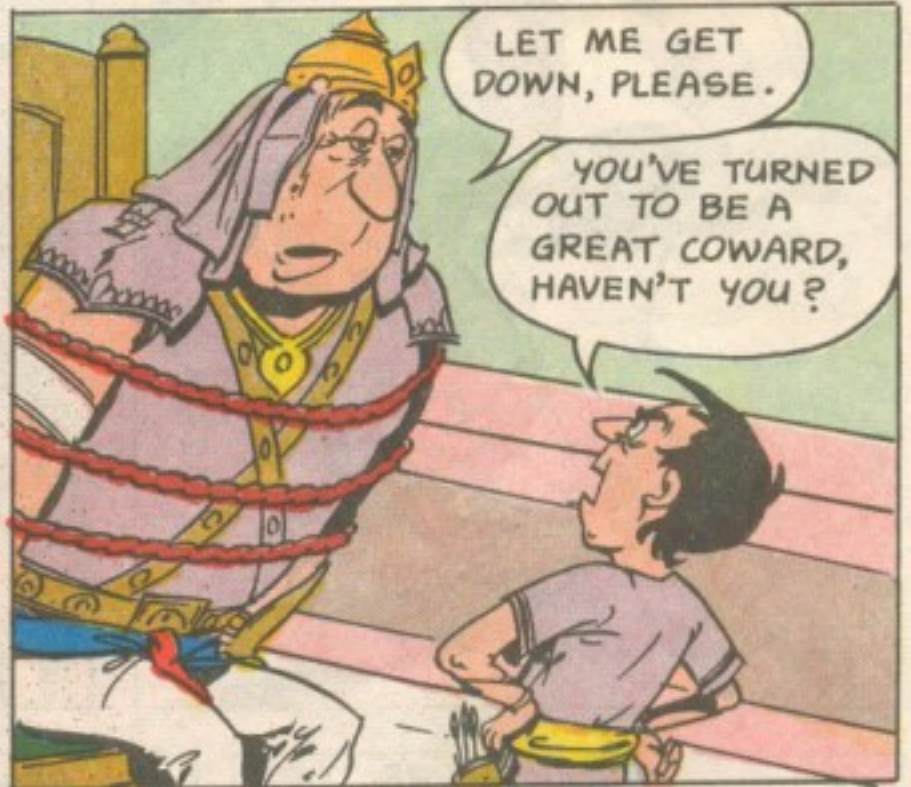
WHY, THEY MIGHT EVEN WANT ME TO BECOME THEIR KING!

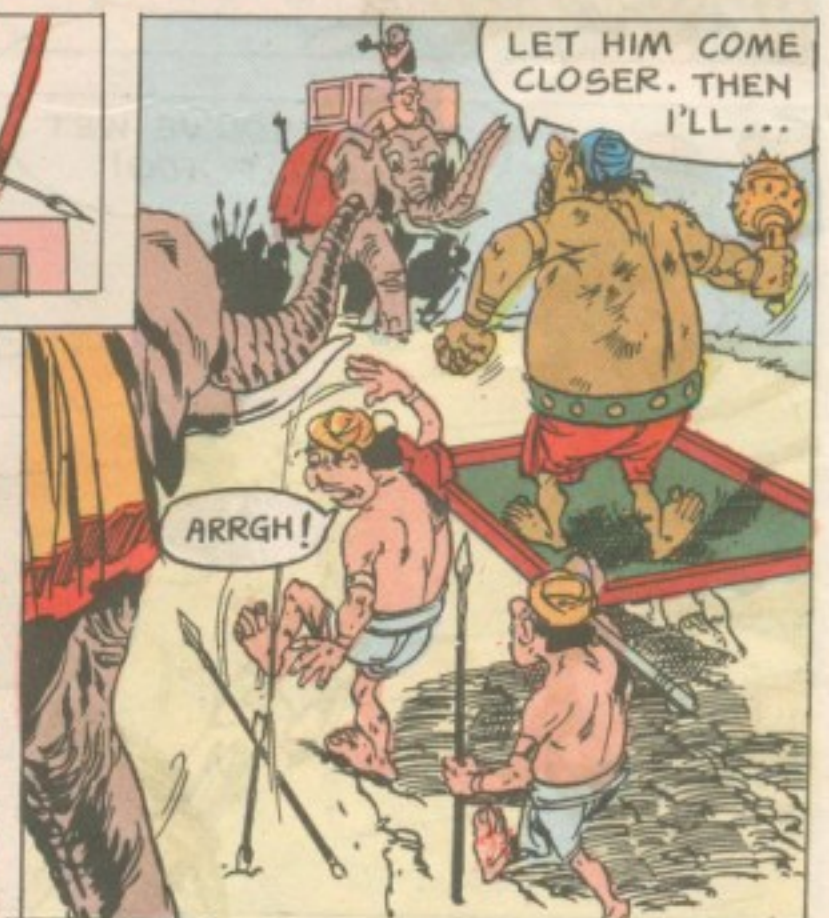
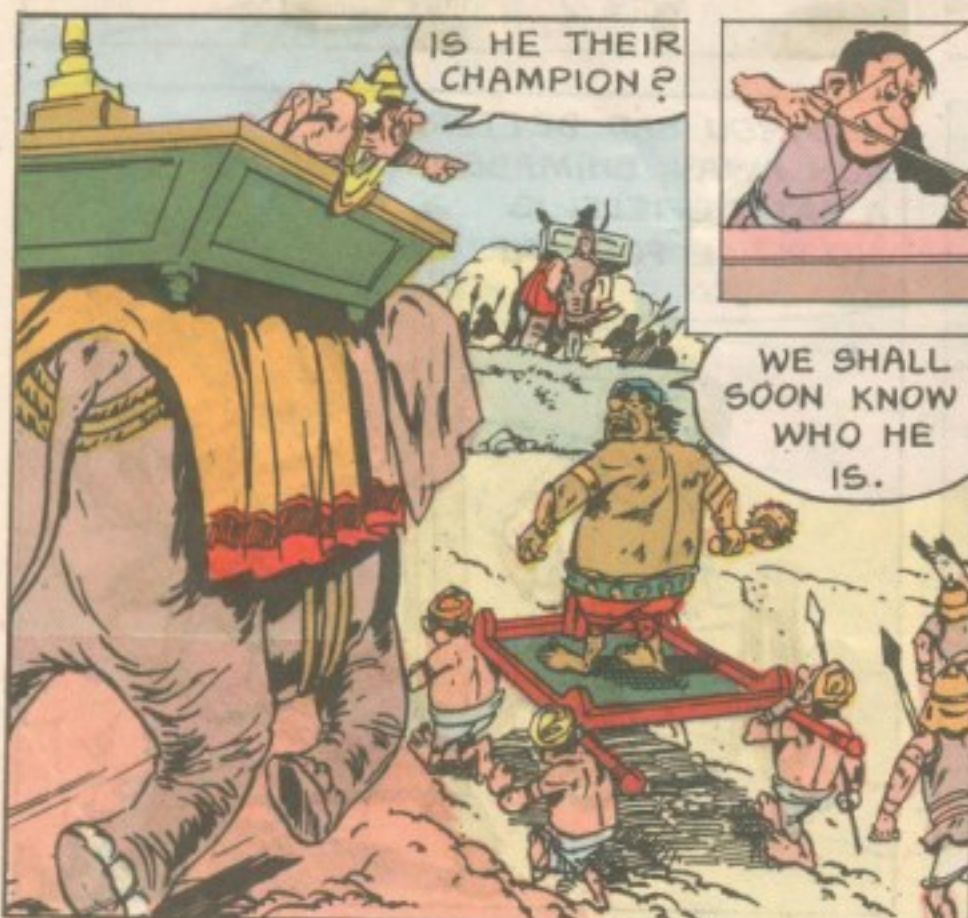


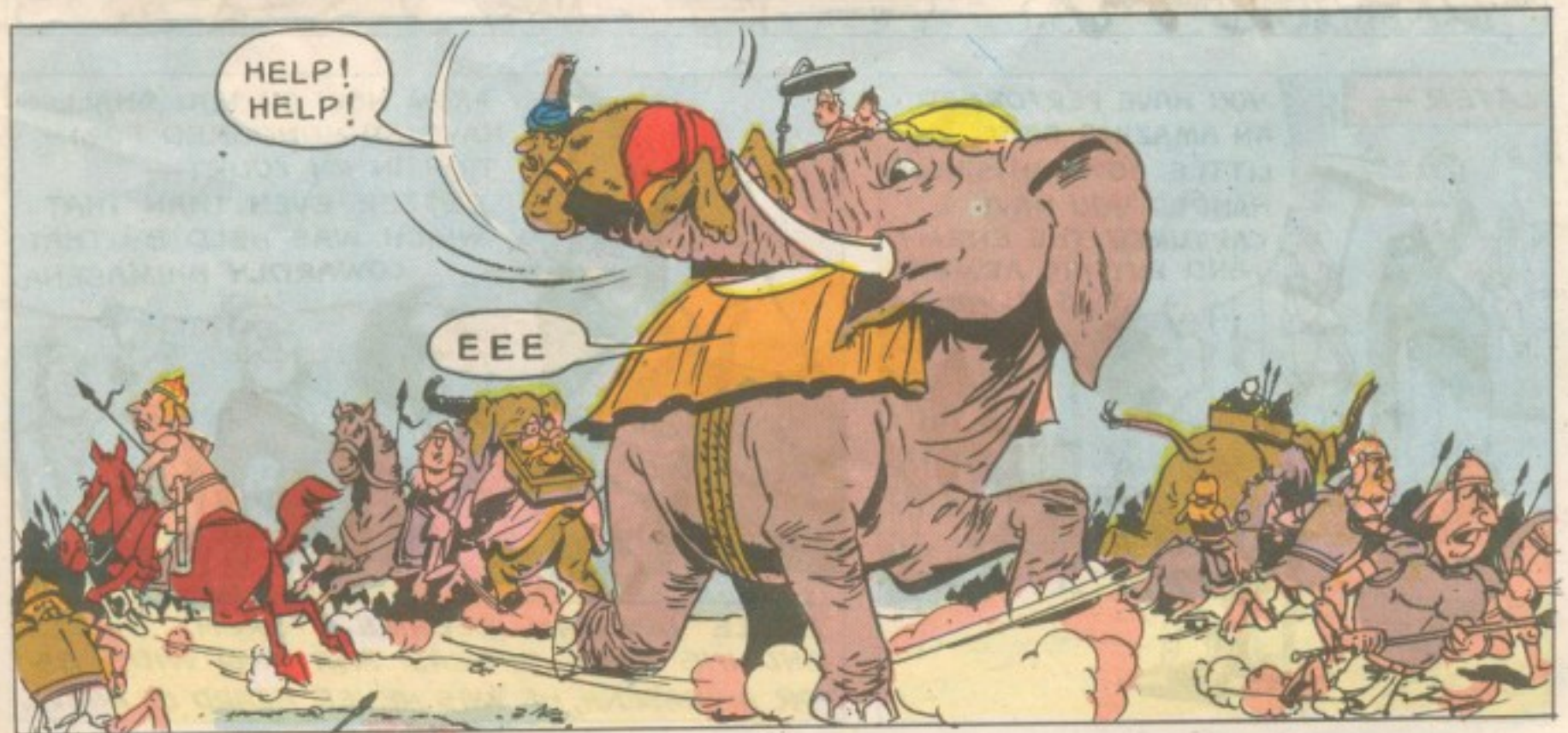
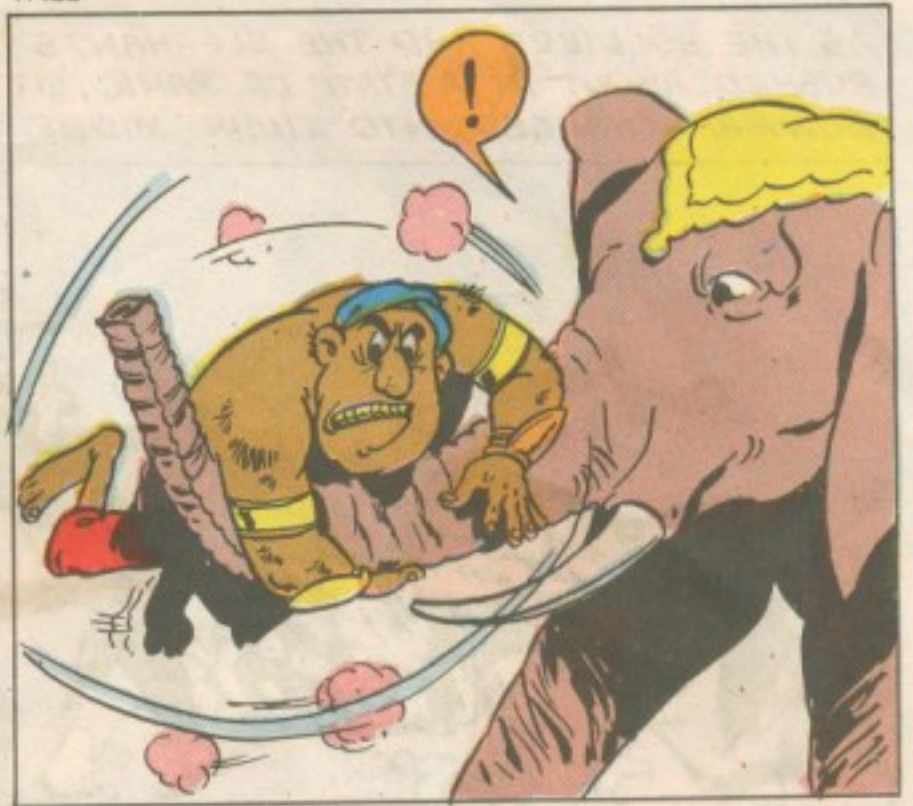












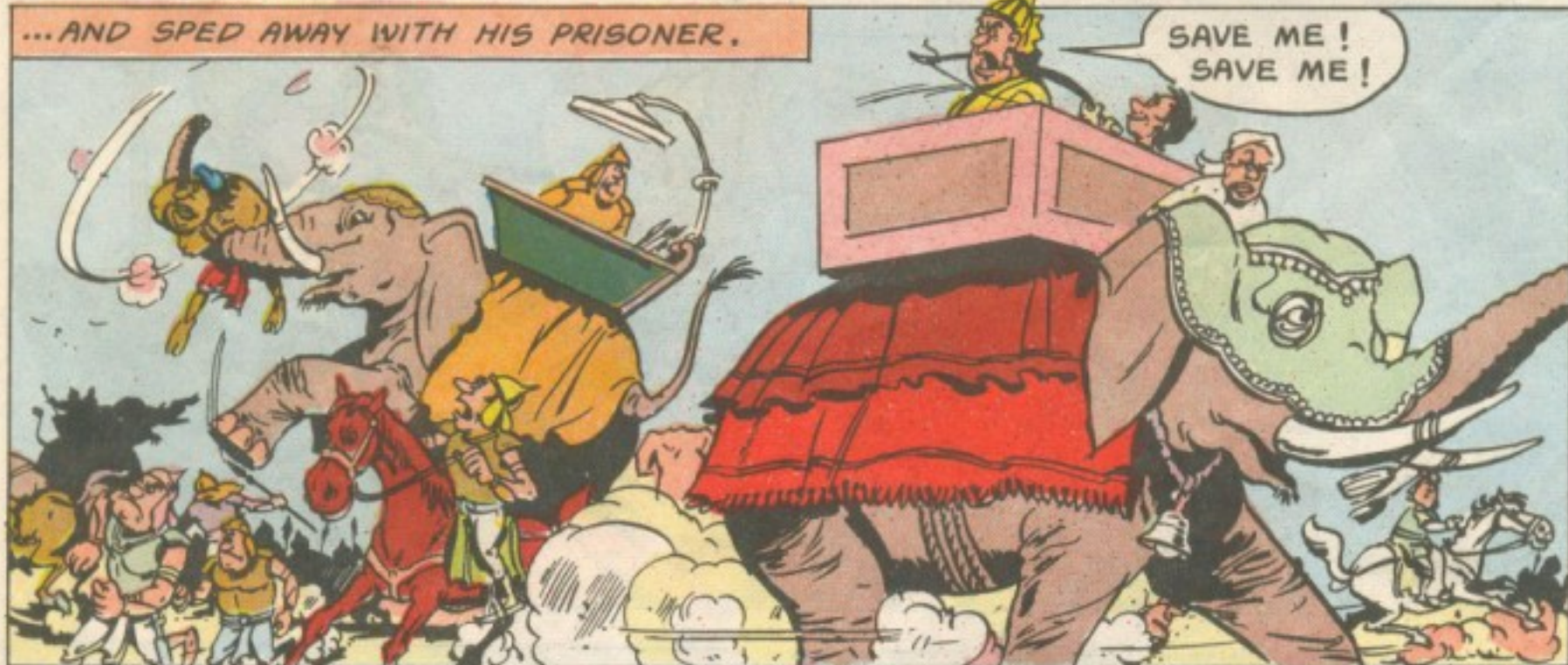
AS THE SOLDIERS AND THE ELEPHANTS RUSHED ABOUT IN A STATE OF PANIC, LITTLE BOWMAN CHARGED INTO THEIR MIDST...



...PULLED THE ENEMY KING OFF HIS ELEPHANT...



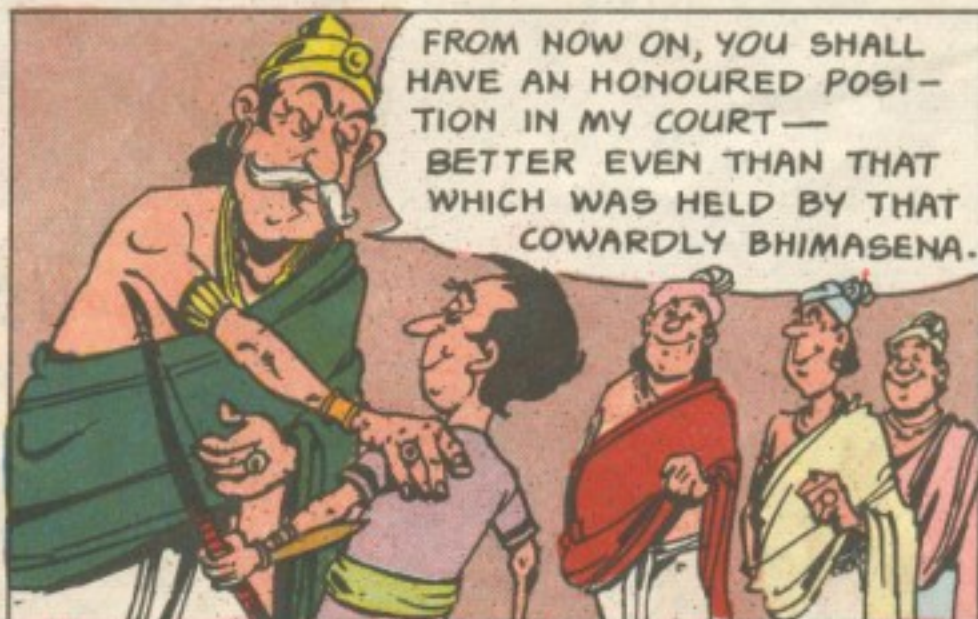
...AND SPED AWAY WITH HIS PRISONER.



LATER —



YOU HAVE PERFORMED AN AMAZING FEAT, LITTLE BOWMAN. SINGLE-HANDED YOU HAVE CAPTURED THE ENEMY AND PUT HIS ARMY TO FLIGHT.



FROM NOW ON, YOU SHALL HAVE AN HONOURED POSITION IN MY COURT — BETTER EVEN THAN THAT WHICH WAS HELD BY THAT COWARDLY BHIMASENA.

LITTLE BOWMAN BECAME A GREAT HERO AND HIS FAME SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. AS FOR BHIMASENA, HE WAS NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN.