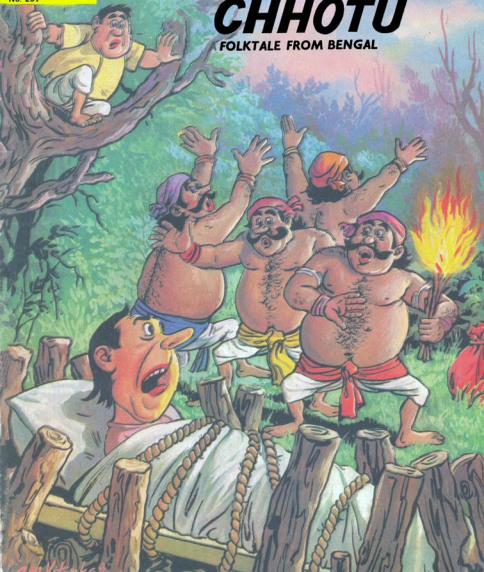


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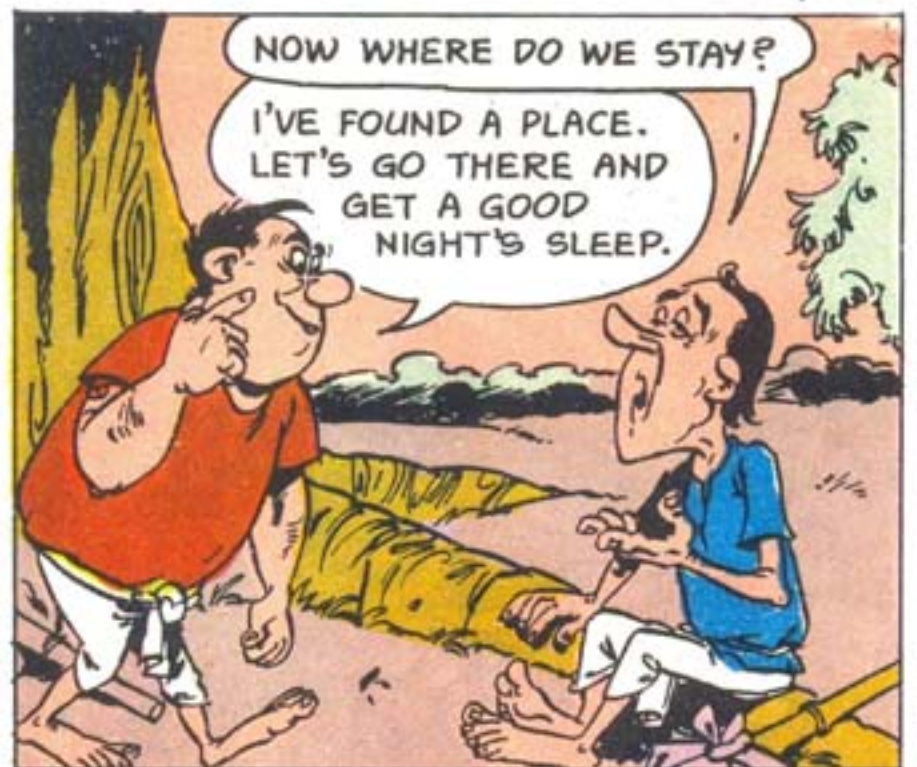
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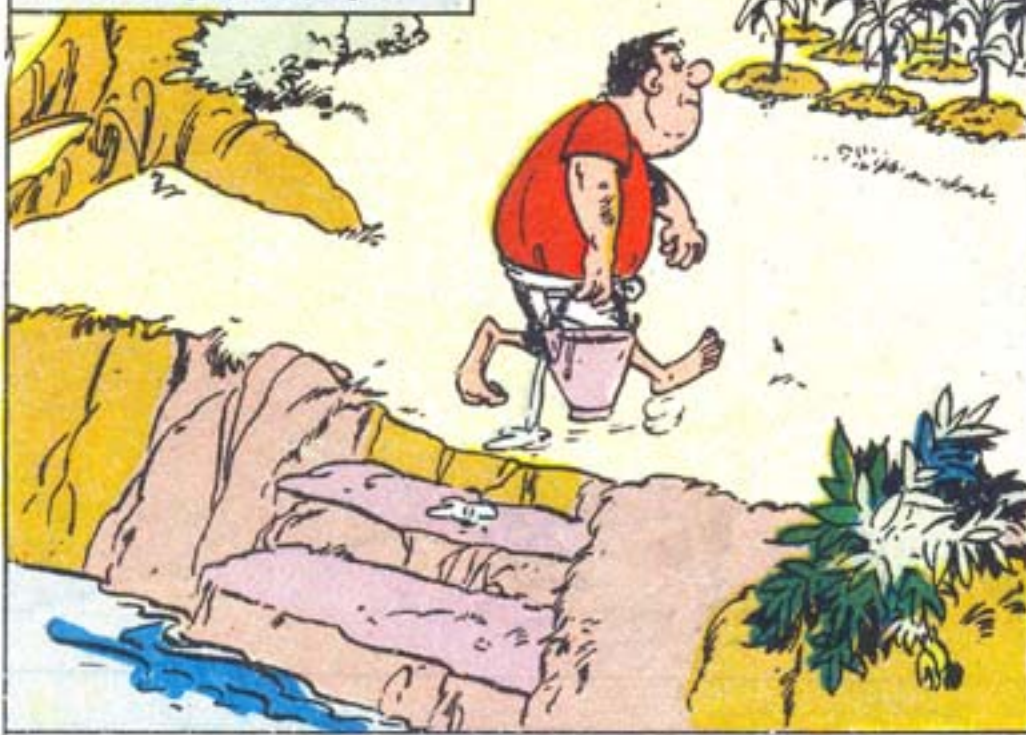
IN THE EVENING —



LATER —



THE NEXT MORNING FOUND BADDU BUSY
AT THE ORCHARD.

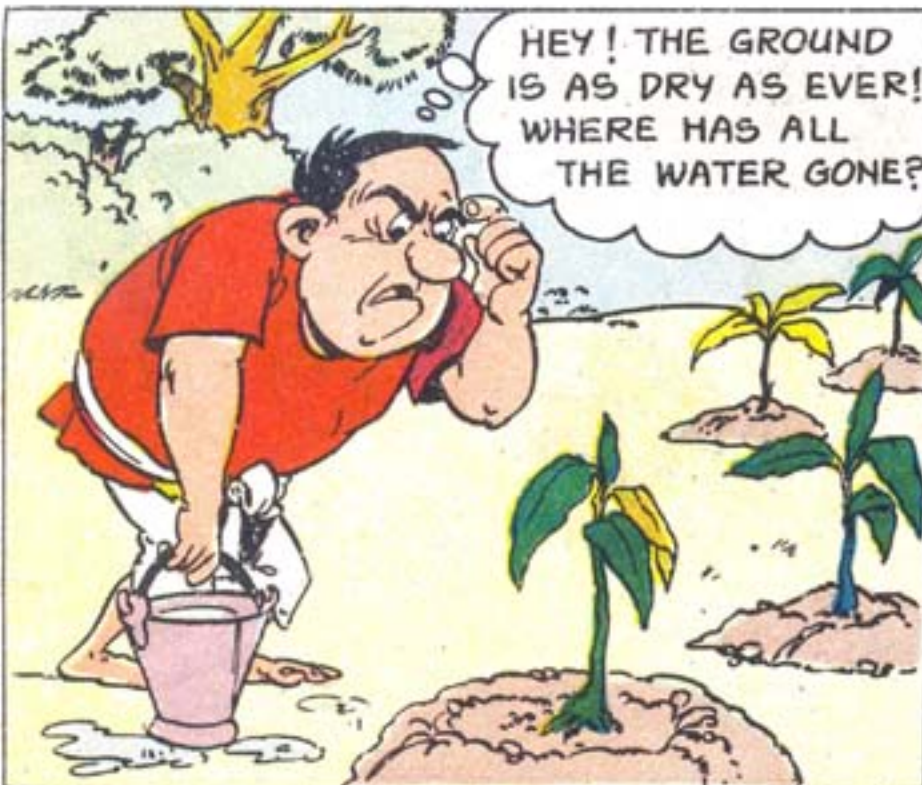


TOWARDS NOON —

THANK GOD,
THIS IS THE
LAST ONE!

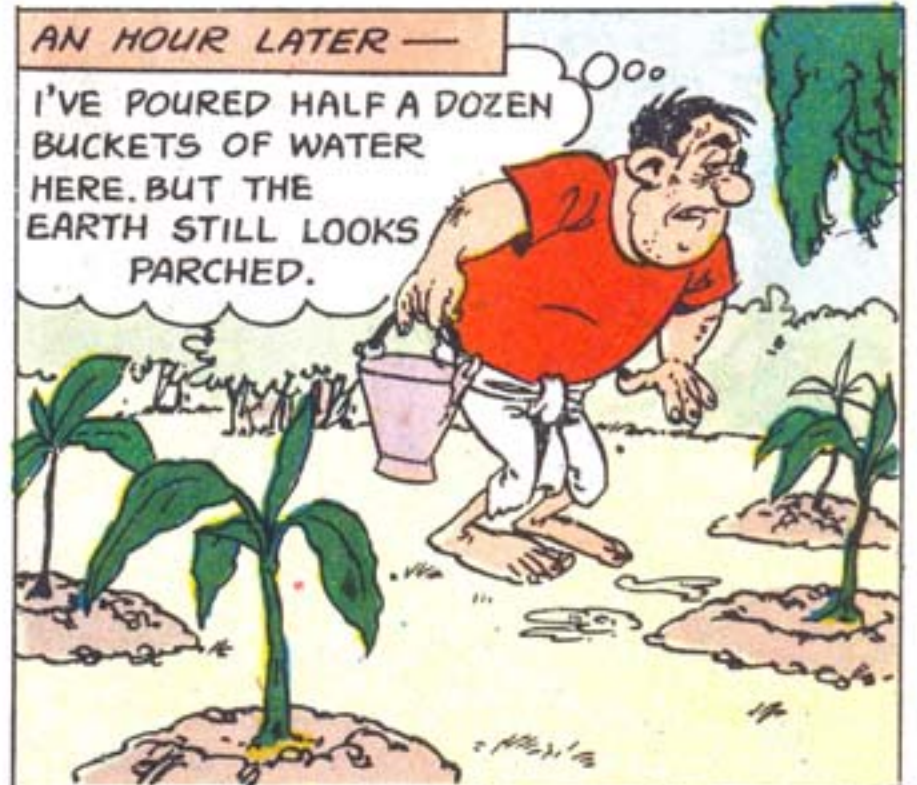


HEY! THE GROUND
IS AS DRY AS EVER!
WHERE HAS ALL
THE WATER GONE?



AN HOUR LATER —

I'VE POURED HALF A DOZEN
BUCKETS OF WATER
HERE. BUT THE
EARTH STILL LOOKS
PARCHED.

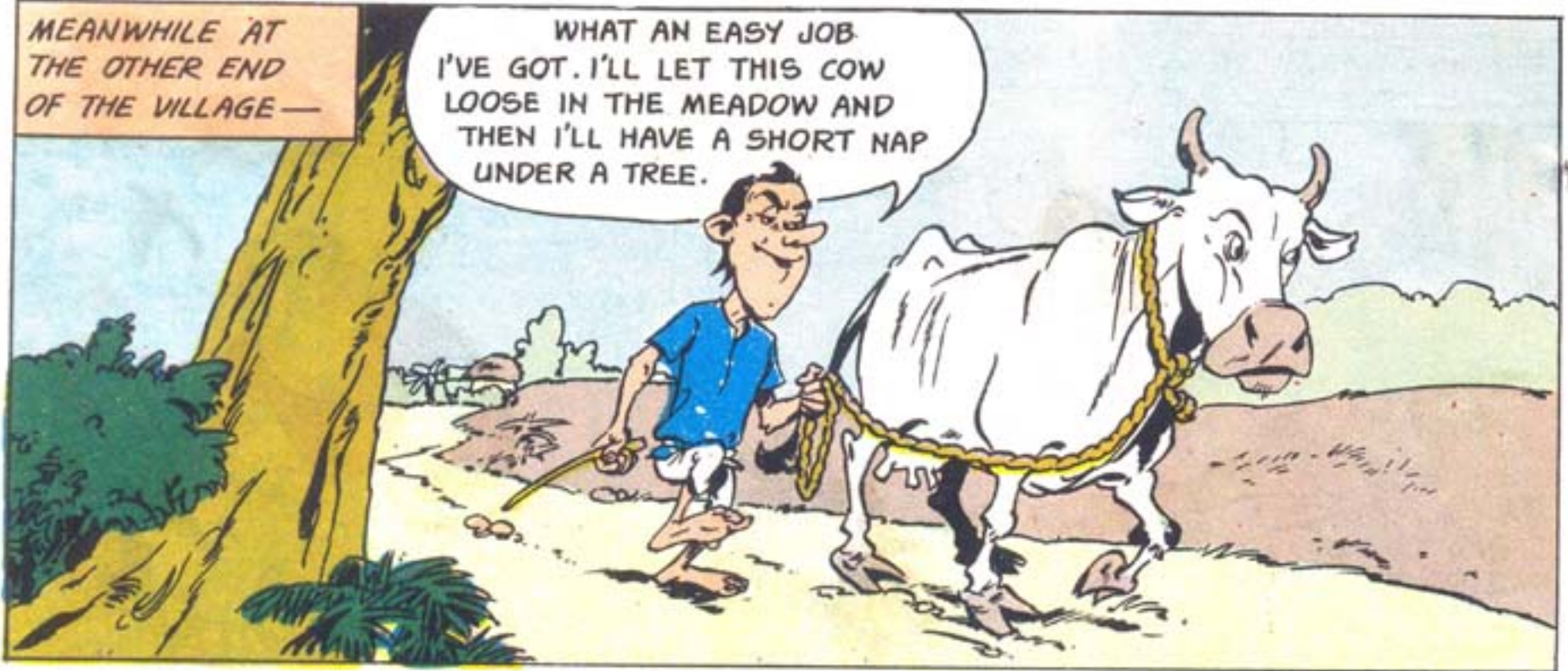


IF THE MASTER COMES
AROUND, HE'LL THINK I HAVEN'T
WATERED THIS SAPLING. I'D
BETTER GO AND FETCH
SOME MORE WATER.

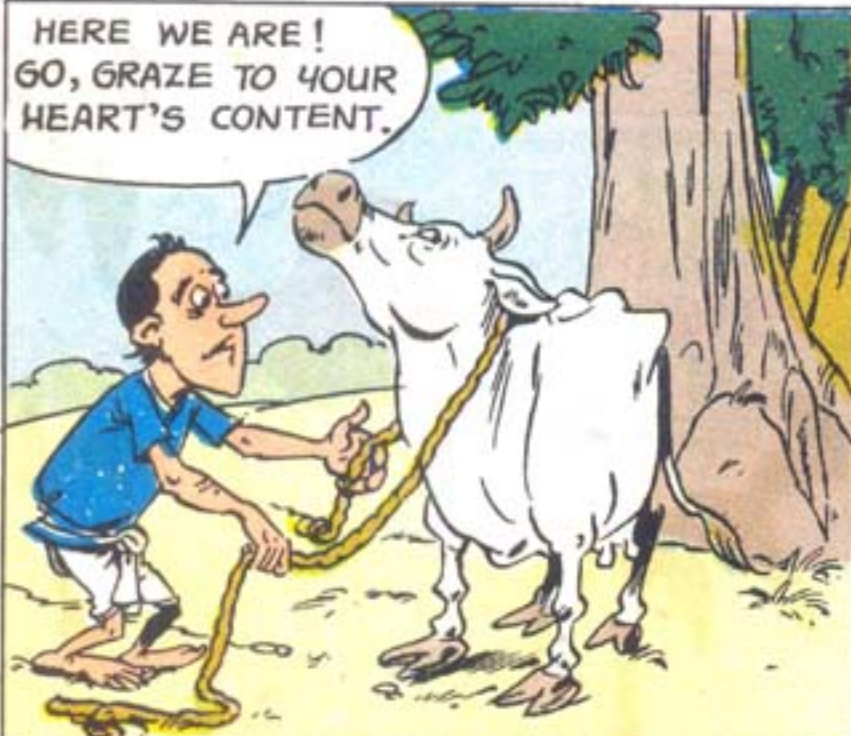


MEANWHILE AT
THE OTHER END
OF THE VILLAGE—

WHAT AN EASY JOB
I'VE GOT. I'LL LET THIS COW
LOOSE IN THE MEADOW AND
THEN I'LL HAVE A SHORT NAP
UNDER A TREE.

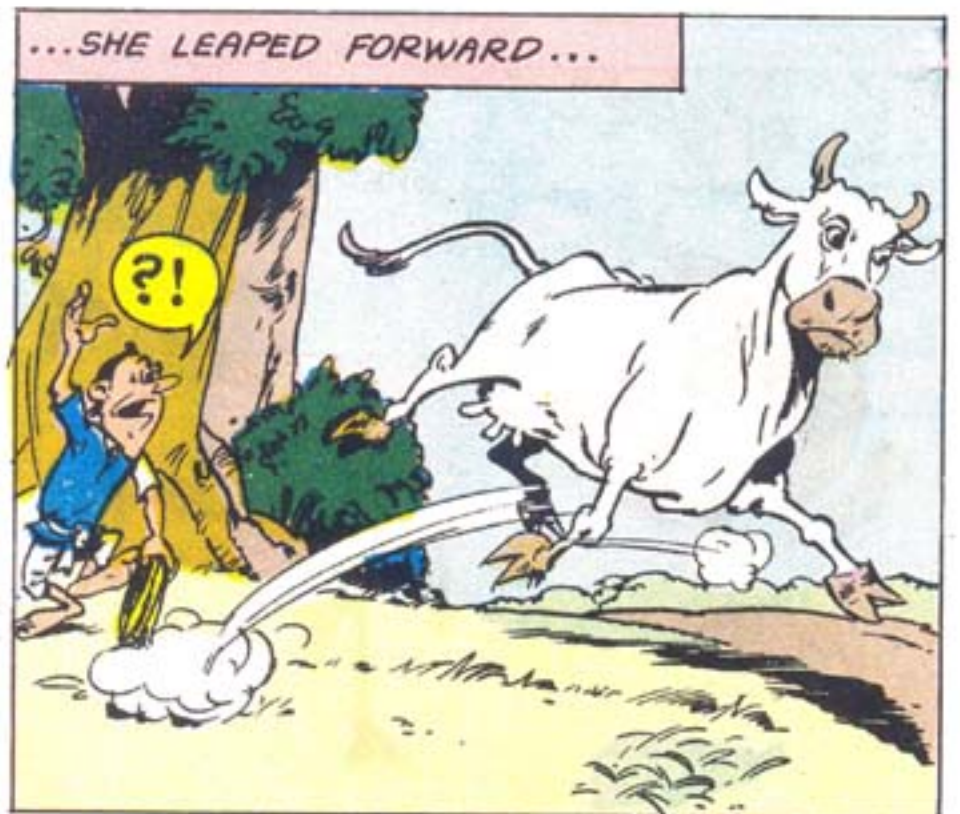


HERE WE ARE!
GO, GRAZE TO YOUR
HEART'S CONTENT.



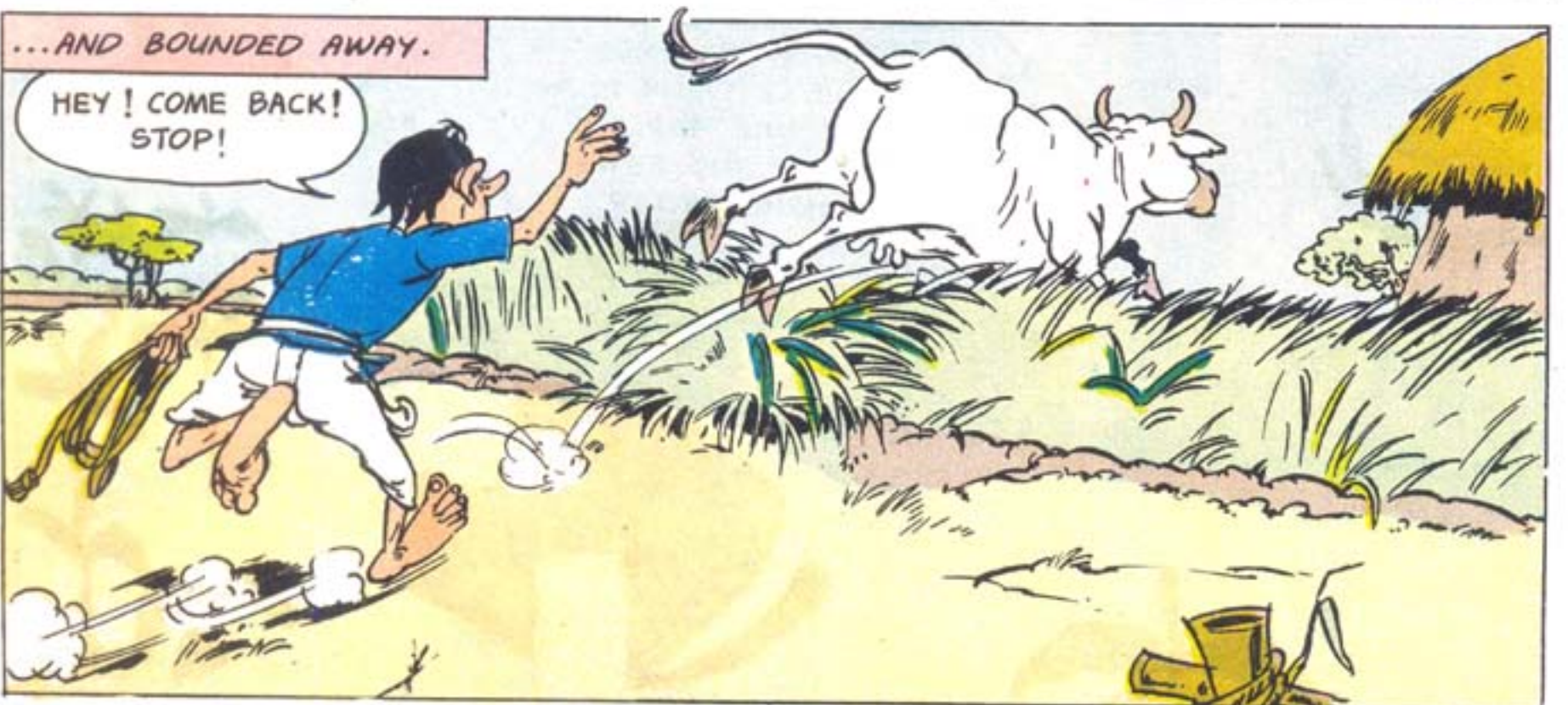
BUT THE MOMENT HE LET THE COW LOOSE...

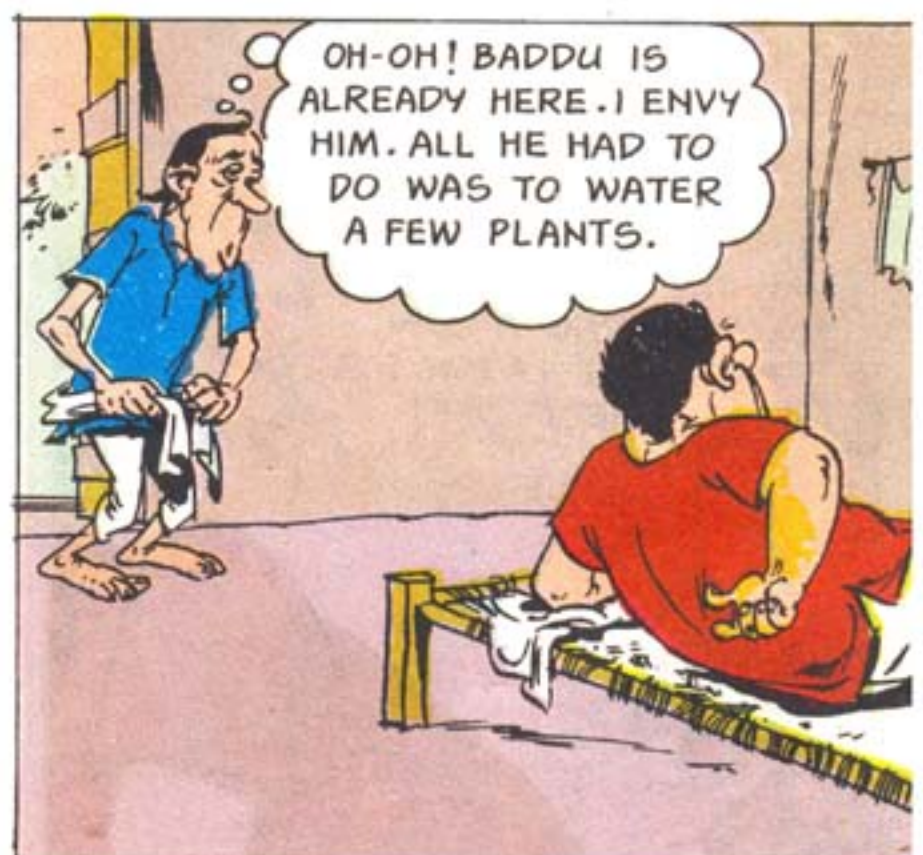
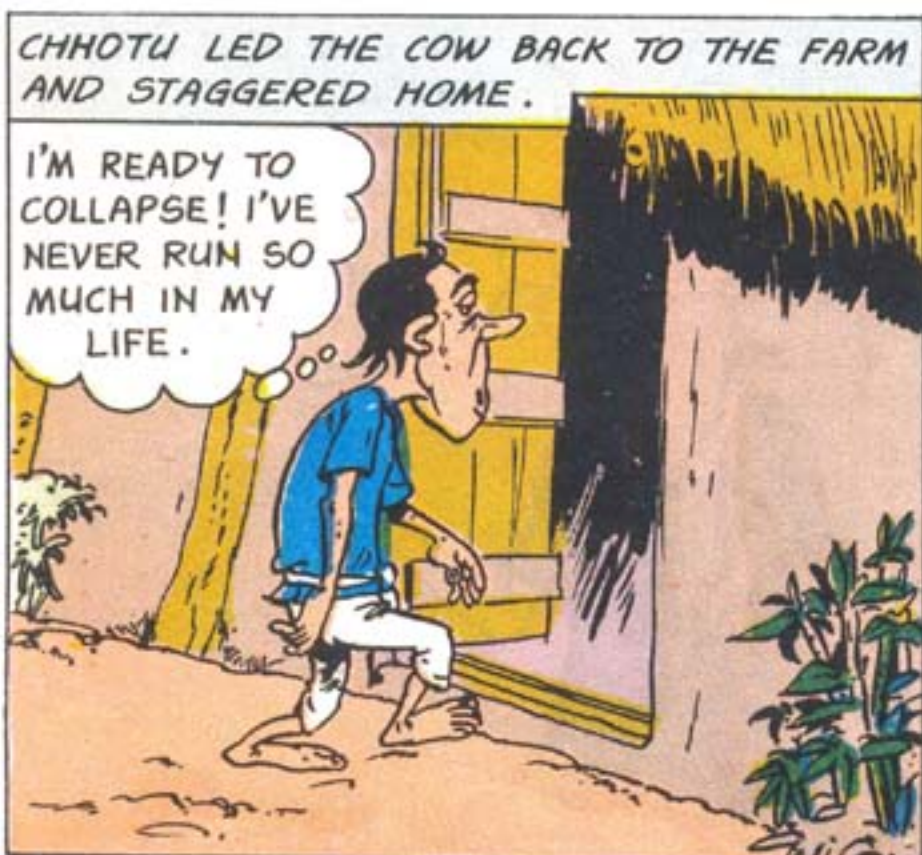
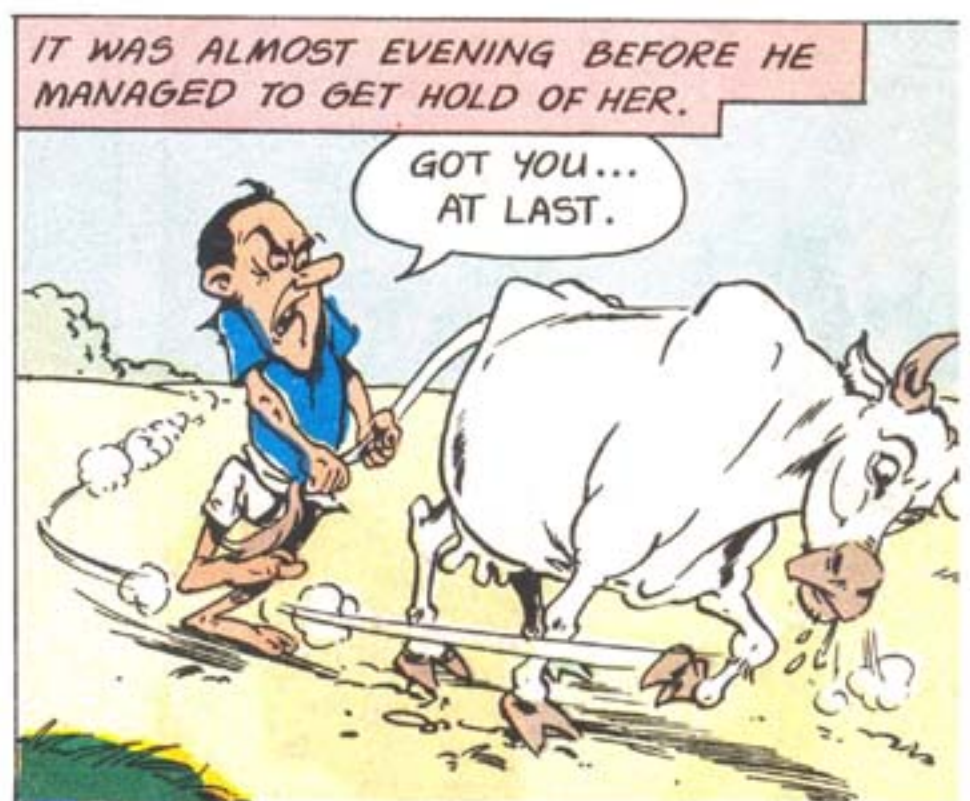
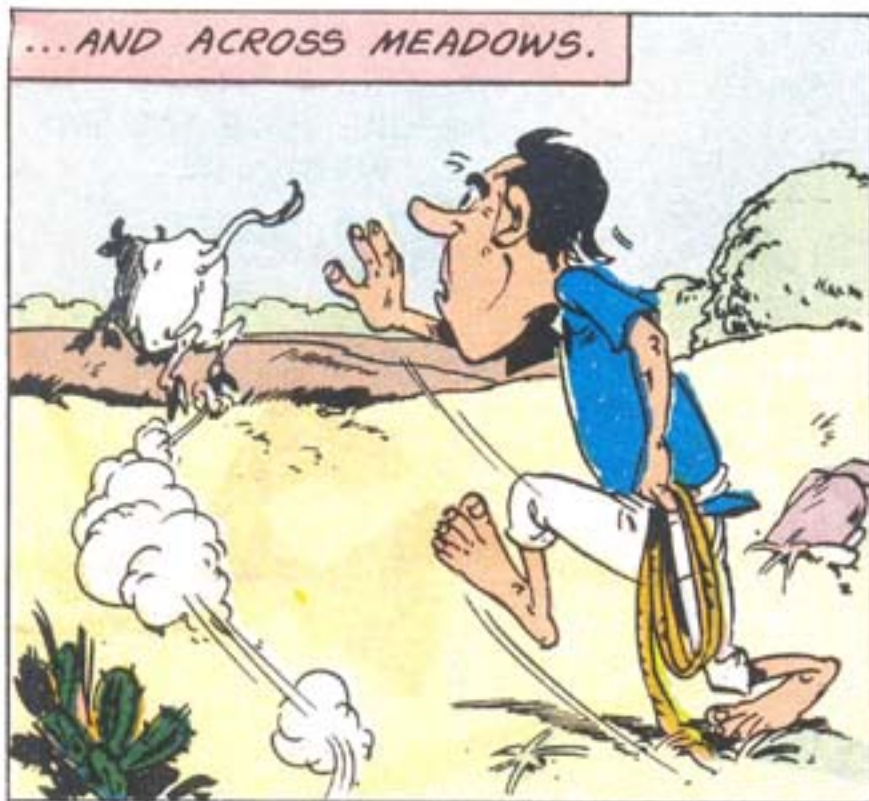
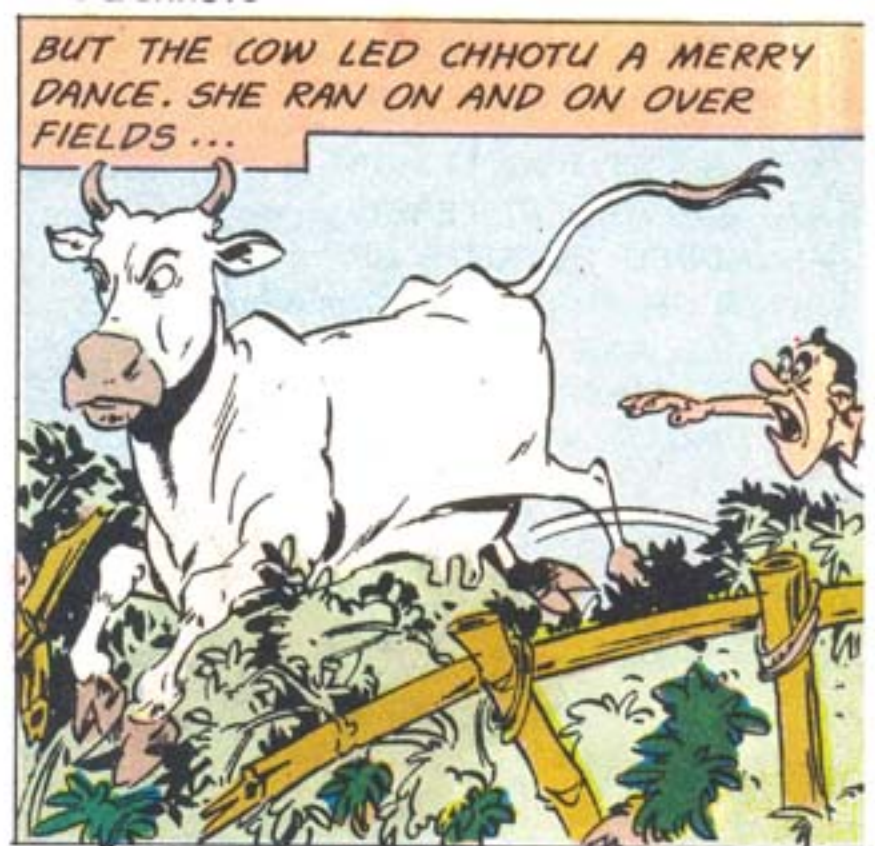
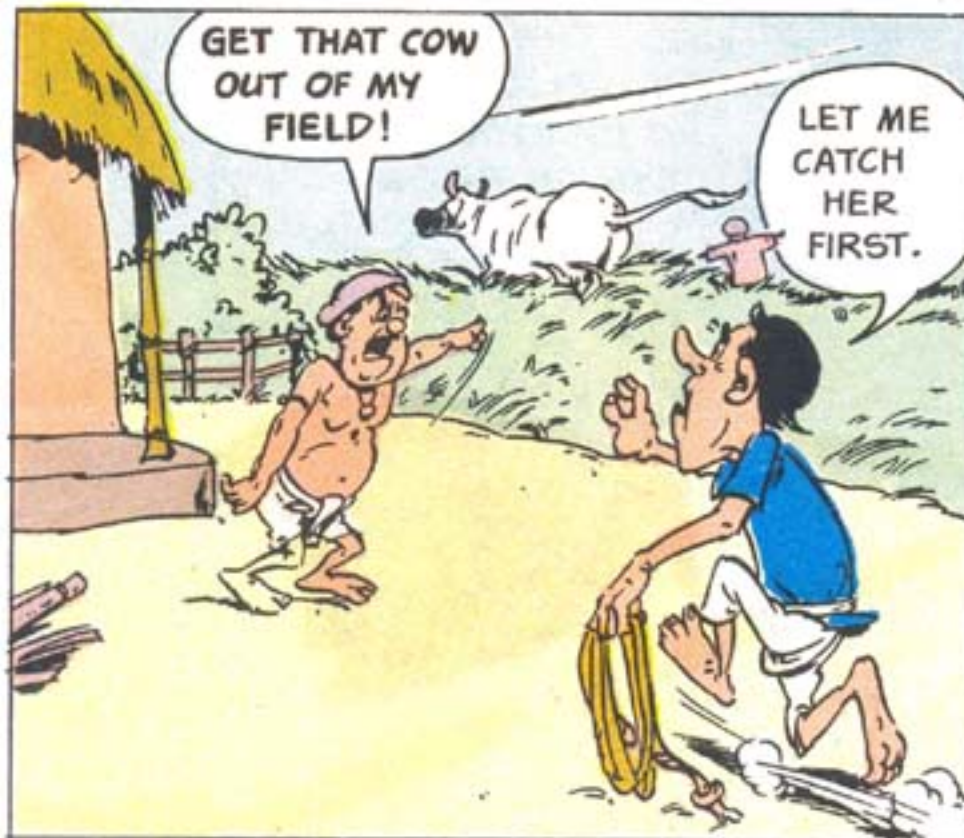
...SHE LEAPED FORWARD...



...AND BOUNDED AWAY.

HEY! COME BACK!
STOP!





LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT BADDU WAS AS EXHAUSTED AS HE WAS.

OOOOH! MY BACK! I MUST HAVE EMPTIED AT LEAST A HUNDRED BUCKETS OF WATER ON THAT MANGO SAPLING. AND I'LL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN TOMORROW!



LUCKY CHHOTU. ALL THAT THE FELLOW HAS TO DO IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON A COW.

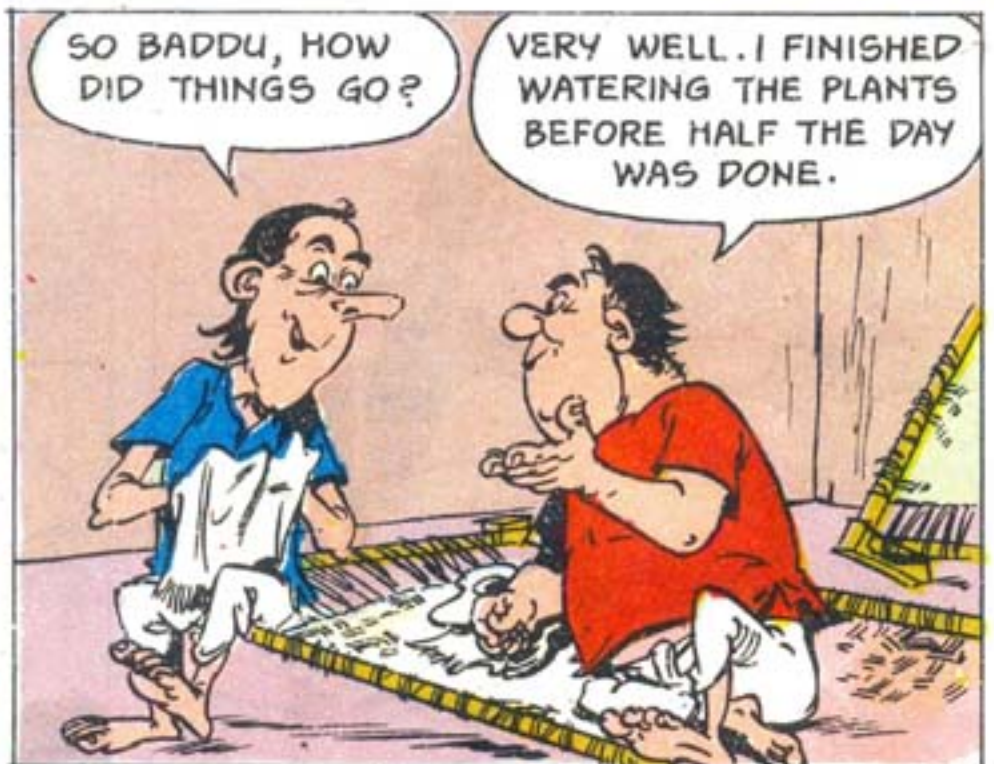


I'D BETTER NOT TELL HIM HOW HARD I HAVE TO WORK. HE'LL LAUGH HIS HEAD OFF... OH! HE'S BACK.



SO BADDU, HOW DID THINGS GO?

VERY WELL. I FINISHED WATERING THE PLANTS BEFORE HALF THE DAY WAS DONE.

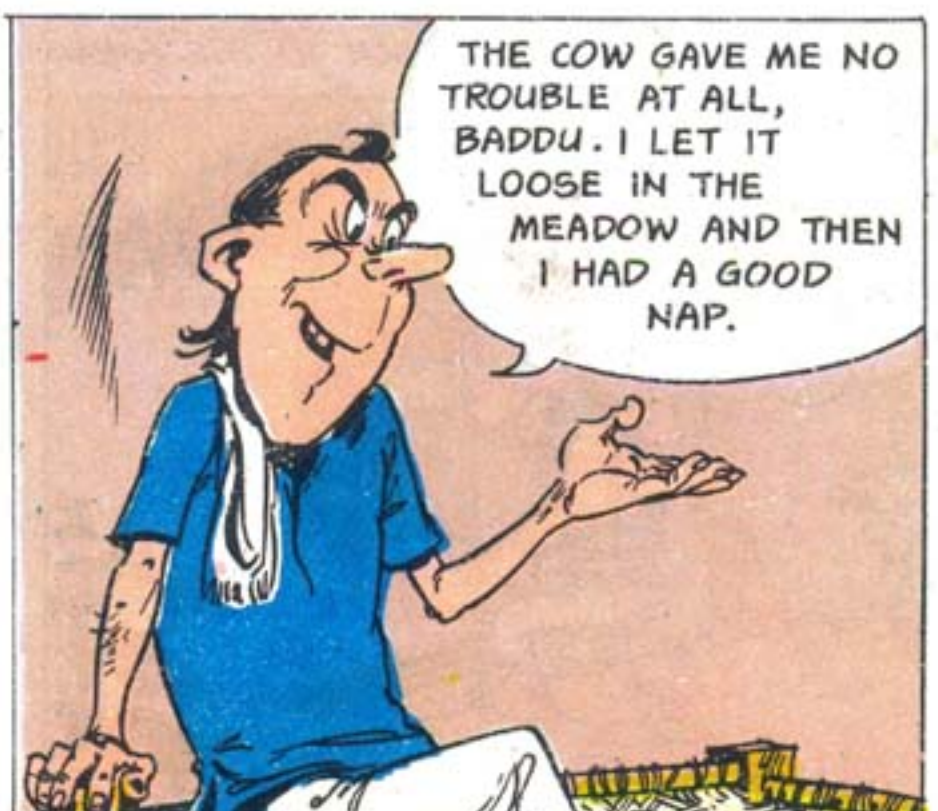


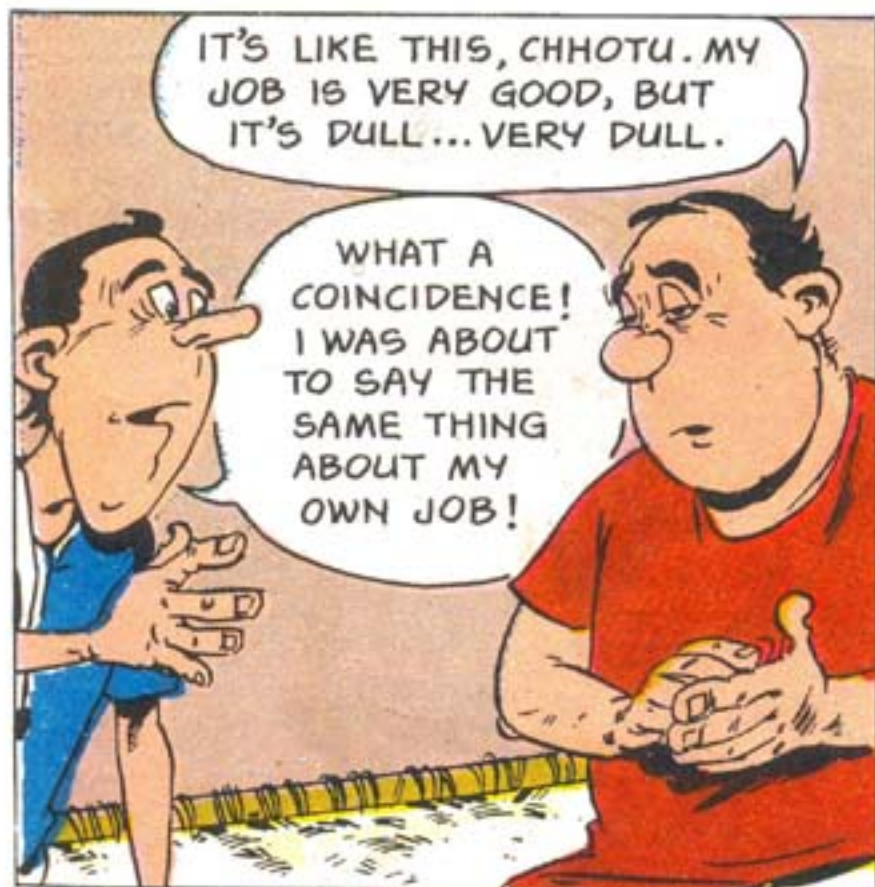
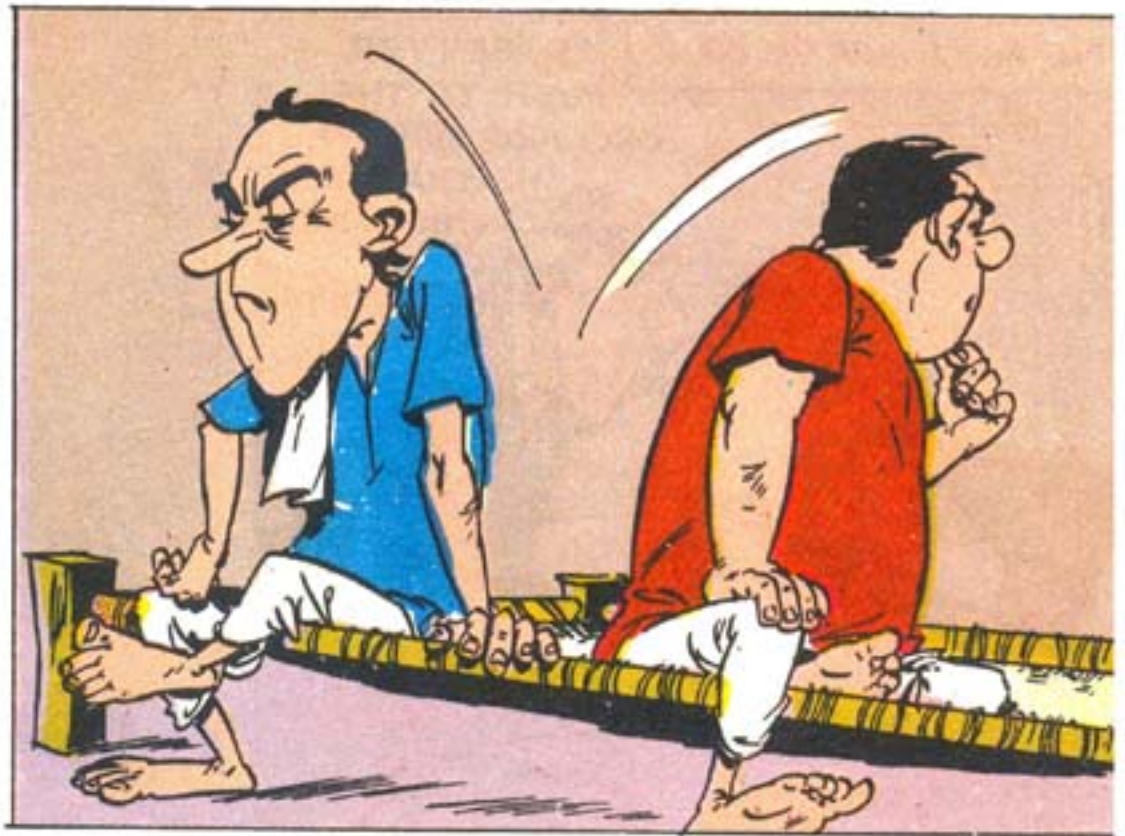
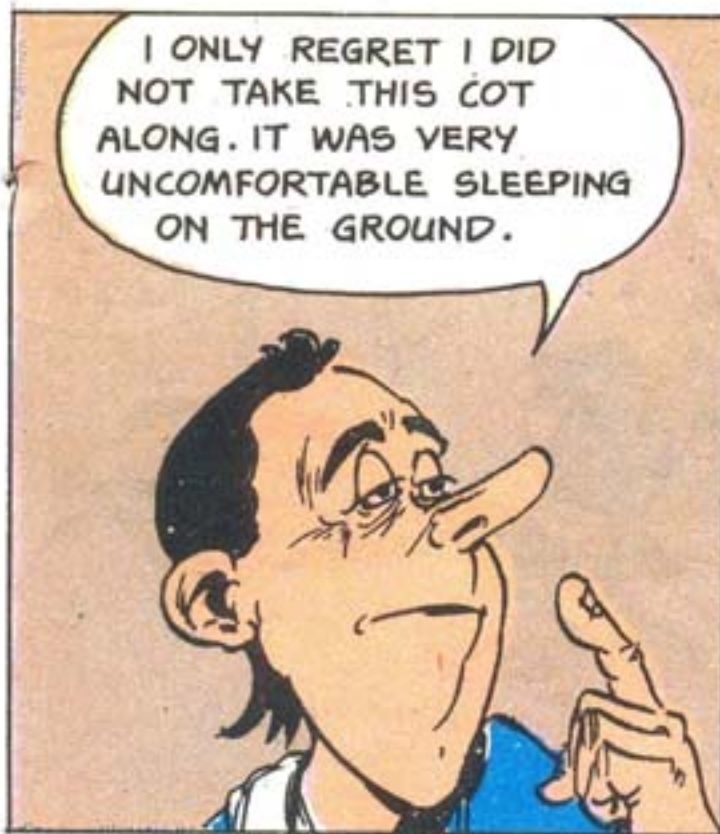
AND THEN I LAZED AROUND TILL EVENING. HOW WAS IT WITH YOU?

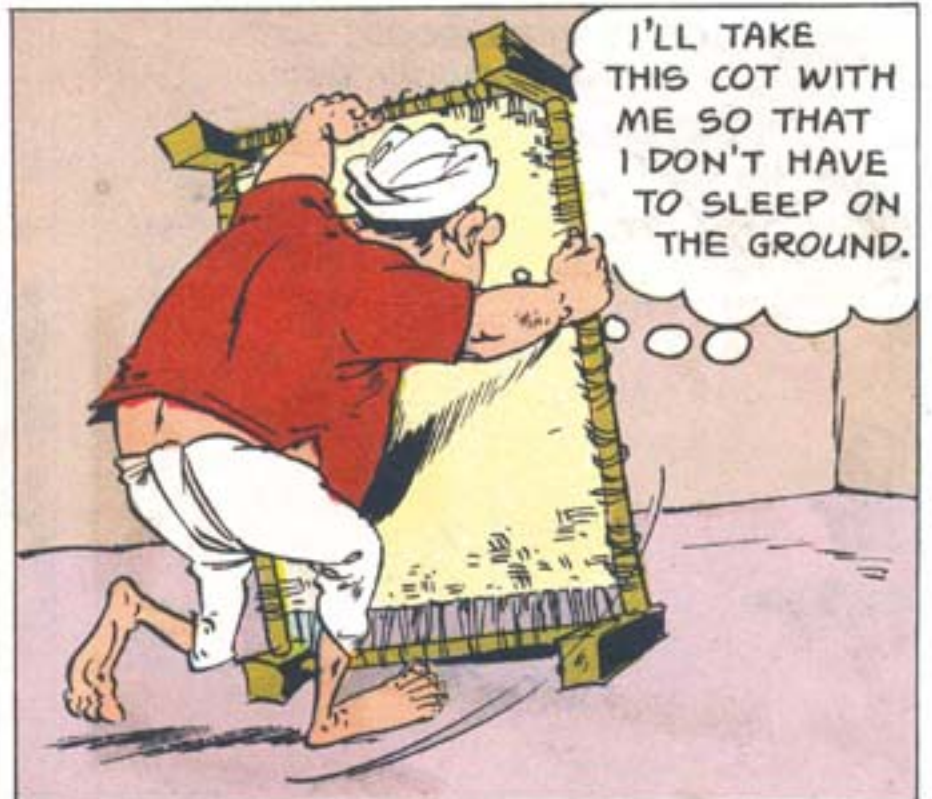
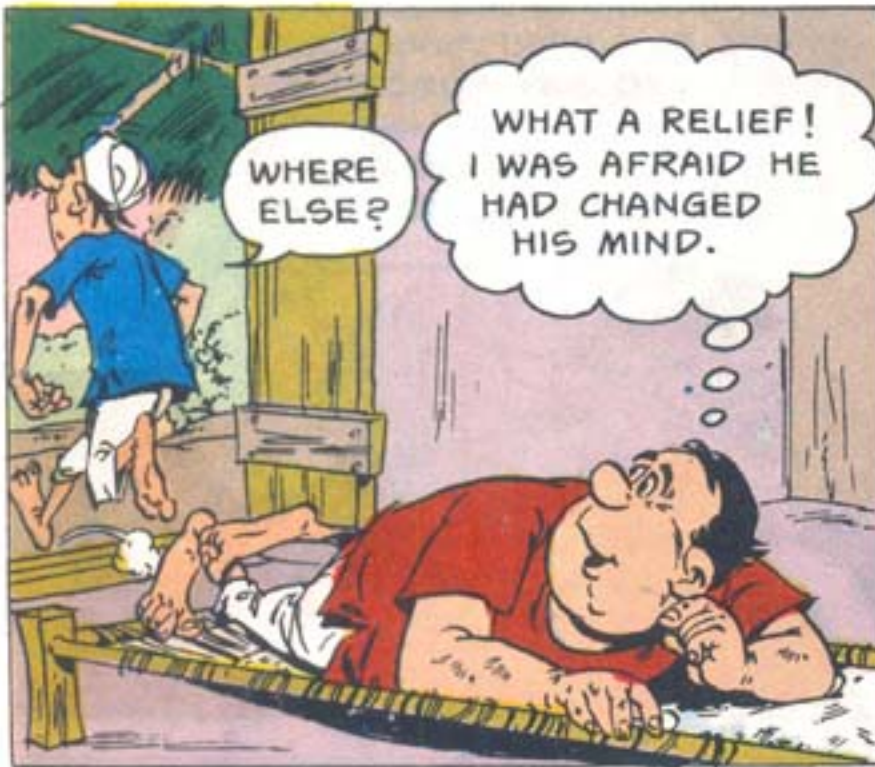
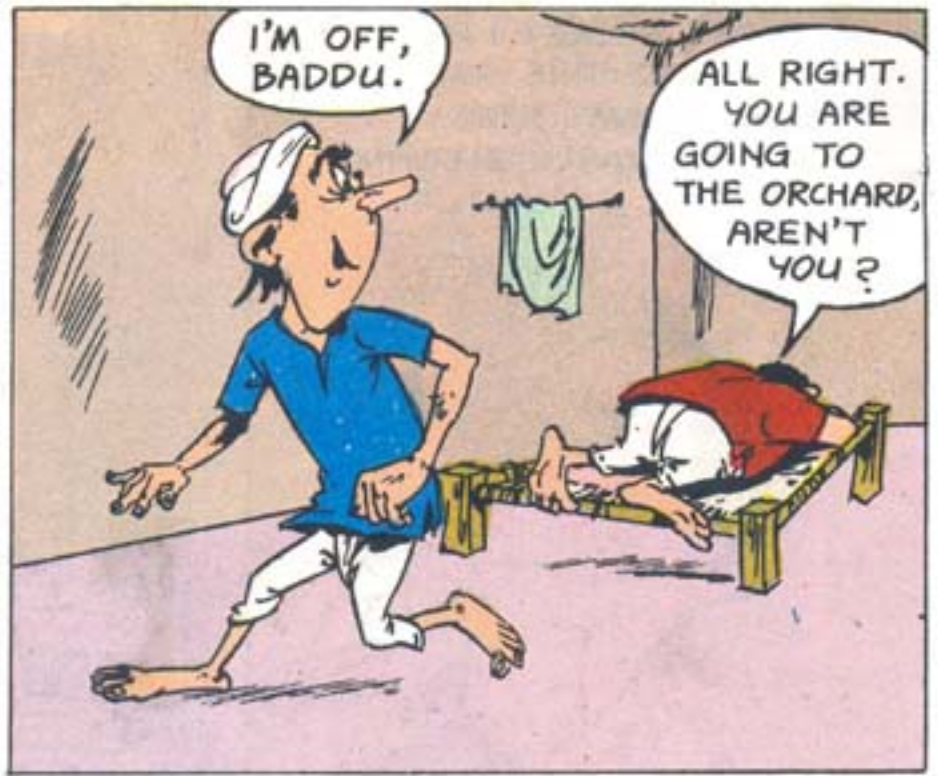
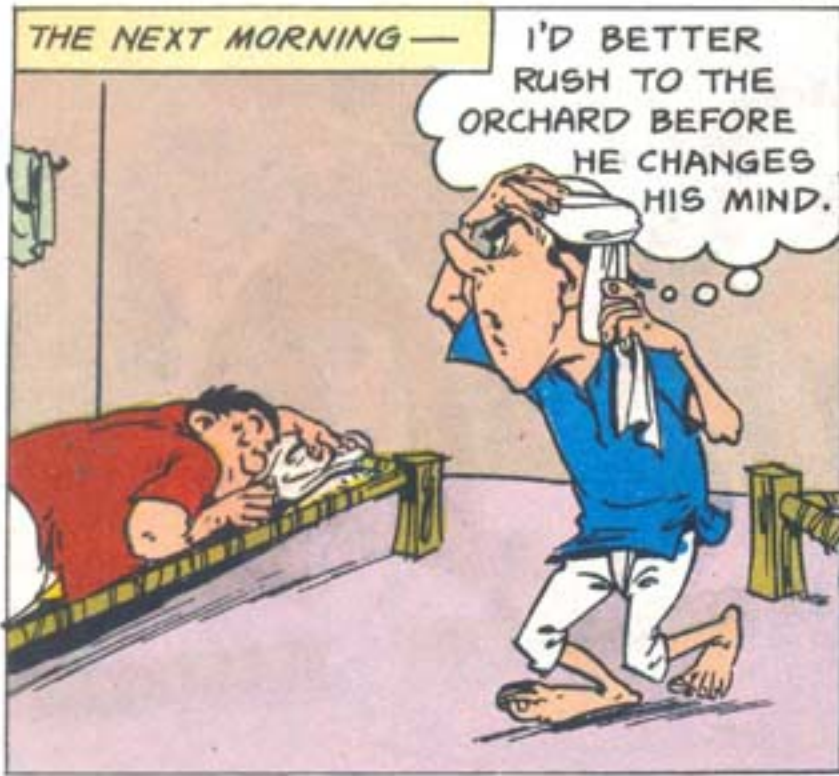
IF I TELL HIM I SPENT THE WHOLE DAY CHASING A COW, HE'LL LAUGH HIS HEAD OFF!



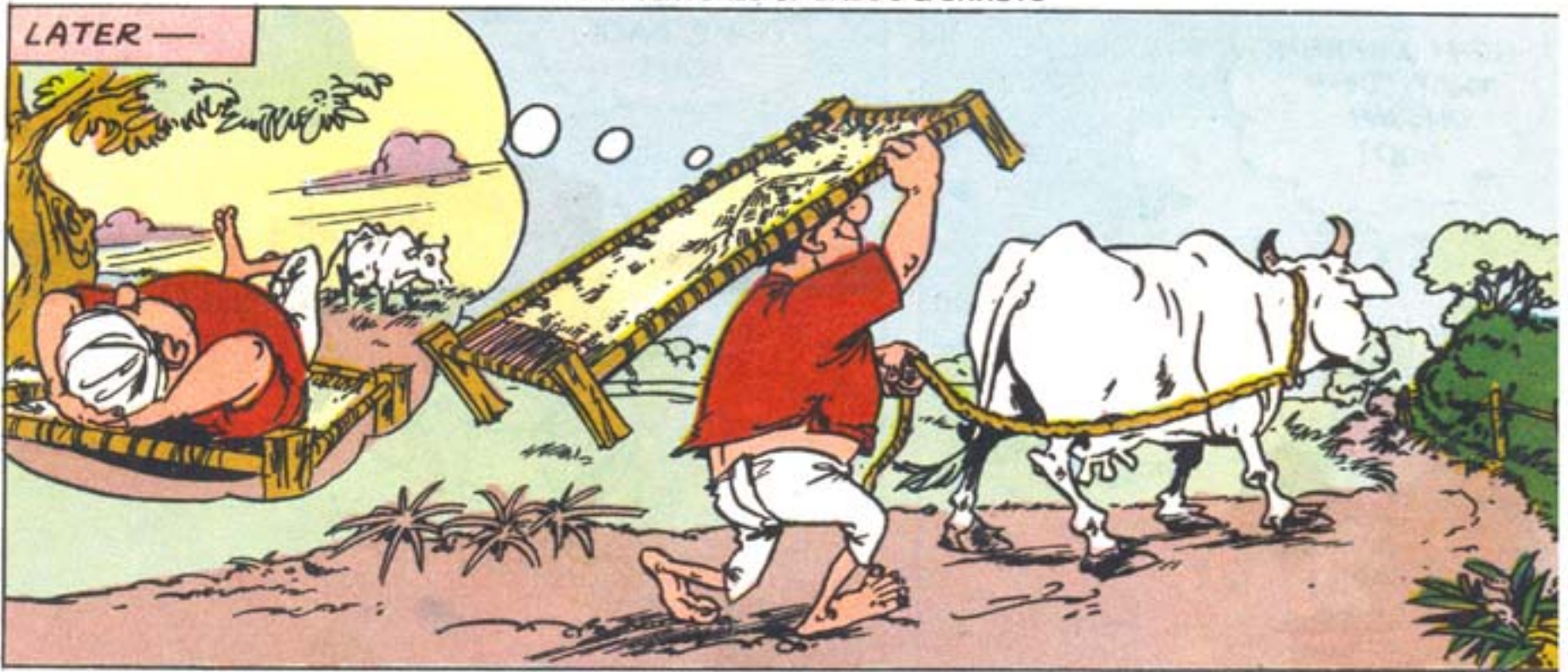
THE COW GAVE ME NO TROUBLE AT ALL, BADDU. I LET IT LOOSE IN THE MEADOW AND THEN I HAD A GOOD NAP.







LATER —



WHEN HE GOT TO THE MEADOW —

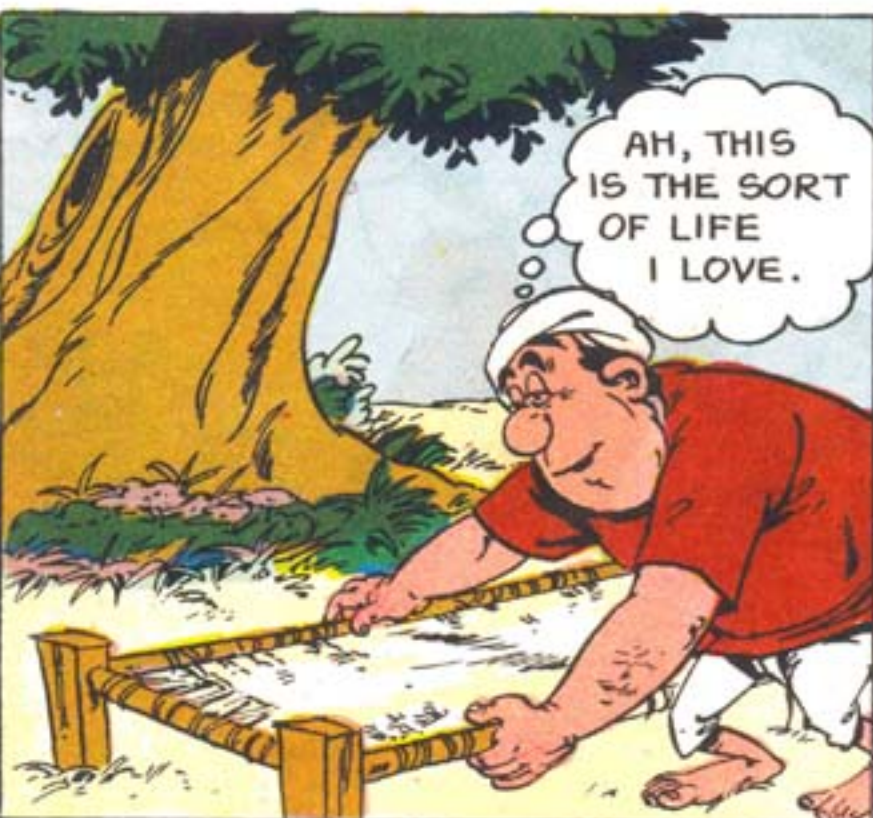
GO! GO EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT...



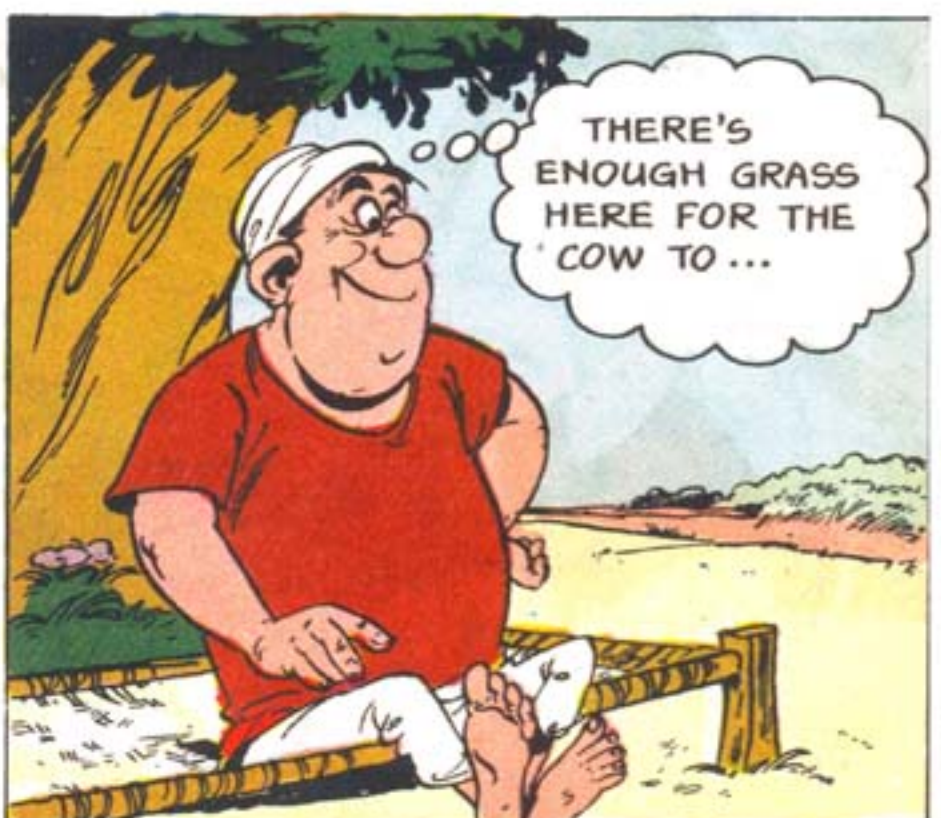
... WHILE I GET SOME SLEEP.

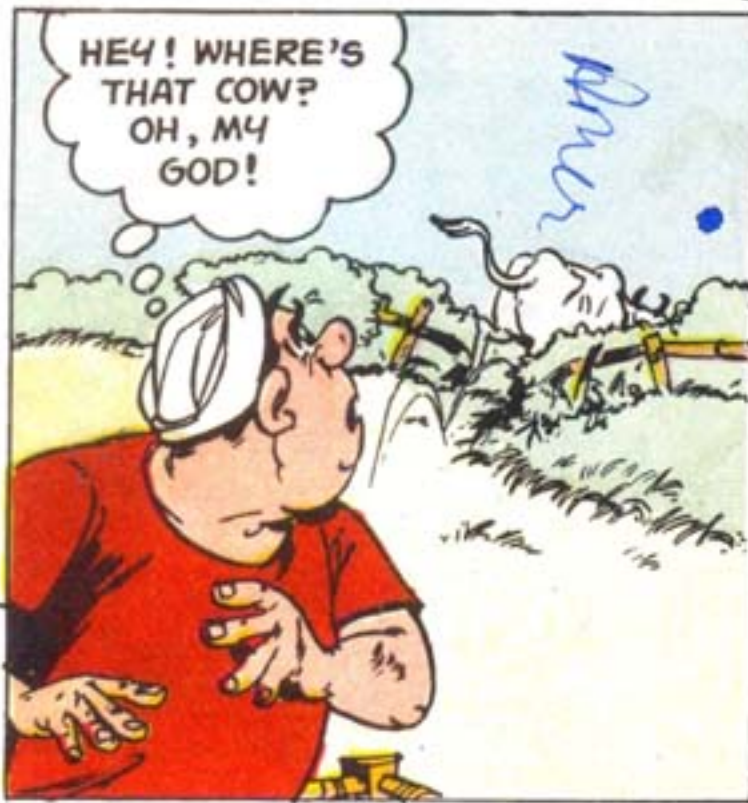


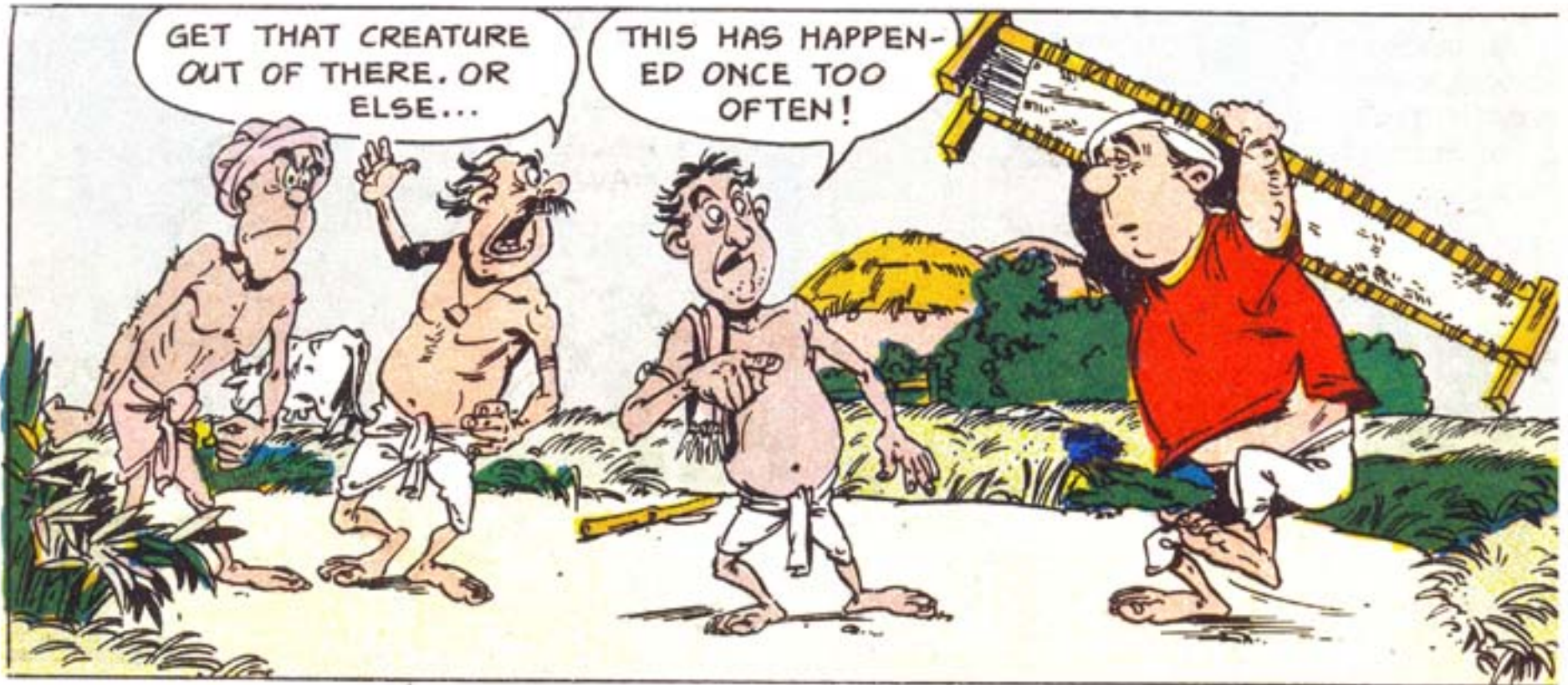
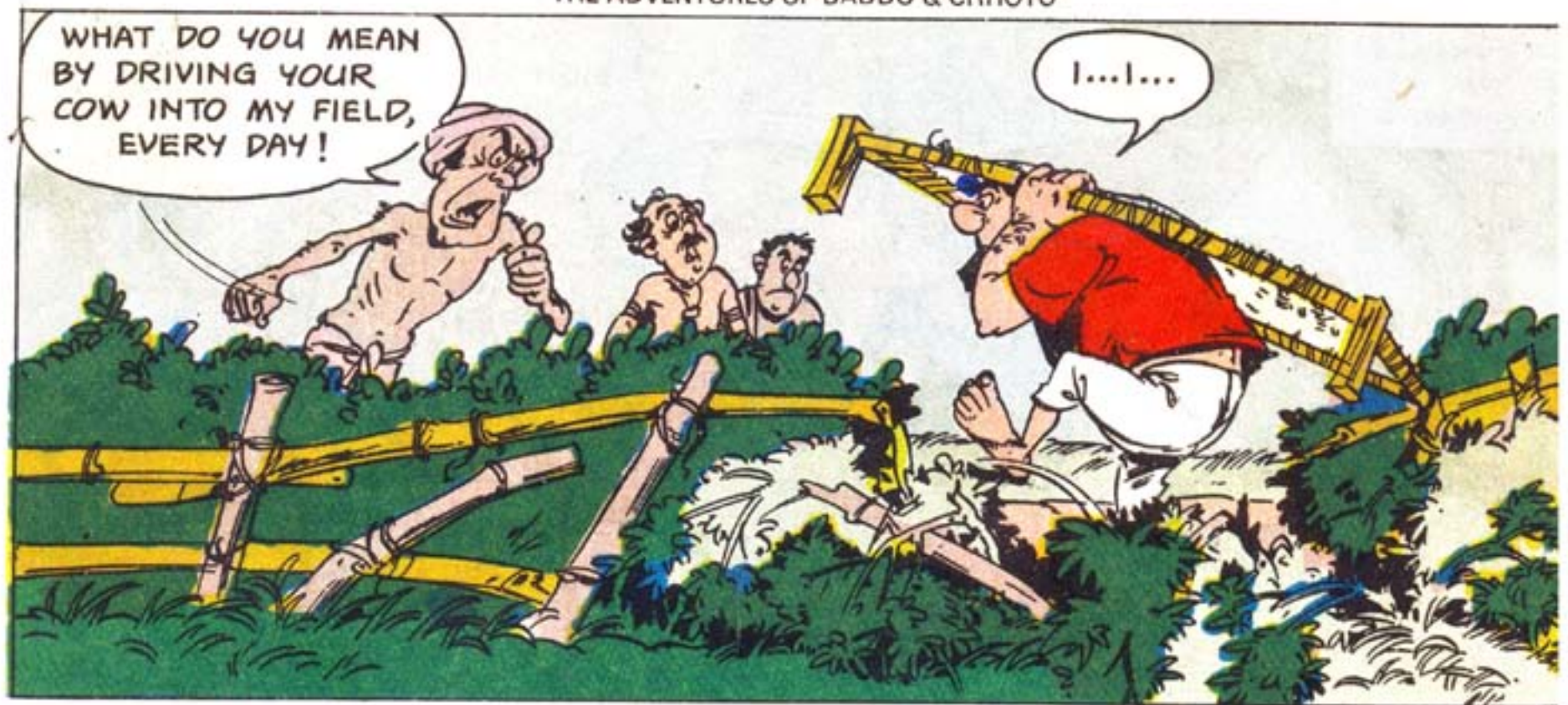
AH, THIS IS THE SORT OF LIFE I LOVE.



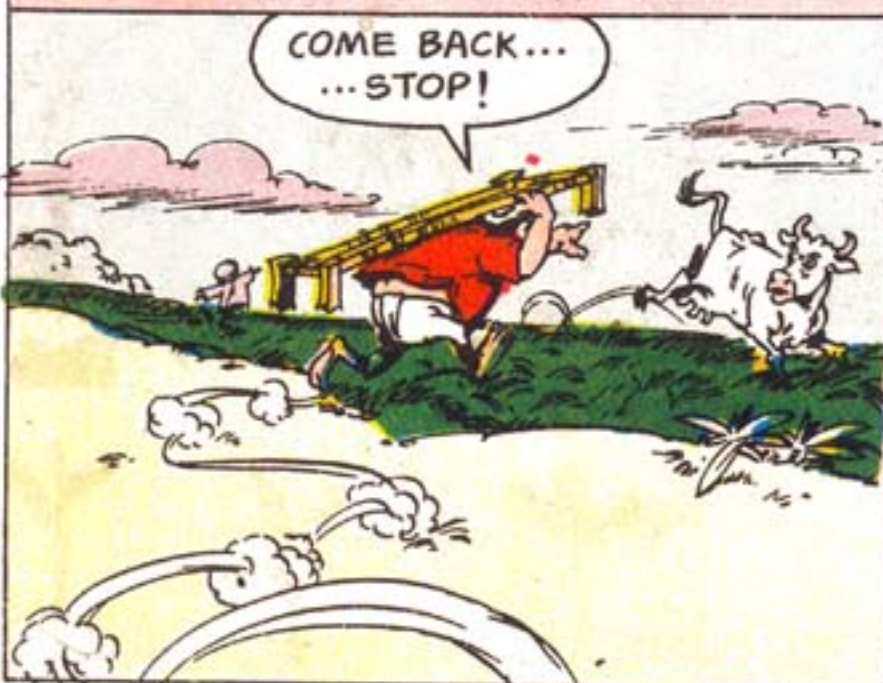
THERE'S ENOUGH GRASS HERE FOR THE COW TO ...



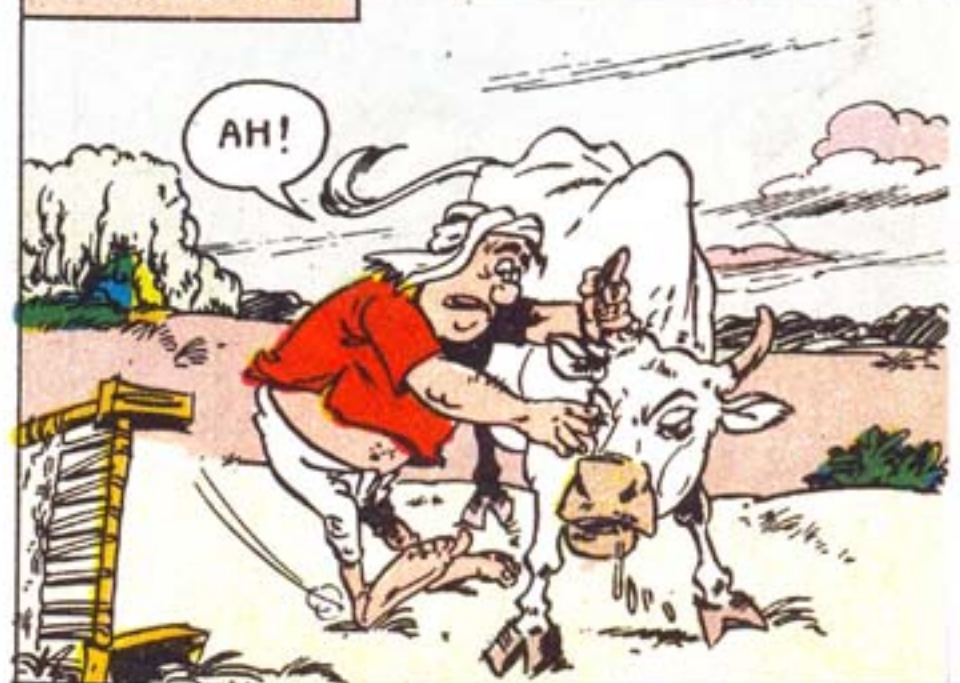


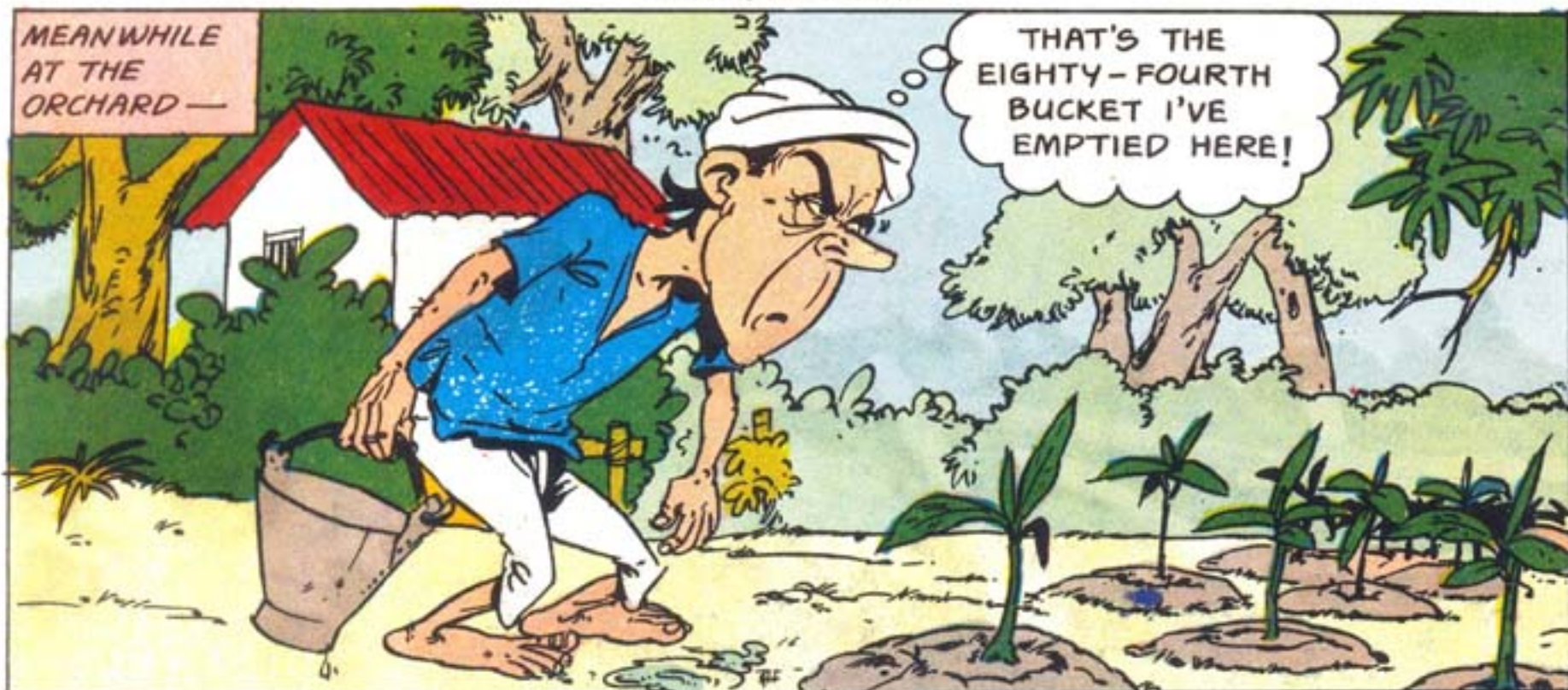


BADDU, AS CHHOTU HAD DONE THE PREVIOUS DAY, CHASED THE COW ALL OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE.



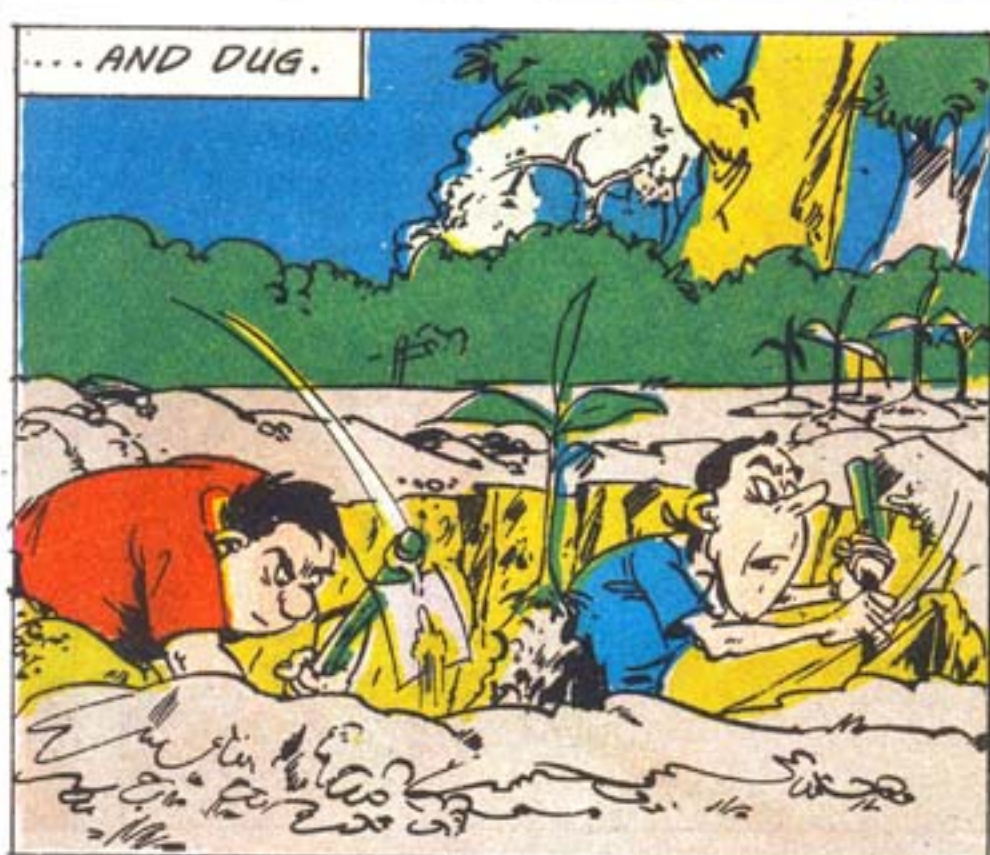
AND IT WAS ONLY TOWARDS EVENING THAT HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH IT.

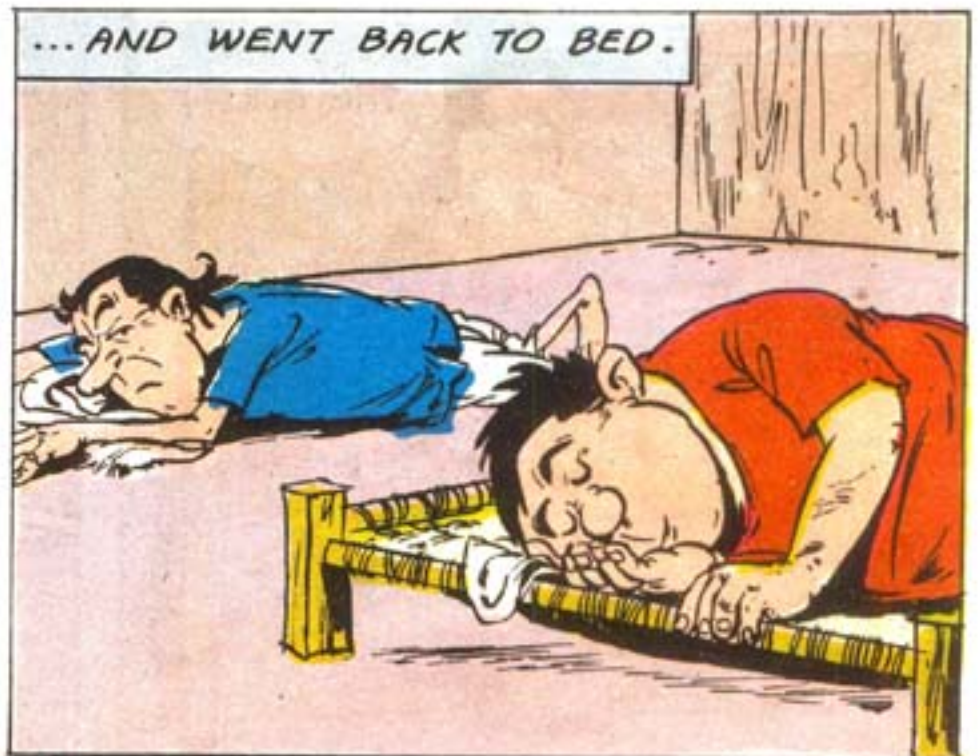
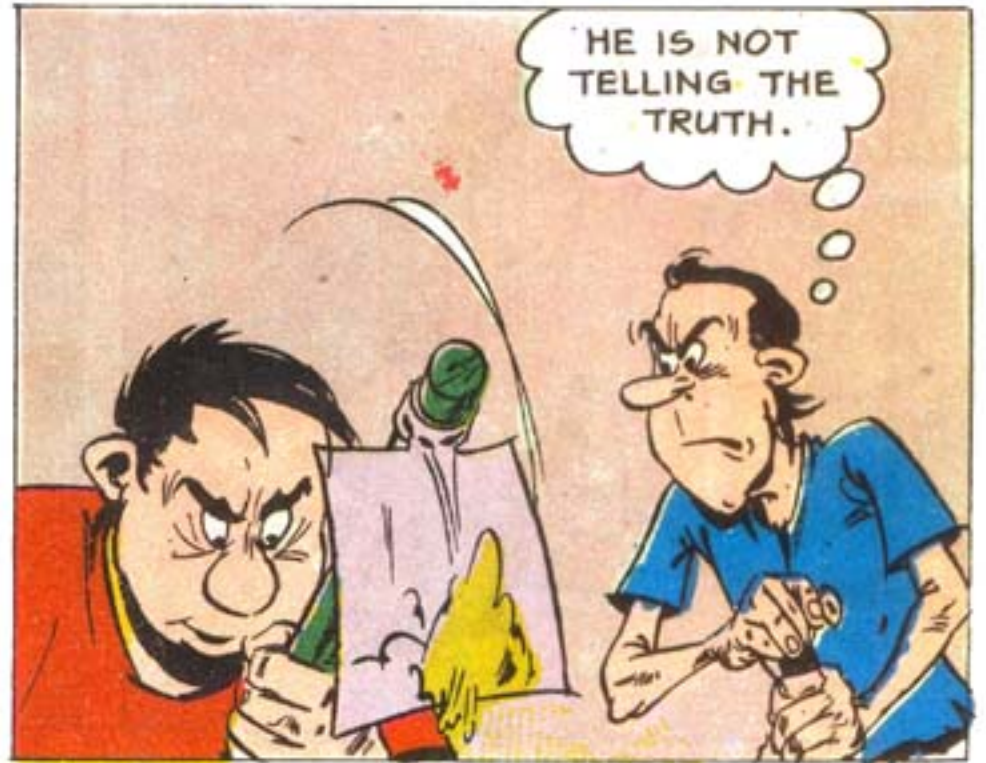


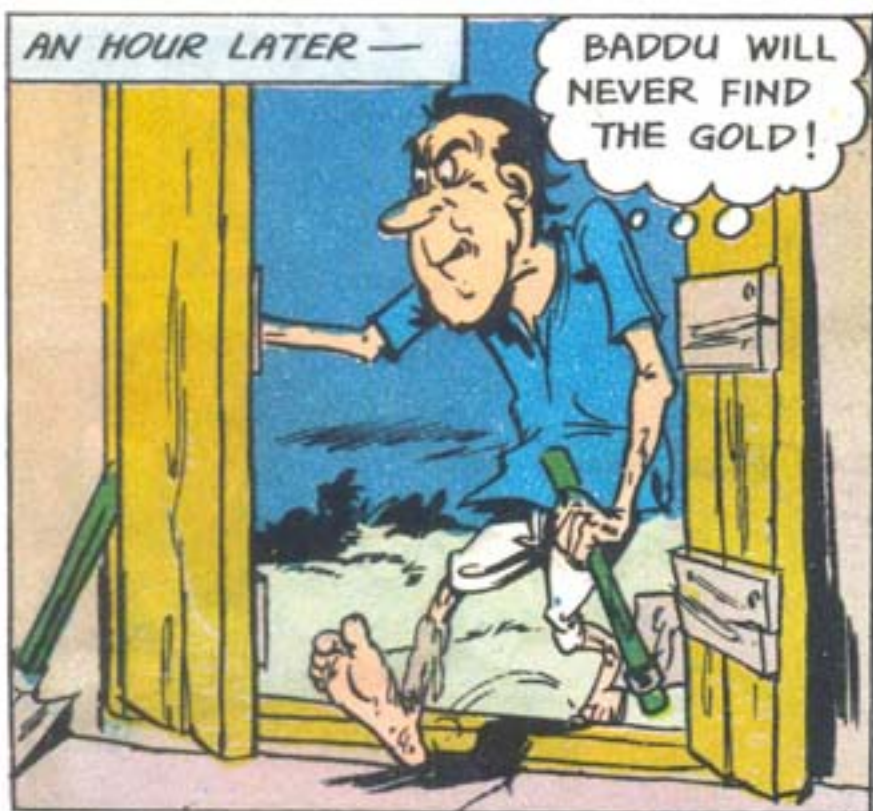
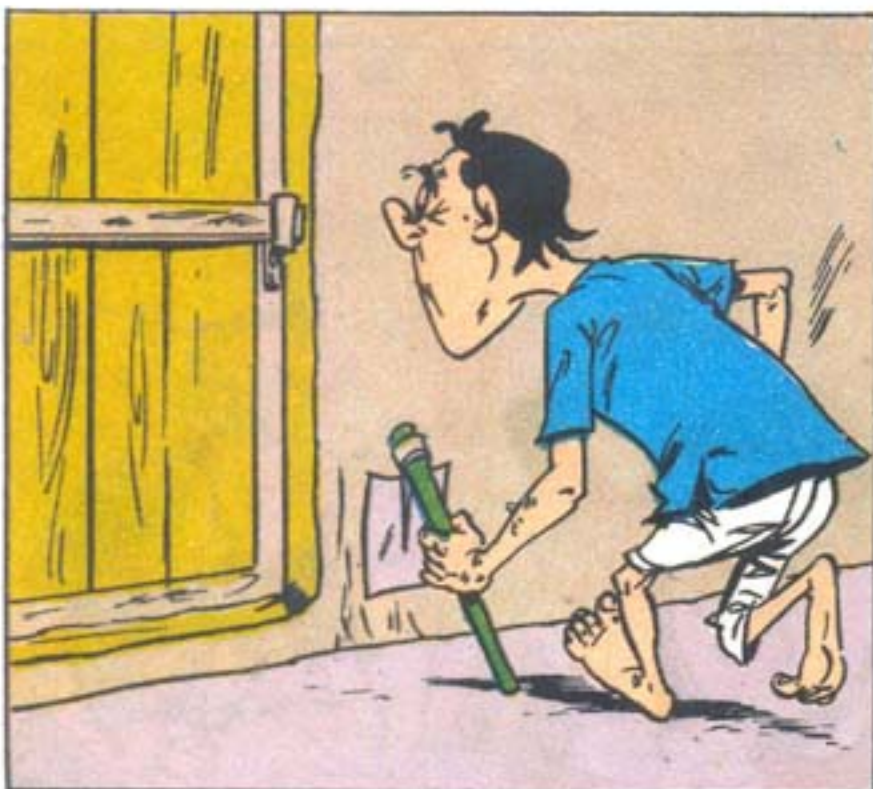
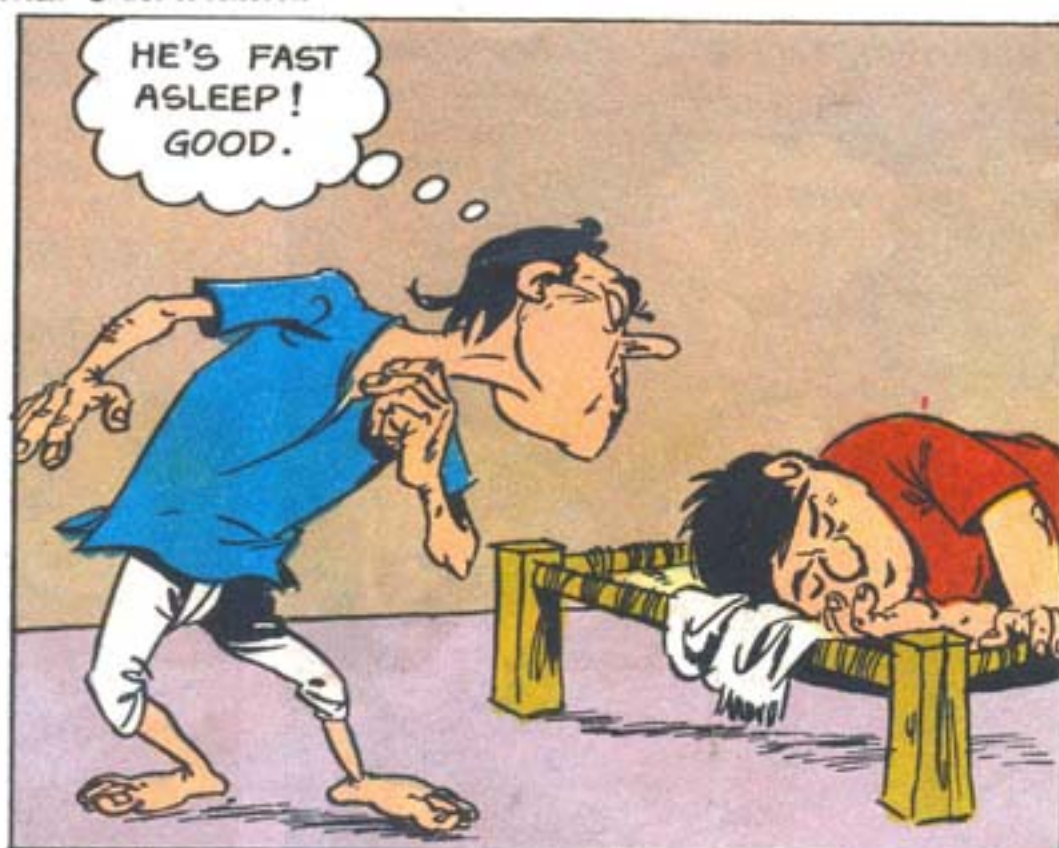


WHEN THE FRIENDS MET
AGAIN THAT EVENING —

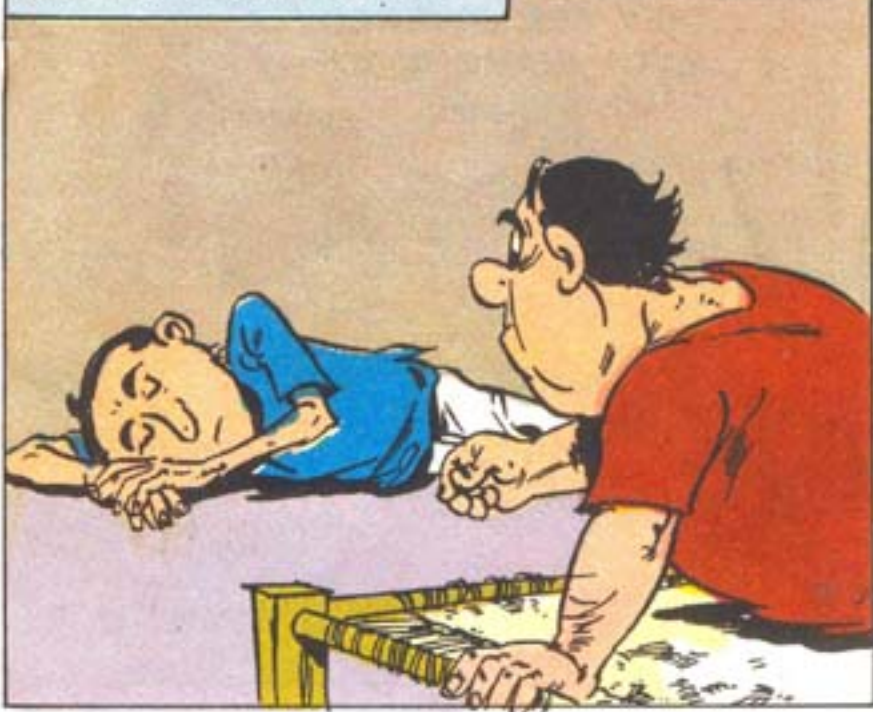




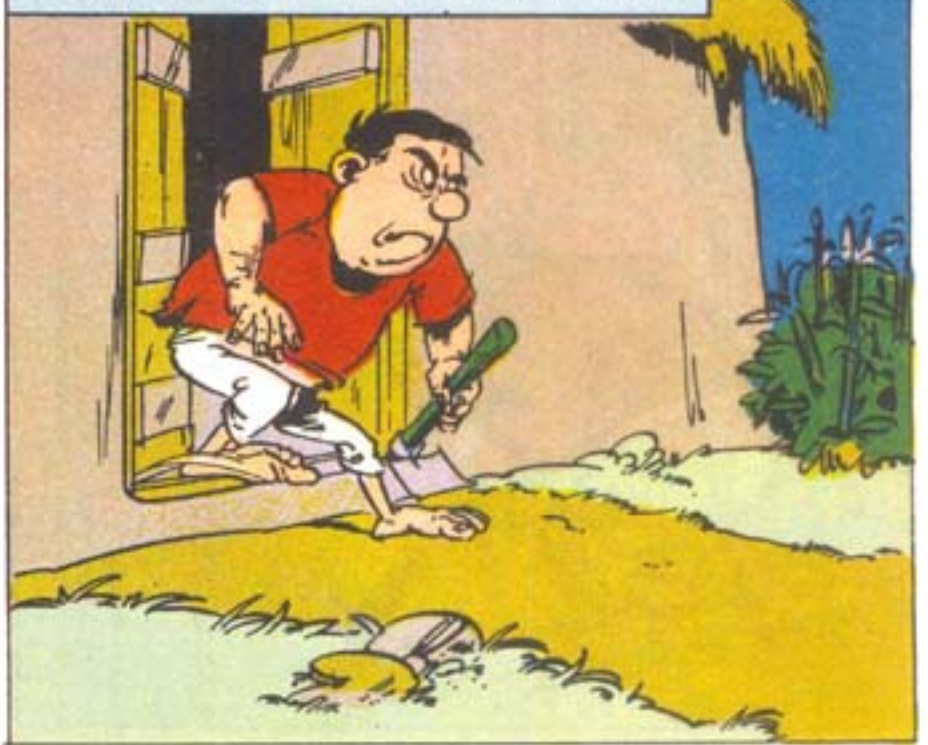




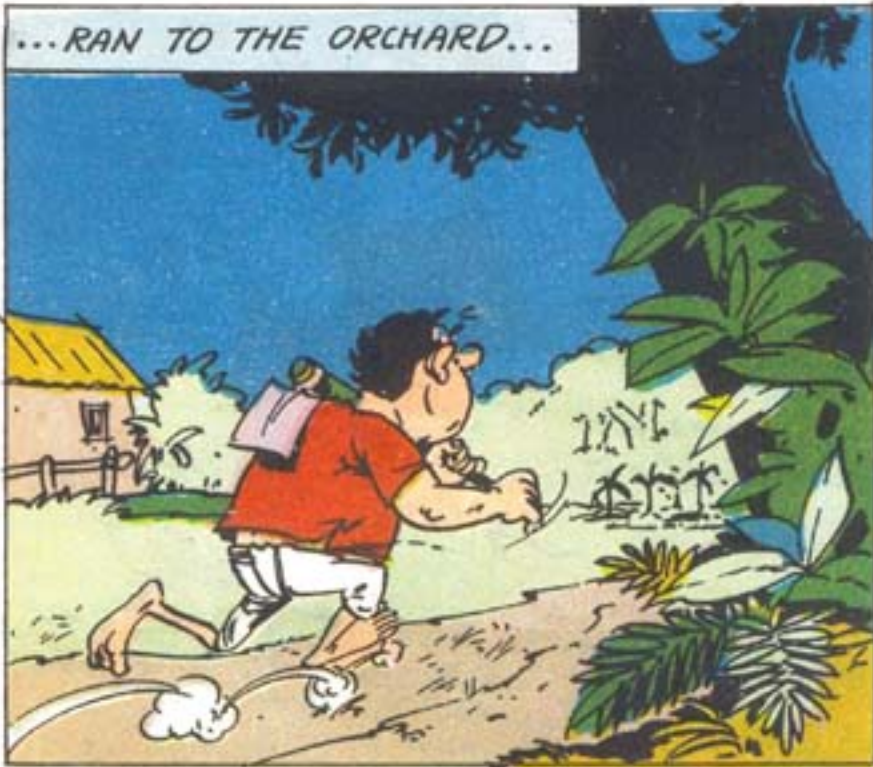
AND CHHOTU FELL ASLEEP. JUST THEN
BADDU WOKE UP...



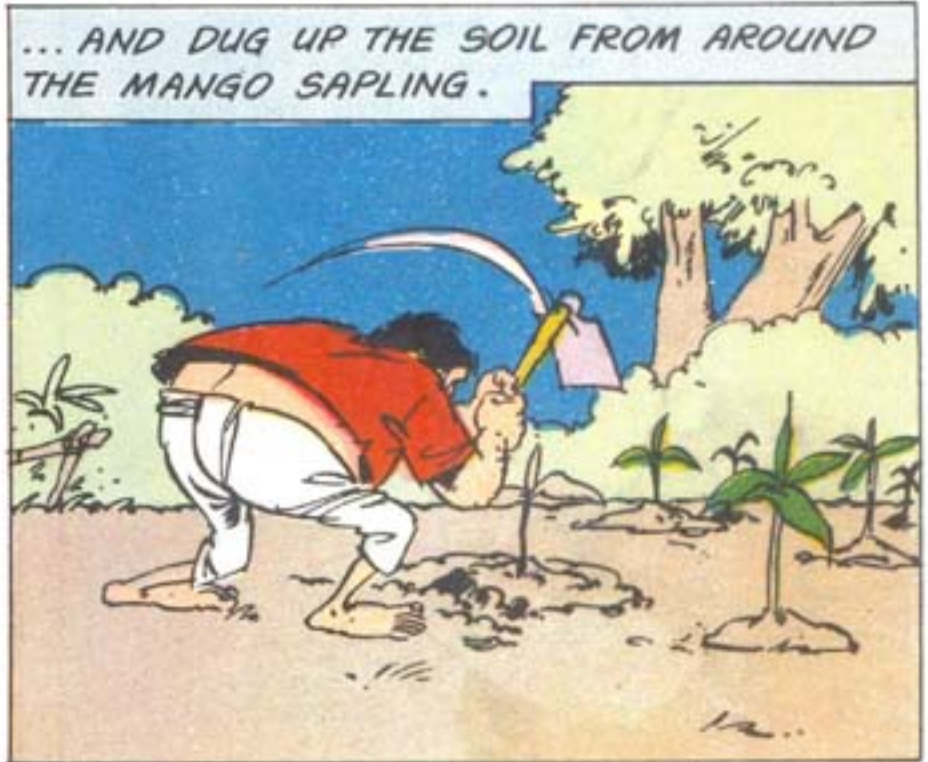
... STOLE OUT OF THE HUT ...



... RAN TO THE ORCHARD...



... AND DUG UP THE SOIL FROM AROUND
THE MANGO SAPLING.



BUT TO HIS DISMAY —



I'M SURE IT WAS
CHHOTU. HE MUST'VE
COME BACK AGAIN
WHEN I WAS ASLEEP.



BADDU RUSHED HOME.

THERE HE IS!
SLEEPING AS IF
NOTHING HAS
HAPPENED.



HEY! WHY ARE HIS
LEGS SO DIRTY?
THEY ARE COVERED
WITH SLIME UP TO
HIS KNEES.



HE'S BEEN WADING
IN THE POOL! HE'S
HIDDEN THE TREASURE
THERE!



BADDU HEADED
FOR THE POOL.



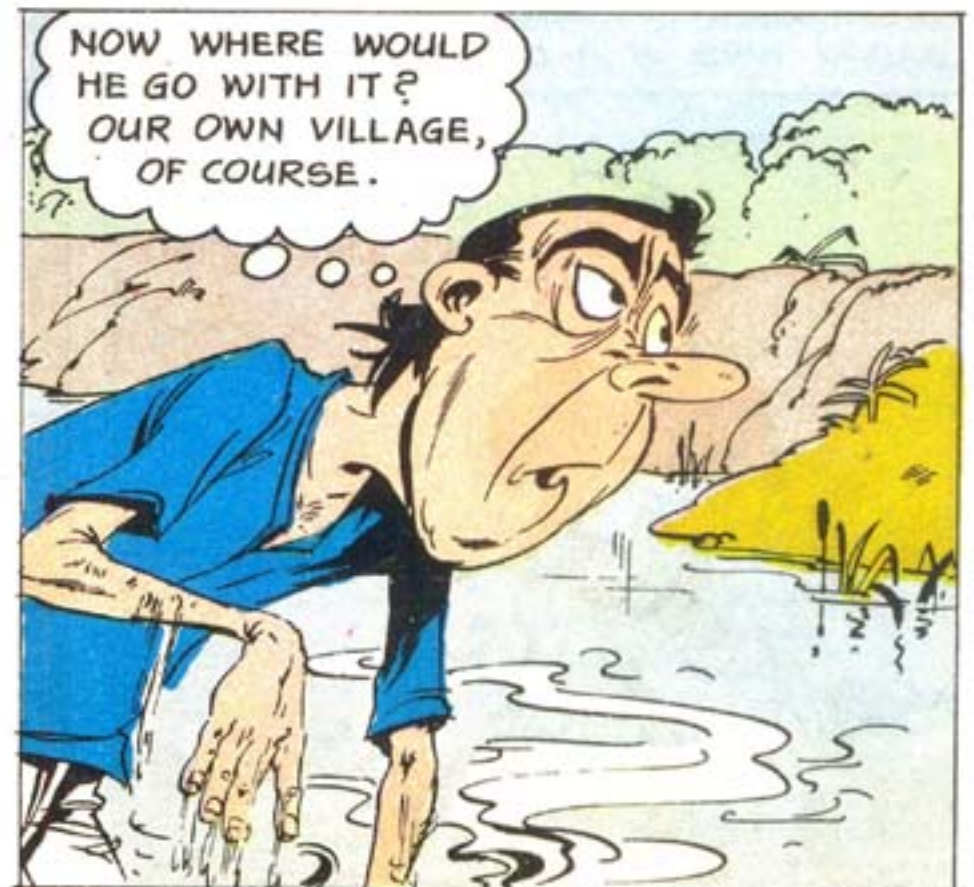
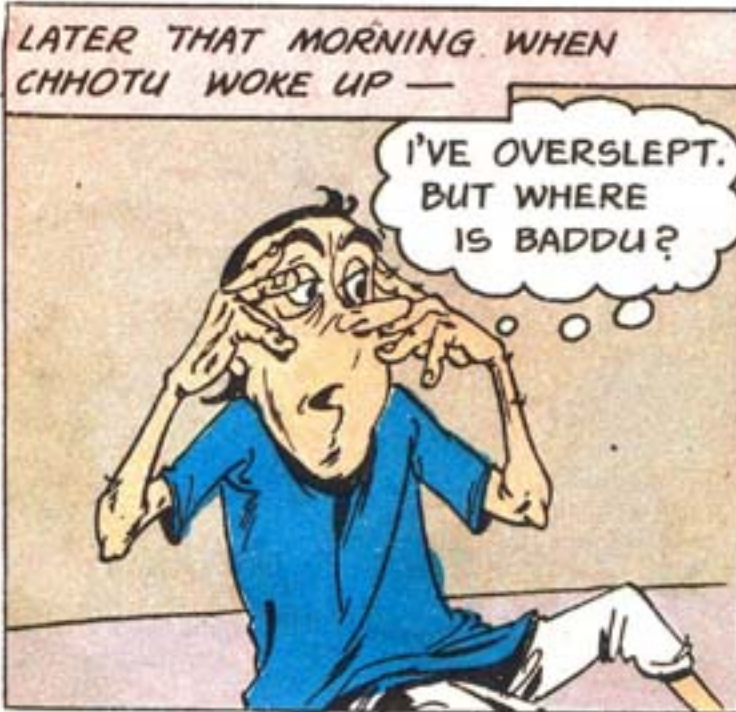
WADING KNEE-DEEP INTO IT...

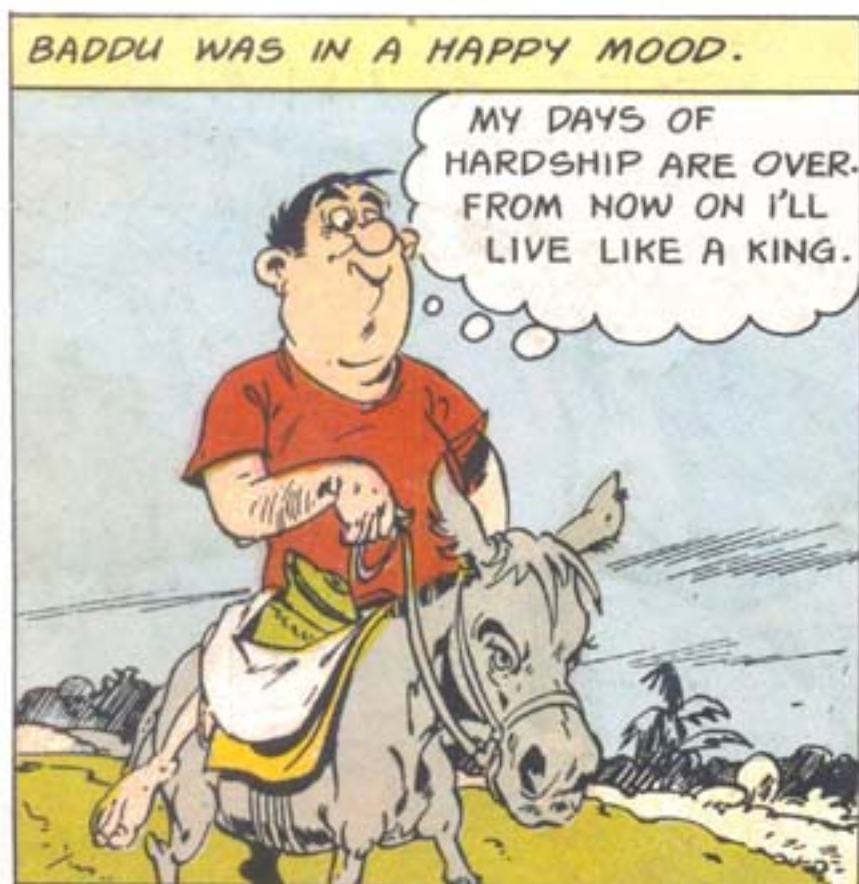
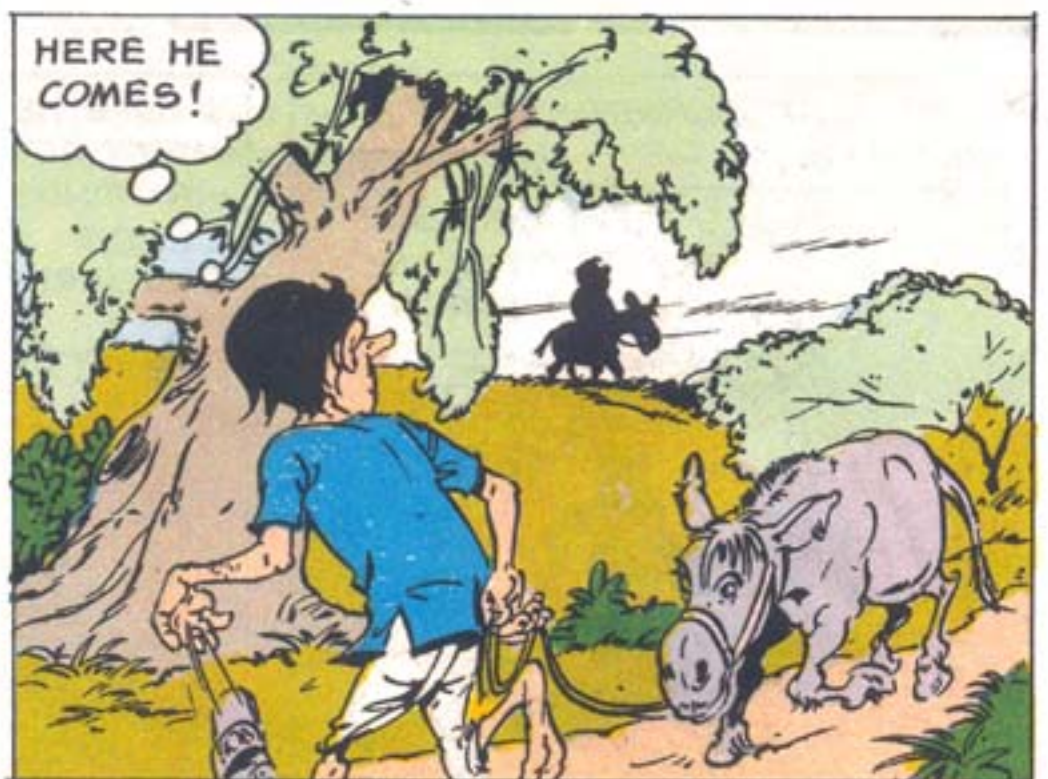
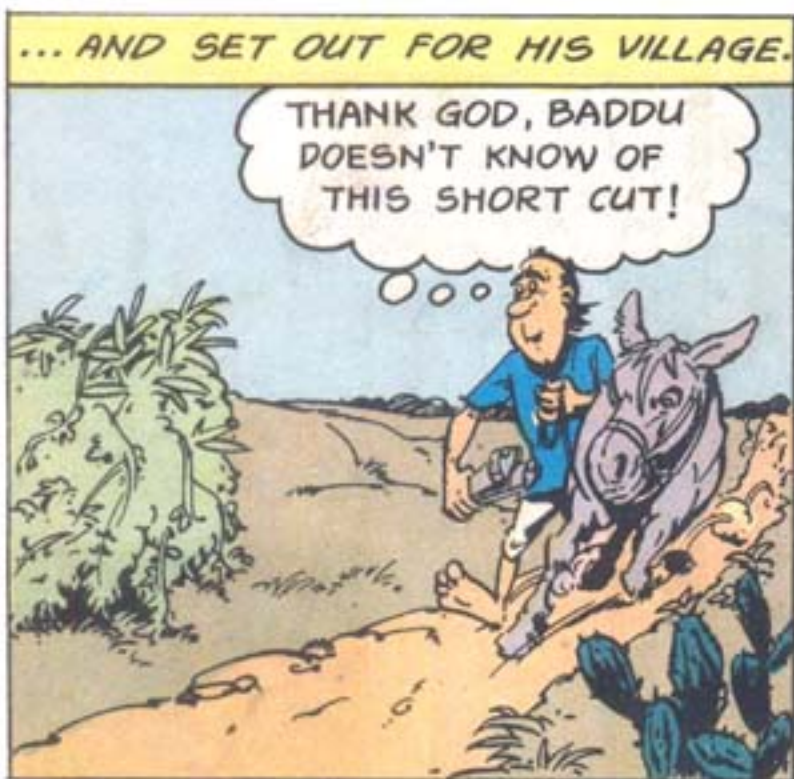


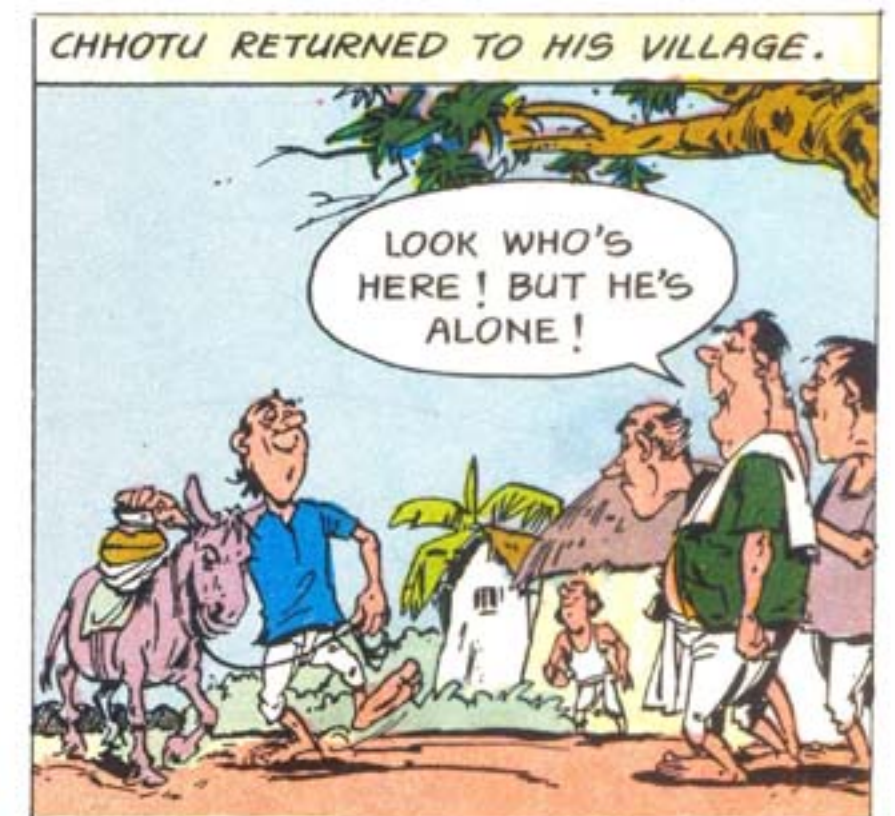
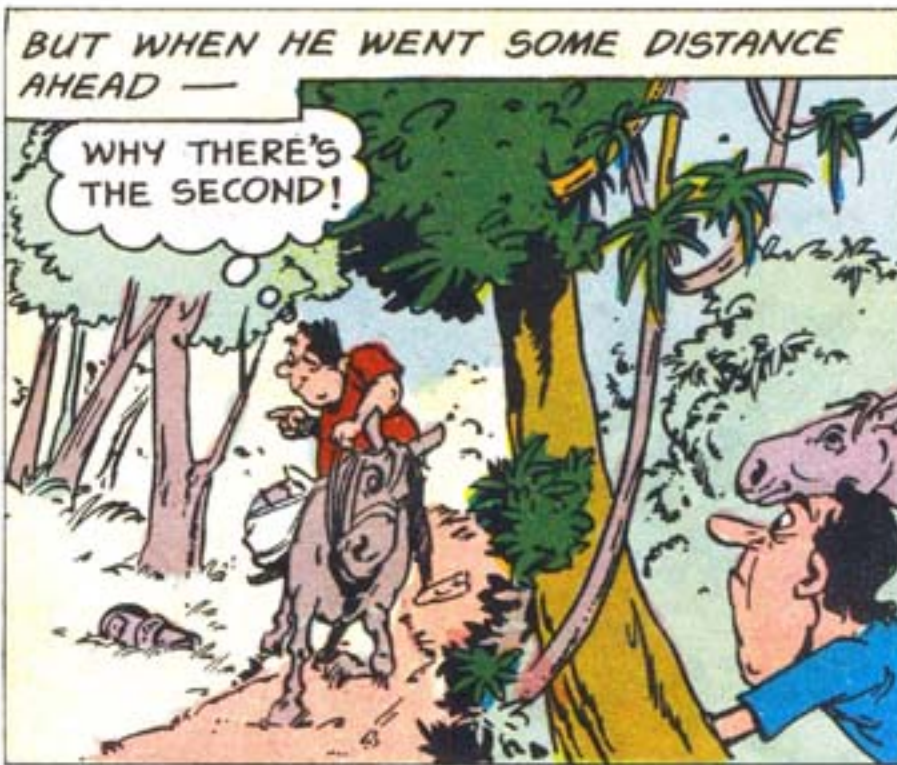
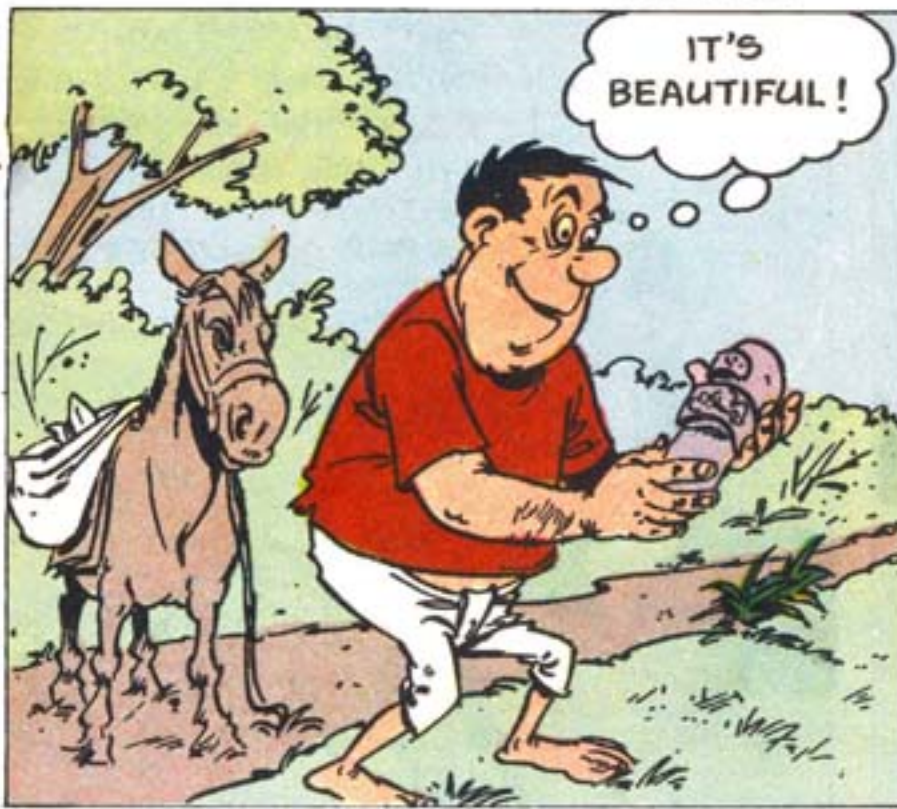
...HE BEGAN TO SEARCH FOR THE
TREASURE.

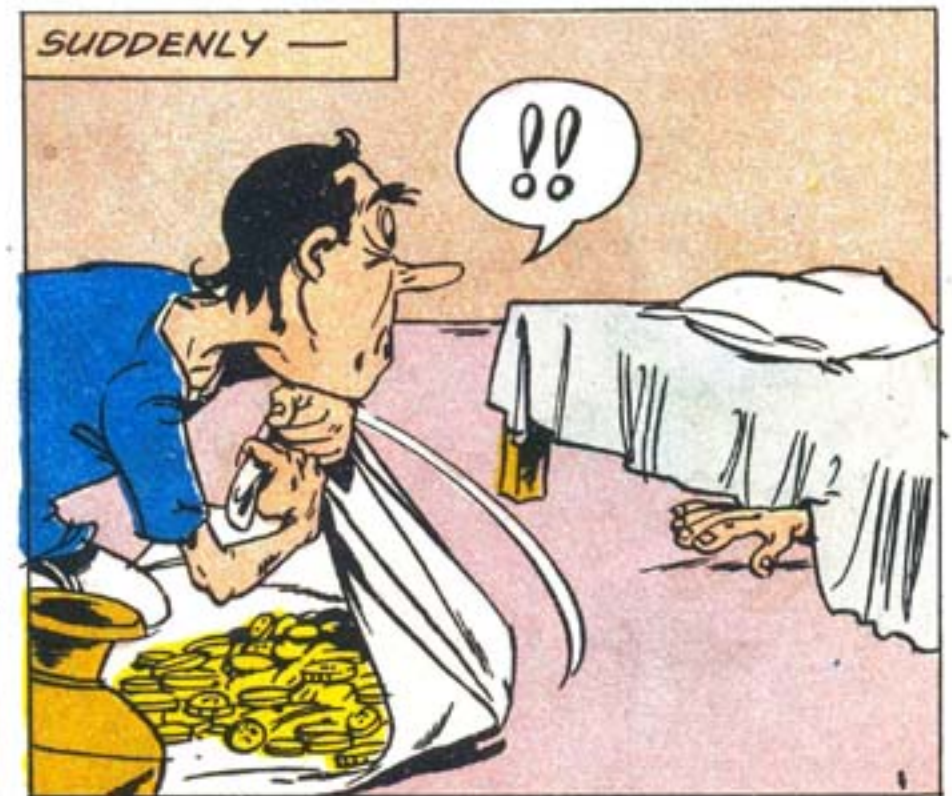
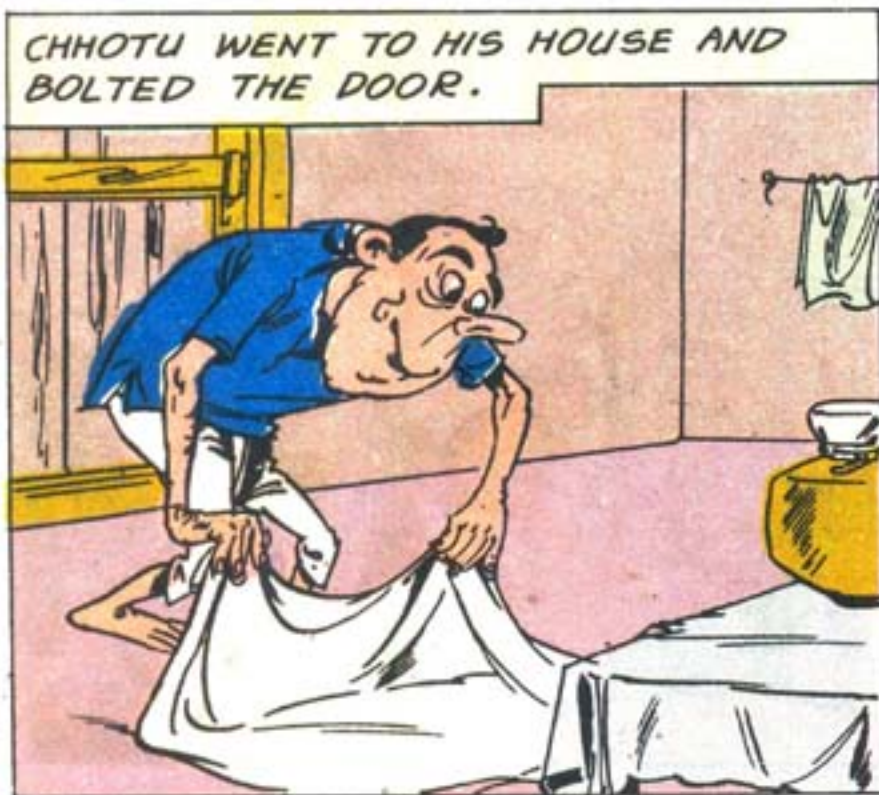
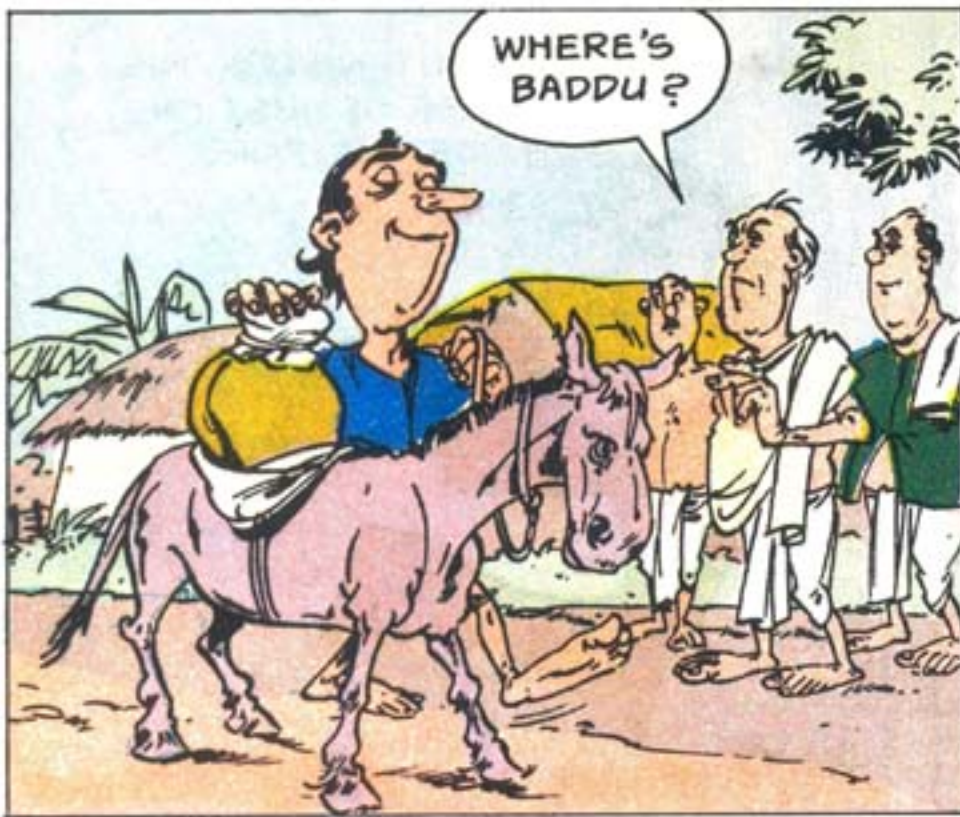
AH, THERE'S
SOMETHING
HERE.

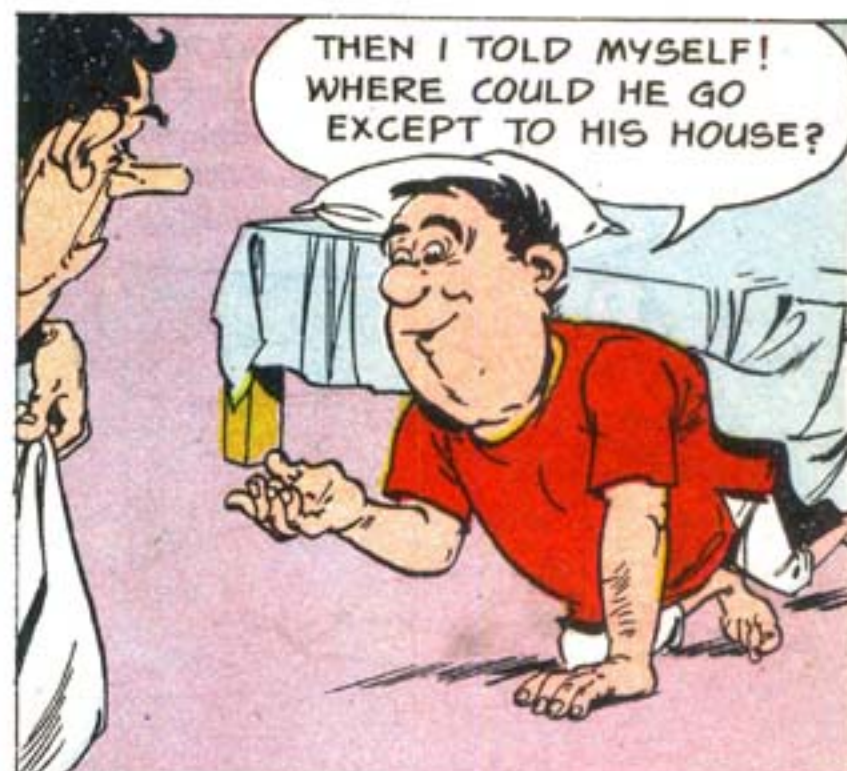
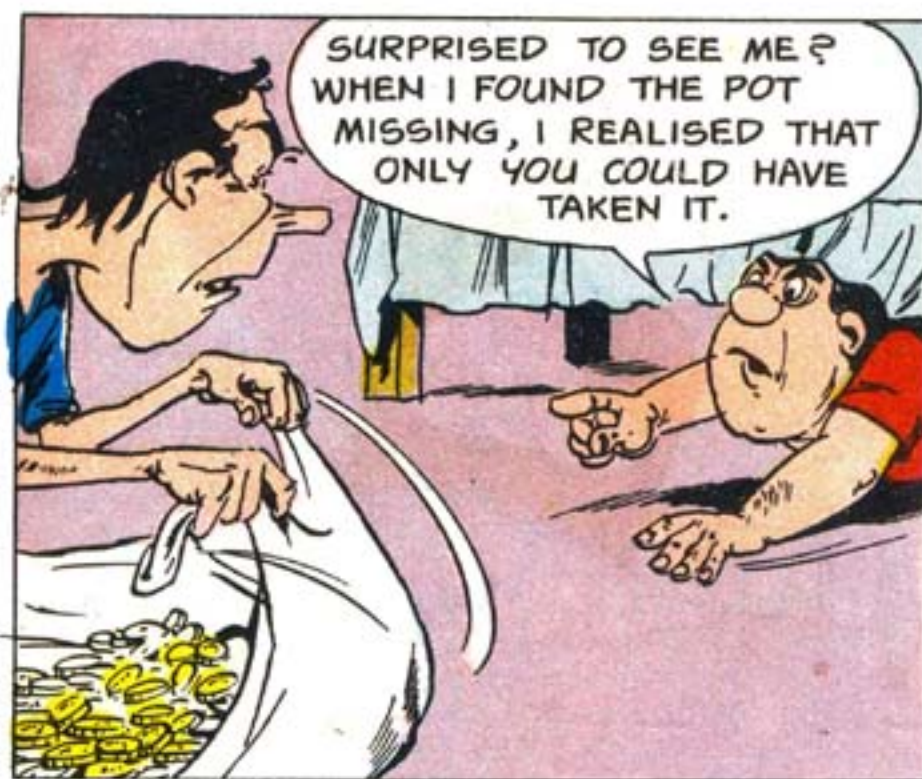


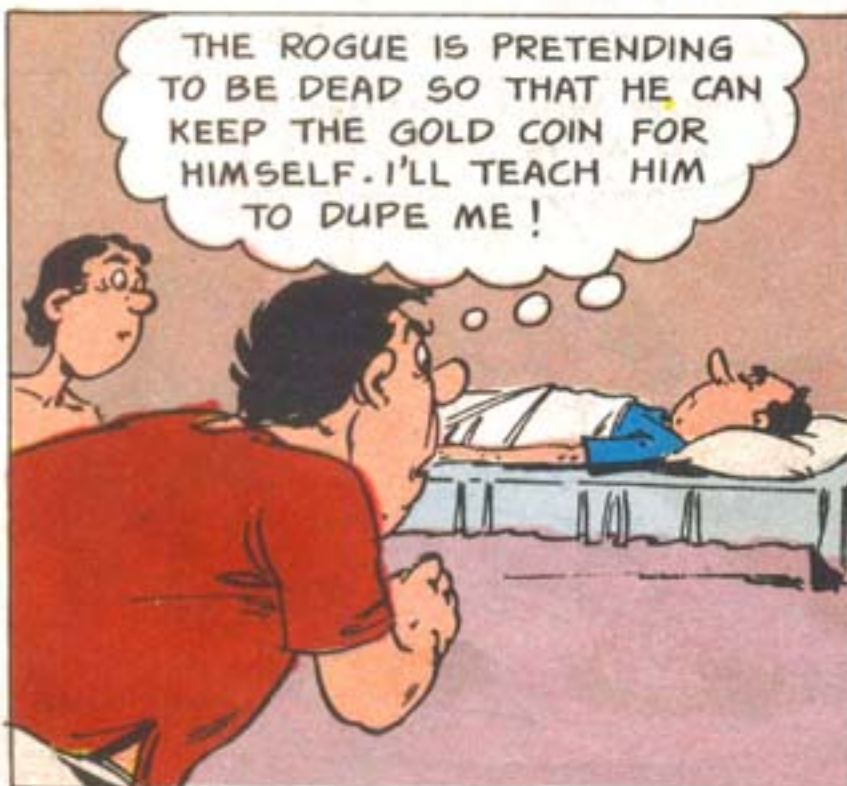
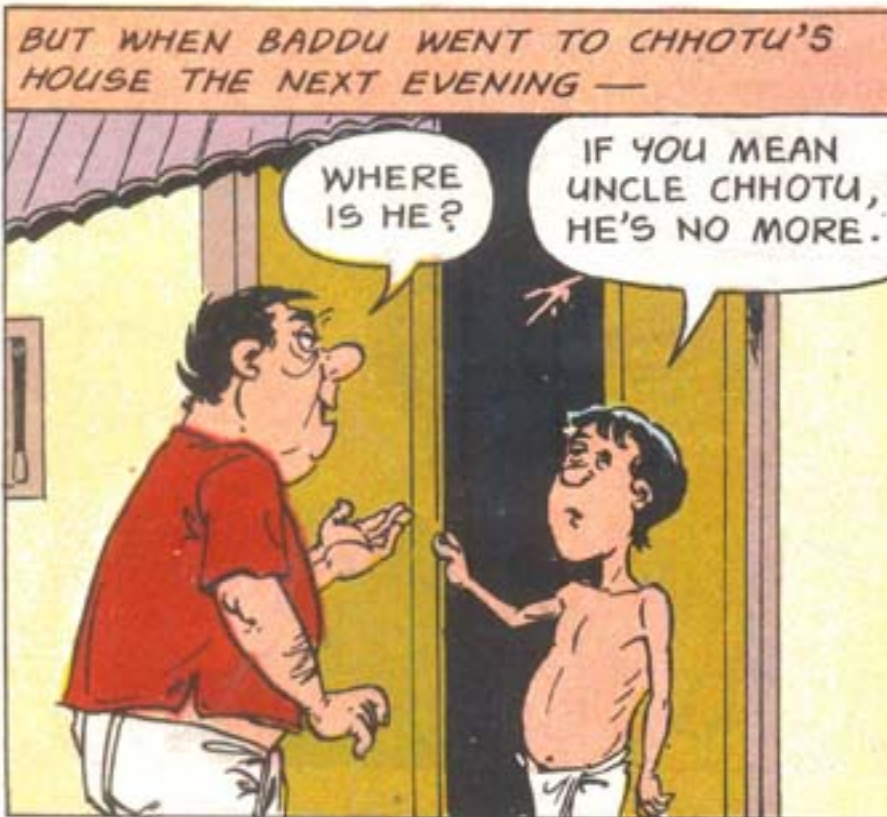


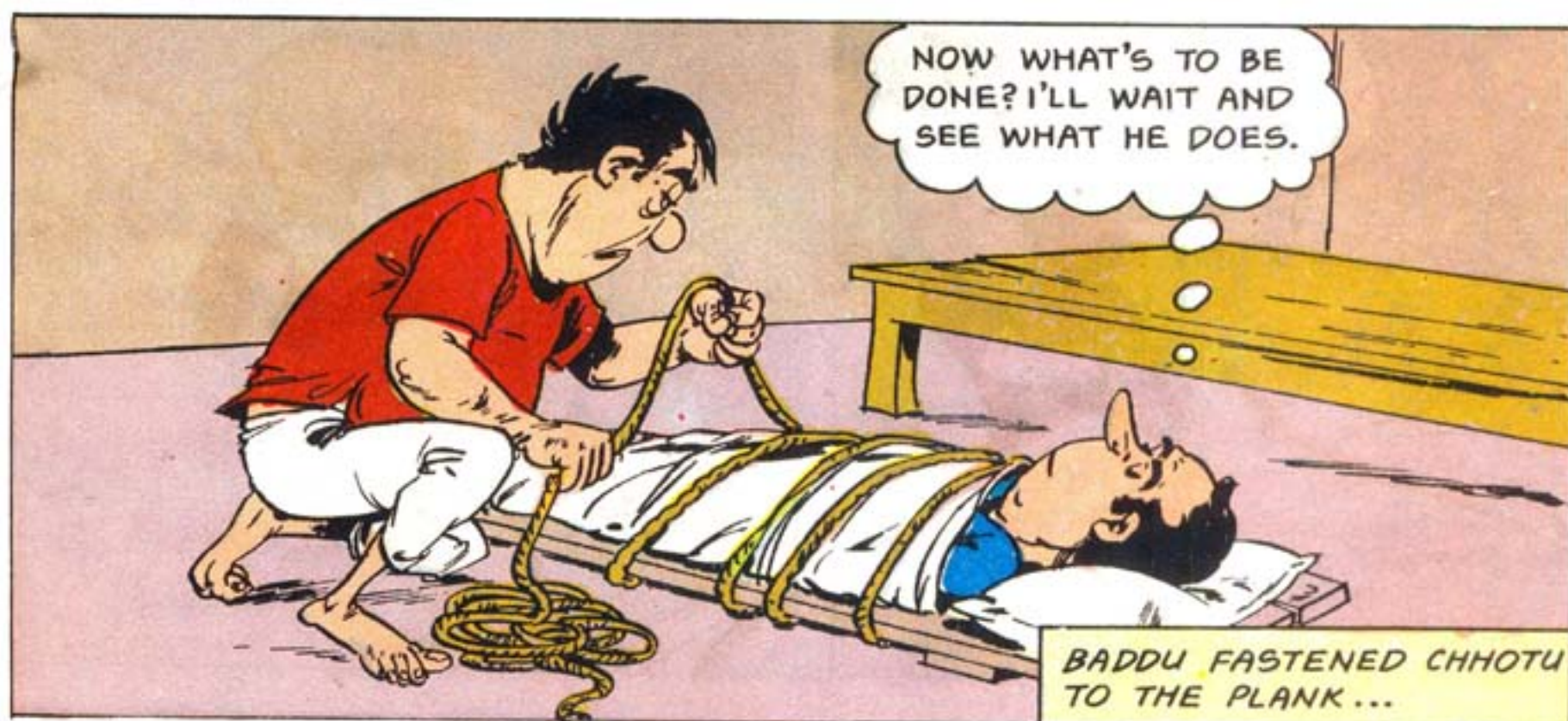




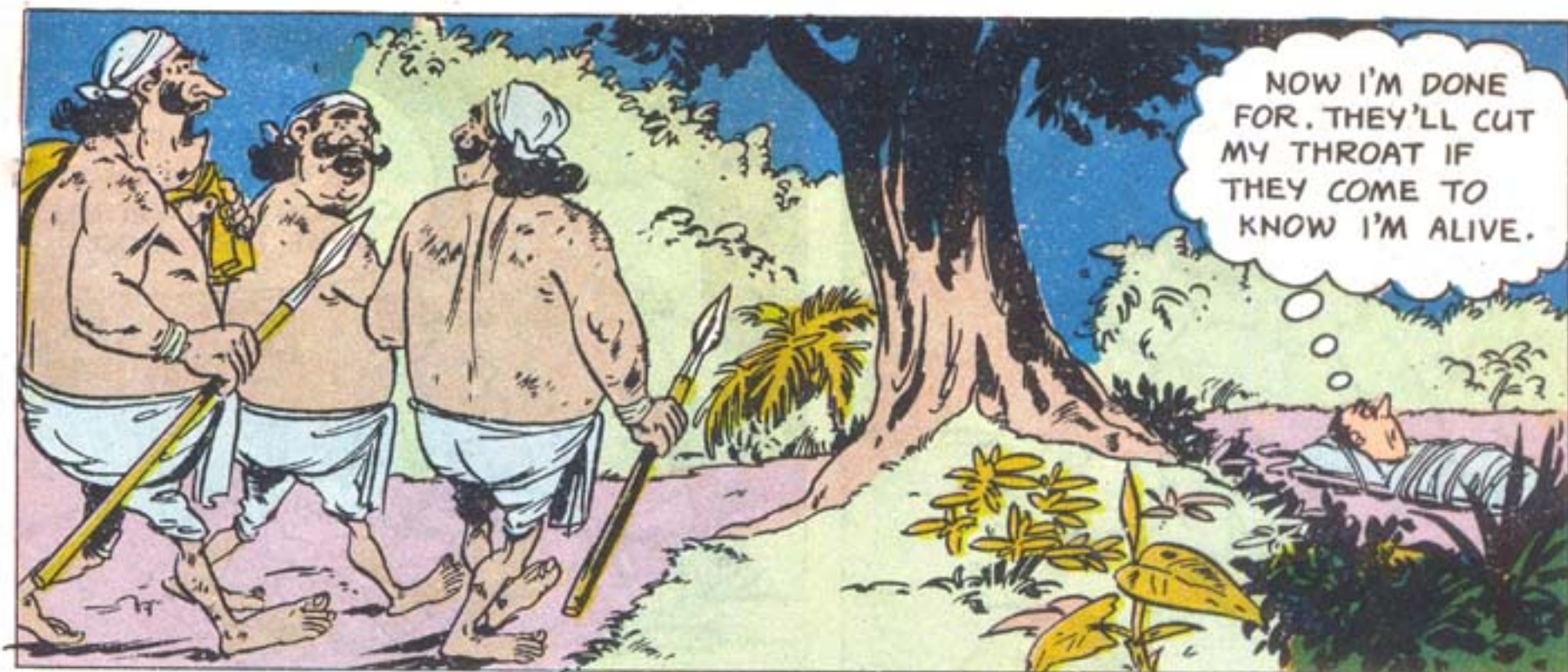


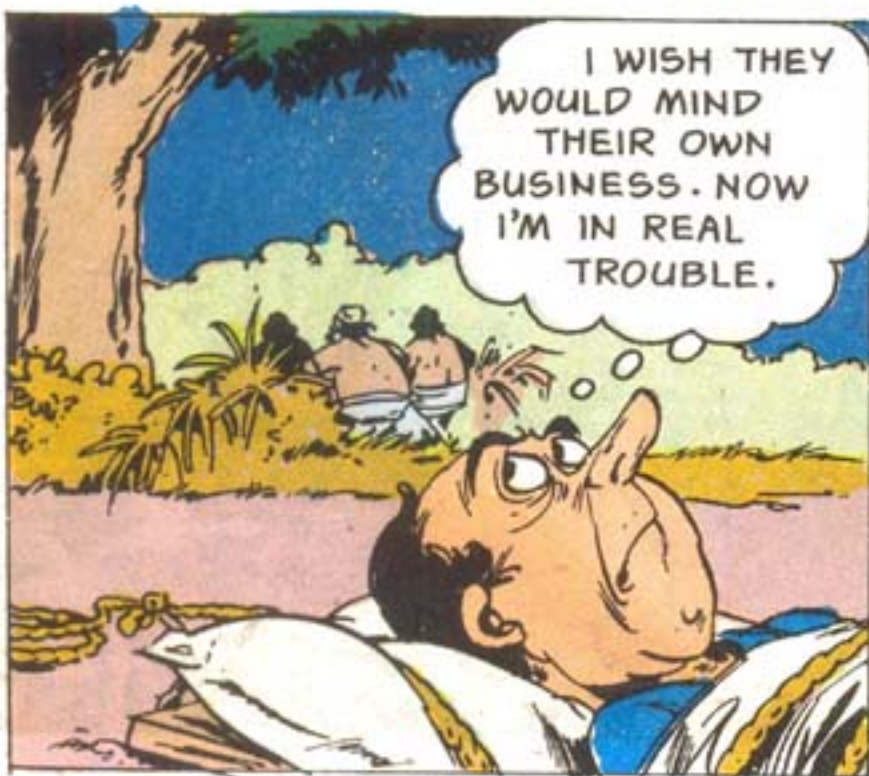
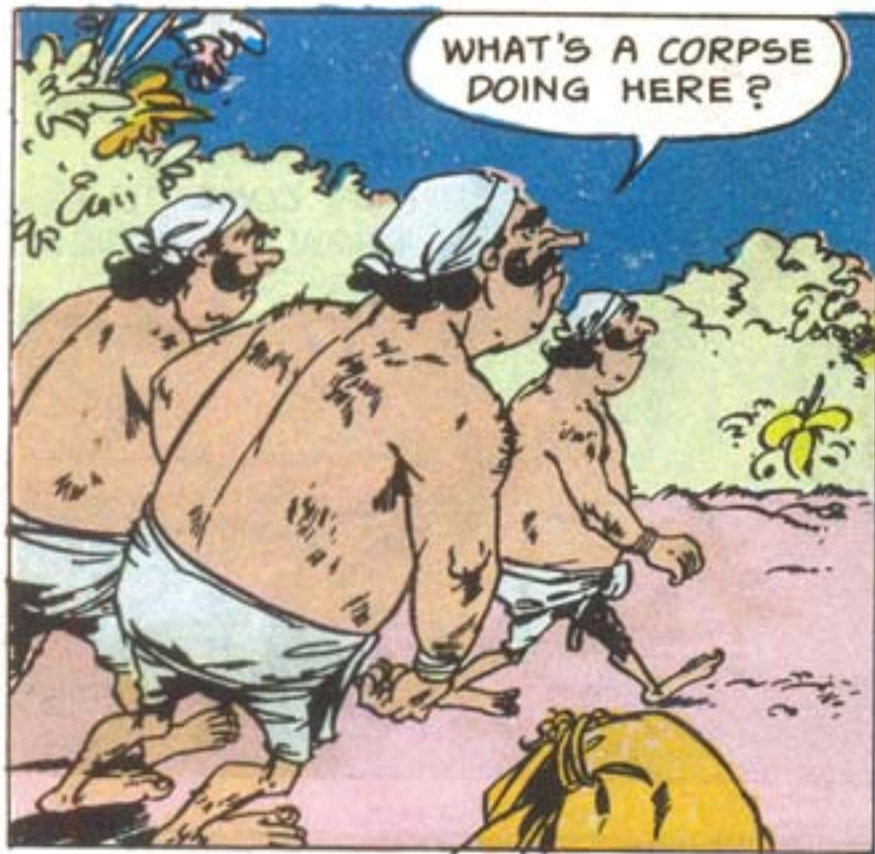












JUST THEN BADDU LOST HIS
BALANCE AND FELL.

YAAAAAAAHH!

G-GHOSTS!



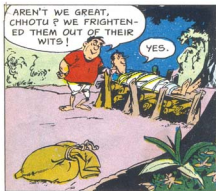
RUN BROTHERS!
THIS PLACE IS
HAUNTED.

HE-LP!



AREN'T WE GREAT,
CHHOTU? WE FRIGHTE-
NED THEM OUT OF THEIR
WITS!

YES.



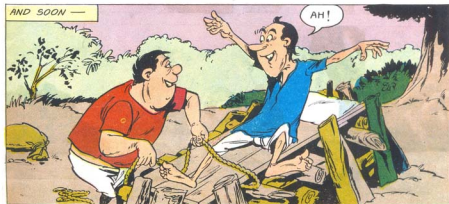
THEY TOOK OFF IN SUCH
A HURRY THAT THEY
LEFT THEIR LOOT
BEHIND.

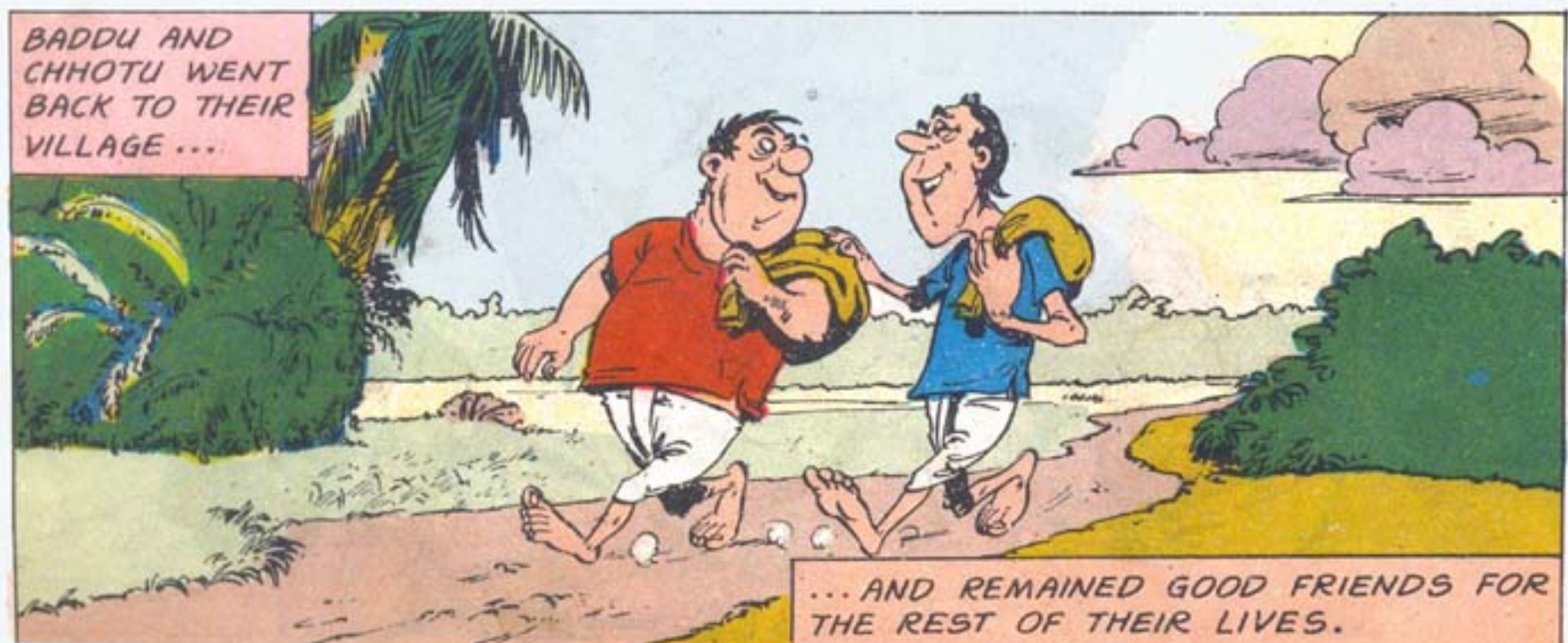
THIS IS OUR
LUCKY DAY.
NOW UNTIE ME,
WILL YOU?



AND SOON —

AH!





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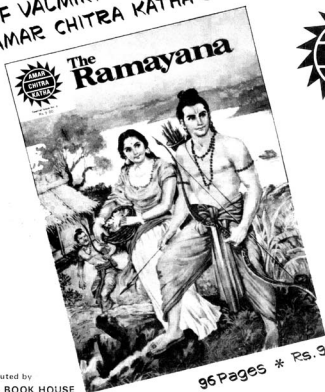
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