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AN EXCITING FIND

VIJAY AND DURGA HAVE COME WITH THEIR GRANDFATHER FOR A HOLIDAY. BEING AN AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGIST, THE OLD MAN HAD BROUGHT THEM TO A SITE WHERE THE RUINS OF THE INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION HAD BEEN UNEARTHED RECENTLY.

O GRANDPA.
ARE WE GOING TO
SPEND OUR
HOLIDAY IN THIS
DUMP?

DUMP, INDEED!
DO YOU KNOW THIS
WAS A FLOURISHING
CITY SOME FIVE
THOUSAND
YEARS AGO?



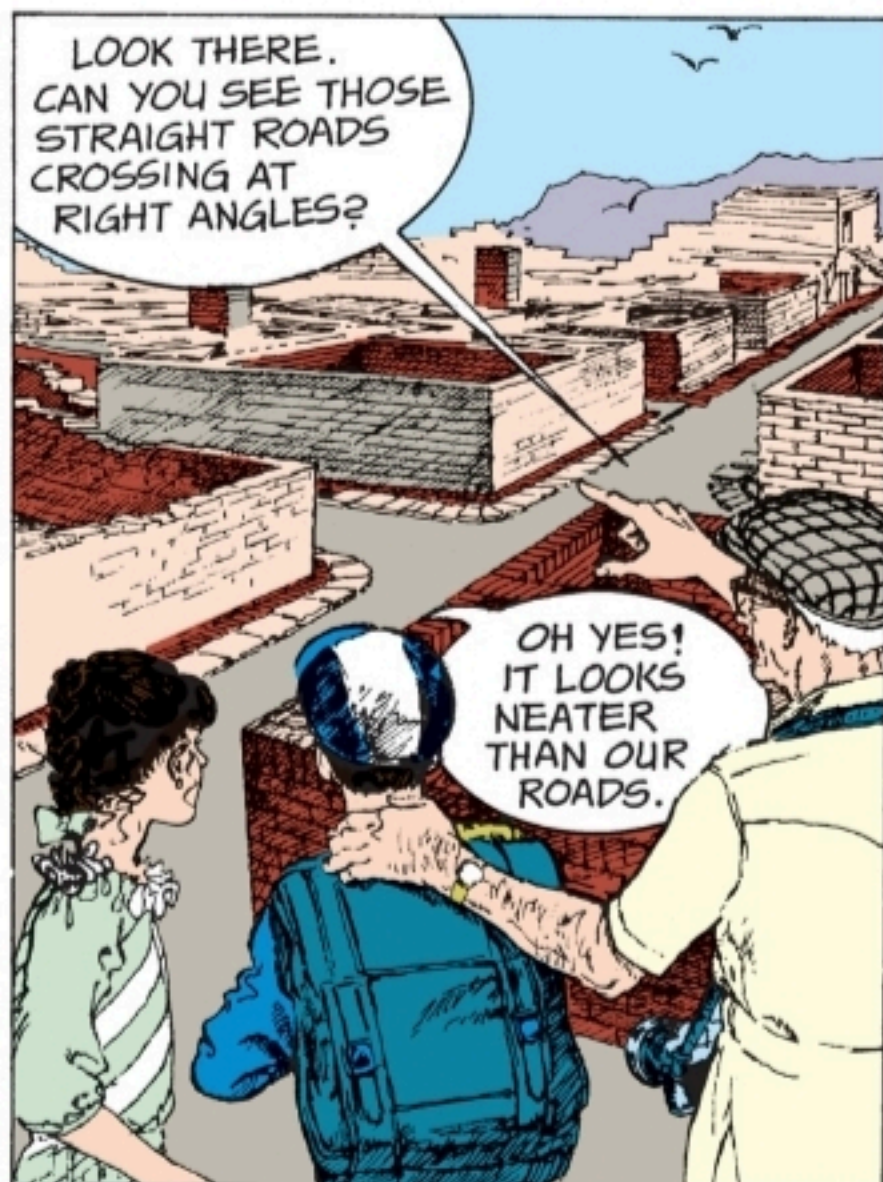
A CITY?
IN THIS SAND
AND DUST?
I DON'T
BELIEVE IT.

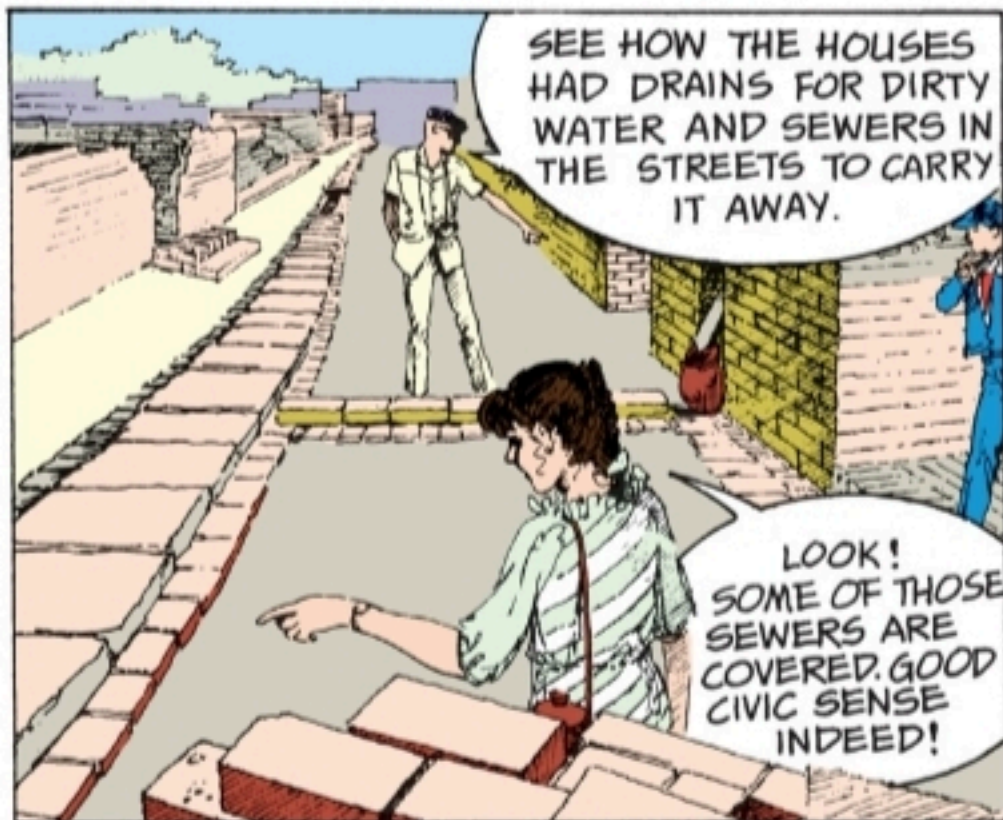
COME.
I WILL SHOW
YOU. LET US
GO FURTHER
UP.



LOOK THERE.
CAN YOU SEE THOSE
STRAIGHT ROADS
CROSSING AT
RIGHT ANGLES?

OH YES!
IT LOOKS
NEATER
THAN OUR
ROADS.





THEY MOVE AWAY FROM THE MAIN EXCAVATION. SUDDENLY—

THIS IS NOT AN ORDINARY PIECE. IT IS AT LEAST 3,750 YEARS OLD.

WHAT IS SO GREAT ABOUT THIS BROKEN CLAY POT?

WOW! THAT SOUNDS REALLY FAR BACK!

EVERYTHING HERE IS AT LEAST MORE THAN 3,000 YEARS OLD.

HUP! DON'T YOU DARE CALL ME OLD. I AM MORE YOUTHFUL THAN YOUR FATHER.

EVEN YOU GRANDPA?

GRANDPA HUMS AWAY HAPPILY, WHILE THE CHILDREN WANDER OFF.

HMMMM.

SEE! SEE I FOUND ONE MORE PIECE. IT'S PRETTIER THAN YOURS, VIJAY.

SEE GRANDPA, HOW BEAUTIFUL THE BLACK AND RED SQUARES LOOK?

YES, THESE GEOMETRIC DESIGNS WERE A SPECIALITY OF INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION. I AM GLAD WE CAME HERE.

WELL, I'M NOT. IT'S SO-O-O BORING AND HOT AND DUSTY.

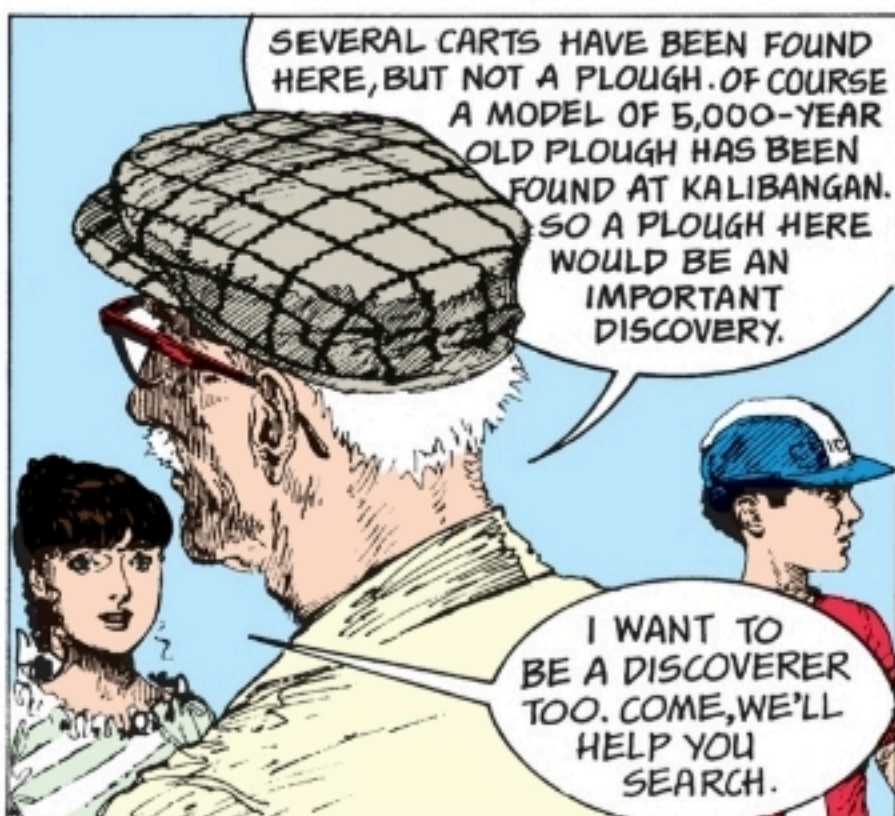
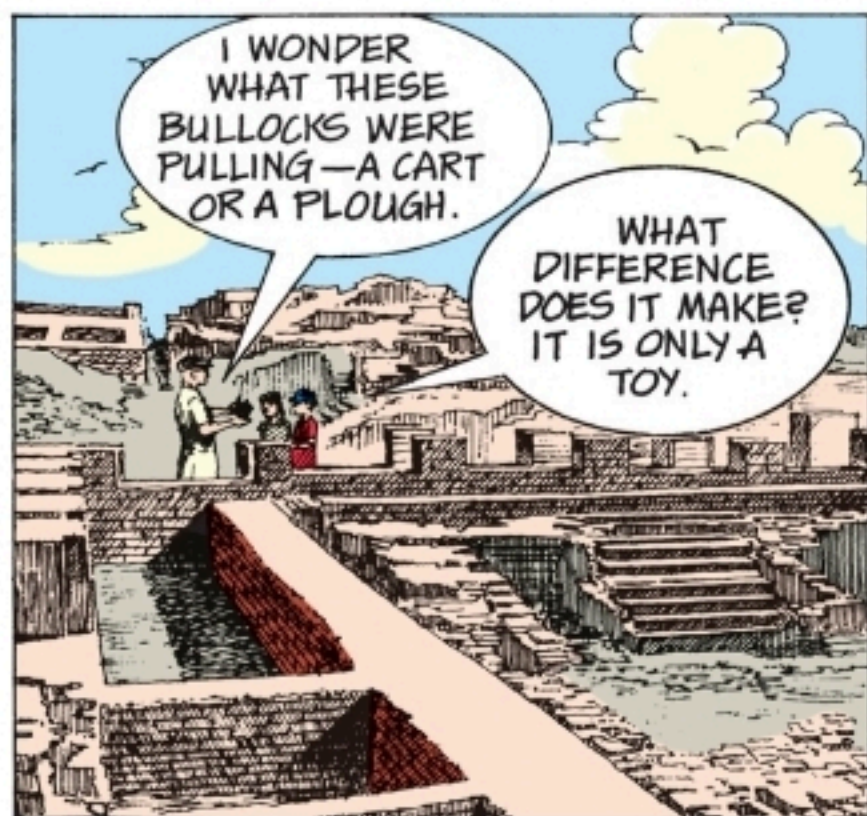
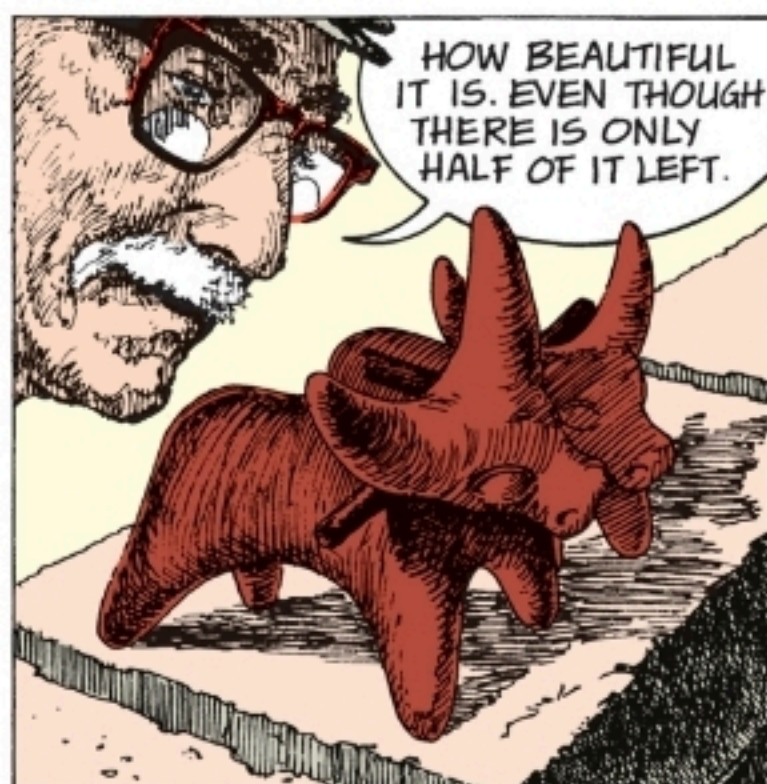
OKAY. YOU TWO GO OFF AND PLAY. LET ME LOOK AROUND IN PEACE.

VIJAY AND DURGA RUN UP THE SLOPE OF THE MOUND WHILE GRANDPA POTTERS AROUND, PEERING AT THE GROUND.

LOOK AT HIM, HE IS REALLY HAPPY HERE.

LEAVE HIM ALONE. LET'S PLAY CATCH.

SOON THEY ARE BUSY PLAYING TAG. SUDDENLY THEY HEAR GRANDPA'S EXCITED EXCLAMATION.



AFTER AN HOUR OF FRUITLESS SEARCH, THE CHILDREN'S INTEREST BEGINS TO FADE. JUST THEN —

TOOT!
TOOOT!

WHAT IS IT
THAT YOU FOUND,
GRANDPA?

A
WHISTLE!

OH! GRANDPA;
GIVE IT TO
ME.

I PROMISE
I'LL BUY YOU A SHINY
NEW WHISTLE.
THIS IS IMPORTANT
TO ME.

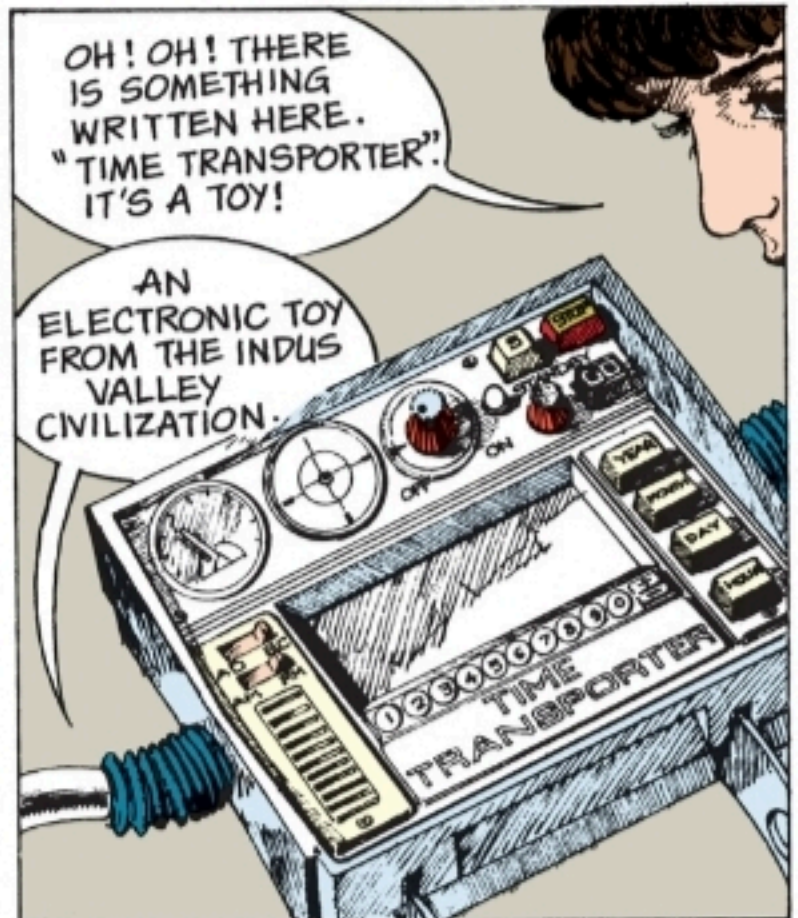
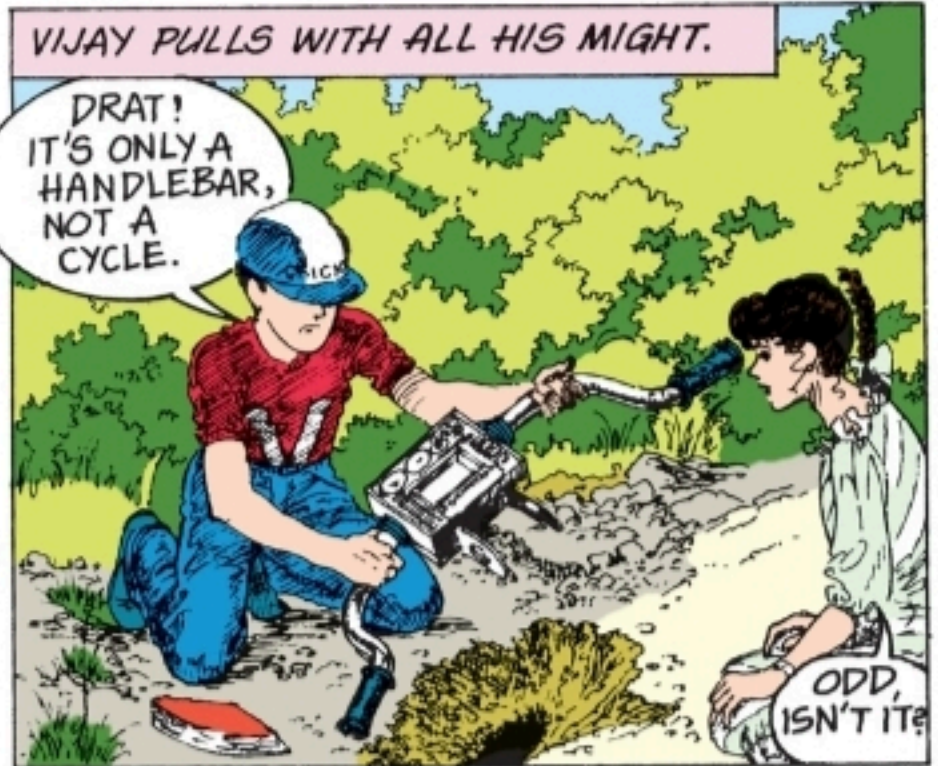
OKAY, GRANDPA!
COME, DURGA, IT
IS YOUR TURN
TO CATCH ME!

HERE
I COME!

HA HA HA!
OOPS!

CRASH!

AHA!





DON'T BE SILLY. SOME FOREIGN TOURIST MUST HAVE LOST IT HERE.

I WONDER HOW IT WORKS.

"IF YOU WISH TO TRAVEL IN TIME, FOLLOW THE STEPS IN PROPER ORDER: ...SWITCH THE TRANSPORTER 'ON'."

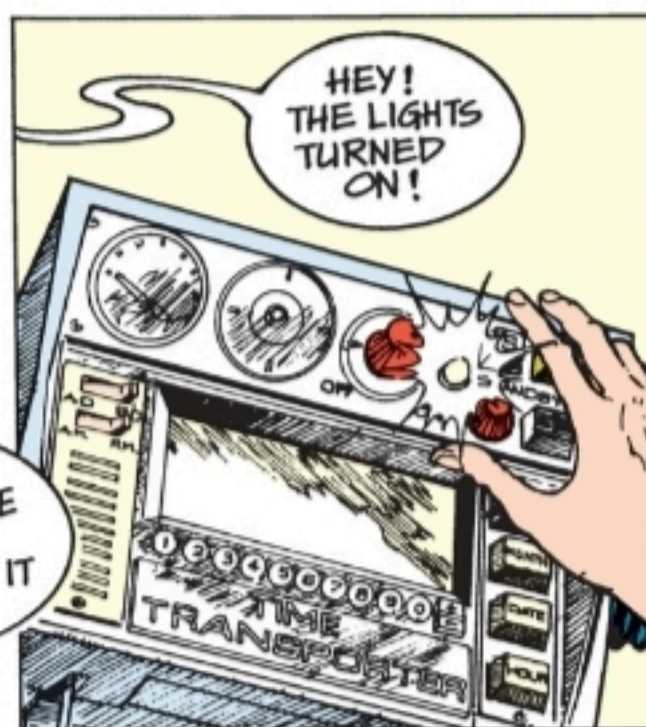


HEY! LOOK. THERE'S A CUTE LITTLE BOOK.

THE OPERATION MANUAL! YOU FOUND IT. IT DOES HELP TO HAVE A CURIOUS CAT LIKE YOU AROUND. LET'S HAVE A LOOK.



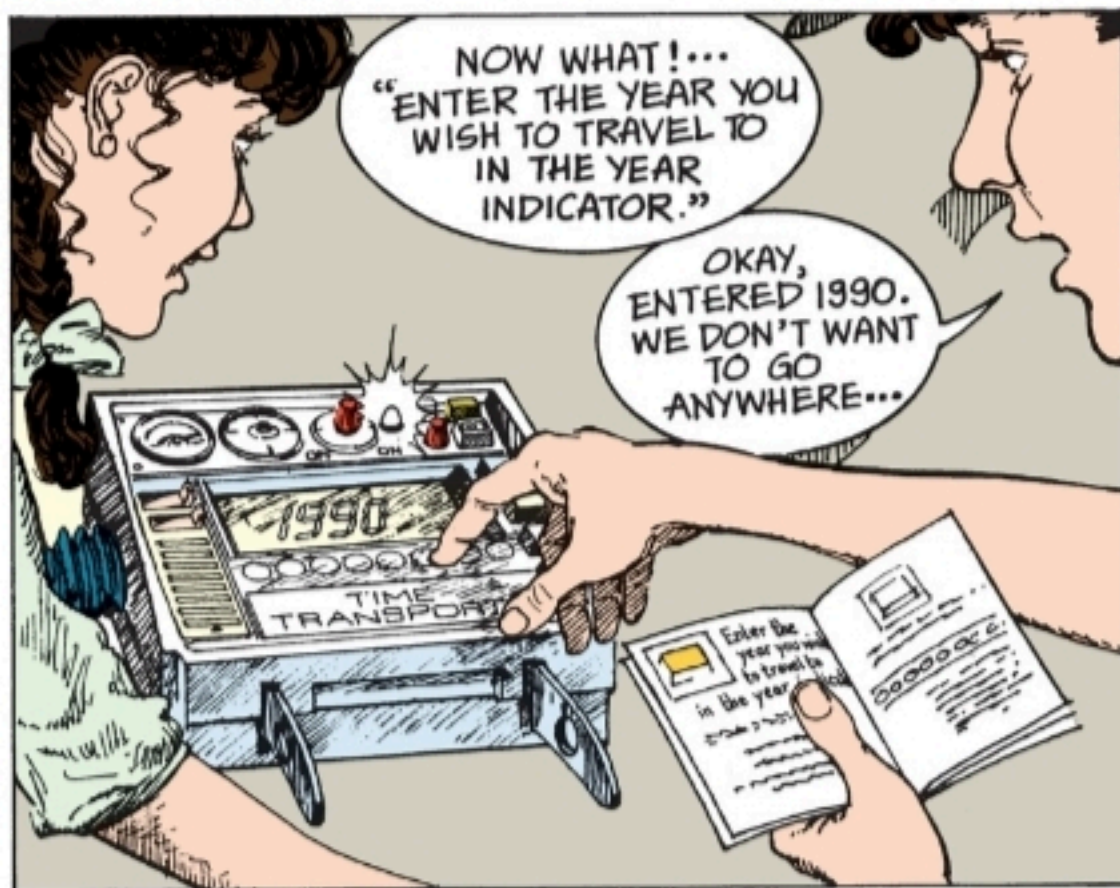
OKAY, HERE'S THE SWITCH. LET'S PUT IT 'ON'.



HEY! THE LIGHTS TURNED ON!

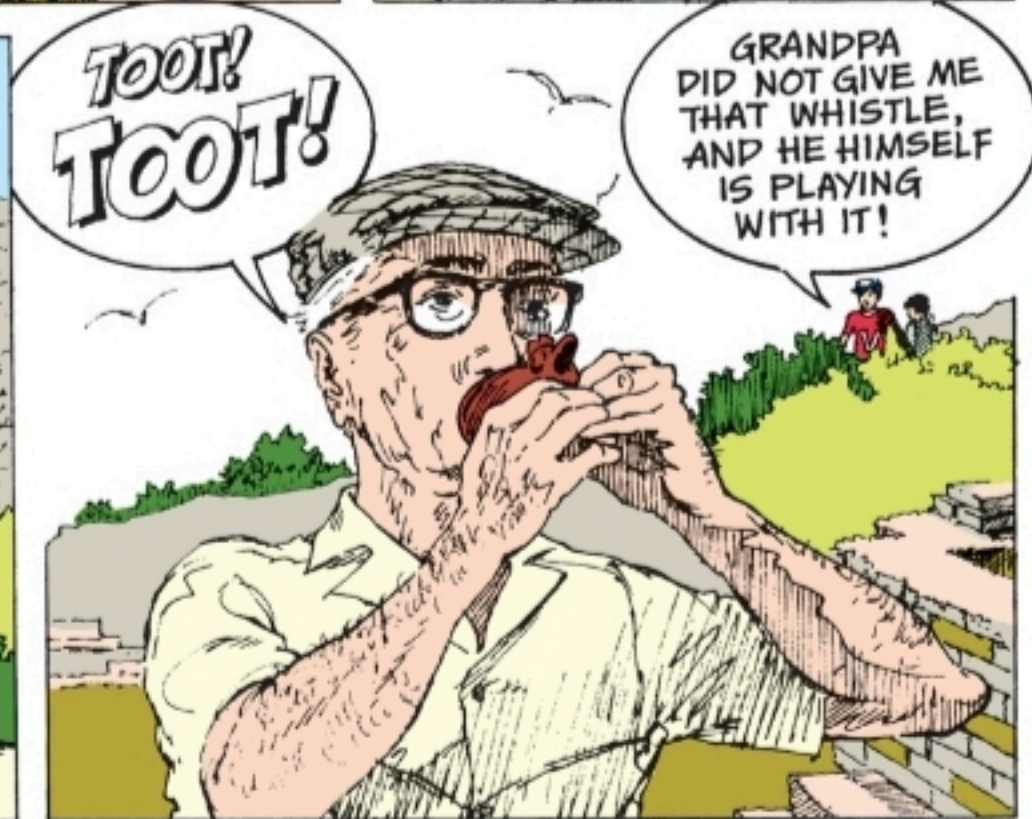


IT'S WORKING!
IT'S WORKING!



NOW WHAT!...
"ENTER THE YEAR YOU WISH TO TRAVEL TO IN THE YEAR INDICATOR."

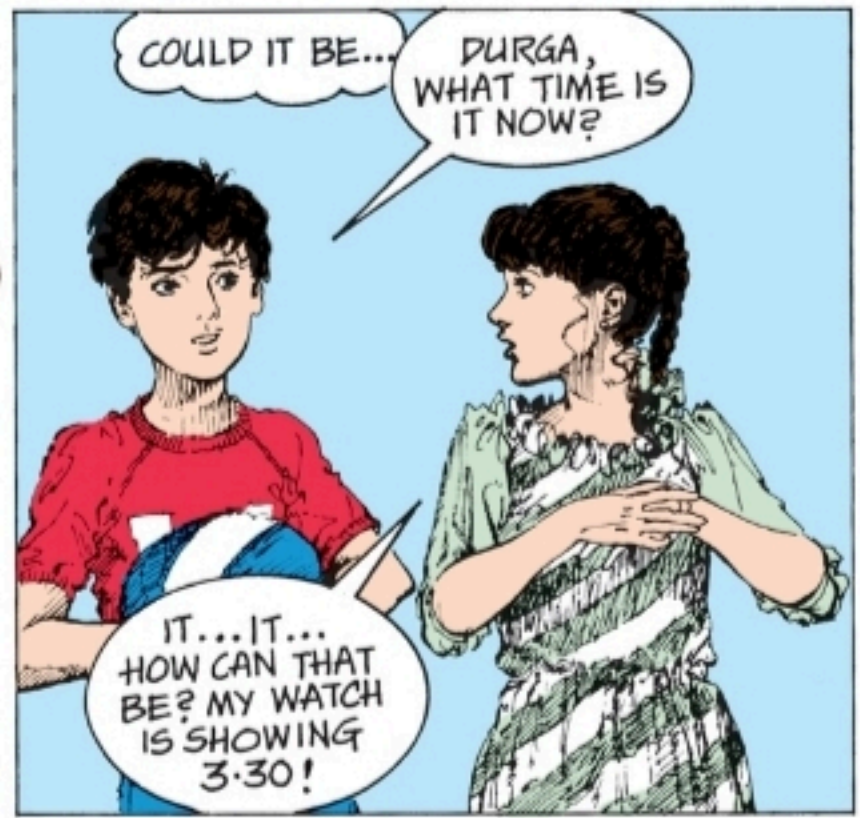
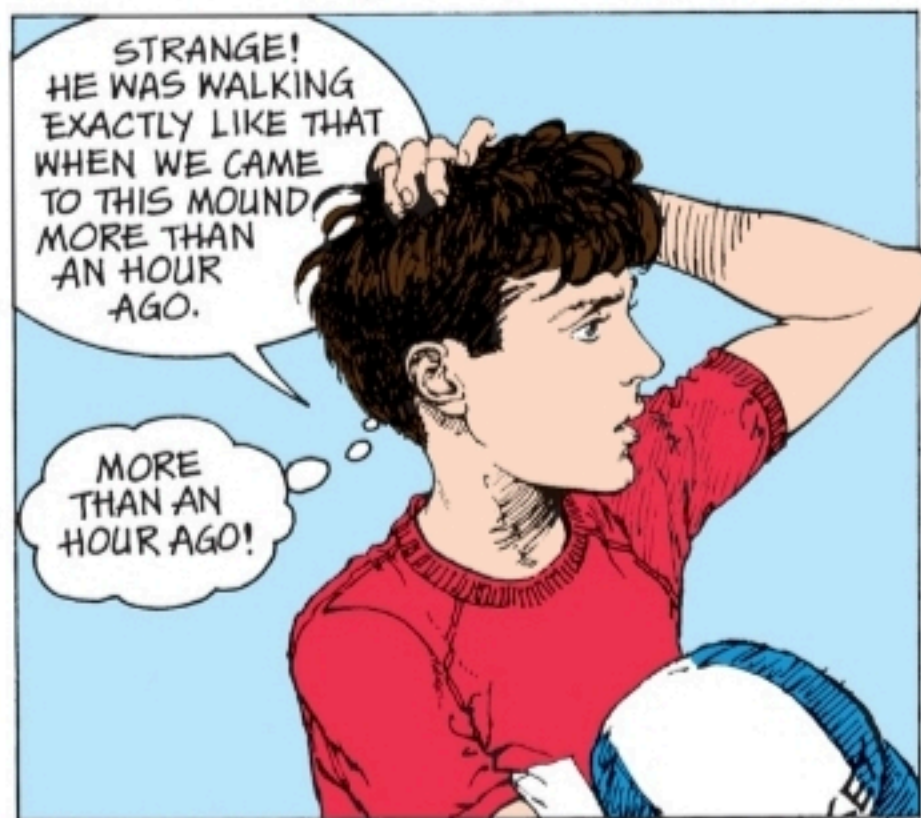
OKAY, ENTERED 1990. WE DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE...



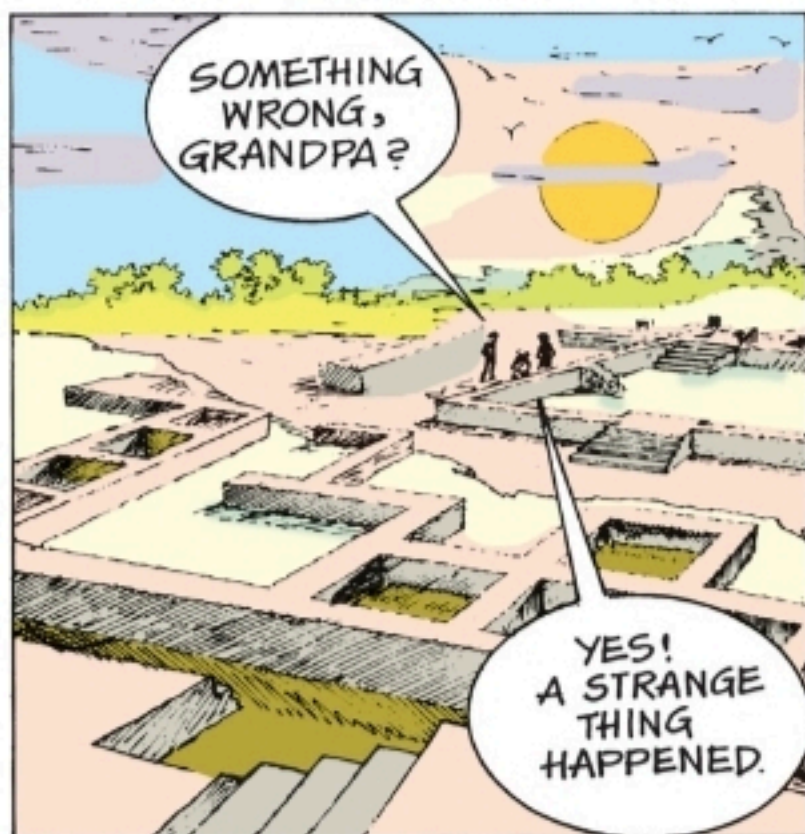


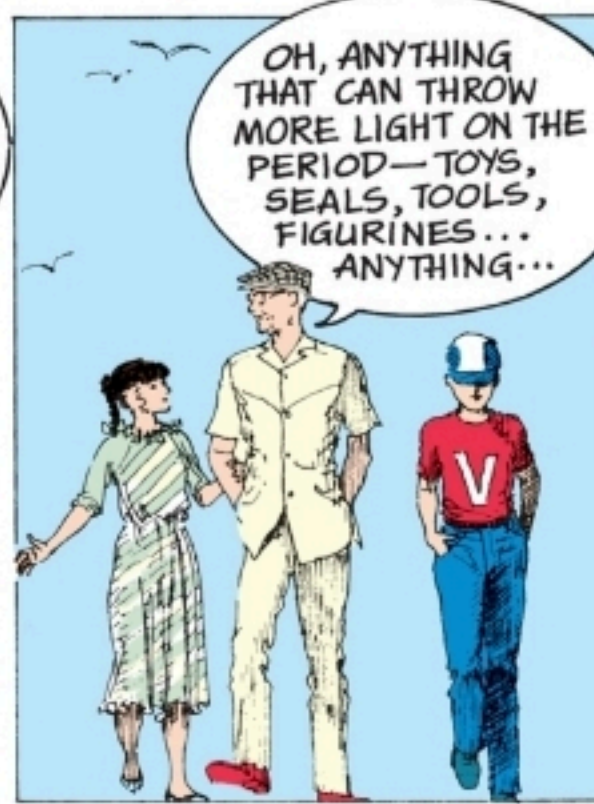
OH, COME ON! WE ARE ONLY PRETENDING! LET'S CONTINUE TO PLAY.

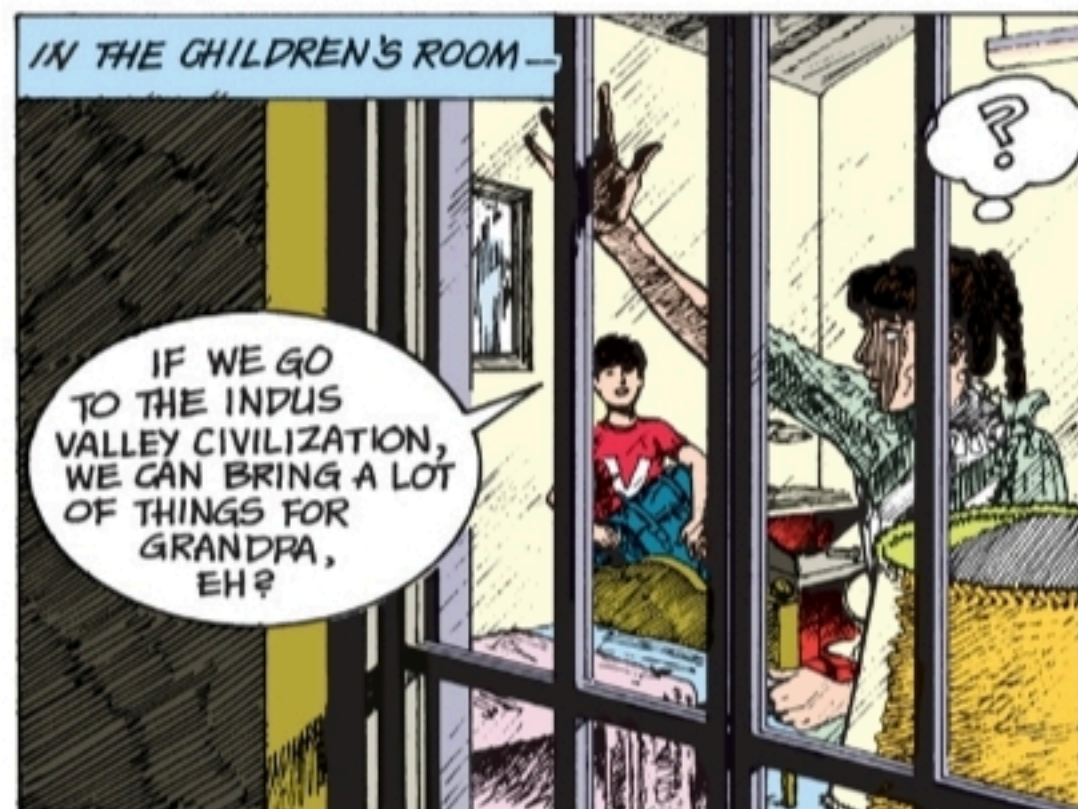














SHALL WE GO?

WITH YOUR TIME TRANSPORTER?

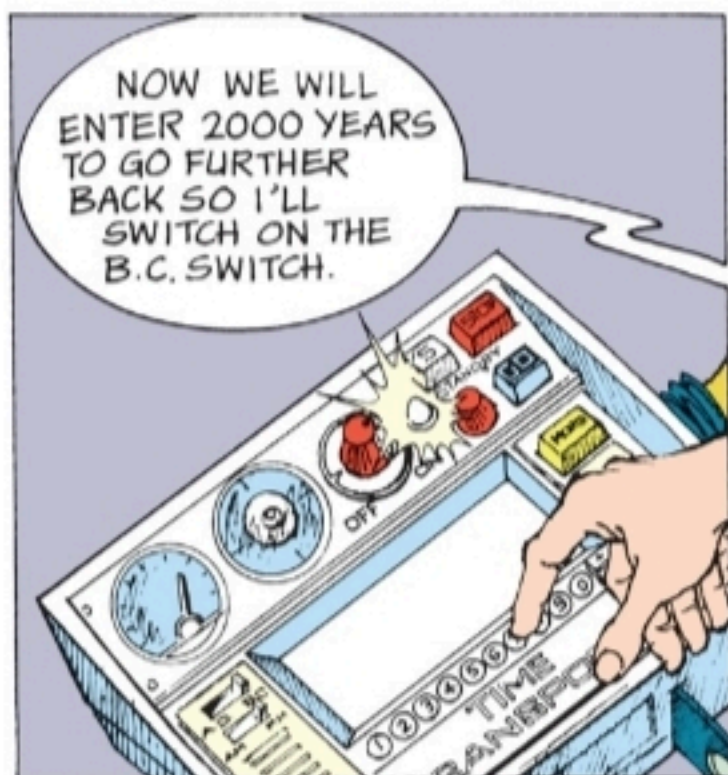


BUT WE HAD GONE BACK BY ONLY AN HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES. THIS TIME HOW FAR WILL YOU GO BACK, VIJAY?

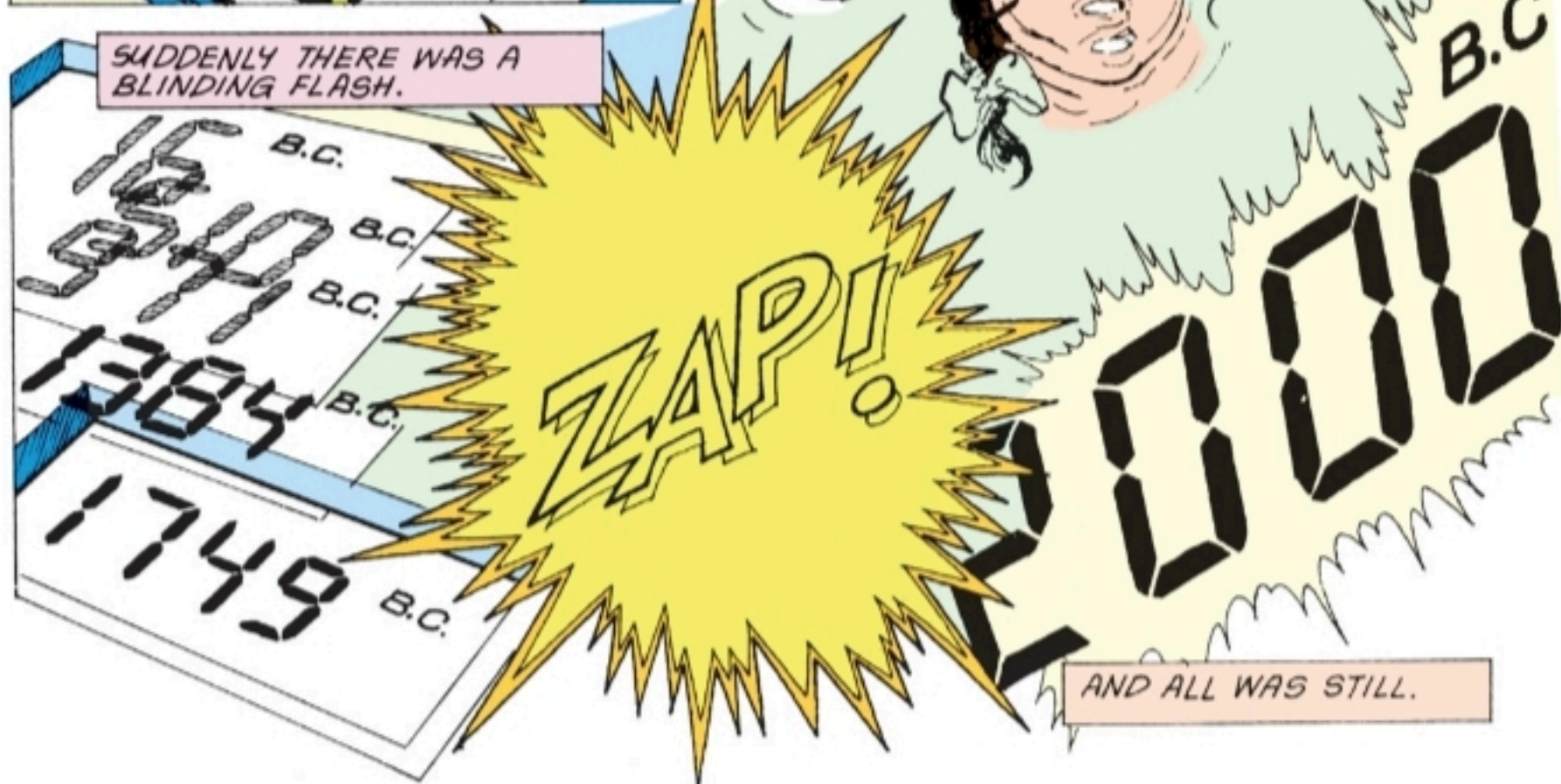
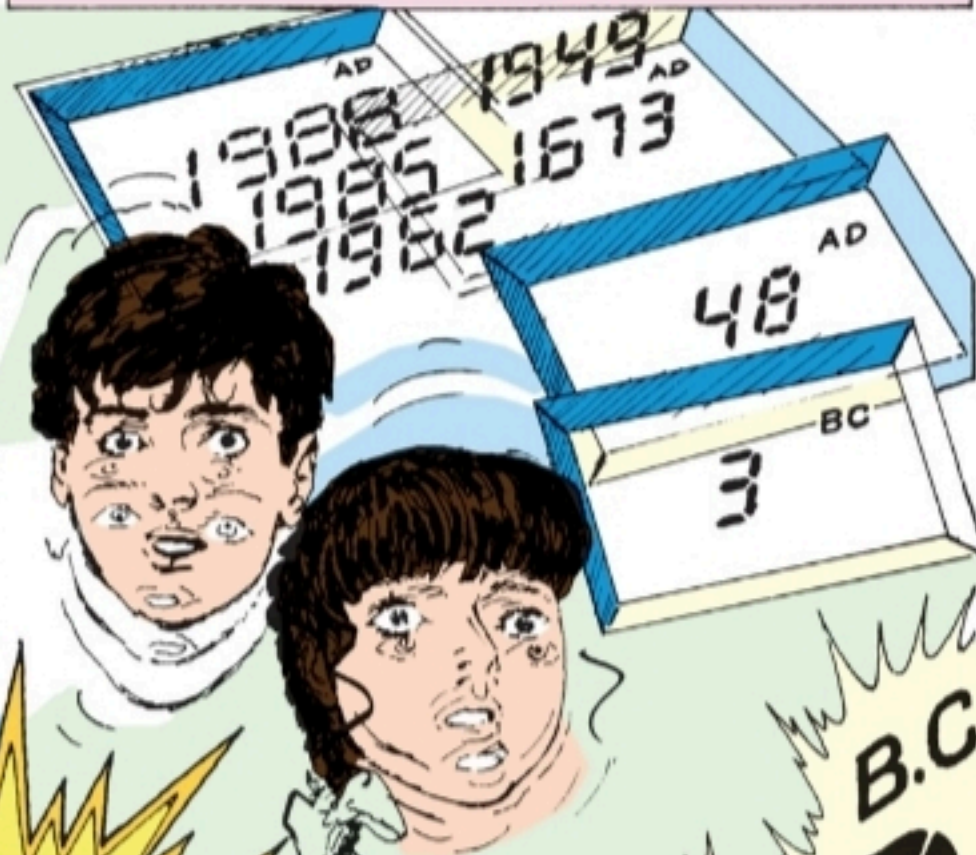


OKAY, I'LL COME. BUT LET'S TAKE A FEW THINGS WITH US.





THE FIGURES IN THE YEAR INDICATOR START CHANGING, SLOWLY AT FIRST...









HE IS! DASU LOVES TO HARASS AND BOSS OVER CHILDREN... DON'T YOU KNOW HIM?

NO!



GIVE HIS WHISTLE BACK TO HIM.

OH, WELL! HERE TAKE IT. IT'S YOURS!

NO! YOU KEEP IT. I HAVE MORE AT HOME. BY THE WAY, WHO ARE YOU?



I AM VIJAY, AND THIS IS MY SISTER...

...DURGA!

I AM VALA. YOU SEEM TO BE NEW HERE.



WE ARE. YES, WE HAVE COME TO SEE YOUR TOWN.

COME, I WILL TAKE BOTH OF YOU AROUND...



SUDDENLY—

HA!

DASU!

?!

NO! DASU THE GREAT!



I LOST THAT WHISTLE. GIVE ME YOURS, VALA.

I WON'T!

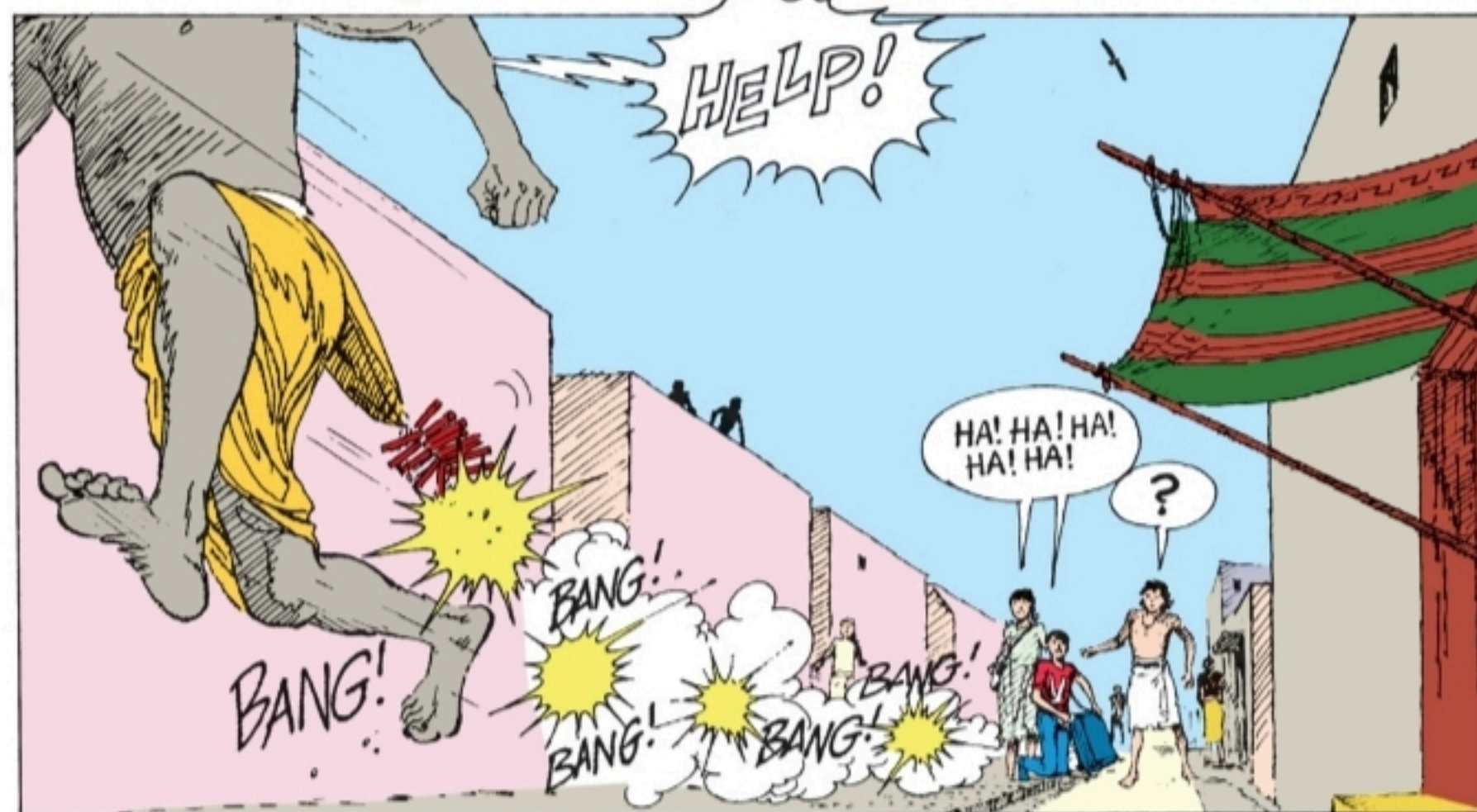


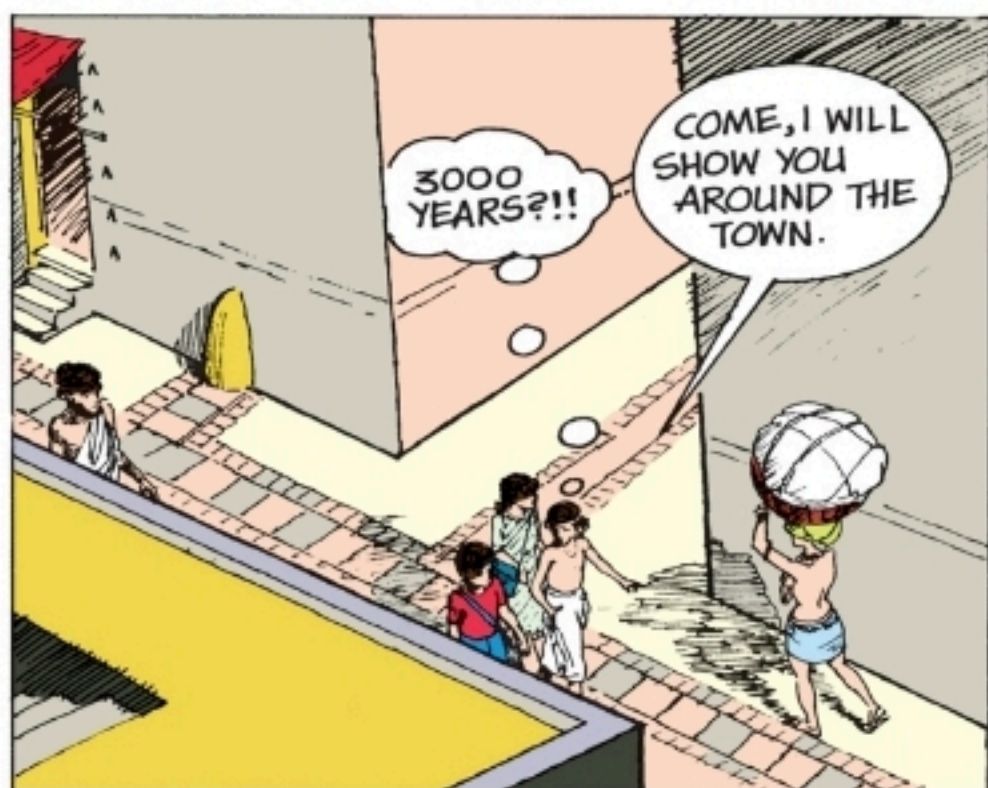


NO! NEVER!

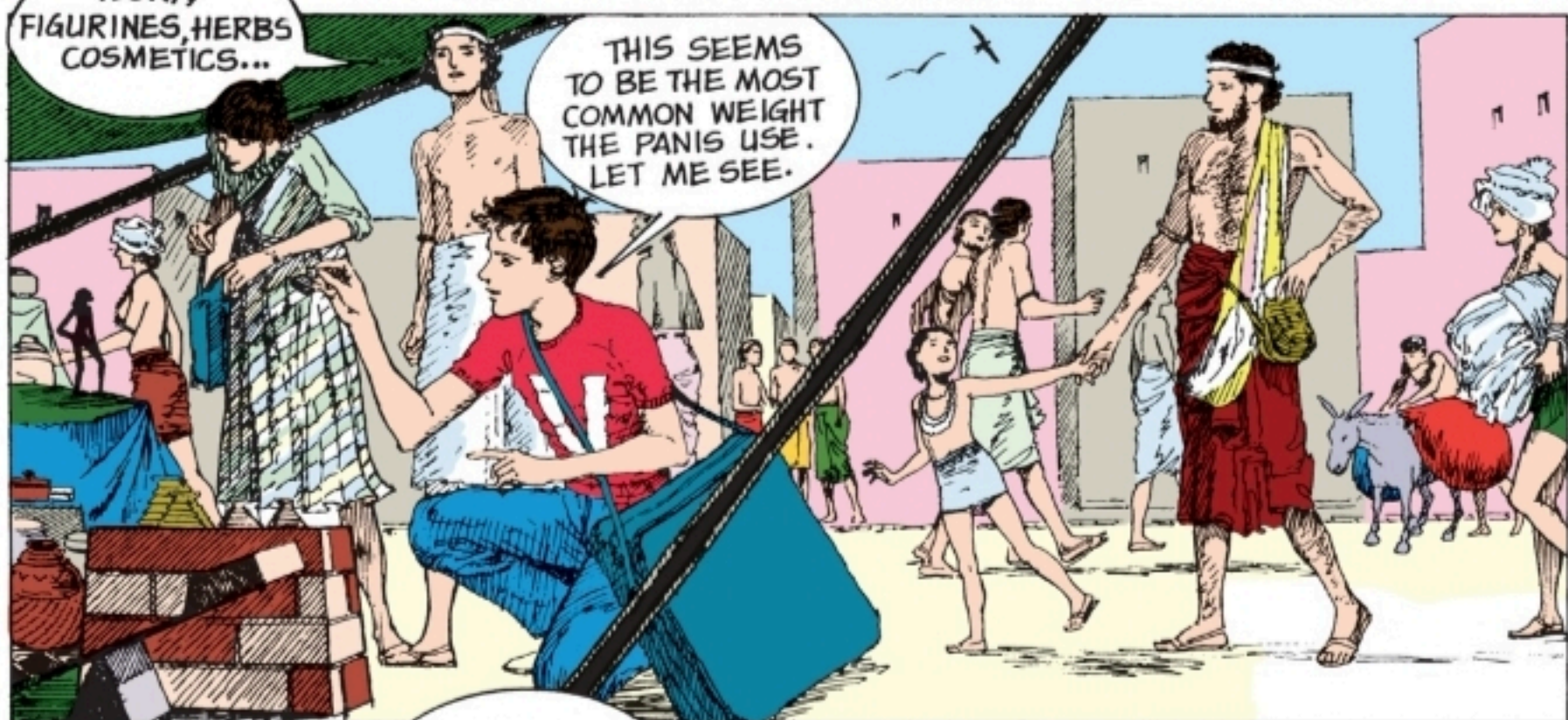


BANG!









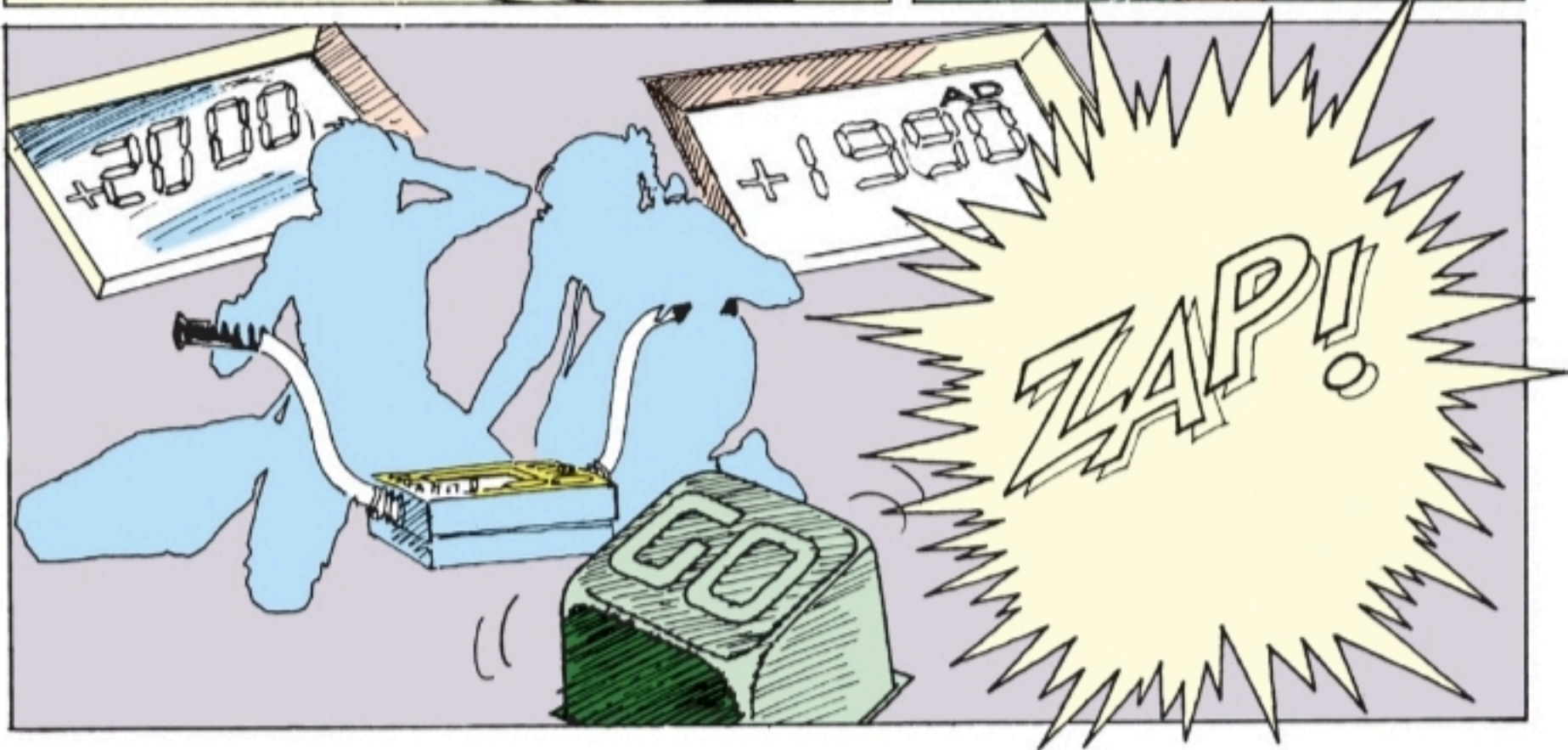
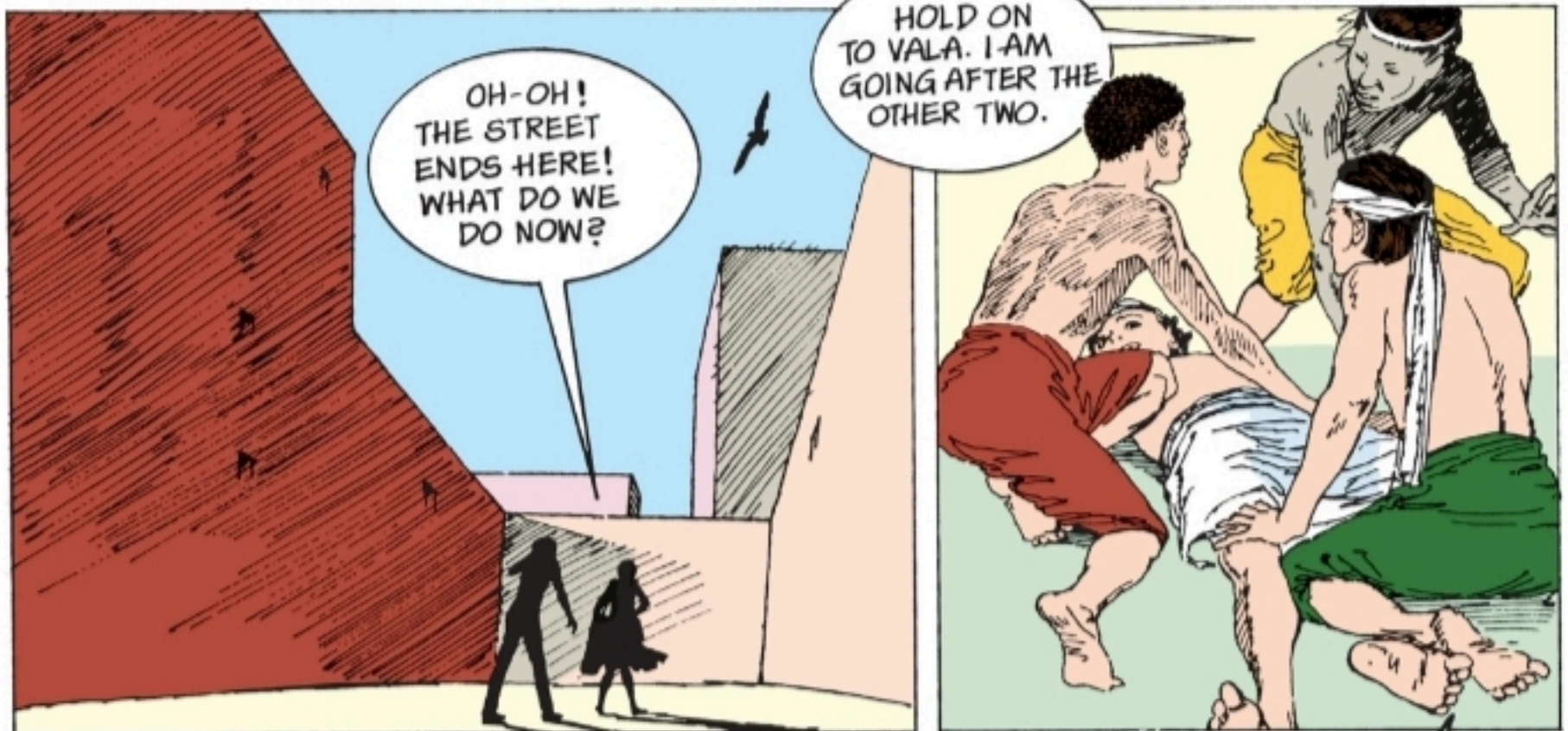


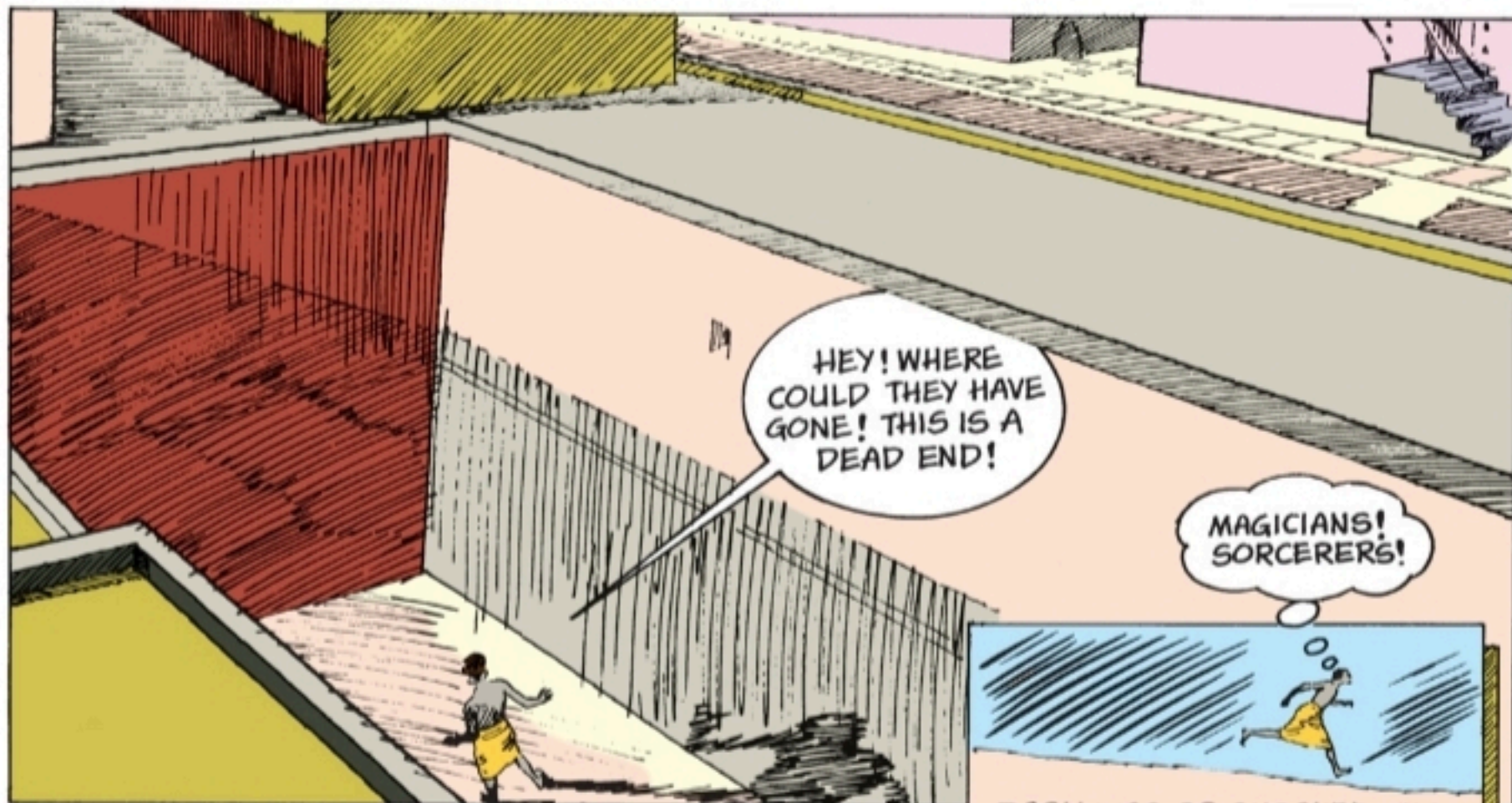
VALA CHARGED WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.



OH-OH!
THE STREET
ENDS HERE!
WHAT DO WE
DO NOW?

HOLD ON
TO VALA. I AM
GOING AFTER THE
OTHER TWO.





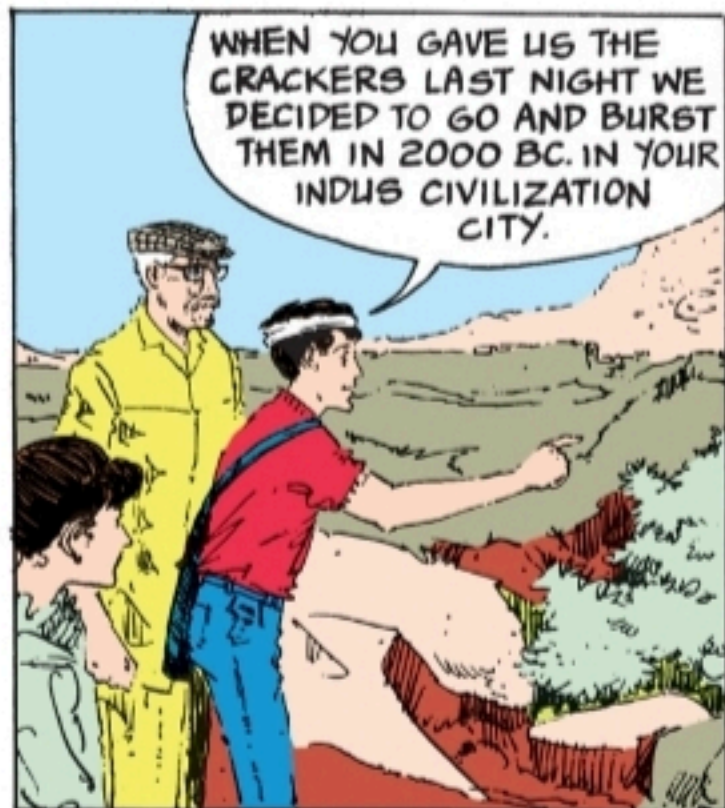
MEANWHILE VIJAY AND DURGA HAD GONE BACK TO THEIR ROOM IN THEIR OWN TIME.

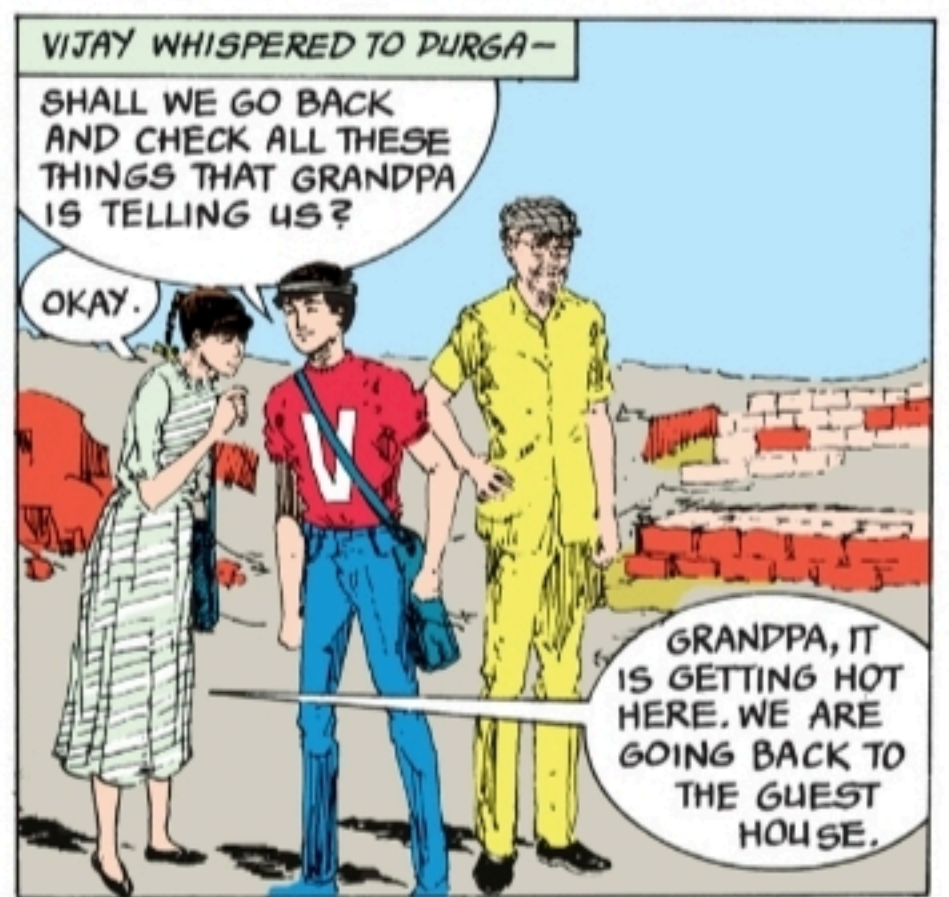
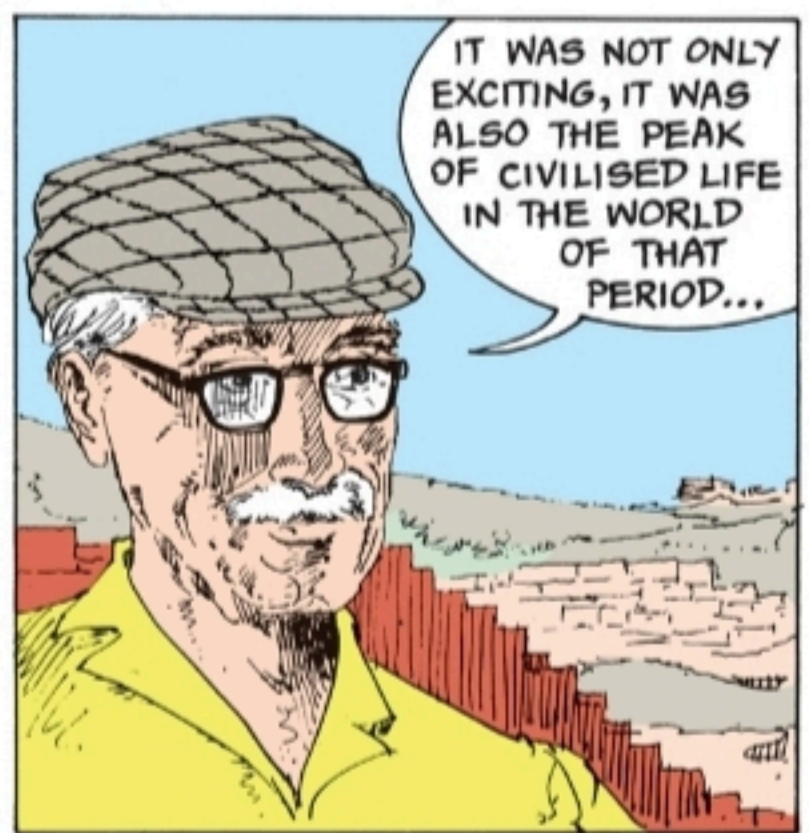
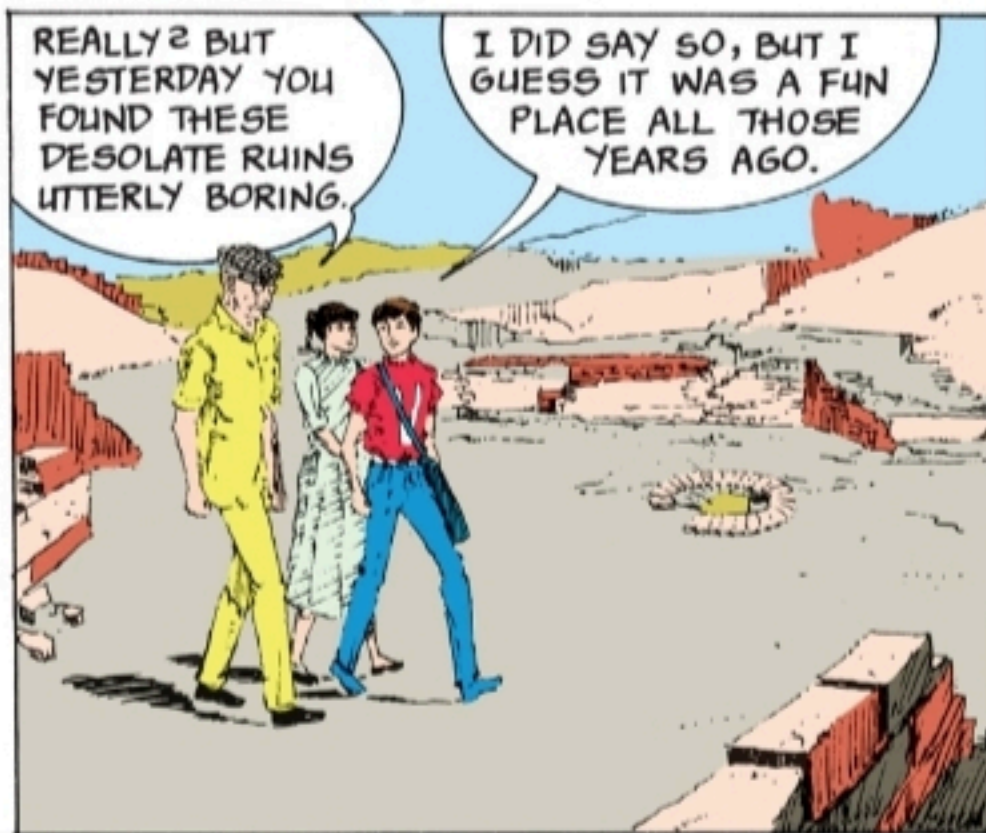
DASU WAS SO SHOCKED THAT HE RAN STRAIGHT HOME LEAVING VALA BEHIND.

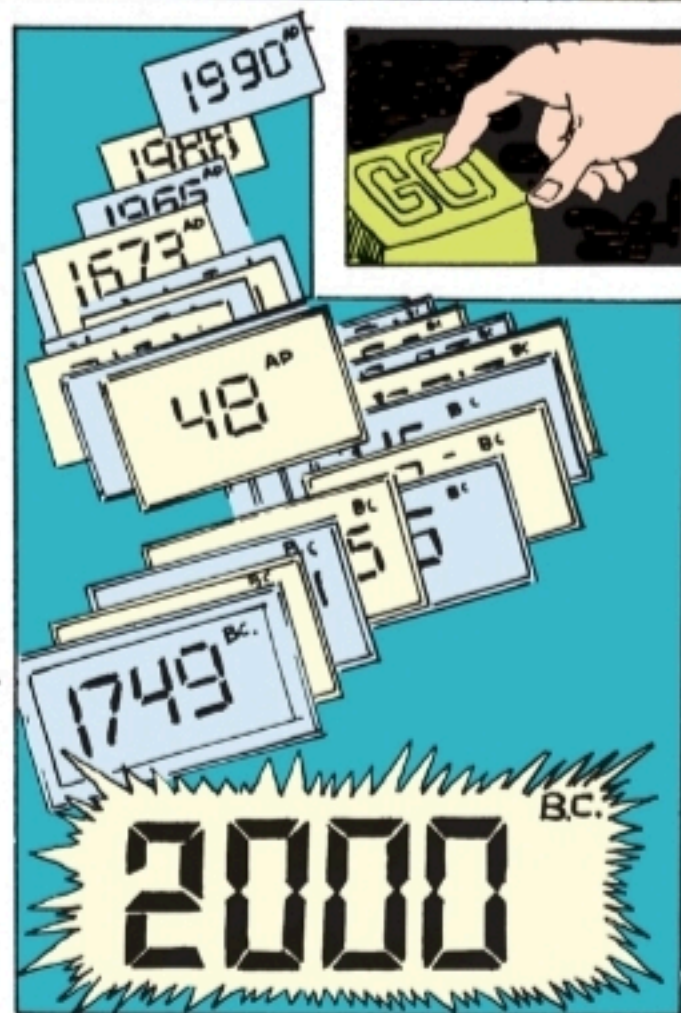
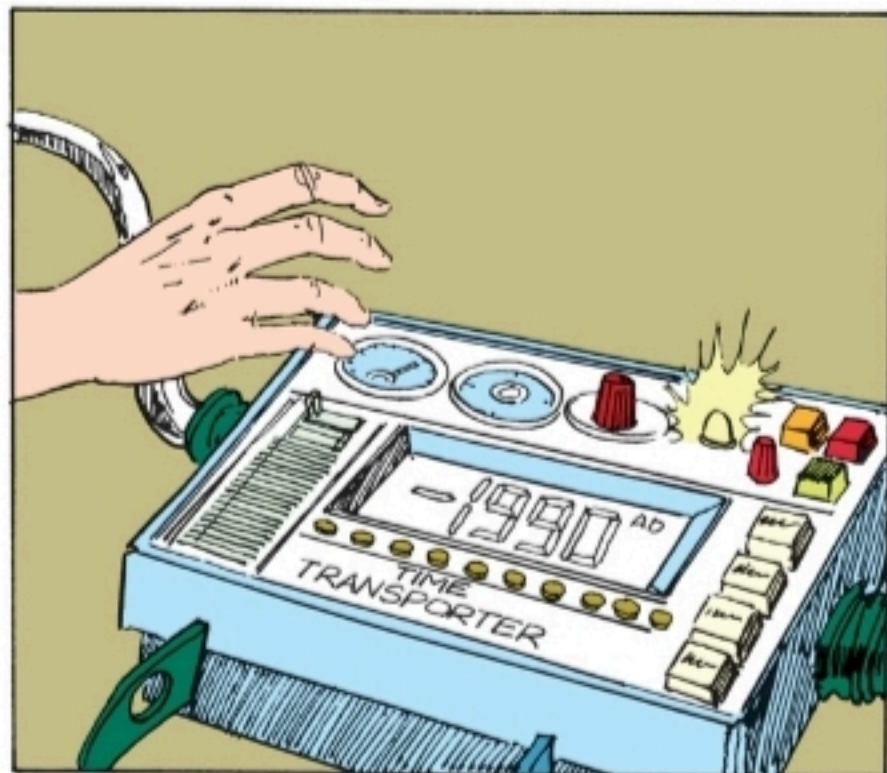


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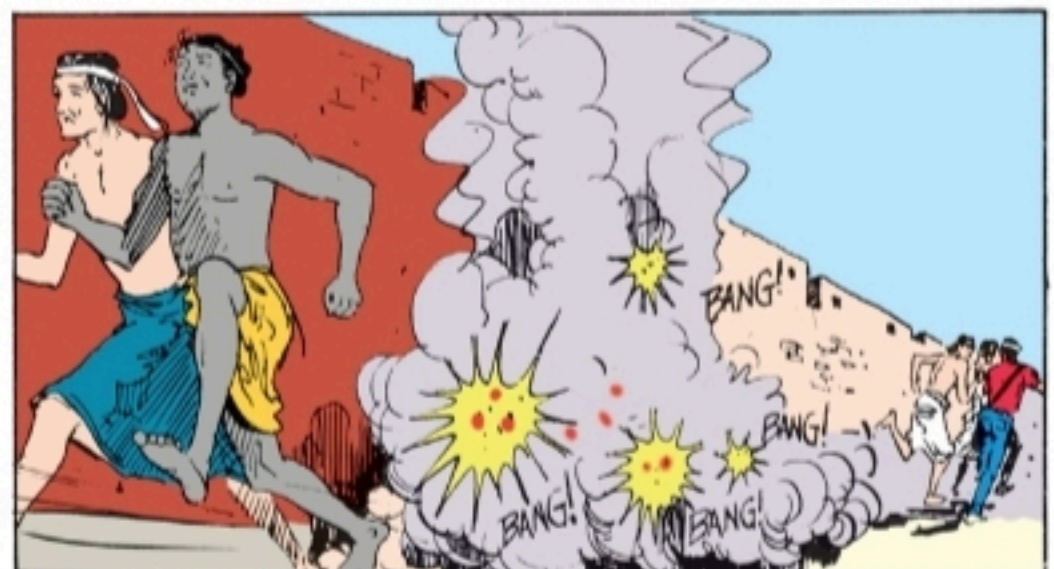


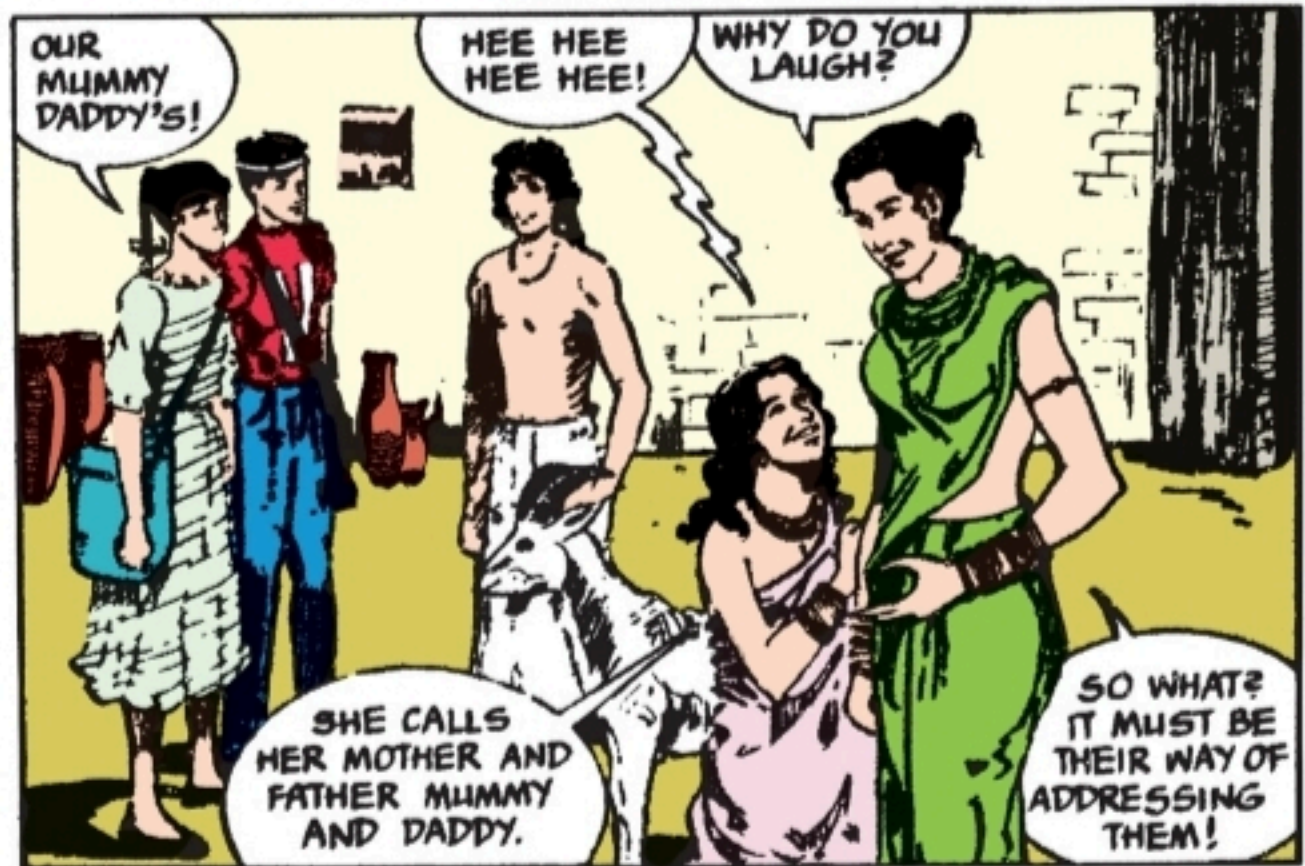


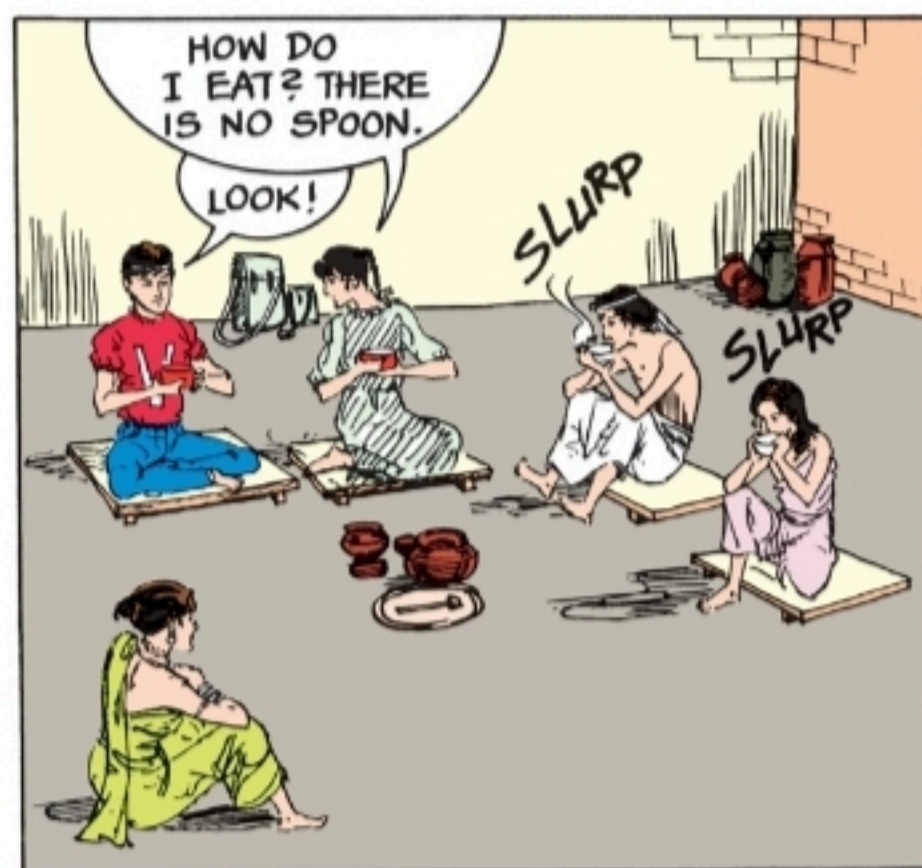






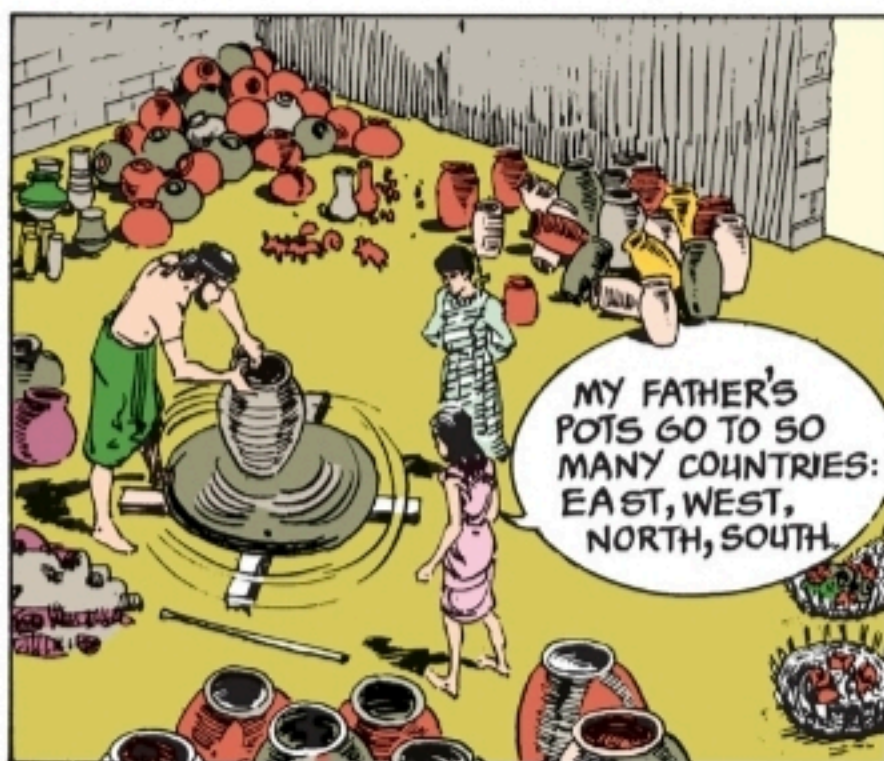














A BULLOCK
CART!



AND A BULL
THAT SHAKES
ITS HEAD.



AND A MONKEY
WHICH MOVES
ON A
STRING!



DO YOU
WANT
THESE TOYS?

YES!
FOR OUR
GRAND-
FATHER.



YOUR GRANDFATHER?
HE PLAYS WITH
TOYS?

NO, HE
STUDIES
ANCIENT
OBJECTS.



BUT THESE TOYS
ARE NEW. JUST
MADE TODAY.

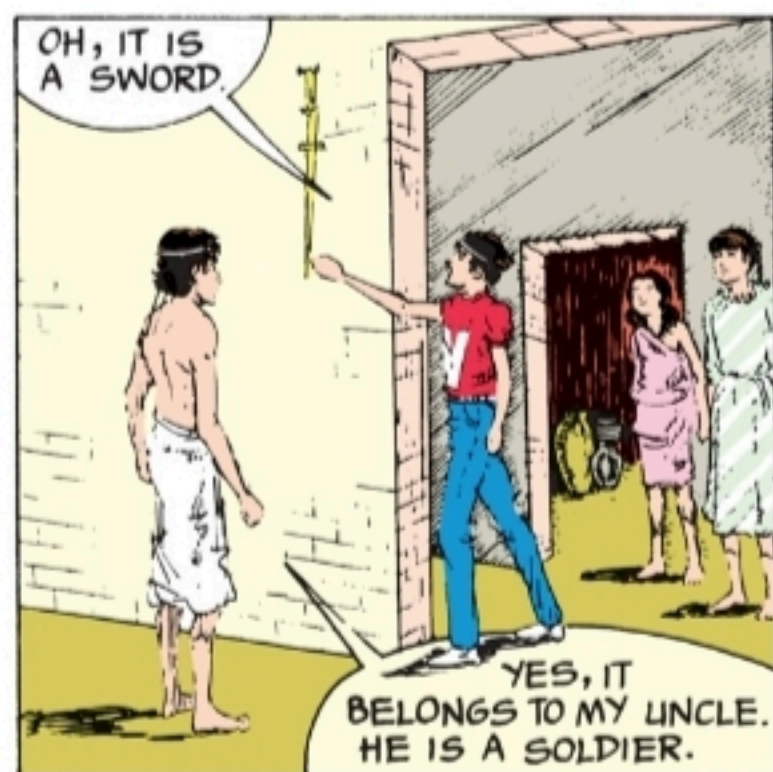
DON'T WORRY. BY
THE TIME HE GETS
THEM THEY WILL BE
THREE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED
NINETY YEARS
OLD.



THREE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED
NINETY YEARS
OLD? HOW?

SHE IS
PULLING YOUR
LEG, STUPID.

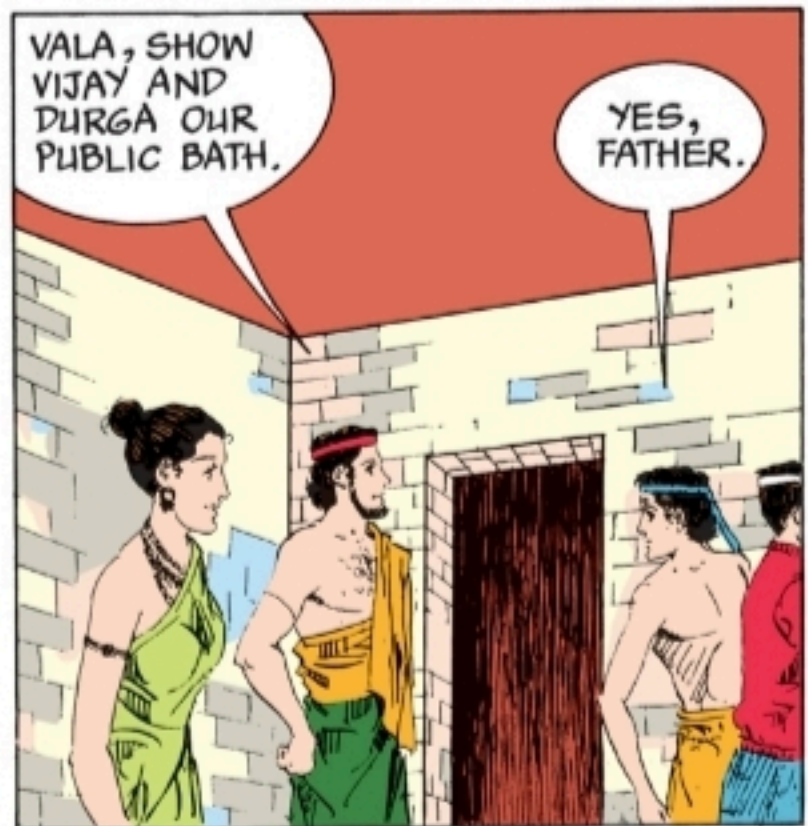


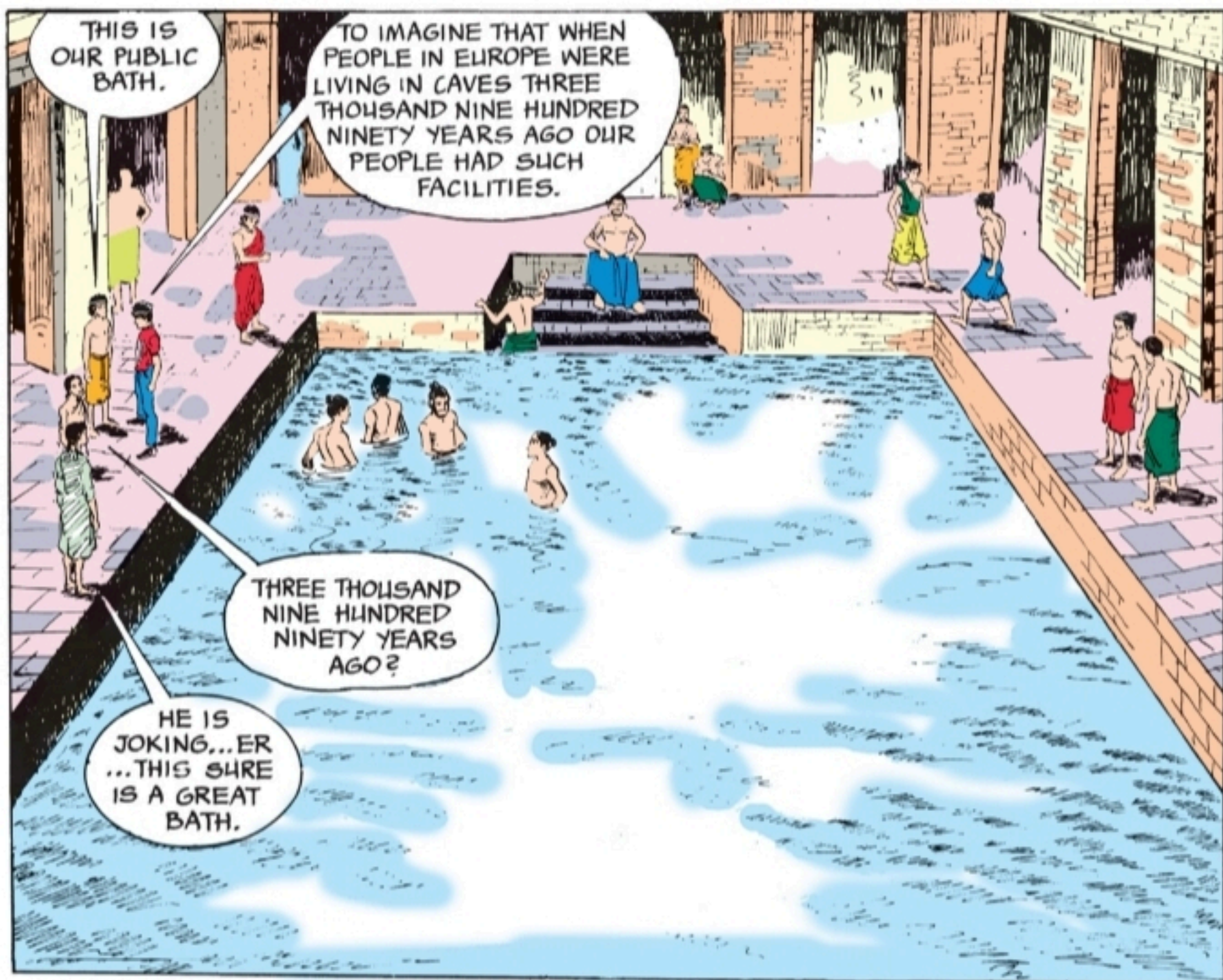














TRADERS
COME FROM DISTANT
LANDS TO THE
FAIR MARKET.

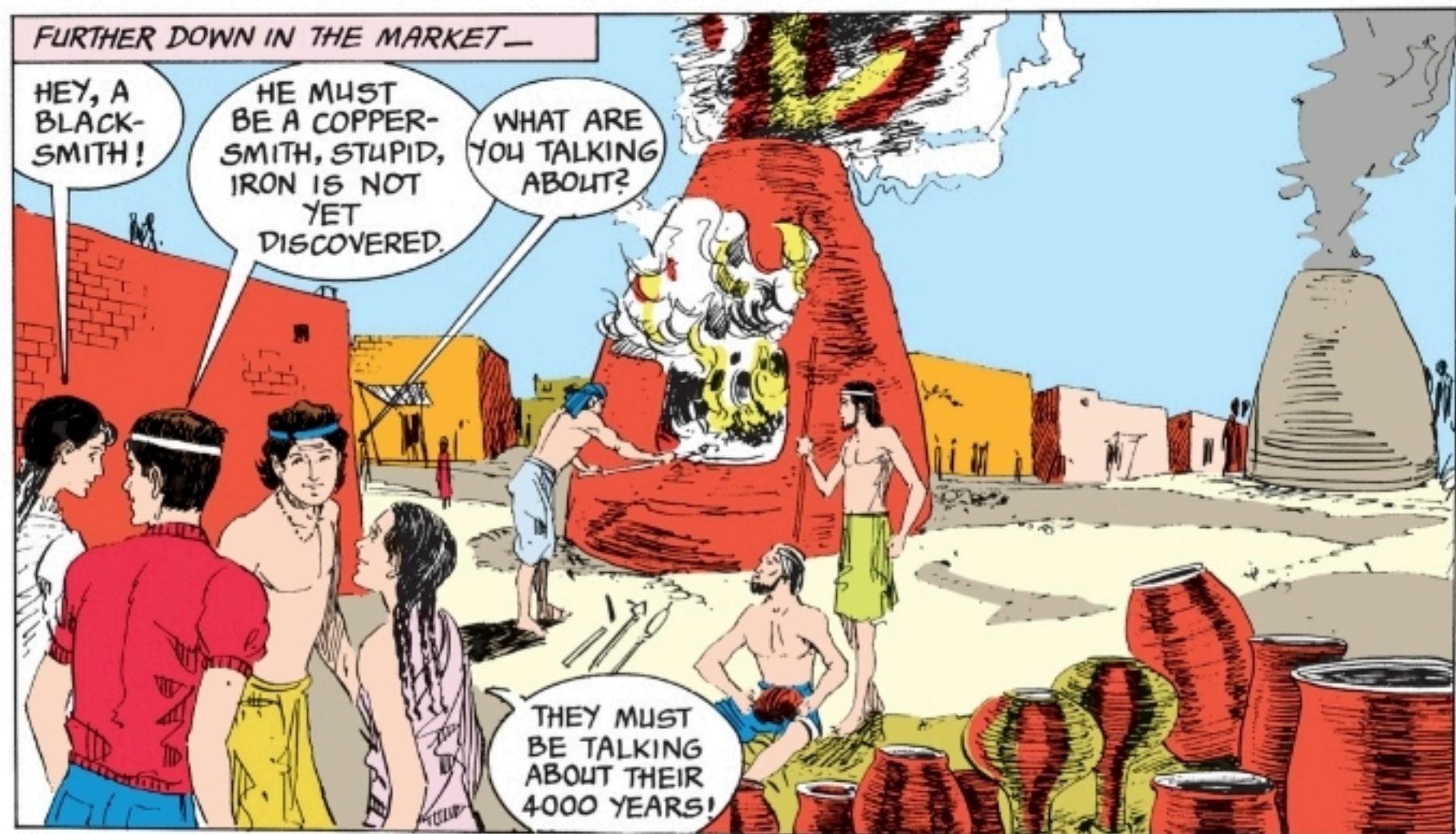
YOU SEE
THAT MAN. HE
HAS COME
FROM SUMER.



THE TRADER STOPS IN FRONT OF A
LIVESTOCK STALL.

I WANT THOSE TWO
PAIRS OF PEACOCKS.
COME, GIVE ME A
GOOD BARGAIN
FOR THEM.

SEE, HE HAS
ALREADY BOUGHT
SOME IVORY OBJECTS
AND NOW HE'S TAKING
THESE PEACOCKS. HE
PAYS HERE IN COPPER,
BUT HE WILL SELL
THEM FOR GOLD
LATER.



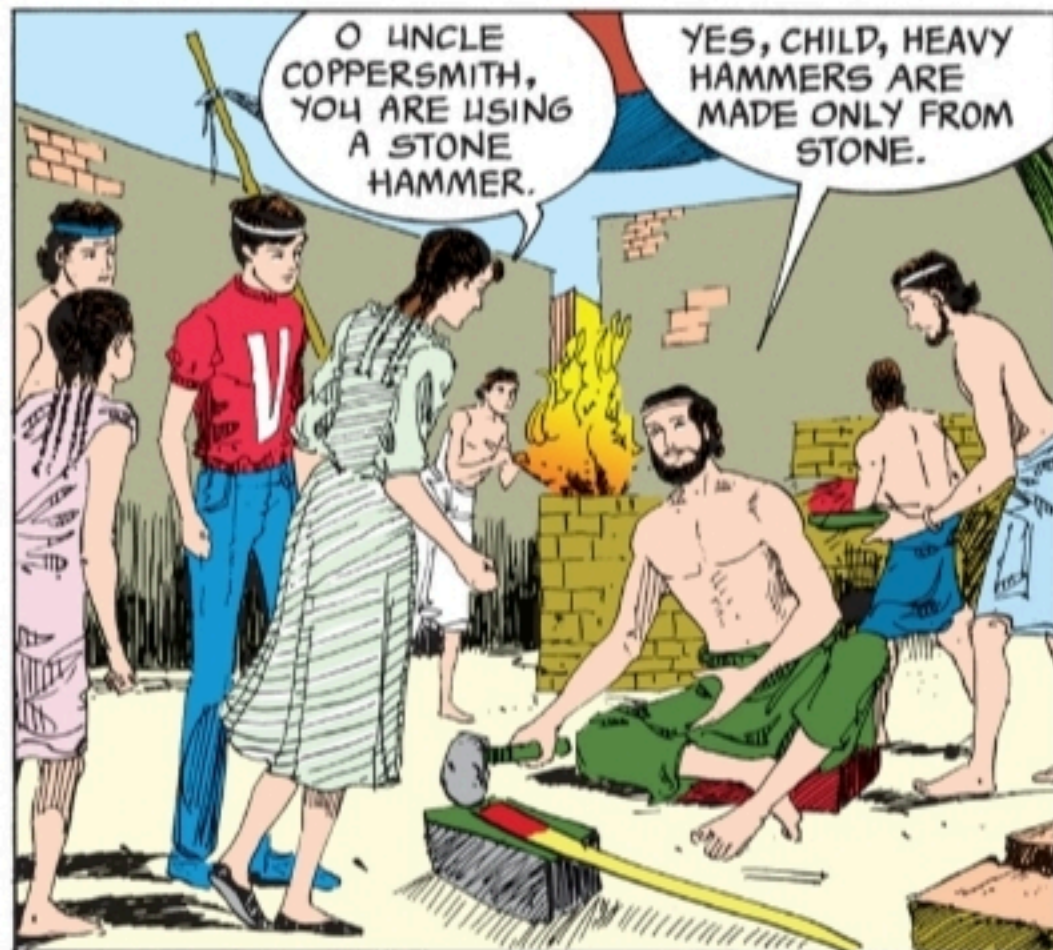
FURTHER DOWN IN THE MARKET—

HEY, A
BLACK-
SMITH!

HE MUST
BE A COPPER-
SMITH, STUPID,
IRON IS NOT
YET
DISCOVERED.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

THEY MUST
BE TALKING
ABOUT THEIR
4000 YEARS!



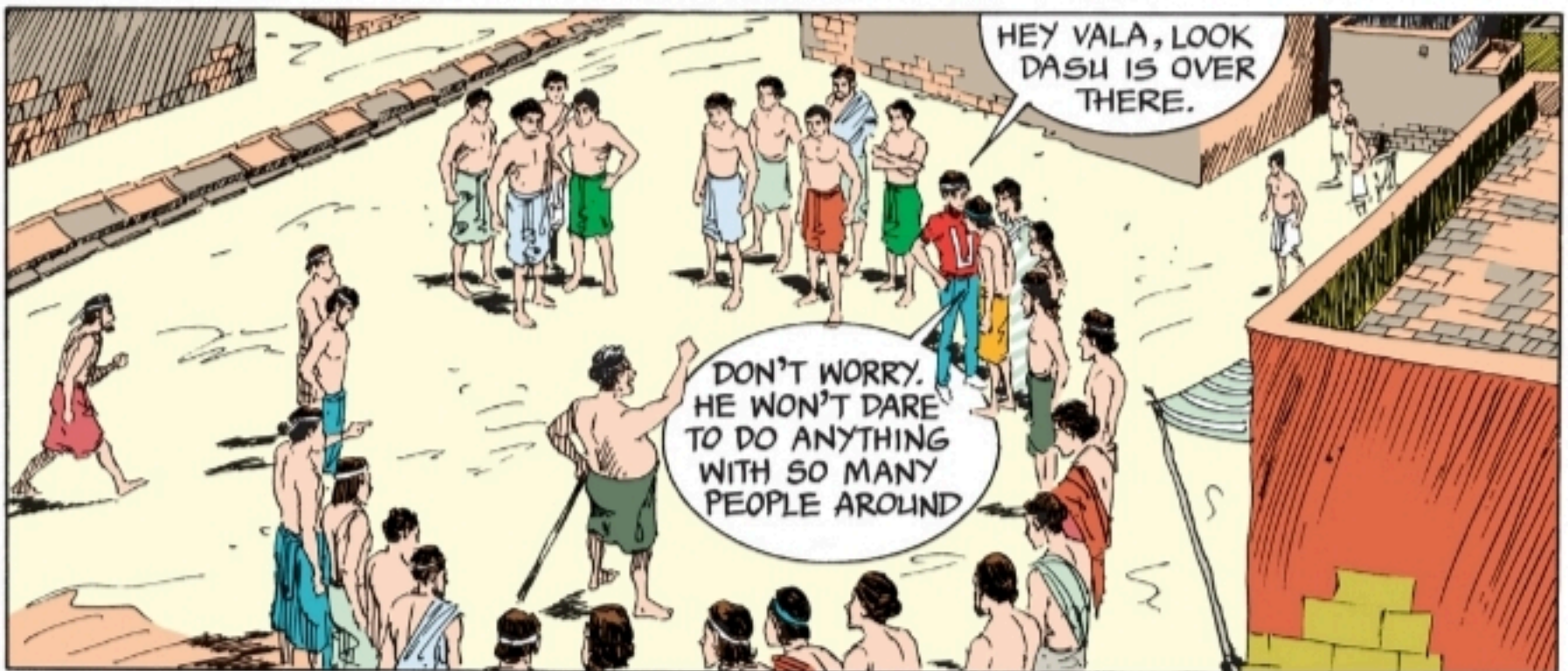
SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A
COMMOTION.

WHAT
HAPPENED?

DASU'S FATHER
IS CREATING A
SCENE AFTER
DRINKING
HANDI.



COME FAST, LET'S
SEE HOW UNCLE
ACTS AS THE
TOUGH SOLDIER.



AT THE SCENE OF THE COMMOTION —

COME ON! WHICH
OF YOU DARES
TO FIGHT
ME?



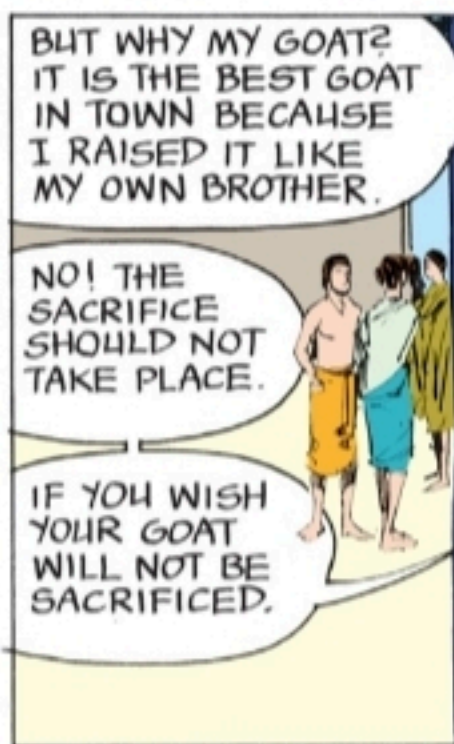
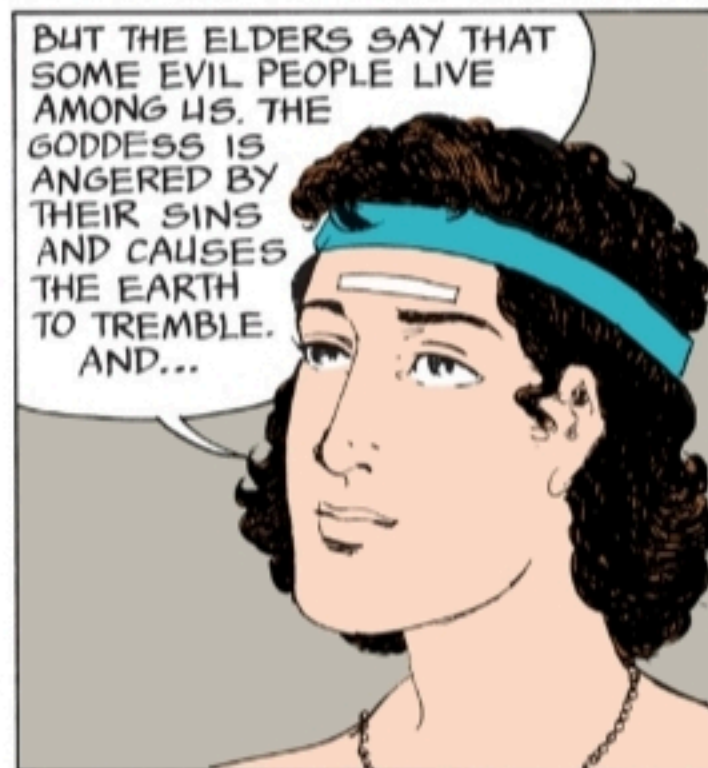
HEY YOU! DROP THAT
STICK AT ONCE.

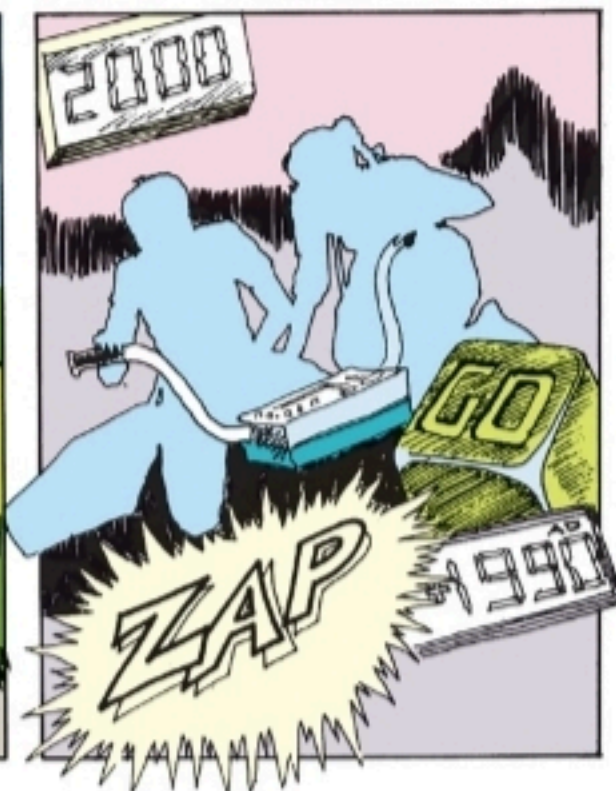
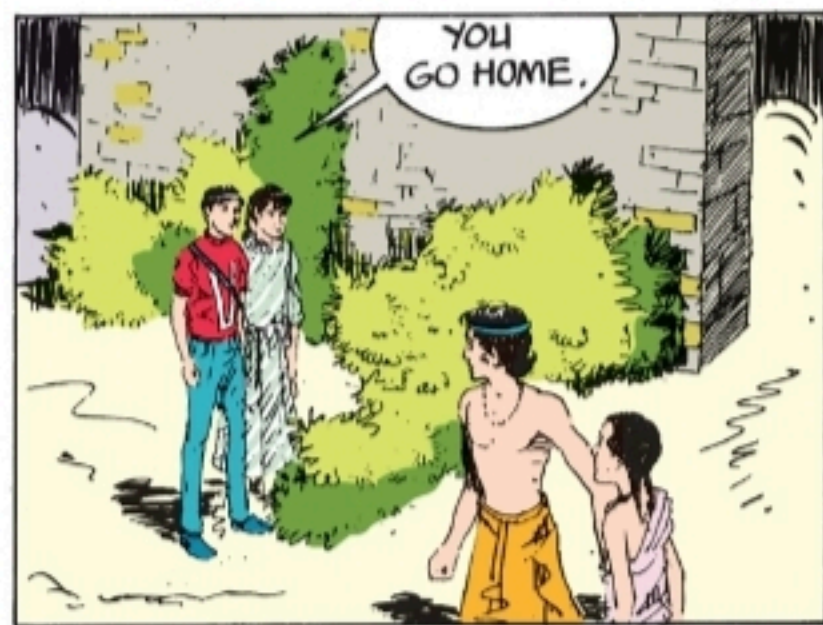
I WON'T! WHO ARE
YOU TO ORDER ME?
COME ON!

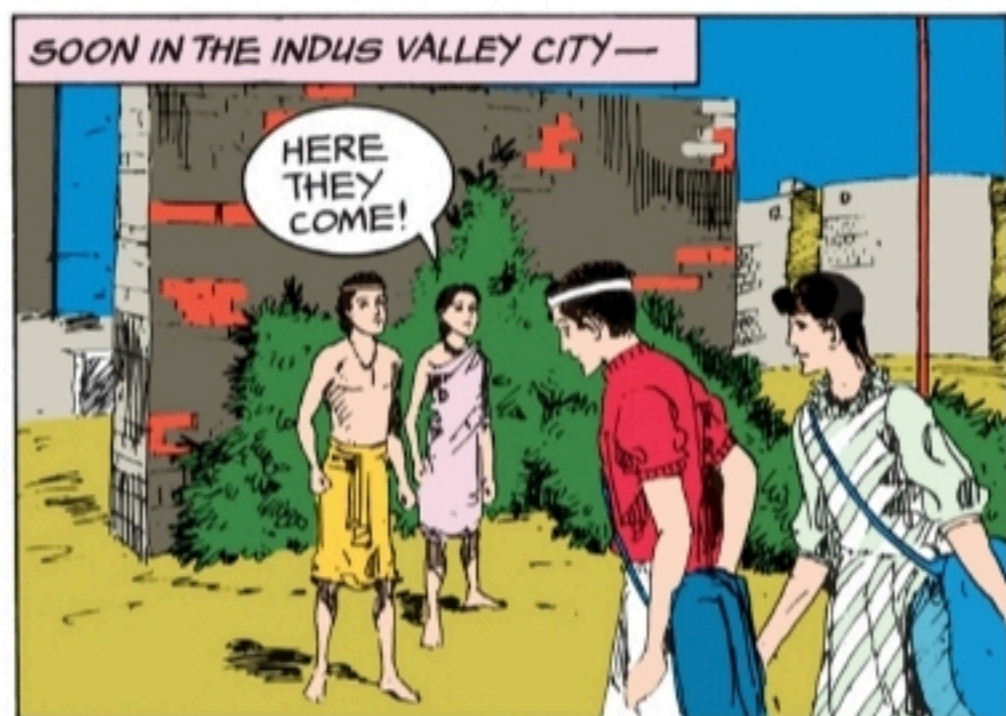
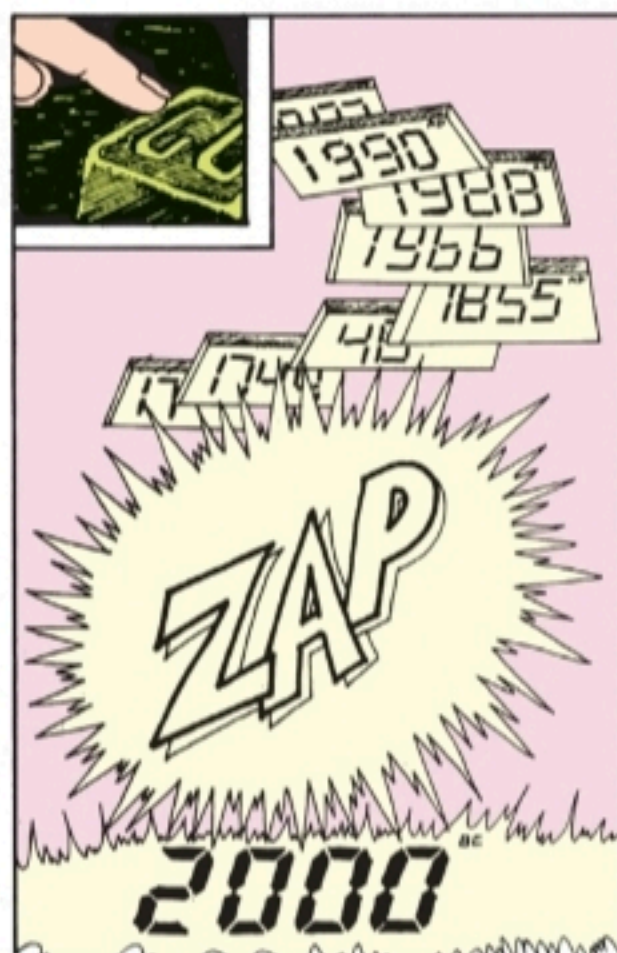
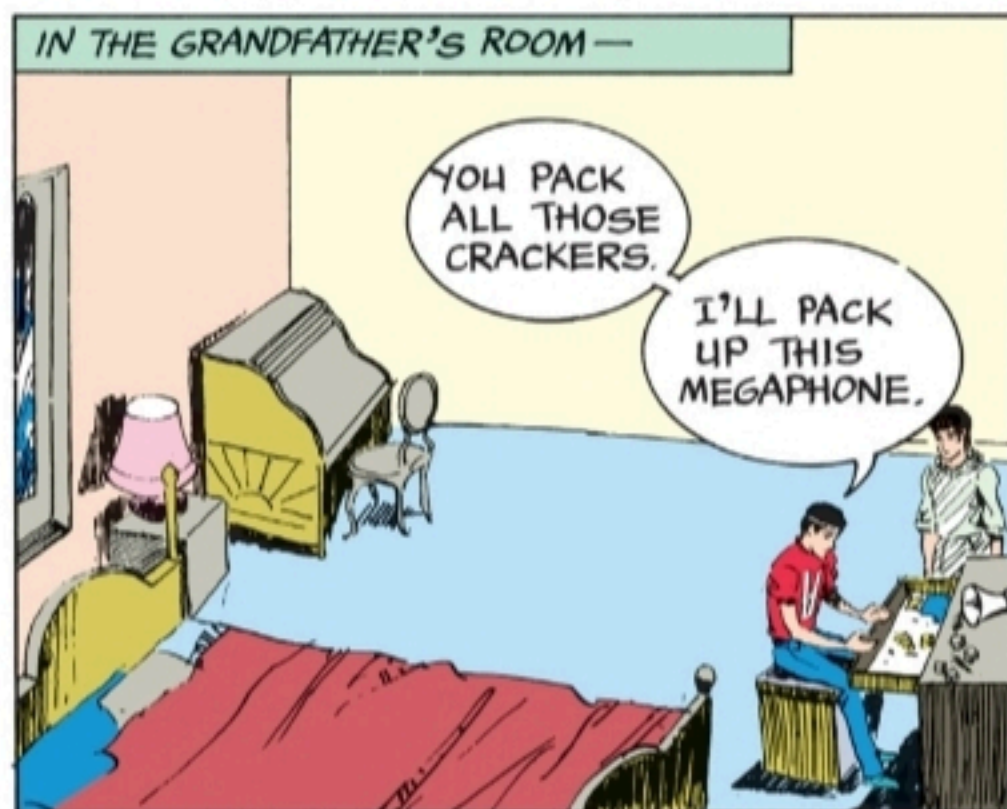


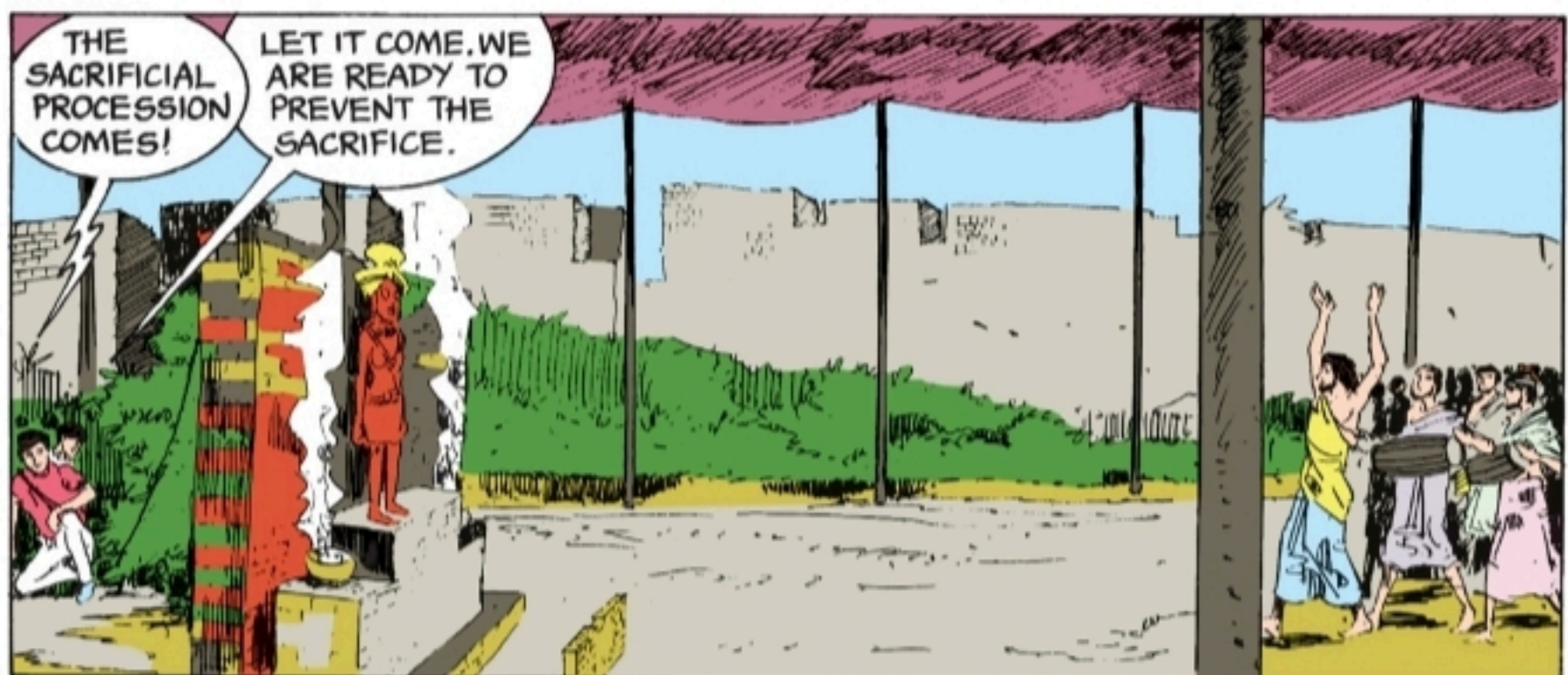
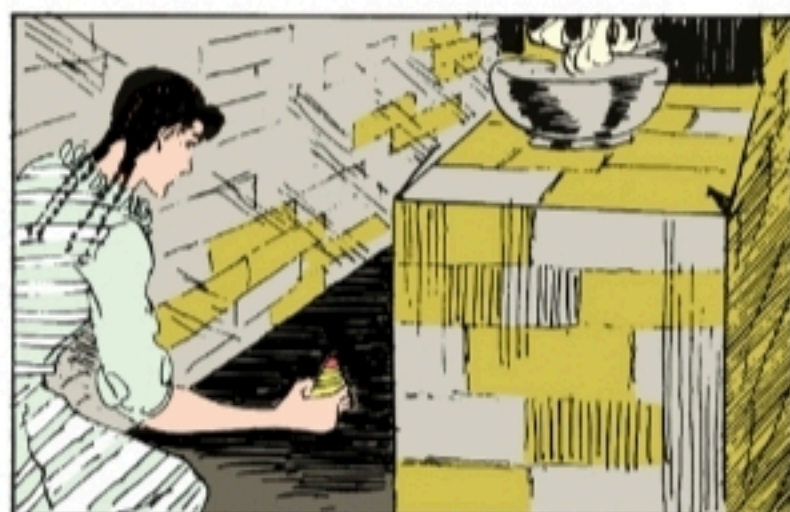
















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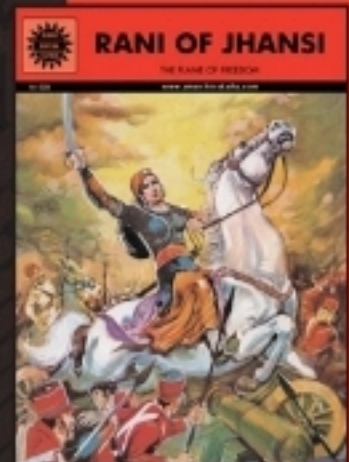
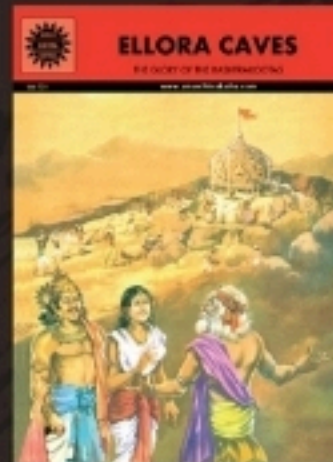
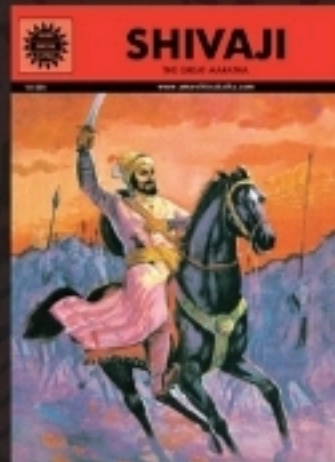
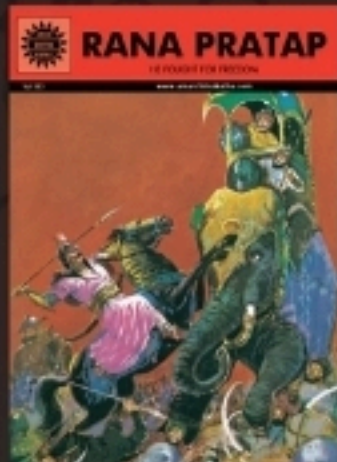
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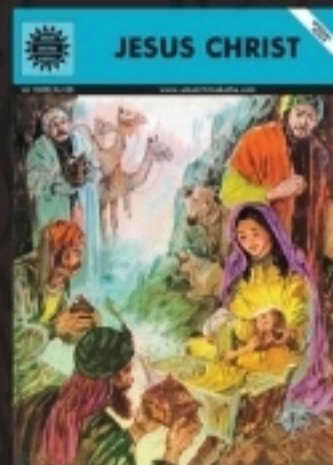
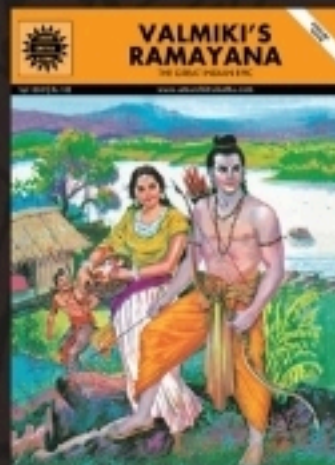
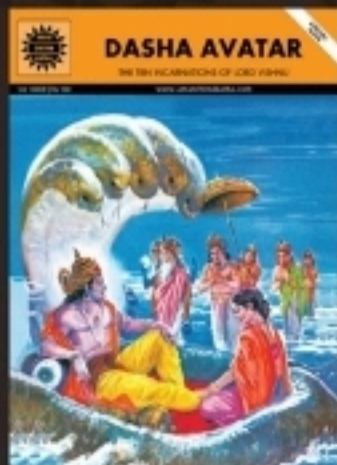
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