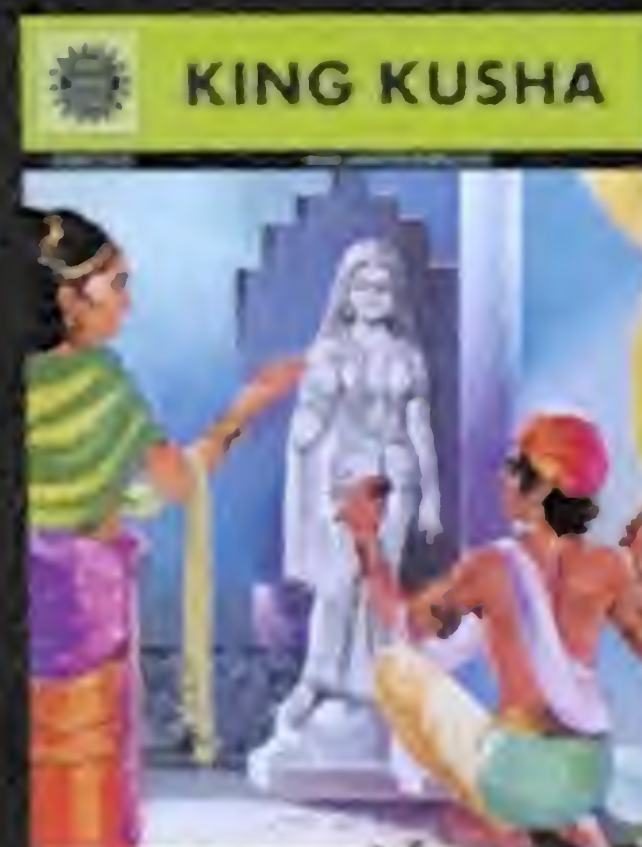


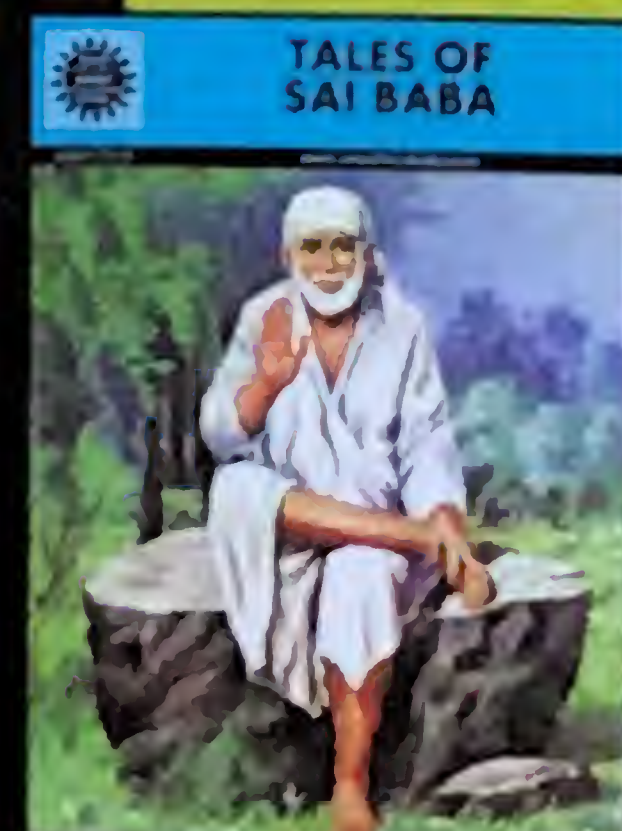
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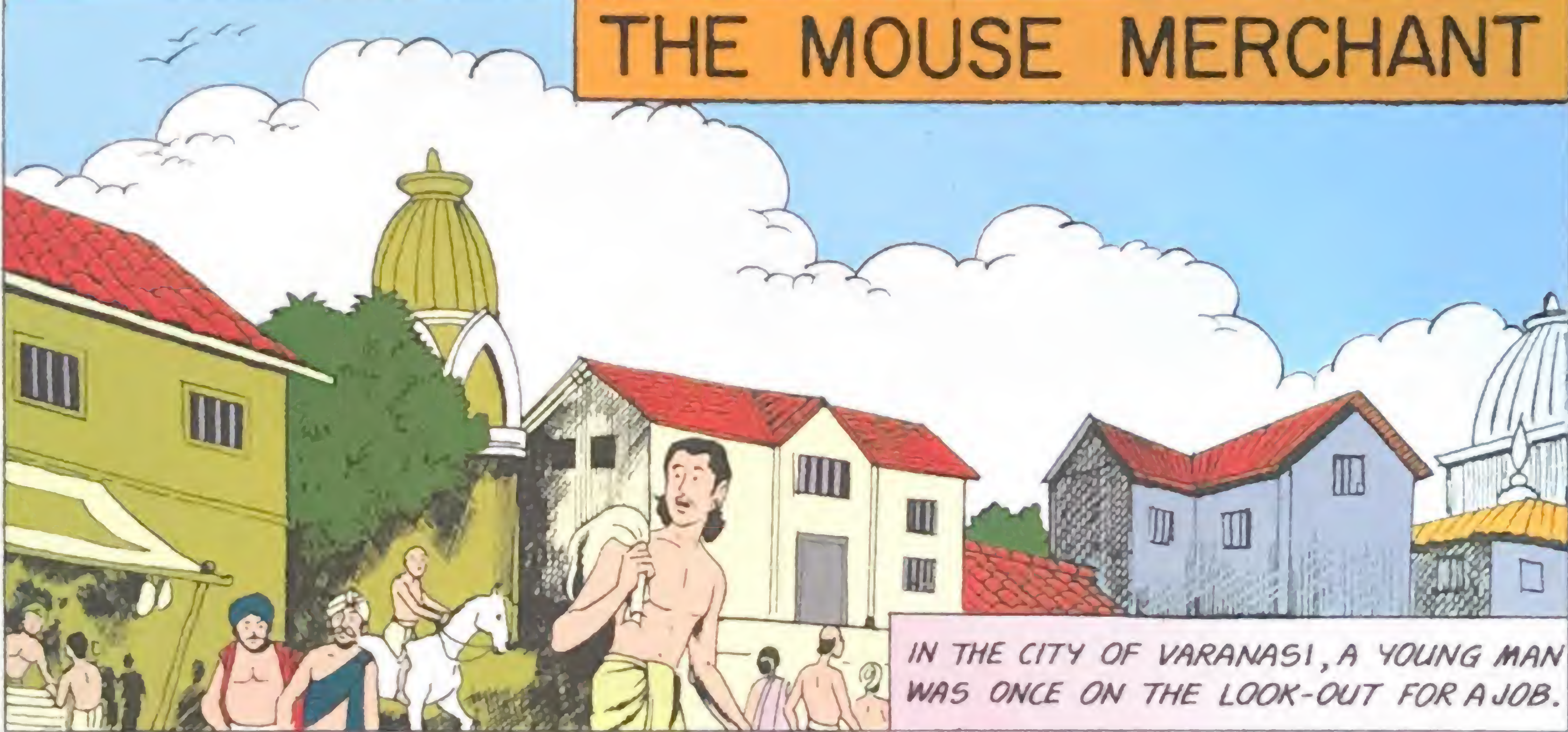


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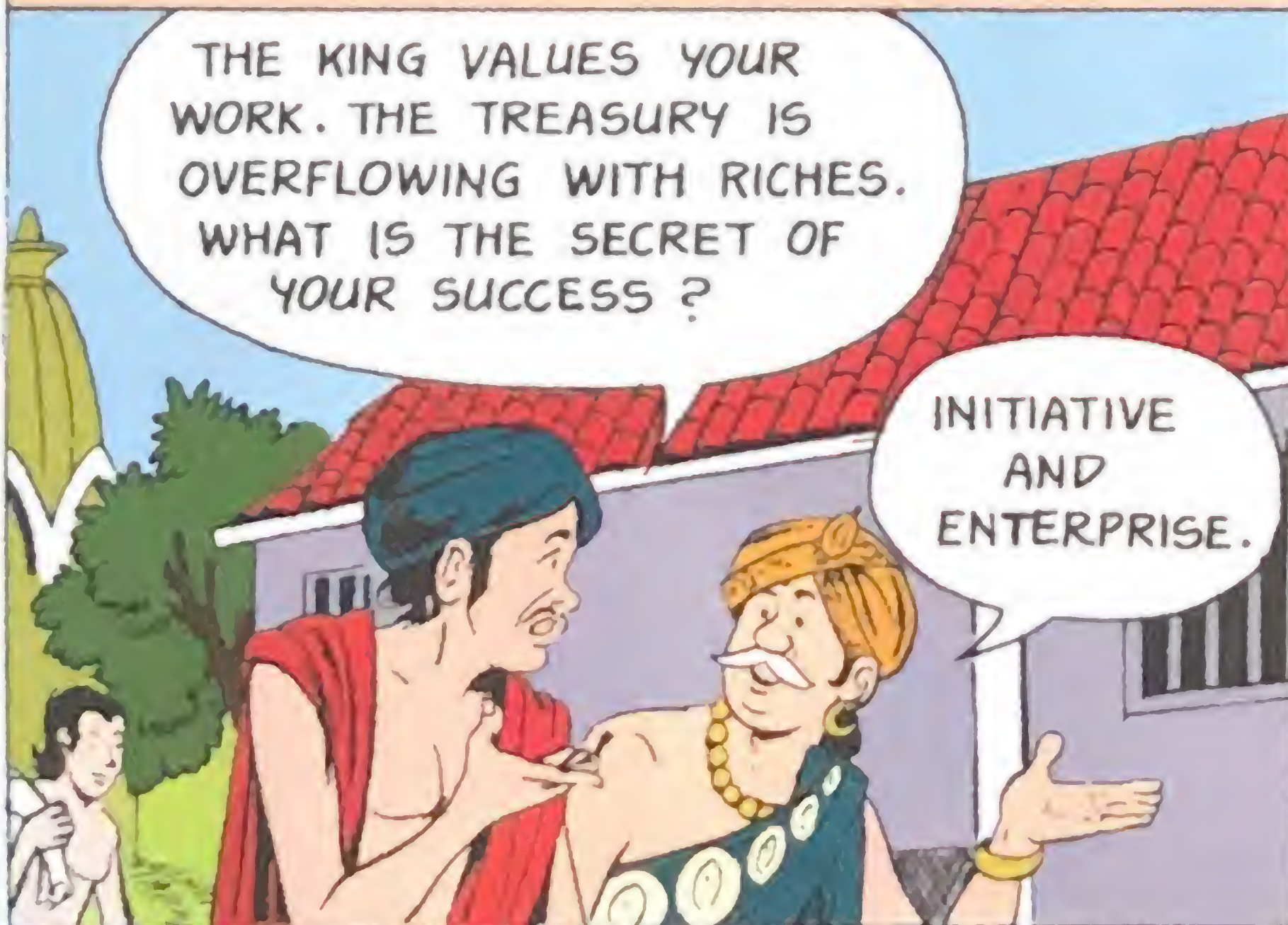
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THE MOUSE MERCHANT



IN THE CITY OF VARANASI, A YOUNG MAN WAS ONCE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR A JOB.

IT SO HAPPENED THAT THE ROYAL TREASURER, ACCOMPANIED BY A FRIEND, PASSED BY.



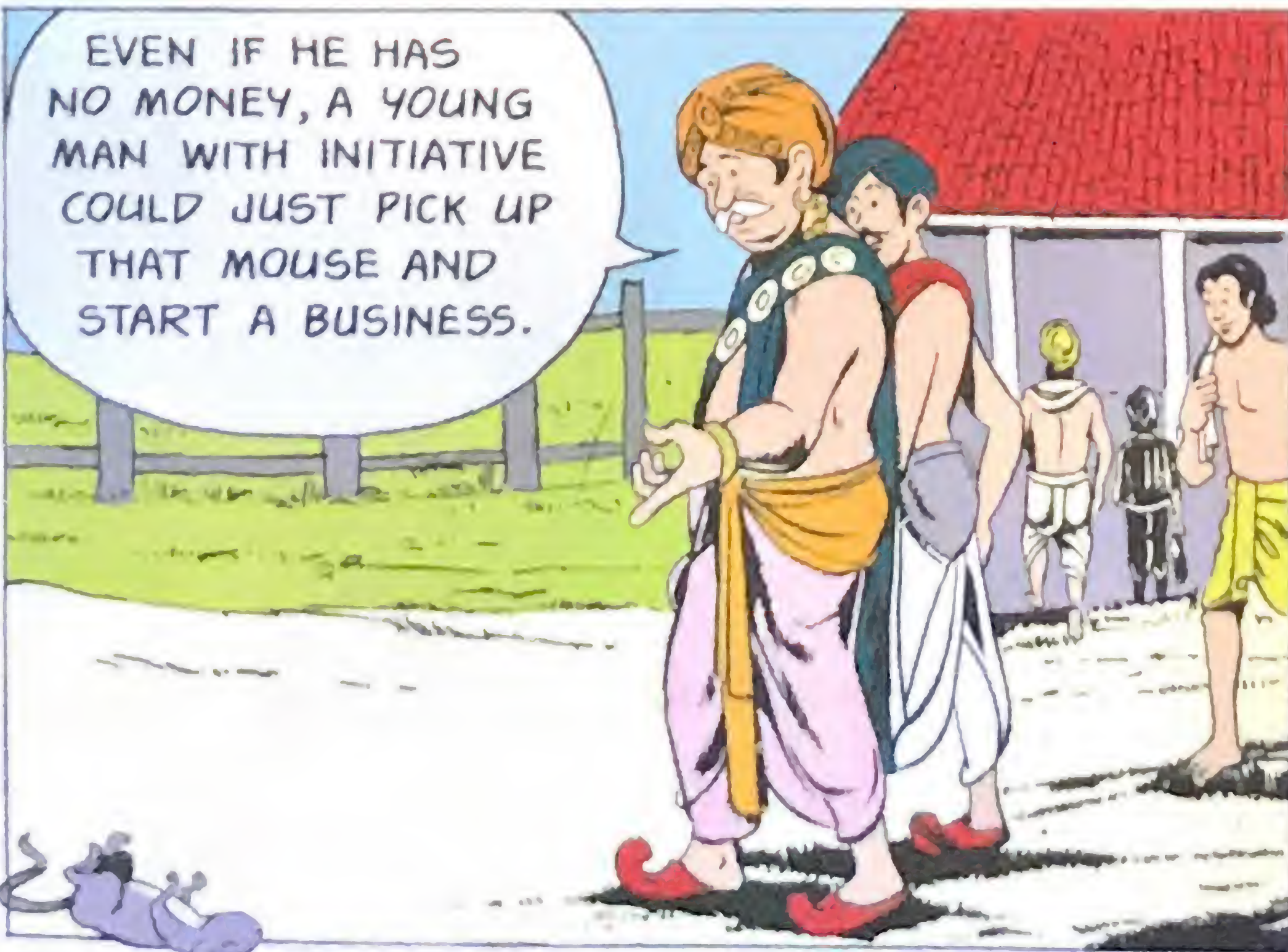
THE KING VALUES YOUR WORK. THE TREASURY IS OVERFLOWING WITH RICHES. WHAT IS THE SECRET OF YOUR SUCCESS ?

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I'LL EXPLAIN WHAT I MEAN. DO YOU SEE THAT DEAD MOUSE ?

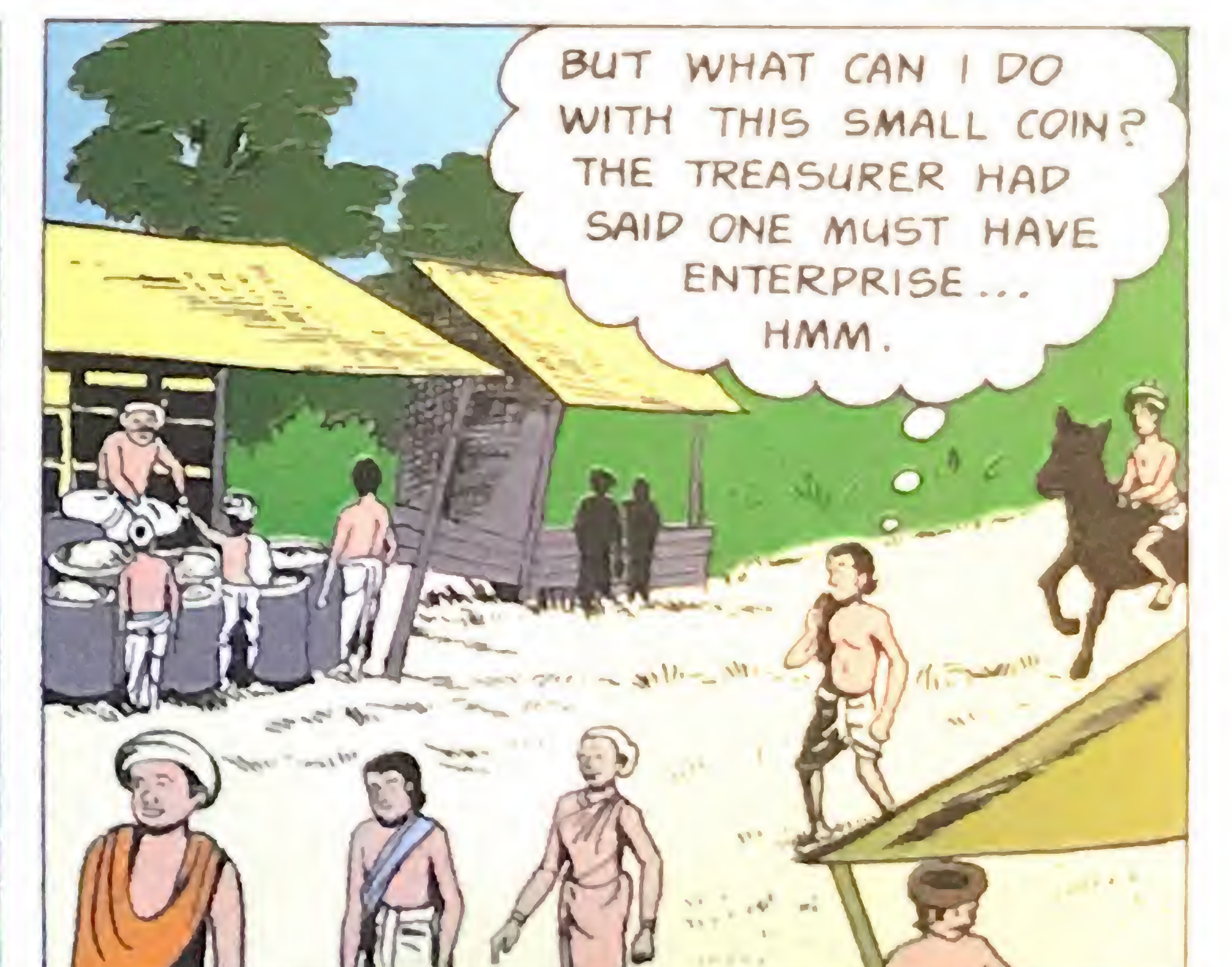
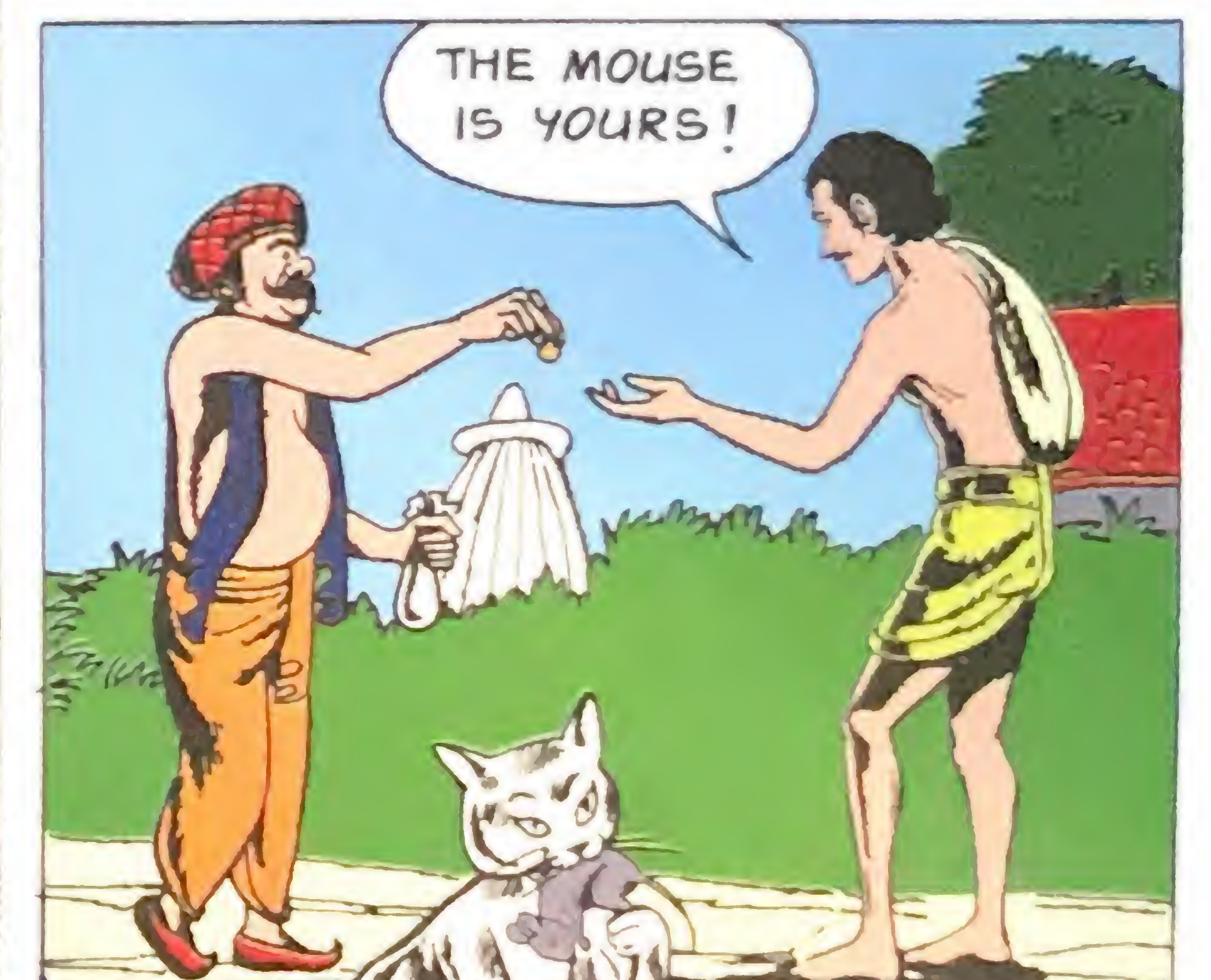
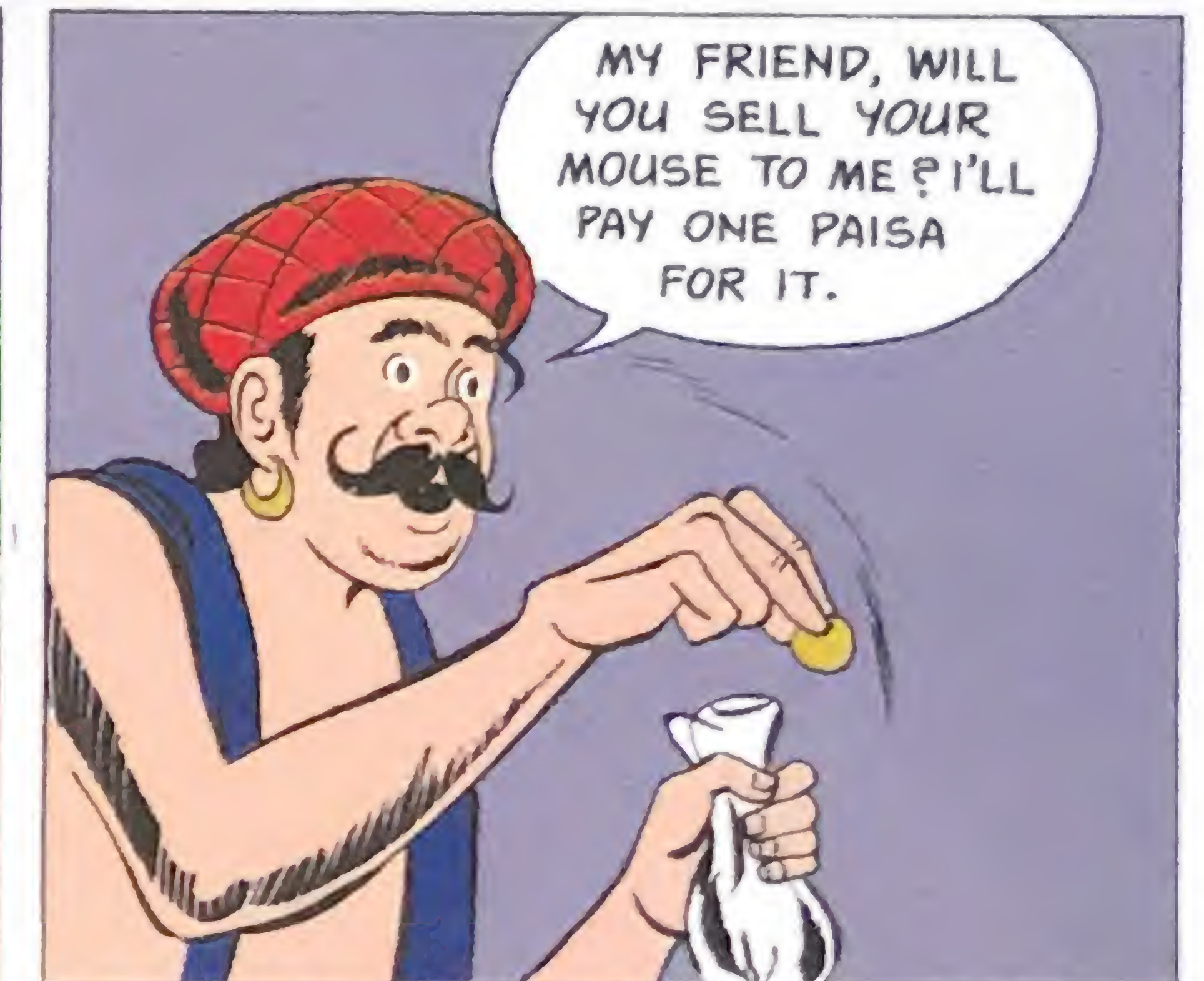
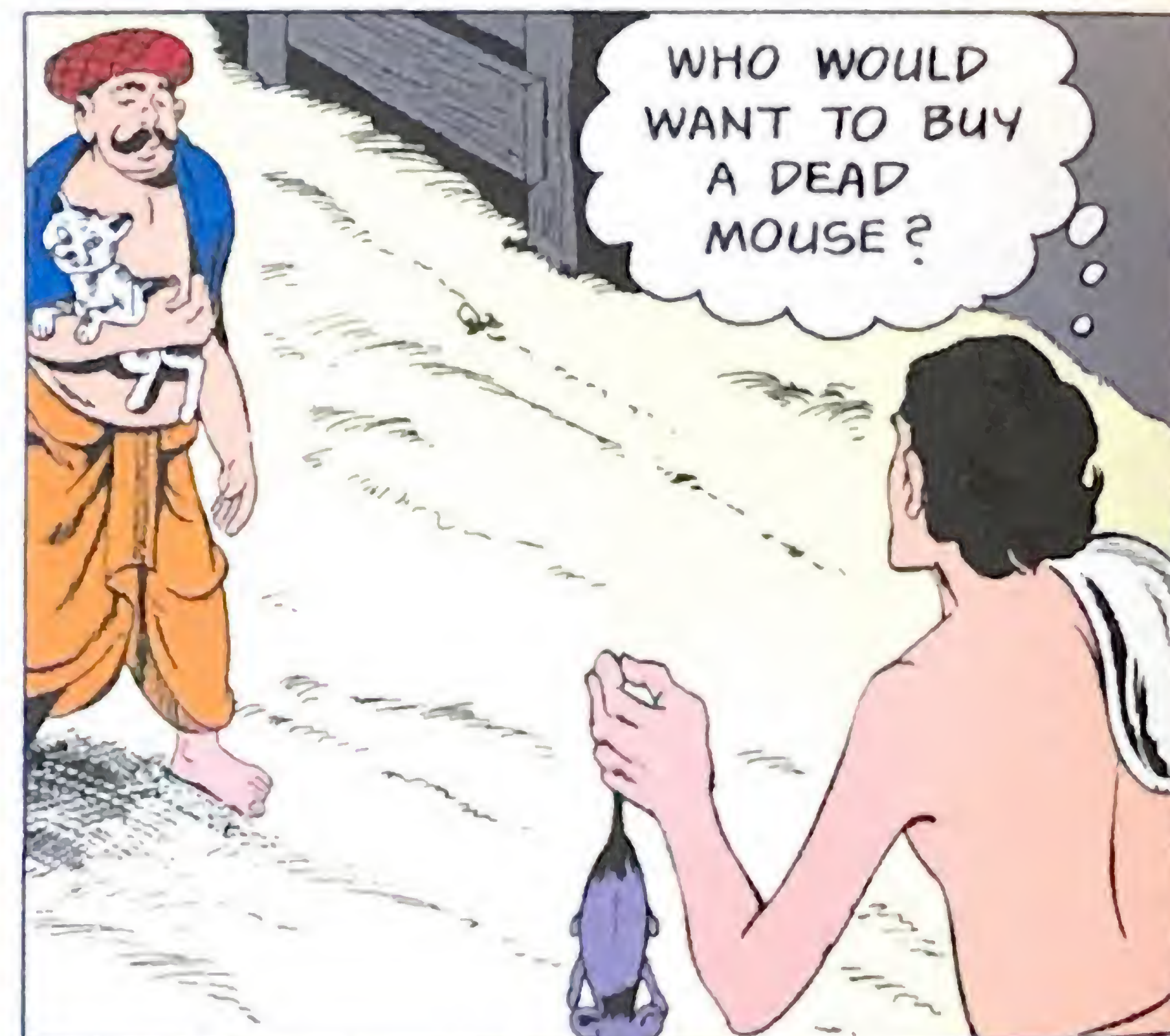
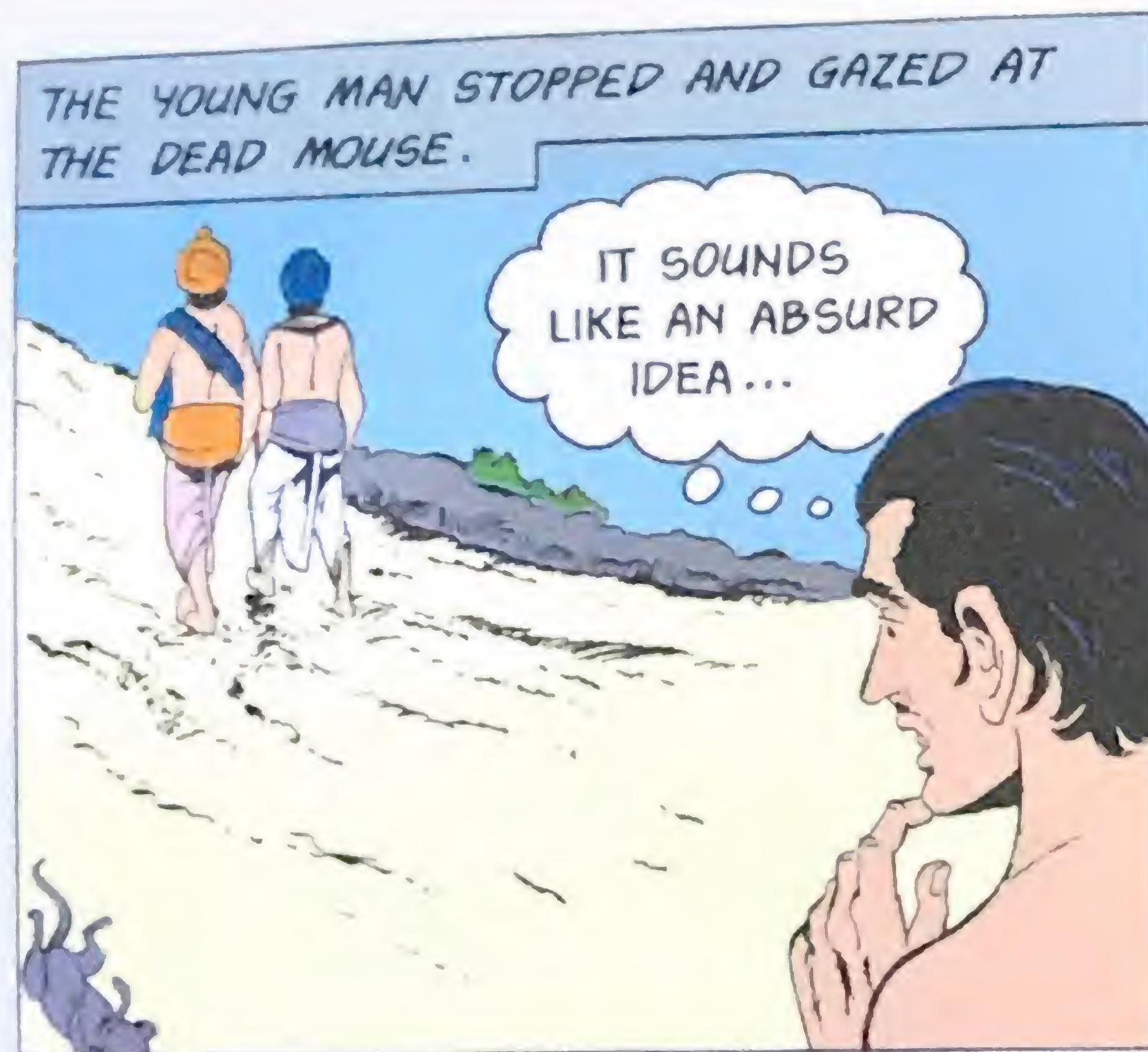
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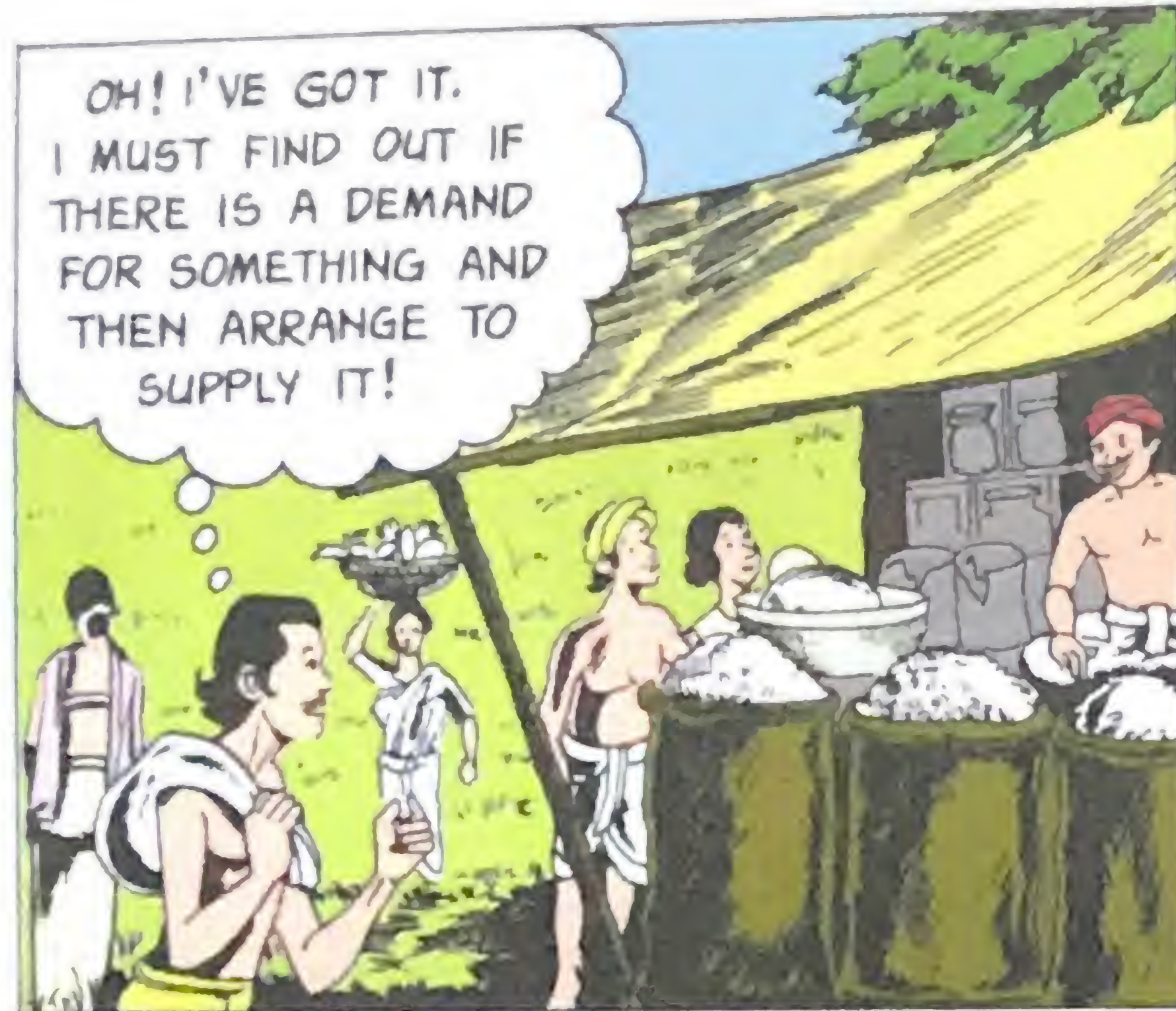


EVEN IF HE HAS NO MONEY, A YOUNG MAN WITH INITIATIVE COULD JUST PICK UP THAT MOUSE AND START A BUSINESS.

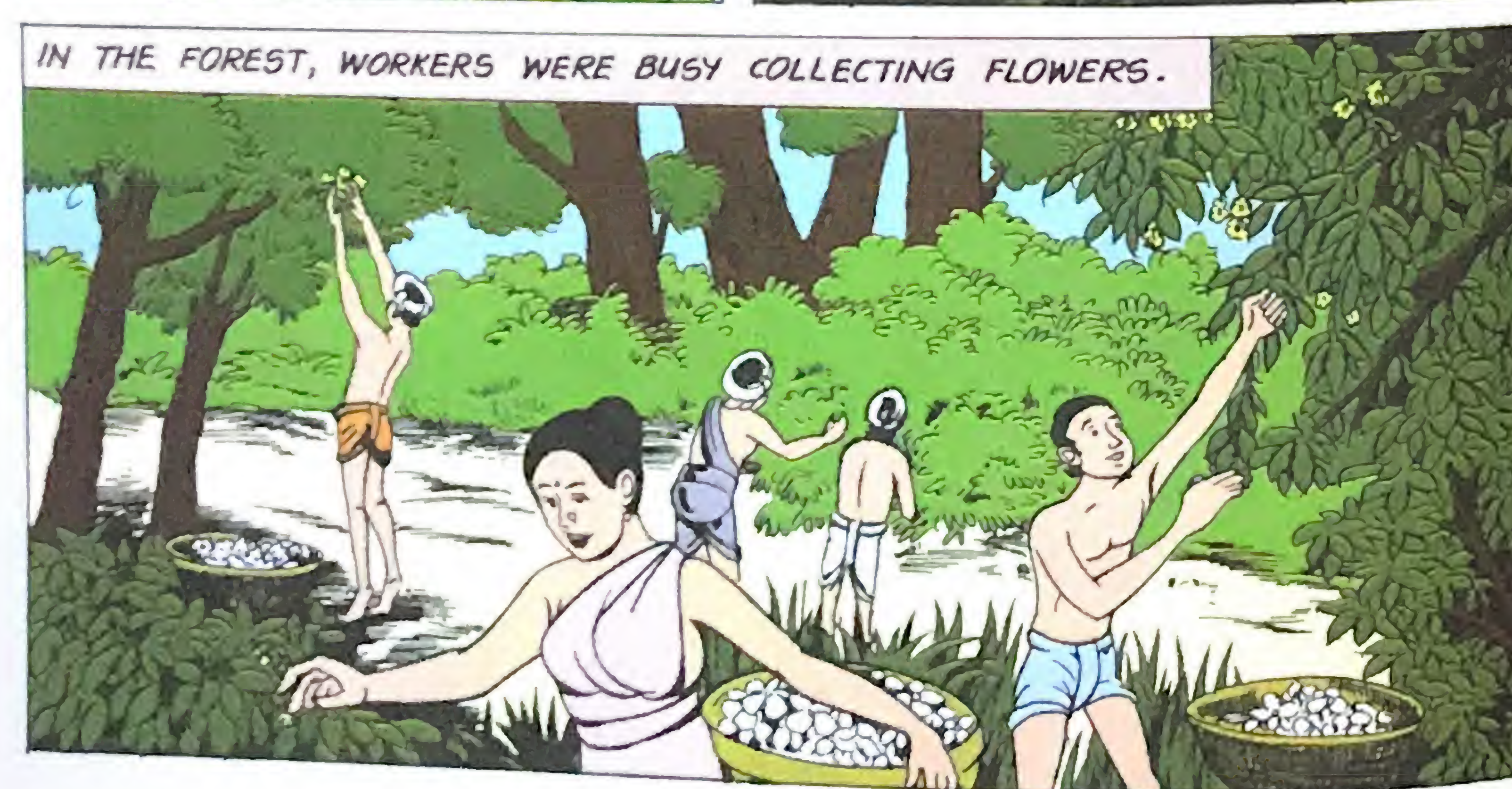


A DEAD MOUSE AS CAPITAL ? HA ! HA ! HA !

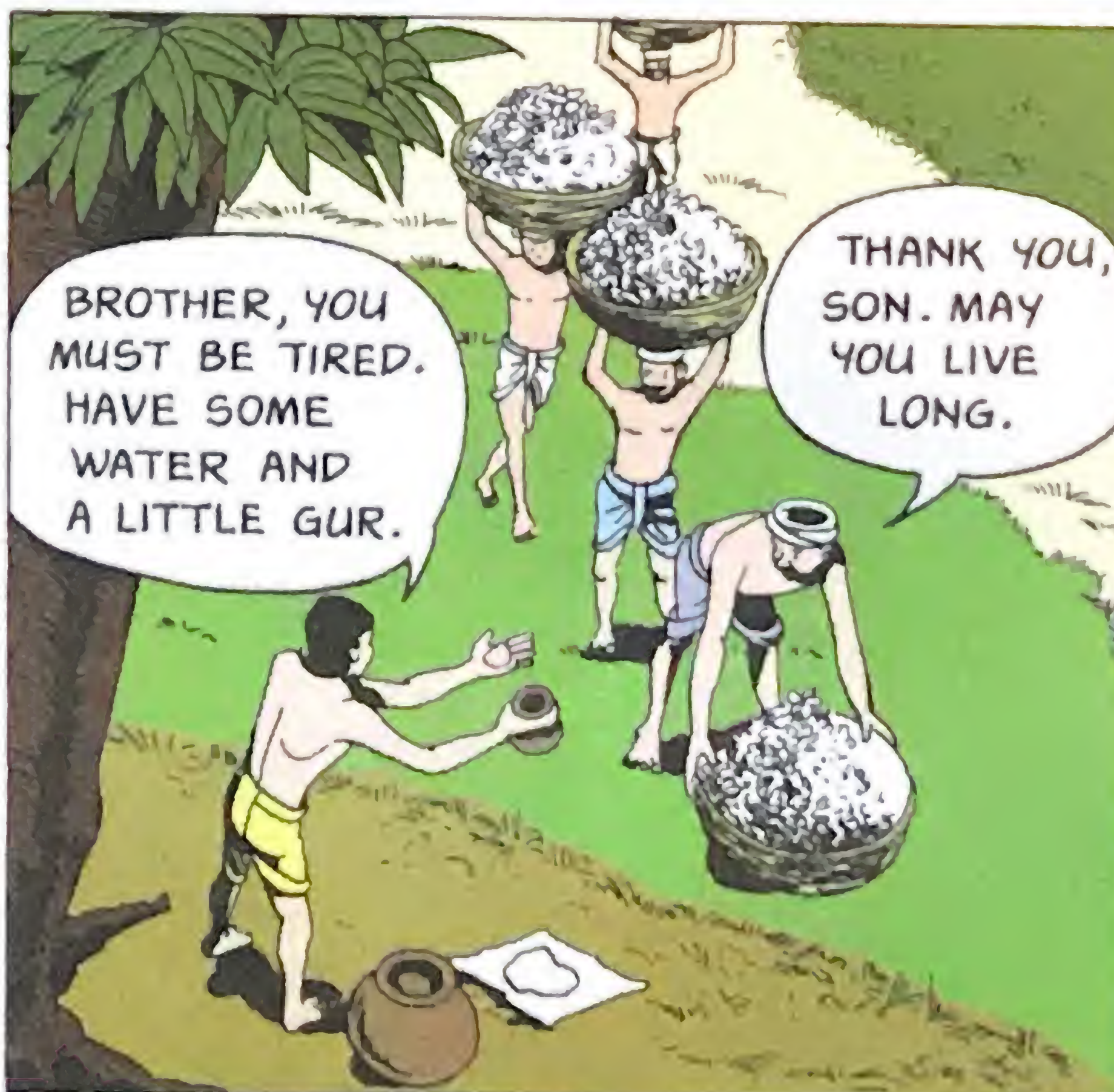
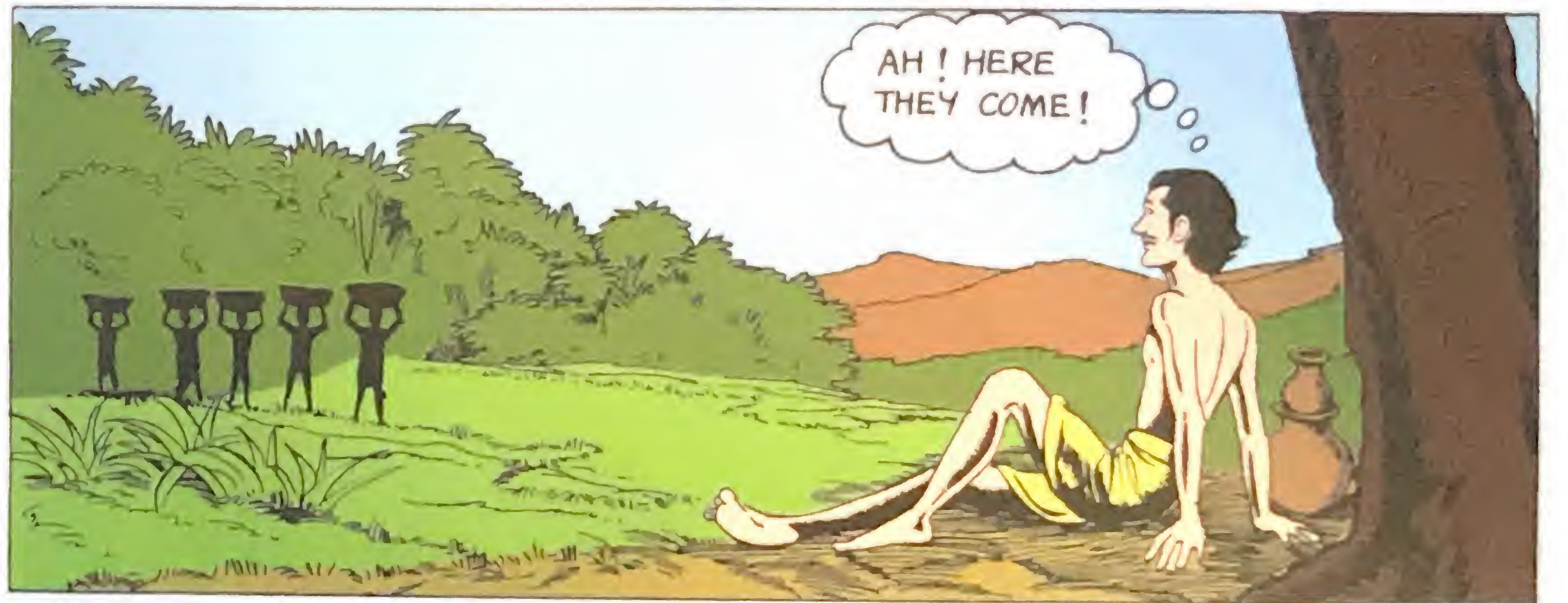


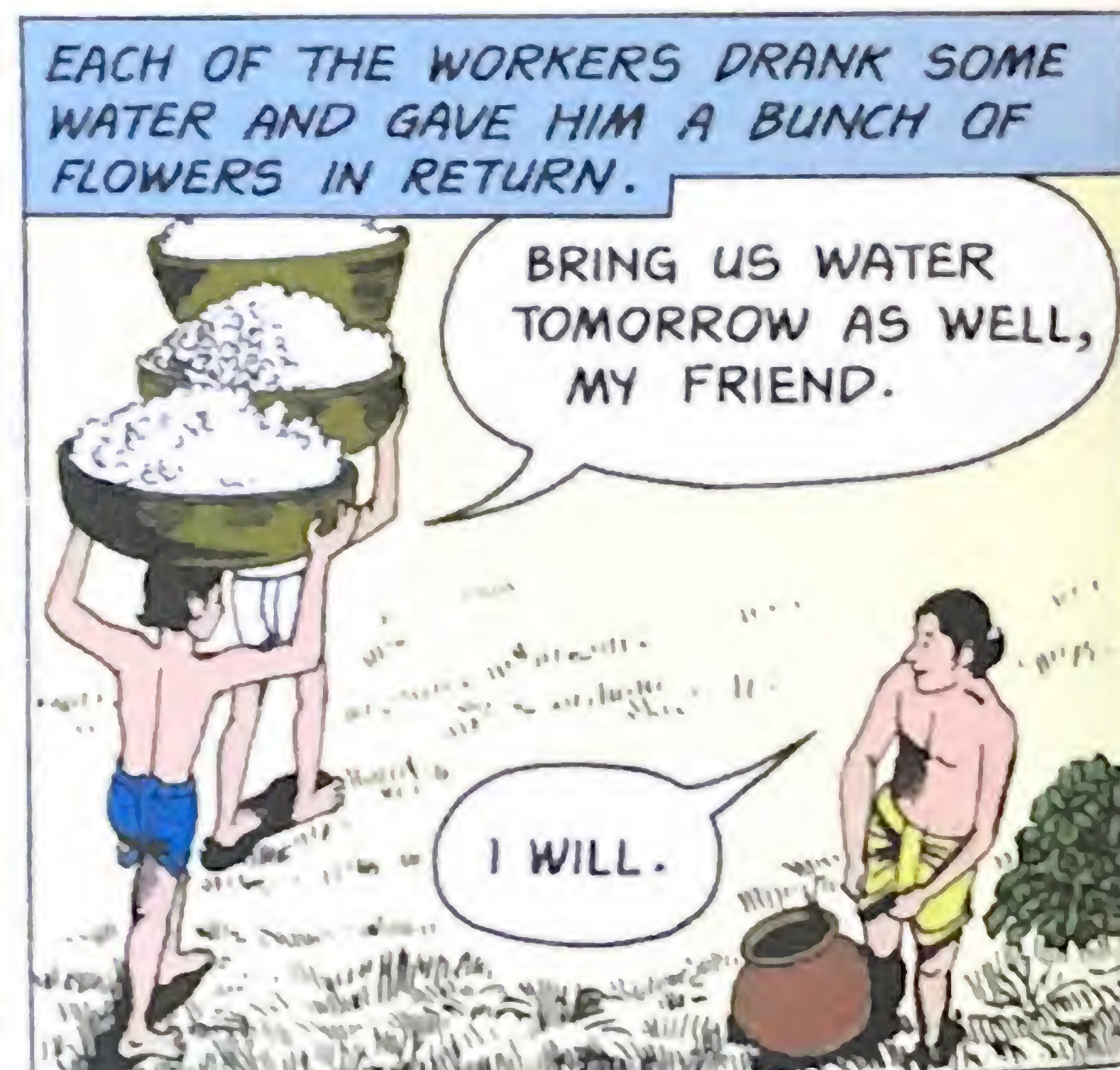


THE NEXT MORNING, THE YOUNG MAN FILLED A POT WITH DRINKING WATER AND WENT TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY.

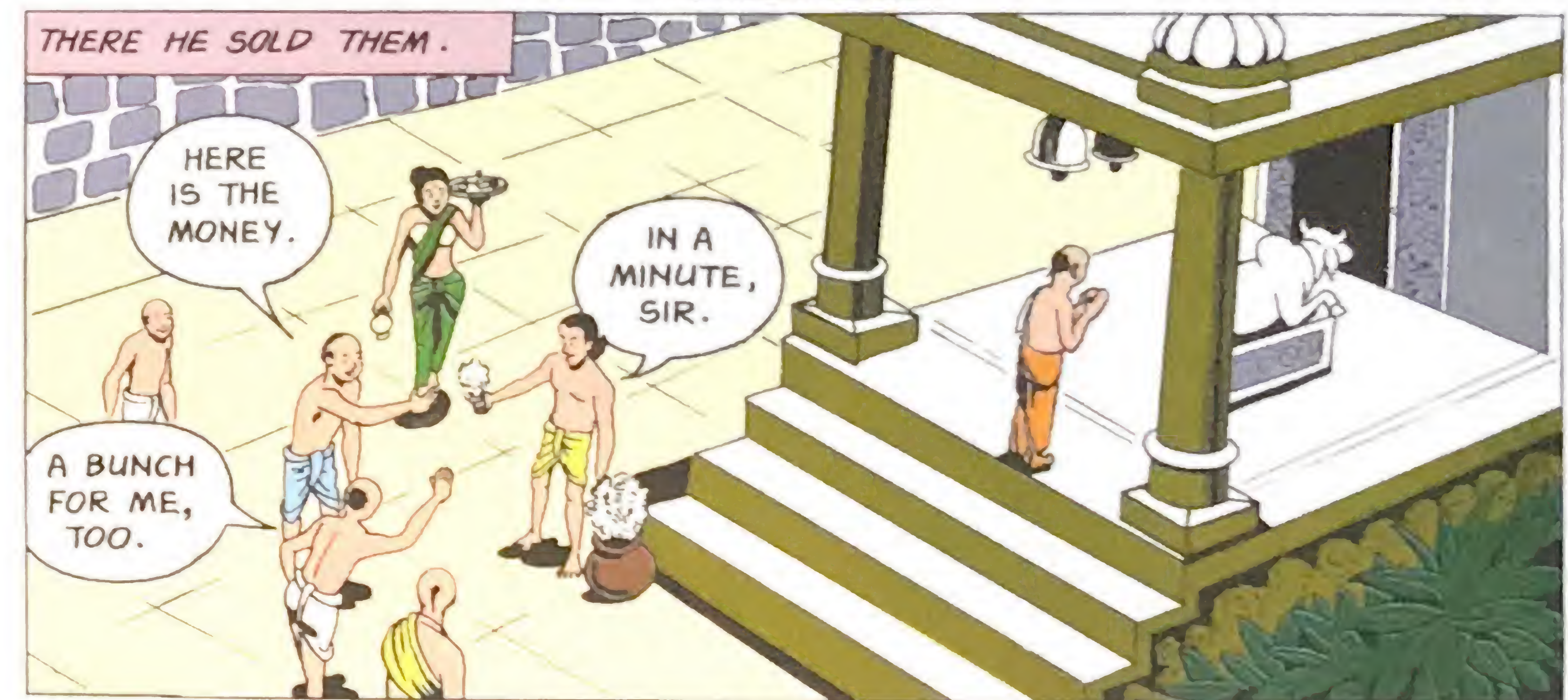


IT WAS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN THEY FINISHED THEIR WORK AND BEGAN RETURNING TO THE CITY.

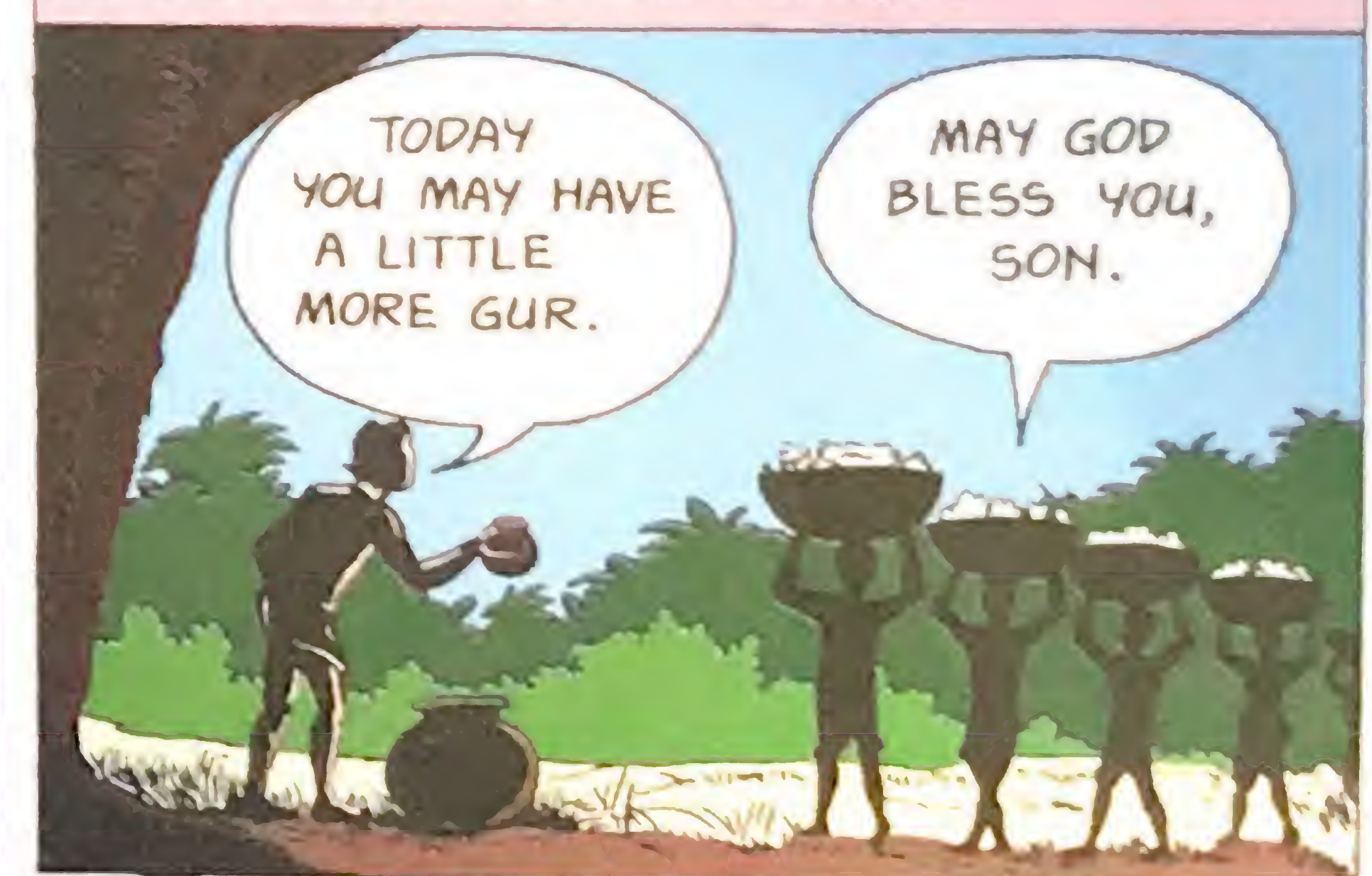




THE YOUNG MAN TOOK THE FLOWERS TO THE TEMPLE IN THE CITY.

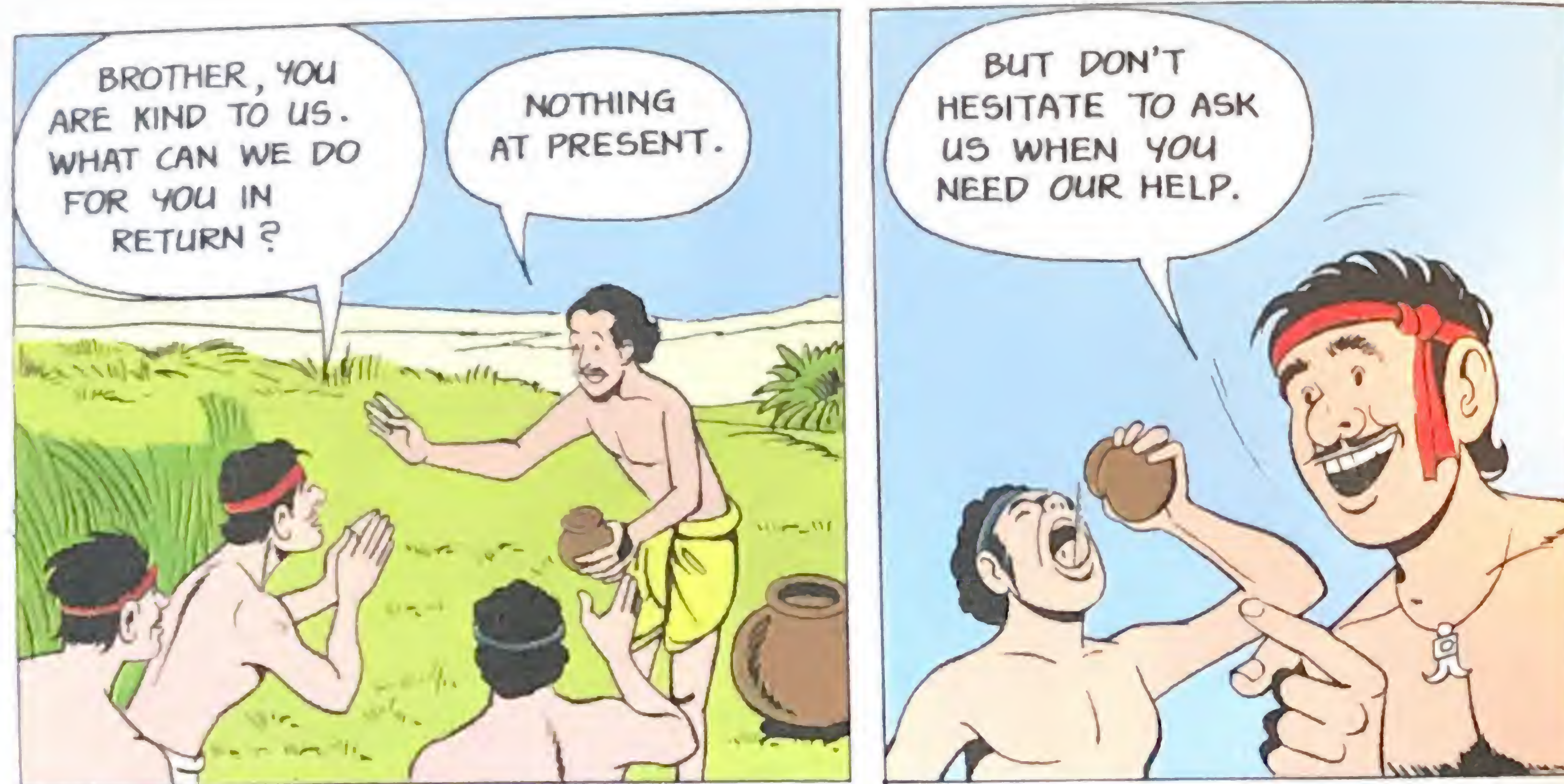


WITH THE MONEY HE EARNED, THE YOUNG MAN BOUGHT A BIG WATER POT AND A LARGER QUANTITY OF GUR. THE NEXT DAY HE WENT BACK TO THE FOREST.

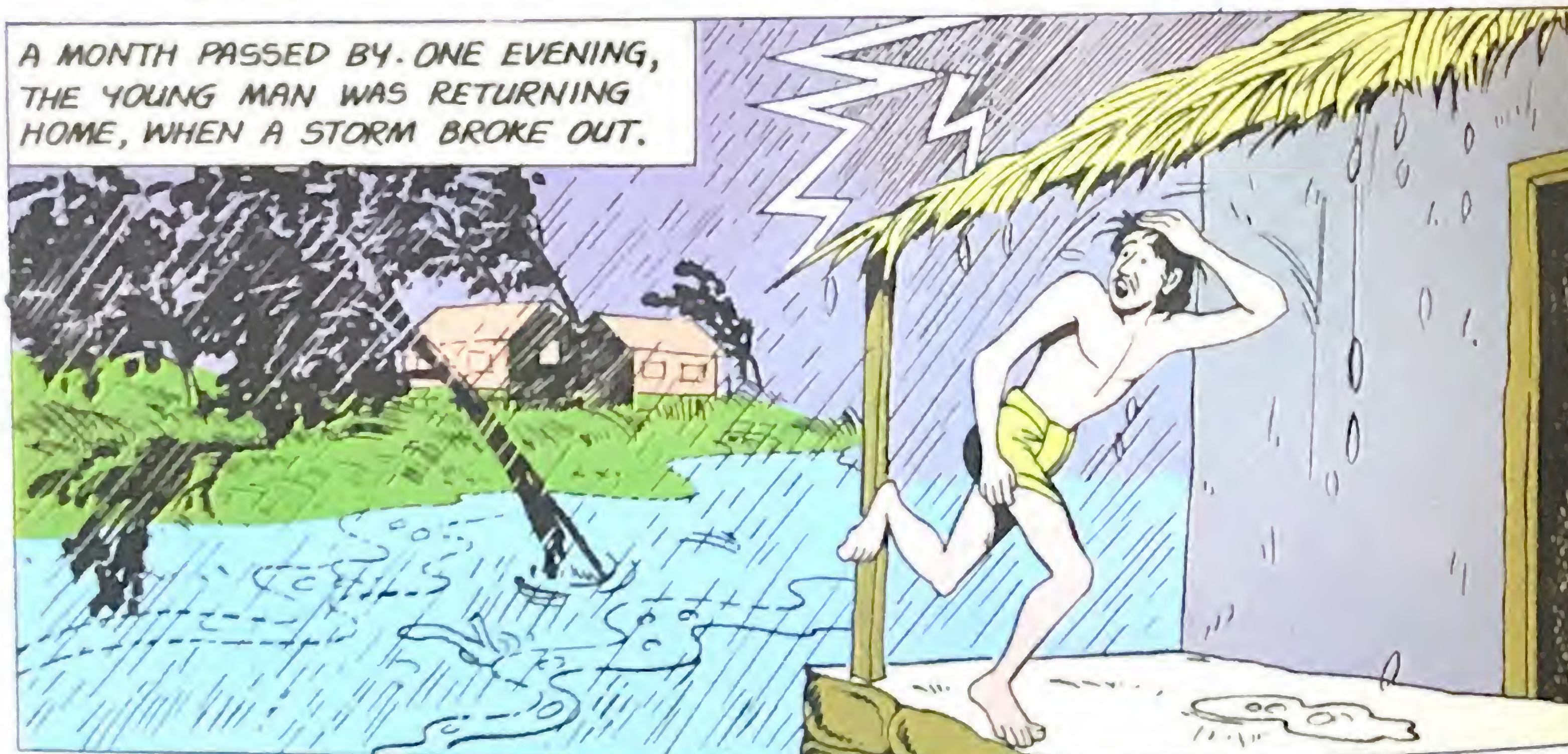


LATER, HE WENT EVEN FURTHER AWAY, TO THE FIELDS WHERE GRASS-CUTTERS WERE WORKING.

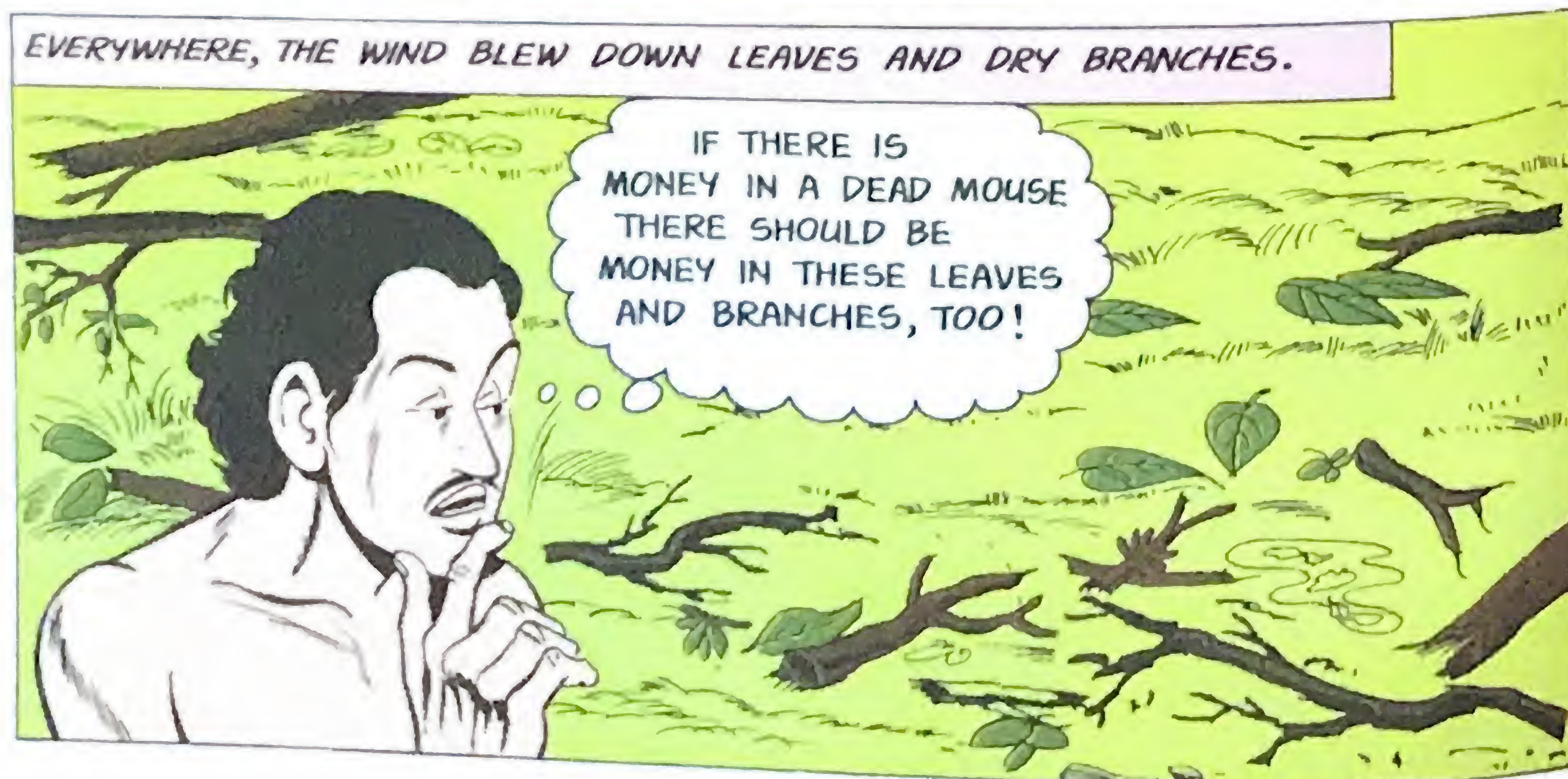




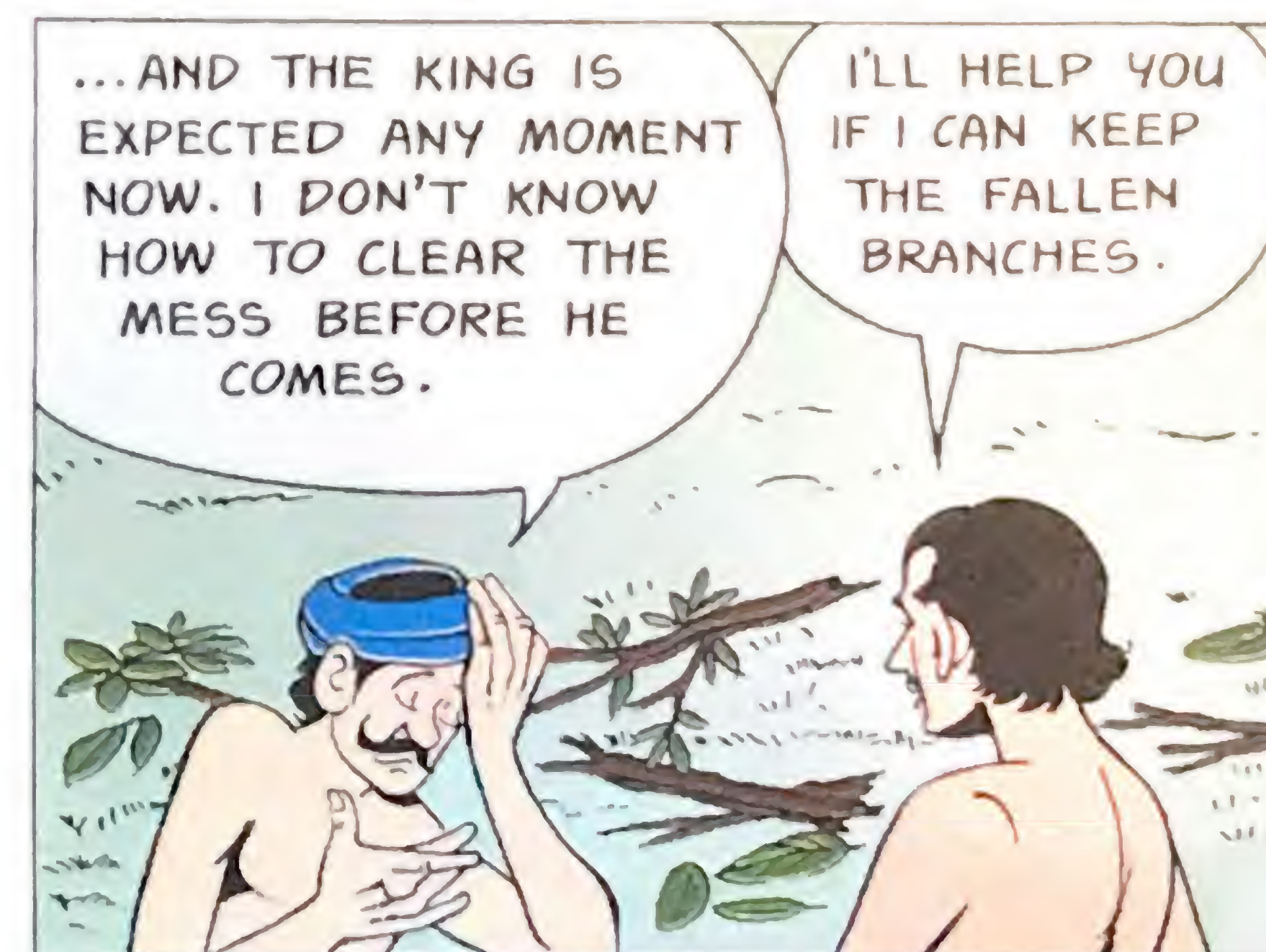
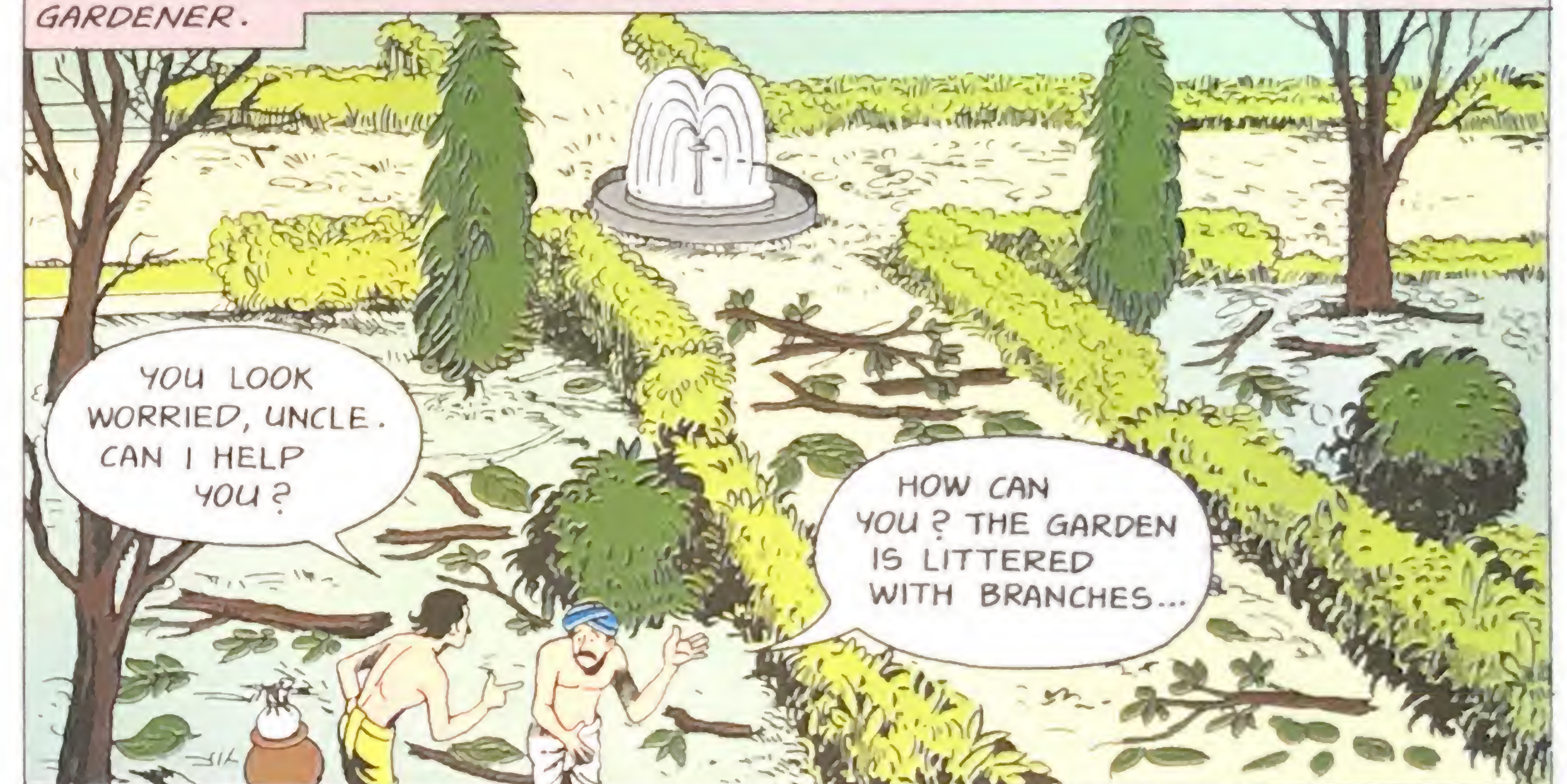
A MONTH PASSED BY. ONE EVENING, THE YOUNG MAN WAS RETURNING HOME, WHEN A STORM BROKE OUT.



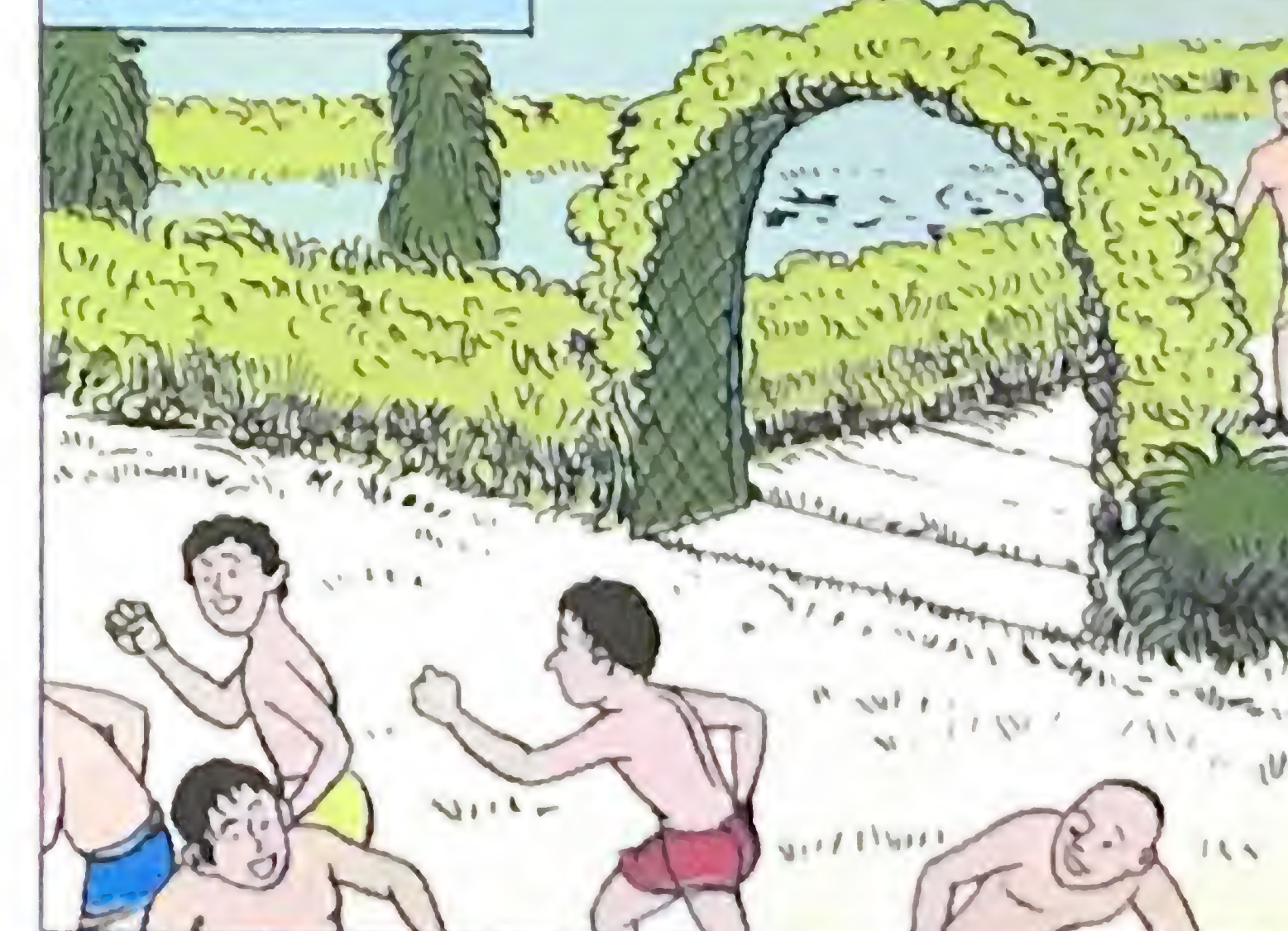
EVERYWHERE, THE WIND BLEW DOWN LEAVES AND DRY BRANCHES.

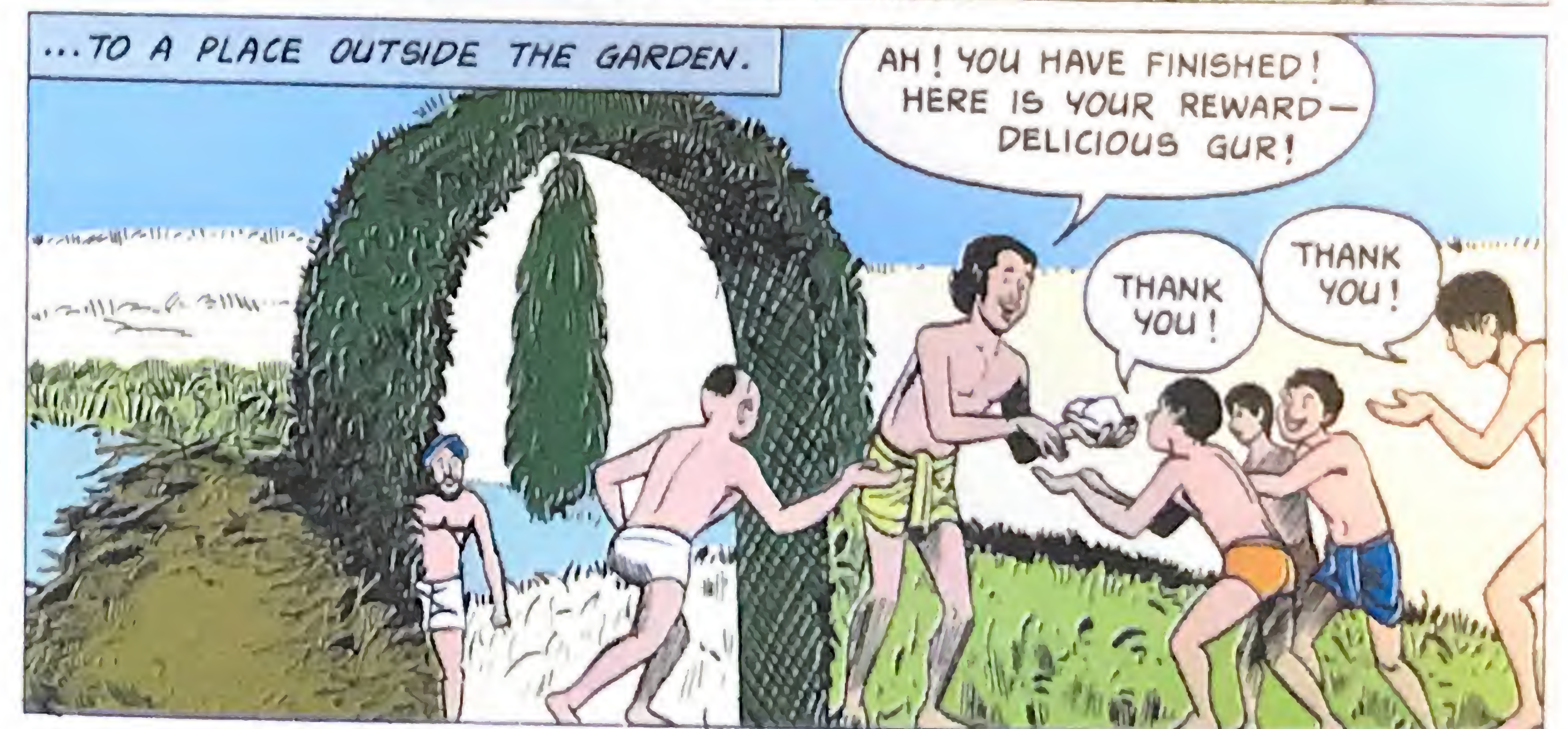
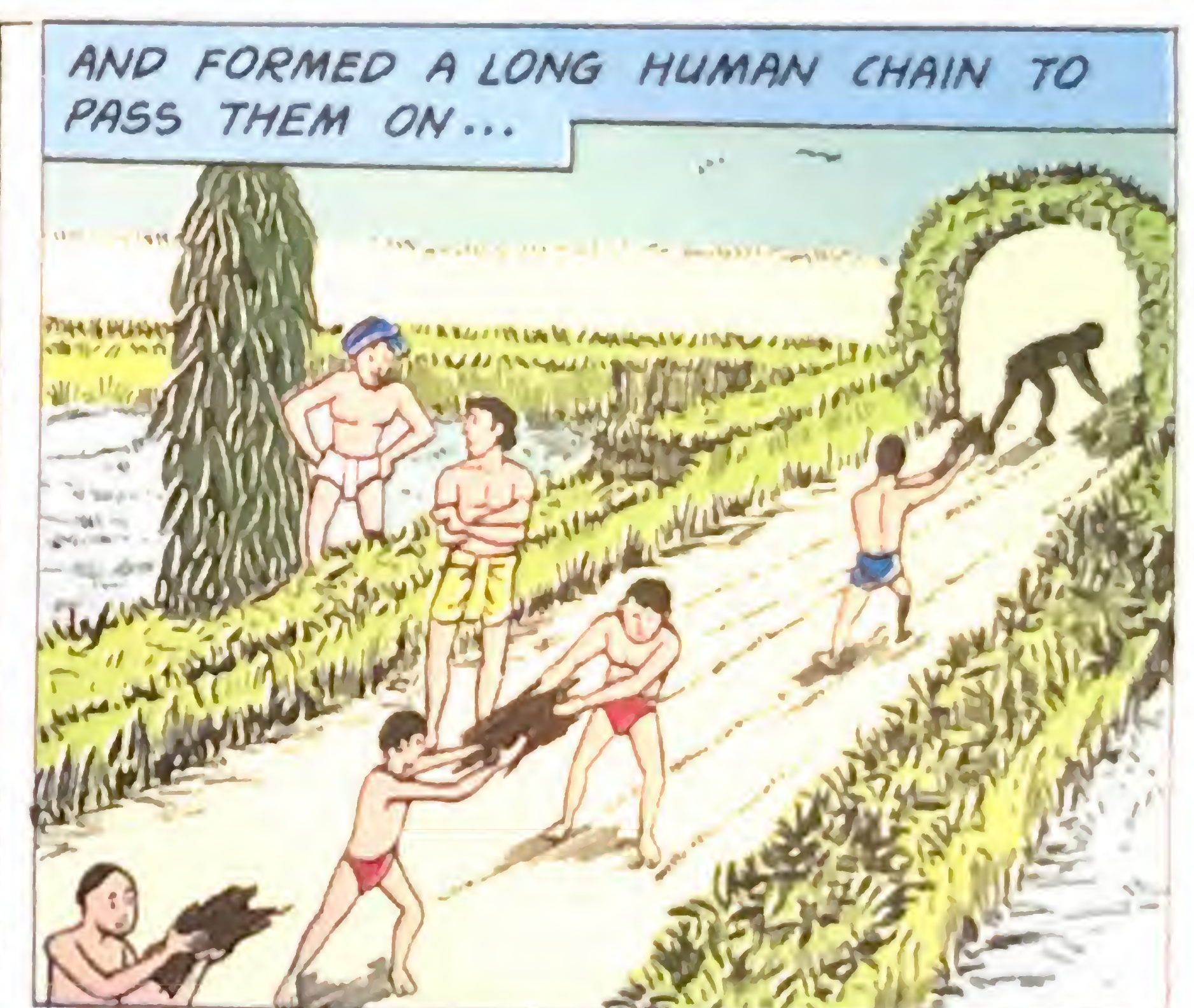
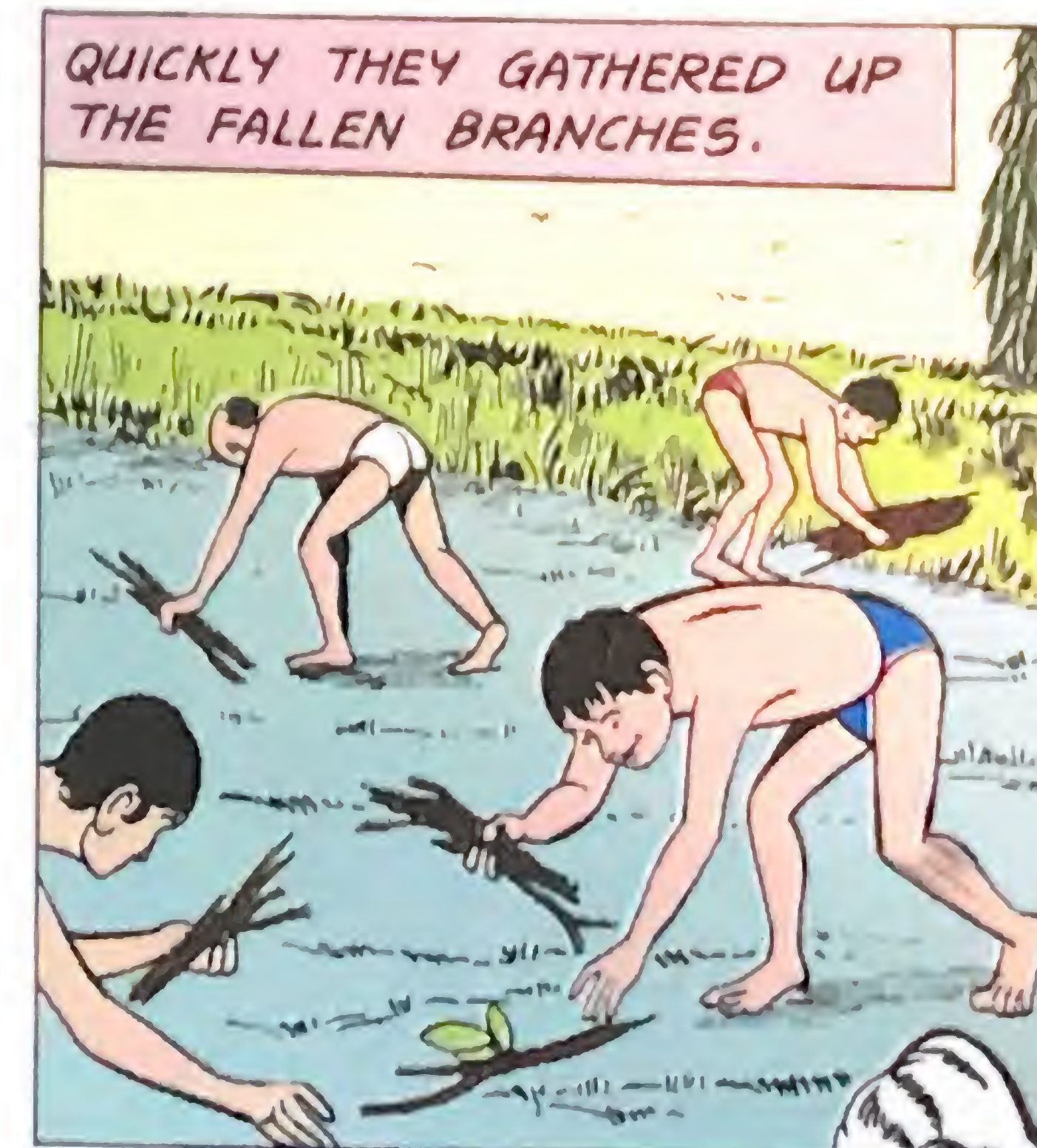
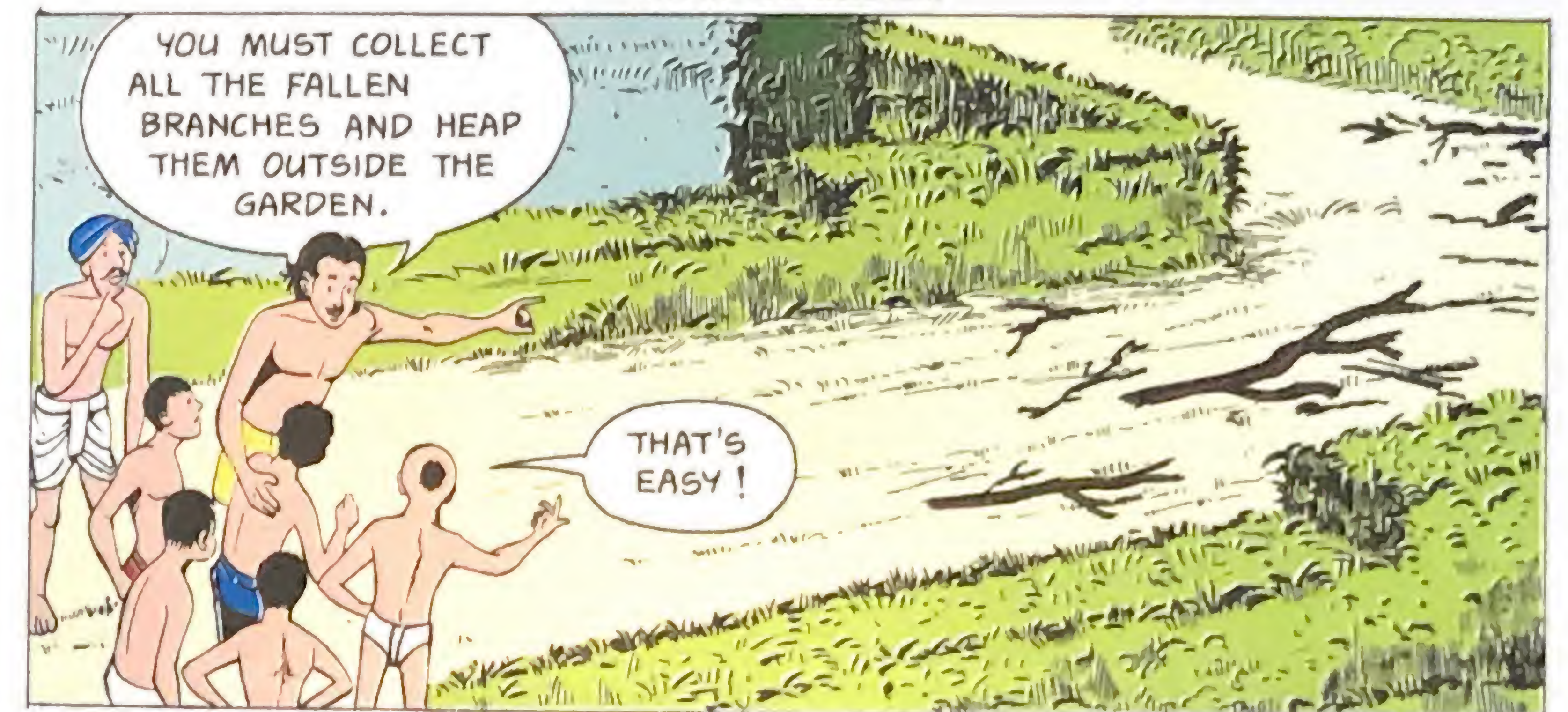
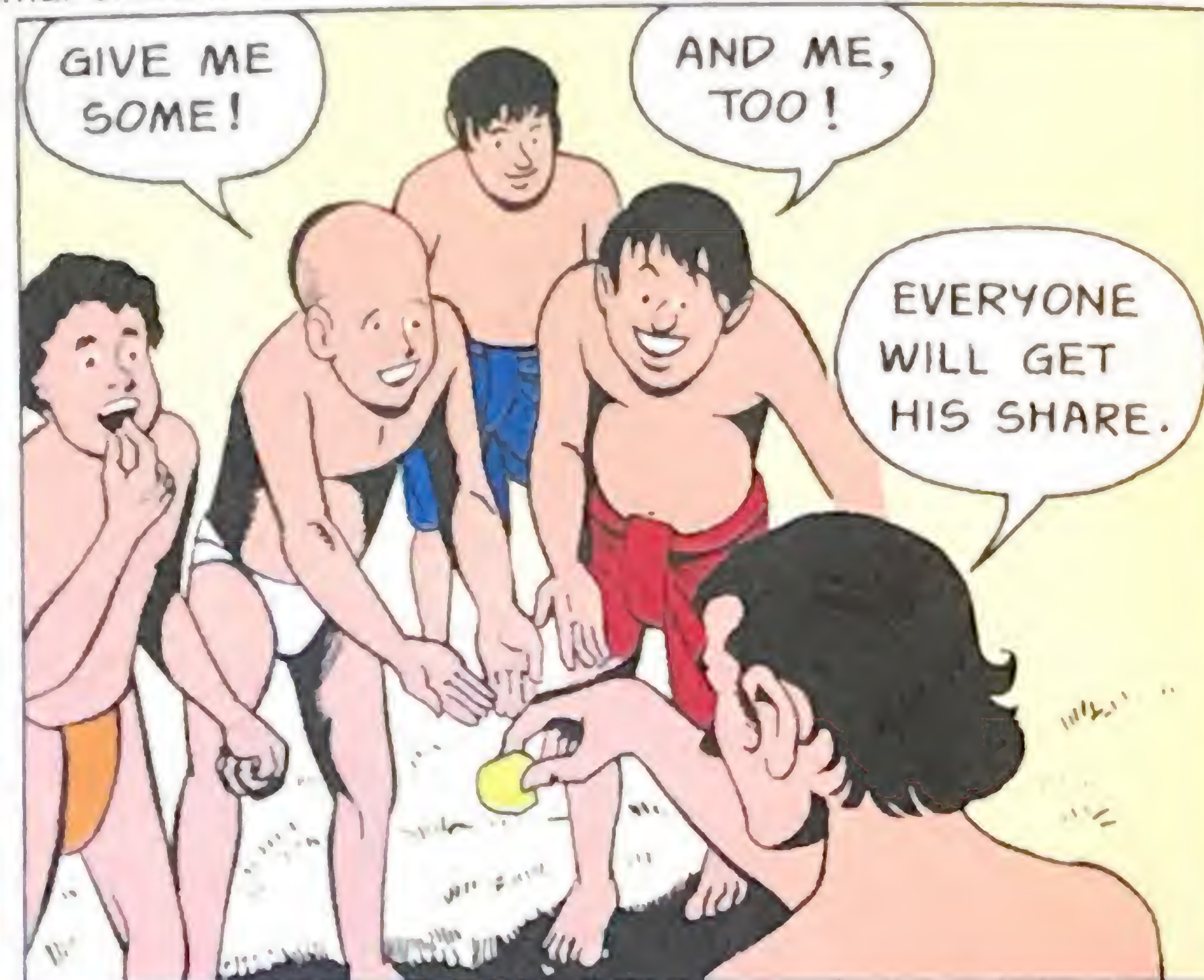


THE NEXT MORNING HE WENT TO THE PALACE GARDEN AND SPOKE TO THE GARDENER.

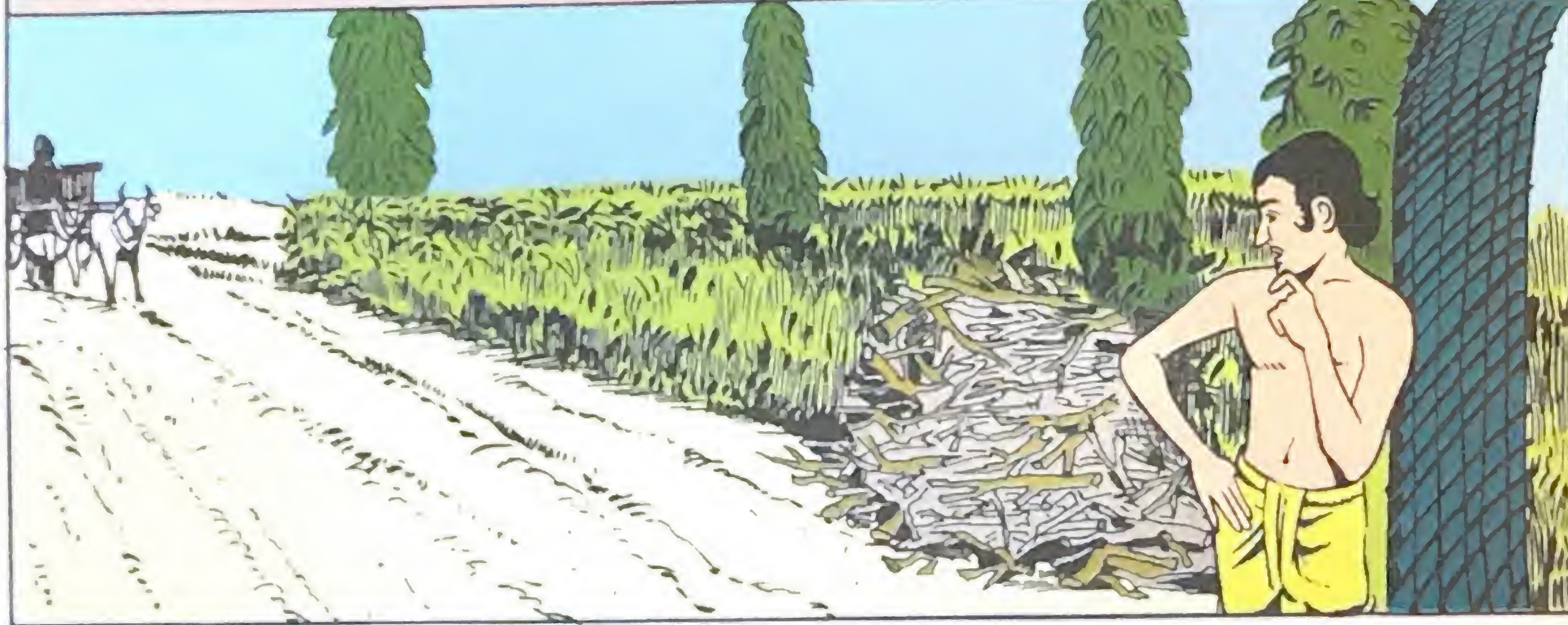


THE YOUNG MAN DID NOT HAVE TO GO FAR —

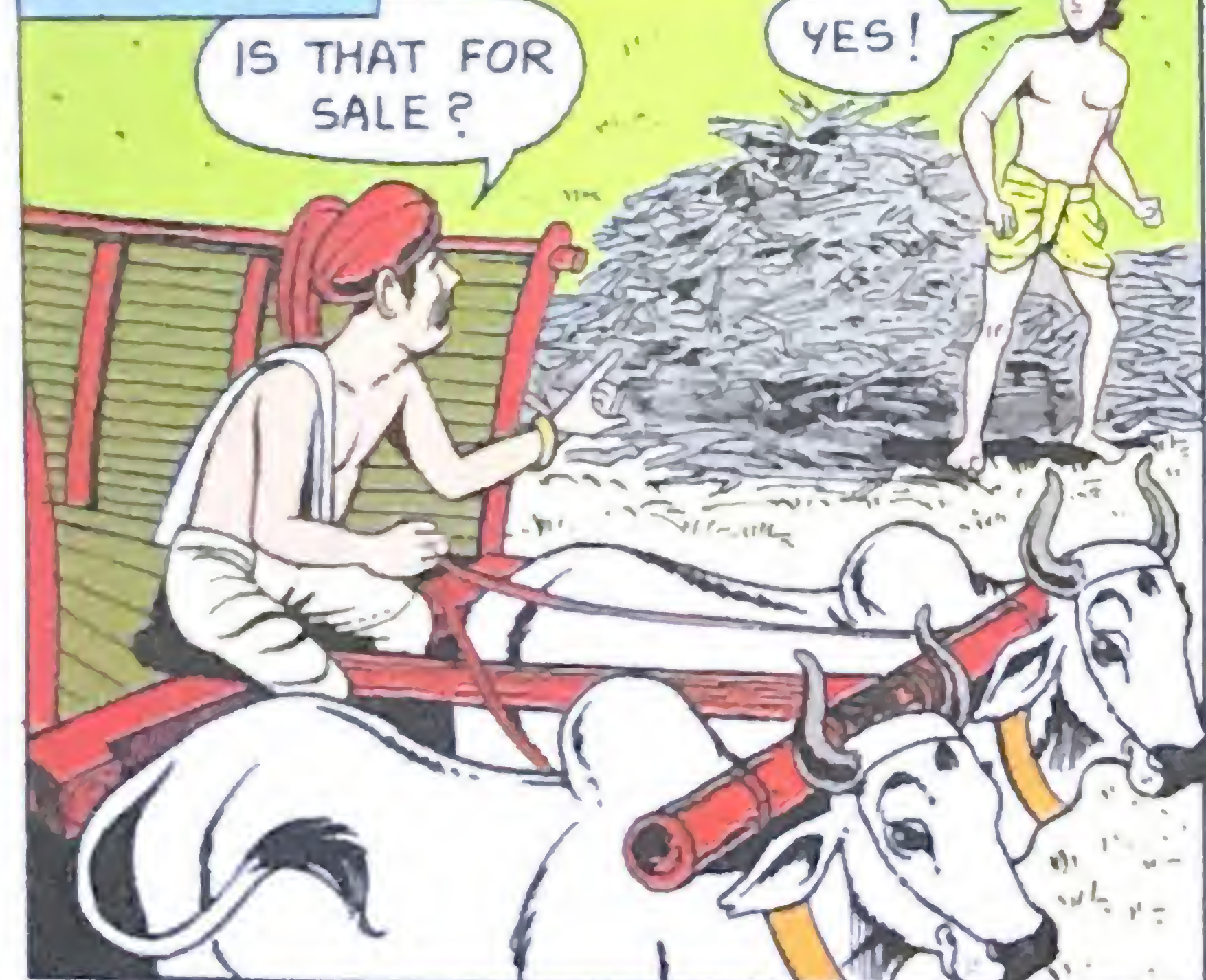




JUST AS THE YOUNG MAN WAS WONDERING WHAT HE SHOULD DO NEXT...



... A POTTER CAME BY AND STOPPED HIS CART.



HERE ARE SIXTEEN COPPER PIECES. PLEASE HELP ME LOAD MY CART.



THE YOUNG MAN THEN WENT WITH THE POTTER...



... TO THE MARKET.

HAVE YOU HEARD? THE HORSE-DEALER WILL BE COMING TOMORROW.

YES, YES. I HEAR HE WILL BE BRINGING FIVE HUNDRED HORSES TO SELL.



AH, HA! THAT'S USEFUL INFORMATION! THANKS FOR LETTING ME KNOW!



HURRIEDLY, HE WENT TO THE GRASS-CUTTERS.



I WANT A BUNDLE OF GRASS FROM EACH OF YOU.

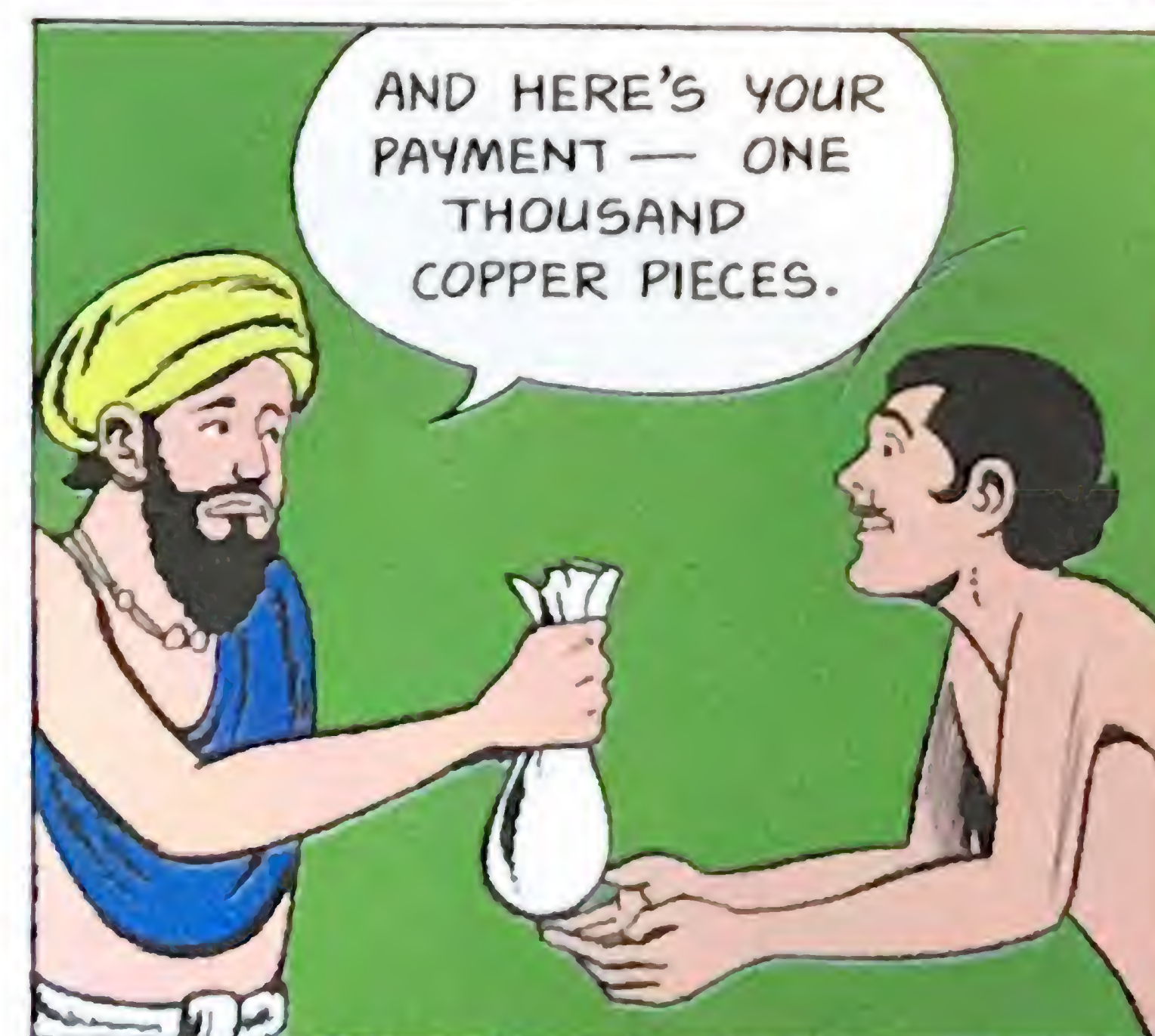
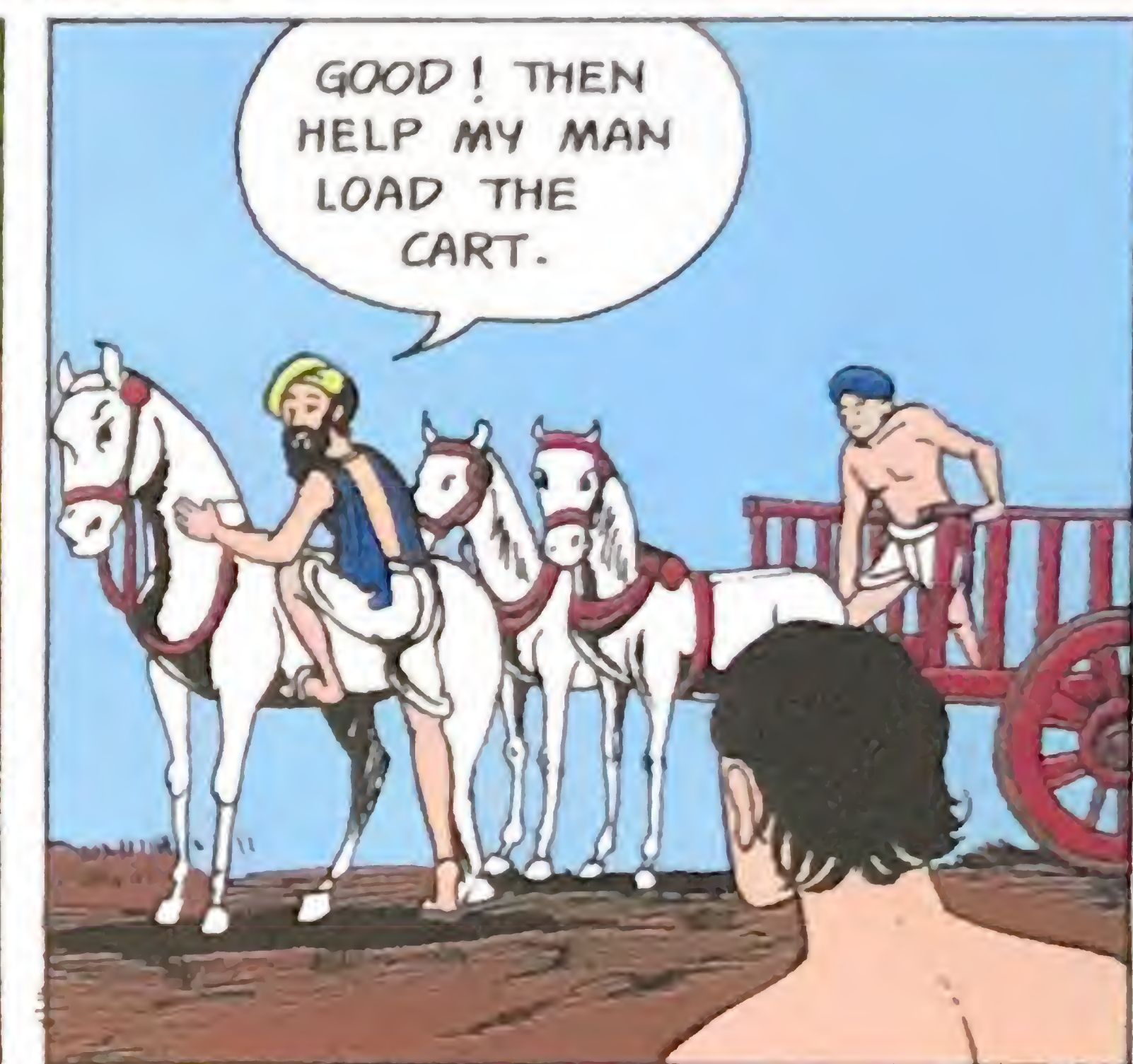
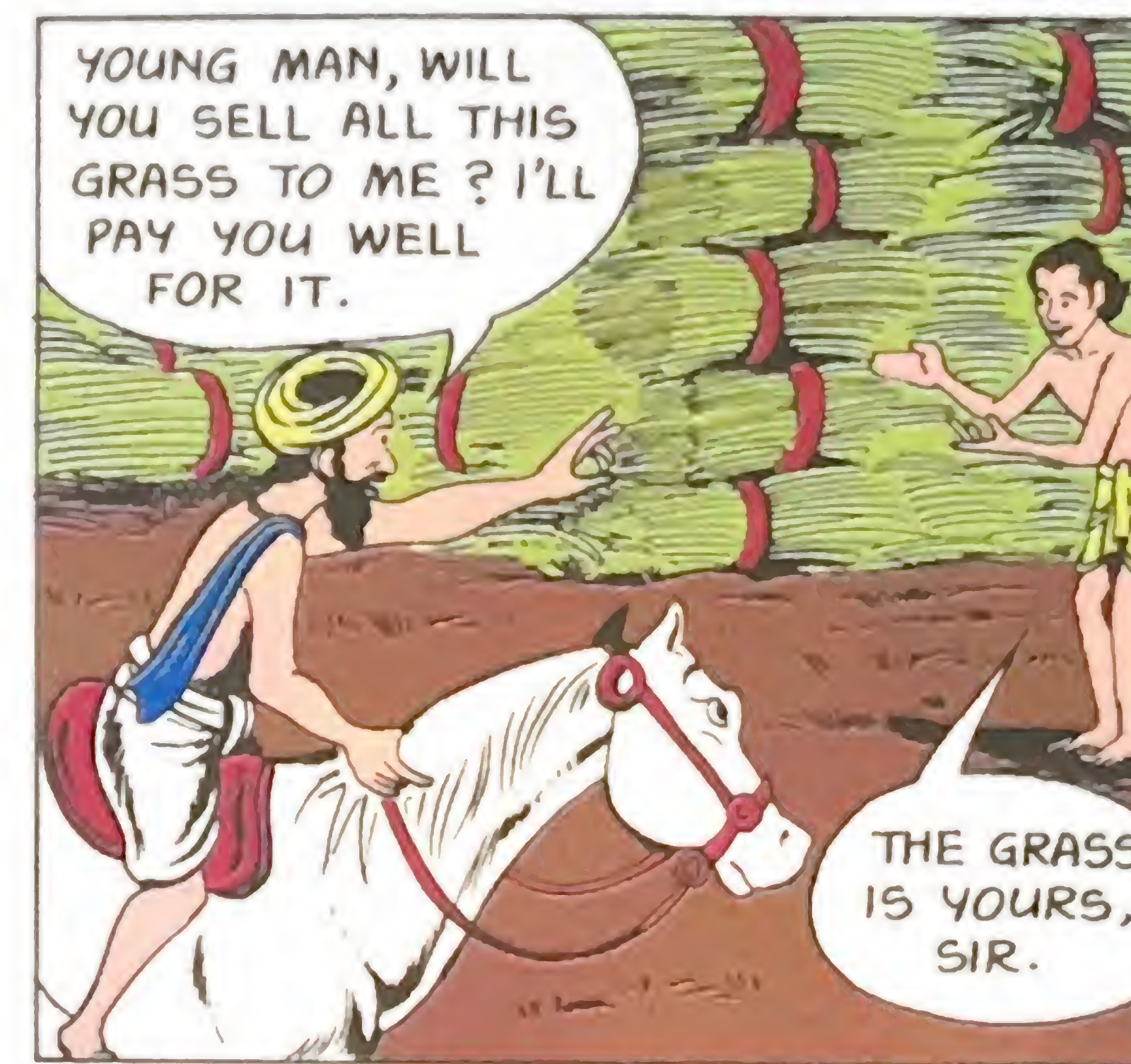
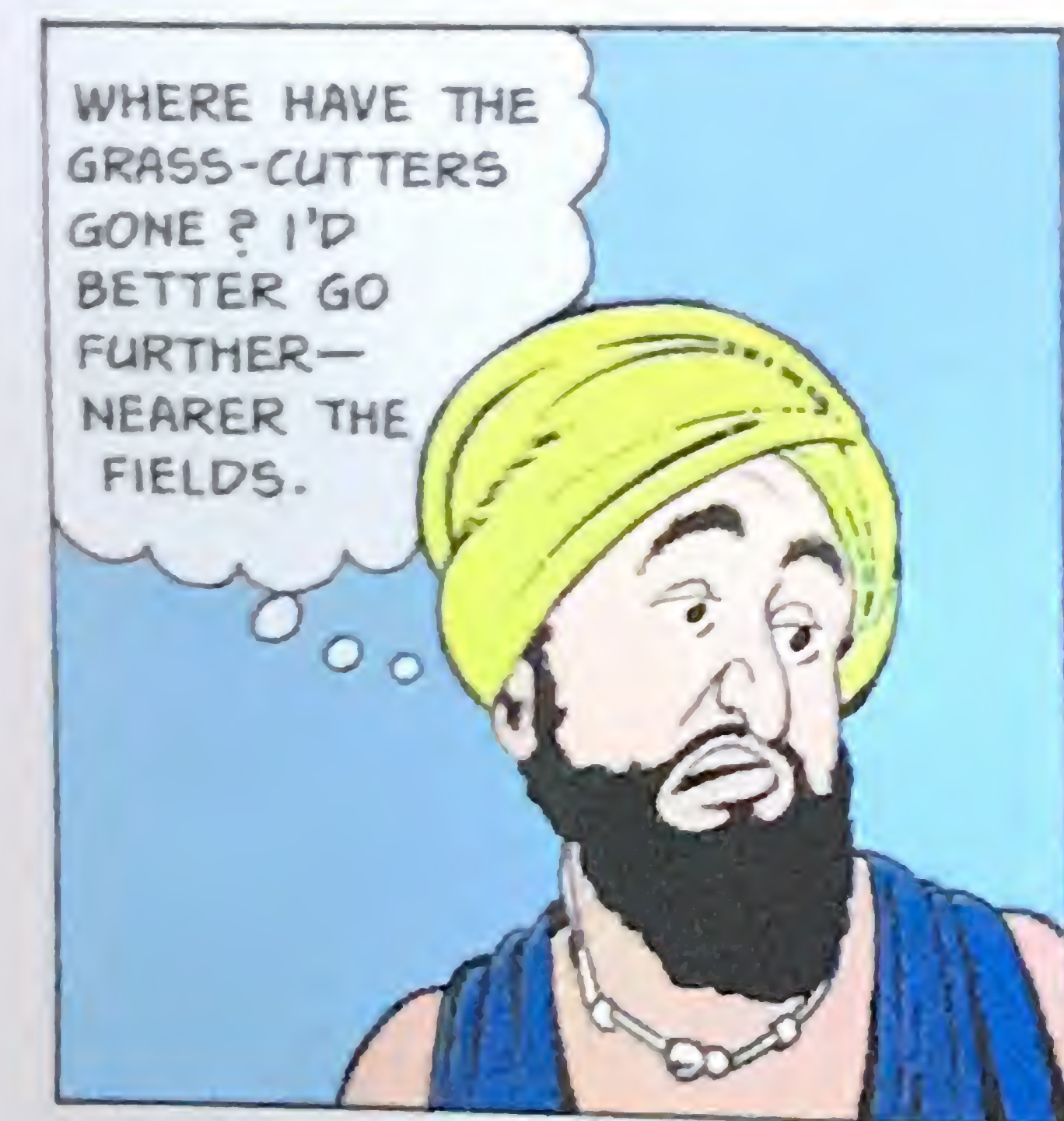
WE ARE FIVE HUNDRED IN ALL — SO AS MANY BUNDLES OF GRASS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU TONIGHT.

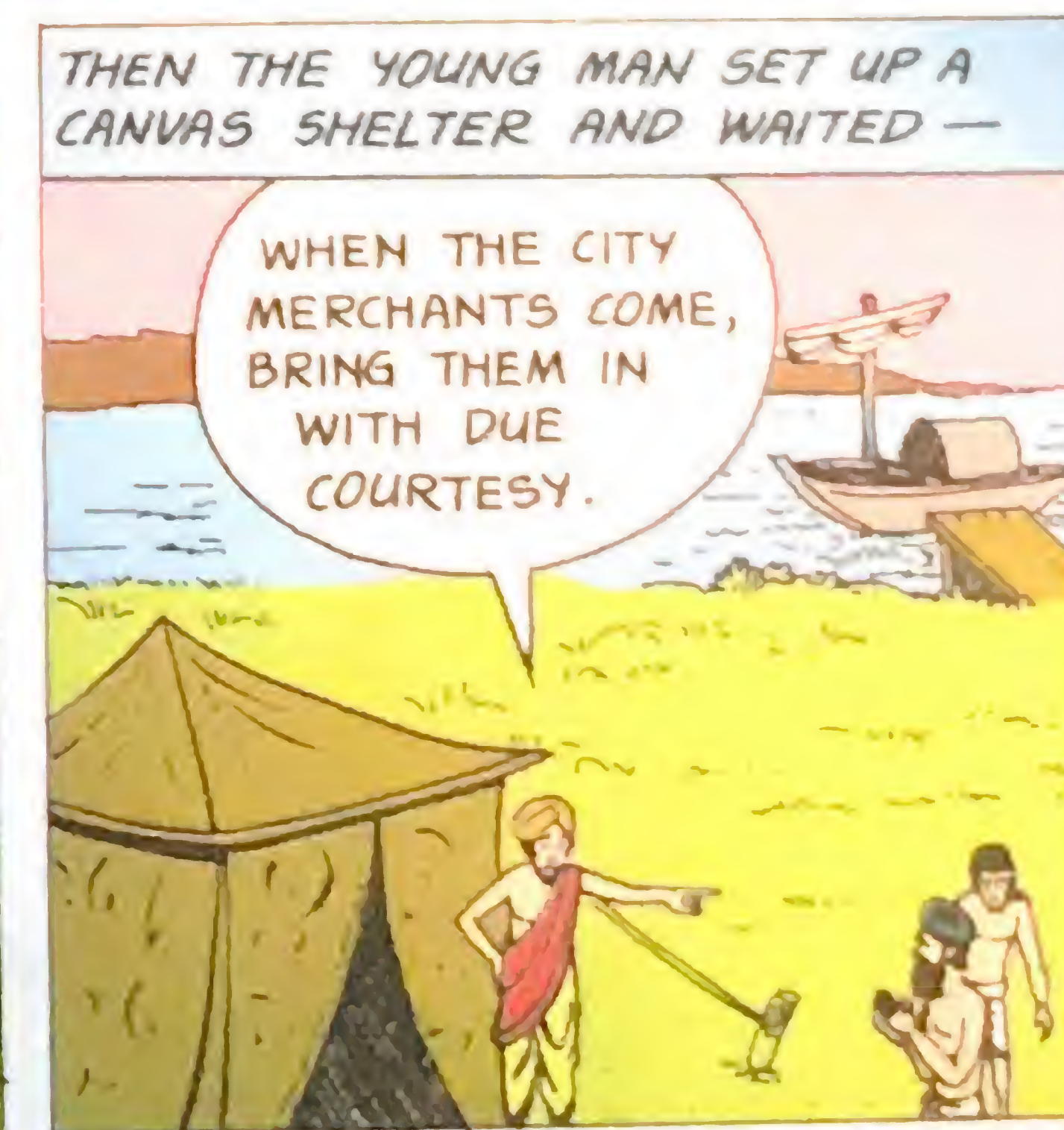
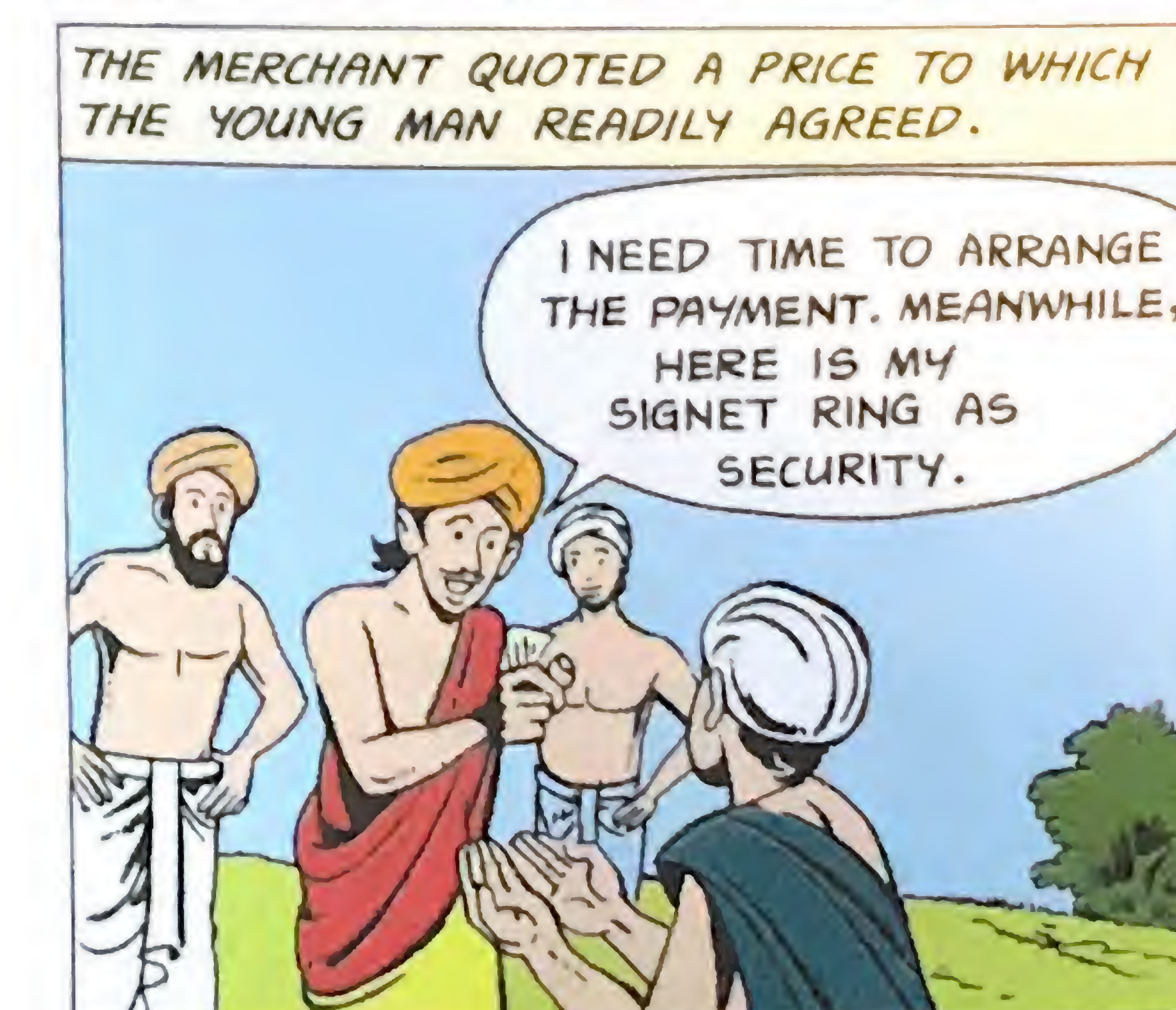
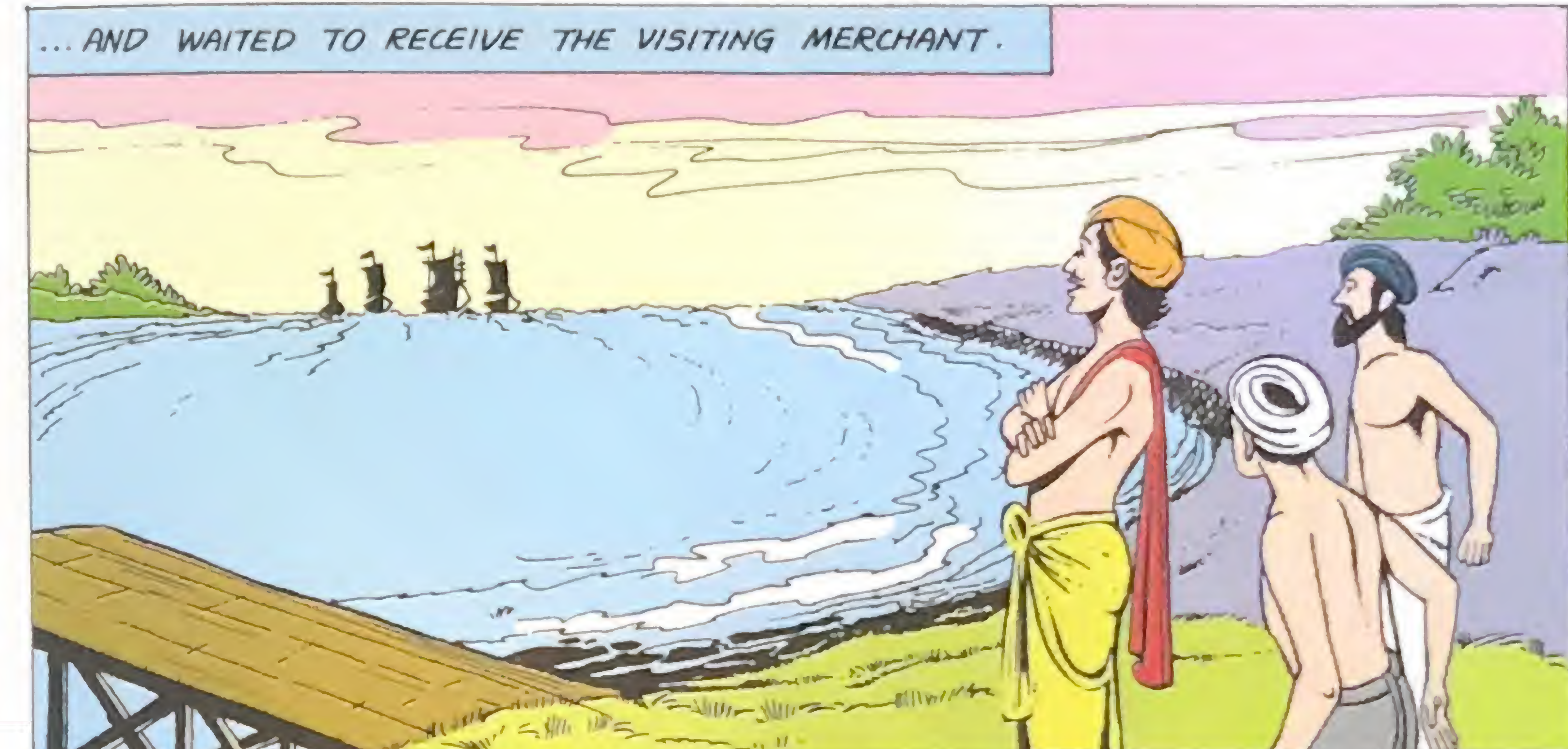
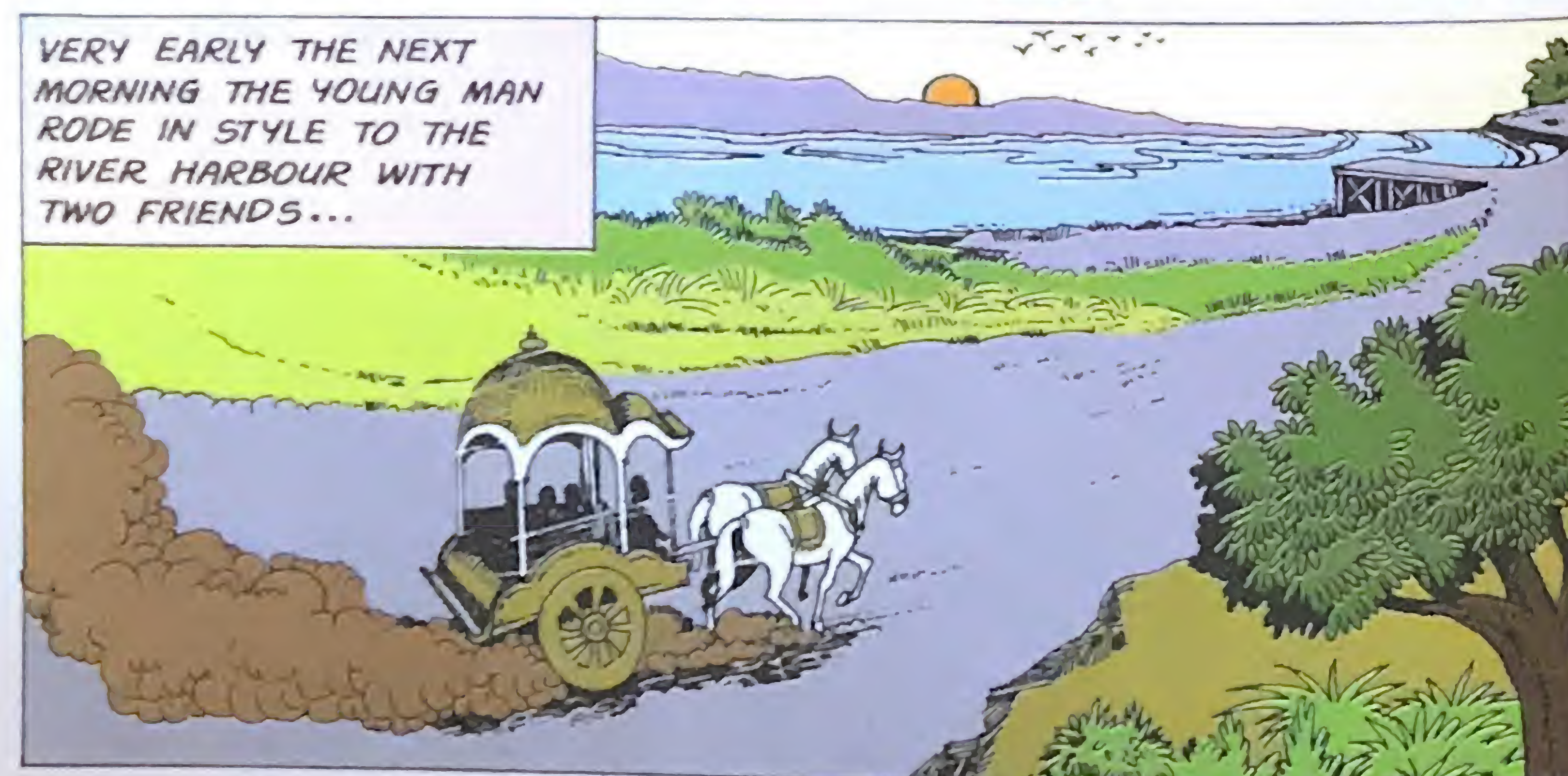
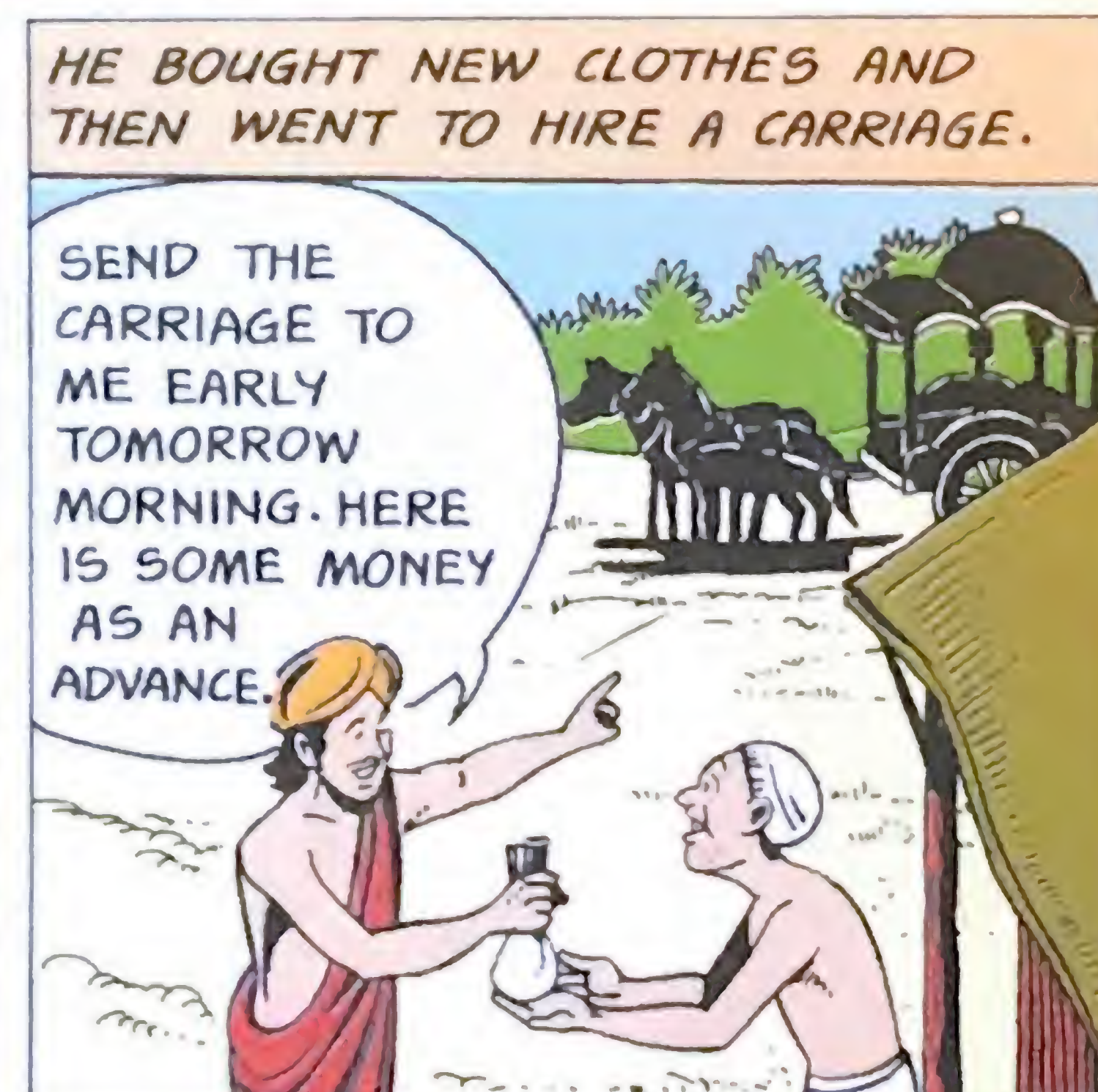
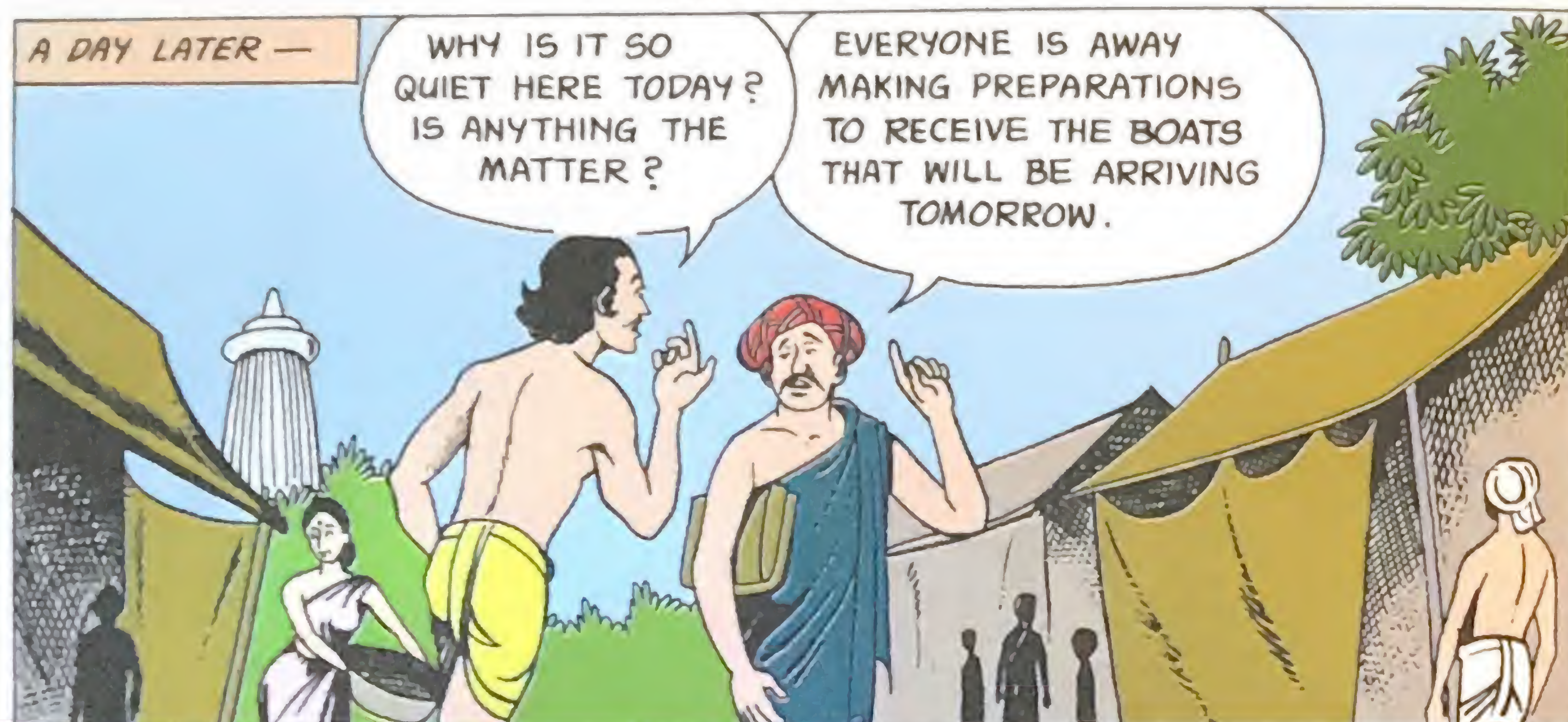


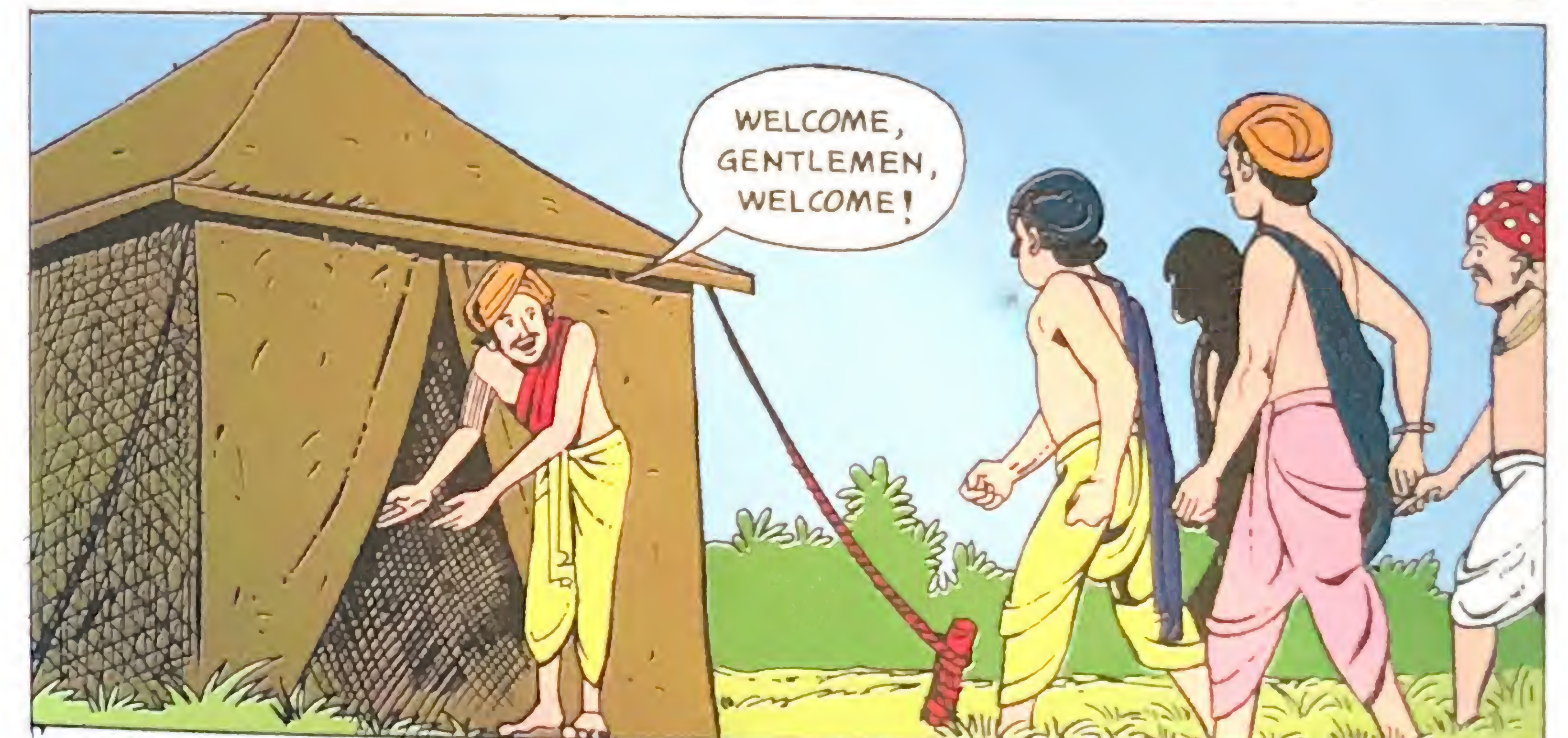
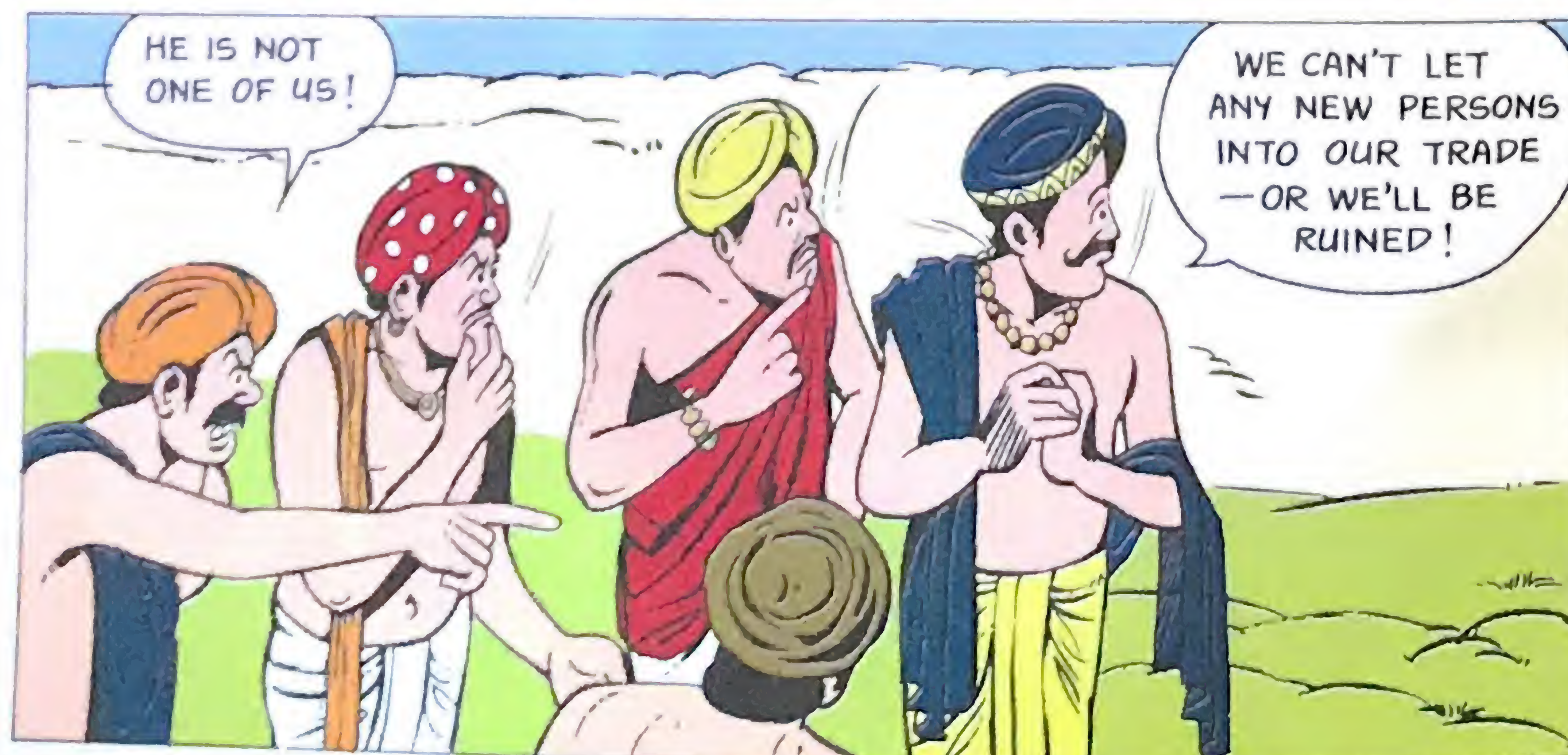
AND I WANT YOU TO PROMISE THAT TILL TOMORROW AFTERNOON YOU WILL NOT SELL ANYONE ANY GRASS AT ALL.

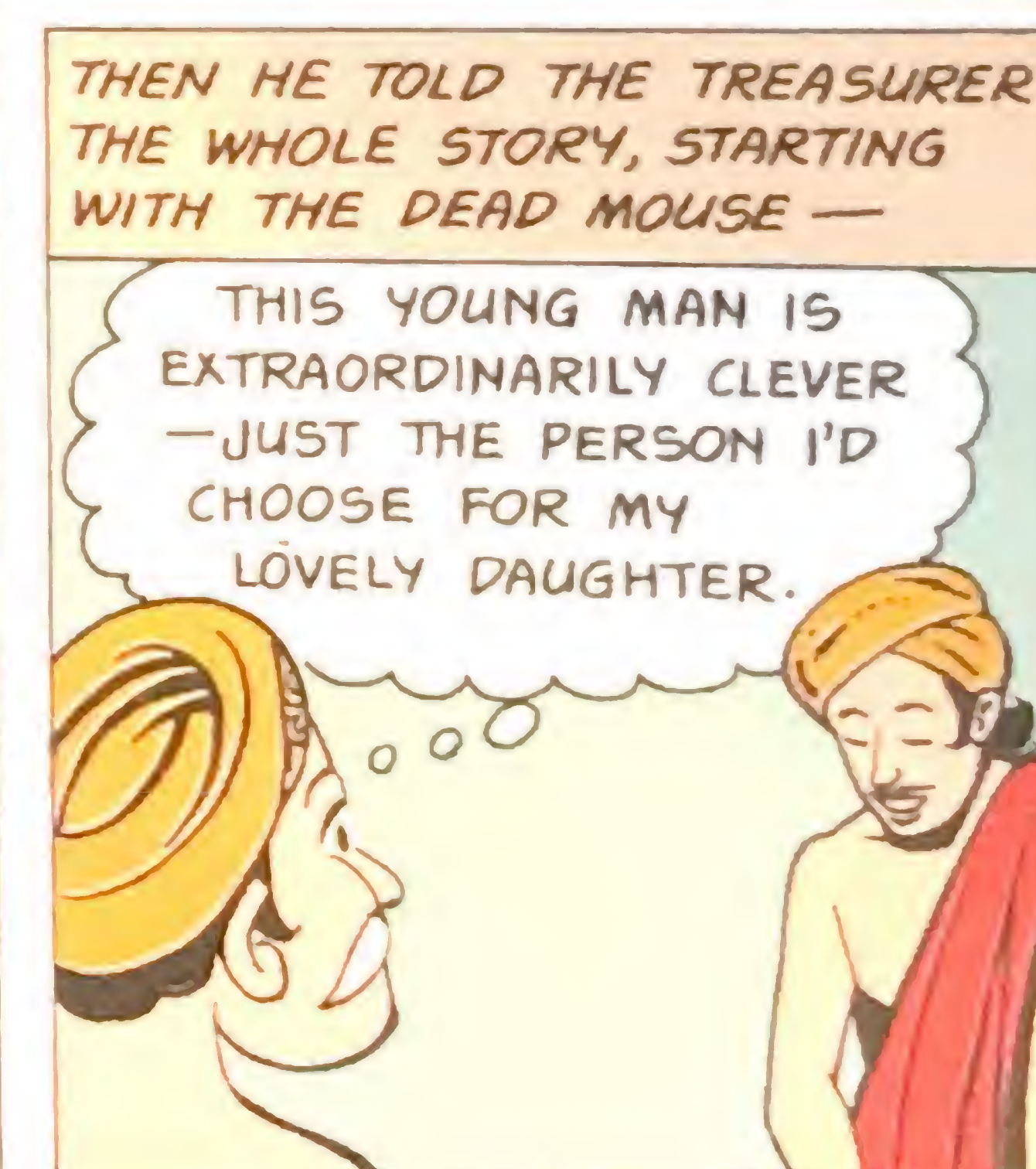
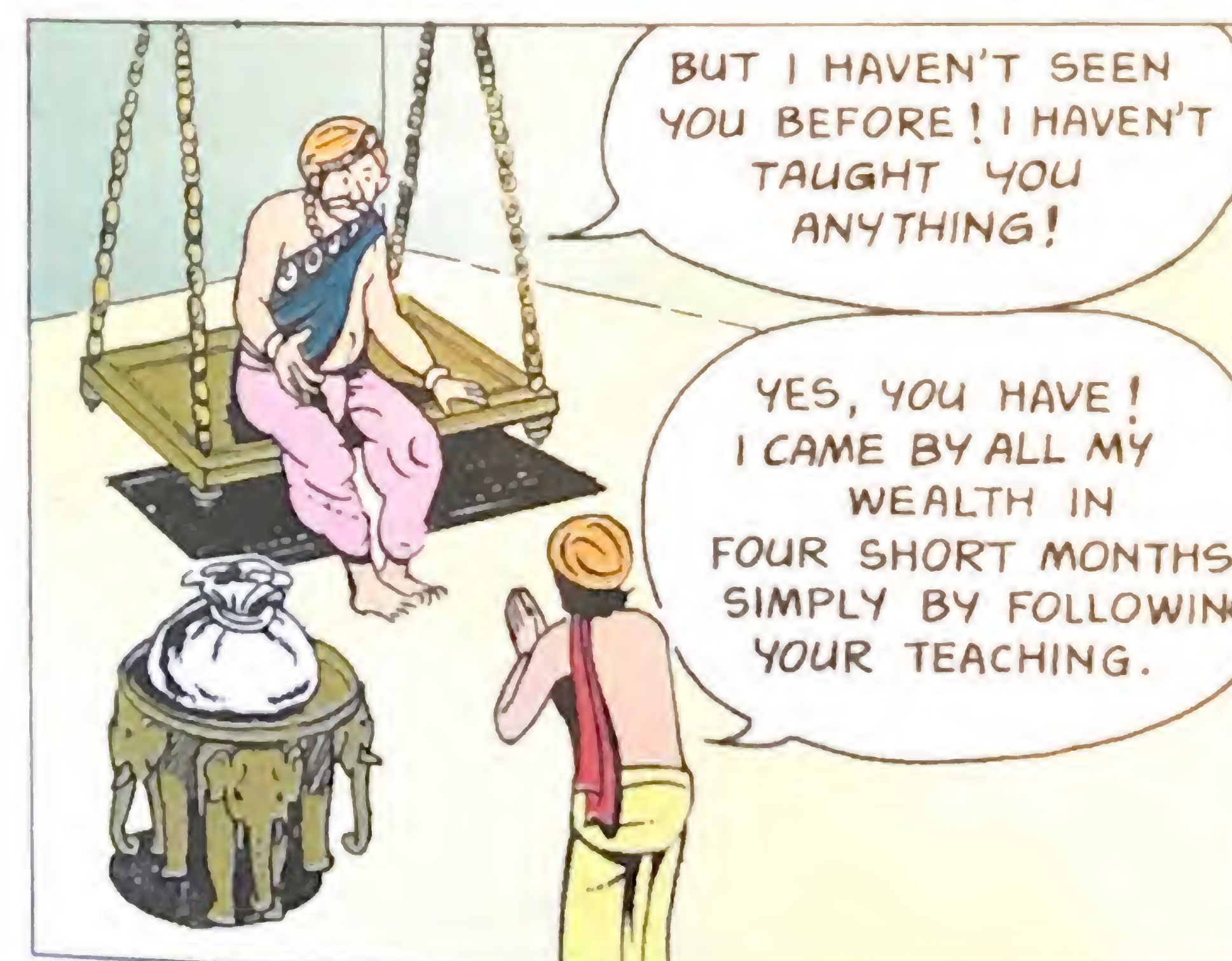
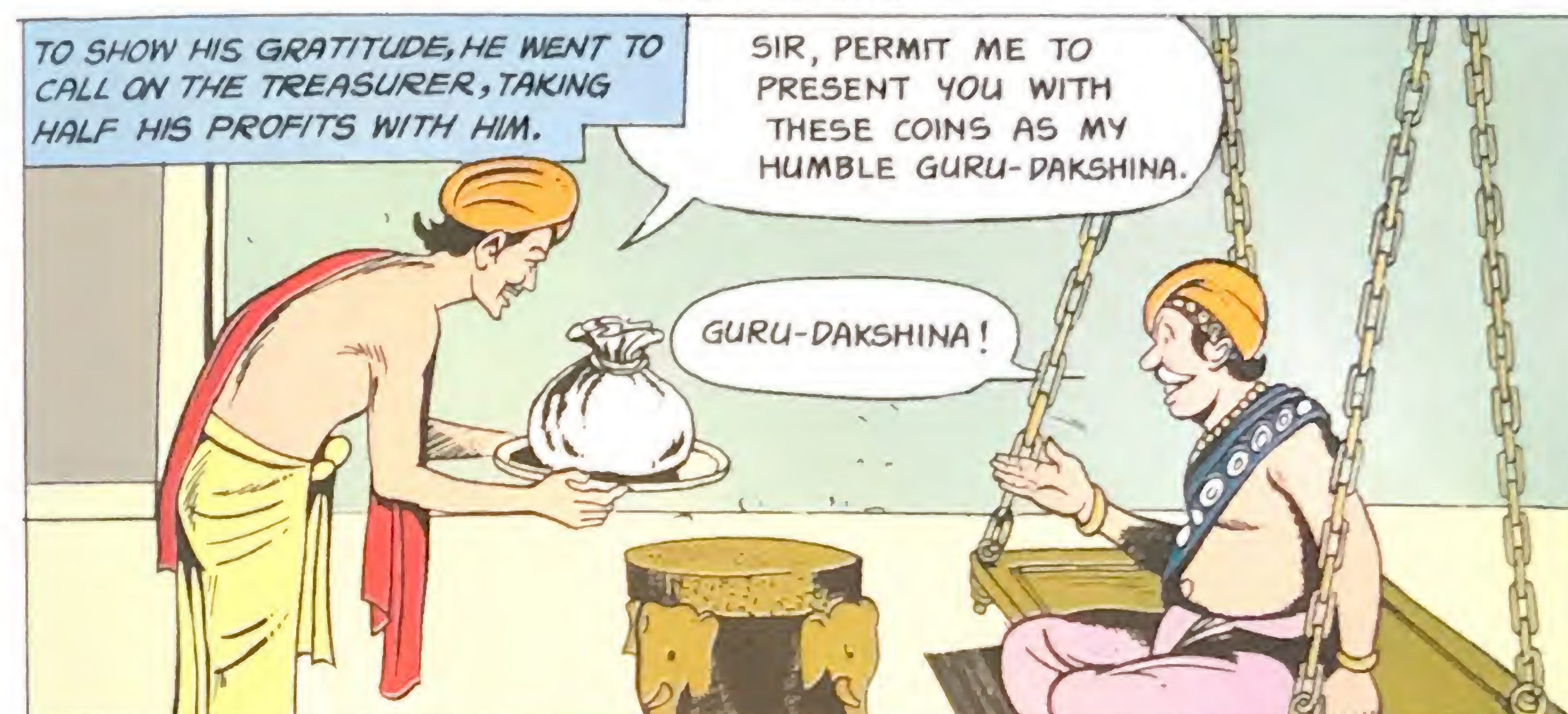
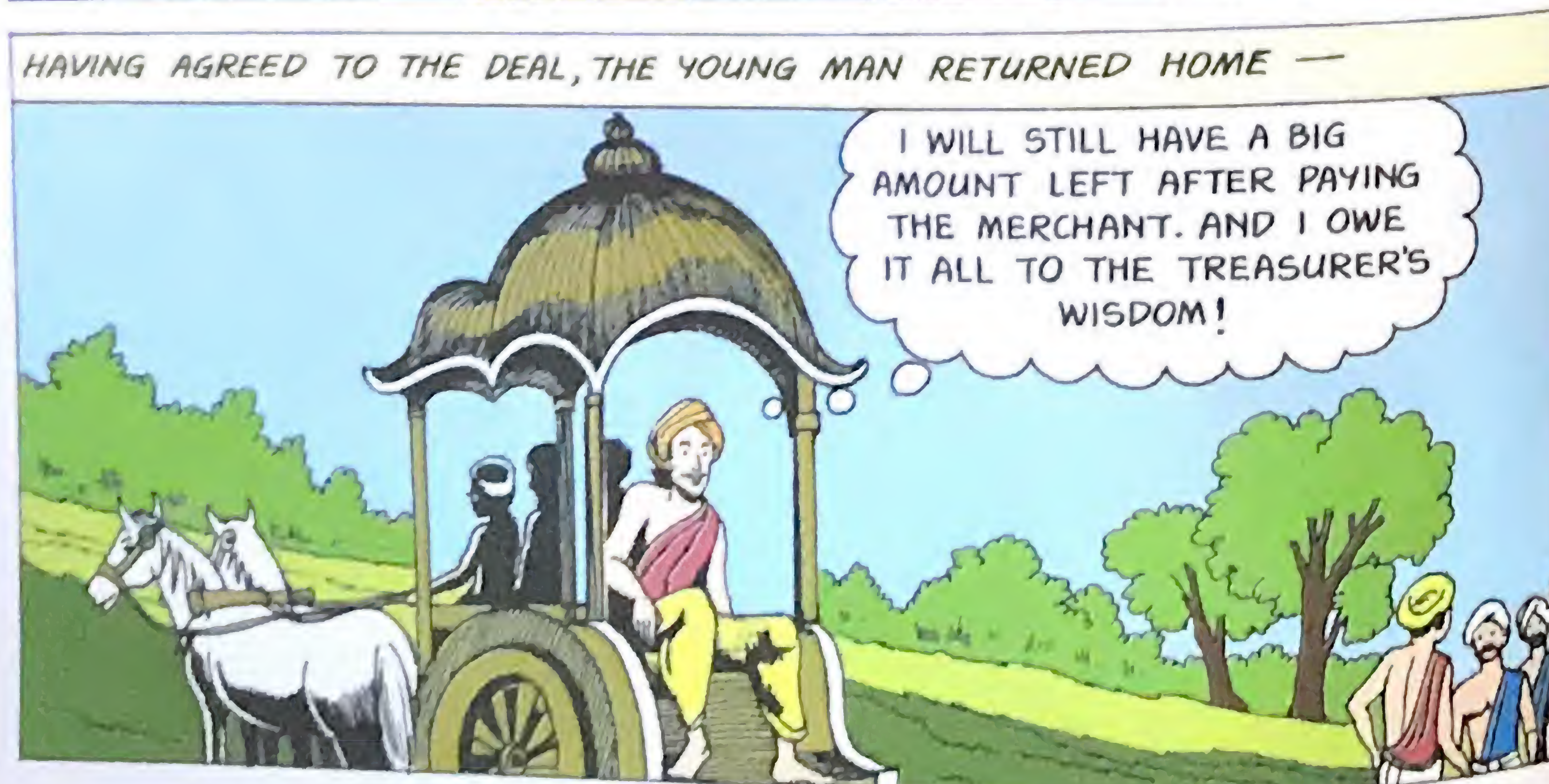
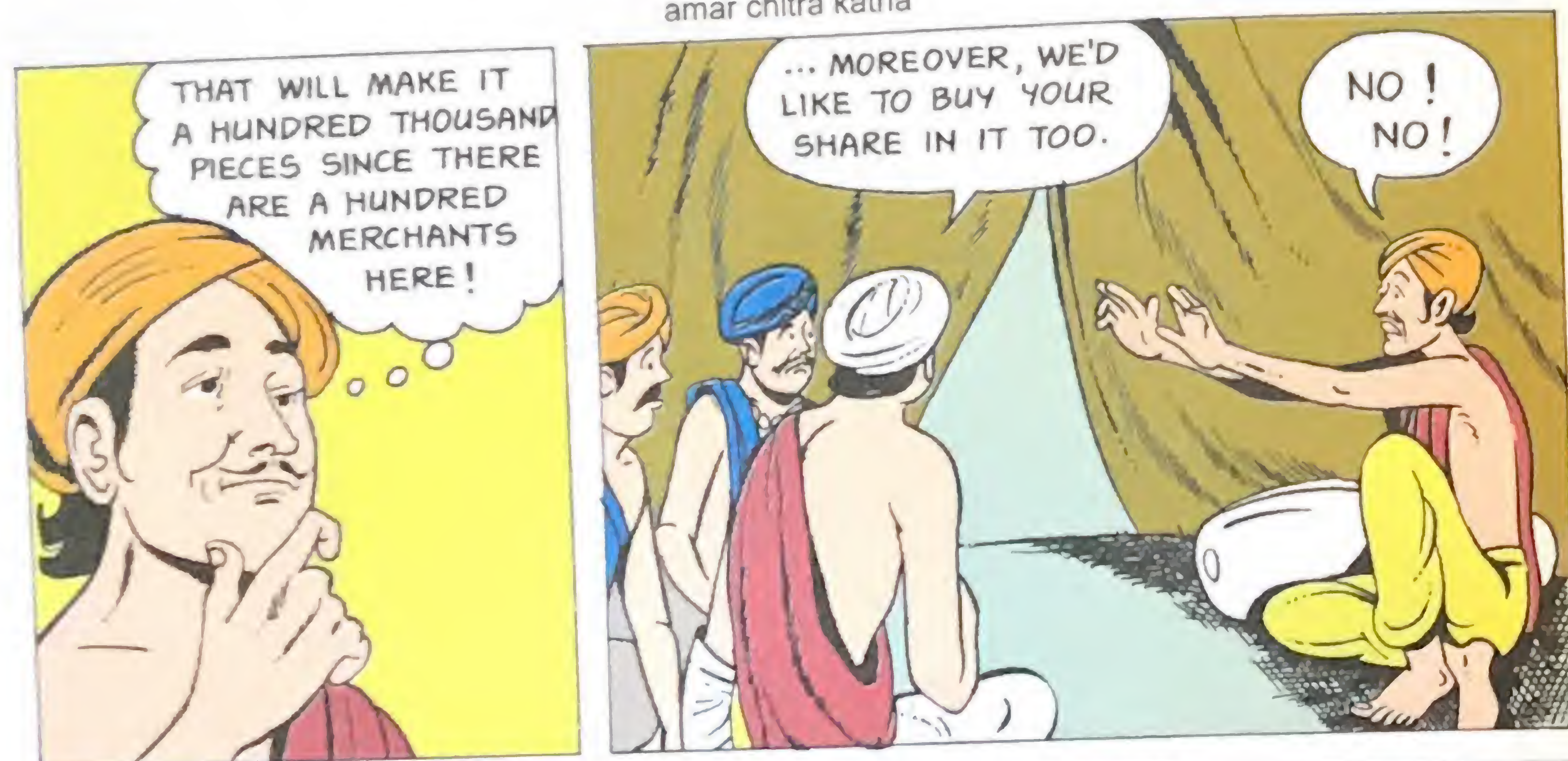
YOU ARE OUR FRIEND. AND WE WILL DO WHAT YOU ASK WITHOUT QUESTION.



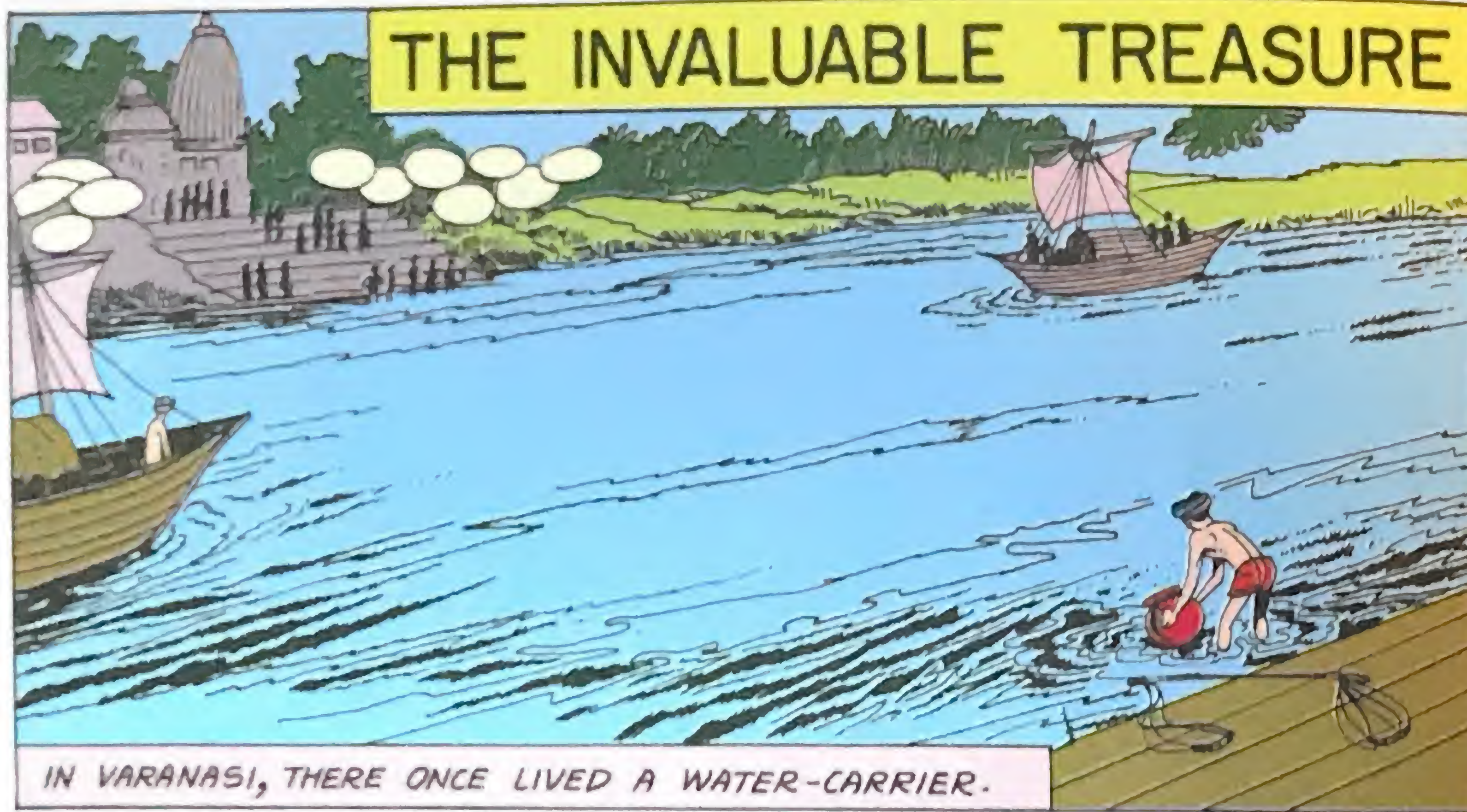




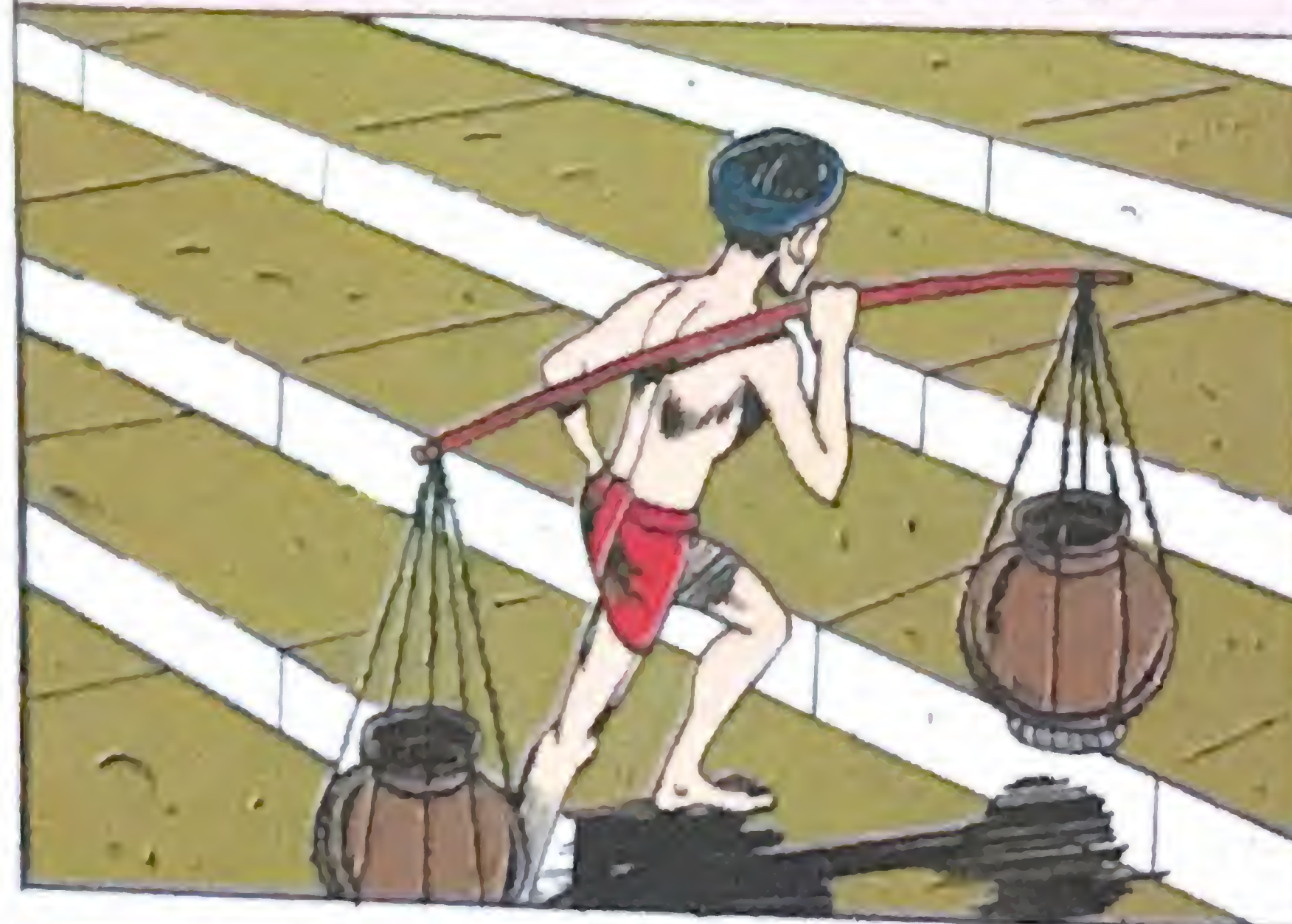




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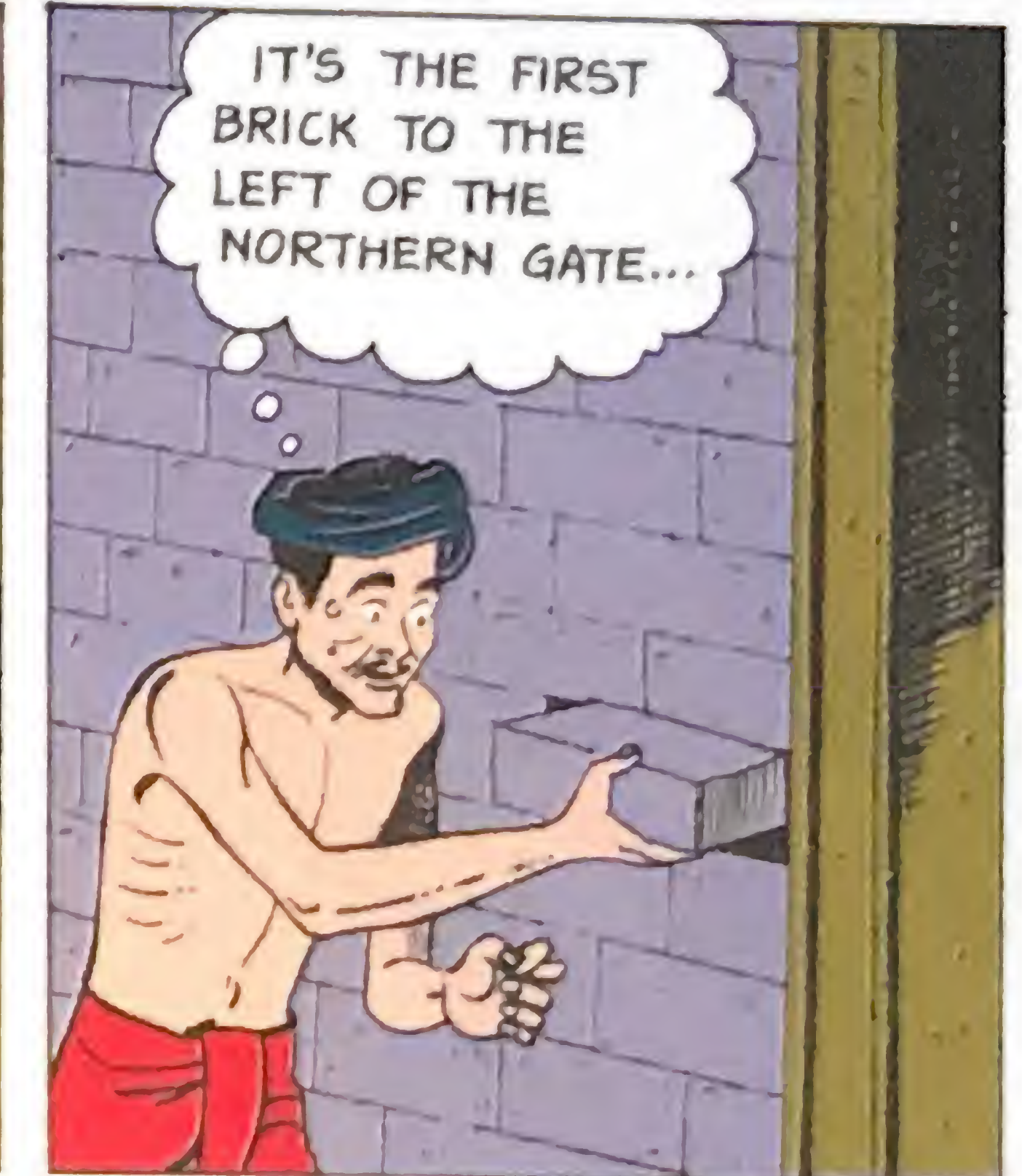
THOUGH HE WORKED HARD, HE BARELY EARNED ENOUGH FOR TWO MEALS A DAY.



HOWEVER, ONE DAY HE MADE A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY.

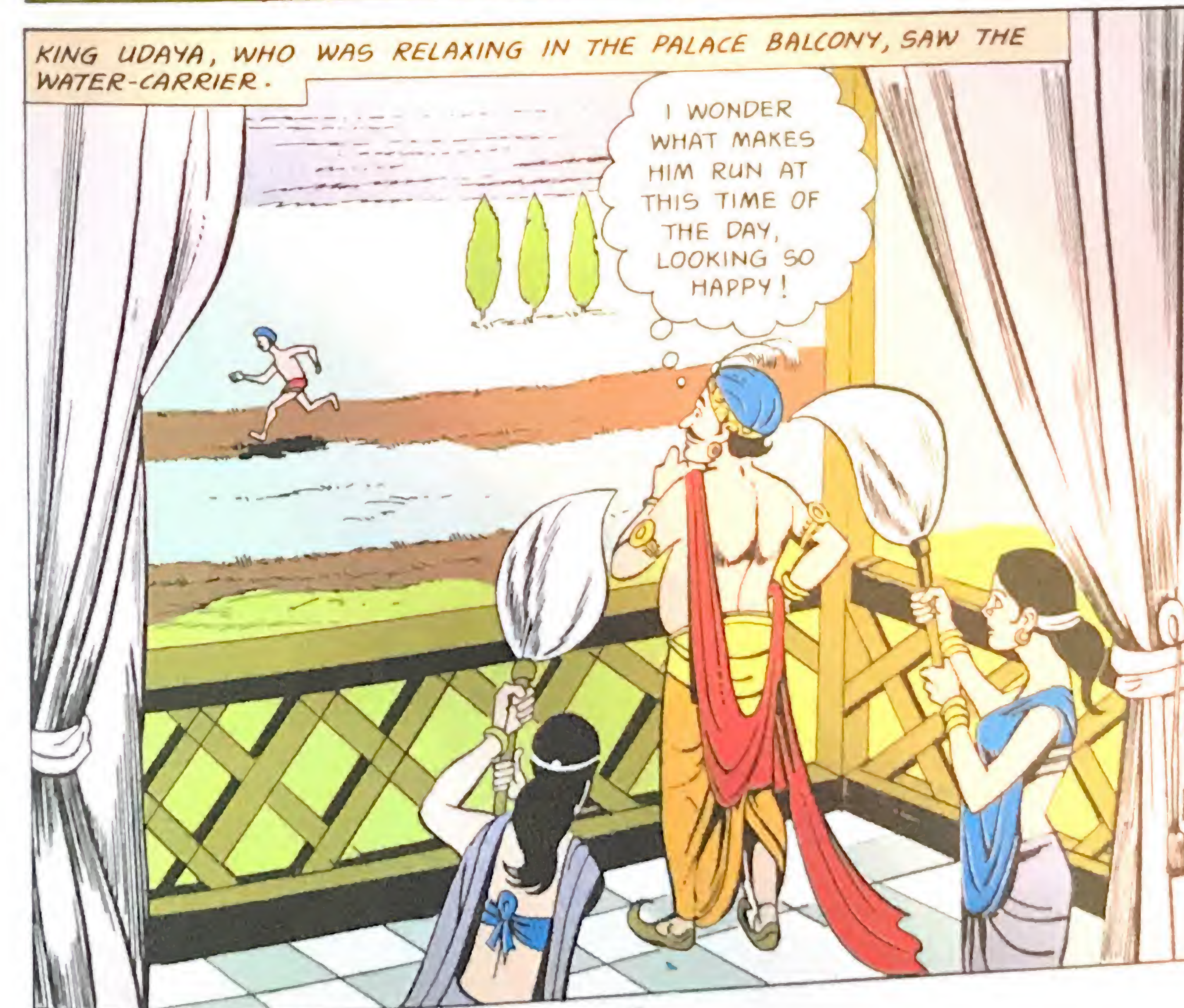
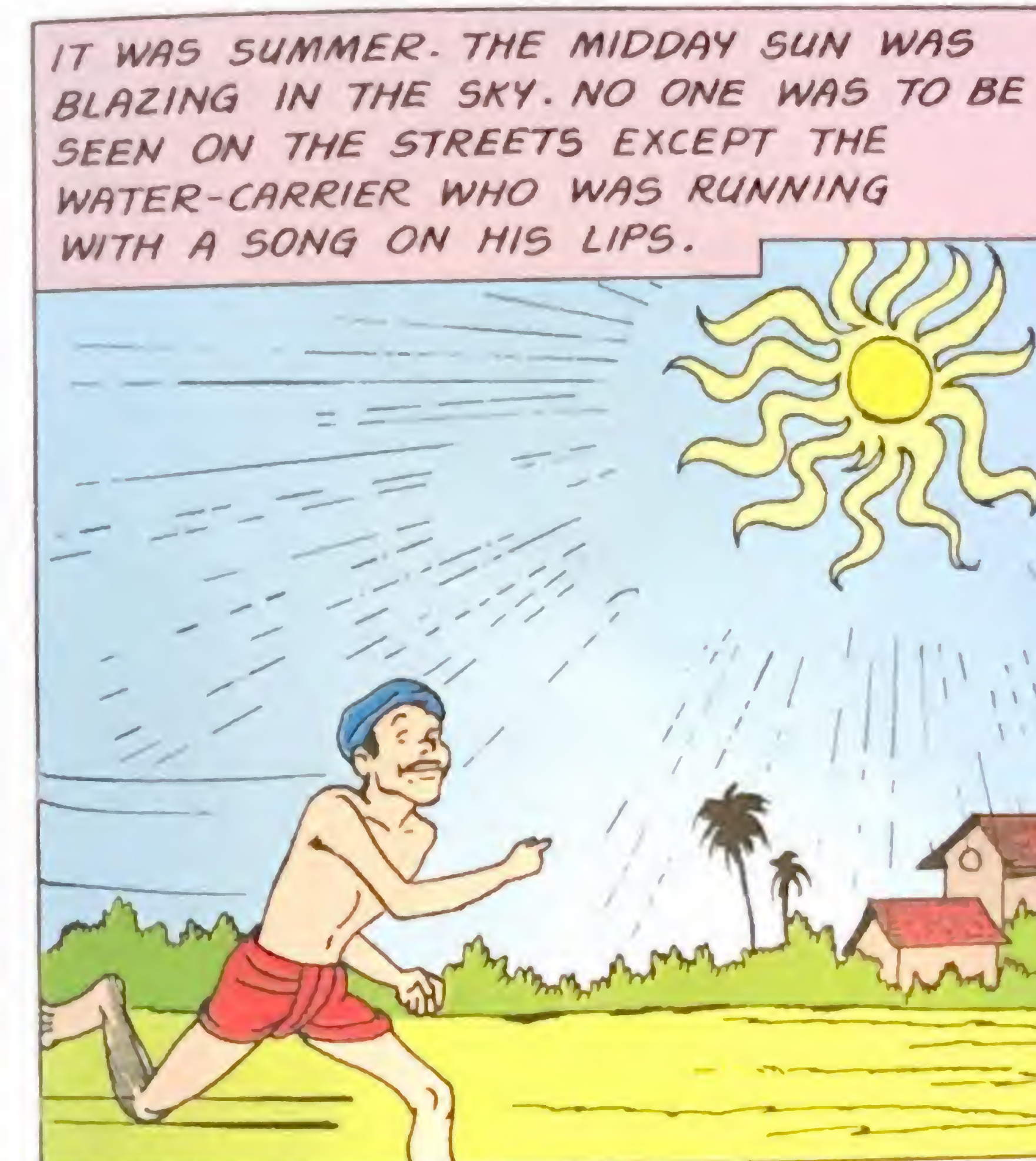
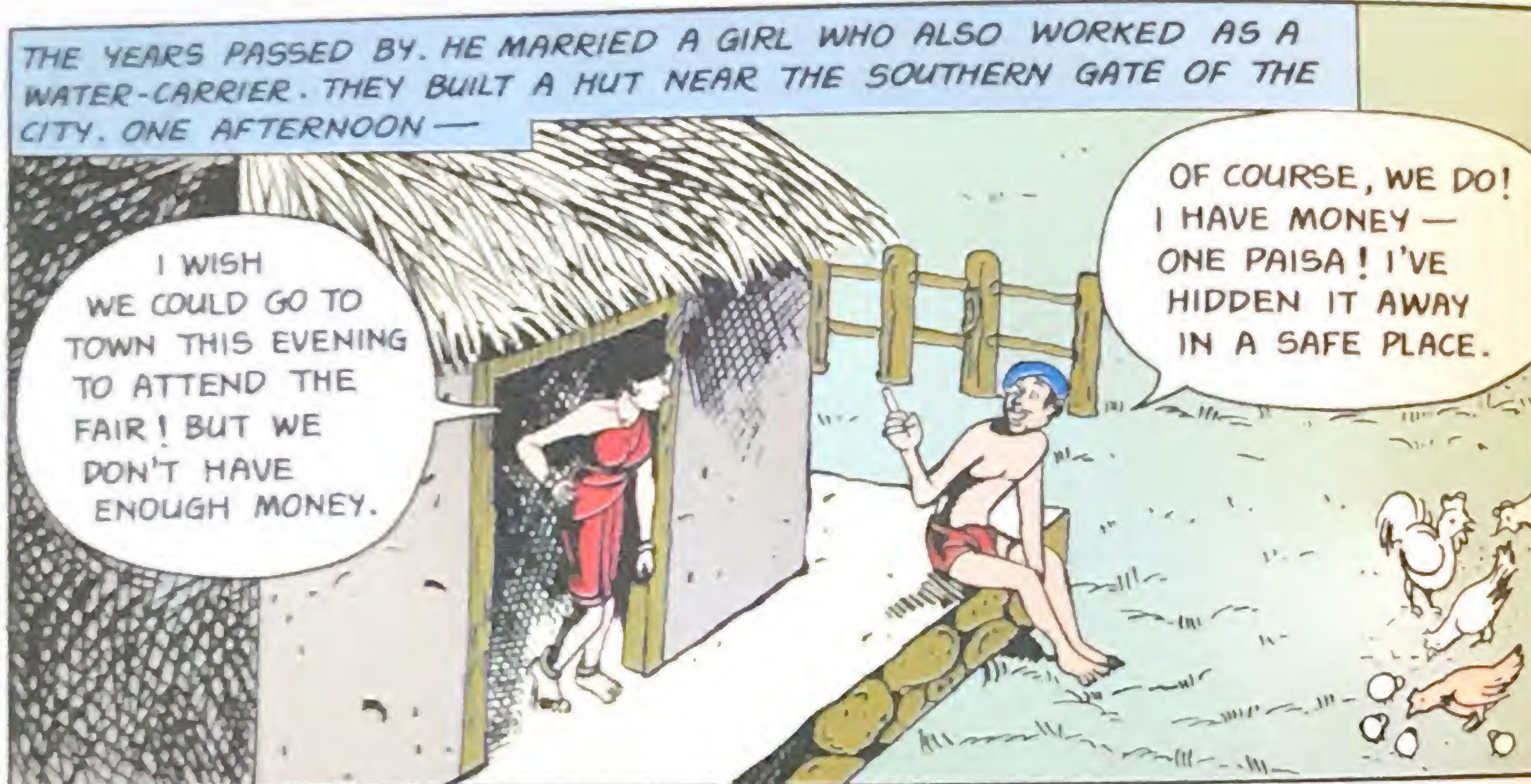


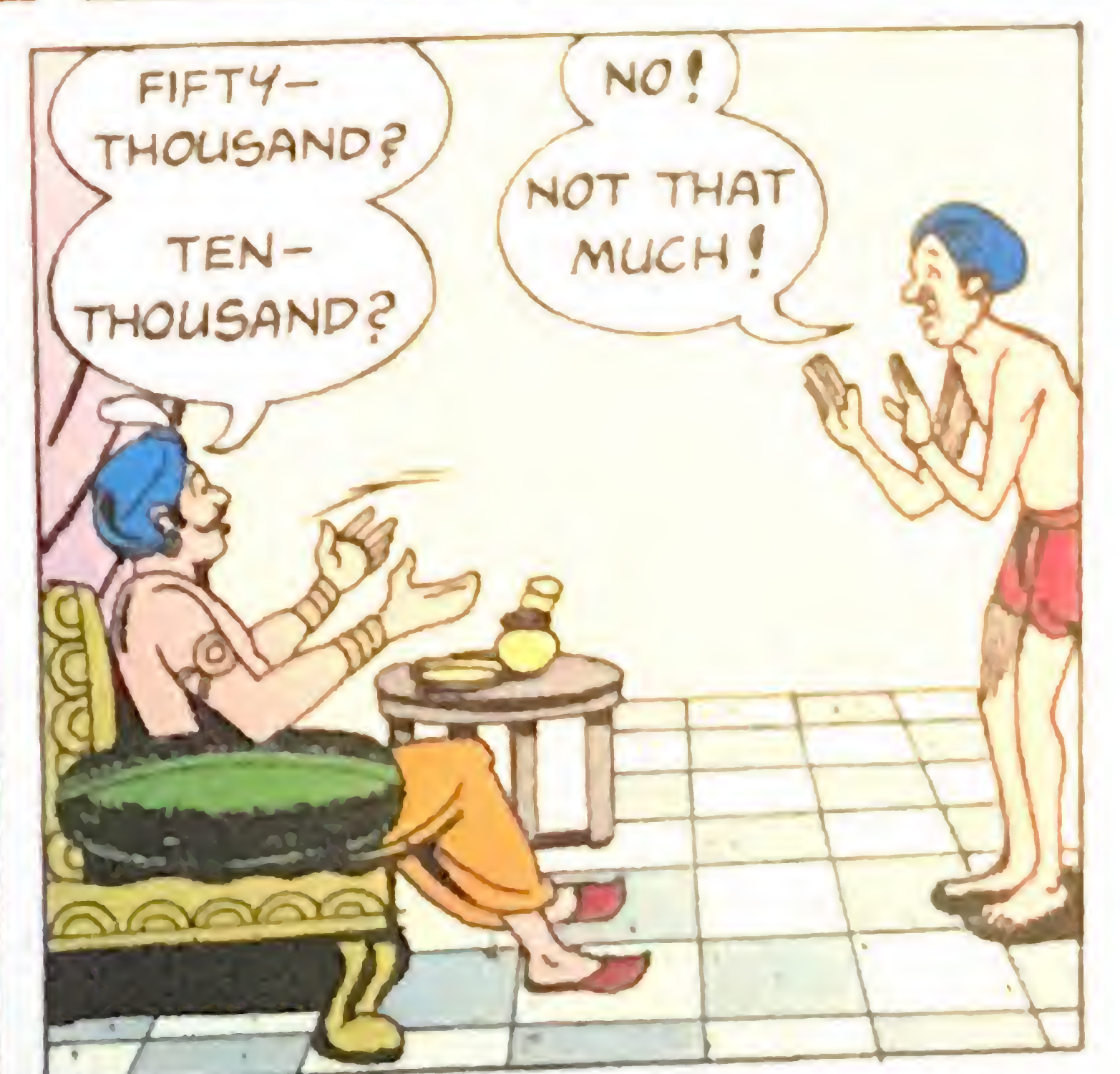
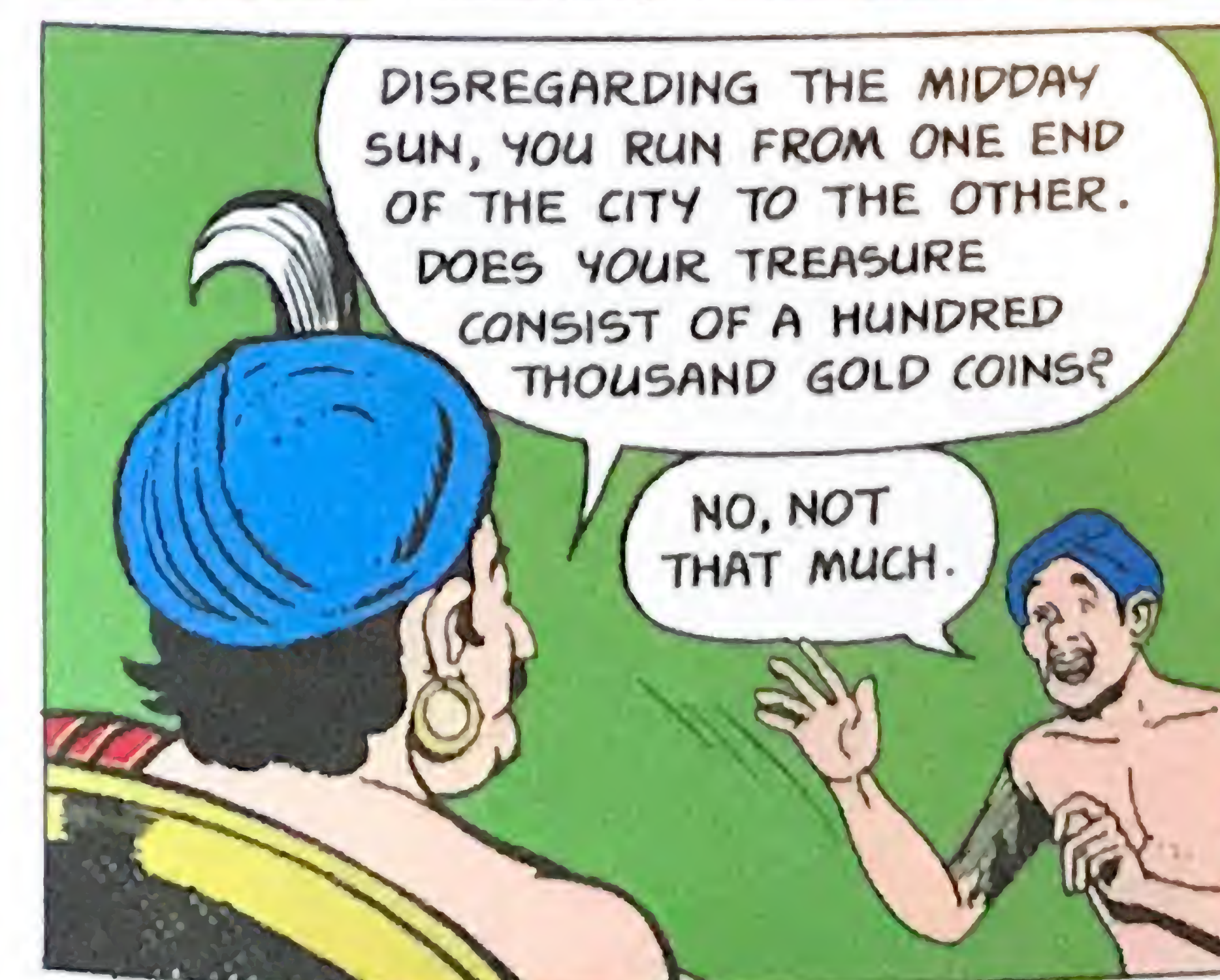
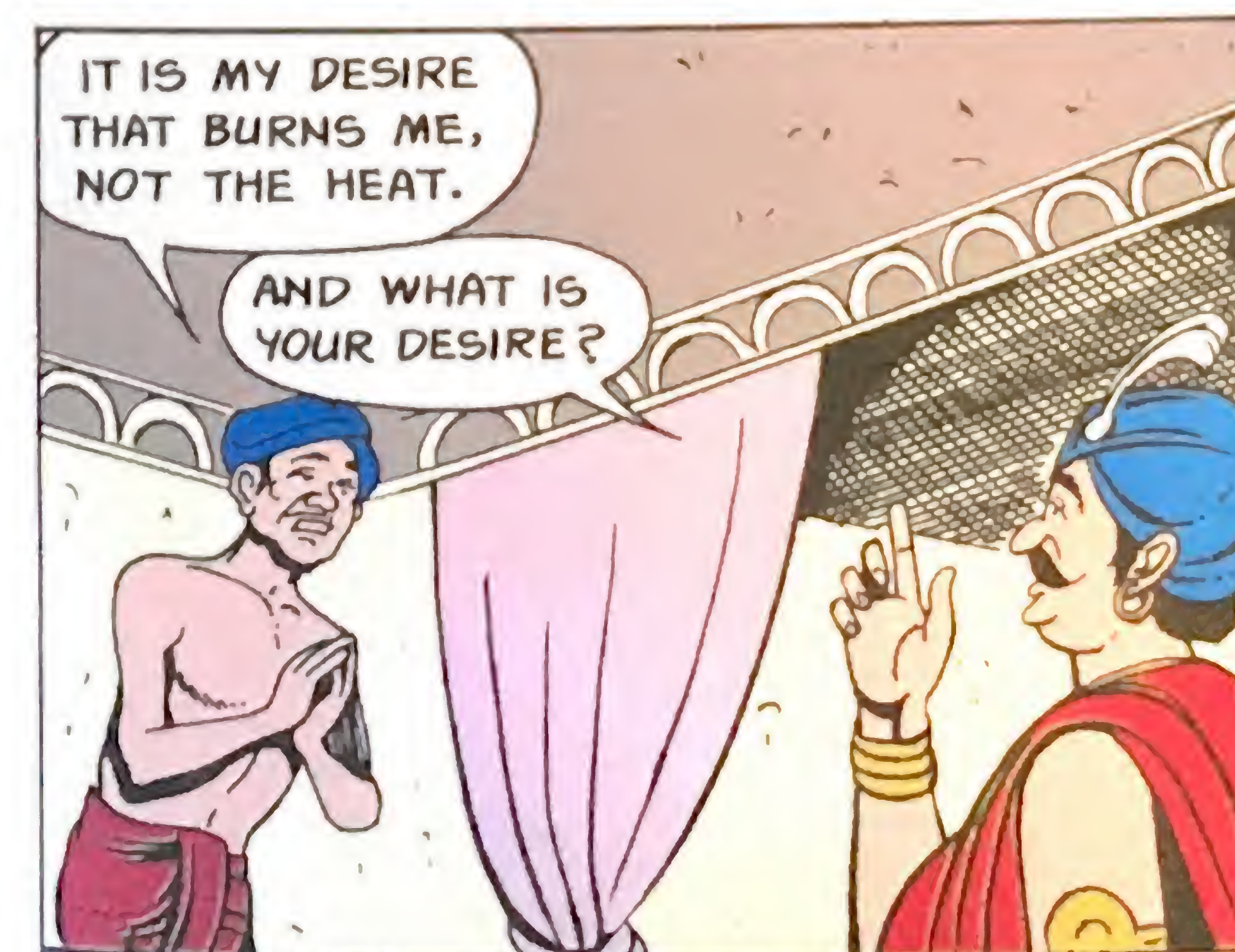
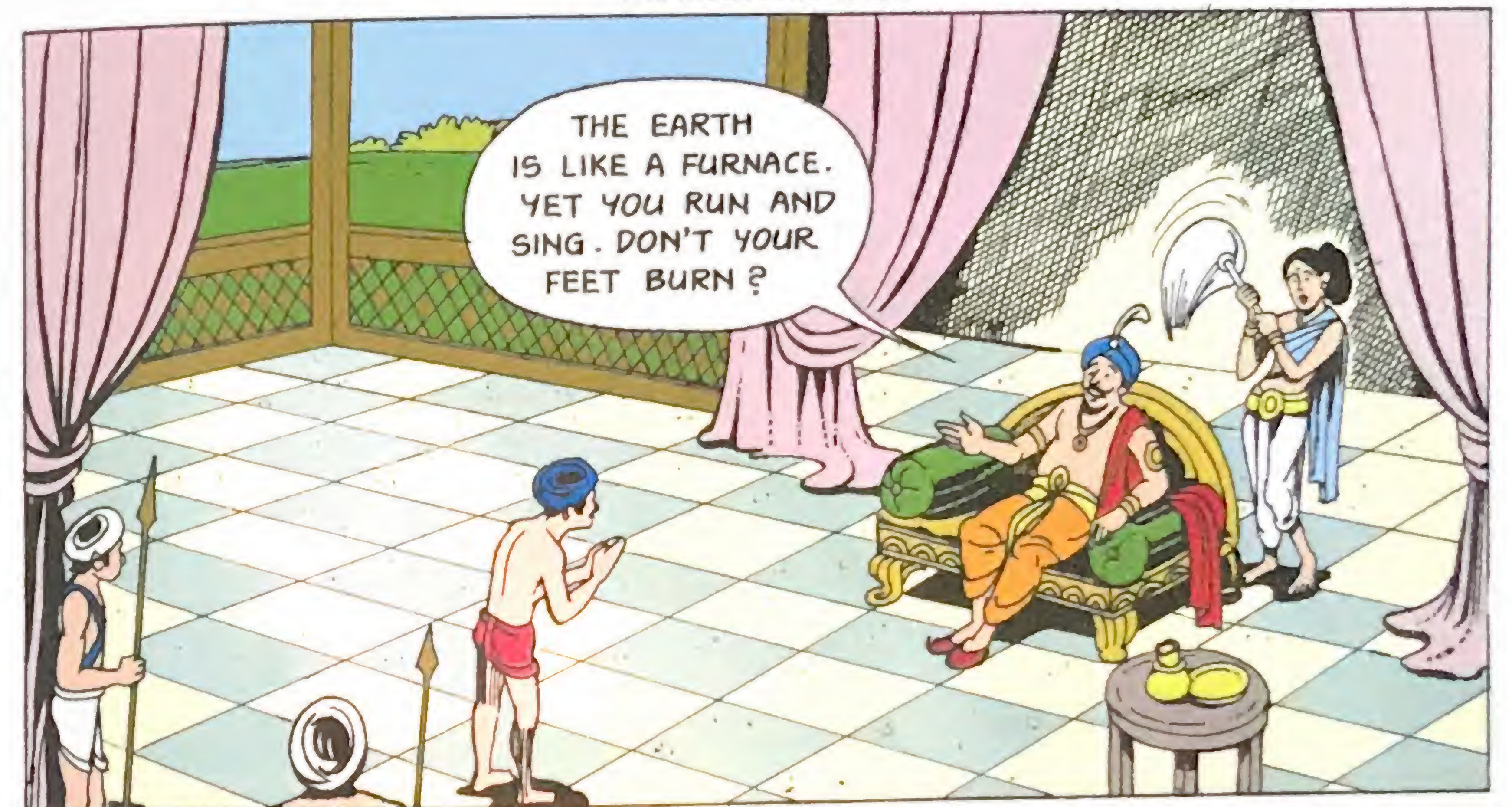
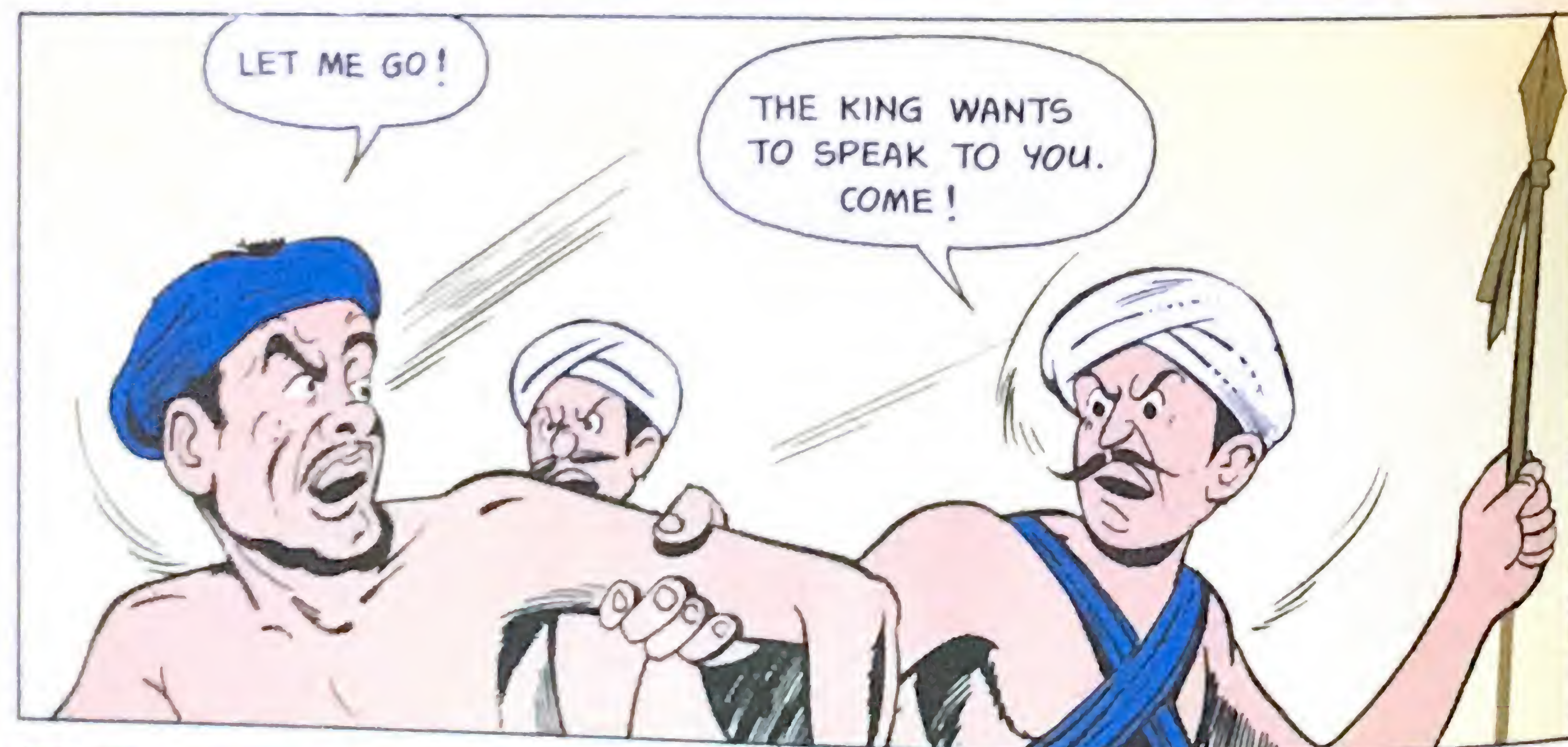
HE BEGAN GENTLY TO TAP AT THE BRICKS.

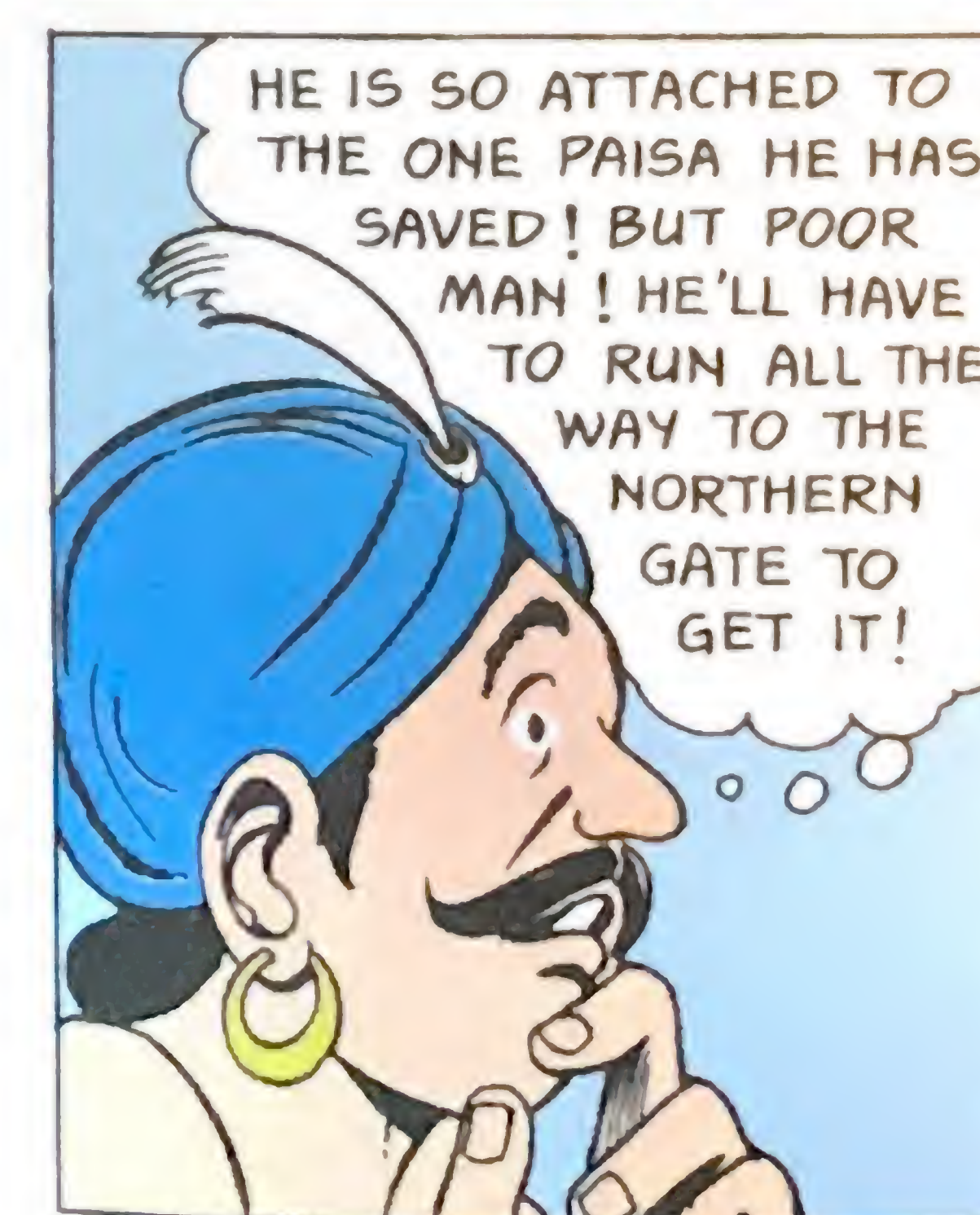
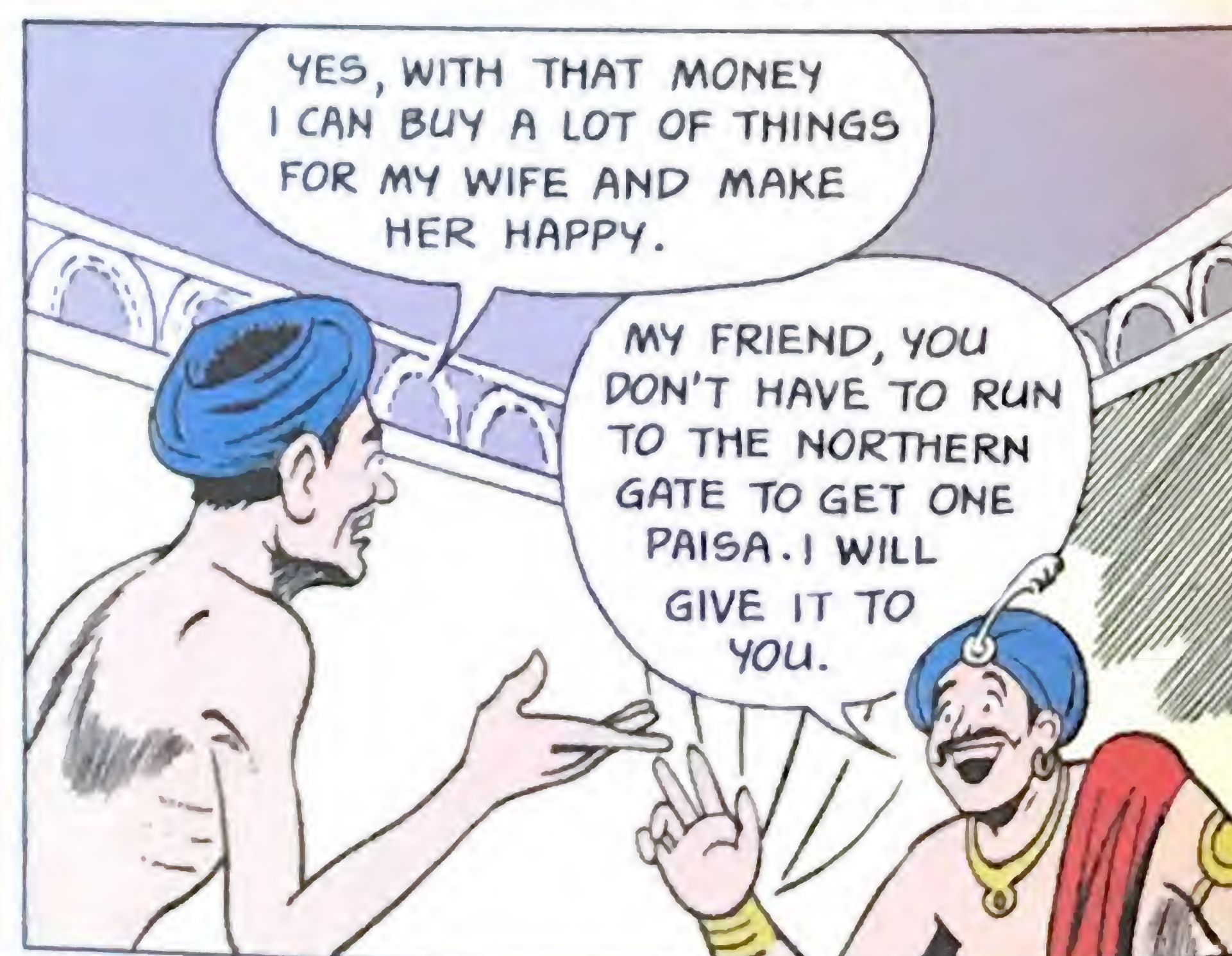


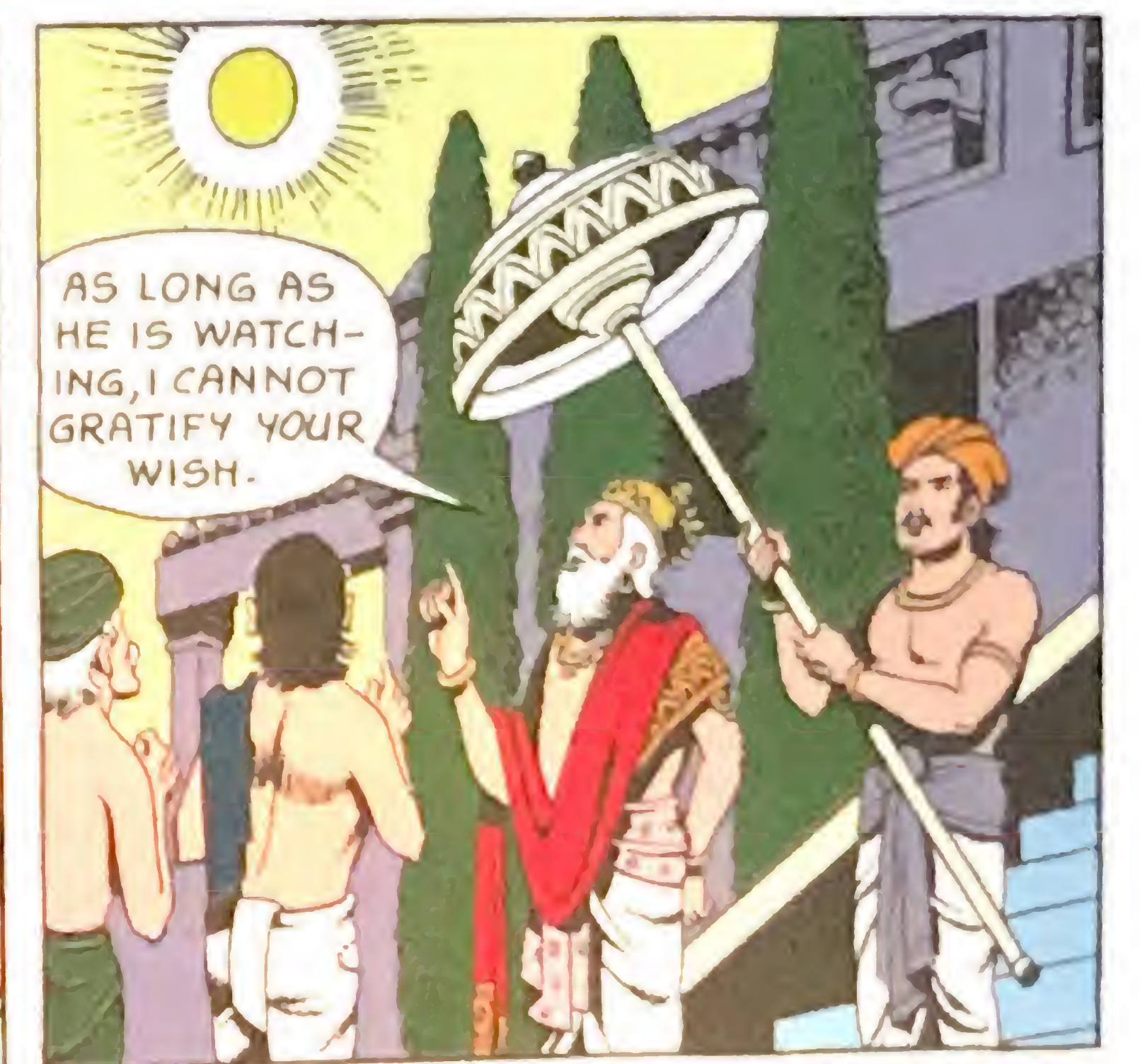
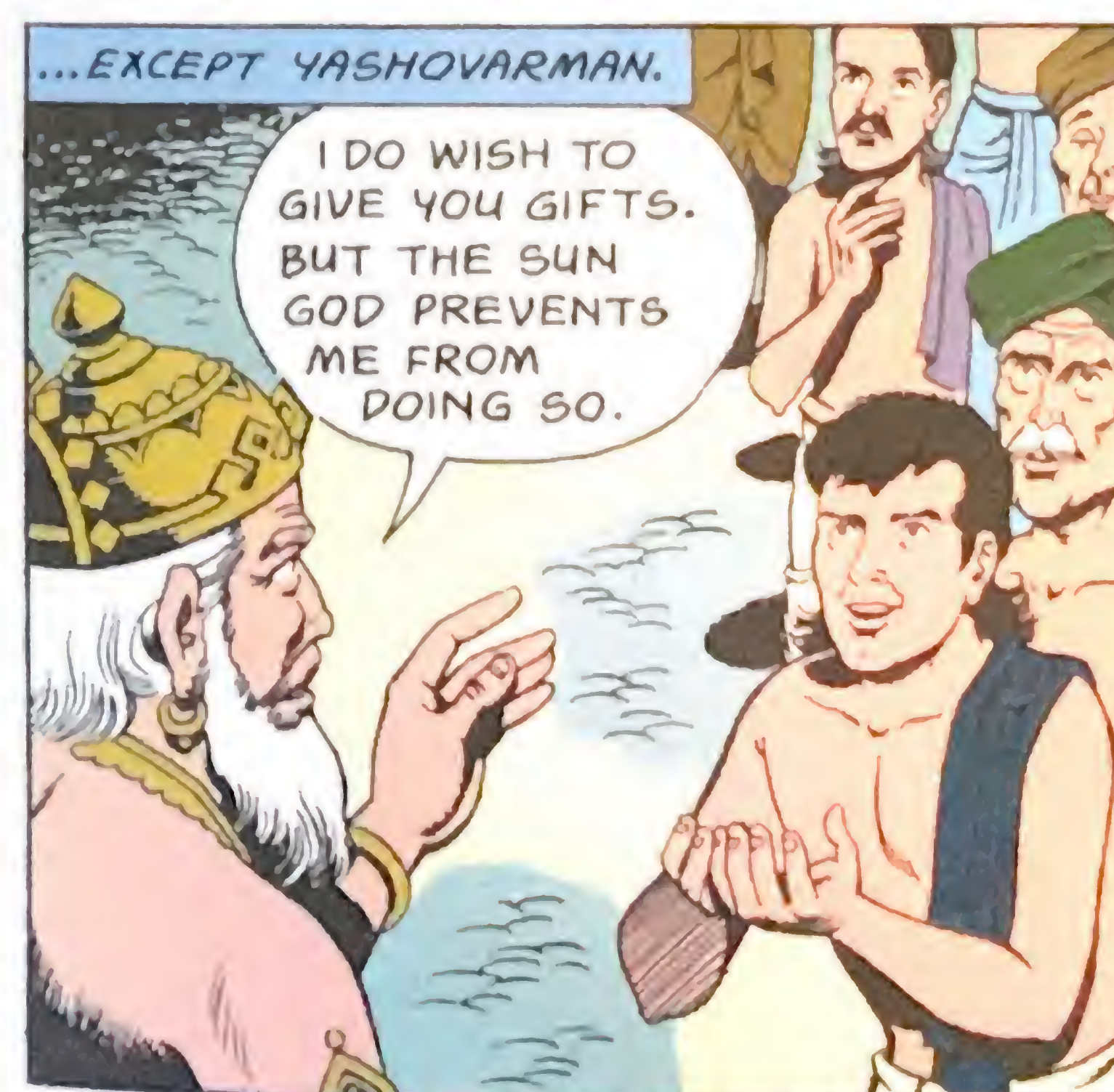
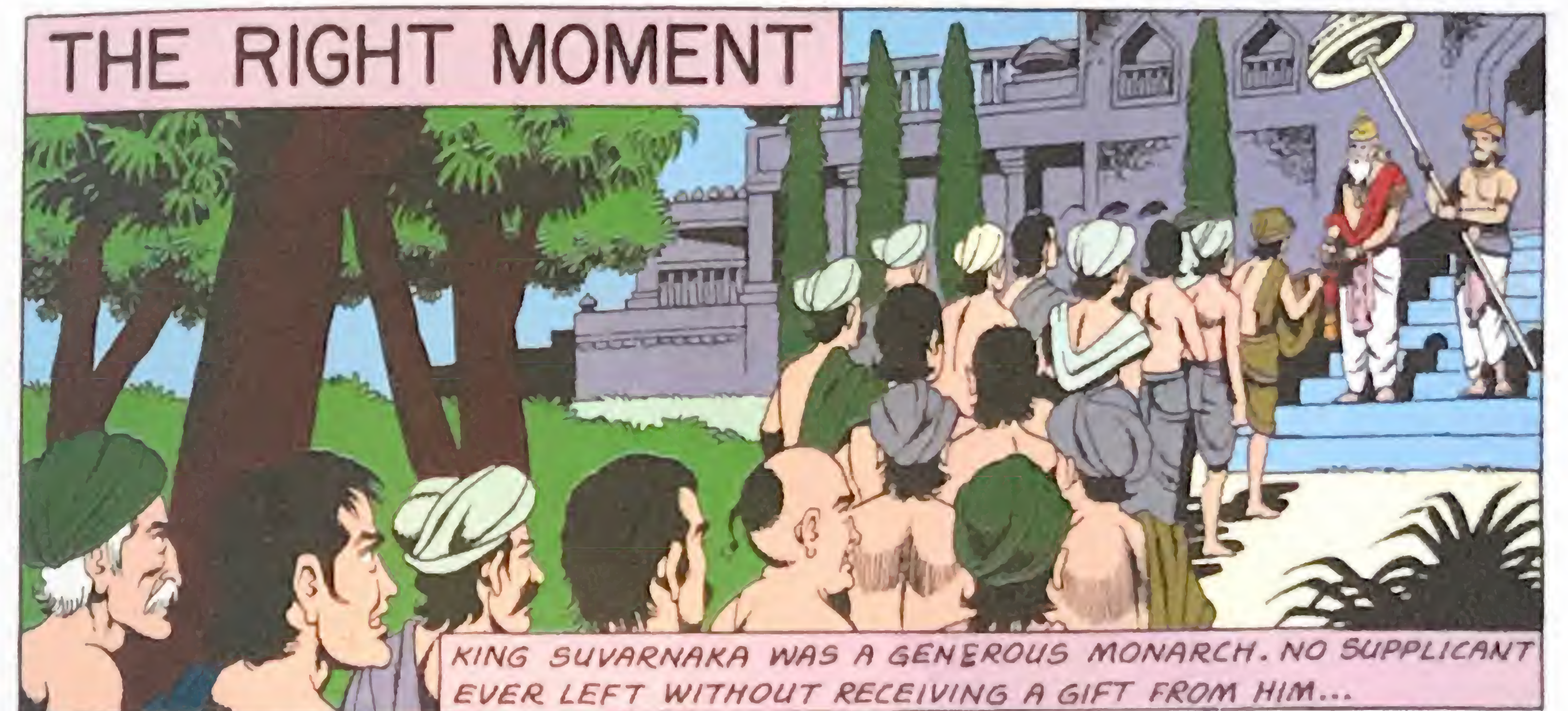
THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME HE HAD EARNED A LITTLE MORE THAN HE ABSOLUTELY NEEDED. HE HAD NEVER HAD SUCH LUCK BEFORE.



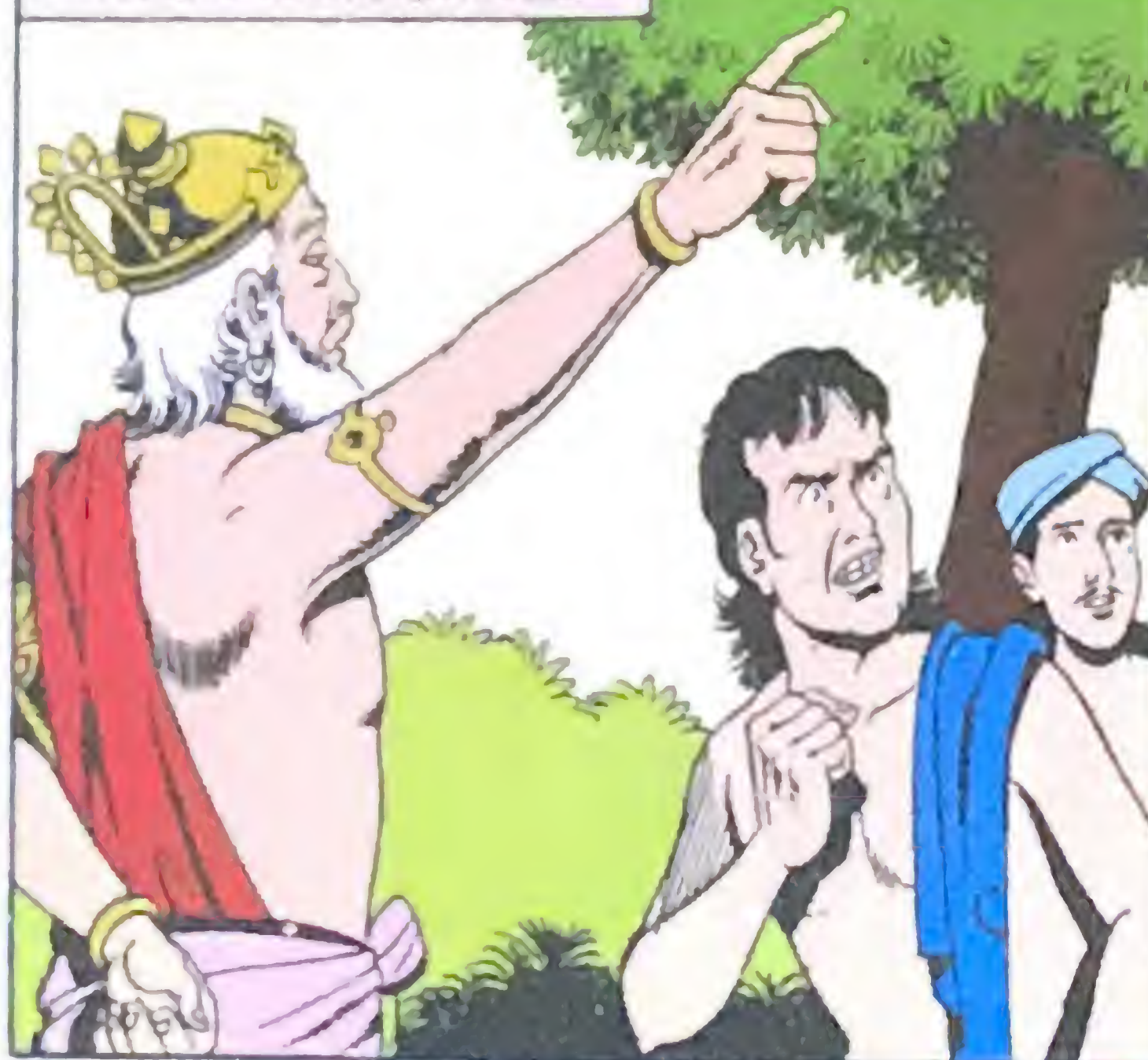






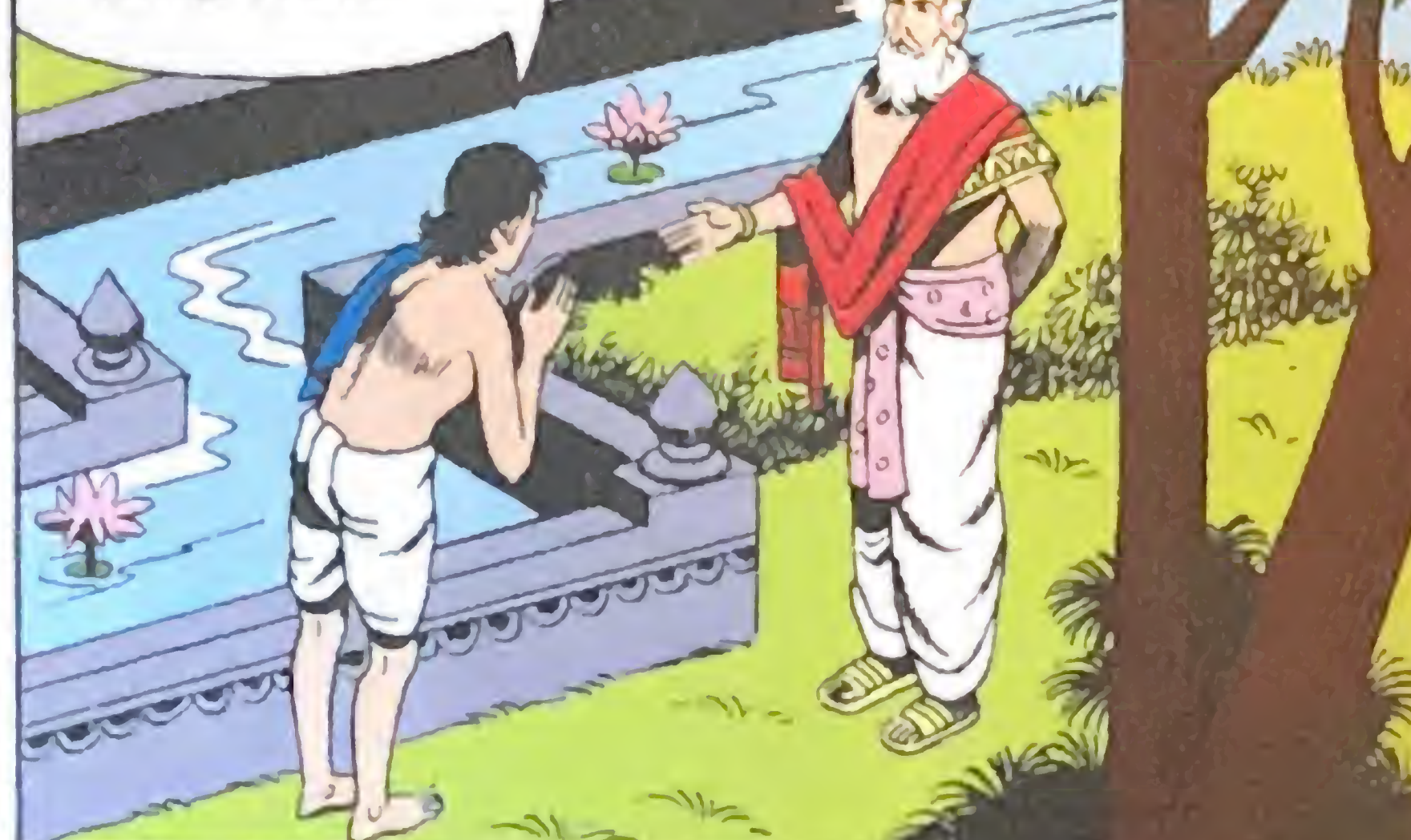


EACH DAY THE KING WOULD POINT AT THE SUN AND YASHOVARMAN WOULD LEAVE DISAPPOINTED.



BUT ONE DAY —

MAHARAJ, I HAVE BEEN SEEKING ALMS OF YOU FOR A LONG TIME NOW.



I KNOW. BUT THE SUN GOD...

AS THE KING LOOKED UP HE DID NOT SEE THE SUN.



OH!

THERE WAS A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE.



...WHEN MY ENEMY IS STILL IN THE GRIP OF HIS ENEMY*

HA! HA!

THE KING REMOVED HIS GOLD NECKLACE AND YASHOVARMAN RECEIVED HIS GIFT AT LAST.



GLORY BE TO YOU, MAHARAJ.

* ACCORDING TO PURANAS AN ECLIPSE IS CAUSED WHEN THE SUN OR THE MOON IS SWALLOWED BY THE DEMONS RAHU OR KETU.

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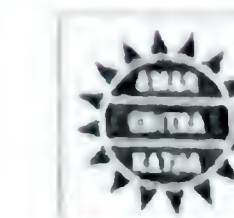
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