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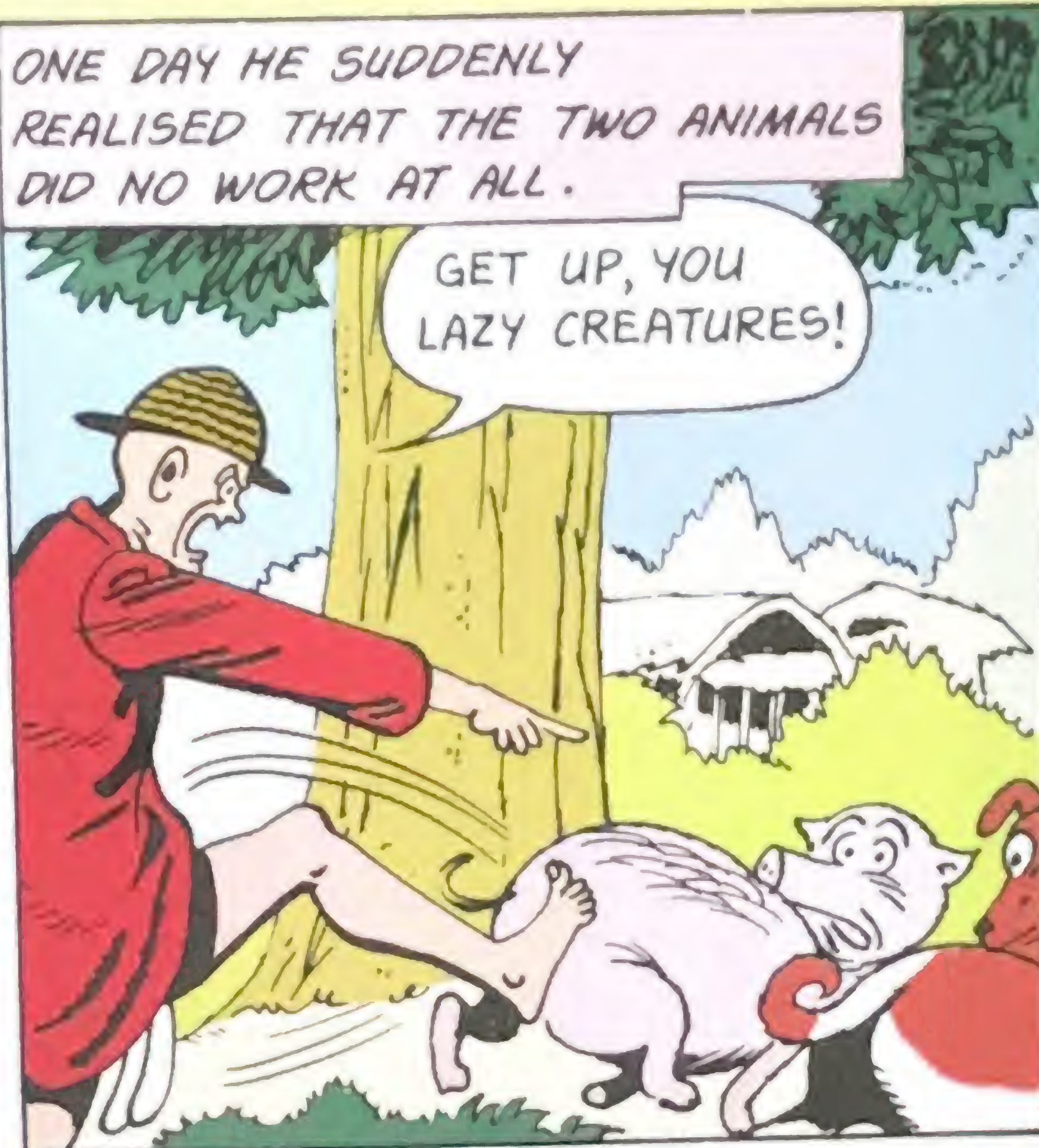
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THE PIG AND THE DOG

A MAN HAD A PIG AND A DOG.



ONE DAY HE SUDDENLY REALISED THAT THE TWO ANIMALS DID NO WORK AT ALL.



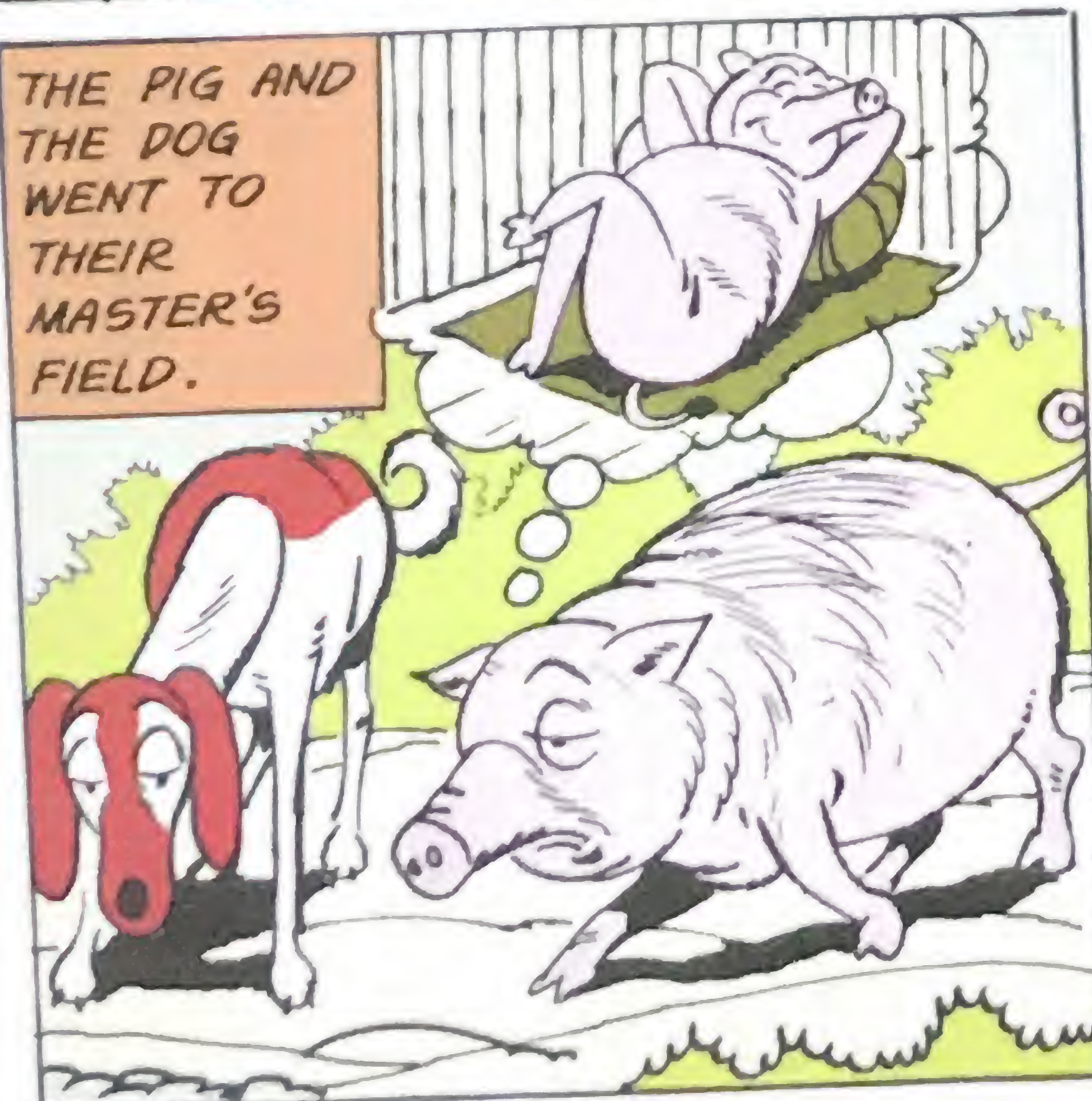
GO AND DO SOMETHING USEFUL!



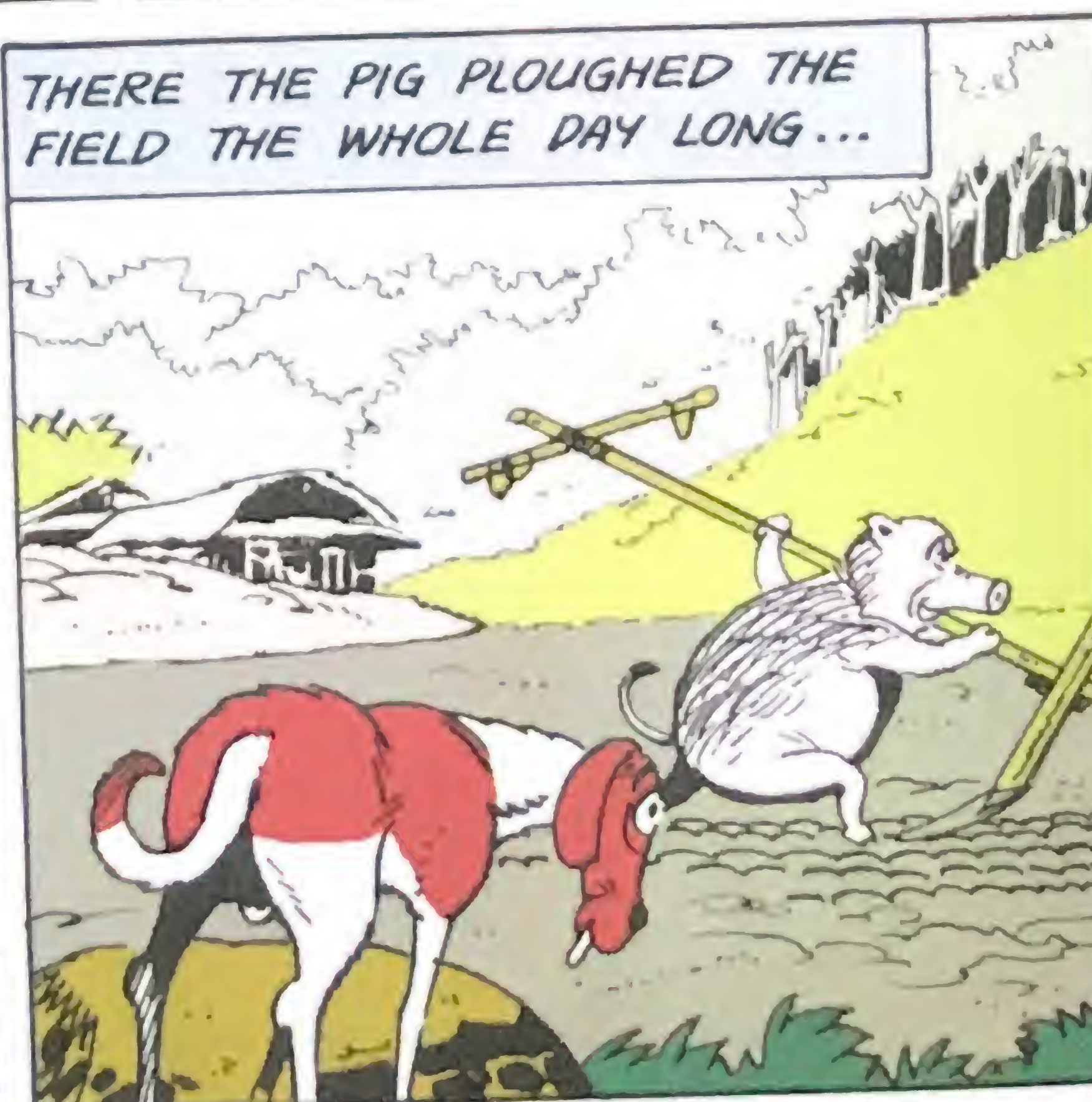
WHICHEVER OF YOU DOES SOME WORK MIGHT FIND A PLACE IN MY HOUSE.

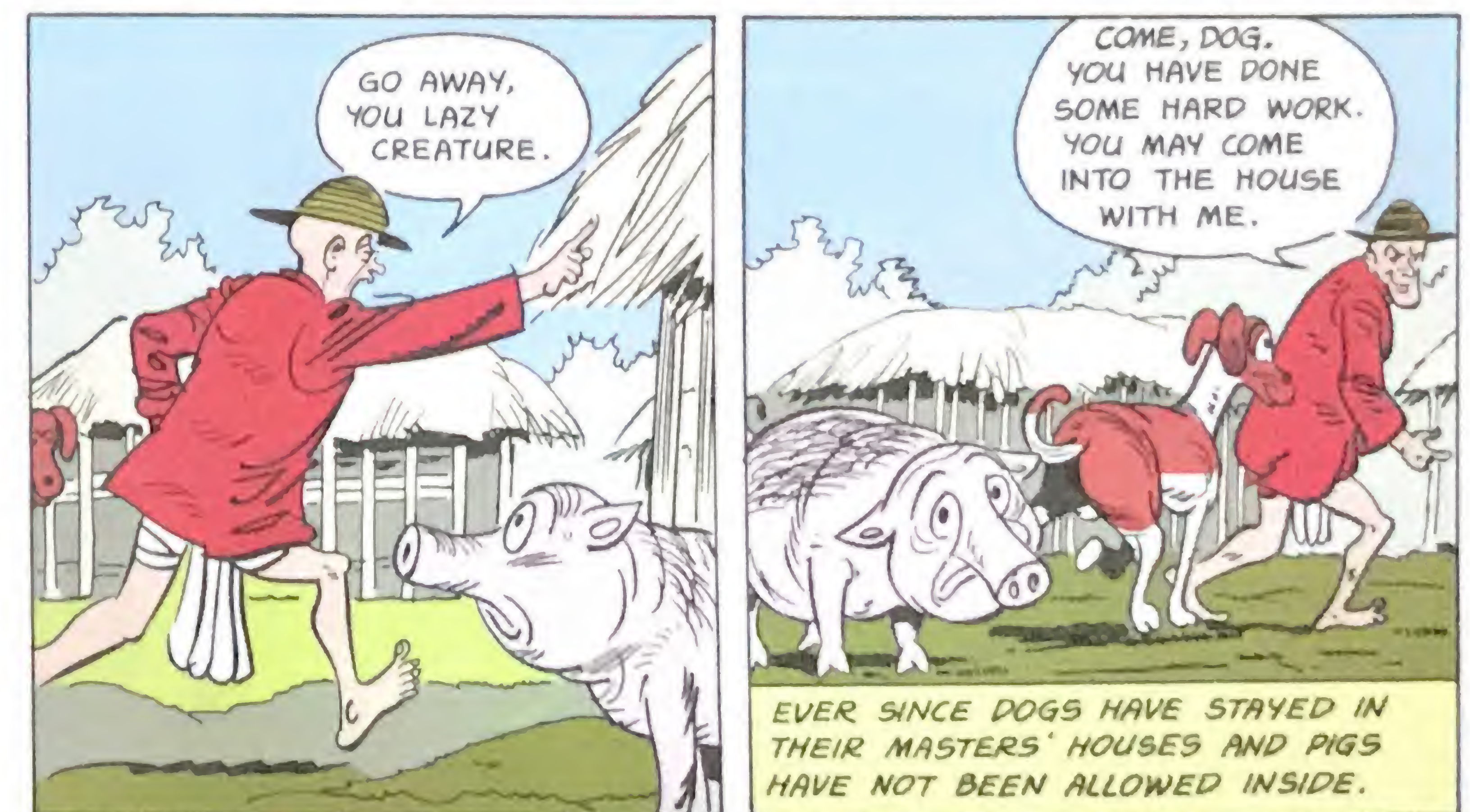
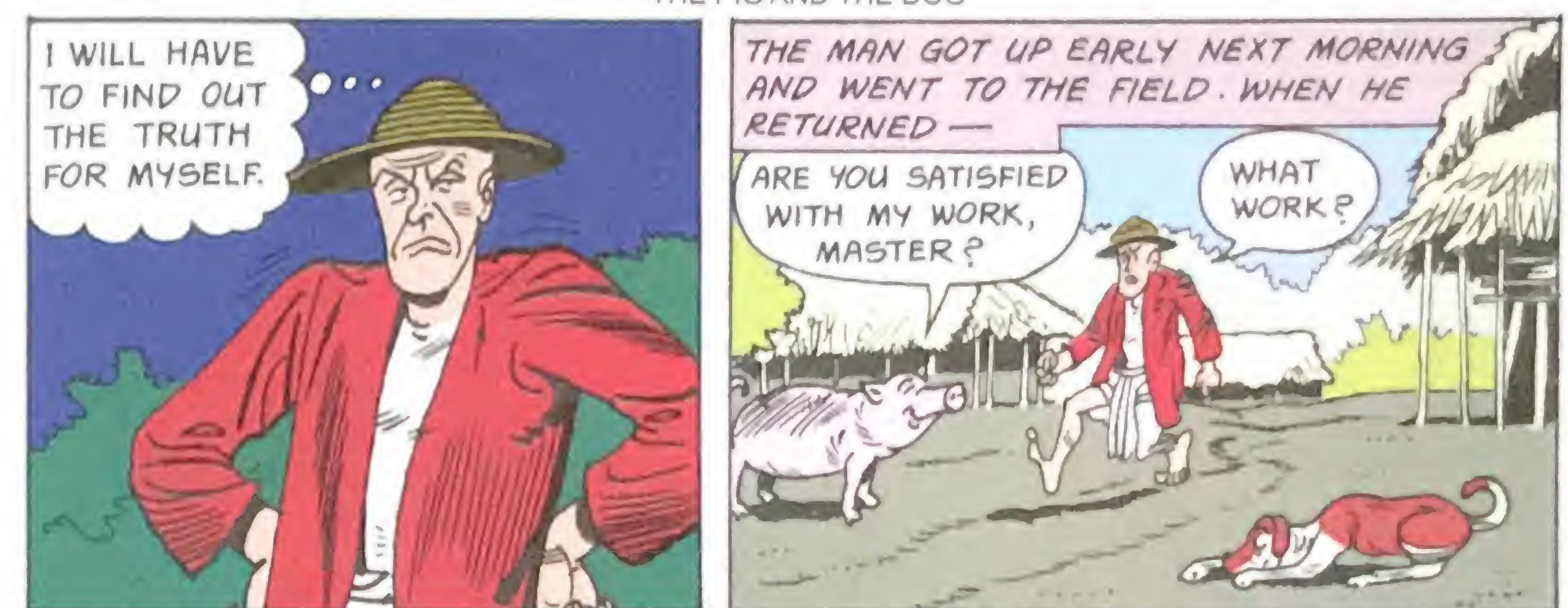
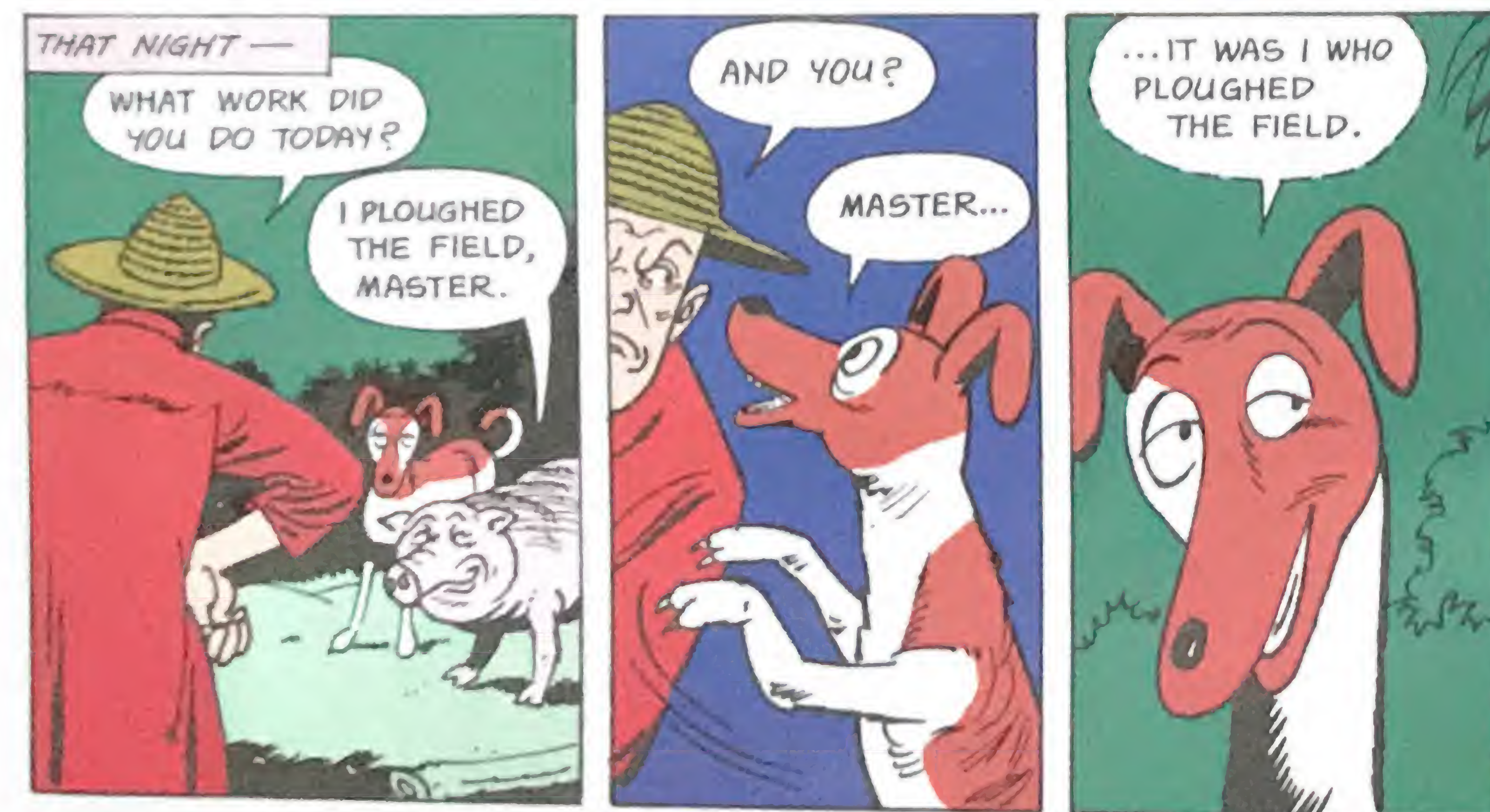
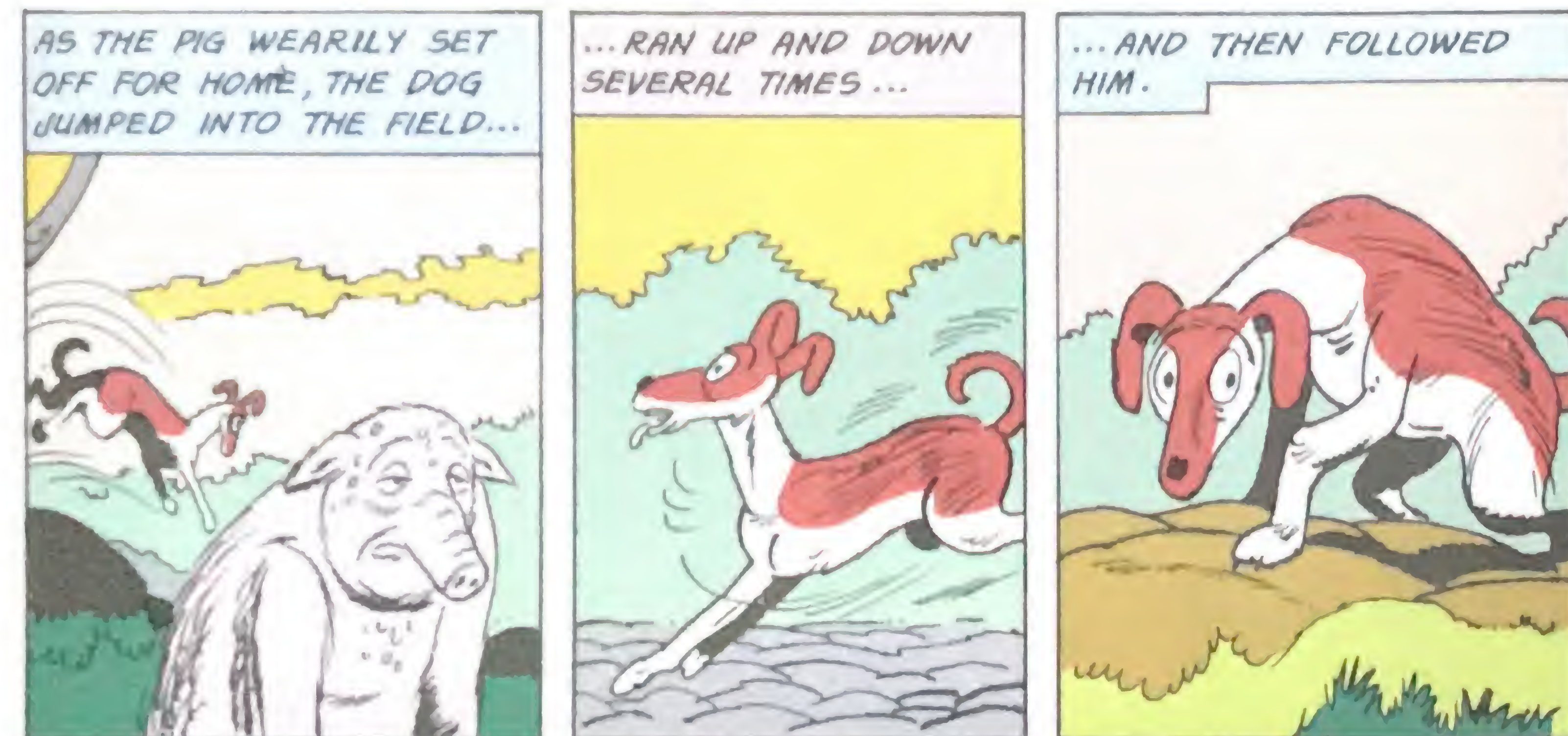


THE PIG AND THE DOG WENT TO THEIR MASTER'S FIELD.



THERE THE PIG PLOUGHED THE FIELD THE WHOLE DAY LONG...





THE OWL AND THE TIGER

ONE DAY THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS OF THE EARTH HELD A MEETING...



...AT WHICH THEY CHOSE THE TIGER TO BE KING OF THE JUNGLE...



...AND THE OWL TO BE HIS MINISTER.



BUT THE KING AND HIS MINISTER HAD QUITE DIFFERENT NATURES. THE TIGER WAS RASH...



...AND THE OWL WAS PROUD.



THE PIG AND THE DOG

ONE DAY THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT...



...WHICH TURNED INTO A QUARREL. THE ANGRY TIGER SLAPPED THE OWL SO HARD...



...THAT THE OWL'S FACE BECAME FLAT!



THE ANGRY BIRD PICKED UP A BURNING LOG...



...AND STRUCK THE TIGER WITH IT, LEAVING LONG BLACK STRIPES ON ITS BODY.

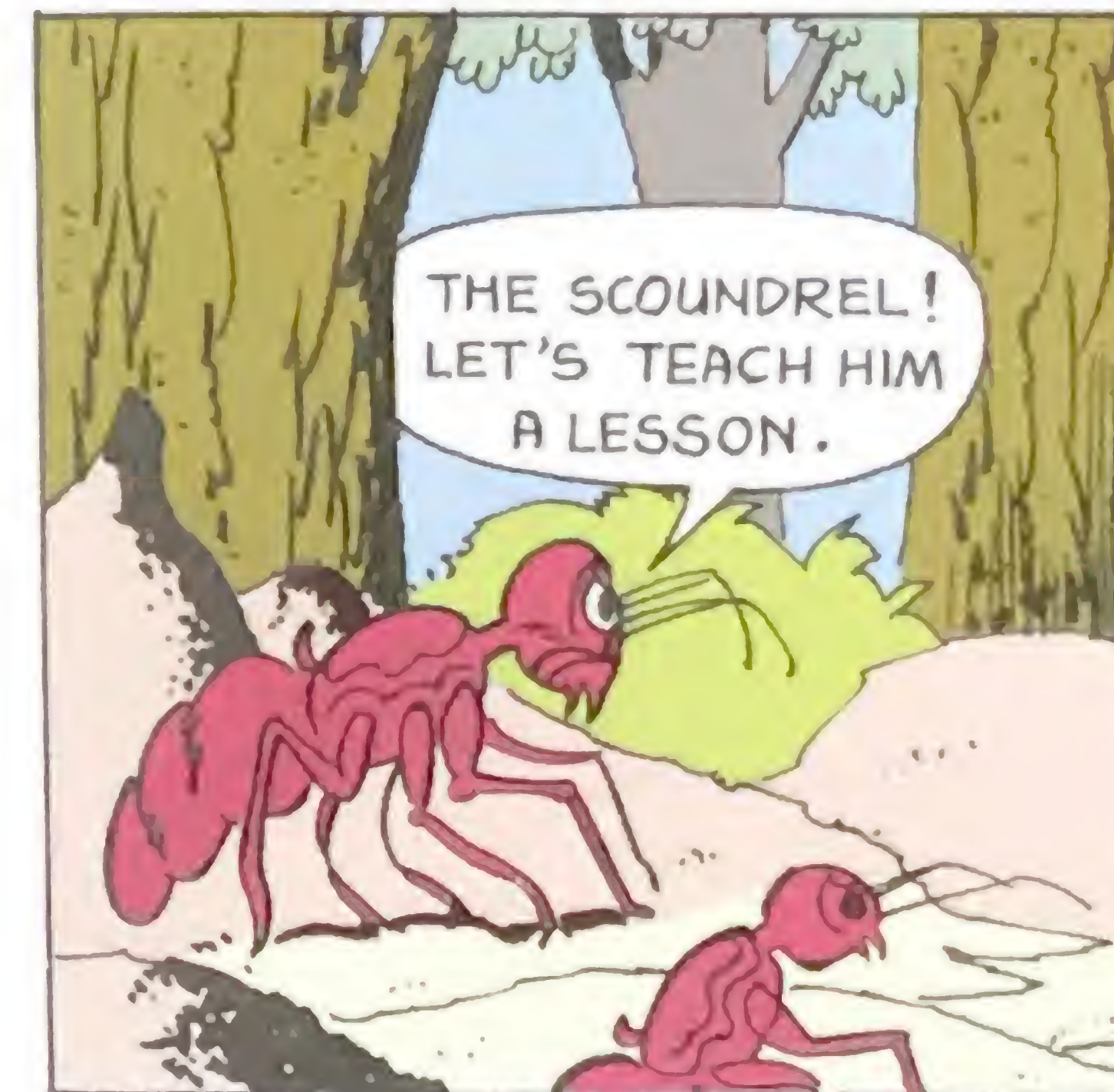
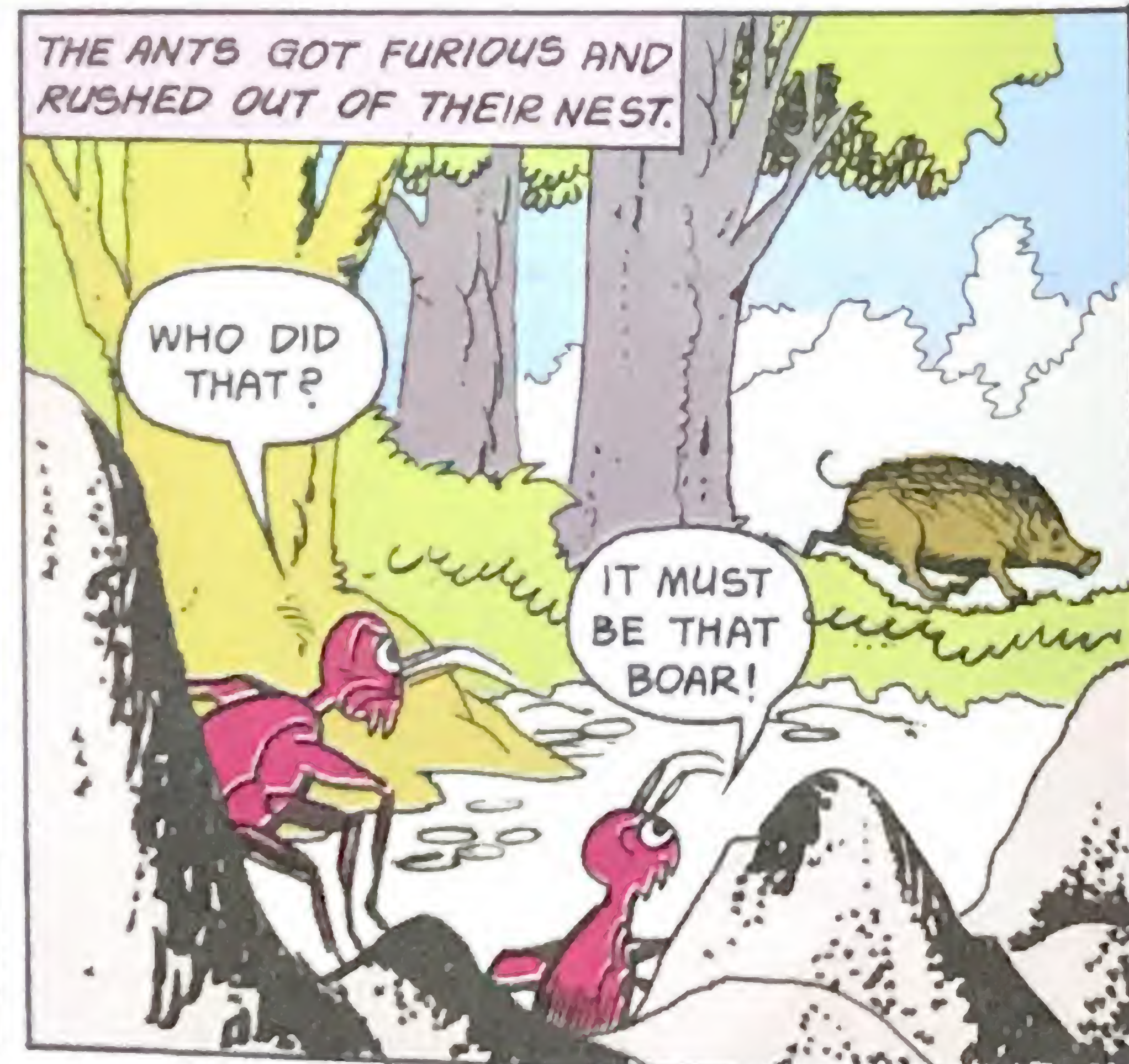
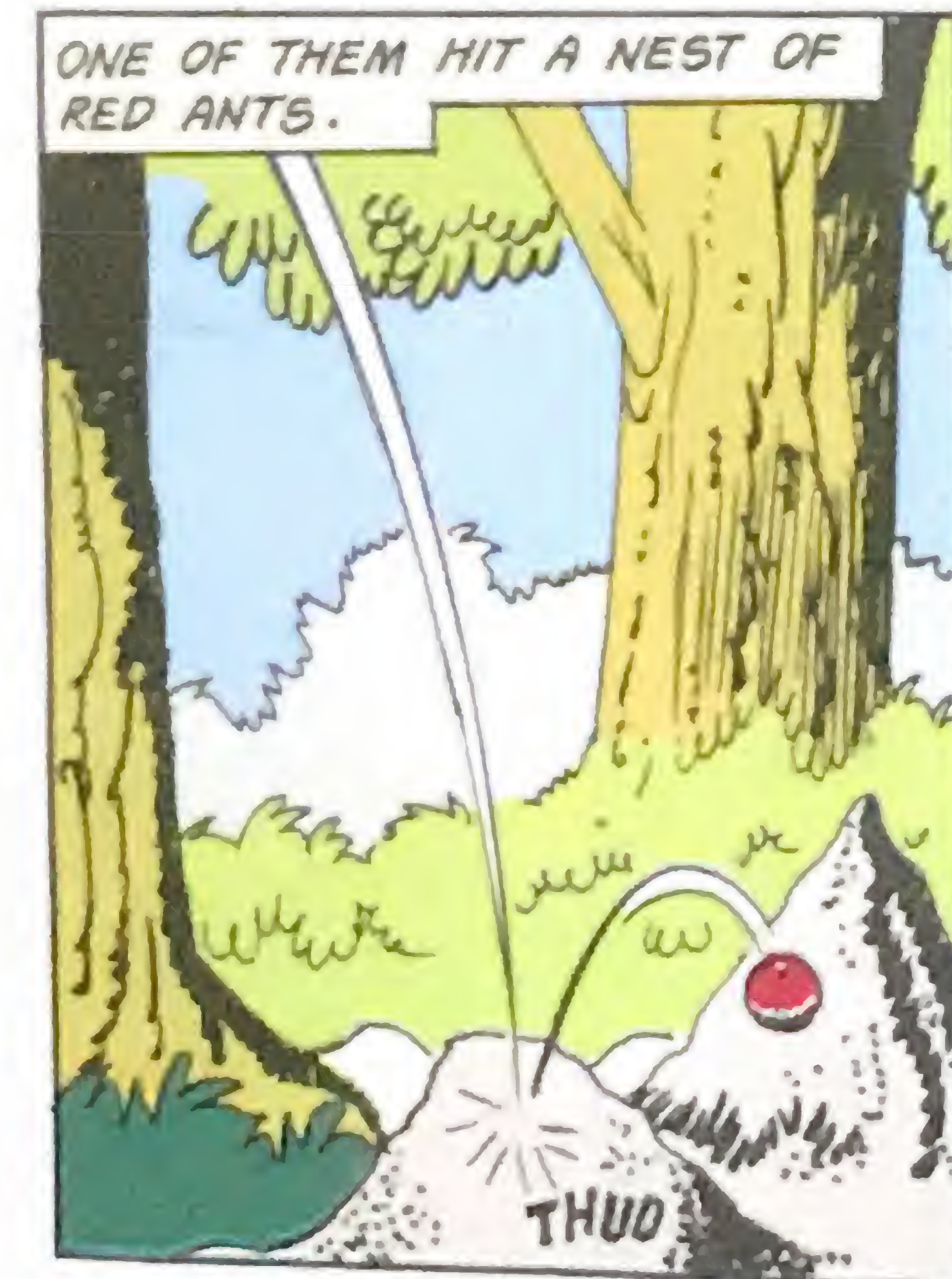
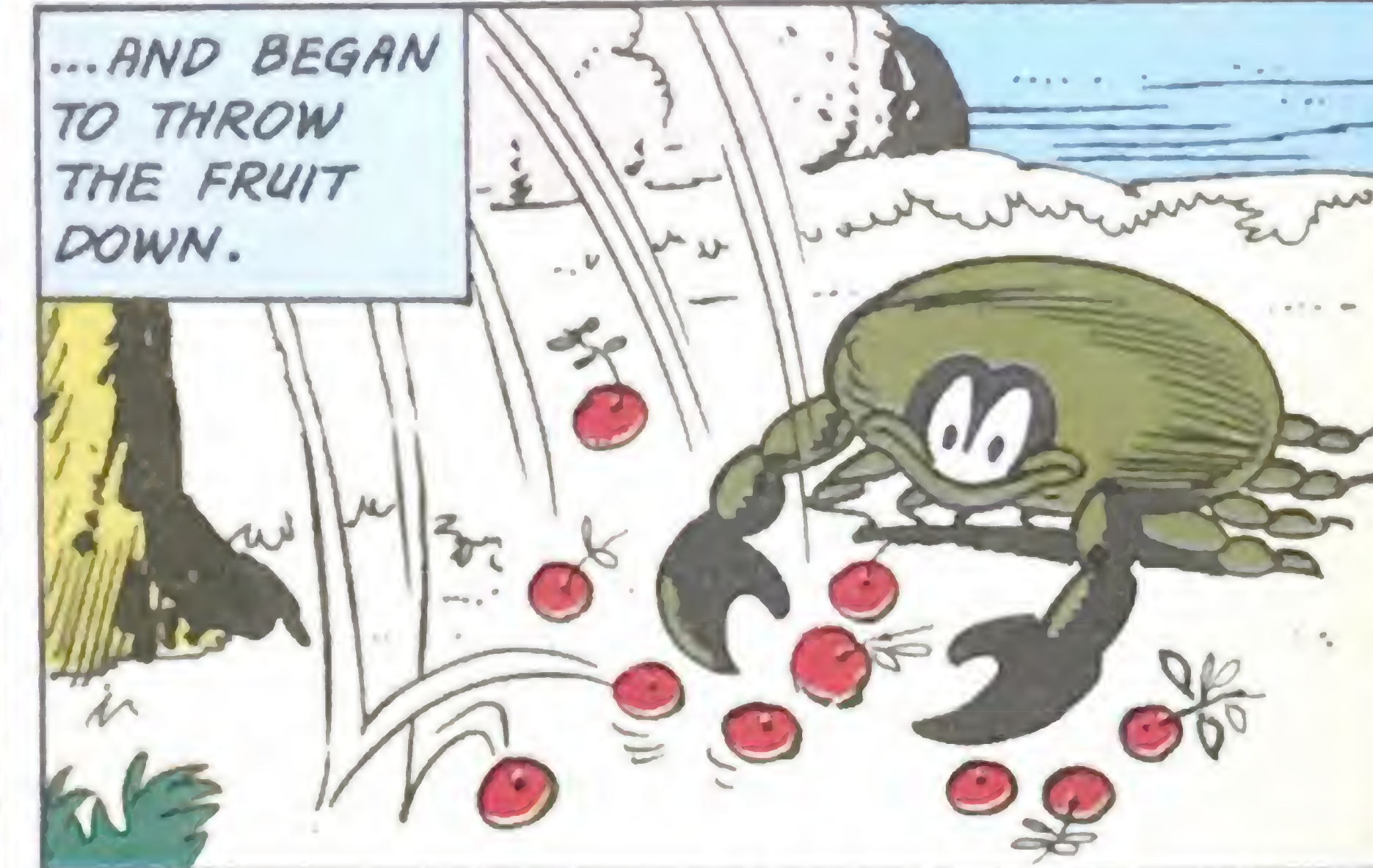
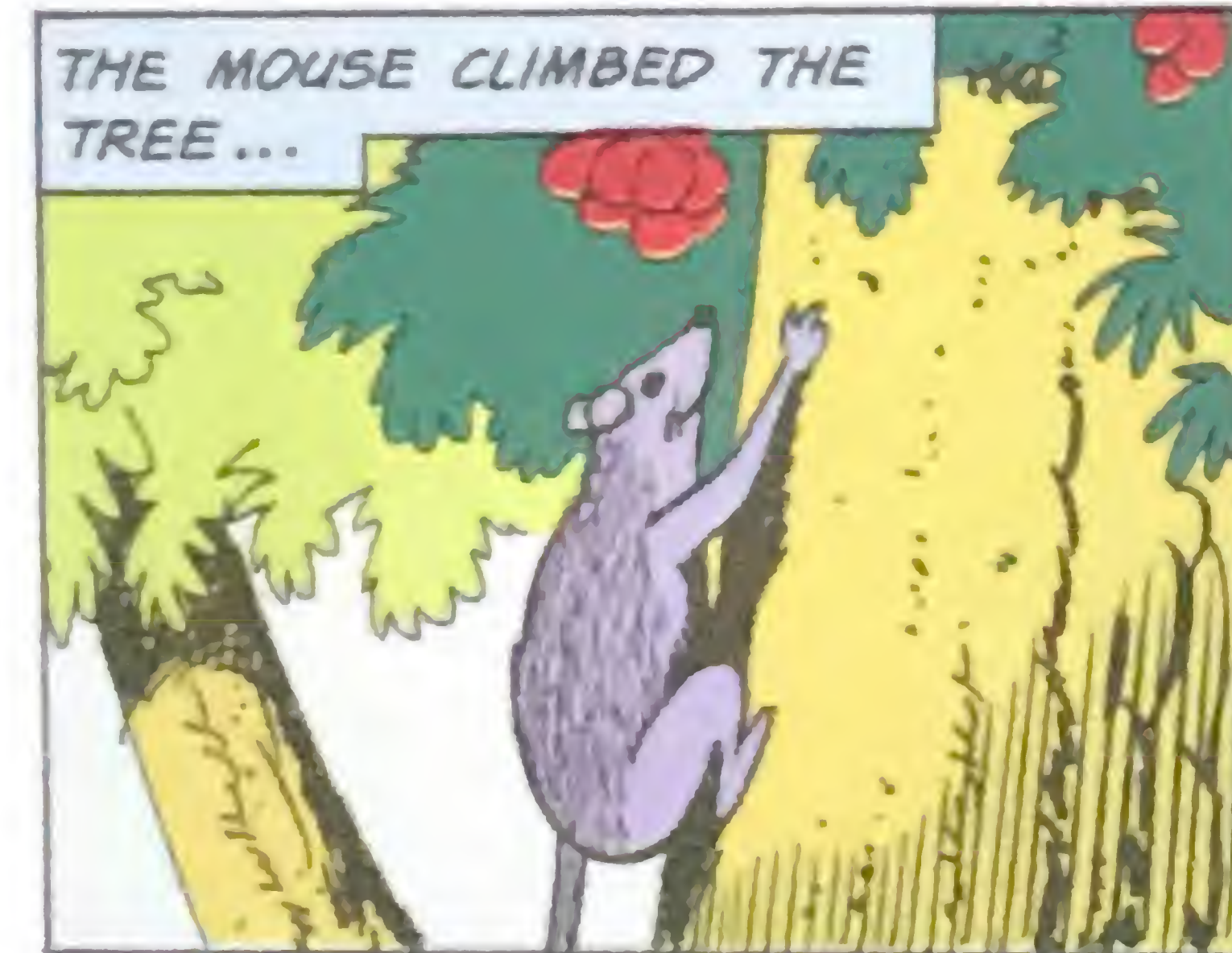
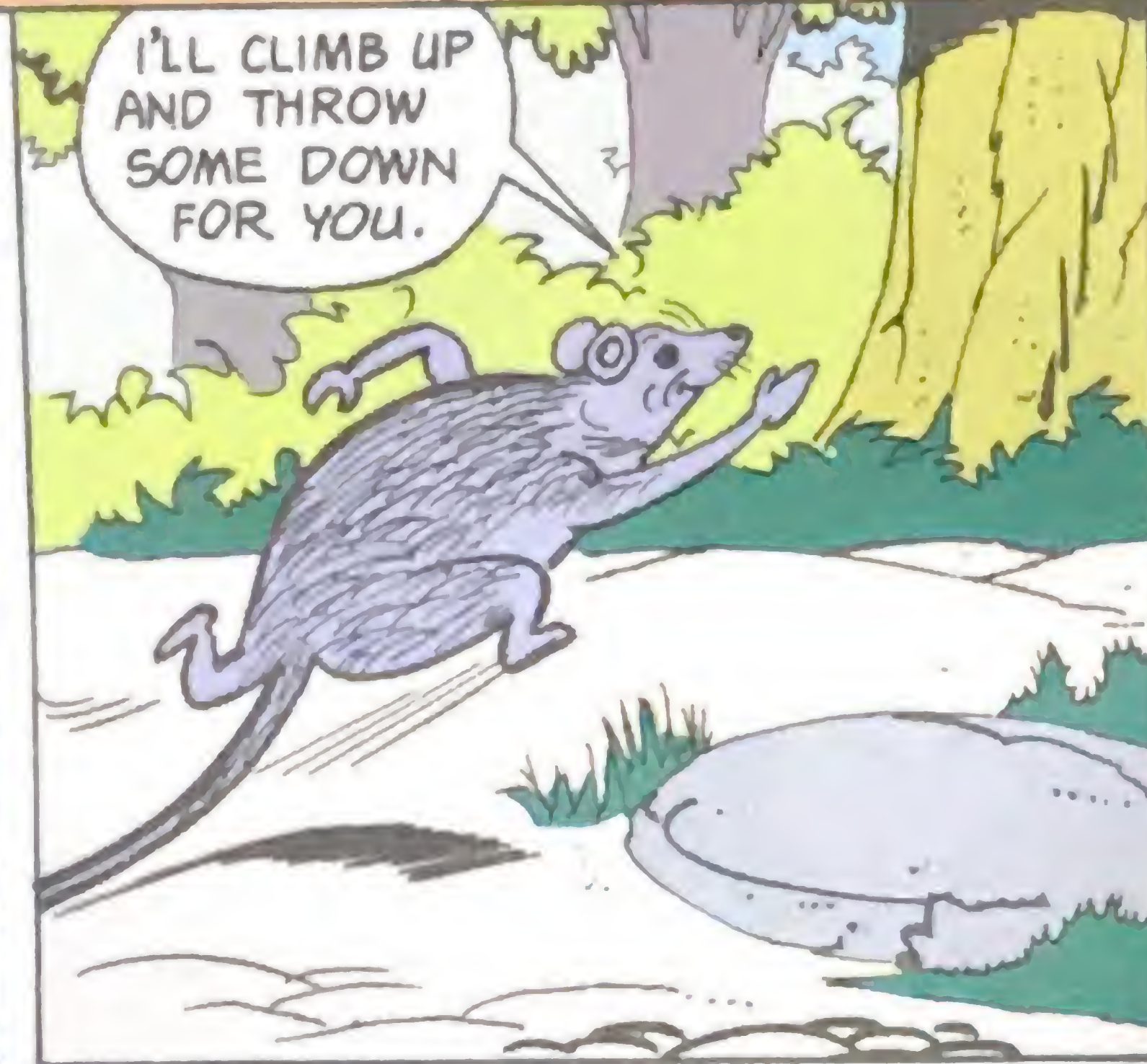


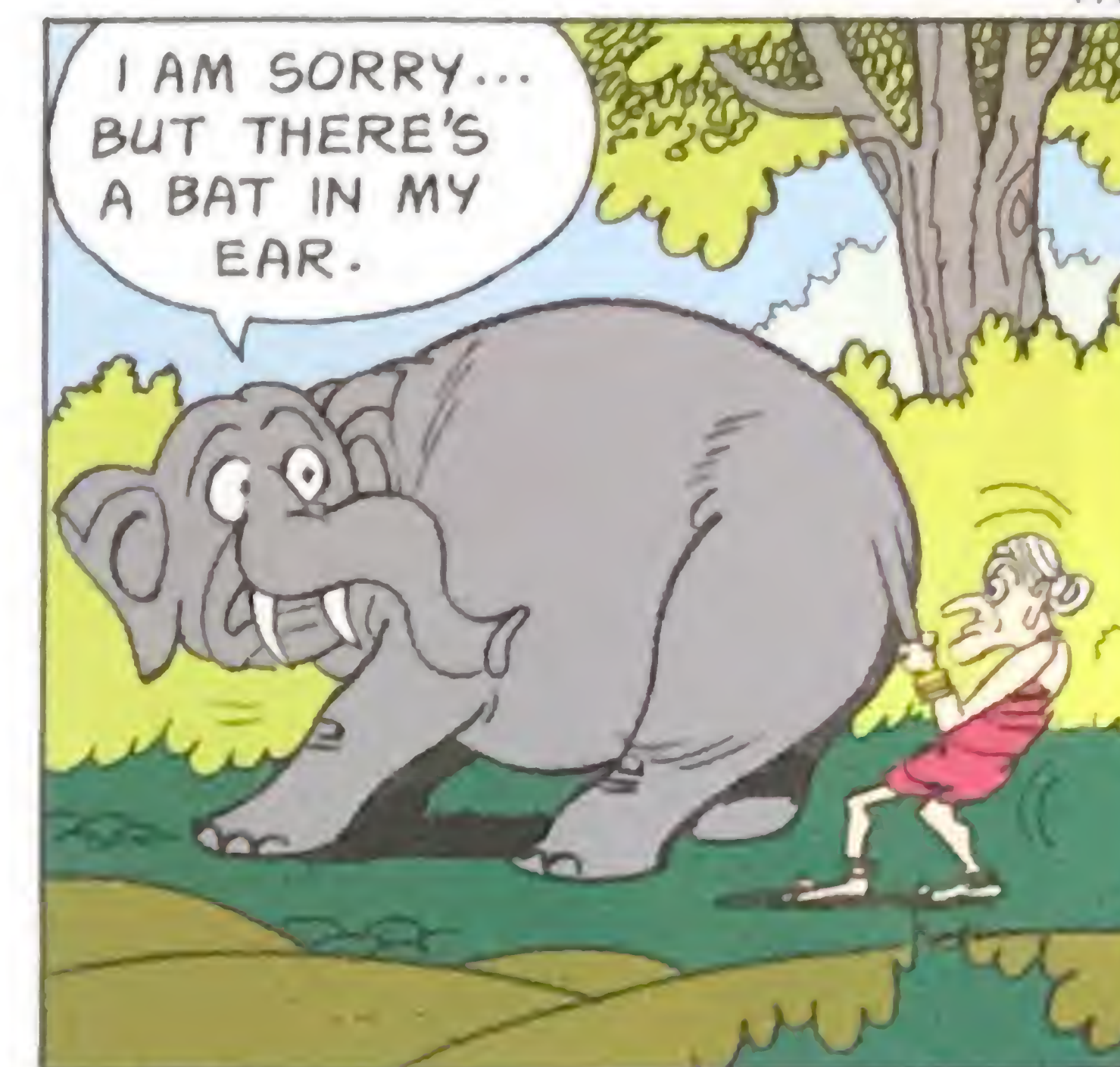
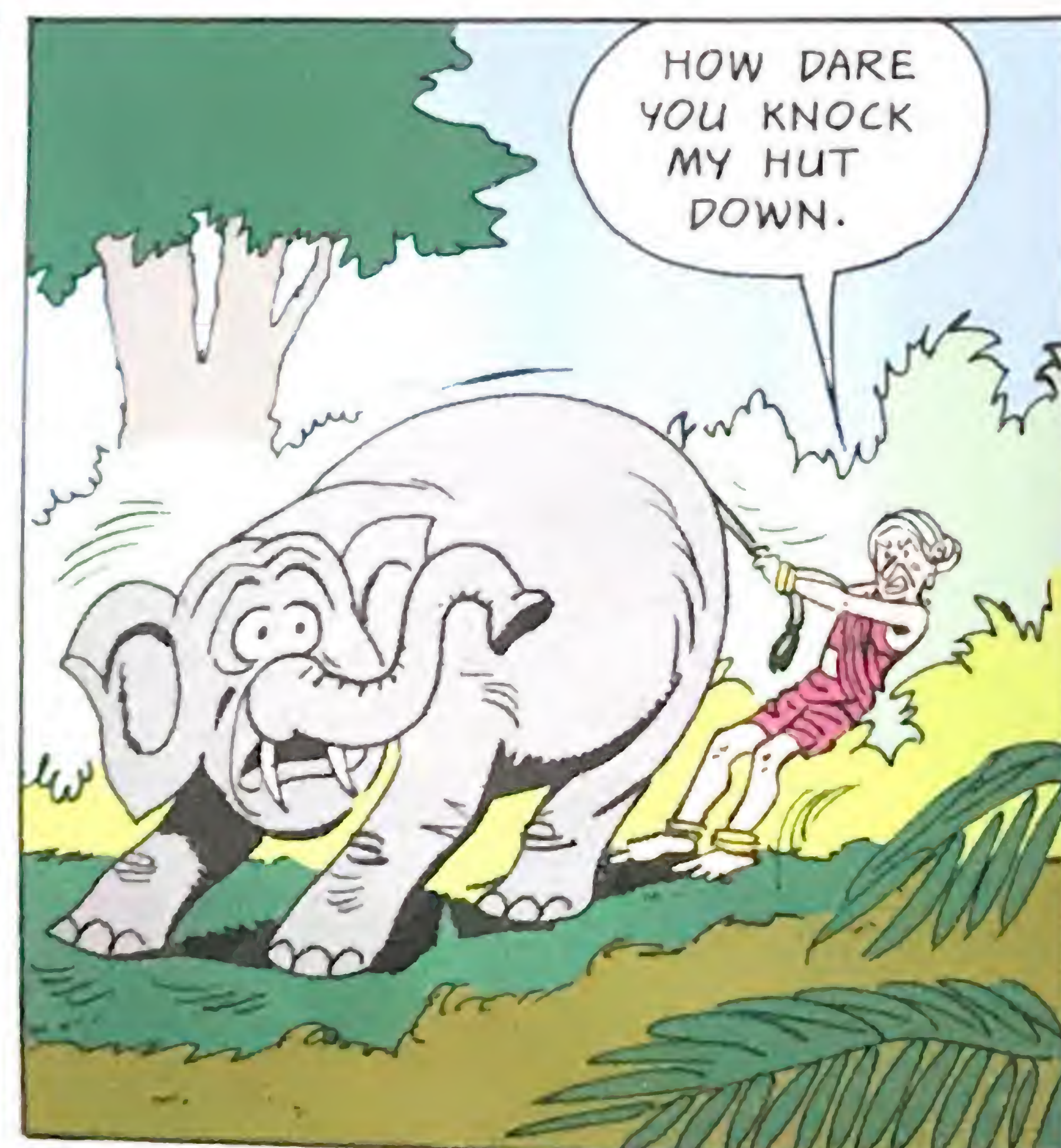
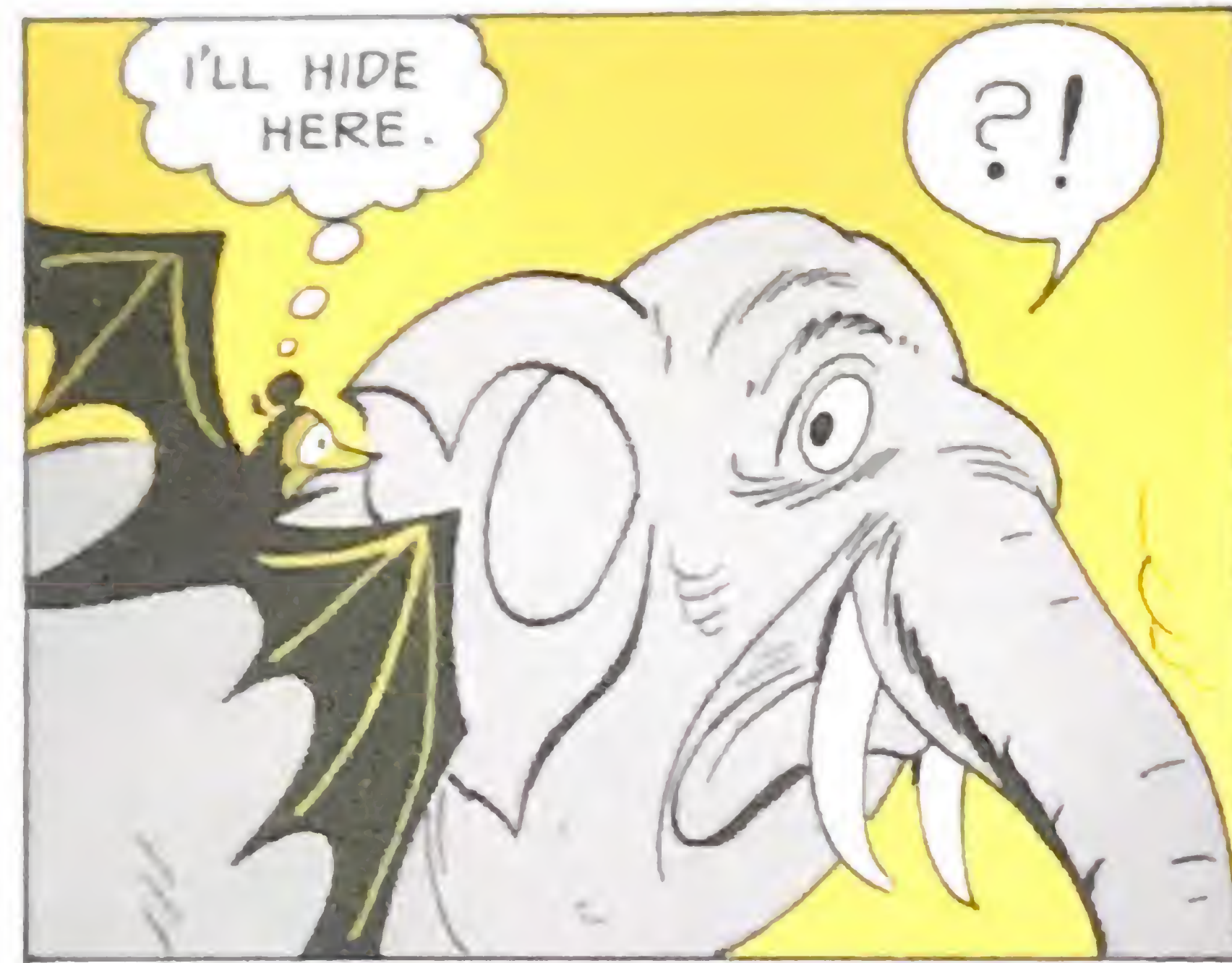
SINCE THAT DAY OWLS HAVE FLAT FACES AND TIGERS BLACK STRIPES ON THEIR BODIES.

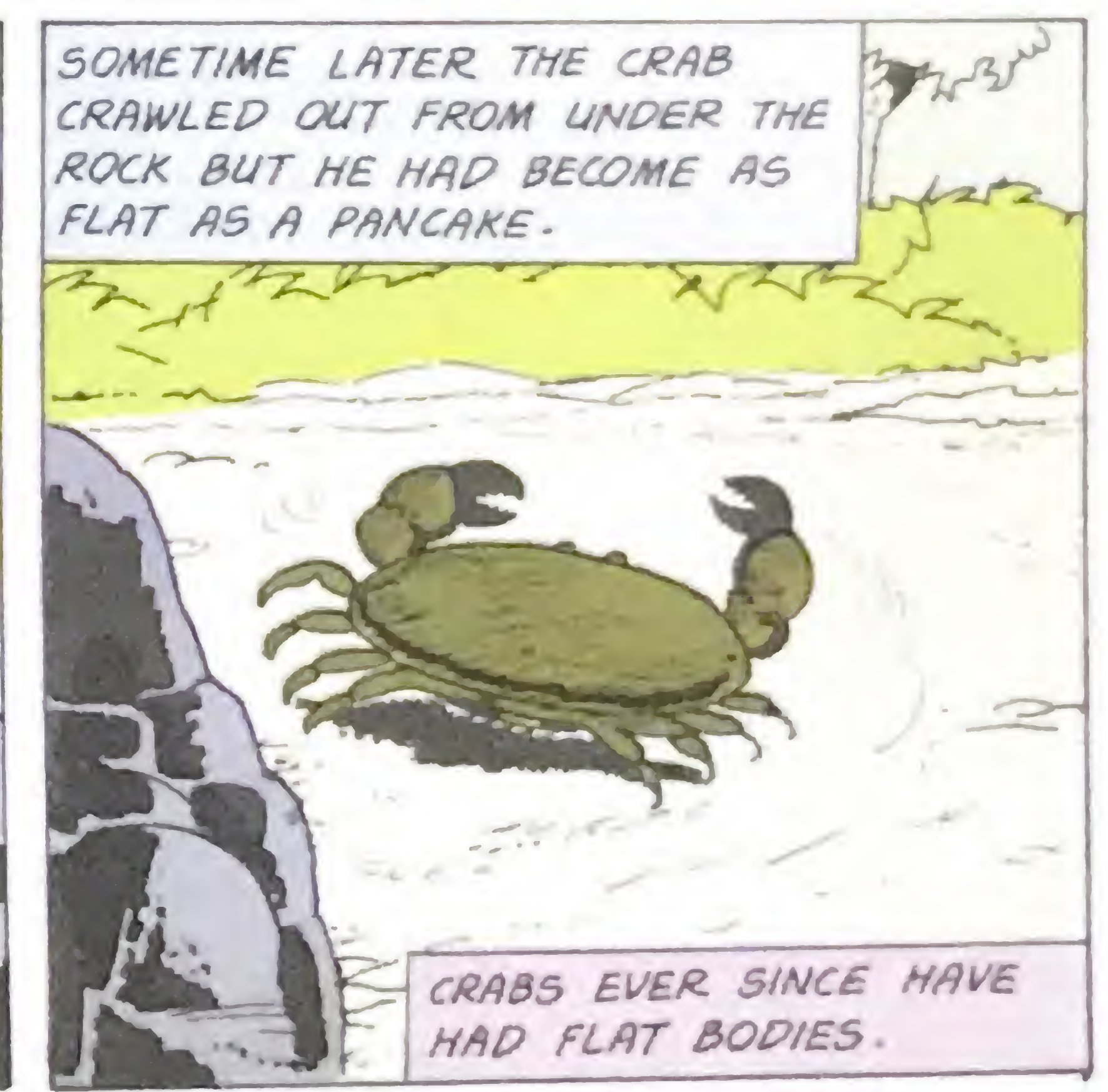
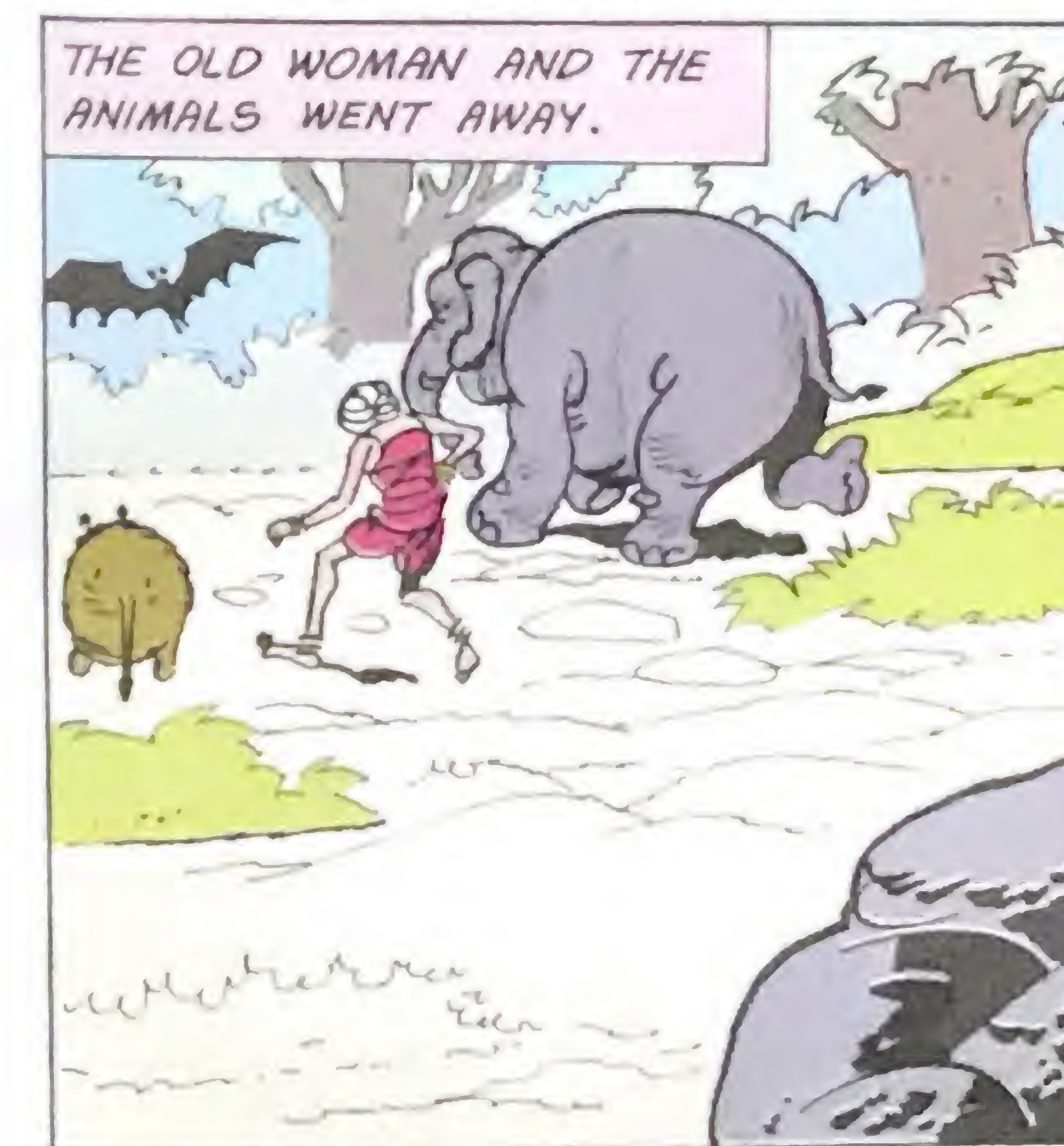
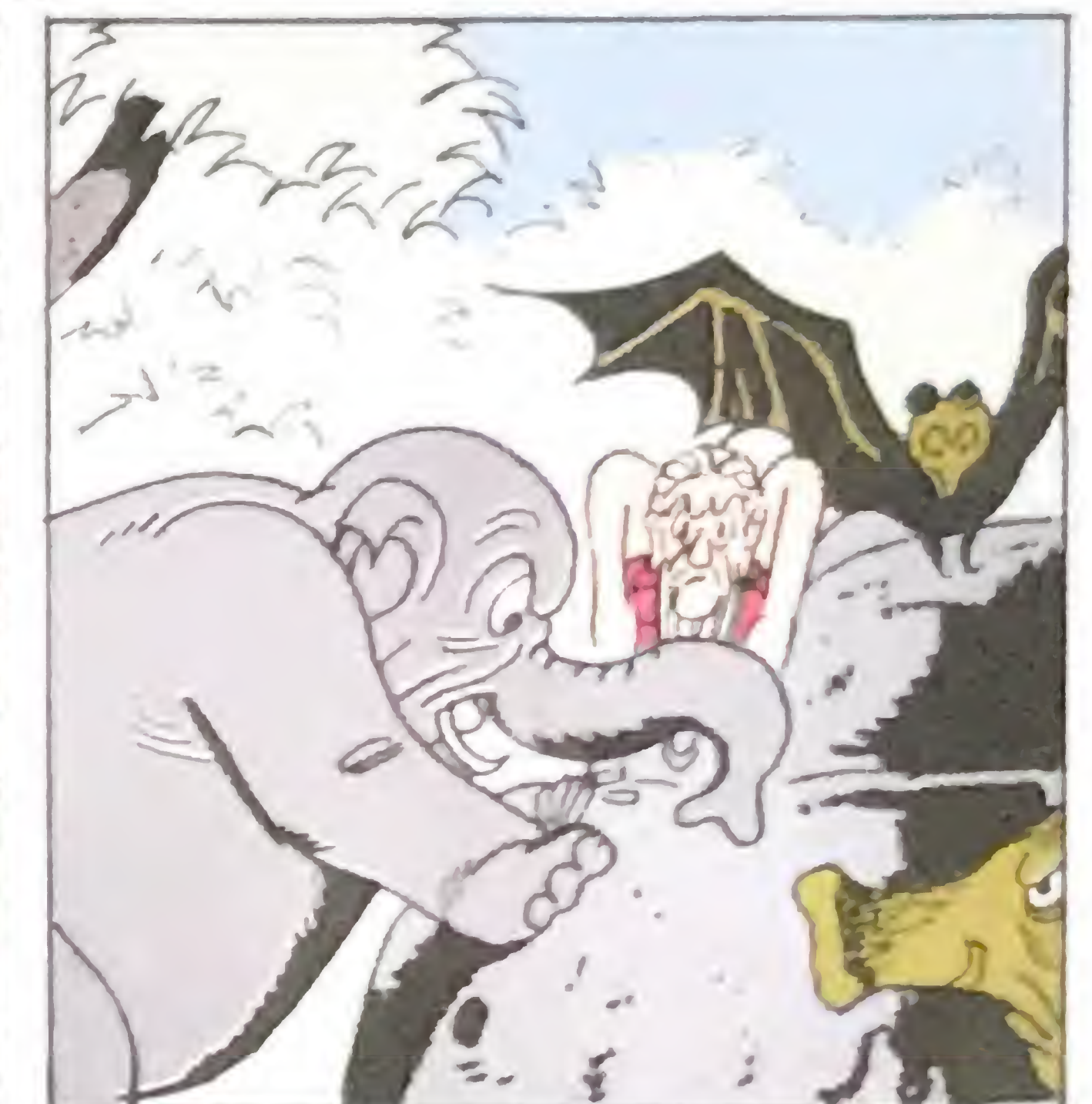
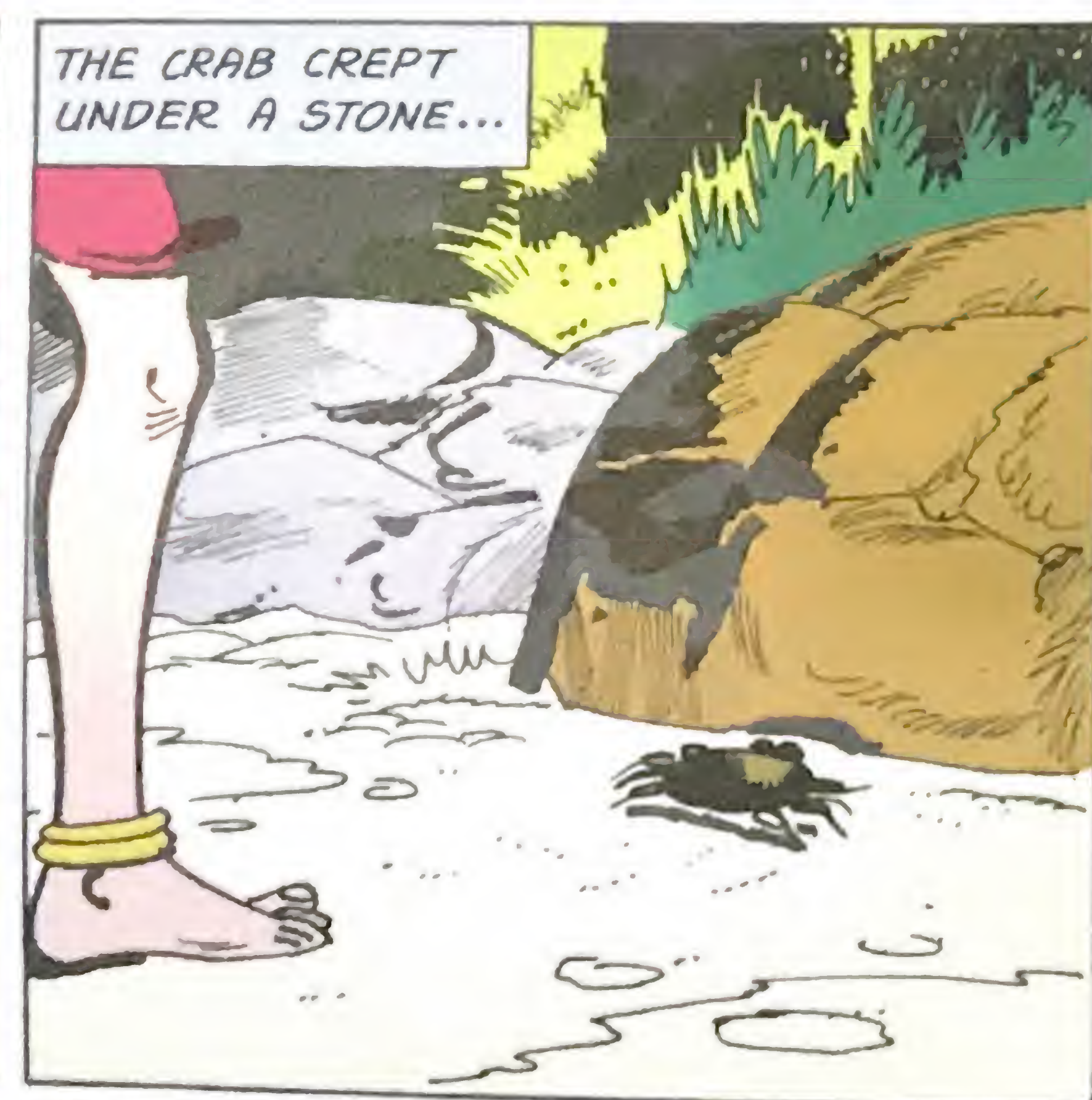
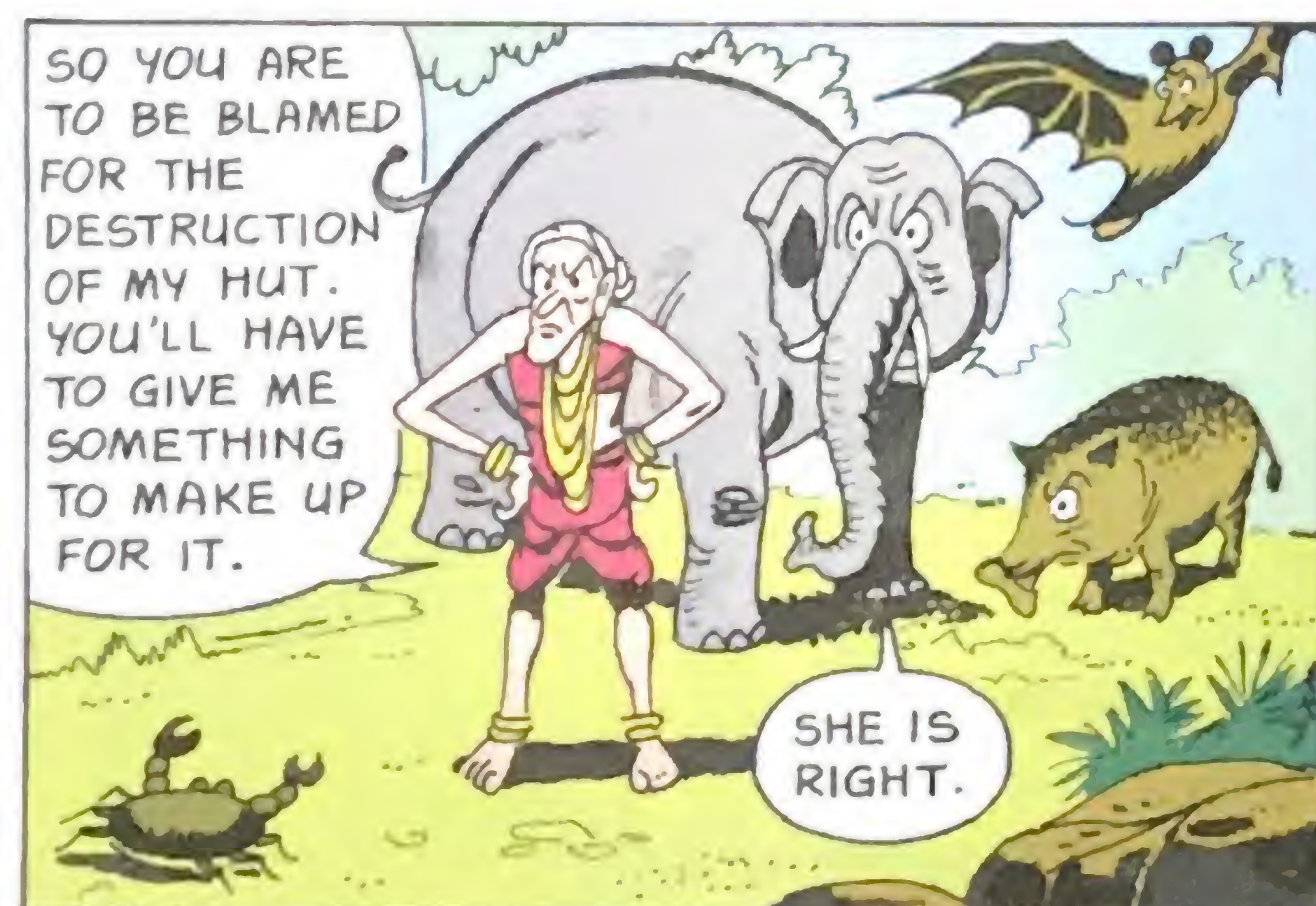
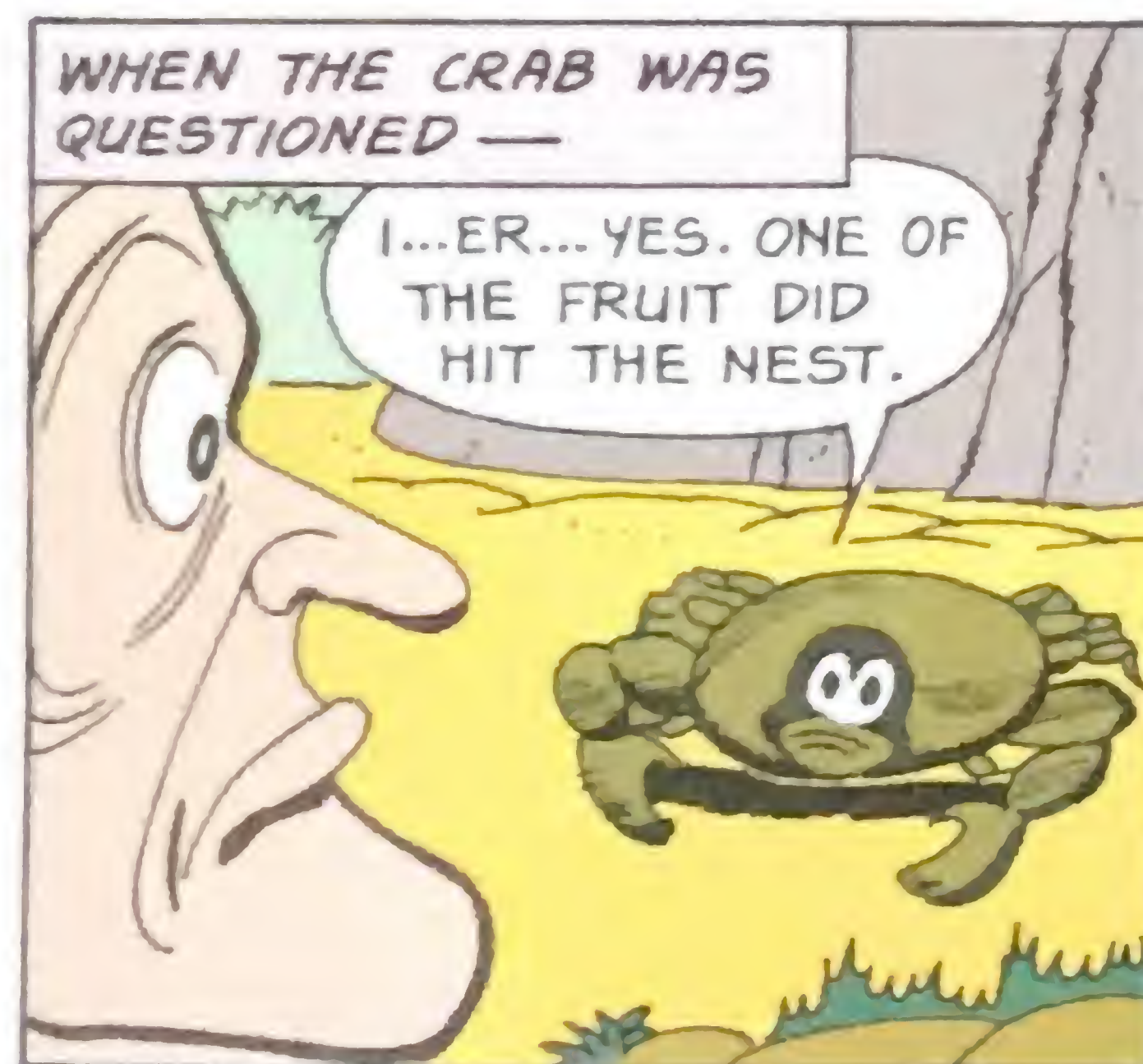
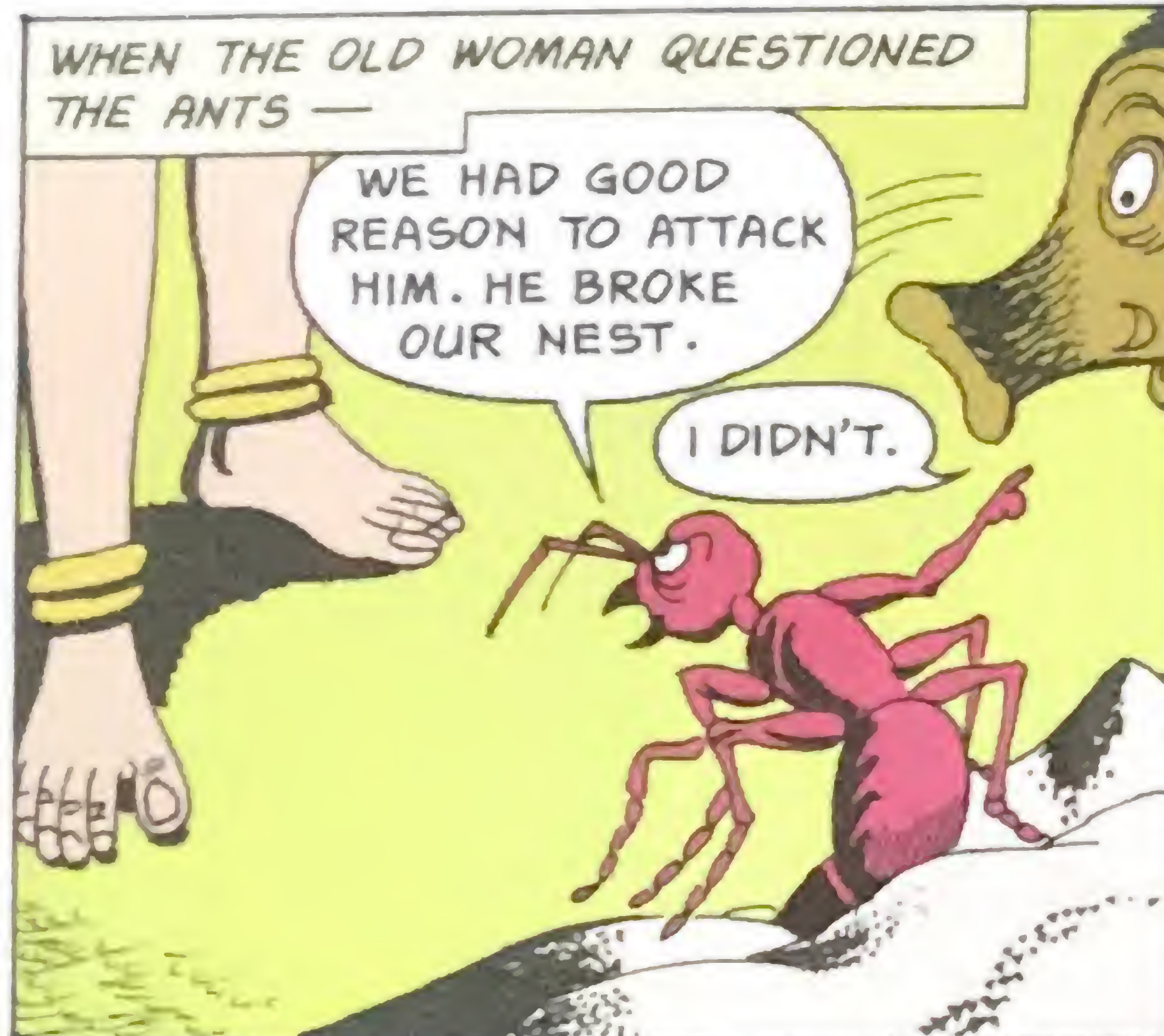


WHY CRABS HAVE FLAT BODIES

THERE ONCE LIVED A CRAB NEAR A RIVER. ONE DAY AS HE WAS LOOKING LONGINGLY AT THE FRUIT ON A TALL TREE, HIS FRIEND THE MOUSE CAME ALONG.

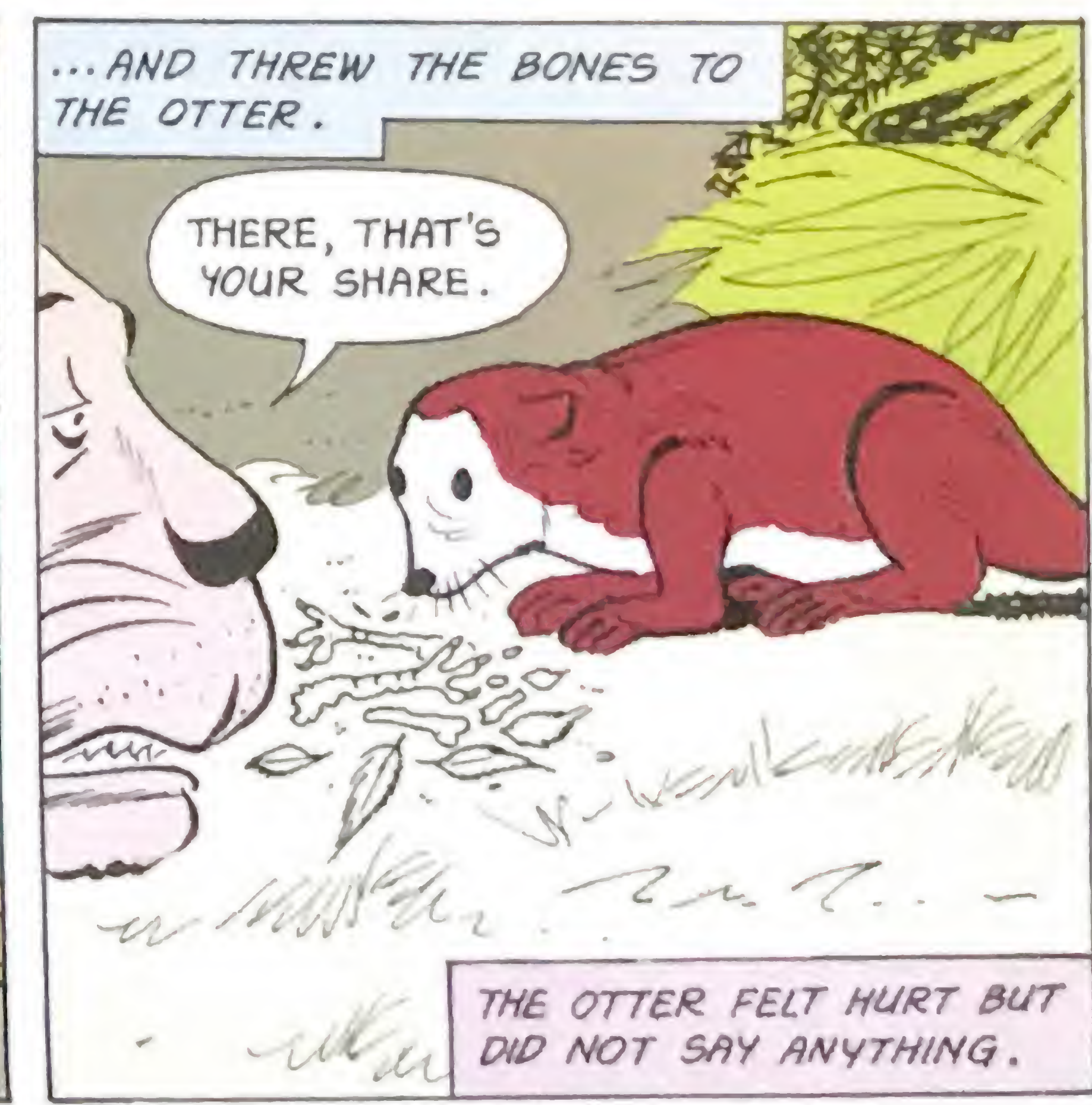
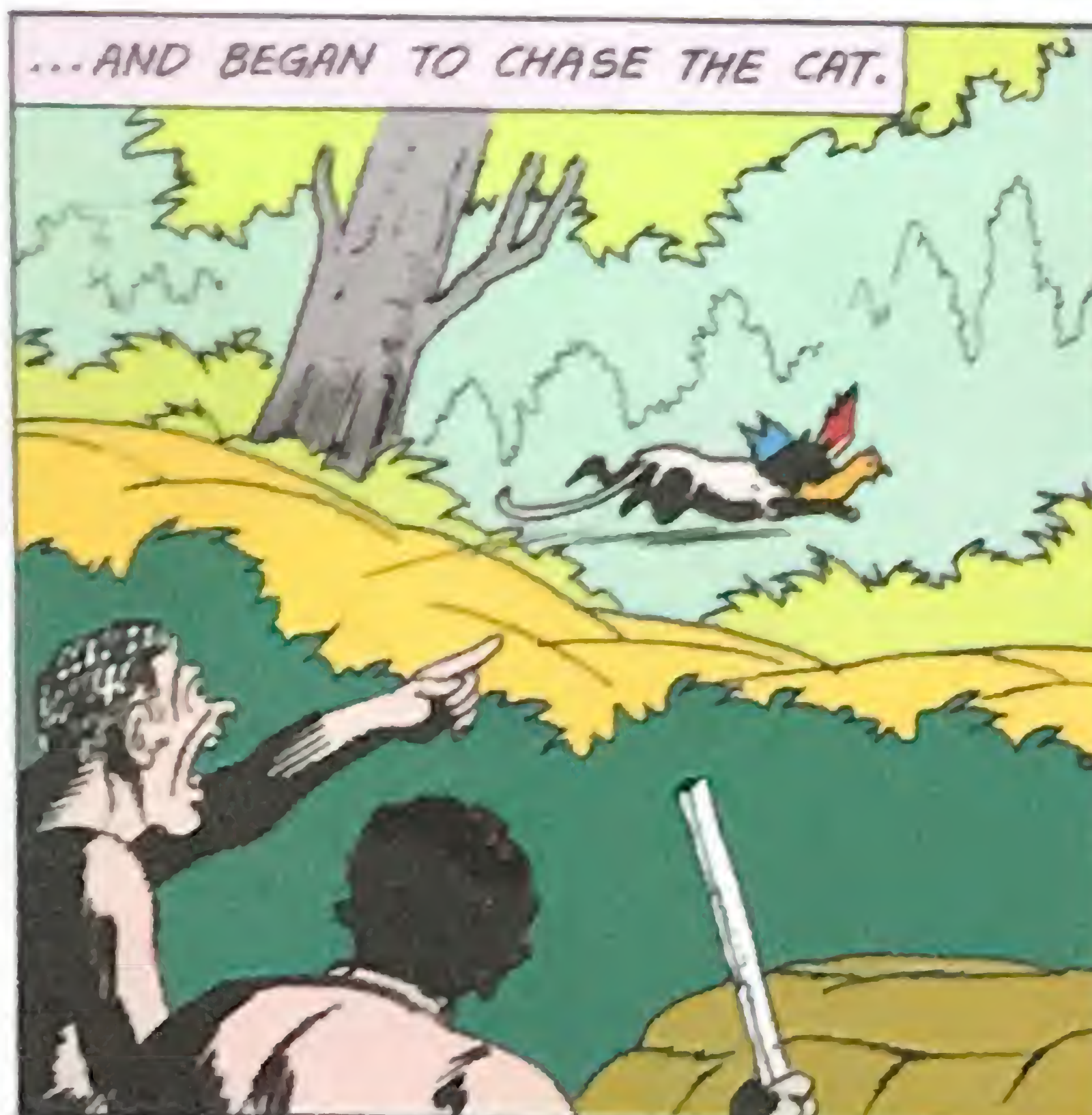


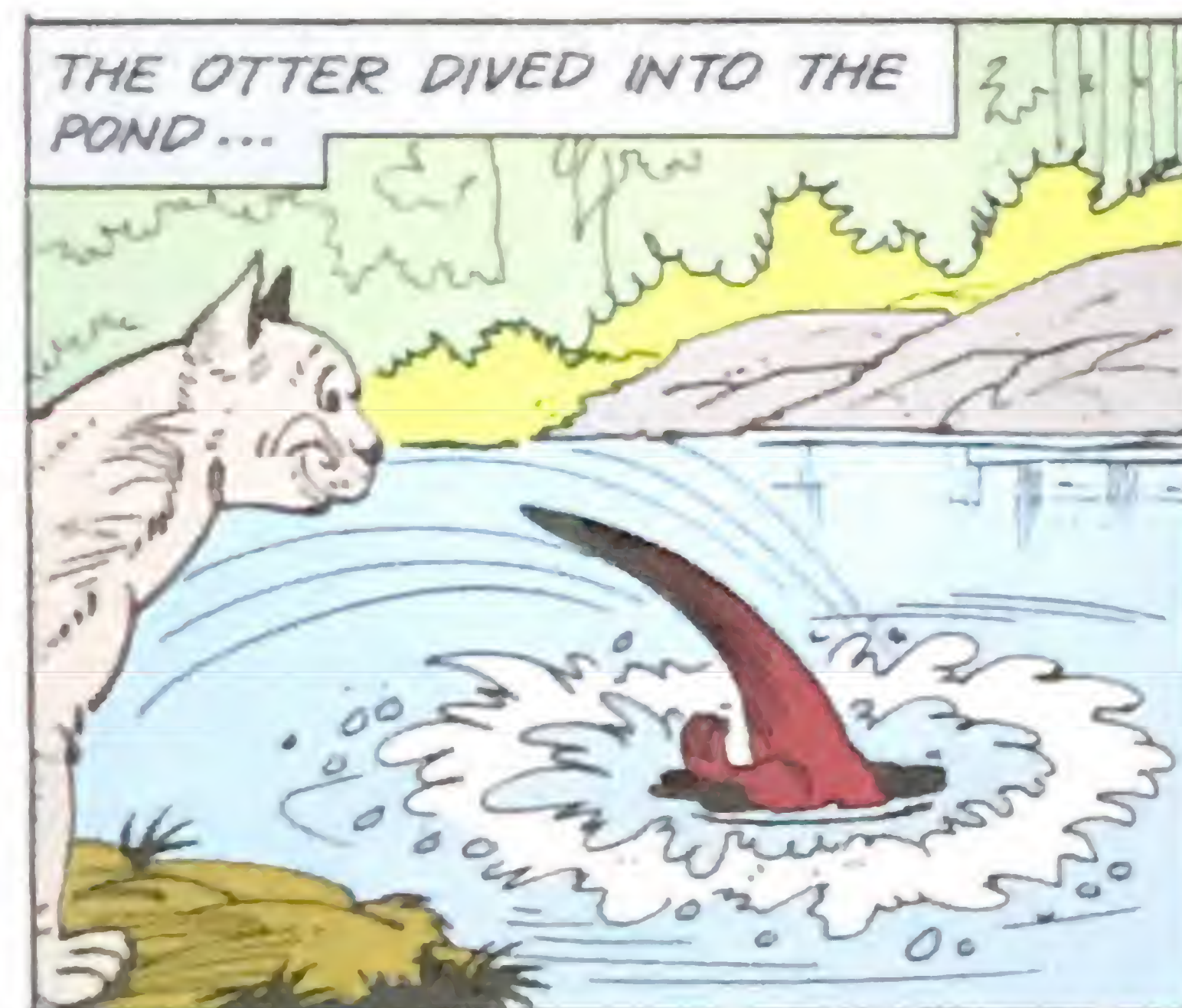




THE OTTER AND THE WILDCAT

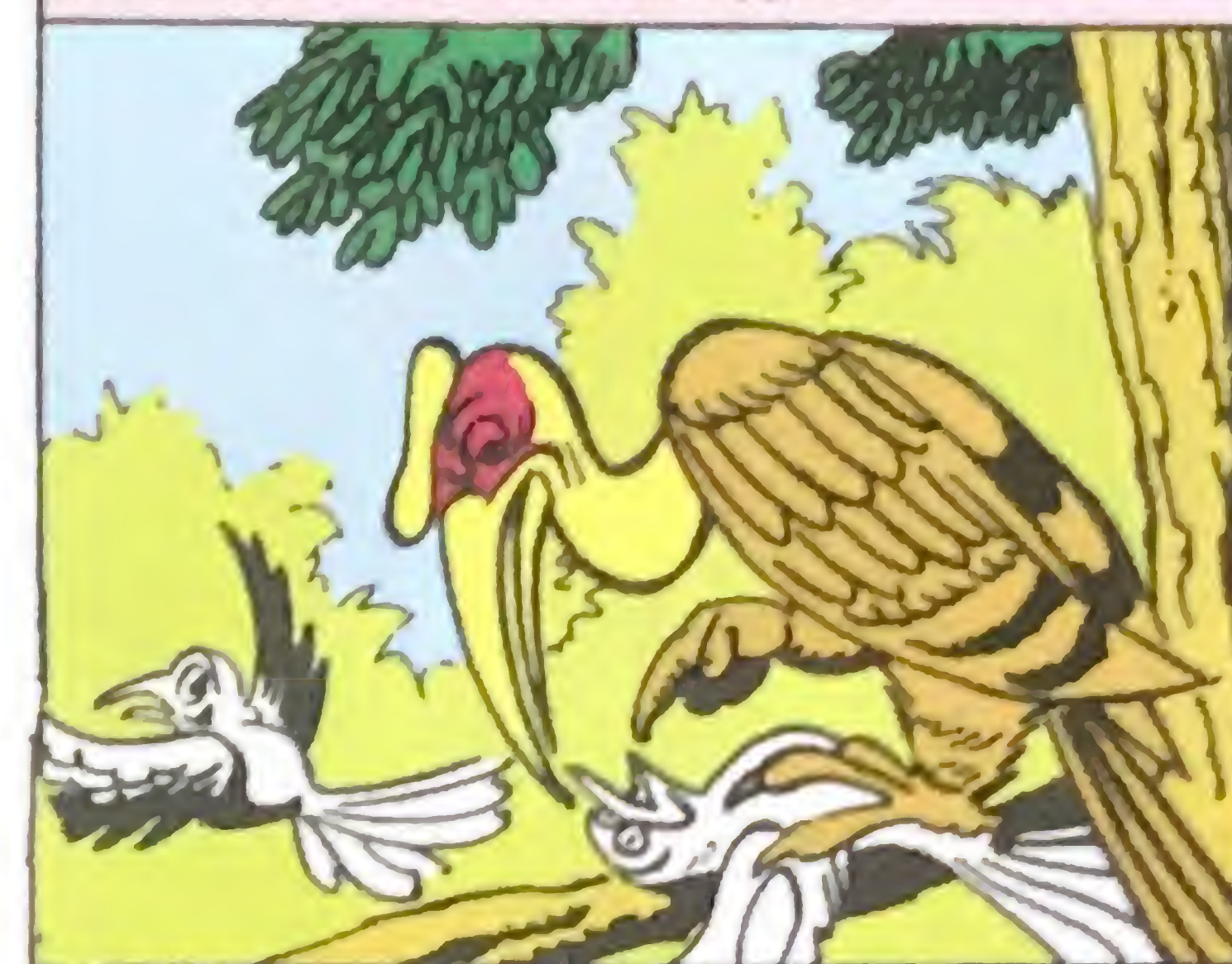
AN OTTER AND A WILDCAT HAD BECOME FRIENDS. ONE DAY THE OTTER ACCOMPANIED THE CAT TO A VILLAGE.





THE BULBUL AND THE HORNBILL

THE HORNBILL WAS ONCE THE KING OF THE BIRDS. BUT HE USED TO KILL SMALLER BIRDS IF THEY MADE THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE.



SO ONE DAY ALL THE BIRDS GOT TOGETHER AND DECIDED THAT THEY MUST HAVE A NEW KING. THEIR CHOICE FELL ON THE BULBUL.





TELL ME WHICH BRANCH I SHOULD SIT ON.



THAT'S THE BRANCH.

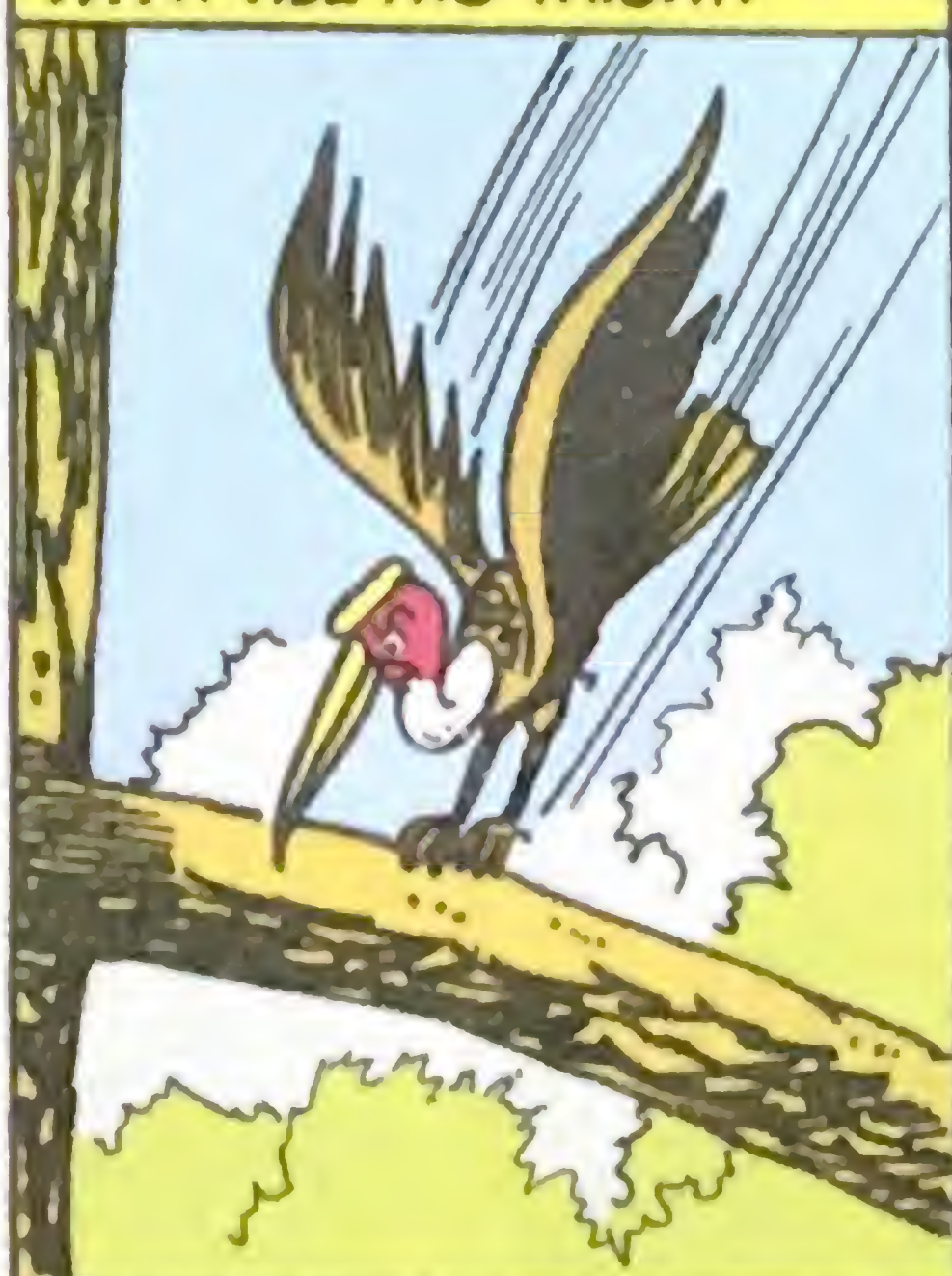


IF I CANNOT BREAK THE BRANCH WHO CAN?

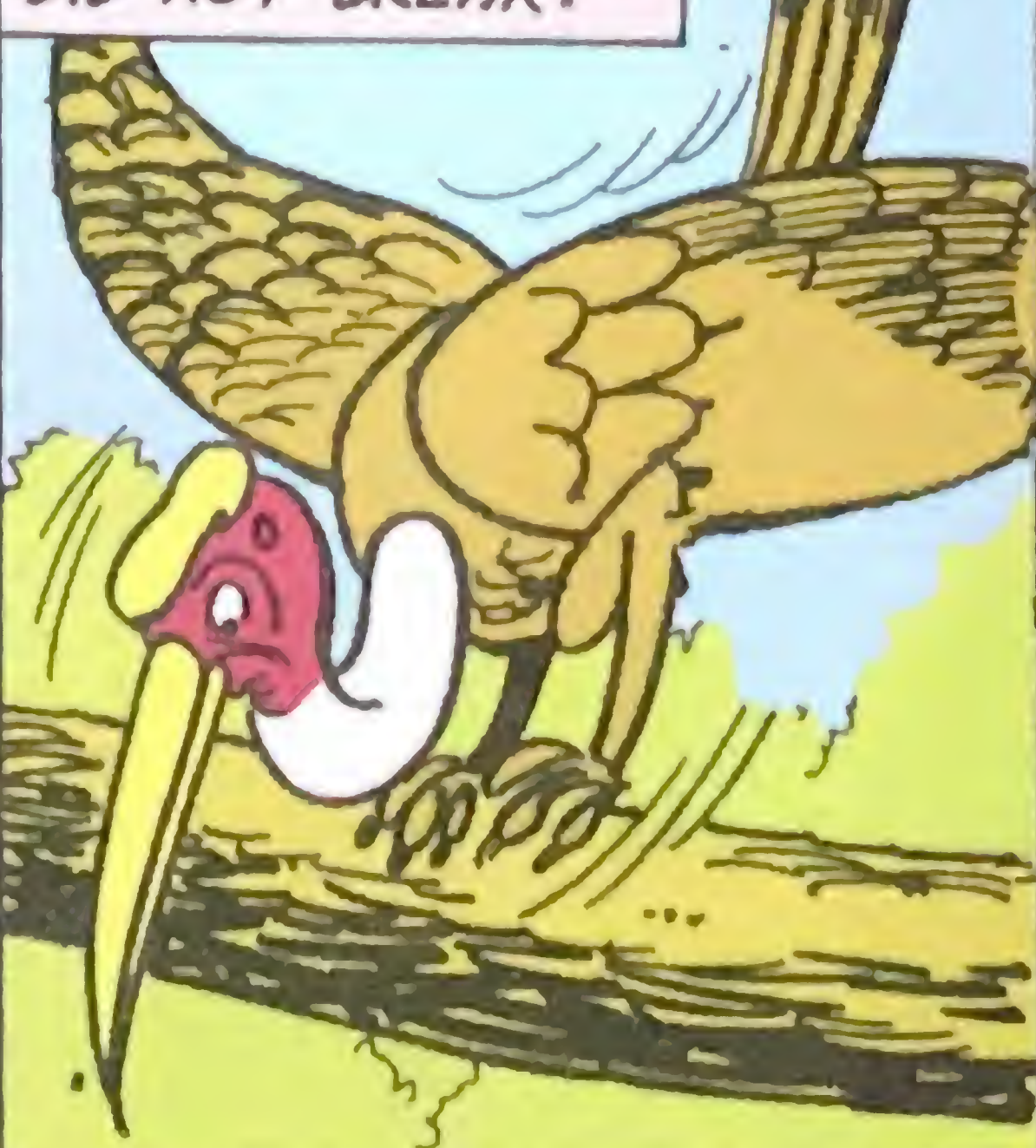
THE HORNBILL FLEW UP TO IT...



...AND LANDED ON IT WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.



BUT THE BRANCH DID NOT BREAK.

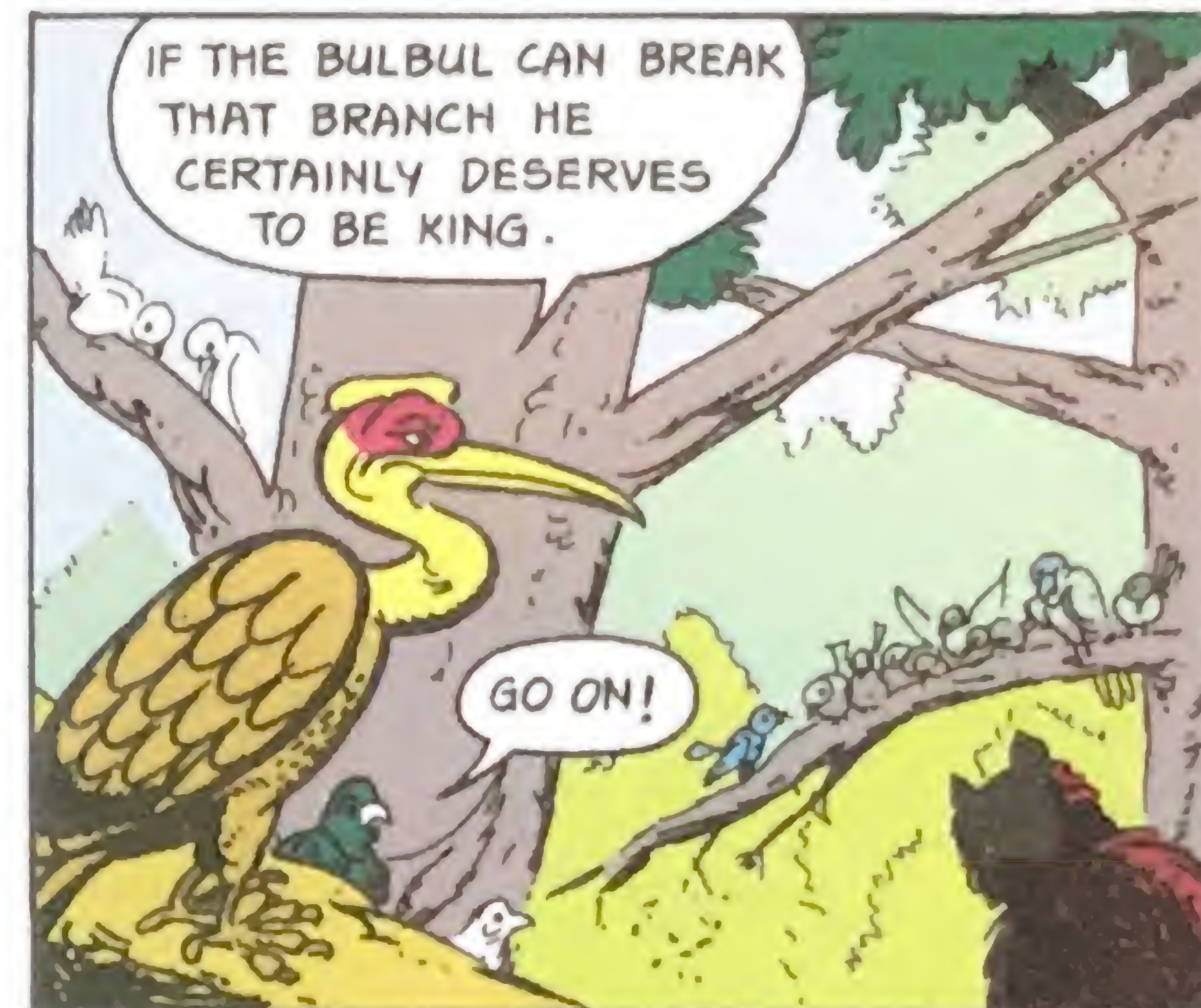


REMEMBER, ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE CONTEST MUST SIT ON AN EQUALLY THICK BRANCH.



THE BULBUL IS THE NEXT CONTESTANT. IS THE BRANCH OVER THERE THICK ENOUGH?

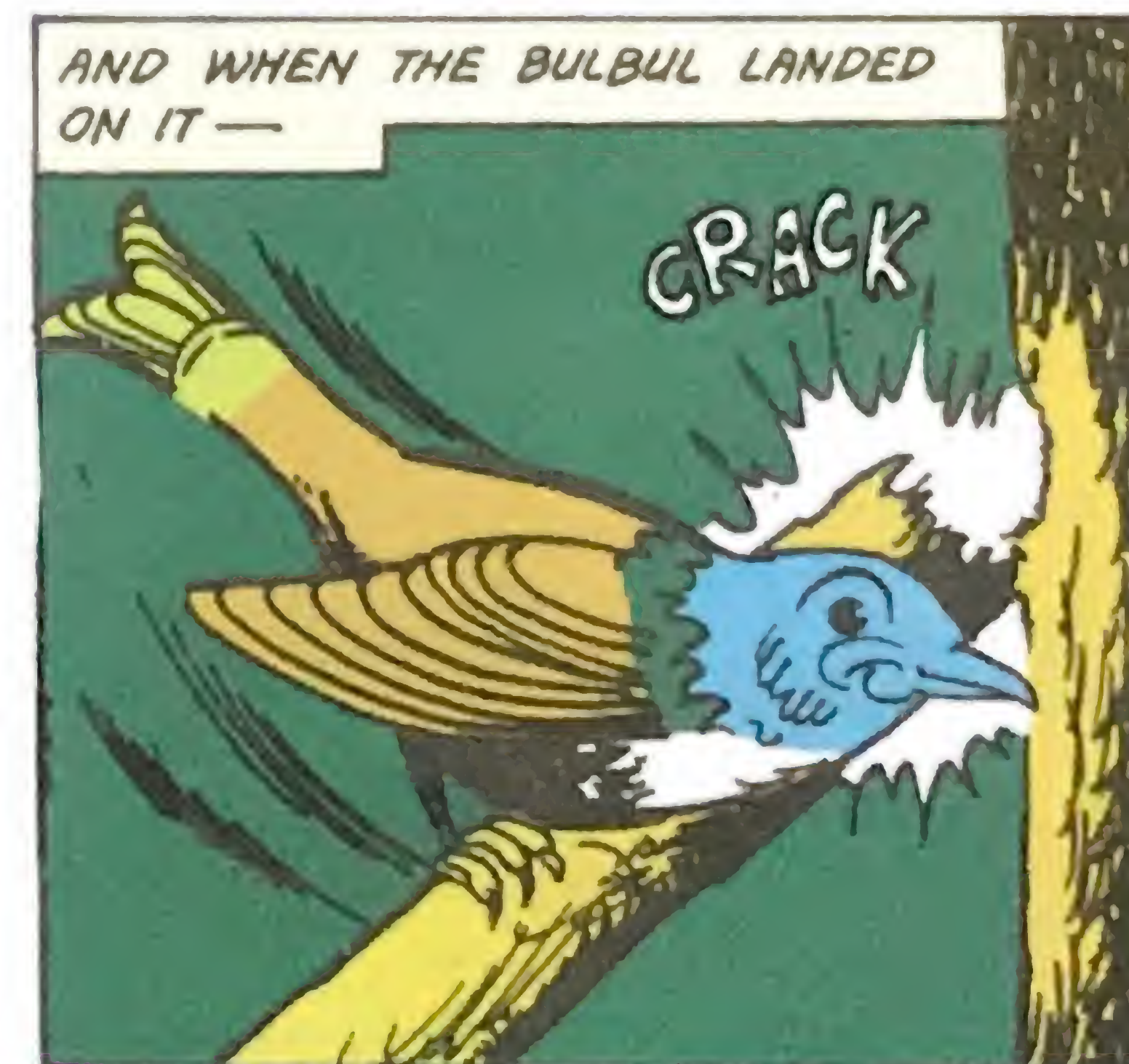
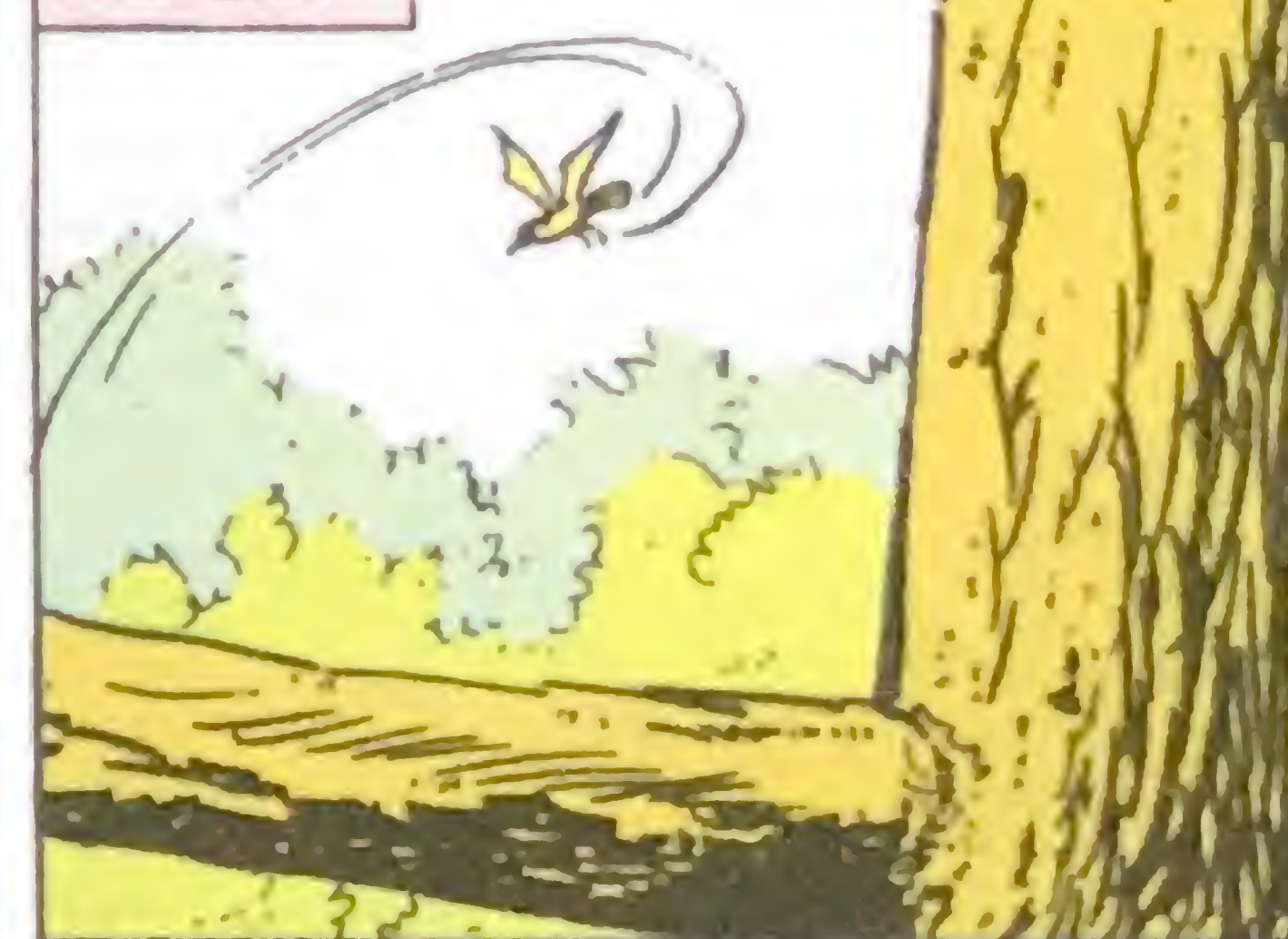
THAT BRANCH IS EVEN THICKER THAN THIS.



IF THE BULBUL CAN BREAK THAT BRANCH HE CERTAINLY DESERVES TO BE KING.

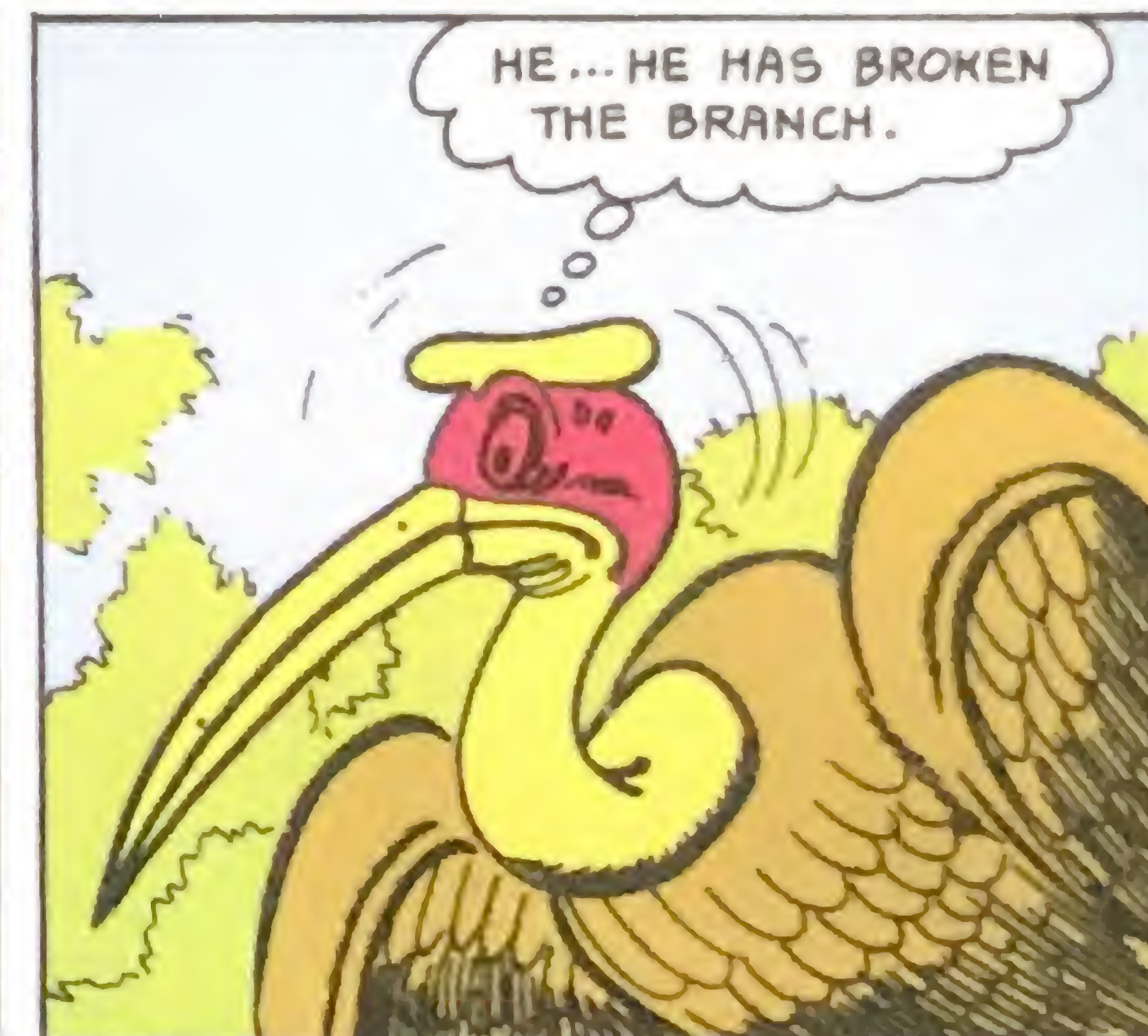
GO ON!

WHAT THE HORNBILL DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT THE BRANCH ON WHICH THE BULBUL WAS TO SIT HAD BEEN BORED THROUGH BY THE WOOD-PECKER.

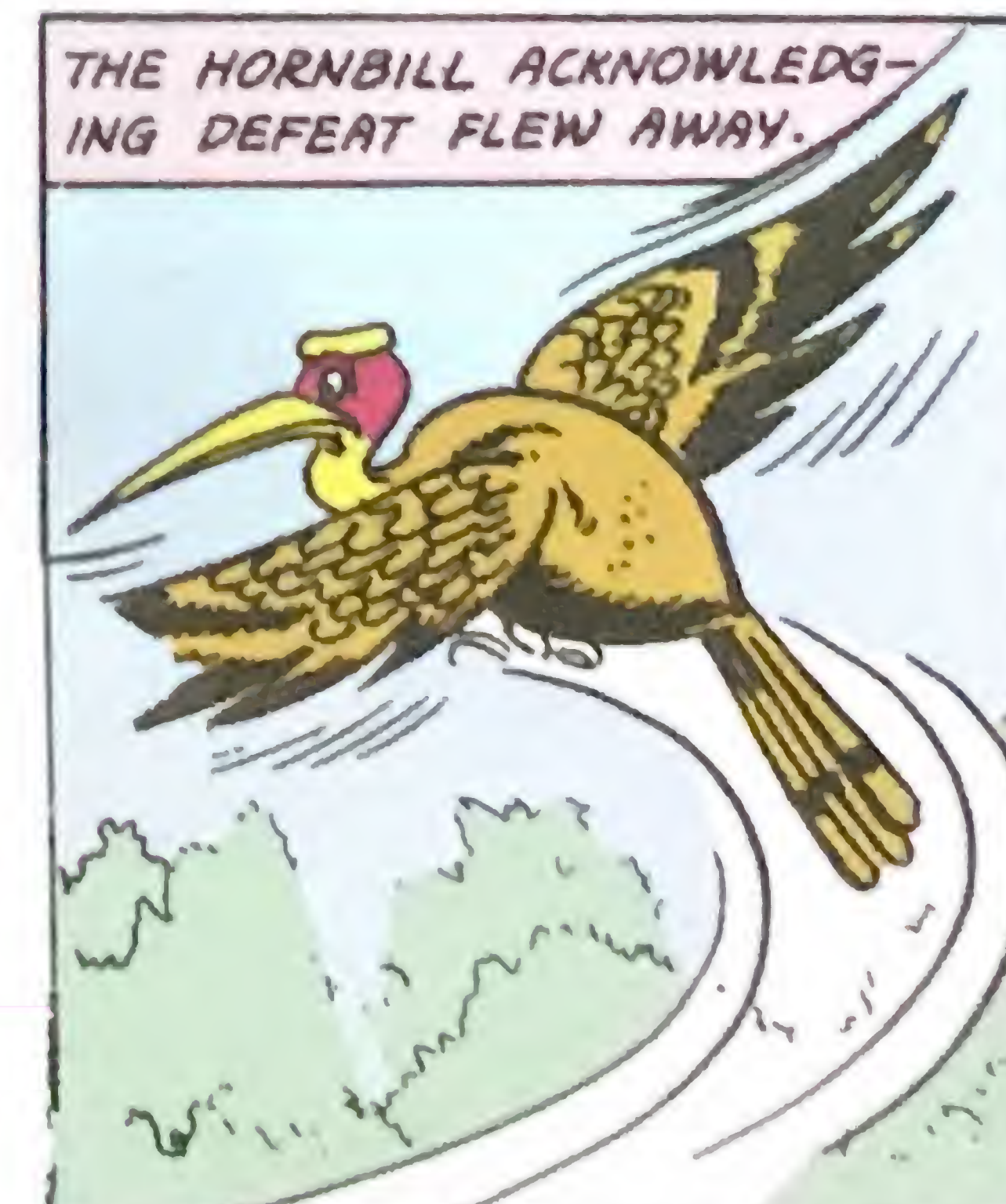


AND WHEN THE BULBUL LANDED ON IT —

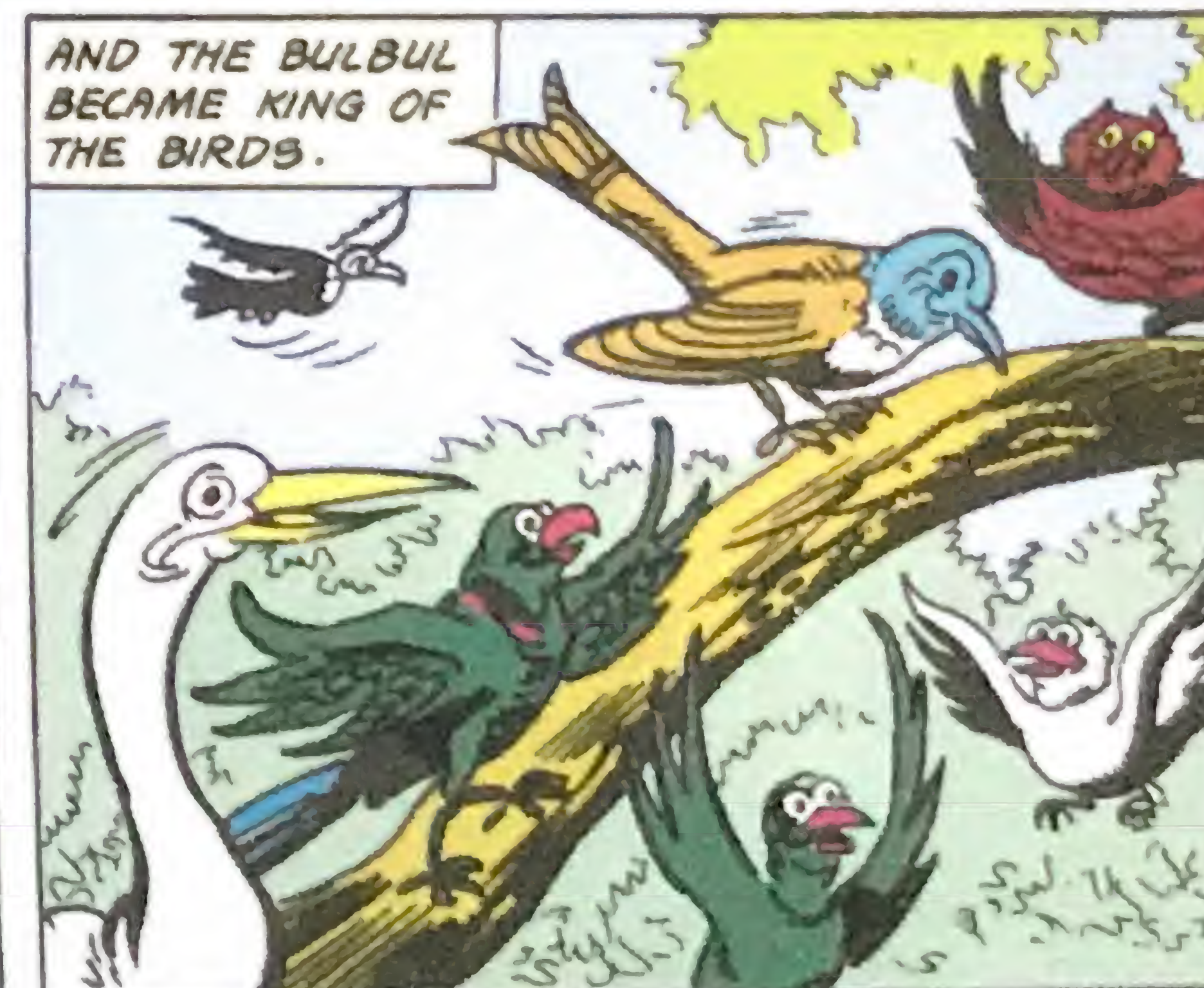
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HE... HE HAS BROKEN THE BRANCH.



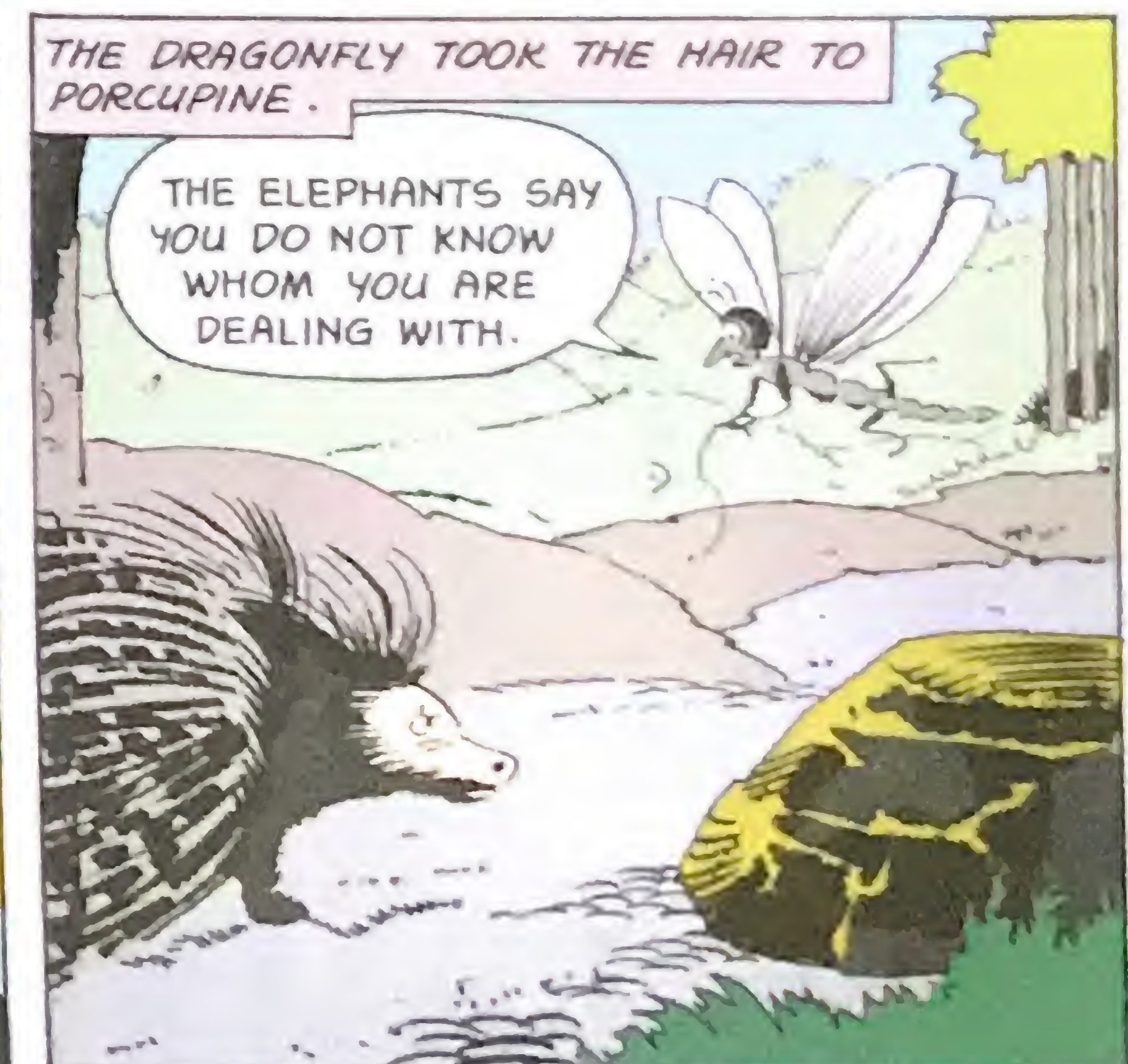
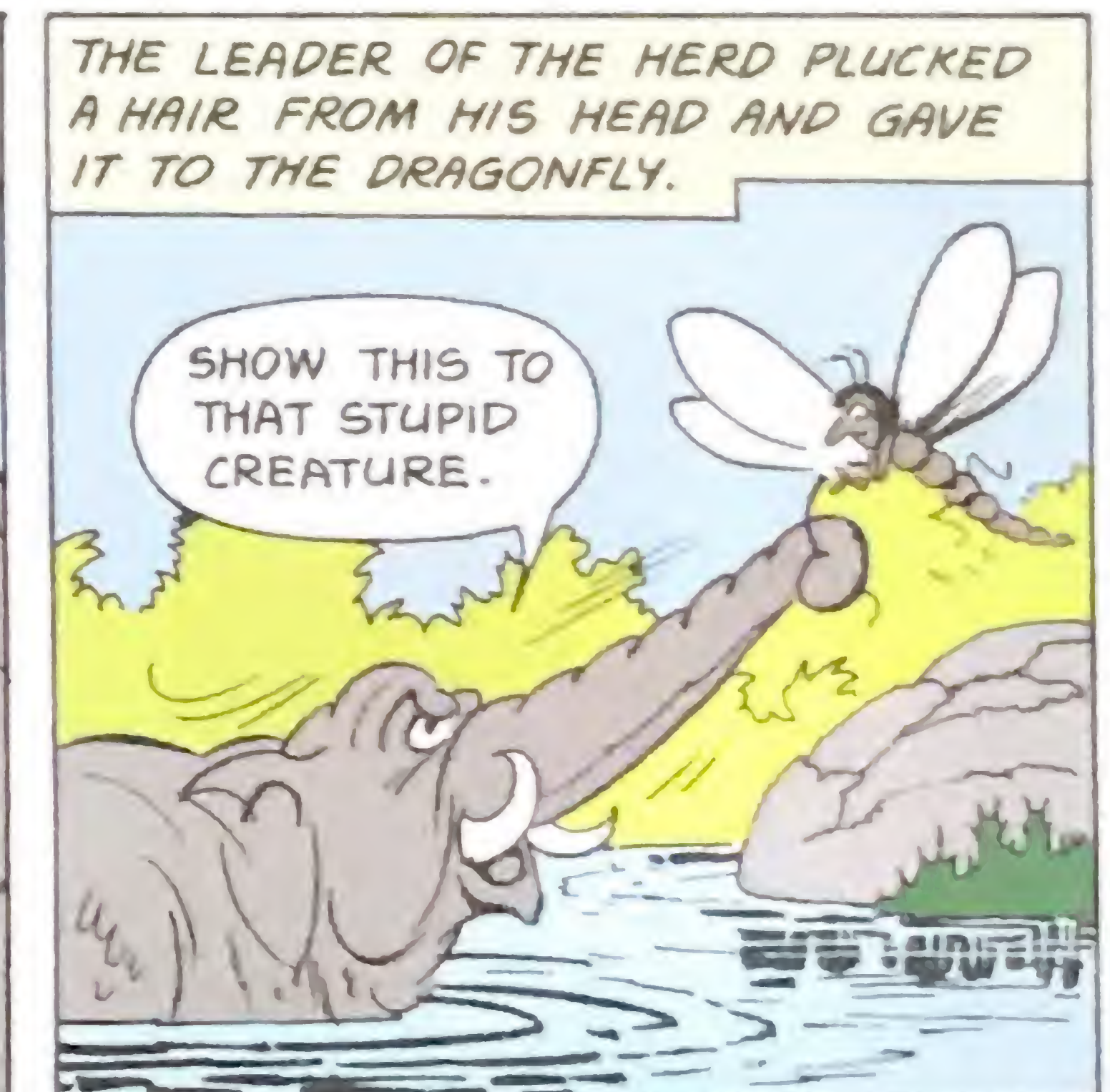
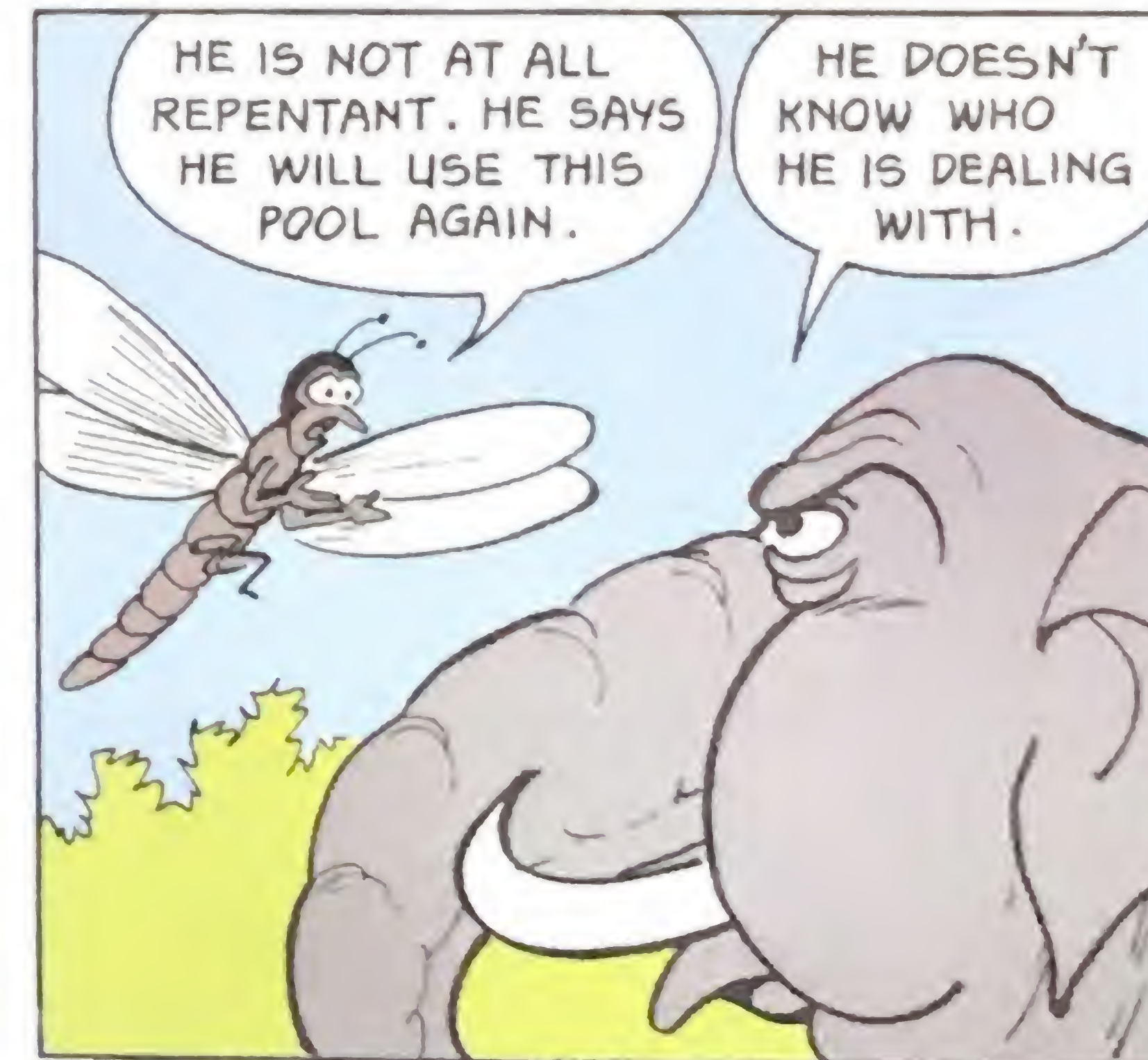
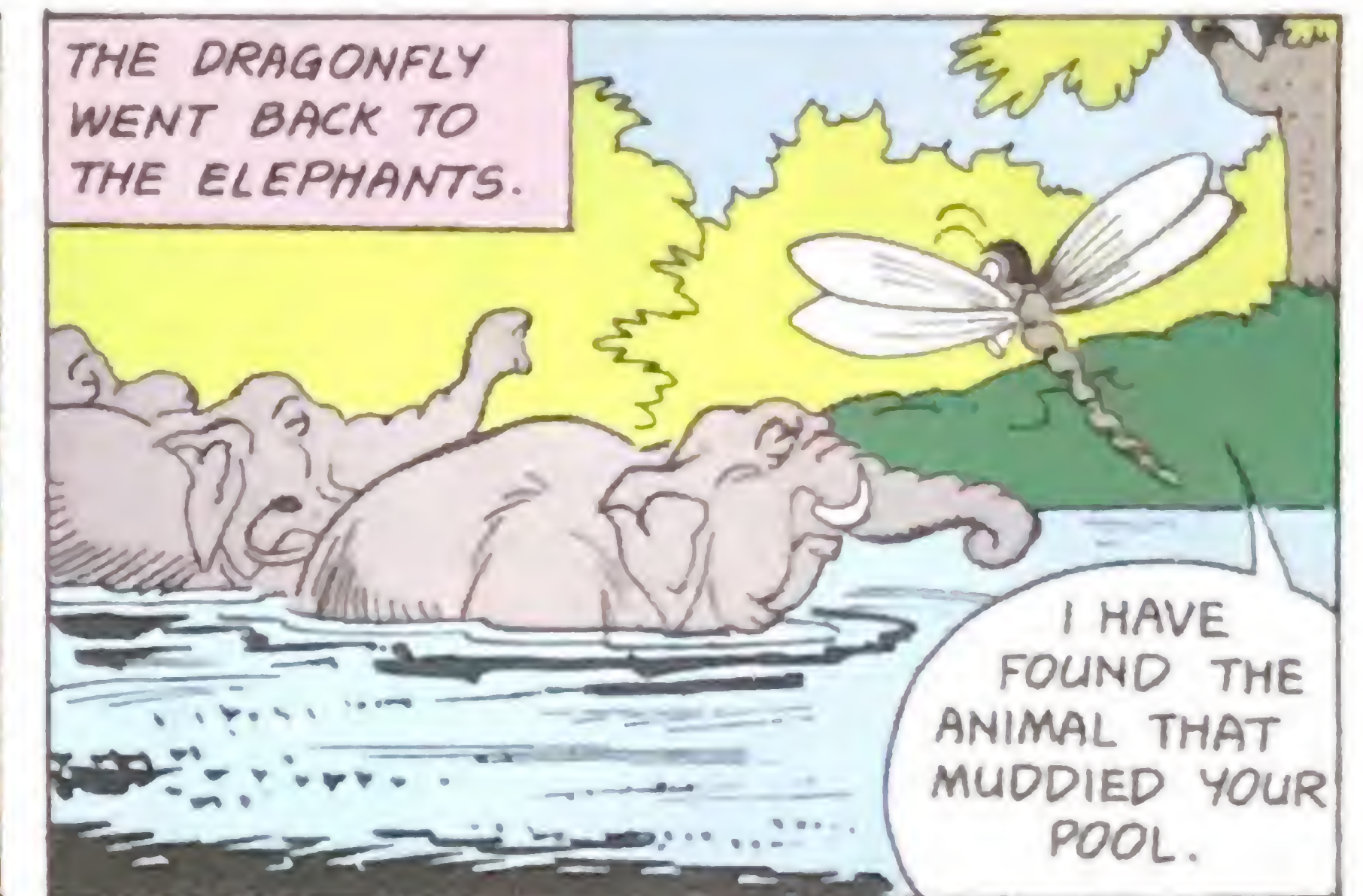
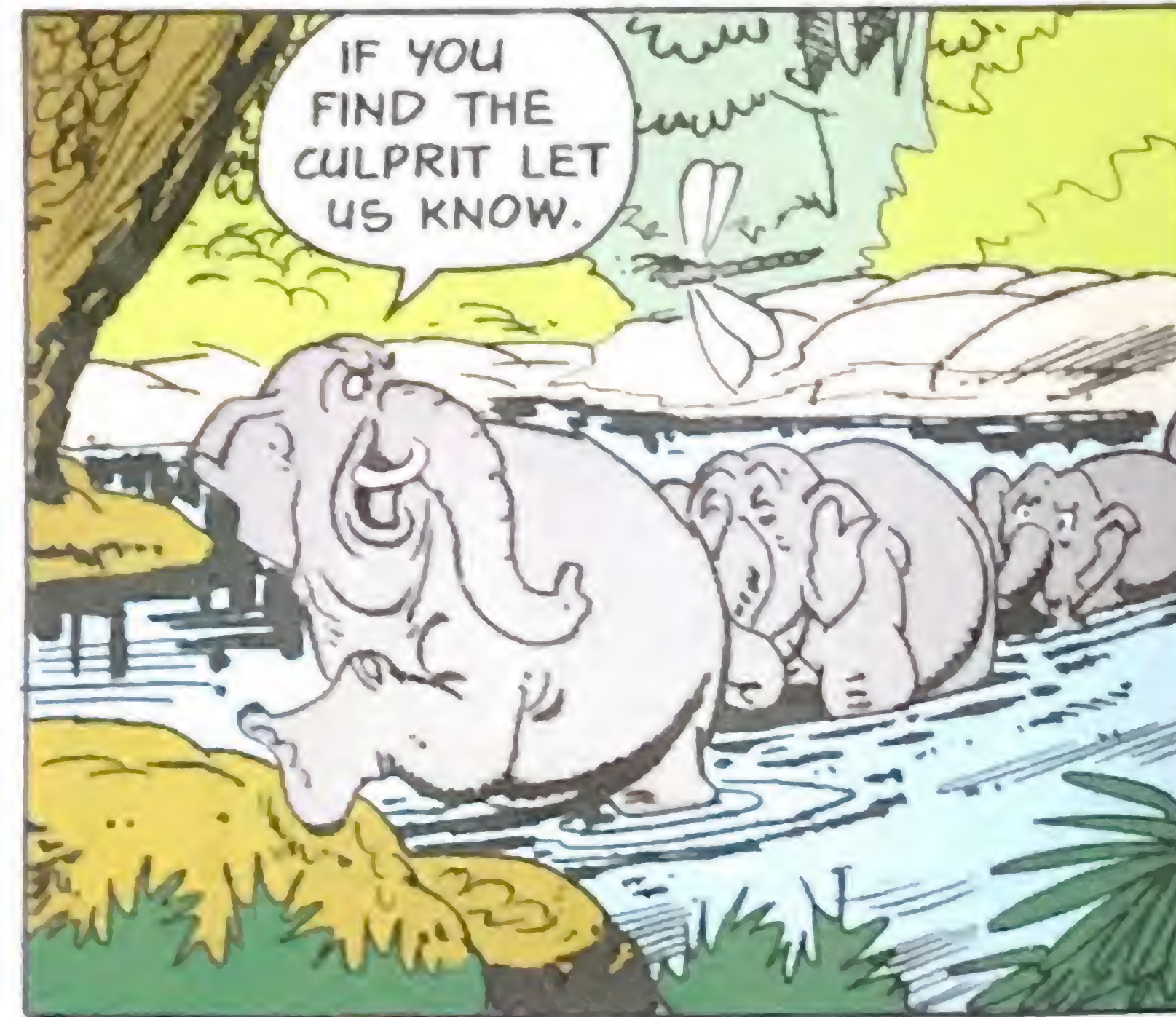
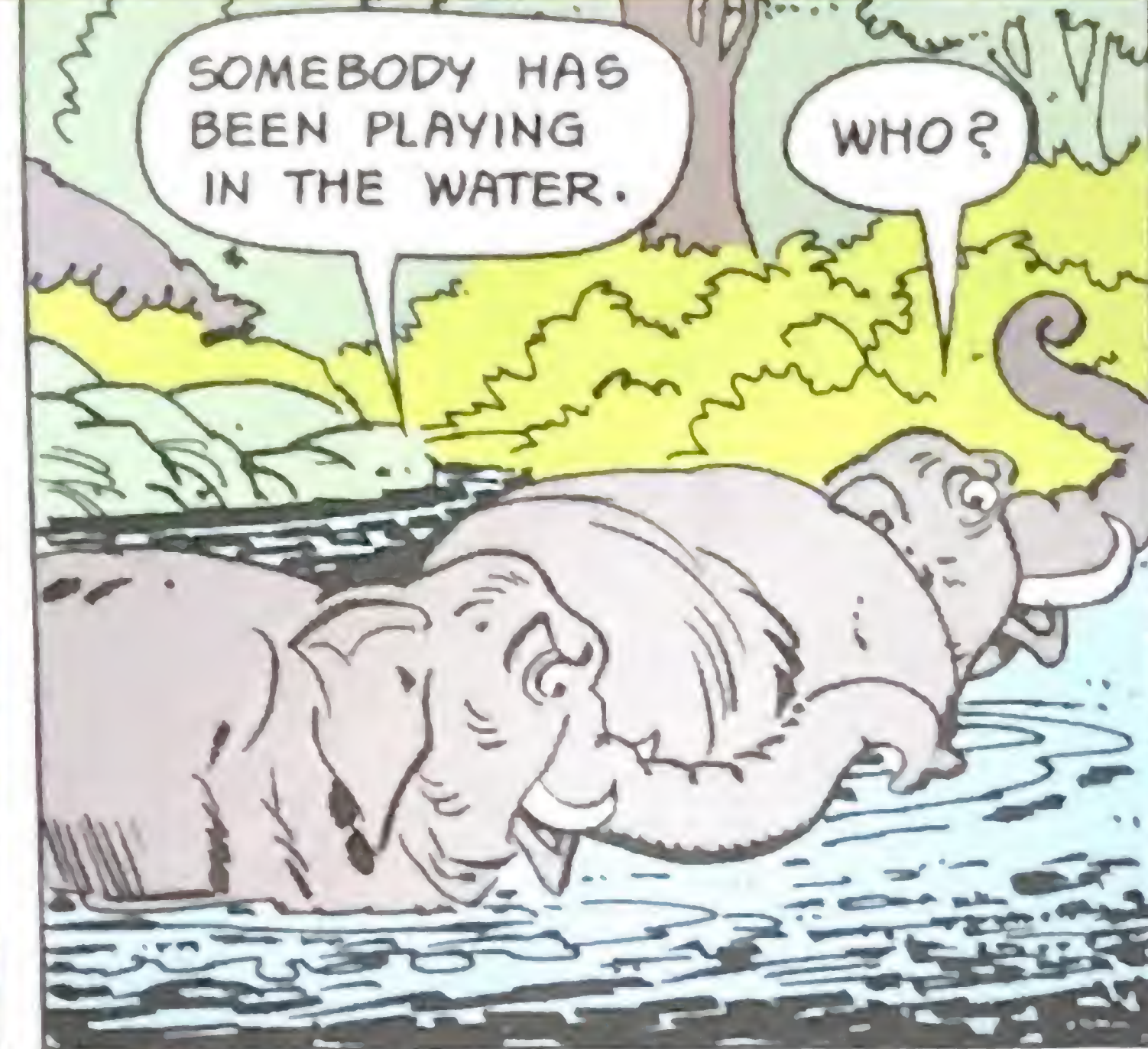
THE HORNBILL ACKNOWLEDGING DEFEAT FLEW AWAY.

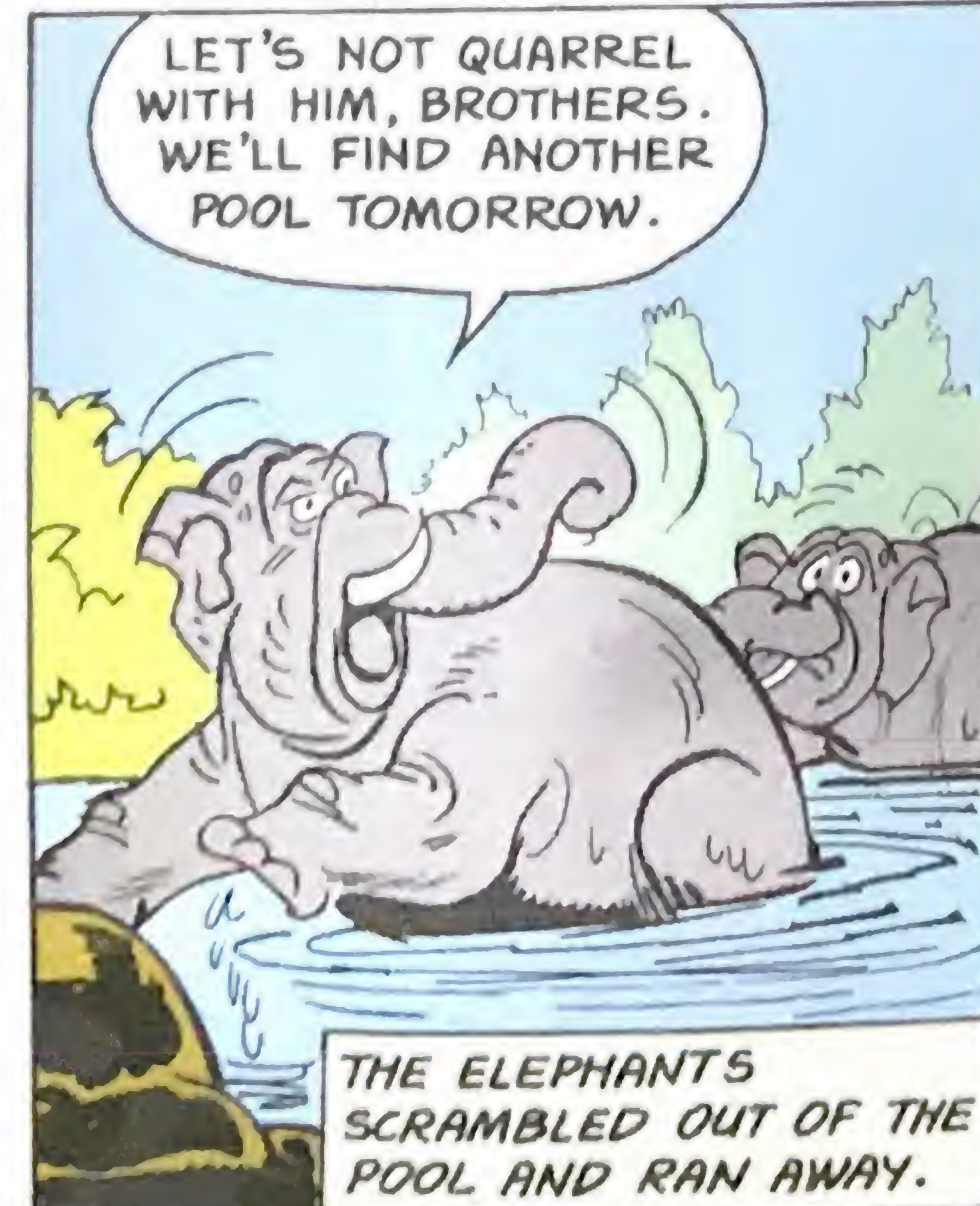
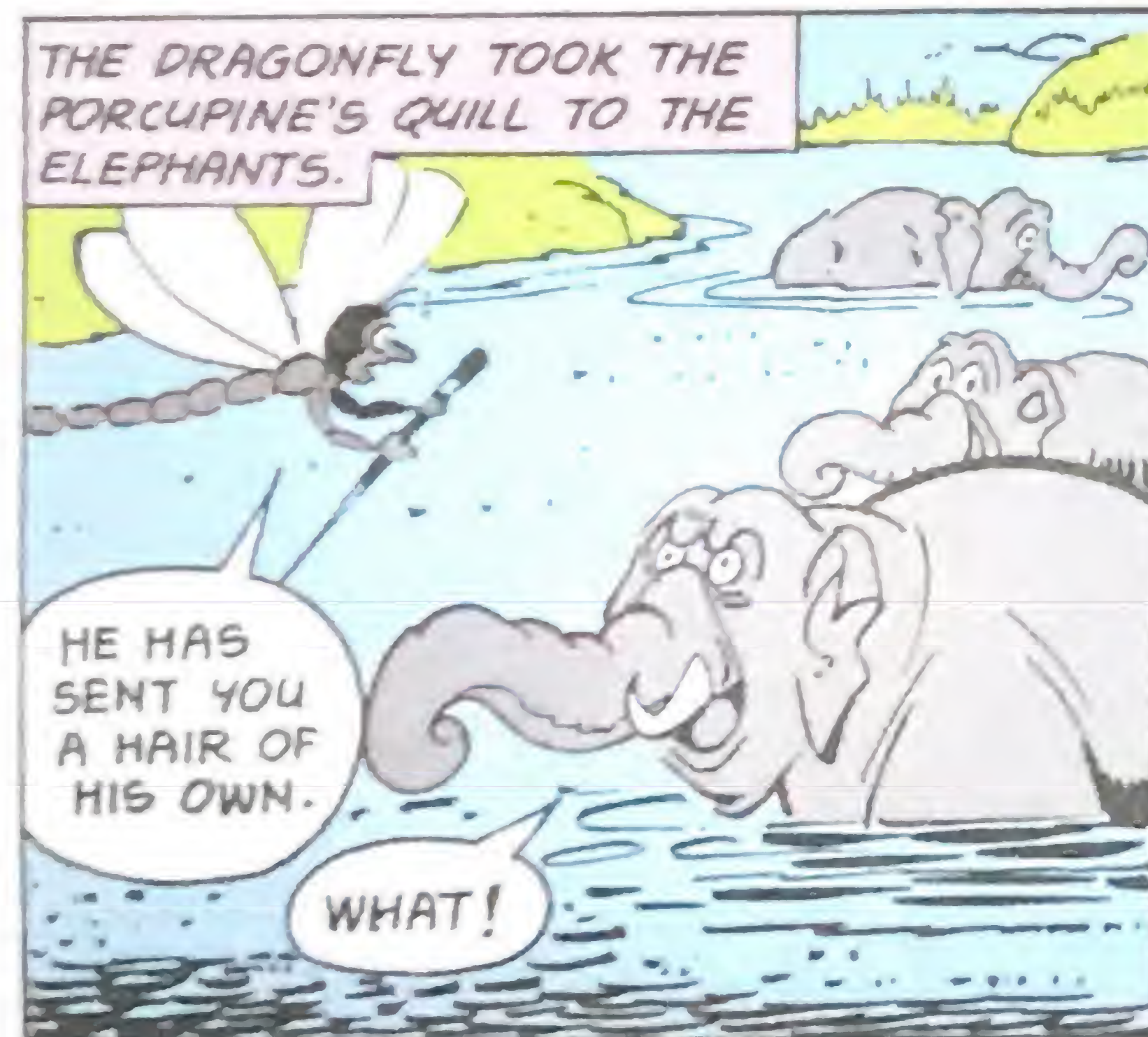


AND THE BULBUL BECAME KING OF THE BIRDS.

THE PORCUPINE AND THE ELEPHANTS

A HERD OF ELEPHANTS USED TO BATHE IN A PARTICULAR POOL IN THE JUNGLE. ONE DAY—





THE FROG AND THE MONKEY

LONG AGO THERE WAS A RAJA. HE HAD A MONKEY AND A FROG AS HIS SERVANTS. ONE DAY —



THE FROG AND THE MONKEY SET OUT TO DO THEIR MASTER'S BIDDING.



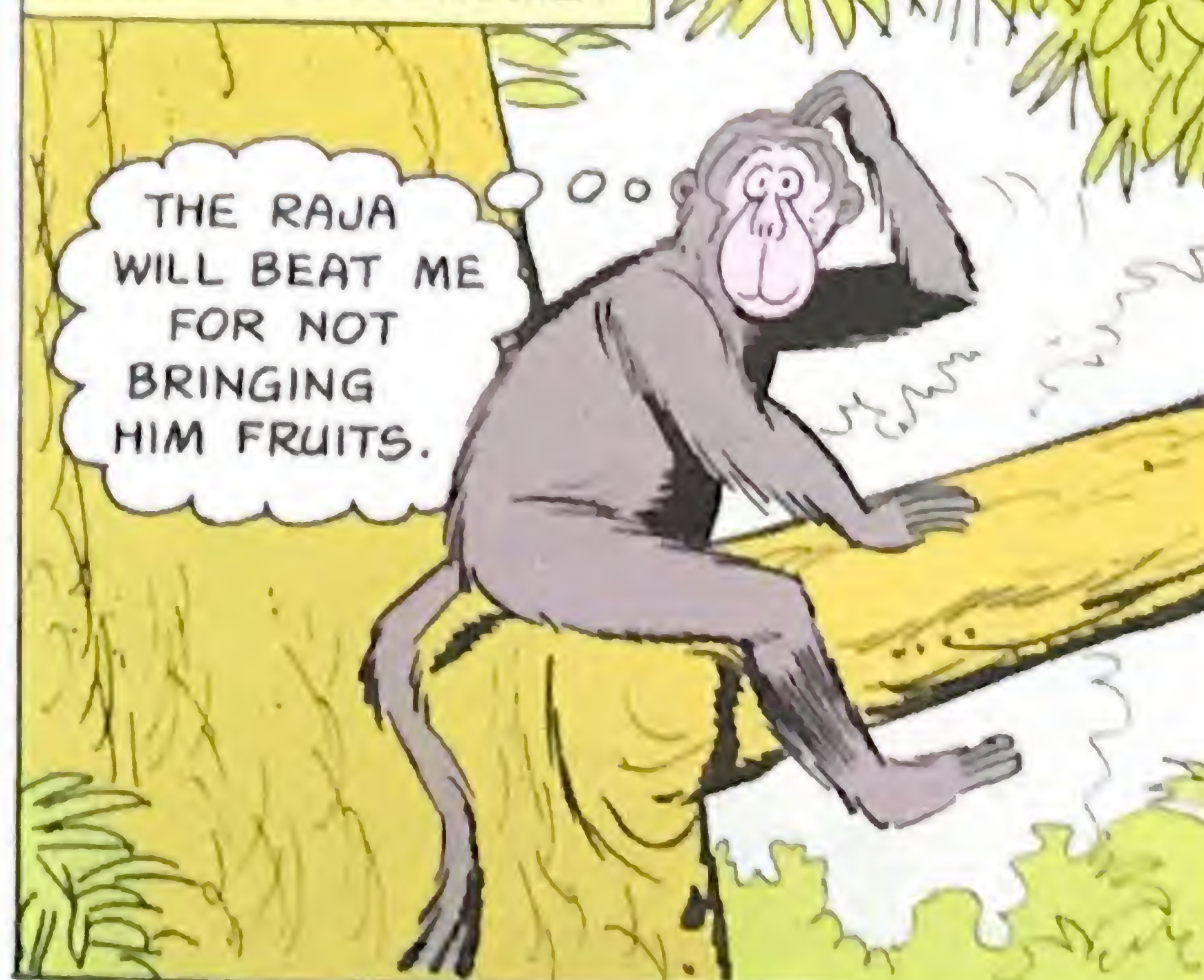
BUT WHEN THEY REACHED THE FOREST, THE MONKEY ATE EVERY FRUIT HE PICKED.

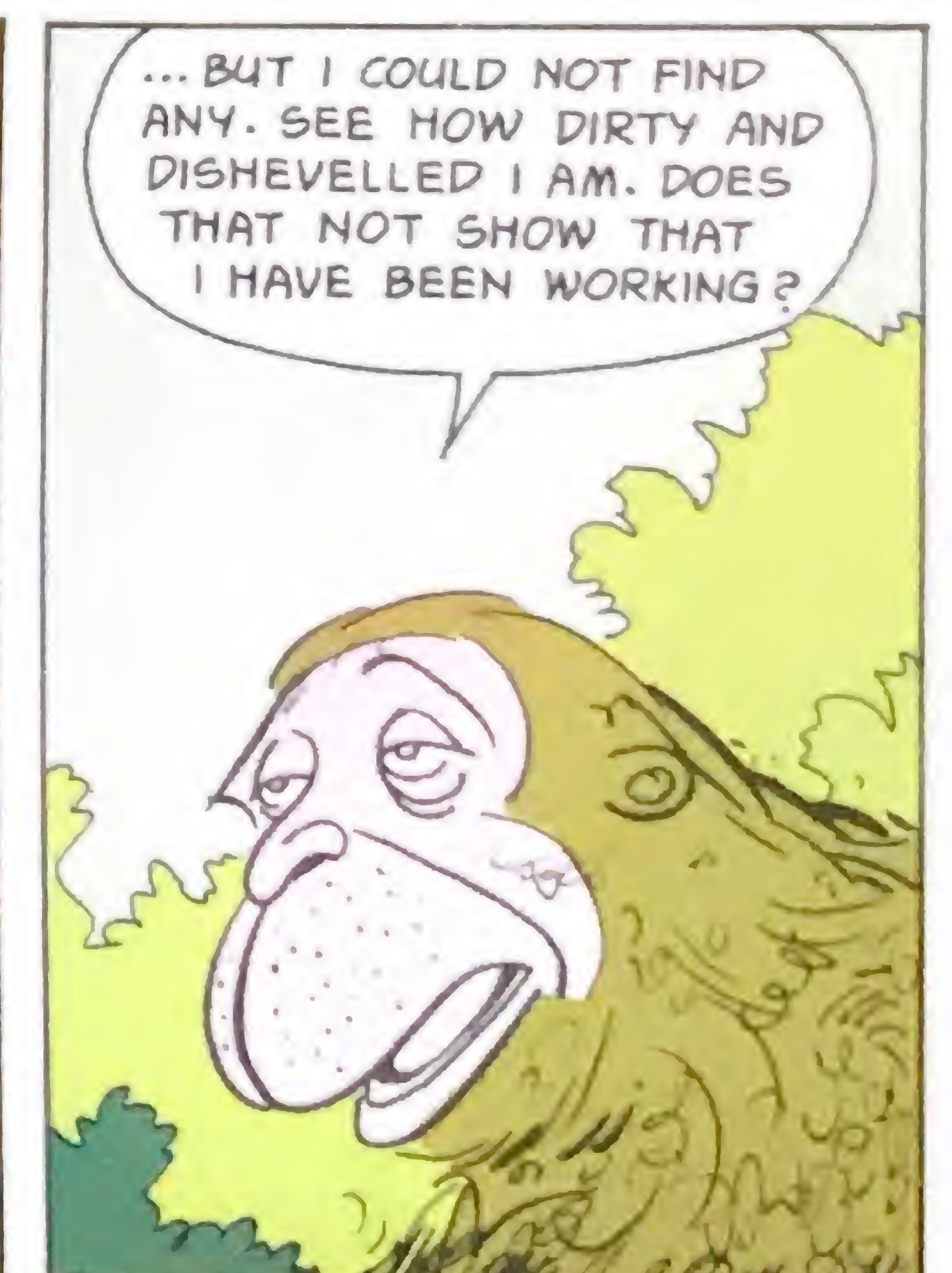
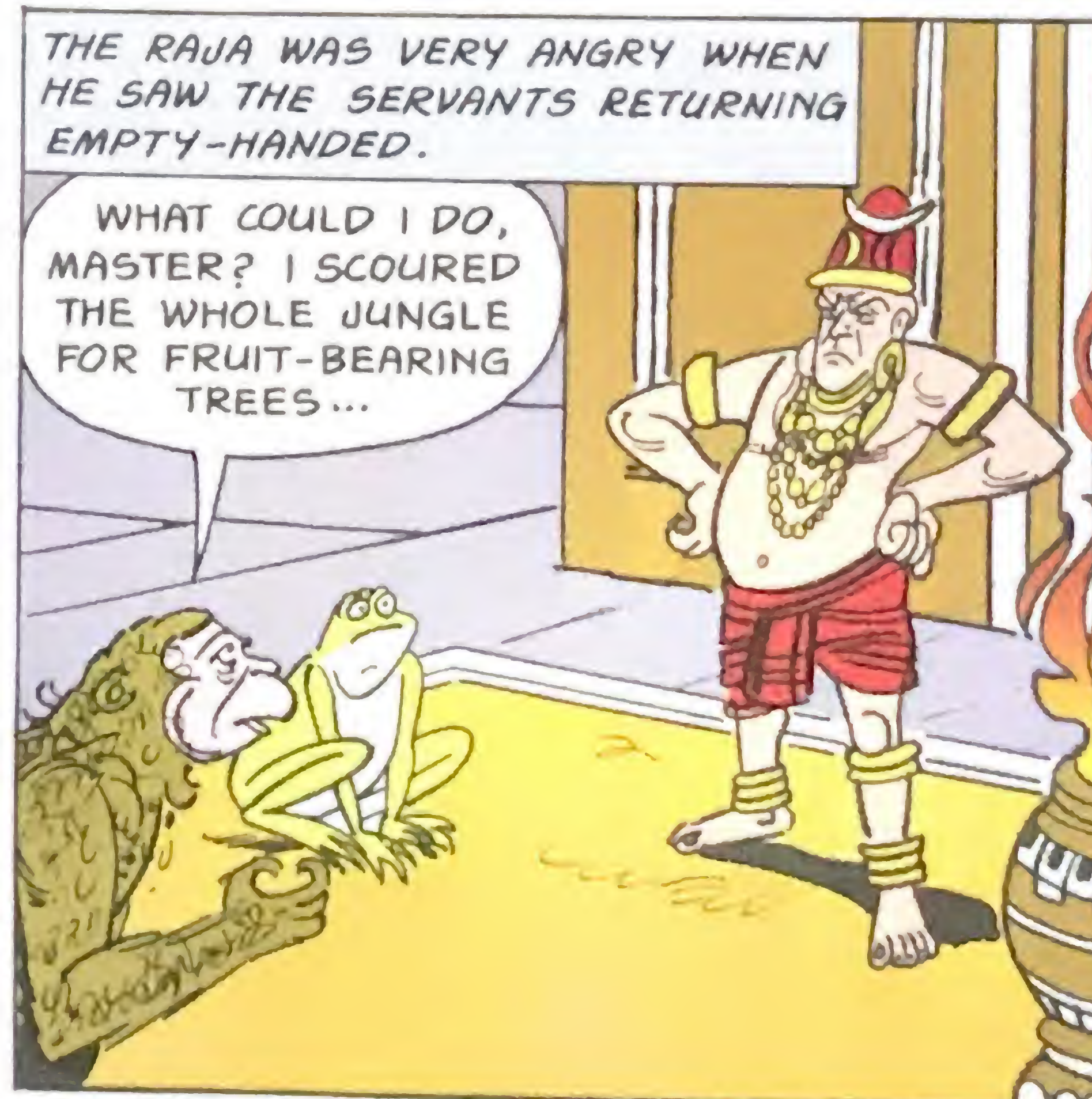
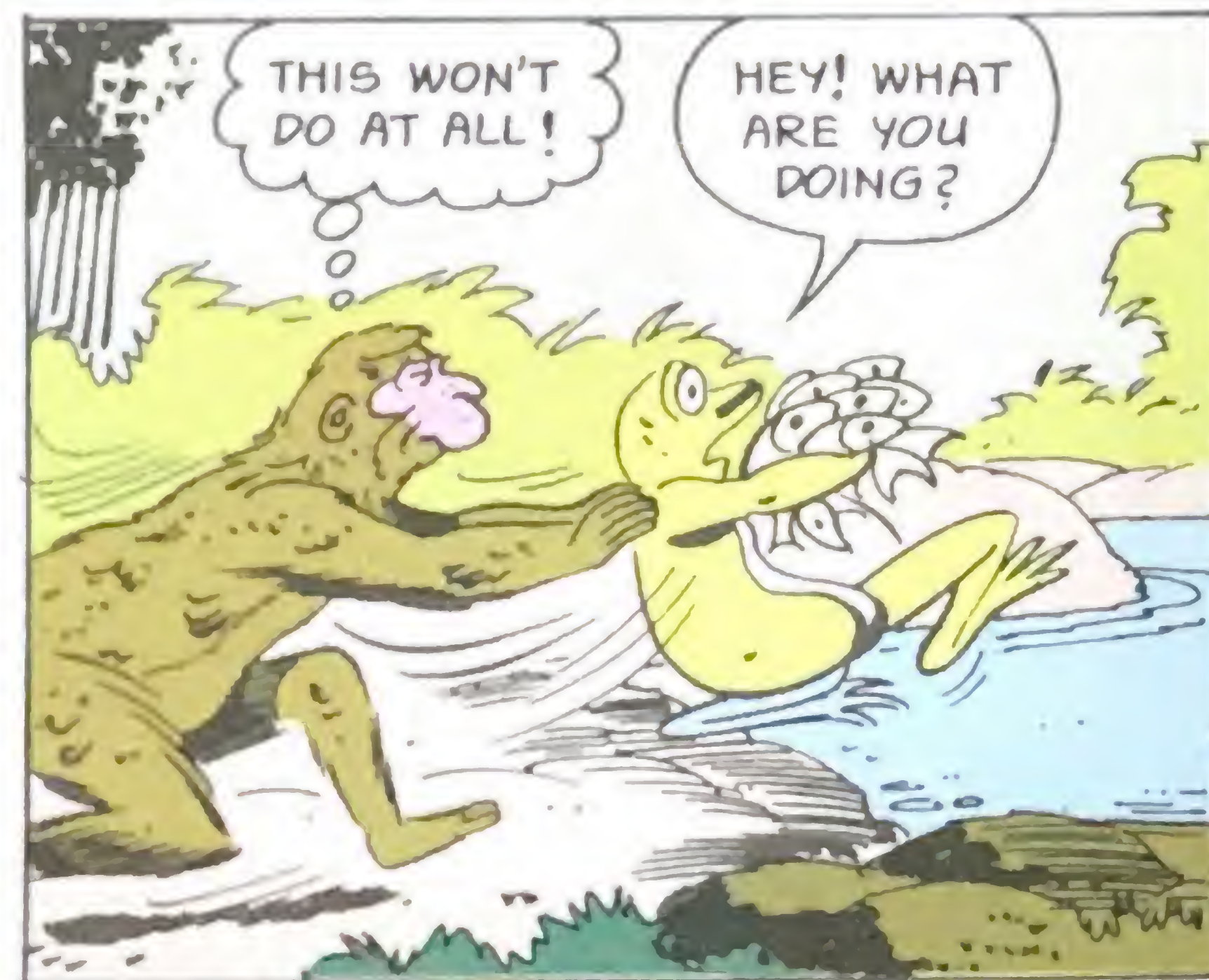
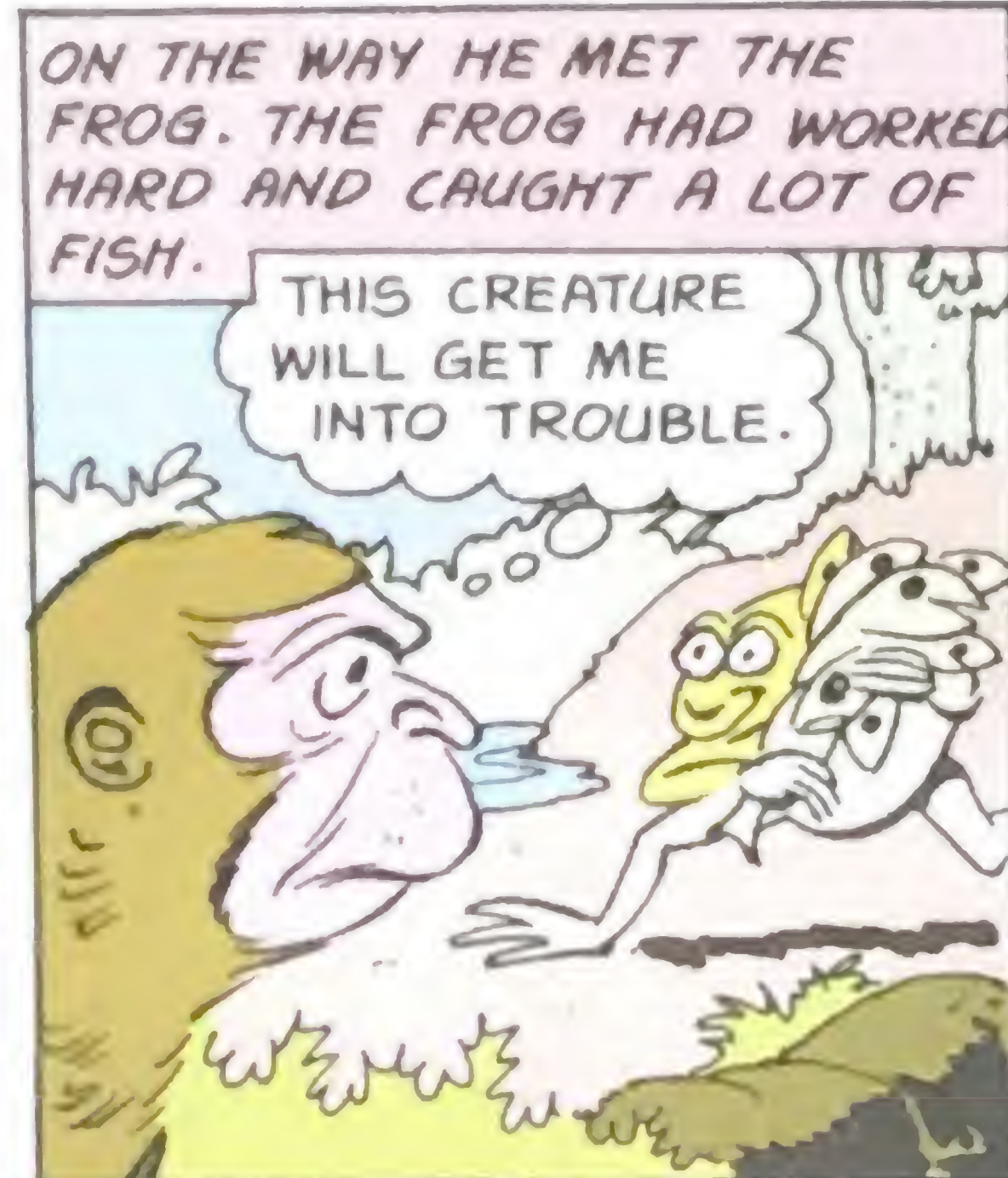
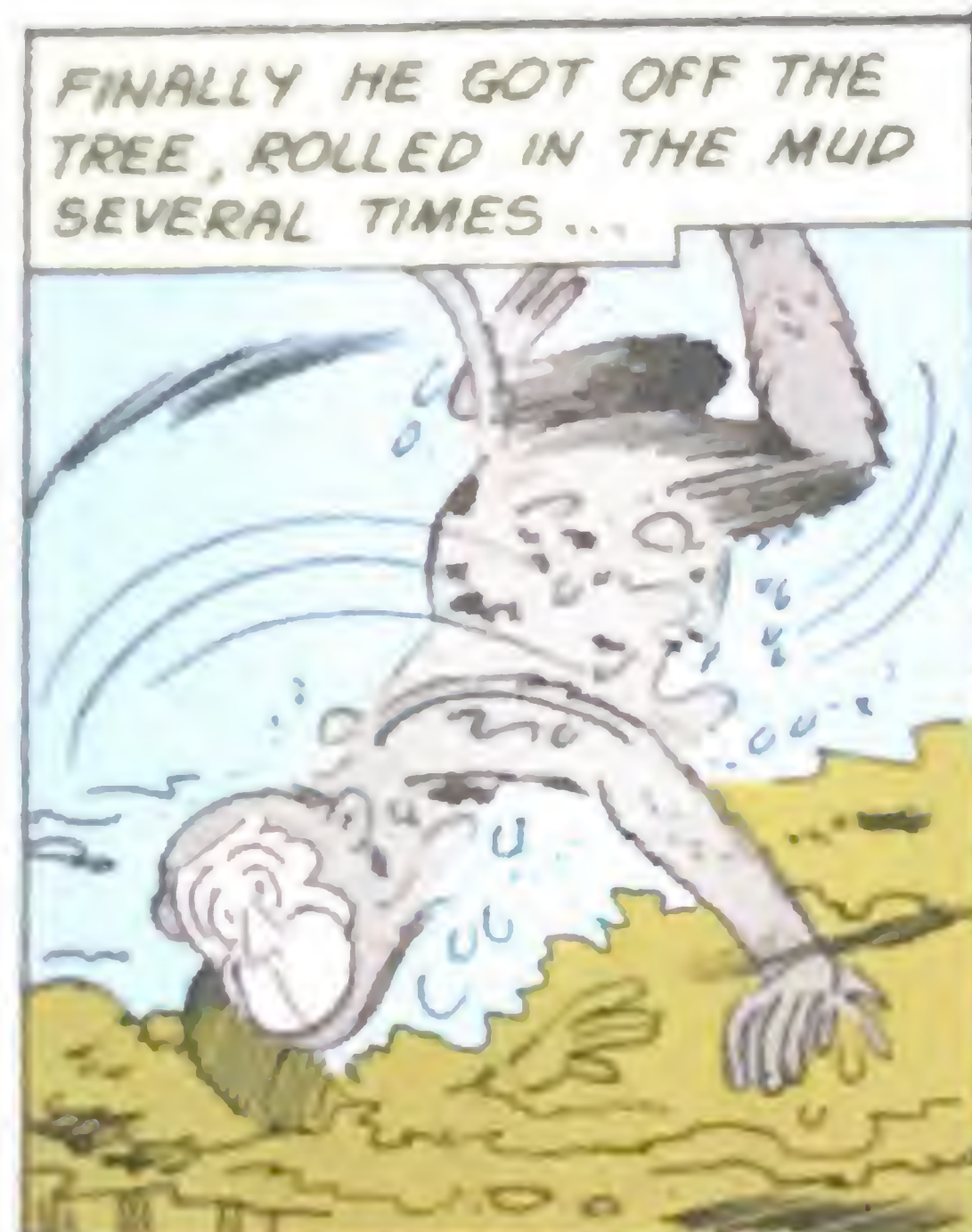


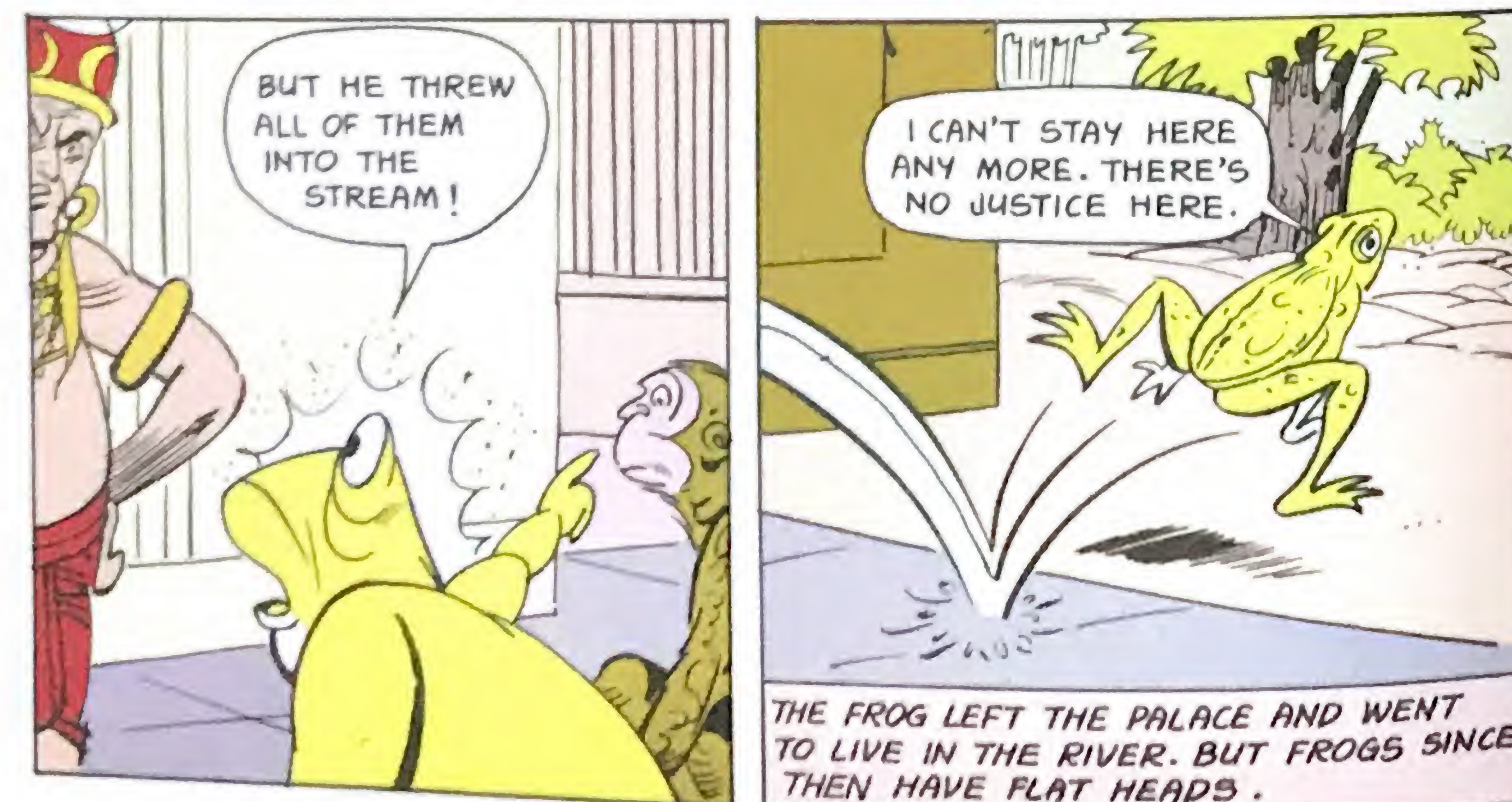
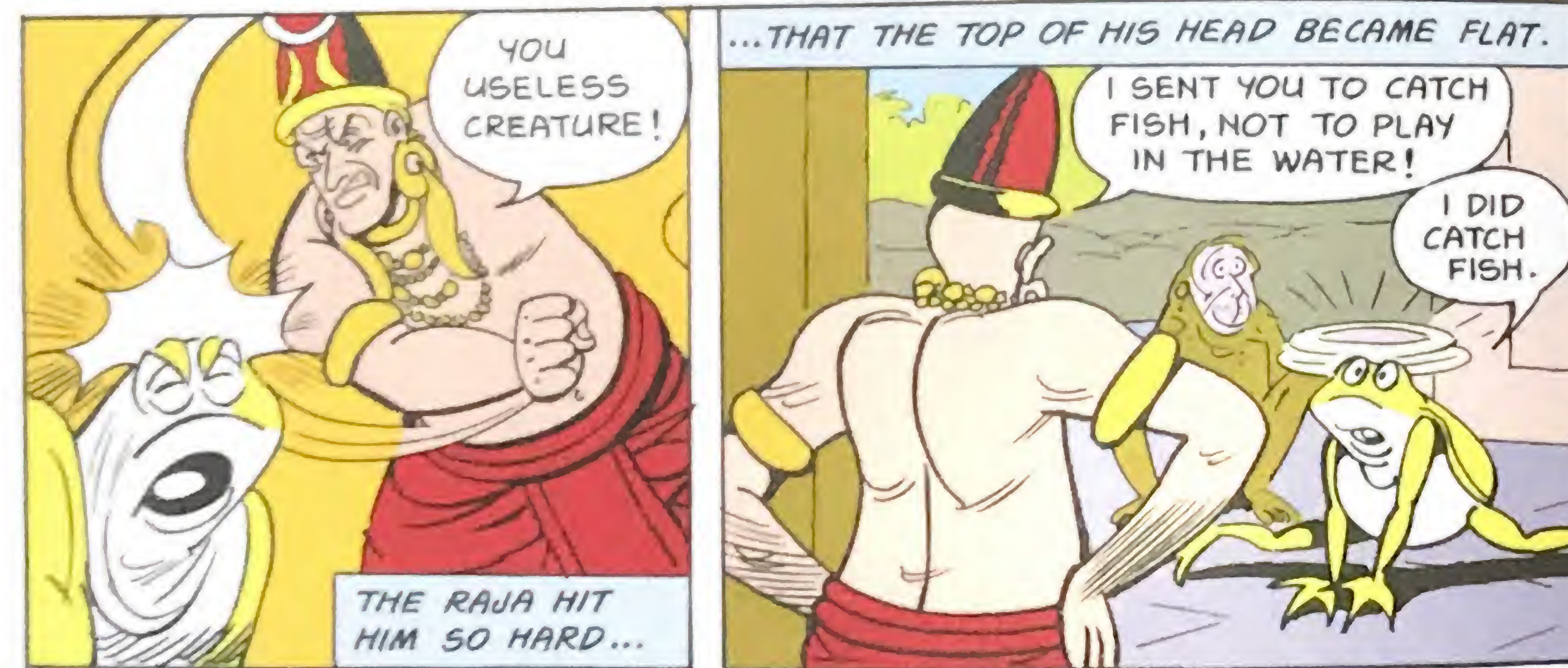
...HE CURLED UP ON A TREE AND WENT TO SLEEP.

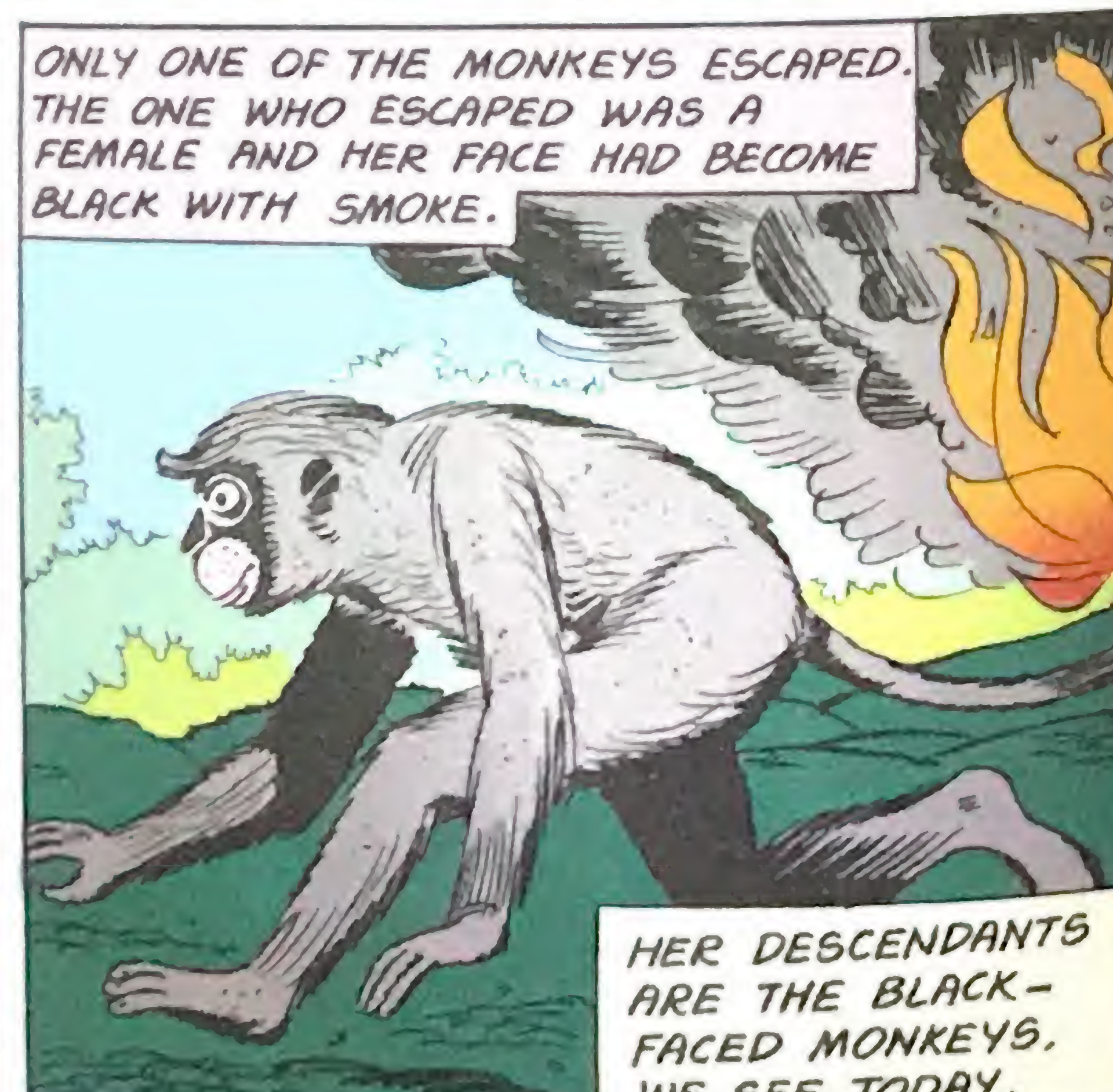


HE AWOKED ONLY TOWARDS EVENING. AND THEN HE WAS AFRAID TO GO HOME.



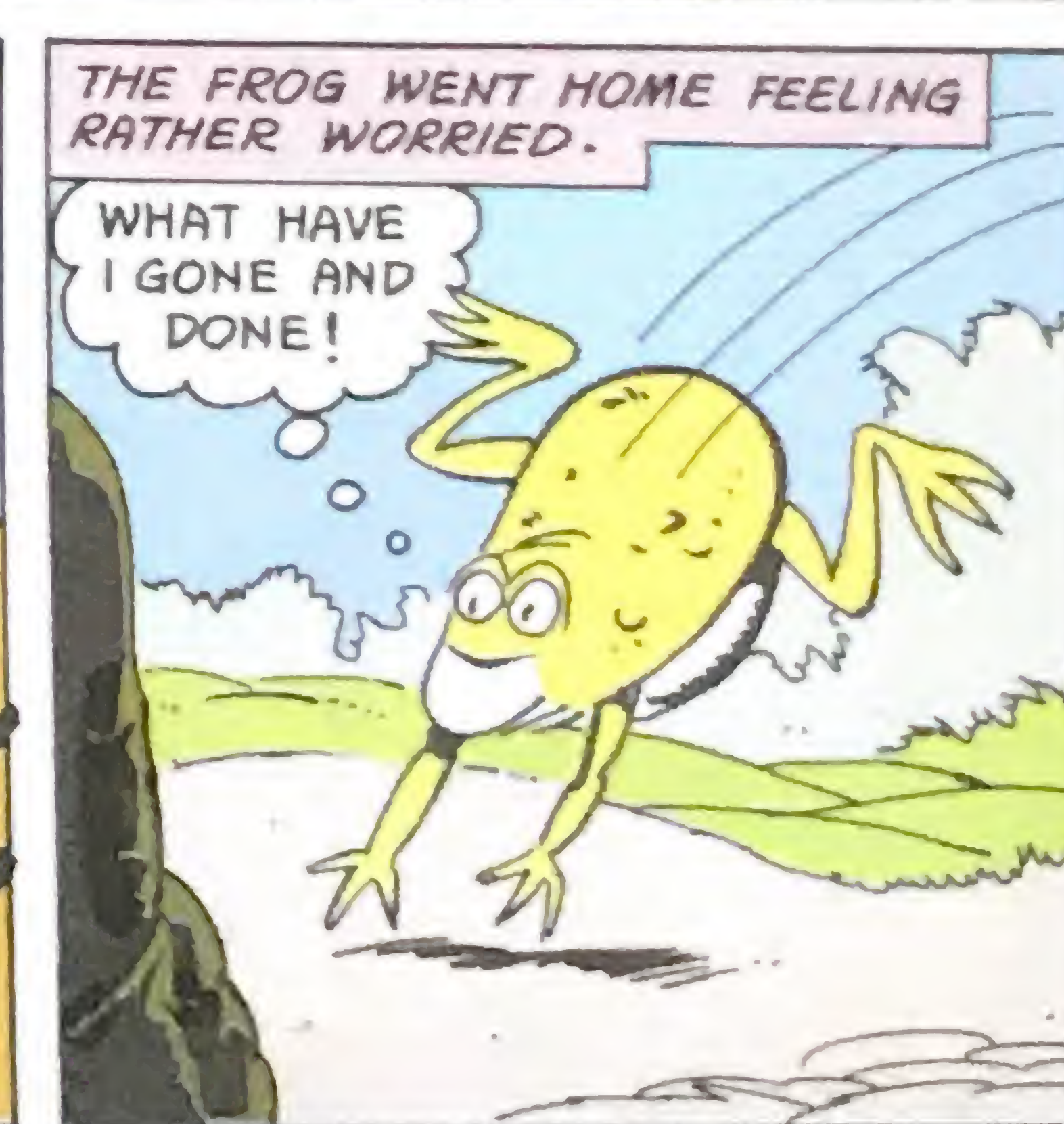
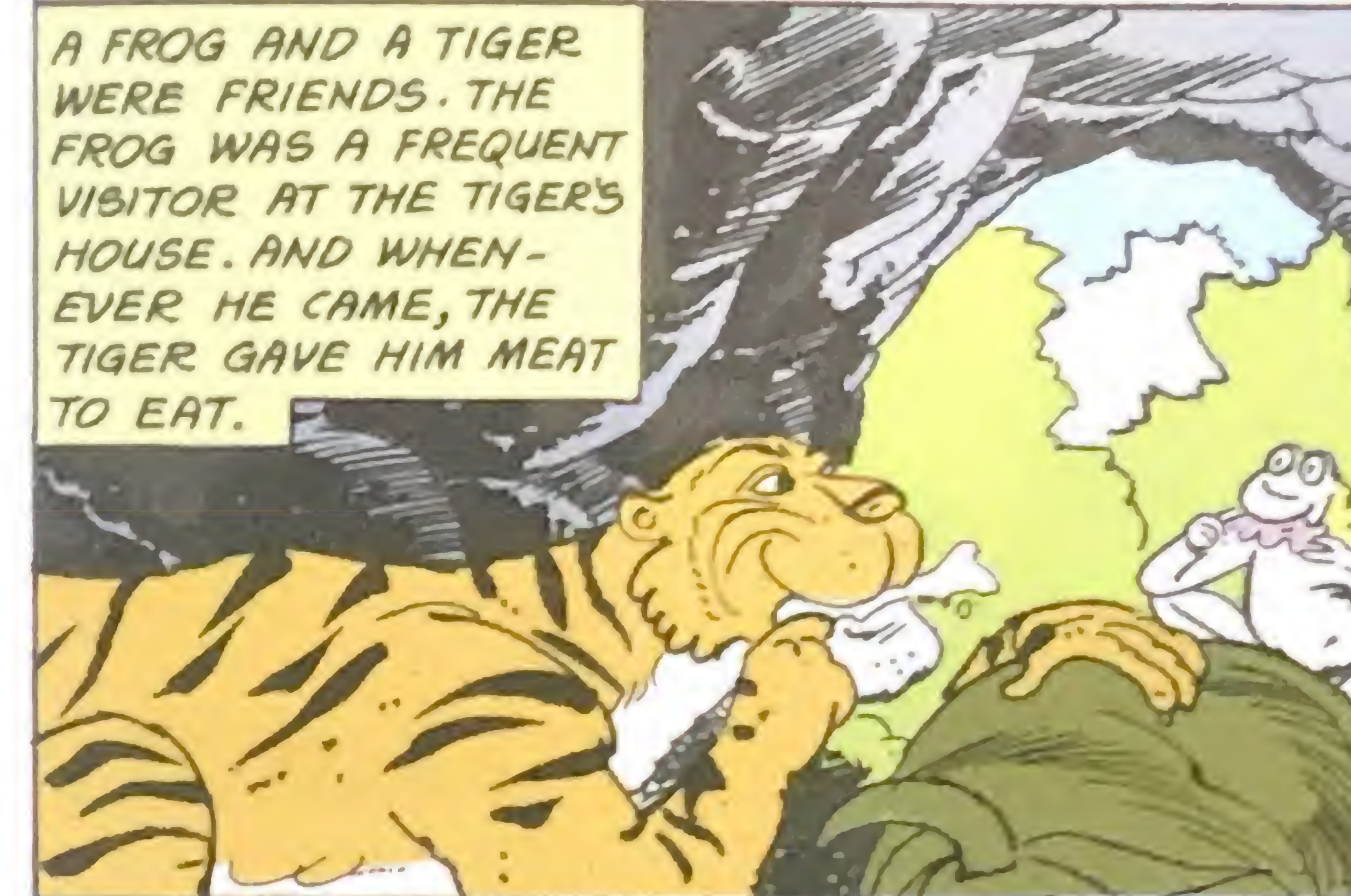


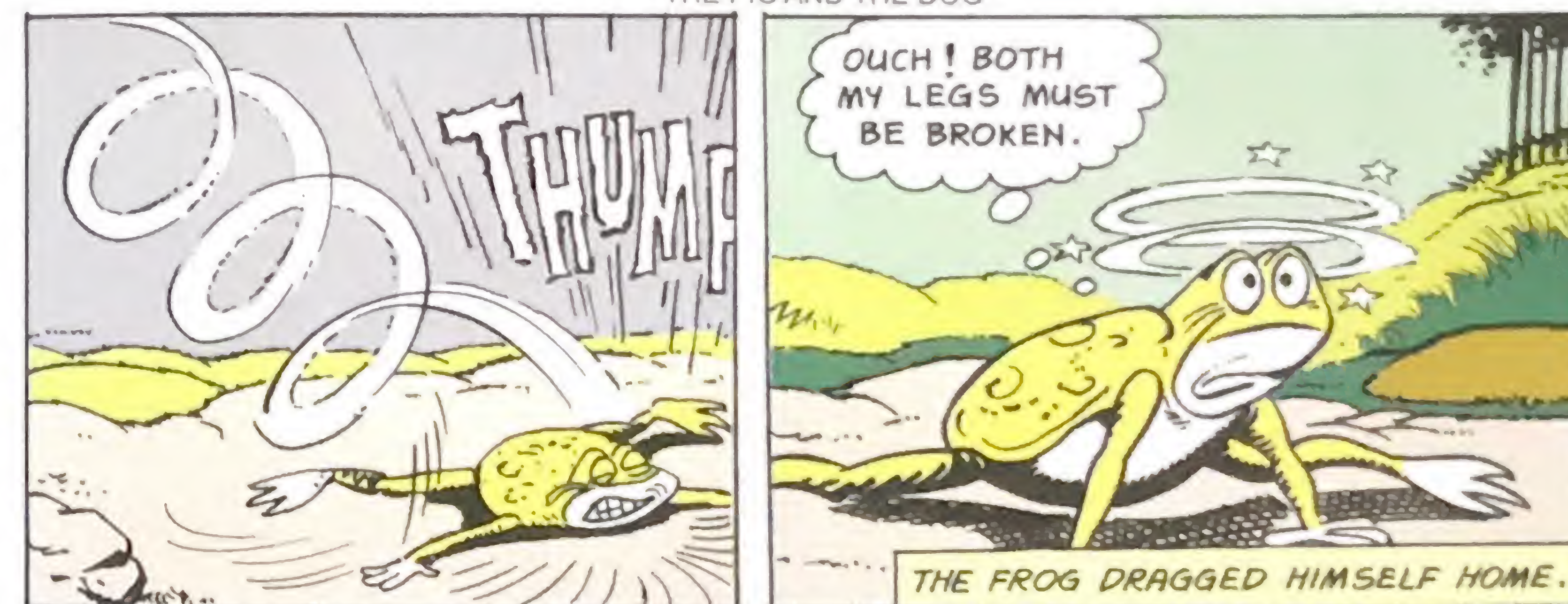
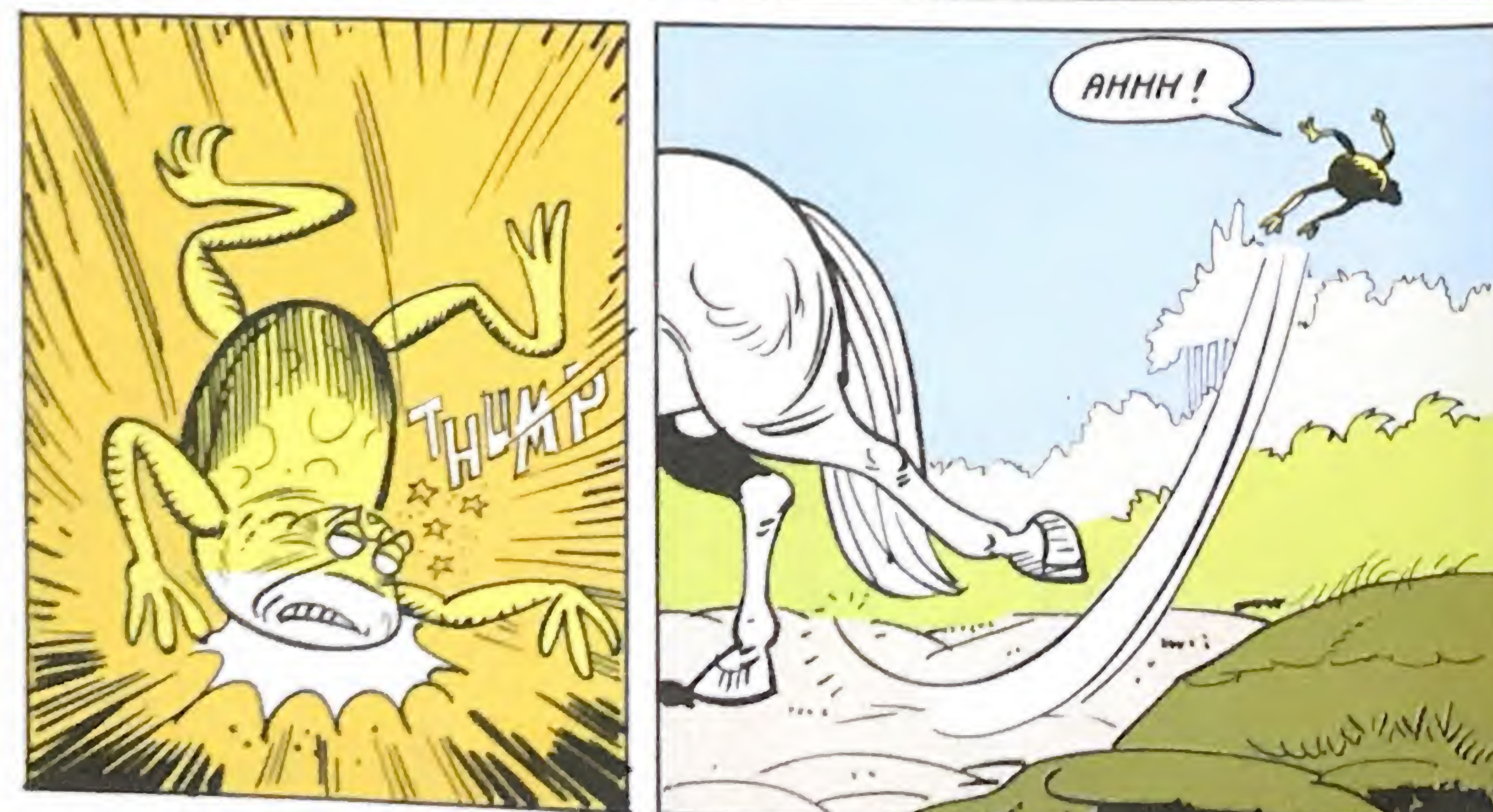
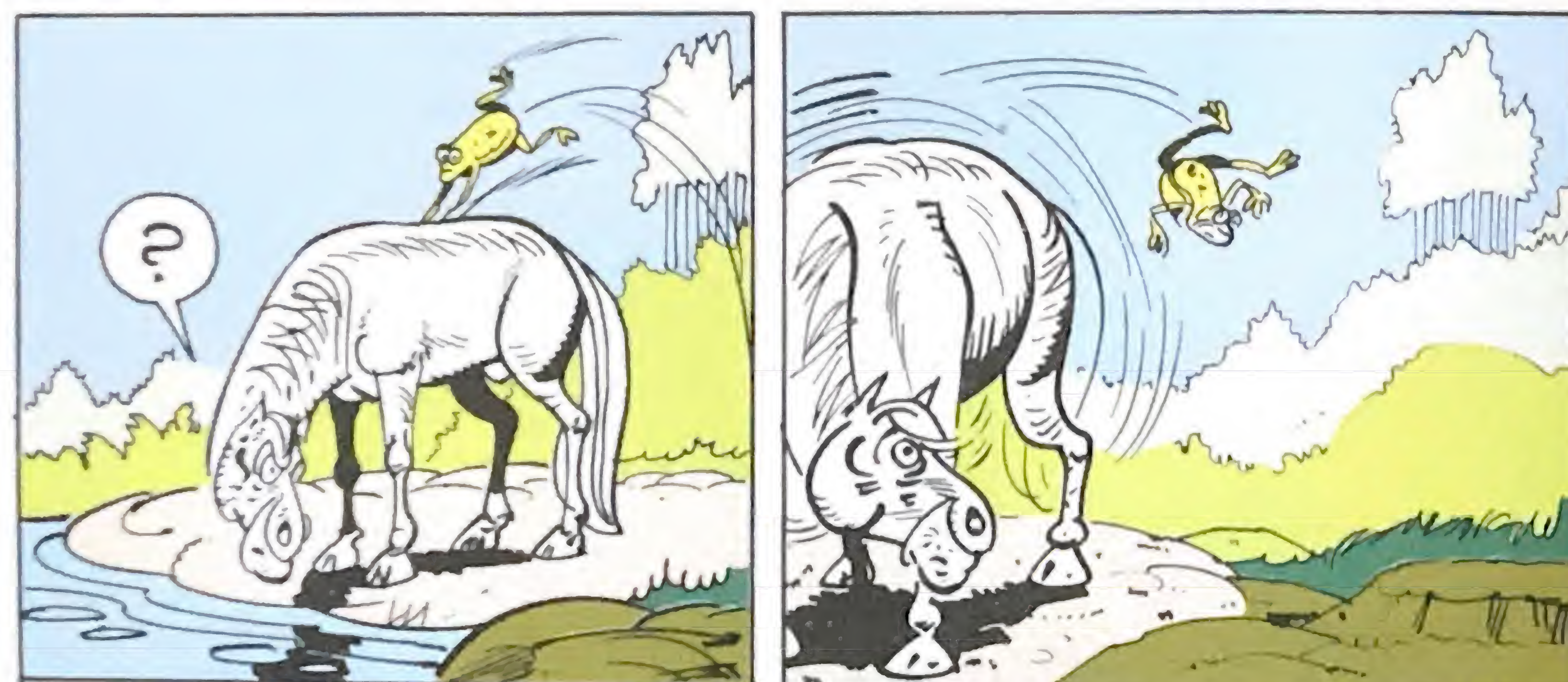
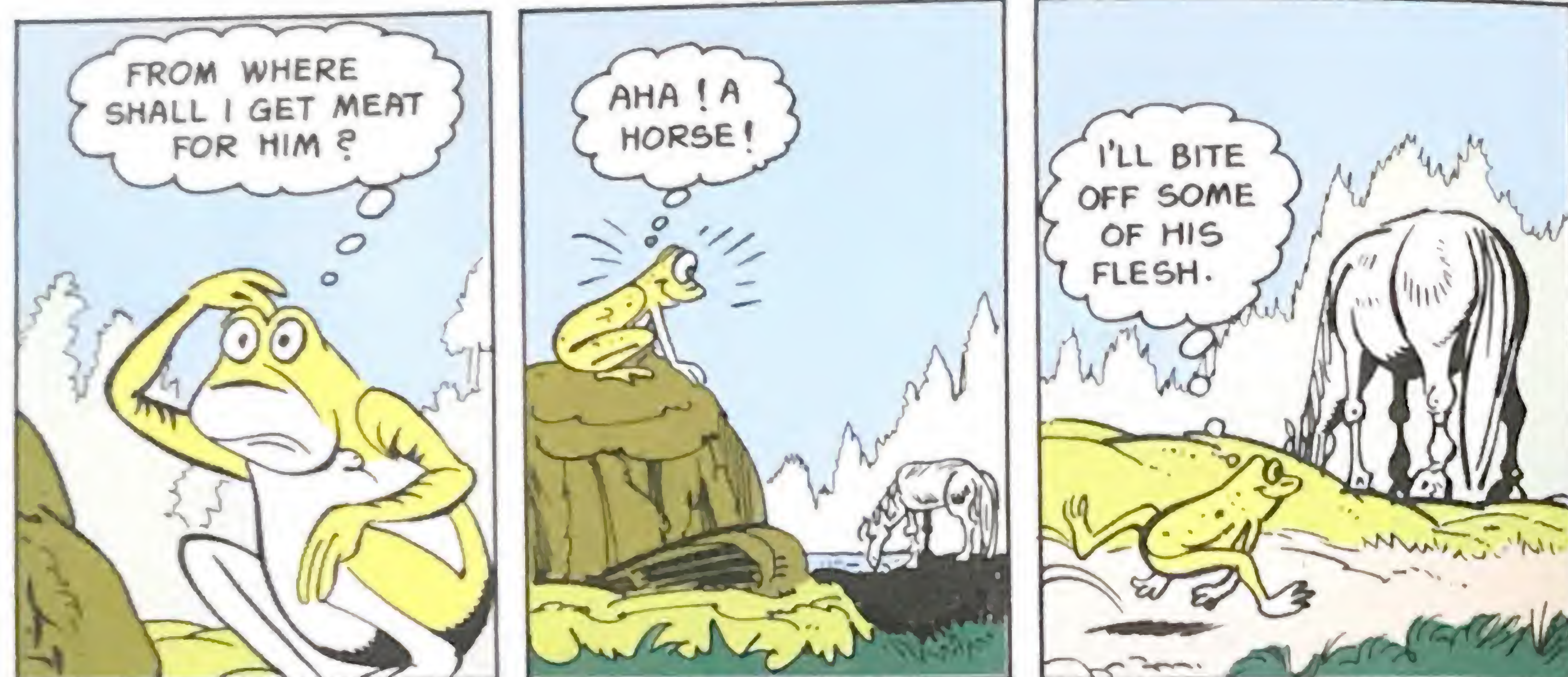


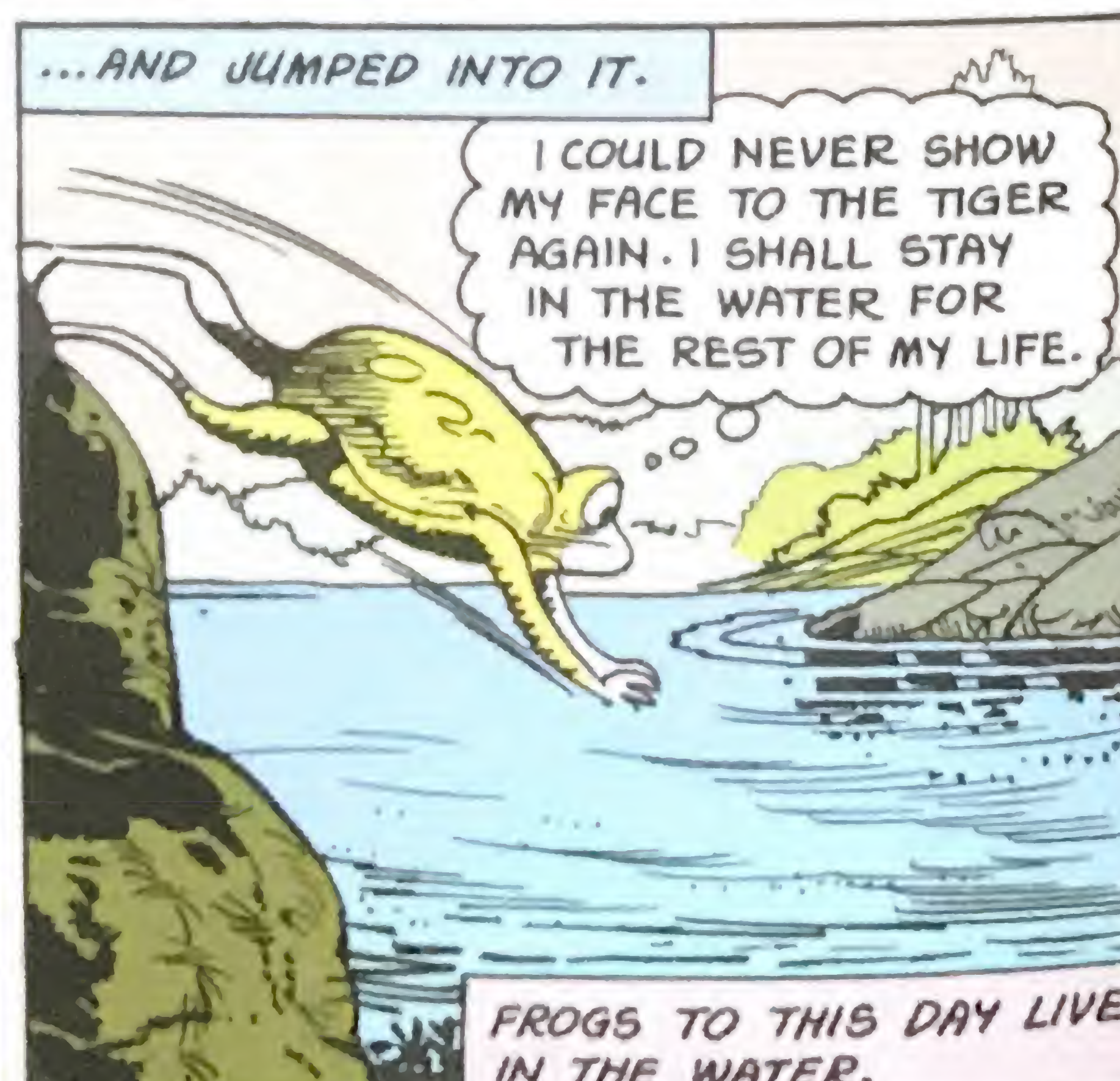
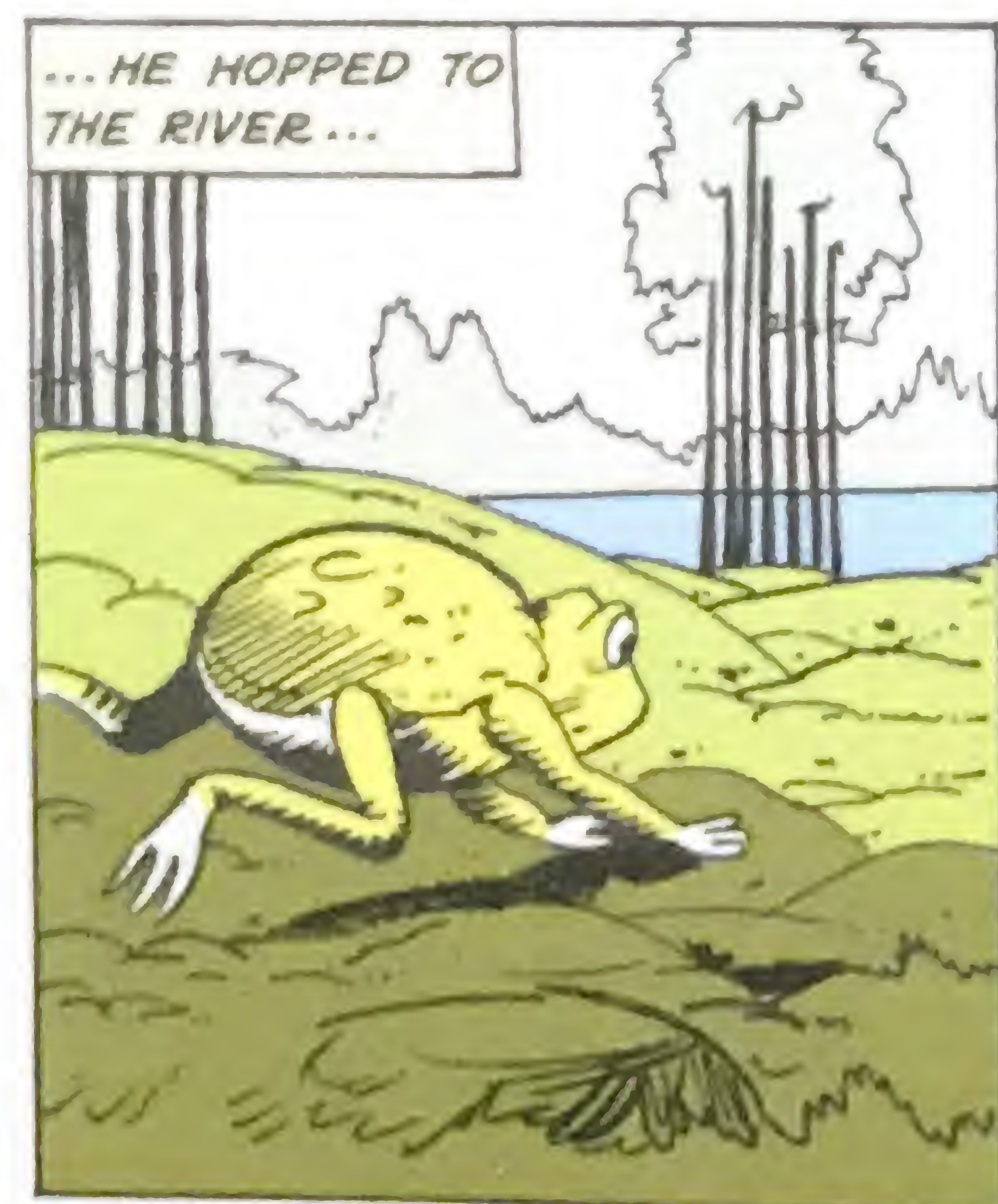
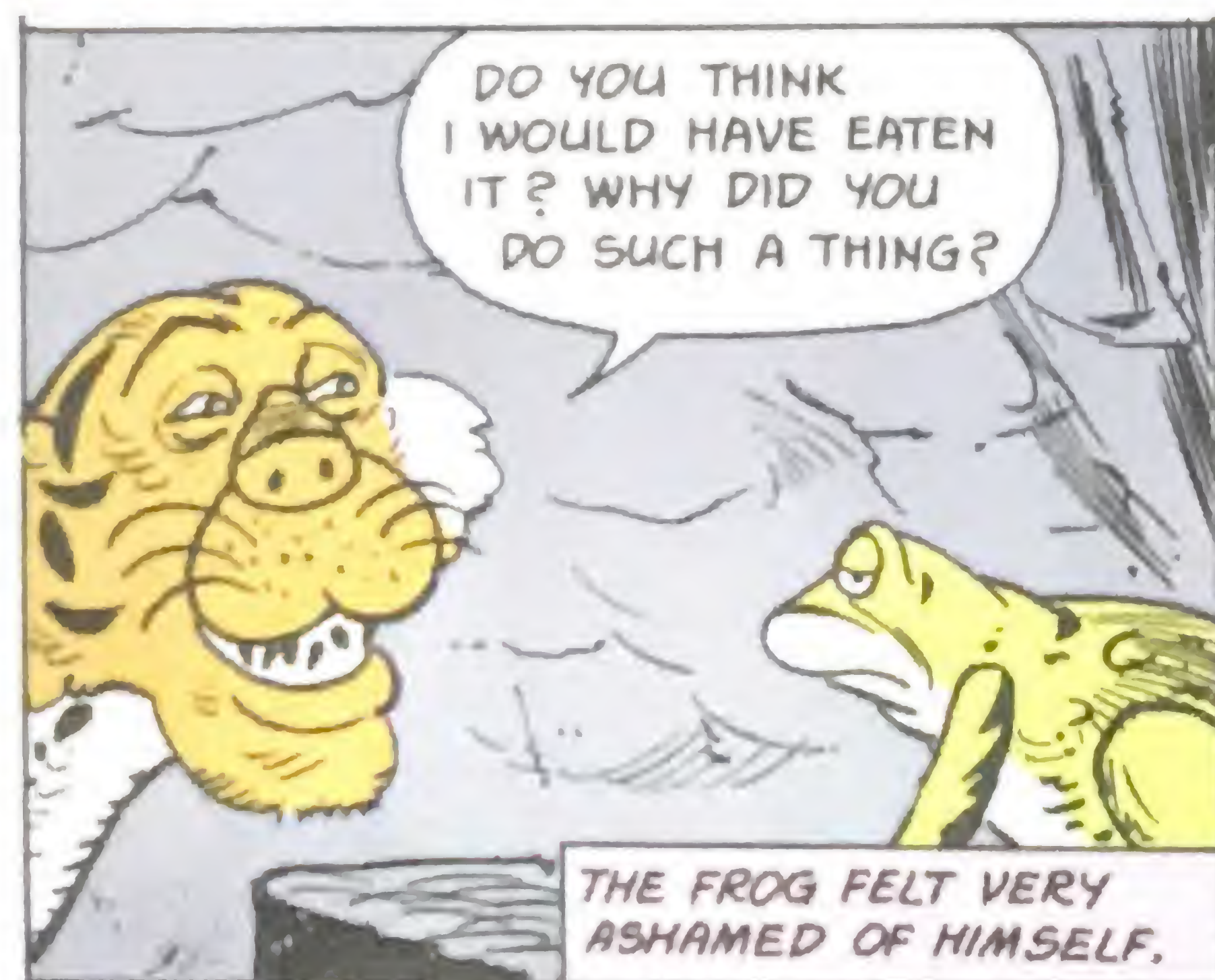


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A FROG AND A TIGER WERE FRIENDS. THE FROG WAS A FREQUENT VISITOR AT THE TIGER'S HOUSE. AND WHEN-EVER HE CAME, THE TIGER GAVE HIM MEAT TO EAT.







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