



the **PHANTOM'S BELL**



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**THE PHANTOM BREAKS THE EVILDOERS'
GANG OF GULLIQUE**

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KNOW YOUR FRIENDS!

THE 'PARAM VIR CHAKRA' IS THE HIGHEST AWARD OF GALLANTRY. ONLY THOSE WHO PERFORM DEEDS OF GREAT COURAGE, BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, ARE AWARDED THIS MOST COVETED DECORATION.



IN THE WINTER OF 1962, THE CHINESE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON THE FRONTIERS OF OUR COUNTRY IN LADAKH AND NEFA.

MAJOR DHANSINGH THAPA WAS COMMANDING AN INDIAN POST IN LADAKH WITH A SMALL FORCE. THE CHINESE ATTACKED THIS POST WITH A MUCH BIGGER FORCE. THEY USED ARTILLERY AND MORTAR BOMBARDMENT. LED BY MAJOR THAPA, THE GALLANT JAWANS REPULSED THIS ATTACK.

THE ENEMY HOWEVER, MADE A SECOND ASSAULT, WITH GREATER FORCE. ONCE AGAIN THEY WERE TURNED BACK.



THE SMALL INDIAN FORCE HAD SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES. CHINESE MADE A THIRD ATTACK WITH TANKS. MAJOR THAPA AND HIS MEN WERE ...

... DETERMINED TO FIGHT. WHEN THE ENEMY CAME NEAR THAPA SPRANG OUT FROM HIS TRENCH AND SHOT SEVERAL CHINESE BEFORE HE FELL DOWN.



CHINESE CAME UPON HIM WITH POINTED BAYONETS. IN INDIA MAJOR THAPA WAS TAKEN FOR DEAD! HE WAS AWARDED THE 'PARAM VIR CHAKRA' POSTHUMOUSLY. BUT HE WAS NOT DEAD!

IN MAY 1963, WHEN INDIAN PRISONERS OF WAR RETURNED FROM CHINA THE GALLANT MAJOR THAPA WAS THERE AMONGST THEM! PREMLA GOT BACK HER 'DEAD' FATHER!

OUR NEW AGE

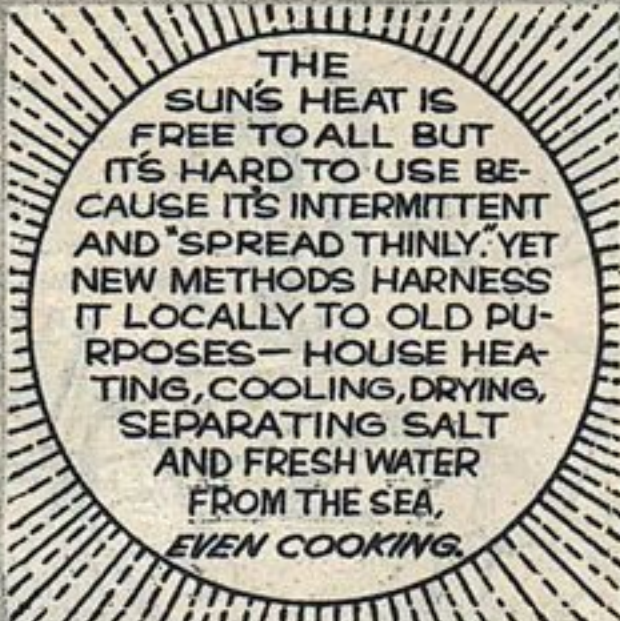
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ALL OUR POWER, EXCEPT NUCLEAR, COMES FROM THE SUN—EVEN WIND, WATER AND WOOD. OIL AND COAL ARE SUNSHINE STORED MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO.



EVEN THE FOOD FUEL FOR OUR MUSCLE "ENGINES" IS CONVERTED SUNSHINE.



THE SUN'S HEAT IS FREE TO ALL BUT IT'S HARD TO USE BECAUSE IT'S INTERMITTENT AND "SPREAD THINLY." YET NEW METHODS HARNESS IT LOCALLY TO OLD PURPOSES—HOUSE HEATING, COOLING, DRYING, SEPARATING SALT AND FRESH WATER FROM THE SEA, EVEN COOKING.



THE DRIEST PLACE ON EARTH IS IN THE CHILEAN DESERT WITH AN ANNUAL RAINFALL OF LESS THAN 1/10TH OF AN INCH



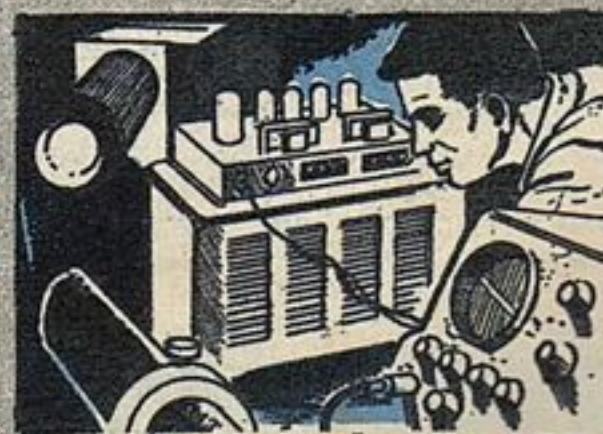
THE WETTEST PLACE ON EARTH IS IN HAWAII WHERE MORE THAN 400 INCHES OF RAIN FALL EACH YEAR



THE REAL SHAPE OF A FALLING RAIN DROP IS NOT AS ARTISTS USUALLY DRAW IT.... BUT LIKE A LITTLE FLAT BUN—AND EVERY RAINSTORM HAS MANY DIFFERENT SIZES.



RAIN CAN BE MEASURED BY THE DEPTH OF WATER CAUGHT IN A STRAIGHT-SIDED CAN... BUT RAIN VARIES SO MUCH THAT EVEN WITH A RAIN GAUGE FOR EVERY SQUARE MILE, WE WOULD SAMPLE ONLY 1/10,000,000TH OF THE TOTAL!



A NEW "RAIN GAUGE" COUNTS UP TO 10,000 DROPS PER MINUTE AND SORTS THEM INTO DIFFERENT SIZES...

Around the World

WITH Kunju Pillay



Kavadi

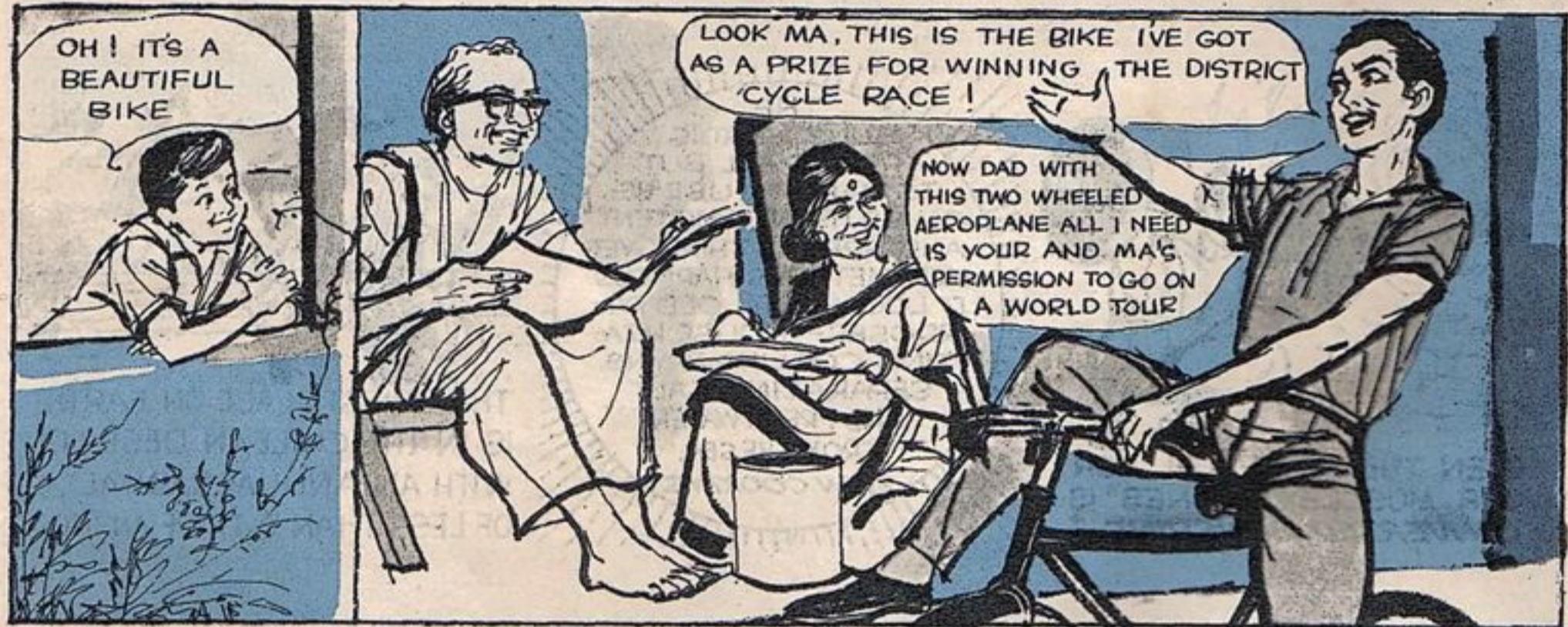
IN TRIVANDRUM - BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL CITY OF KERALA STATE - LIVED KUNJU PILLAY WHO PASSED HIS INTER ARTS EXAMINATION IN 1962 WITH DISTINCTION IN HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY AND BARELY PASS MARKS IN OTHER SUBJECTS!



OH! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL BIKE

LOOK MA, THIS IS THE BIKE I'VE GOT AS A PRIZE FOR WINNING THE DISTRICT CYCLE RACE!

NOW DAD WITH THIS TWO WHEELED AEROPLANE ALL I NEED IS YOUR AND MA'S PERMISSION TO GO ON A WORLD TOUR

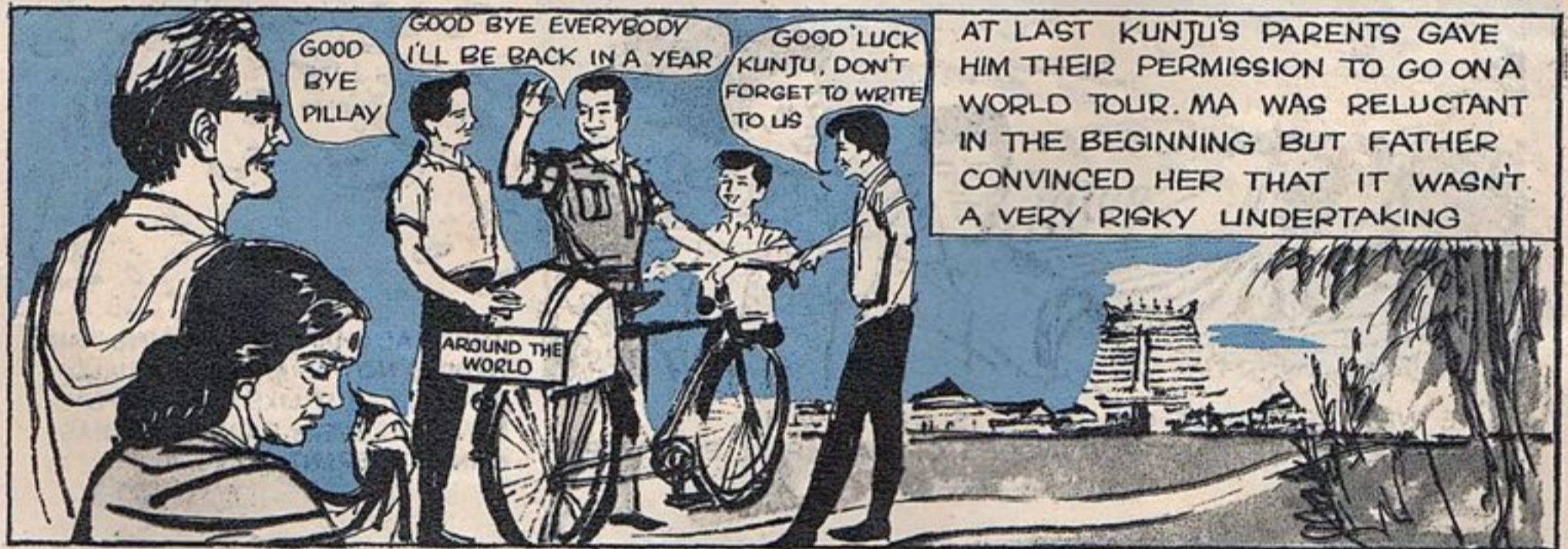


GOOD BYE PILLAY

GOOD BYE EVERYBODY I'LL BE BACK IN A YEAR

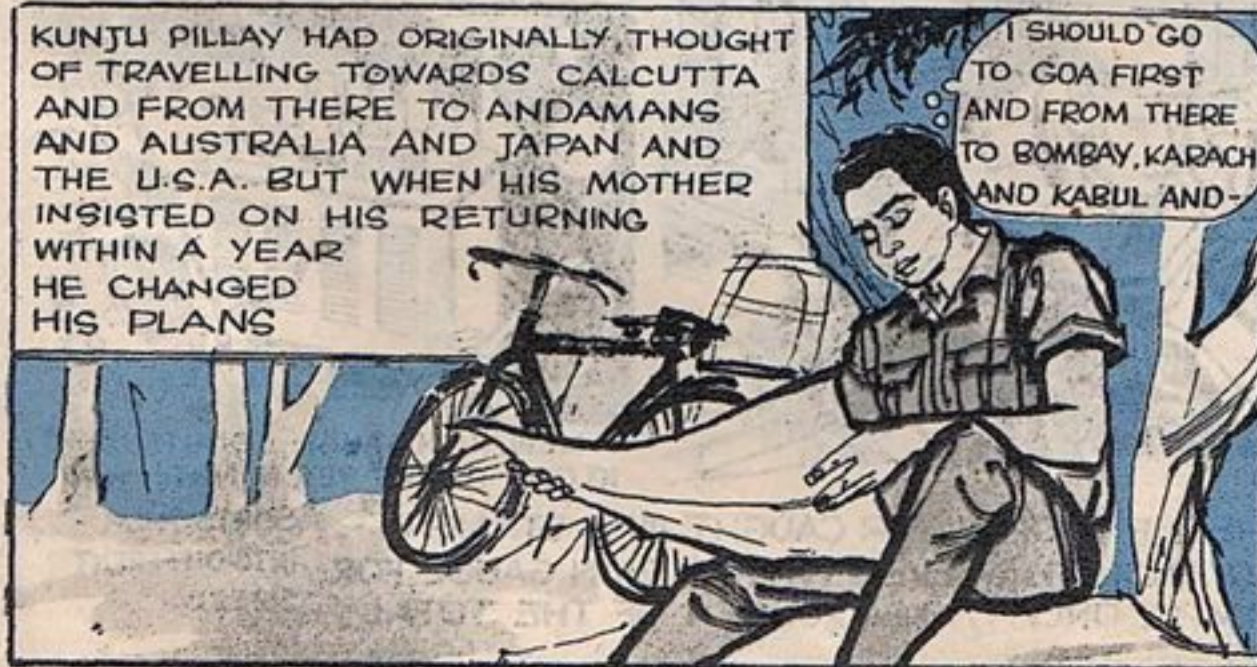
GOOD LUCK KUNJU, DON'T FORGET TO WRITE TO US

AT LAST KUNJU'S PARENTS GAVE HIM THEIR PERMISSION TO GO ON A WORLD TOUR. MA WAS RELUCTANT IN THE BEGINNING BUT FATHER CONVINCED HER THAT IT WASN'T A VERY RISKY UNDERTAKING



KUNJU PILLAY HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT OF TRAVELLING TOWARDS CALCUTTA AND FROM THERE TO ANDAMANS AND AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN AND THE U.S.A. BUT WHEN HIS MOTHER INSISTED ON HIS RETURNING WITHIN A YEAR HE CHANGED HIS PLANS

I SHOULD GO TO GOA FIRST AND FROM THERE TO BOMBAY, KARACHI AND KABUL AND -



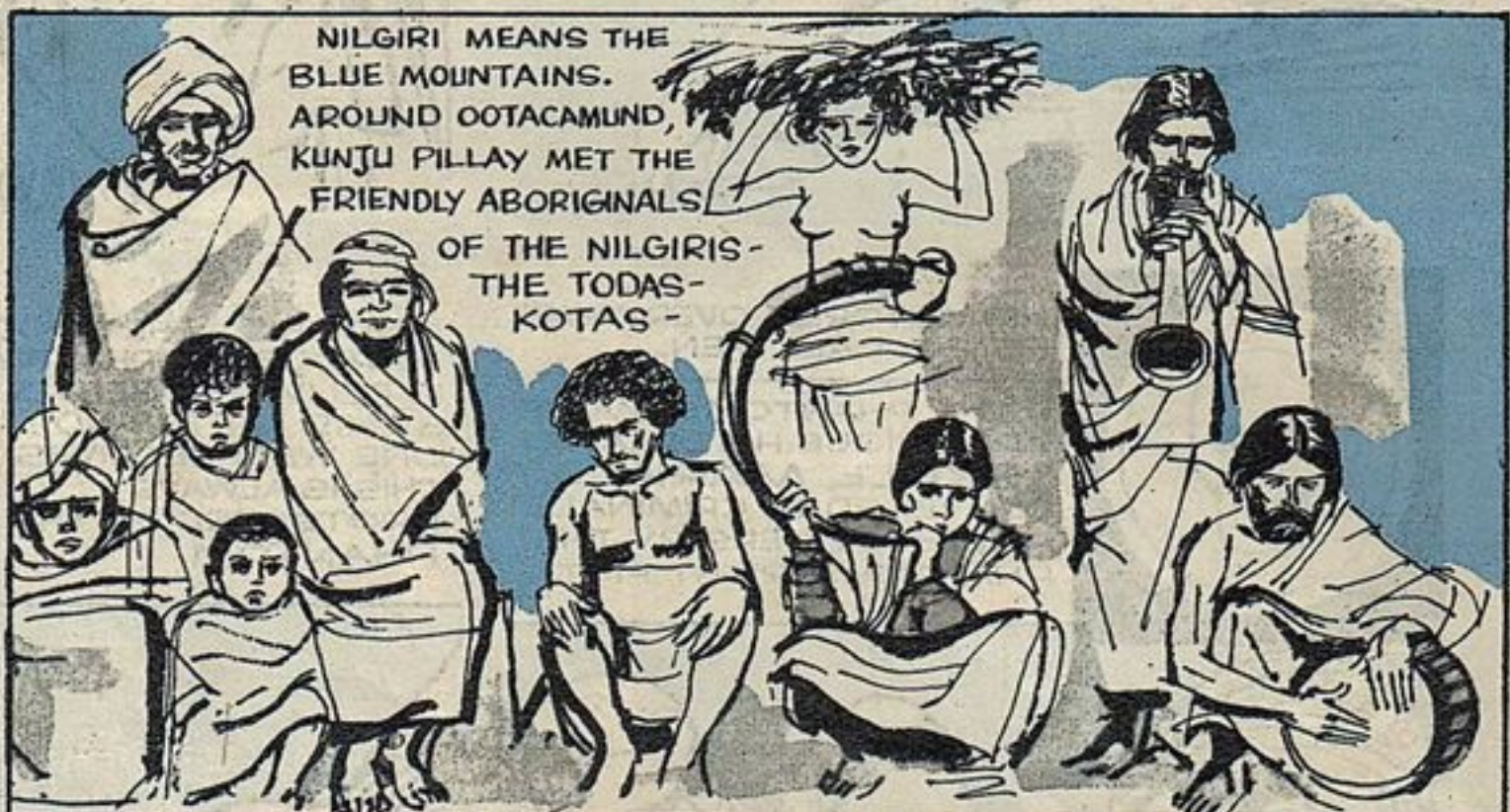
HEADED TOWARDS GOA KUNJU PASSED THROUGH QUILLON AND ALLEPPY, ERNAKULAM, TRICHUR AND PALGHAT AND REACHED COIMBATORE. HIS DESIRE TO REACH OOTACAMUND MADE HIM COVER A DIFFICULT DISTANCE OF 53 MILES FROM THERE IN ONE DAY AND --- THERE LAY BEFORE HIM THE QUEEN OF NILGIRIS --- OOTACAMUND -



OOTACAMUND, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL!



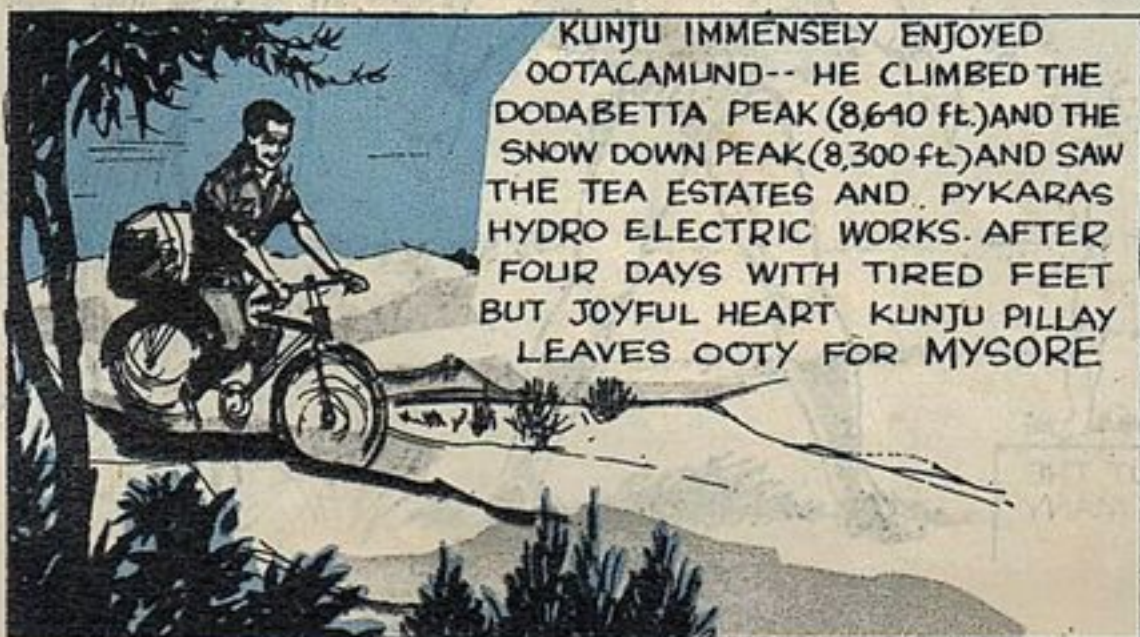
IT HAS A BEAUTIFUL LAKE



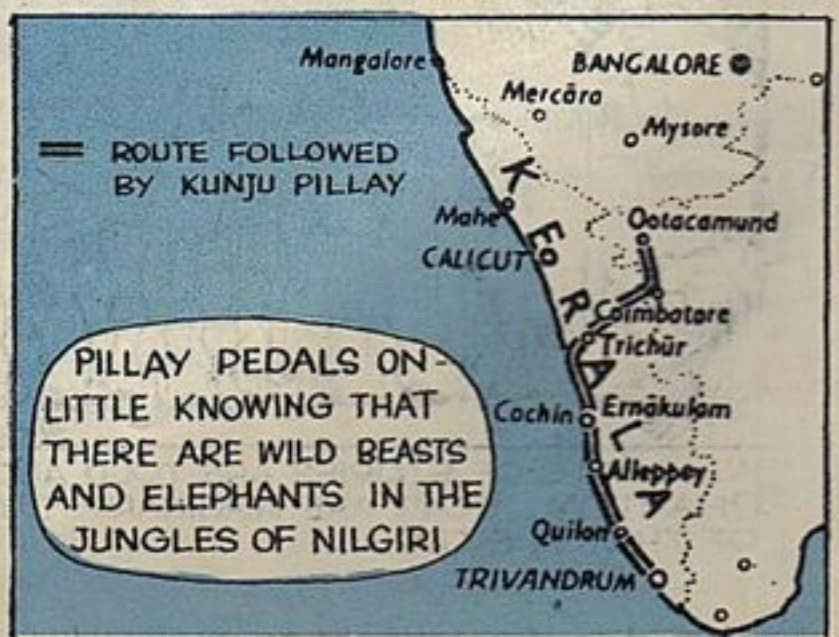
NILGIRI MEANS THE BLUE MOUNTAINS. AROUND OOTACAMUND, KUNJU PILLAY MET THE FRIENDLY ABORIGINALS OF THE NILGIRIS - THE TODAS - KOTAS -



THE DWELLING OF THE TODAS IS UNIQUE. THE TODA VILLAGE IS CALLED A MUND AND HAS 7 OR 8 SUCH HUTS



KUNJU IMMENSELY ENJOYED OOTACAMUND-- HE CLIMBED THE DODABETTA PEAK (8,640 FT.) AND THE SNOW DOWN PEAK (8,300 FT.) AND SAW THE TEA ESTATES AND PYKARAS HYDRO ELECTRIC WORKS. AFTER FOUR DAYS WITH TIRED FEET BUT JOYFUL HEART KUNJU PILLAY LEAVES OOTY FOR MYSORE

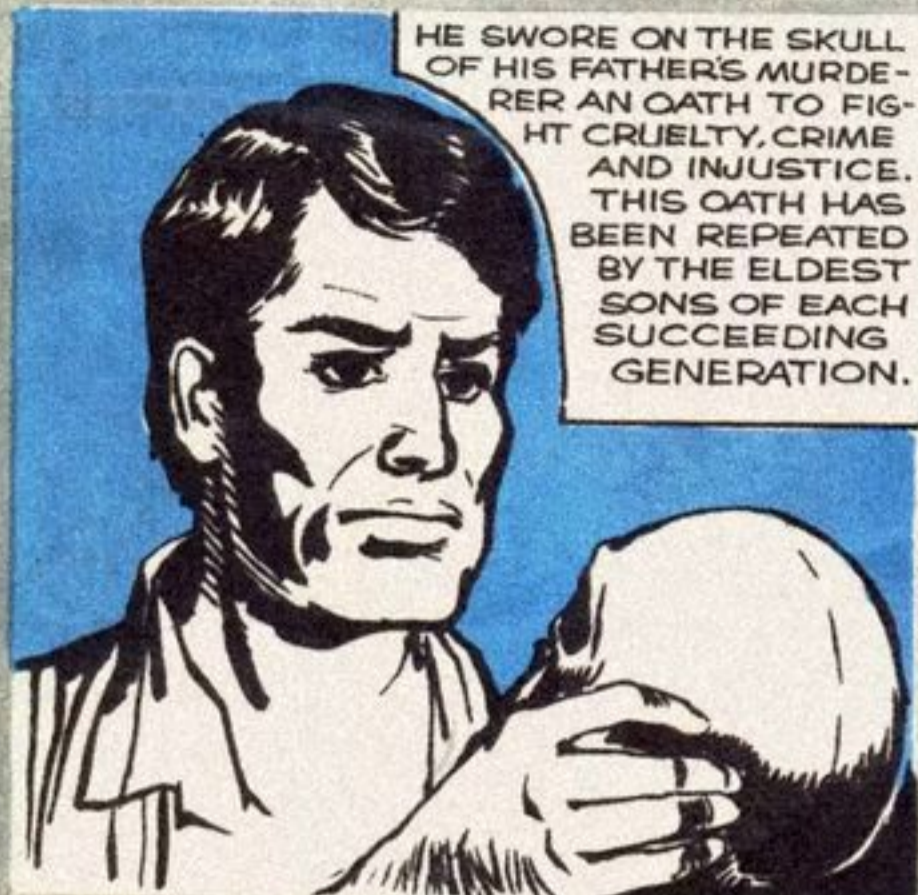


ROUTE FOLLOWED BY KUNJU PILLAY

PILLAY PEDALS ON-LITTLE KNOWING THAT THERE ARE WILD BEASTS AND ELEPHANTS IN THE JUNGLES OF NILGIRI

THE PHANTOM

400 YEARS AGO THE SINGA PIRATES DESTROYED A SHIP ON THE HIGH SEAS. A BRAVE YOUNG MAN - THE SOLE SURVIVOR - REACHED THE YOGA ISLAND AND BECAME THE FIRST PHANTOM.



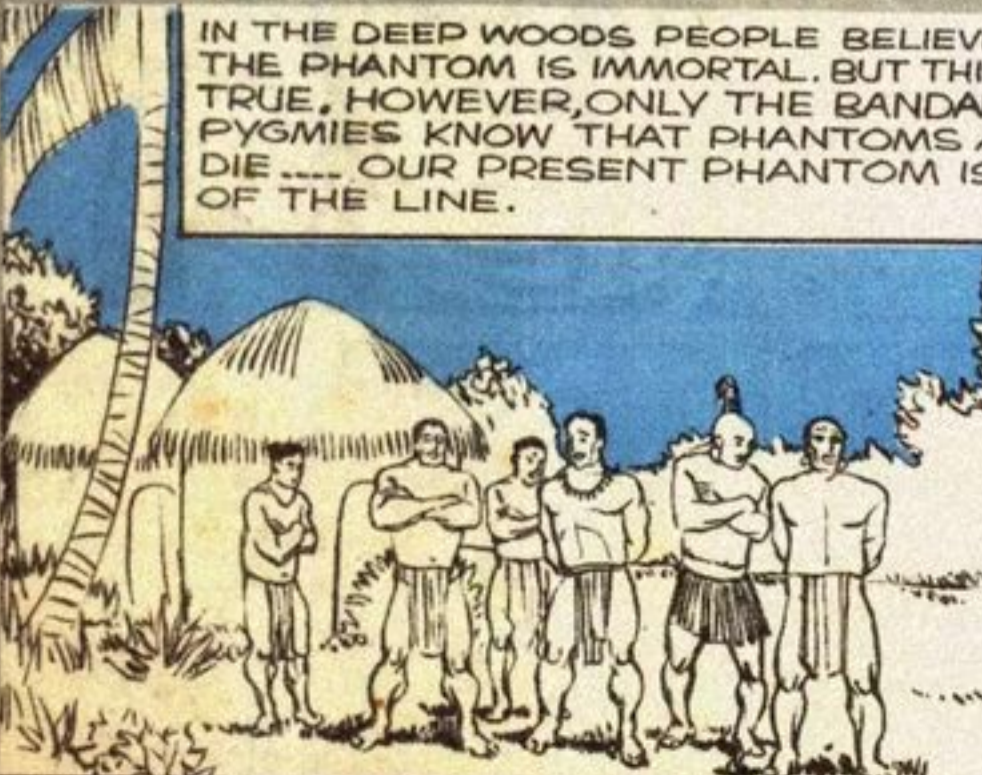
HE SWORE ON THE SKULL OF HIS FATHER'S MURDERER AN OATH TO FIGHT CRUELTY, CRIME AND INJUSTICE. THIS OATH HAS BEEN REPEATED BY THE ELDEST SONS OF EACH SUCCEEDING GENERATION.



HIS VICTORIES OVER CRIME BENEFIT ALL MEN.....

THE PHANTOM'S MARKS ARE UNIQUE. HIS DREADED "SKULL MARK" DELIVERED TO CRIMINALS AND EVIL DOERS BY THE PHANTOM'S RIGHT FIST.

AND THIS... THE GOOD MARK OF THE PHANTOM IS DELIVERED GENTLY BY HIS LEFT HAND. ONE WHO RECEIVES THIS IS ALWAYS PROTECTED BY THE PHANTOM.



IN THE DEEP WOODS PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE PHANTOM IS IMMORTAL. BUT THIS IS NOT TRUE. HOWEVER, ONLY THE BANDAR PYGMIES KNOW THAT PHANTOMS ALSO DIE.... OUR PRESENT PHANTOM IS 14TH OF THE LINE.



ALL SORTS OF STORIES ARE TOLD ABOUT THE PHANTOM... SOME ARE IMAGINARY.. BUT MANY OF THEM ARE TRUE.

THE BELT

THE PHANTOM



TEN YEARS AGO THE FATHER OF THE PRESENT PHANTOM WAS KILLED....
... SINCE THEN....



EACH YEAR, A DAY COMES WHEN THE PHANTOM NEITHER EATS NOR DRINKS~



~WHEN HE WALKS MOODILY IN THE CAVERN VAULTS OF HIS ANCESTORS ~ THE PHANTOMS FOR 4 CENTURIES BEFORE HIM~



OF ALL JUNGLE FOLK AND SEAFARERS, THE PYGMIES ALONE KNOW THAT THE PHANTOM IS NOT IMMORTAL.

THIS IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS FATHER'S DEATH~ THE PHANTOM BEFORE HIM.

IT IS FITTING HE SHOULD HONOR THIS DAY.



THE PHANTOM'S THOUGHTS GO BACK TO THAT DAY OVER TEN YEARS AGO~WHEN HIS FATHER DIED~

THE SINGA PIRATE FLAGSHIP. HOW CAN YOU BOARD HER, FATHER?

AN INFORMER IS WAITING FOR ME ON THE BEACH. HE WAS ENSLAVED BY THE SINGA. I RESCUED HIM ON A FORMER RAID~



HE KNOWS ALL THEIR WAYS~ WHEN THEY CHANGE SENTRIES THE LOCATION OF THEIR POWDER MAGAZINE AND TREASURE~

GO TO THE WOODS, SON, AND AWAIT ME~



BUT HE LINGERED TO SEE A MAN~ THE INFORMER JOIN HIS FATHER. TOGETHER THEY ROWED TO THE SHIP



HE WAITED... AFTER WHAT SEEMED AN ETERNITY, THERE WAS A VIOLENT EXPLOSION! THE SINGA PIRATE FLAGSHIP WAS DESTROYED!



THE PHANTOM IS REMEMBERING THE DAY WHEN HIS FATHER DESTROYED THE SINGA PIRATE FLAGSHIP WITH THE AID OF AN INFORMER! HE WATCHED THEM RETURN IN A ROWBOAT...



HE RUSHED TO THE JUNGLE TO AWAIT HIS FATHER, BUT WHEN HIS FATHER CAME ALONE HE WAS BADLY WOUNDED.



HE WAS DEAD BEFORE THEY REACHED THE DEEP WOODS... SADLY, HE WAS CARRIED INTO THE PHANTOM VAULTS, TO JOIN HIS ANCESTORS...



AND THE SON CAME OUT OF THE CAVE, TO TAKE HIS FATHER'S PLACE. THUS THE LINE CONTINUED UNBROKEN... SO DIED THE FATHER OF OUR PHANTOM.



MY FATHER RETURNED THAT DAY WITHOUT HIS BELT. DO YOU KNOW HOW HE DIED, GURAN?

WE ALL KNOW THAT HE DIED BRAVELY, FIGHTING THE SINGA PIRATES.



GURAN, HE WAS STABBED IN THE BACK! WHOEVER DID IT, TOOK HIS SKULL BELT.

STABBED IN THE...! I NEVER KNEW! BUT WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING TO HIM?



ONLY SOMEONE HE TRUSTED COULD HAVE MANAGED IT! THE INFORMER- THE MAN WHOSE FACE I DIDN'T SEE THAT DAY-

IF HE STILL LIVES, I'LL FIND THAT MAN SOMEDAY!



AN EVENING IN THE EXPLORERS' CLUB, RANKALI. HMM - I SUPPOSE THAT WAS A RIPPING TALE, RAMLU. NOW, CALDER IT'S YOUR TURN TO TELL A STORY.

YOU'VE BOTH HEARD OF THE SINGA PIRATES -- AND THE PHANTOM?

SINGA PIRATES? WHO HASN'T? THEY WERE BROKEN UP SOME YEARS AGO. I FORGET HOW, CALDER.

THE PHANTOM? HE'S A SUPERSTITION. A MYTH OF JUNGLE FOLK AND SEAFARERS --

"AND YOU'VE HEARD OF GULLIQUE ISLE?" CONTINUES CALDER. "IT'S BEEN DISPUTED BETWEEN TWO NATIONS FOR YEARS, SO IT HAS NO REAL GOVERNMENT -- A SORT OF NO-MAN'S LAND --"

A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS ON A MARINE EXPEDITION," ADDS CALDER. "WE HAD A ROUGH NIGHT, AND WERE FORCED INTO HARBOR AT GULLIQUE ISLE.

YOU'VE ACTUALLY BEEN TO GULLIQUE?

I'VE HEARD IT IS AN EVIL PLACE

THE MOST EVIL PLACE ON EARTH! IT IS RUN BY THUGS -- A REMNANT OF THE OLD SINGA PIRATES!

"STRANGERS WERE NOT WELCOME, UNINVITED, AT GULLIQUE --"

YOU WILL SEE RAMA. DELIGHTED -- WHOEVER THAT IS.

BUT WHO IS RAMA -- AND WHEN DOES THE PHANTOM COME IN?

I'LL GET TO THAT.

QUIET, RAMLU. LET HIM FINISH THE STORY.

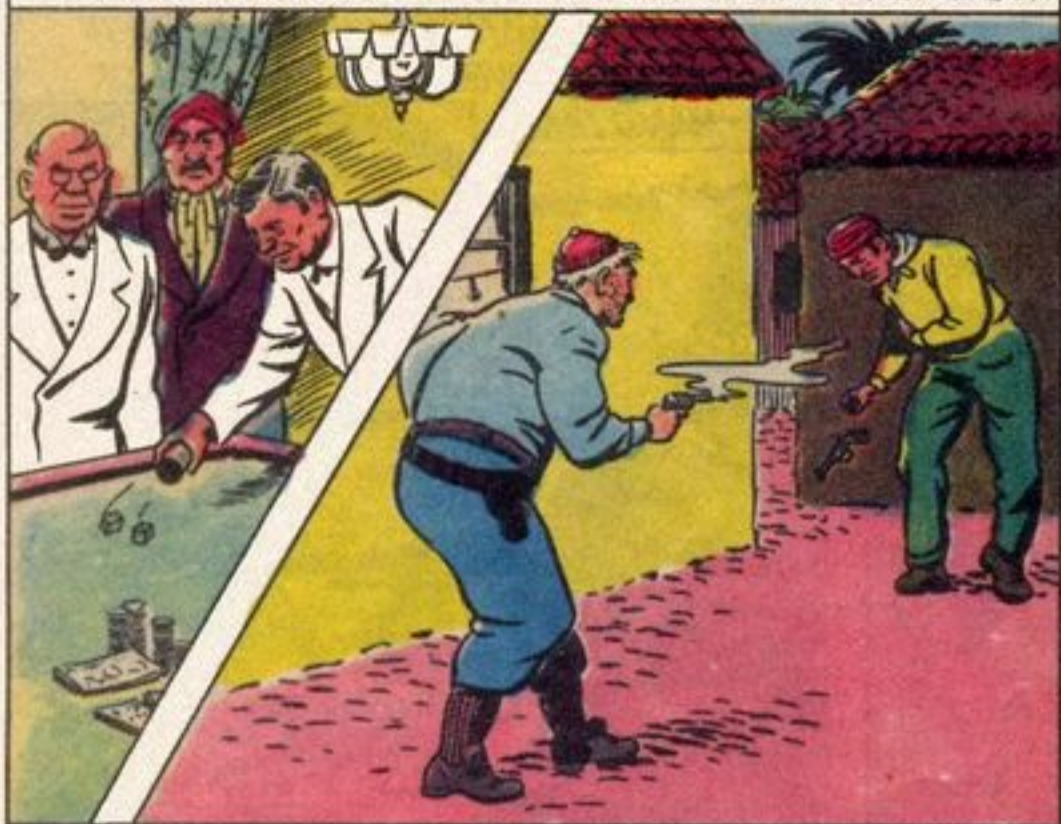
A TALE AT THE EXPLORERS' CLUB, RANKALI --

GULLIQUE ISLE, HAVING NO REAL GOVERNMENT, IS RUN BY EX-PIRATES. IT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY CALLED THE MOST EVIL PLACE ON EARTH.

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WHO'S ACTUALLY BEEN THERE BEFORE. GO ON, CALDER.

"IT IS A SMUGGLERS' HAVEN, WHERE NO QUESTIONS ARE ASKED," CONTINUES CALDER. "ACTUALLY, IT'S LIKE AN ANCIENT PIRATE STRONGHOLD."

"AS THE SAYING GOES, IT IS WIDE OPEN, WITH CRIME, GAMBLING AND EVEN A RUMORED SLAVE MART. THE ONLY LAW IS THE GUN."



"WE WERE TAKEN BEFORE THE UNCROWNED KING OF THE ISLAND, A HUGE, INCREDIBLE ROGUE NAMED RAMA," CONTINUES CALDER.

WELCOME TO GULLIQUE. ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE TOURISTS IF THEY LIKE TO GAMBLE.

WE'VE NOT COME TO GAMBLE. OUR SHIP WAS FORCED IN BY THE STORM.



YOU ARE A SCIENTIST, A WRITER? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO WRITE MY LIFE STORY. I AM AMAZING, FANTASTIC.

I'M SURE OF THAT. HOWEVER, WE MUST MOVE ON WHEN THE WEATHER CLEARS.



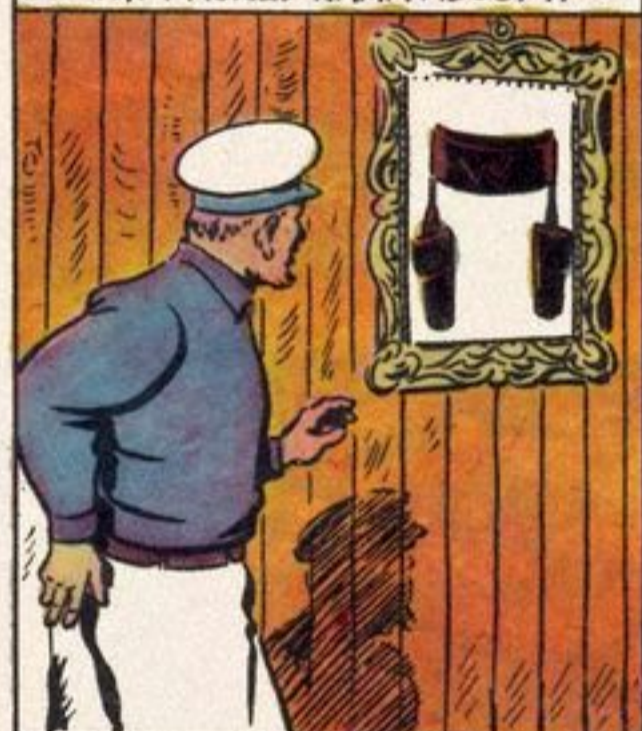
"I'LL ADMIT I WAS SCARED," SAYS CALDER. "IT WAS A PIRATES' DEN! CONFUSED, I LOOKED ABOUT THE ROOM."

FOR YOUR SHIP THERE IS A DOCKING FEE OF TEN THOUSAND A NIGHT.

TEN THOUSAND~ BUT THAT IS FANTASTIC! WE CAN'T AFFORD IT



"THERE, ON THE WALL, I SAW AN ODD THING. A GUN BELT, WITH A SKULL ON IT, HUNG AS A TROPHY. I ASKED RAMA ABOUT IT--"



The Explorer's Tale: ON GULLIQUE ISLE, THE SMUGGLERS' HAVEN, HE SEES A STRANGE TROPHY--

SOME MEN MOUNT ANIMAL HEADS OR FISH. I HAVE HUNTED EVERYTHING~ BUT THIS WAS THE GREATEST KILL OF MY LIFE!



"THE HUGE RAMA, EX-PIRATE AND RULER OF GULLIQUE, SEEMED STRANGELY UPSET AS HE TOLD THE STORY"

THAT WAS THE BELT OF THE PHANTOM~ THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

INDEED, RAMA? BUT WAS THERE REALLY SUCH A MAN?

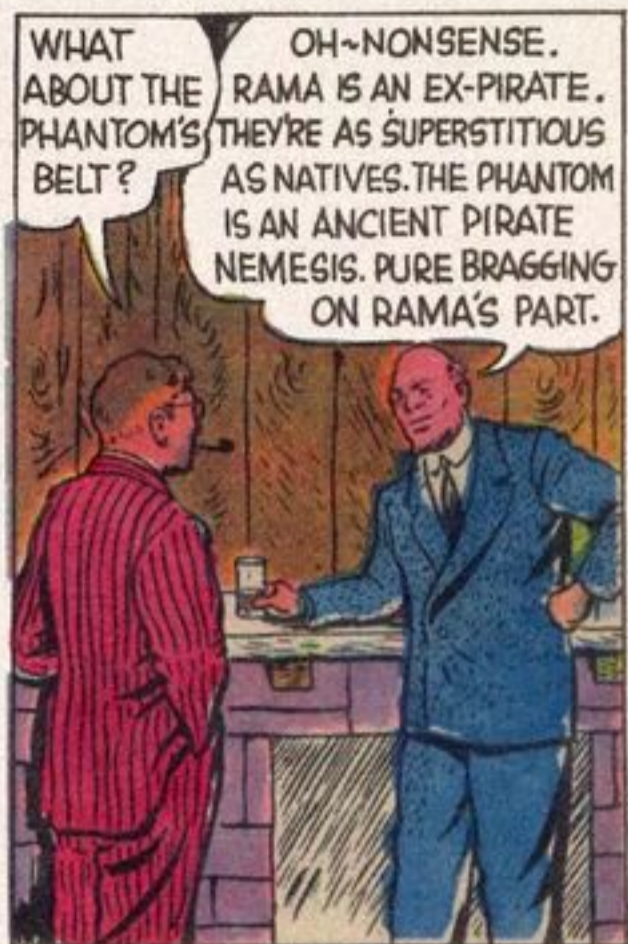
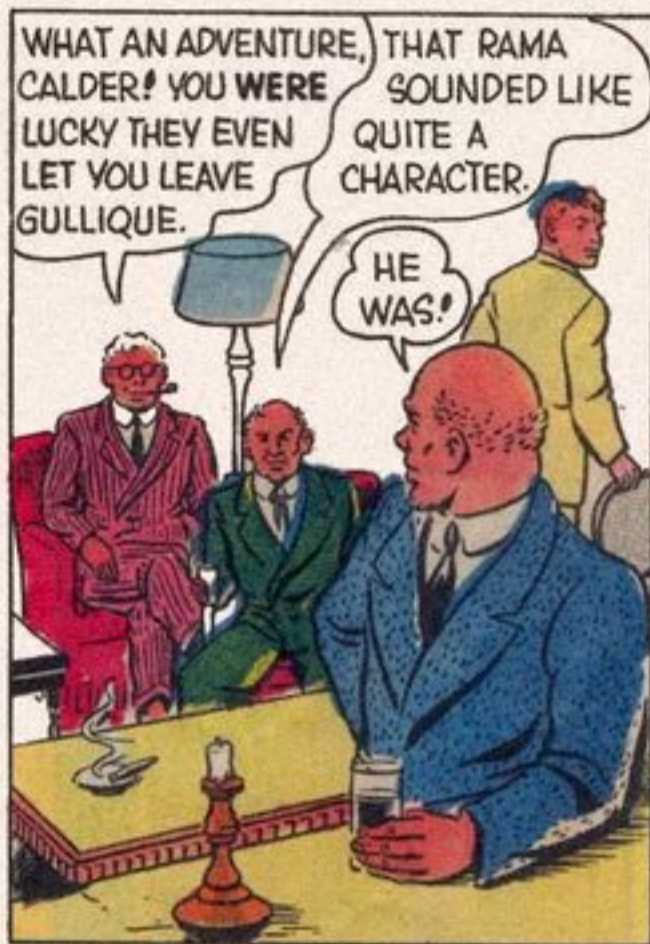


YES, THERE WAS! ALL SEAMEN KNOW THAT! HE LIVED FOR FOUR CENTURIES UNTIL I-- BUT I'VE SAID ENOUGH!

THE DOCKING FEE FOR YOUR SHIP IS TEN THOUSAND A NIGHT! THE BOY WILL SHOW YOU TO A ROOM!



WE WERE STAGGERED BY THE HUGE FEE! IT WAS AN UNLUCKY STORM THAT DROVE US TO HIS HARBOR--"







DON'T GO-- WAIT--

WE'RE FINISHED, MR. CALDER. I'LL CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION-- WITH RAMA!



HOW DOES ONE GET TO GULLIQUE ISLE?

EASY, CHUMP. THEY RUN THEIR OWN BOAT FOR TOURISTS WHO WANT TO GAMBLE. WIDE-OPEN THERE-- CROOKED TABLES-- I'M WARNIN' YOU.



SO THE PHANTOM JOINS THE SUN'S OUT AND IT'S RAINING. GOING TO HAVE A RAINBOW. 'CHUMPS'



LATER -- ON GULLIQUE --

ANOTHER BOATLOAD OF SUCKERS. WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?

LET'S HOPE THEY NEVER DO, MIK.



RAMA, YOU TOOK OVER OUR OLD SINGA GANG WHEN YOU KILLED THE PHANTOM. DID YOU REALLY KILL HIM?

THERE'S ALL THAT'S LEFT OF HIM. WHY?



REMEMBER THE OLD SAYING-- "IF THE PHANTOM COMES TO DESTROY GULLIQUE, THERE'LL BE A DOUBLE RAINBOW IN THE SKY?"

SURE, I REMEMBER. SO WHAT?



WELL-- THERE'S A DOUBLE RAINBOW IN THE SKY.





ON GULLIQUE ISLE.

THE CASINO IS THIS WAY, SIR.

THANK YOU. I'LL STROLL FIRST.

THESE CUT-THROATS ARE POLITE TO TOURISTS.



A SMUGGLERS' HAVEN. NO GOVERNMENT HERE EXCEPT THAT OLD PIRATE GANG.

I'D BETTER FOLLOW HIM.



~WE DON'T WANT SOME THUG TO TAKE HIS ROLL BEFORE HE GETS TO OUR CASINO.

EVERY ESCAPED CONVICT HEADS FOR GULLIQUE-- THEY'RE SAFE HERE. IT'S A PESTHOLE--AND SHOULD BE WIPED OUT.



OH, HELLO ~ I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH FIGHTING. ARE THE MEN HERE ALL SO TOUCHY?

WELL, MAYBE THE BOYS' NERVES ARE ON EDGE. HAS TO DO WITH THAT DOUBLE RAINBOW. A SILLY YARN--



IT IS SAID IF THE PHANTOM COMES TO DESTROY GULLIQUE, THERE WILL BE A DOUBLE RAINBOW.

ER-- WHAT IS THE PHANTOM?



OH HE'S--WELL, YOU KNOW HOW SUPERSTITIOUS SEAMEN ARE, ESPECIALLY THIS EX-PIRATE CROWD-- ANHOW, HE'S DEAD.



WHO KILLED HIM?

FOR A TOURIST WHO JUST CAME TO GAMBLE, YOU ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS! WHAT'S YOUR GAME, MISTER?



THE PHANTOM SLUGS MIK-- BUT NO ONE PAYS ATTENTION IT HAPPENS TOO OFTEN ON GULLIQUE--

WE DON'T ASK QUESTIONS ON GULLIQUE, AND WE DON'T LIKE TO HEAR THEM. WHY ARE YOU SNOOPIN'?--UH--



I'M HERE TO ASK QUESTIONS. YOU'RE PART OF THE OLD SINGA PIRATE CROWD. TALK!

UHH--IT'S NO SECRET. SURE, TEN YEARS AGO WE HADA REAL FLEET--A MATCH FOR A NAVY--

"WE WERE WELL HIDDEN~ BUT SOMEONE CALLED THE PHANTOM FOUND US~~ AND DESTROYED THE SHIPS~~ WE SETTLED HERE."



WHO KILLED THE PHANTOM?

UG. THAT'S NO SECRET. OUR BOSS, RAMA, DID. THAT'S WHY HE'S OUR BOSS



THANK YOU. ENOUGH FOR NOW. SEE YOU LATER.

I'LL SAY YOU WILL! YOU CAN'T GET OFF THIS PLACE. ME AND THE BOYS'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? RUN INTO A DOOR?

ONE OF THE TOURISTS, A NOSY GUY, SLUGGED ME! HE WAS ASKING TOO MANY QUESTIONS



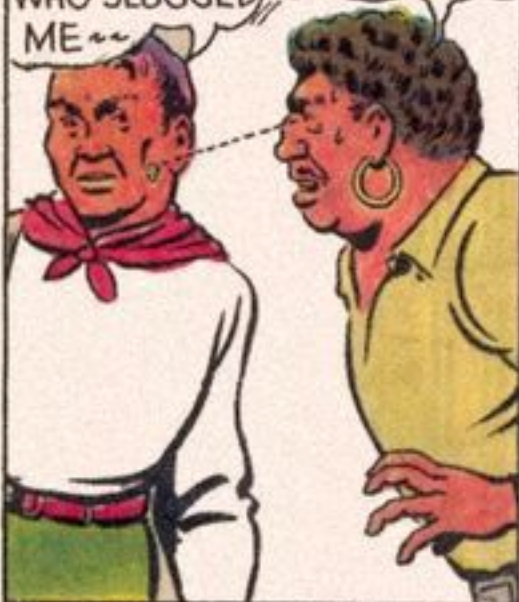
MIK~~ ON YOUR JAW~~ THE SKULL MARK~~ THE MARK OF~~ THE PHANTOM!



ON GULLIQUE ISLE~~

HE~ LEFT THE SKULL MARK ON YOUR JAW~~ MARK OF THE PHANTOM~~

THAT TOURIST WHO SLUGGED ME~~



BUT~ HE'S DEAD! I KILLED HIM TEN YEARS AGO! THAT'S HIS BELT!



THAT OLD SAYING~ "WHEN THE PHANTOM COMES TO DESTROY GULLIQUE, THERE'LL BE A DOUBLE RAINBOW IN THE SKY~~! LOOK!"

CUT IT, RAMA! WE OFTEN HAVE DOUBLE RAINBOWS HERE.





FIND A MAN WITH A DOG. HE CAME ON THE GAMBLERS' BOAT. SHOOT HIM ON SIGHT!

WHAT IF WE FIND THE WRONG GUY WITH A DOG?

WHAT'S THE DIF? SHOOT 'EM ALL!



HE CAN'T BE ALIVE! I KILLED HIM! HE'S DEAD! OR IS HE... THE GHOST WHO WALKS... THE MAN WHO CANNOT DIE?



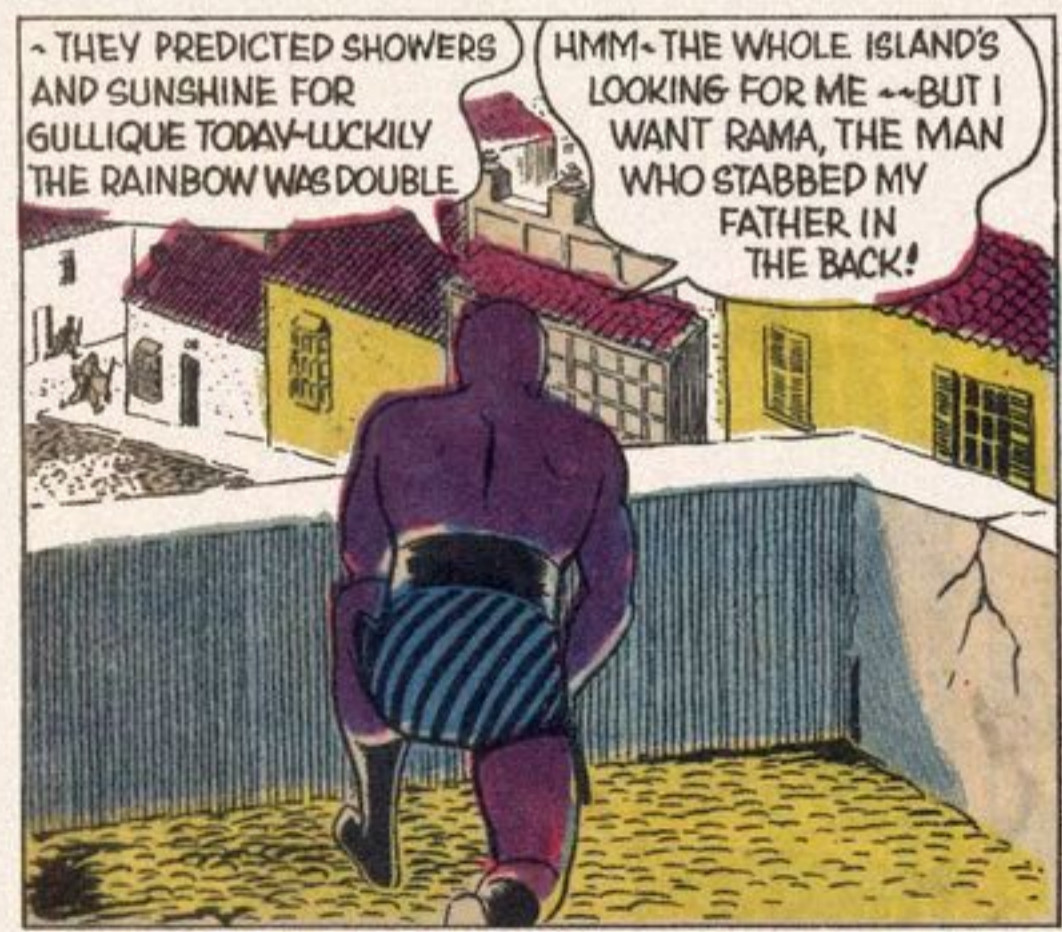
ON GULLIQUE ISLE...

THE PIRATE GANG IS LOOKING FOR A MAN WITH A DOG. WAIT HERE, DEVIL. I'LL WORK BETTER ALONE.



~I'D HEARD THAT GULLIQUE SUPERSTITION ~"IF THE PHANTOM COMES TO DESTROY GULLIQUE, THERE'LL BE A DOUBLE RAINBOW IN THE SKY."

BEFORE I LEFT THE MAINLAND I CHECKED AT THE WEATHER BUREAU...



~ THEY PREDICTED SHOWERS AND SUNSHINE FOR GULLIQUE TODAY- LUCKILY THE RAINBOW WAS DOUBLE.

HMM- THE WHOLE ISLAND'S LOOKING FOR ME... BUT I WANT RAMA, THE MAN WHO STABBED MY FATHER IN THE BACK!



DID YOU FIND HIM?

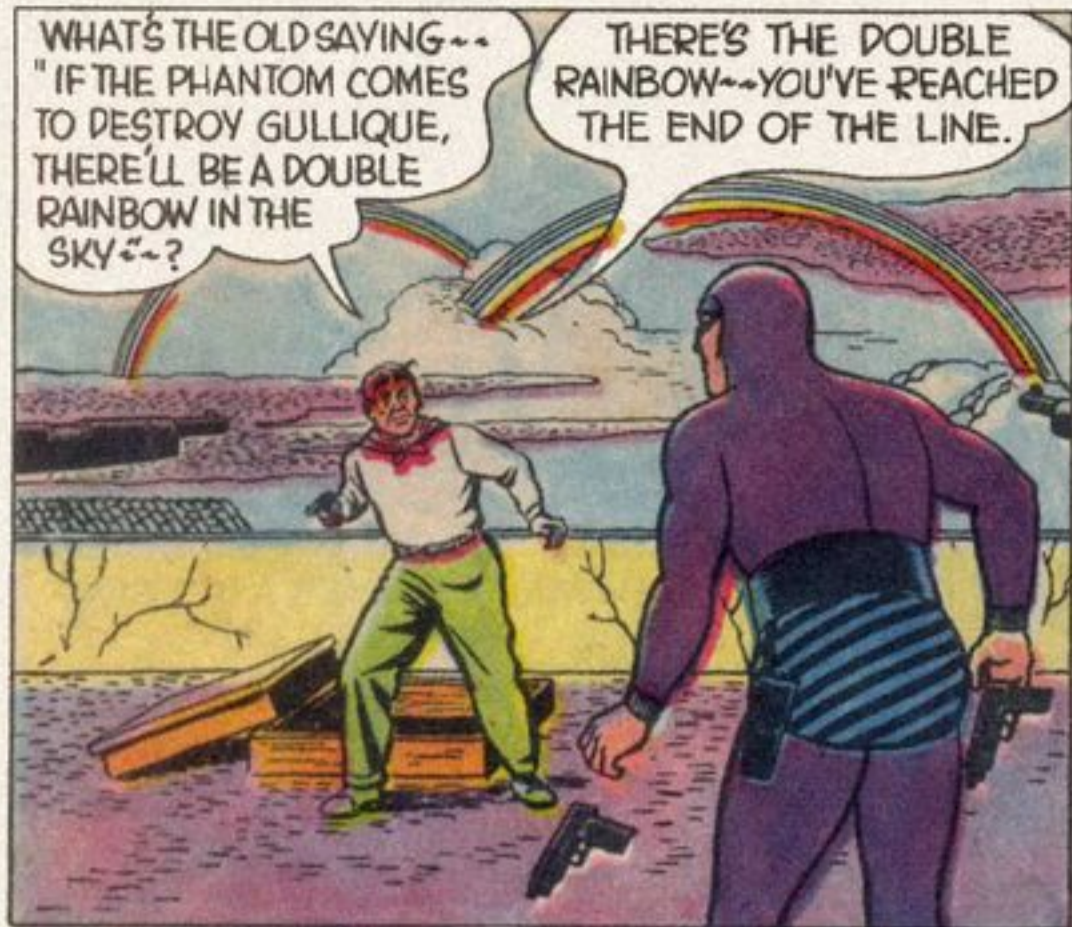
NOT YET. BUT WE GOT A FEW QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU, RAMA.

YEAH- WHEN THE PHANTOM BLEW UP OUR SHIPS TEN YEARS AGO, YOU CLAIMED YOU KILLED HIM.









WHAT'S THE OLD SAYING--
"IF THE PHANTOM COMES
TO DESTROY GULLIQUE,
THERE'LL BE A DOUBLE
RAINBOW IN THE
SKY--?"

THERE'S THE DOUBLE
RAINBOW--YOU'VE REACHED
THE END OF THE LINE.



I'VE RETURNED
TO PUNISH
YOU, RAMA.

NO MATTER
WHO WINS--
I LOSE--

DOUBLE-CROSSING
YOUR OWN MEN,
RAMA? WHEN WE
FINISH THE PHANTOM
WE'LL FINISH YOU.



NEITHER OF THEM
WILL GET ME--
IF I CAN'T RUN
GULLIQUE ISLE,
NOBODY
CAN!



I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO
YOU REALLY ARE--
BUT THERE ISN'T
TIME--SO--

AS THE PIRATE'S FINGER
TIGHTENS ON THE TRIGGER--



SUDDENLY, A BIG EXPLOSION ON
THE WHARF OF GULLIQUE--



THE ISLE OF GULLIQUE IS
SUDDENLY ROCKED BY
MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS--



PEOPLE FLEE WILDLY INTO THE
STREETS AS THE EXPLOSIONS
CONTINUE.

EARTH-
QUAKE!

BOMBARD-
MENT!



SHIPS MOVE FRANTICALLY INTO THE
HARBOR AS THE EXPLOSIONS SPREAD
ALONG THE WHARVES--



MIK~
WHAT
IS IT?

THE ISLAND IS MINED
AS A DEFENSE AGAINST
ATTACK FROM THE
OLD DAYS WHEN IT
WAS OUR PIRATE
BASE

ONLY TWO
MEN KNOW
WHERE THE
CONTROLS ARE~
MYSELF~AND
RAMA!



IF THE PHANTOM ESCAPES HE'LL
KILL ME! OTHERWISE~THE
GANG WILL! IF I CAN'T RULE
GULLIQUE~NOBODY WILL!



RAMA YOU WON'T GET ME~
YOU~! NONE OF YOU! THIS
CHARGE~IS FOR~
THIS~HOUSE



THE FINAL EXPLOSION!



A NAVAL VESSEL SEES THE
MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS
ON THE ISLE OF GULLIQUE



THEY LAND AND QUICKLY
ESTABLISH ORDER ON THE FRANTIC,
DISORDERED ISLAND~



THIS WAS AN OLD PIRATE STRONG-
HOLD, YOU KNOW, MINED AGAINST
ATTACK. THEY SAY A MAN NAMED
RAMA SET OFF THE EXPLOSIONS~

~THIS WAS HIS HOUSE.
SOME OF THE GANG DIED
HERE WITH HIM~NO
ONE KNOWS WHY~



WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR, SIR?

SOMETHING THAT
BELONGS TO ME.
HERE IT IS~



Do You Know?

THE RANK MARKS
of the officers of
INDIAN ARMY

If you know these marks write the correct ranks in the blanks provided below—



1



2



3



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— and if you do not know these rank marks, worn by the Army Officers on their shoulders then you should go through the key below and fill up the blanks after memorizing the rank names.

KEY: 1. GENERAL, 2. LT.-GENERAL, 3. MAJ.-GENERAL, 4. BRIGADIER, 5. COLONEL, 6. LT.-COLONEL, 7. MAJOR, 8. CAPTAIN, 9. LIEUTENANT, 10. 2ND LIEUTENANT.



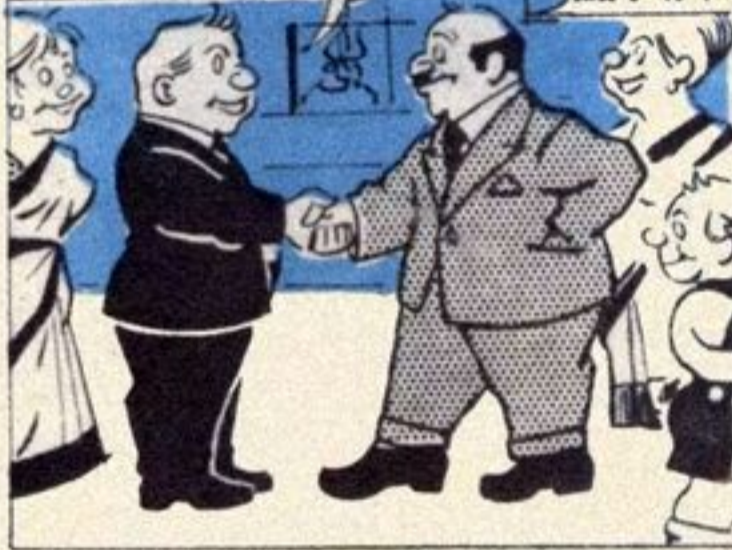
Raju! There will be guests for lunch. Be sure not to make any noise.

All right, Ma. I shall not make any noise. I always obey your orders.



Welcome Mr. Dingle! A happy Holi to you. It is amazing no one sprinkled colour on you.

Yes. I came in a closed van. And the weather is a bit chilly, isn't it?



It is a pity no one sprinkled colour on Mr. Dingle. But he is scared of cold water. Let me mix some colour in hot water.



I did not stir out of my house today. There was too much colour splashing on the streets.

The sweets are delicious. But where is Raju? Let me give him my good wishes.



Oh, No! Stop it... Stop it, Raju.



My new coat is gone... I wish I could thrash him.



My sincere apologies, Dingle!

I assure you that my visit to your house shall never be repeated...



Is that the way to treat your guests? You must always be respectful towards the guests.



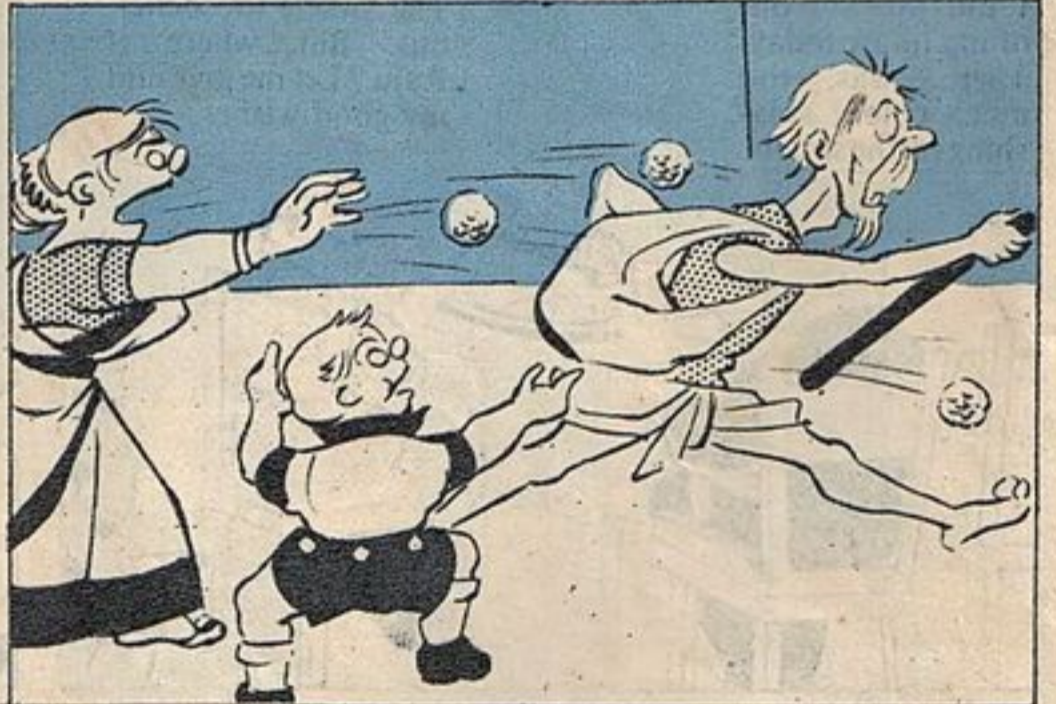
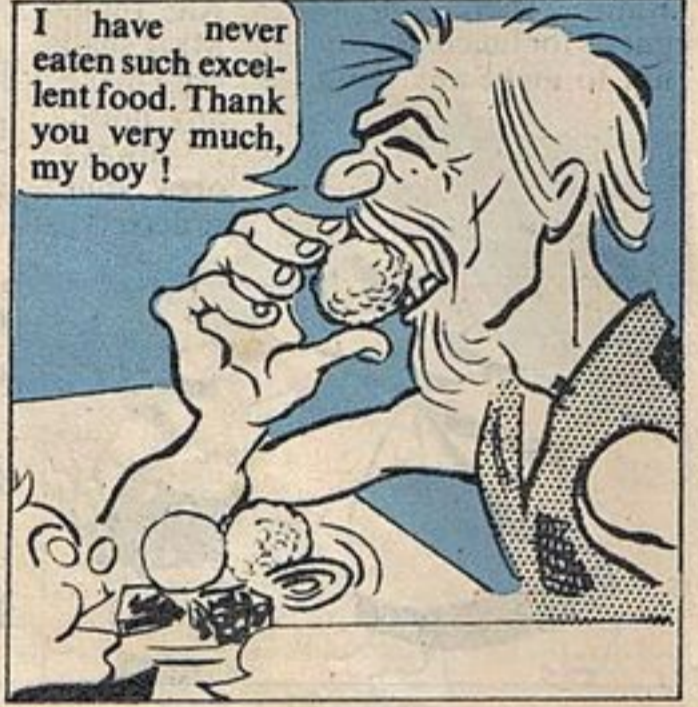
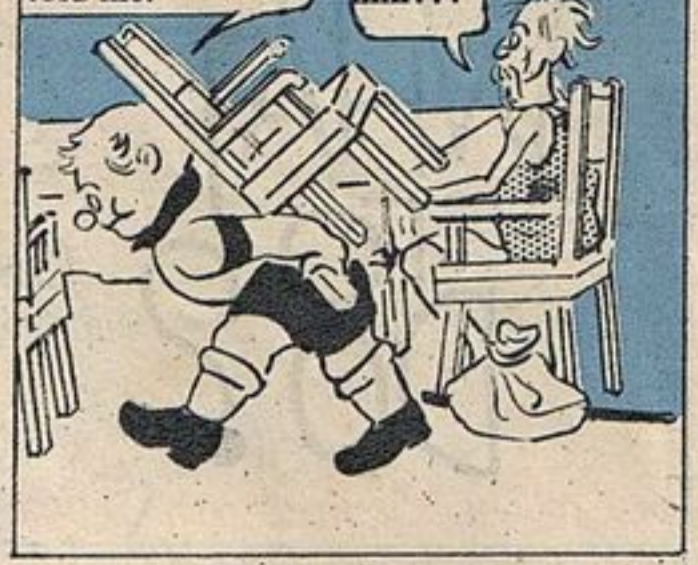
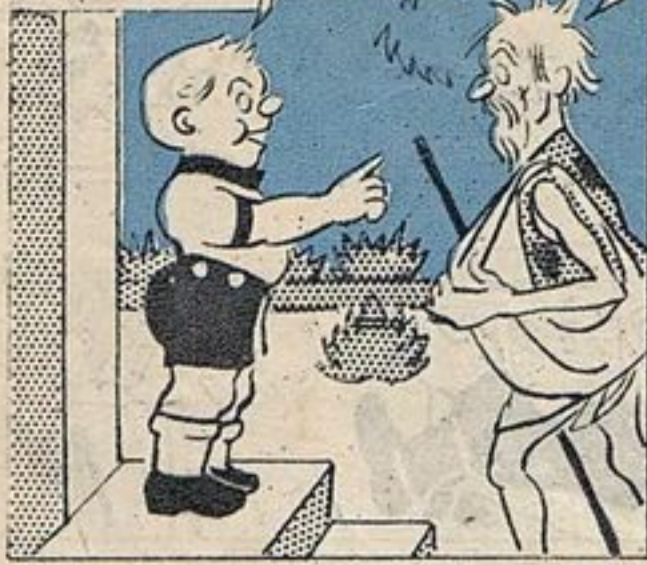
Don't worry. You are most welcome.

I am a hungry beggar. Kindly give me something to eat.

Oh yes! Please come in. My mother has asked me to treat visitors with great respect. I will give you sweets.

I must feed him properly. After all that is what Ma told me.

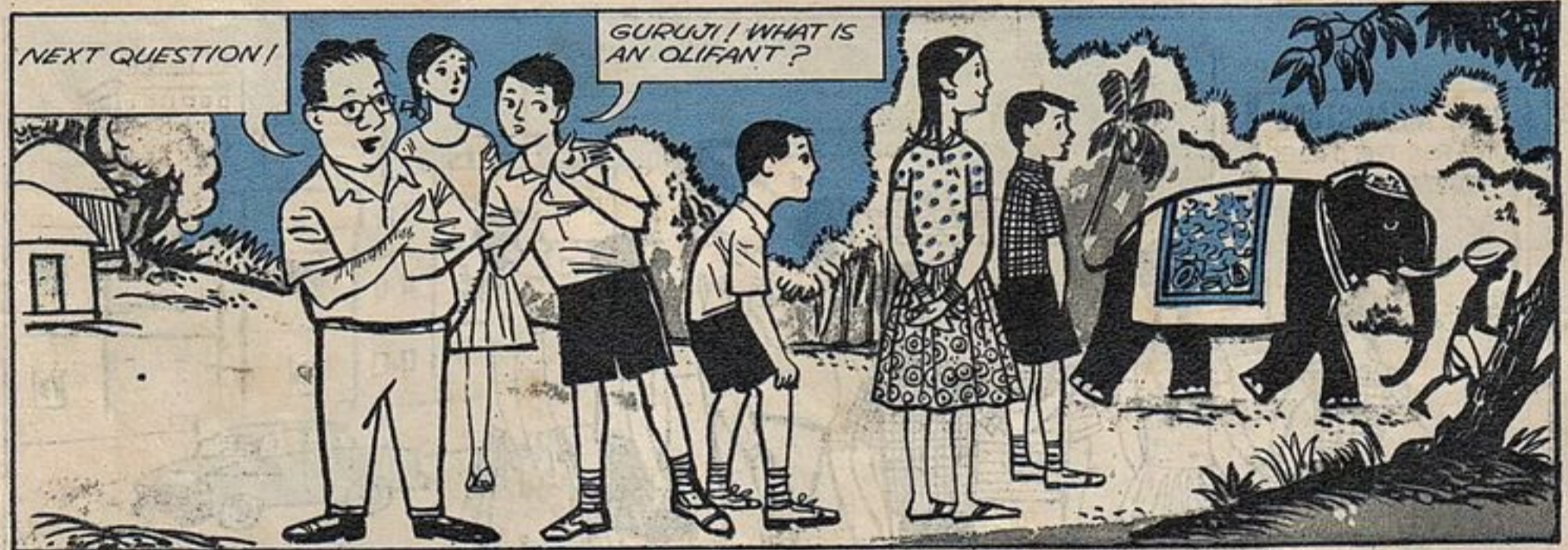
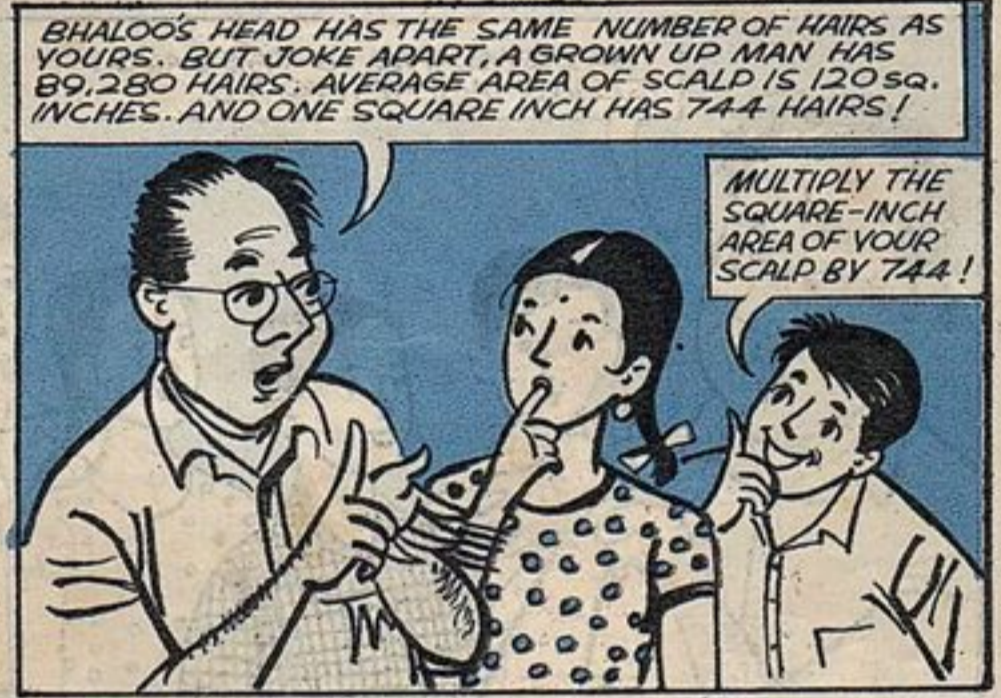
This boy is very kind hearted. Only if all of them were like him...

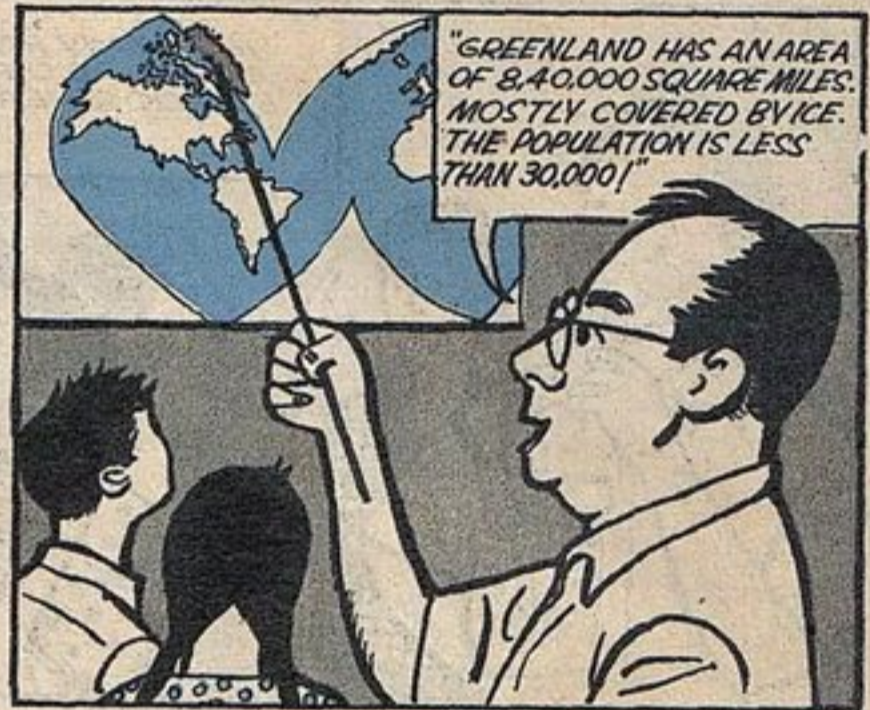
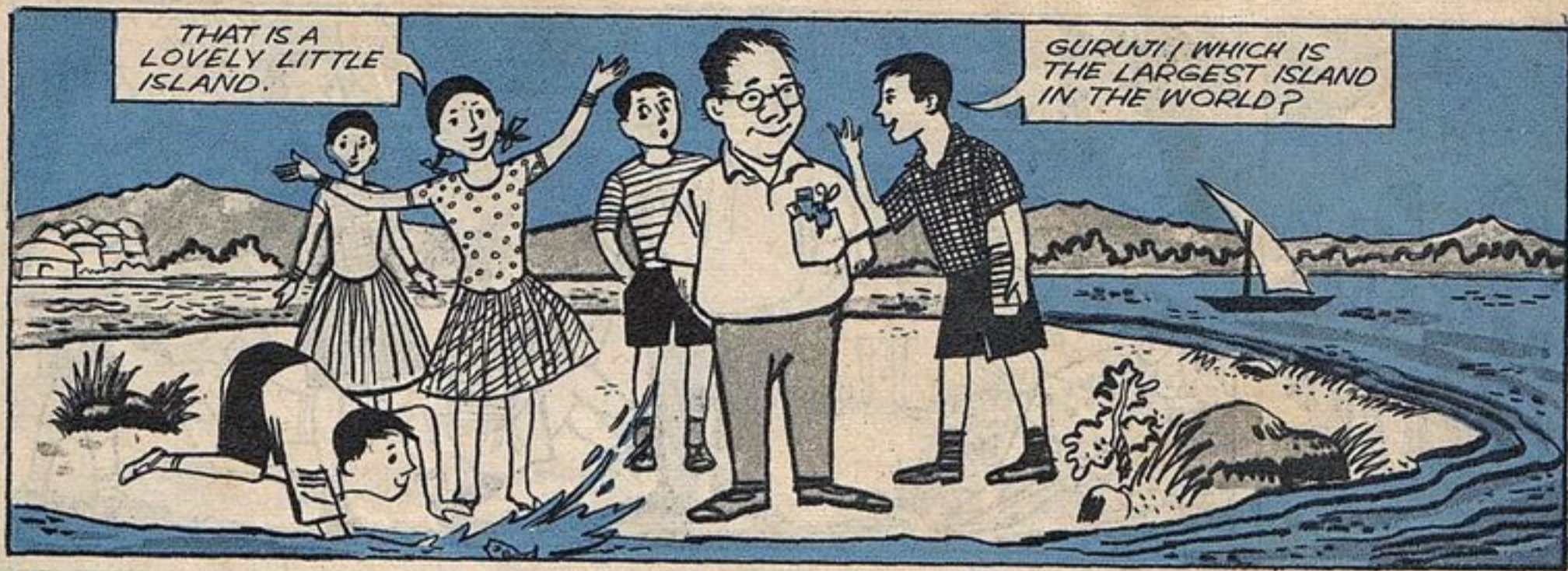


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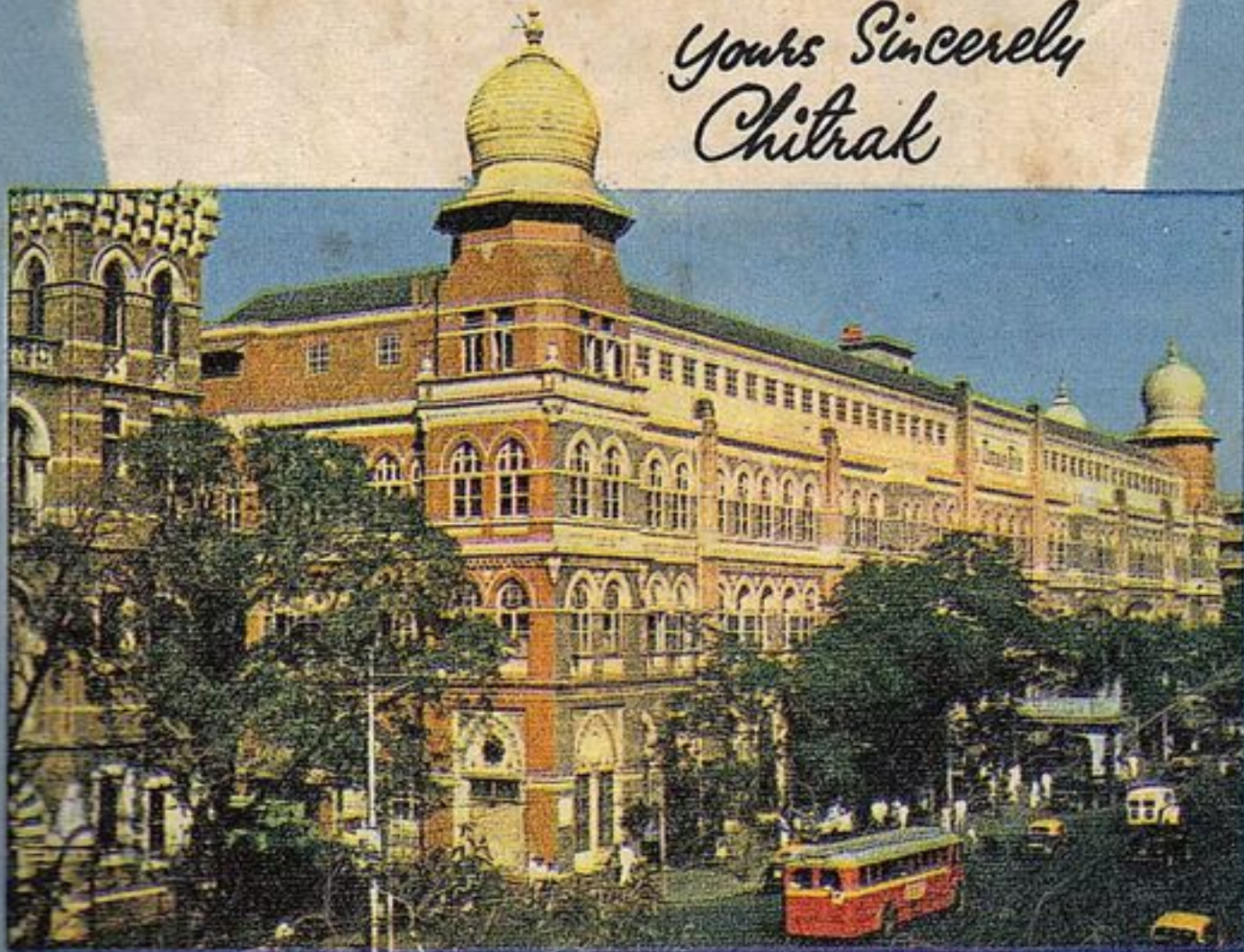
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