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*Yatra yatra raghunatham; Hanum;*

*Tatra tatra kritham;*

*Bhas;*

*Hanum;*

Om Sri Hanumate

Namah II

*Yatra yatra raghunatham;*  
*Tatra tatra kritham;*  
*Bhaspavaani;*  
*Maarutim namah;*

*It's been said that there are over 300 million Gods and Goddesses in the Indian Pantheon. That's about the population of the United States of America. So imagine if in the entire nation of the U. S. there was an individual that one could honestly say was the most admired, respected, and held with more affection than all the others. That person would be analogous to Lord Hanuman.*



The reasons as to why Hanuman is so popular amongst devotees are many: from the many adventures and tales that chronicle his birth and life, to the symbolic devotion that he represents, to his often cute and cuddly depiction as a monkey. But amongst his many exploits and achievements, he is best known for his devotion and commitment to Lord Rama on their journey to Lanka to save Rama's kidnapped consort, Sita, as depicted in the epic Indian poem the Ramayana. It's during this journey that Hanuman - a much worshipped and respected God in his own right - never questions Rama's authority and dutifully follows him to the literal ends of the earth to save Sita. There are several critical moments during the epic tale that Hanuman's intervention saves the day - notably when he saves the life of Rama's fallen brother Lakshman and also when he uncovers Sita in captivity and re-assures her that Rama is on the way to rescue her.

Growing up as a boy in India, it was these heroic episodes that were often told to us by our grandparents and narrated in our classrooms by our teachers. They didn't need to tell us the morals of the stories - that Hanuman's gallantry, loyalty, humility, courage, and playfulness were the attributes that we should always aspire to in every stage of our life. No matter where you went in India, whether to a neighbor's house where they had a special place of prayer reserved for Hanuman, or to a massive temple celebrating him, or on the dashboards of rickshaws adorned with his colorful visage, one was constantly reminded of his gracious and gentle charisma. Never one to trump his own merits or bark dogma in the many myths that surround him, Hanuman still enchants, endears, and enlightens with his mere presence.

Contrary to popular belief, I've never considered myself very religious. As such, I've never encouraged anyone including my own children to seek the moral or righteous implications of any God. I've never believed that any God is distinct from the wisdom within us. The beauty of Lord Hanuman is he never asked us to.

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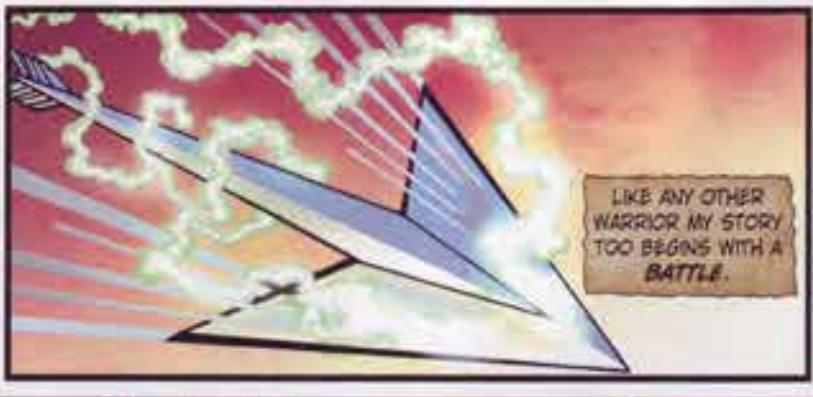
*Yatra yatra raghunatha kitanam:  
Tatra tatra kitha masthakanjalim:*



THEY SAY I  
WAS SIRED BY  
THE WILD WIND  
ITSELF.



BATTLE OF LANKA,  
THE TRETAYA AGE.



LIKE ANY OTHER  
WARRIOR MY STORY  
TOO BEGINS WITH A  
BATTLE.

A BATTLE FOR  
DHARMA AGAINST THE  
Hordes OF THE DEMON  
LORD RAVANA.

A BATTLE LED BY  
THE FINEST OF  
WARRIOR OF THE  
HUMAN RACE.

RAMA, THE PRINCE OF  
AYODHYA, SCION OF THE  
SURYAVANSHI CLAN

AND HIS BROTHER  
LAXMAN.

THE DEMONS SENSED  
THEIR IMPENDING  
DEFEAT...

...AND IN THEIR  
DESPERATION...

...THEY BROKE THE  
WARRIOR COVENANT.

RAMA!  
WATCH  
OUT!

THEY DEPLOYED  
THEIR ULTIMATE  
WEAPON...

*“Encoded into the stories of the divine Pantheon of India are some of the most primal stories ever told. They chronicle our greatest aspirations, our darkest fears, and our collective experience as a species.”*

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**ON SALE  
NOW**

THE FORBIDDEN  
WEAPON:  
MAHA-NAGA STRA



THEIR GENERAL INDRAJEET,  
SON OF RAVAL, FIRED THE  
DEADLY TOKIN HALAHAAH THAT  
CAME OUT OF THE DARK HEART  
OF THE PRIMORDIAL OCEAN.



THE WEAPON'S TOXICITY  
IS MATCHED ONLY BY THE  
PAINFUL SLOWNESS  
OF ITS EFFECT.





MY POTIONS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT AGAINST HALAHAL. PRINCE LAXMAN IS IN A BAD STATE indeed.

PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON HOPE, VAIDYARAJ. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING, SOME ANTIDOTE TO THE POISON.

WELL, THERE IS ONE ANTIDOTE. THE FLOWERS OF THE SANJEEVANI PLANT. BUT...

MY BROTHER WILL NOT DIE HERE. TELL ME WHERE CAN WE OBTAIN THE FLOWERS OF THE SANJEEVANI PLANT?

...WHY DOESN'T HE TELL US WHERE THE PLANT GROWS AND LET US BE THE JUDGE?

HANUMAN! WELL-SPOKEN, MY FRIEND.

IT GROWS ON THE SLOPES OF MOUNT GANDHMADAN MANY YOJANAS\* TO THE NORTH.

\*ONE YOJANA = 3.2 MILES

THEN THERE IS HOPE FOR MY BROTHER HANUMAN. CAN YOU...?

THINK NO MORE OF IT, MY LIEGE.



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Grieve no further,  
for I, Hanuman of the  
Vanaras, promise  
you this...

...I shall return  
with the antidote by  
morning.



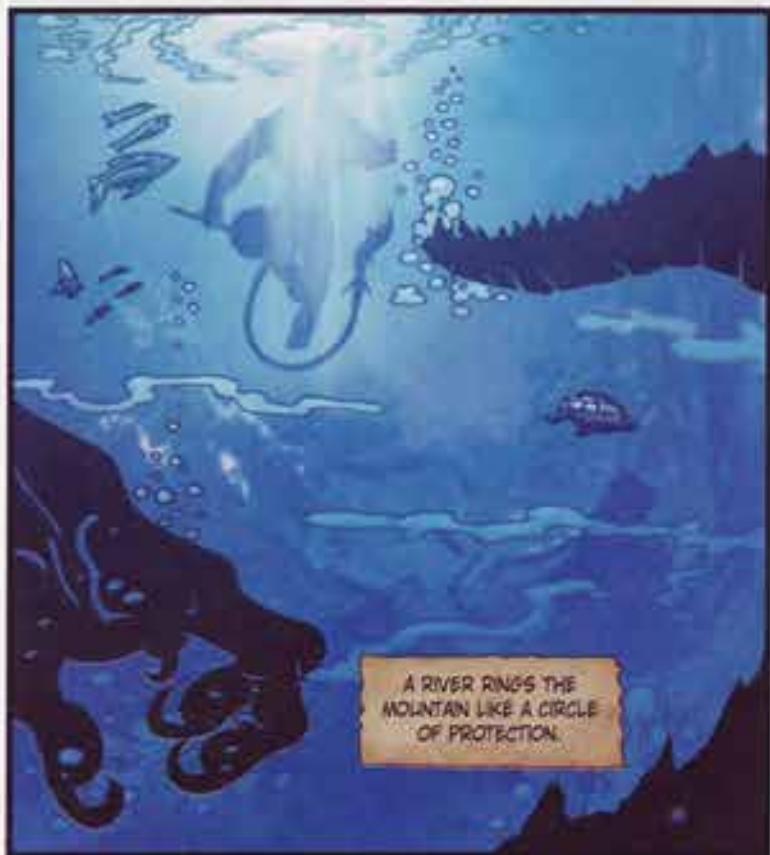
HANUMAN, THE MOUNTAIN OF GANDHAMADAN AS YOU WELL KNOW, IS RUMORED TO BE A DANGEROUS PLACE.

IT IS AS I SAID, MANY YOJANAS TO THE NORTH, SO YOU HAVE TO MAKE HASTE.

GODSPEED, MY FRIEND!



...AND LO! HE LIFTS ME UP IN HIS ARMS.





...AND GIVE THE  
RIVER NOT A SINGLE  
THOUGHT.



THE RIVER IS  
BEWITCHED JUST  
AS THE WOODS.

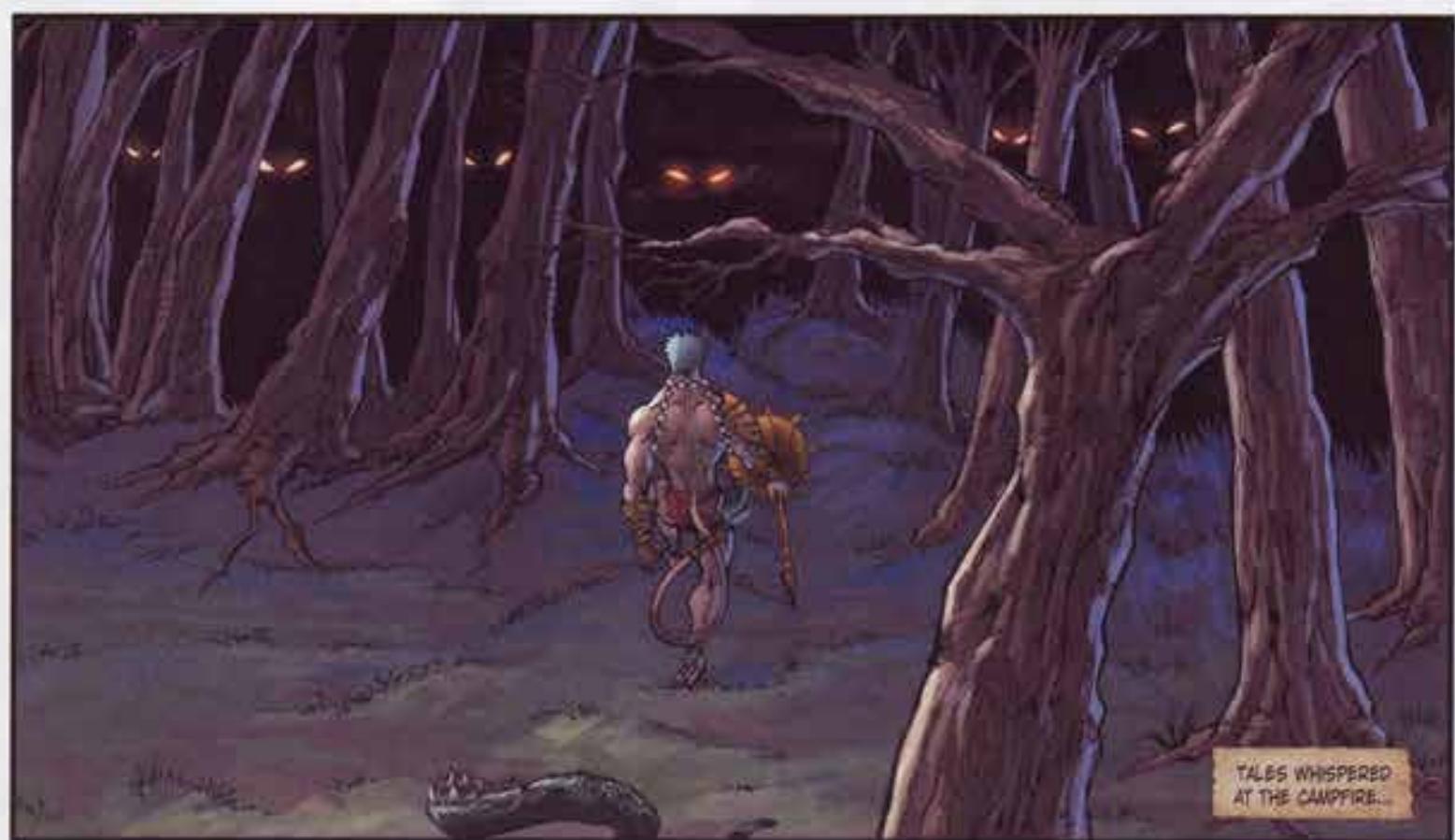
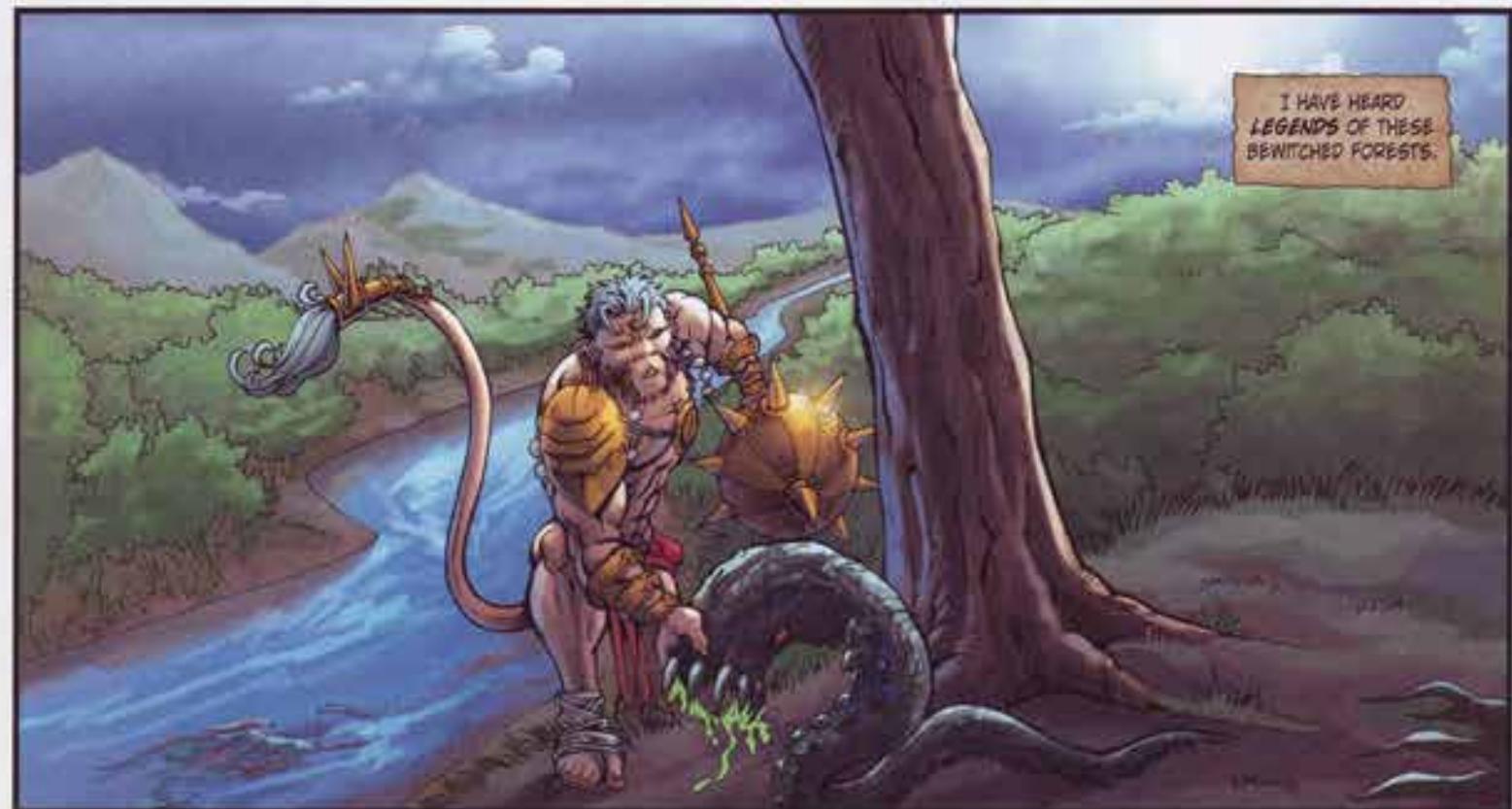


AS I SOON  
FIND OUT...



...INHABITED  
BY A HEINOUS  
MONSTER...





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AN ELEPHANT  
HERD ON THE  
STAMPEDE.



PERHAPS THEY DO  
NOT LIKE INTRUDERS  
IN THEIR TERRITORY.



A HERO ALWAYS  
HAS A LEADER.

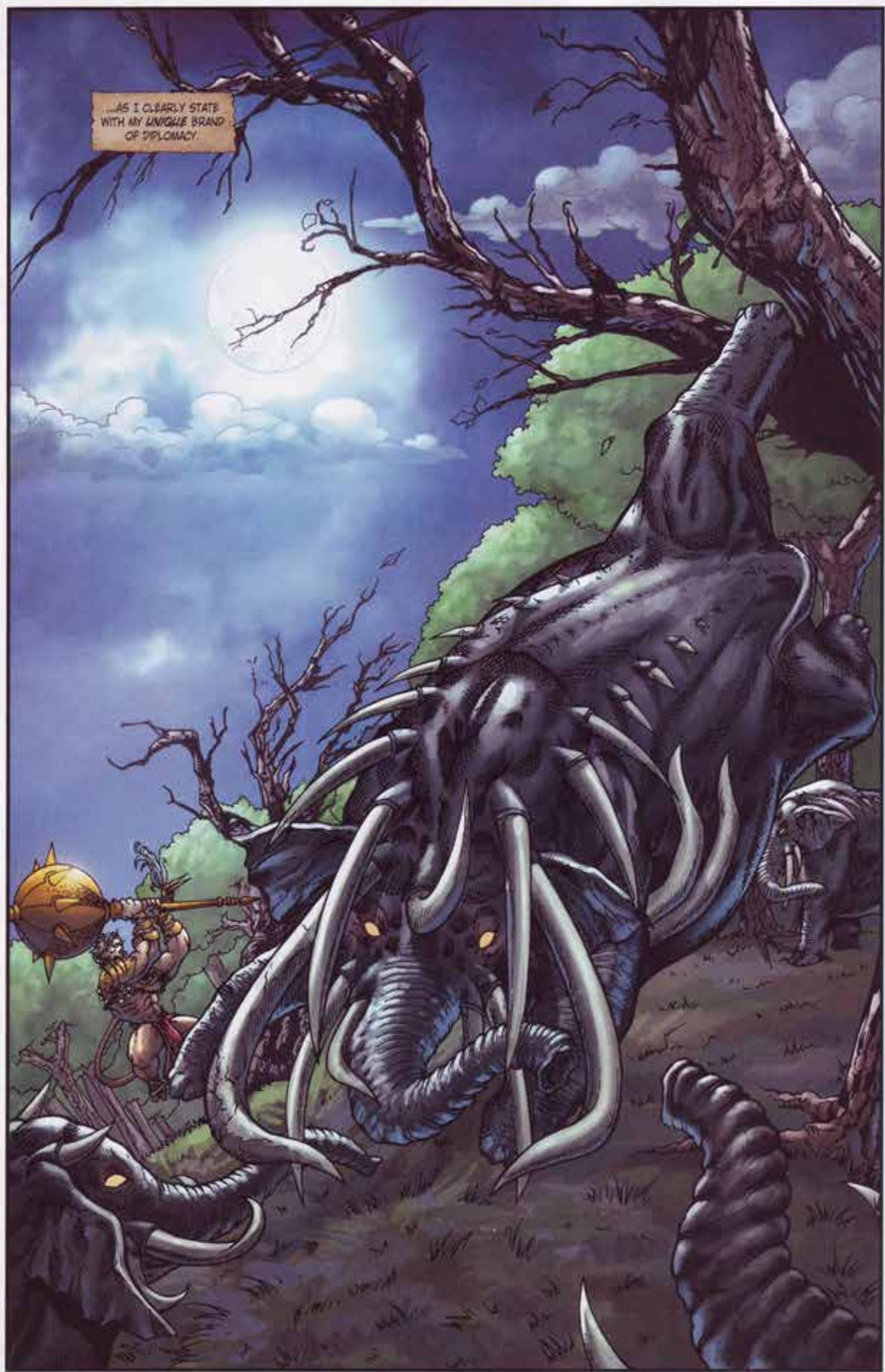


HE IS EASY  
TO IDENTIFY.



I DO NOT WISH TO  
INTRUDE UPON HIS  
DOMAIN FOR LONG...

...AS I CLEARLY STATE  
WITH MY UNIQUE BRAND  
OF DIPLOMACY.



THEY UNDERSTAND,  
AND I MAKE MY WAY  
PAST THEM.

I GAZE UPON MY GOAL AND  
REALIZE THE SOURCE OF THE  
PACHYDERM'S FRENZY.

THE SANJEEVANI  
FLOWER!

BUT WHICH  
ONE IS IT?

MY FIRST CHOICE  
IS WRONG...

...AND I AM  
PUNISHED BY THE  
MOUNTAIN.

A PAIN UNLIKE ANY  
OTHER INVades MY  
MIND, NUMBING MY  
SENSES...



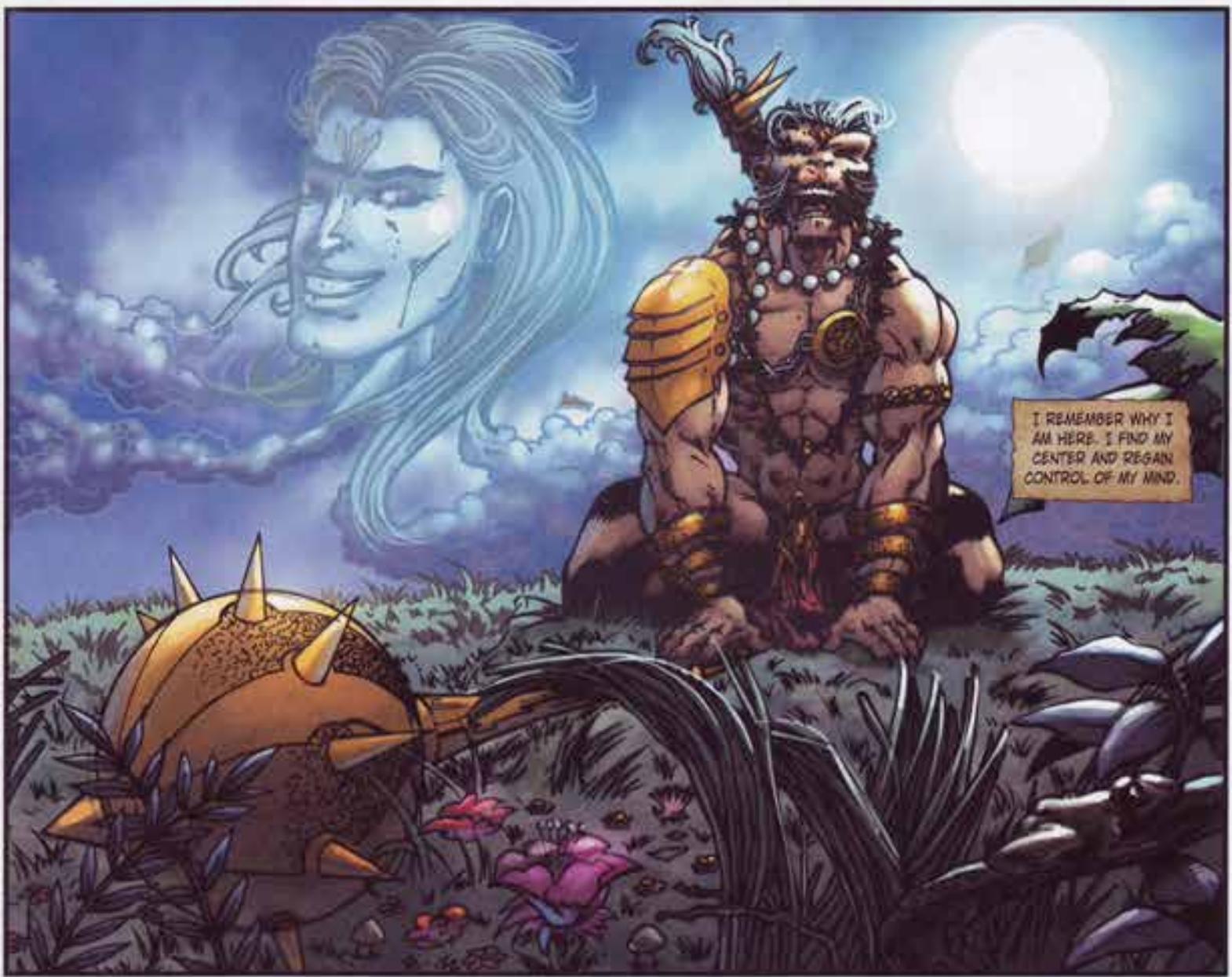
...DRIVING ME  
INSANE LIKE THE  
ELEPHANTS.

I DREAM OF  
TIMES PAST.

I SCREAM...

...DELIRIOUS  
AND CRAZED...

...BUT THEN  
I THINK OF  
MY LORD.



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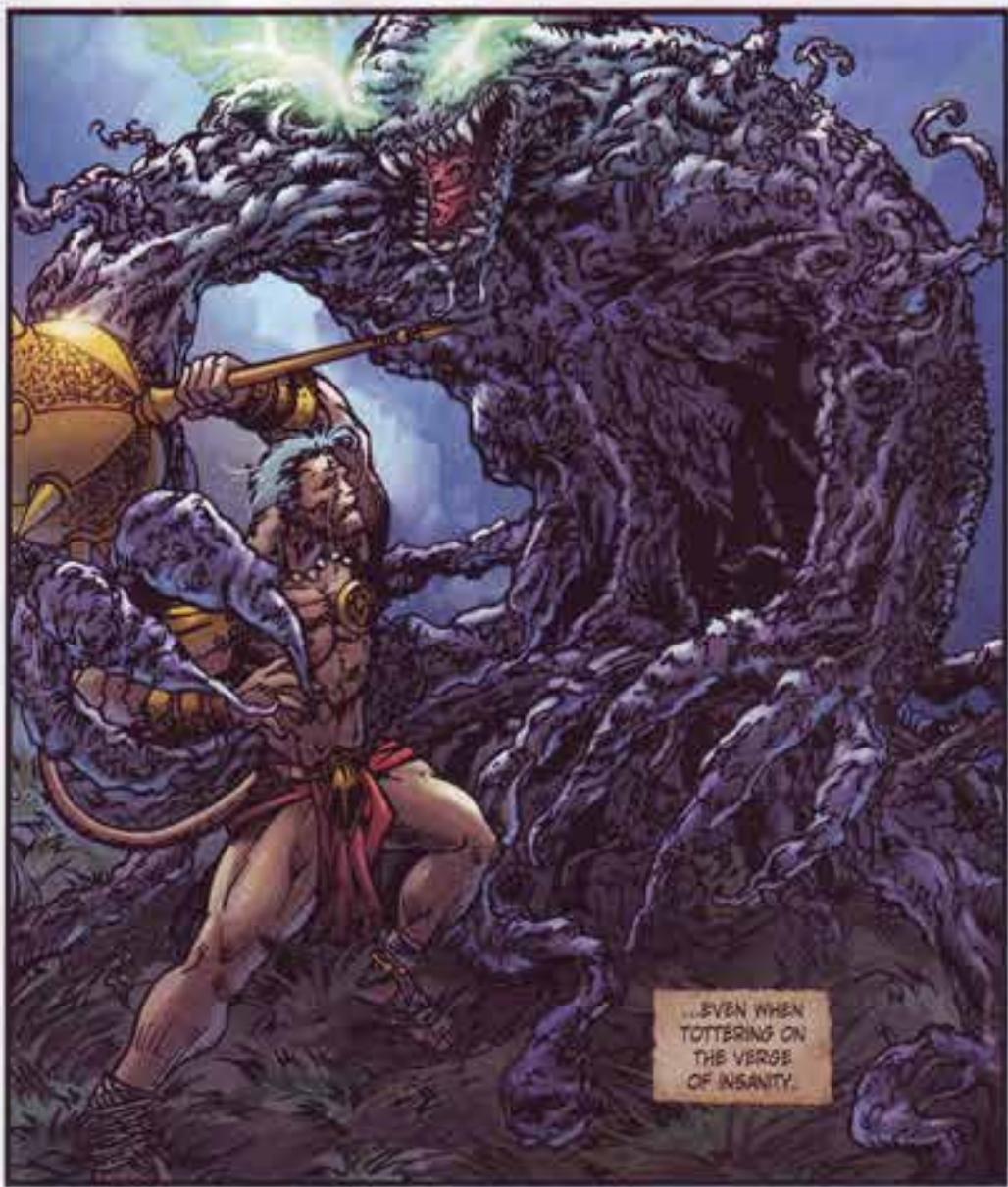
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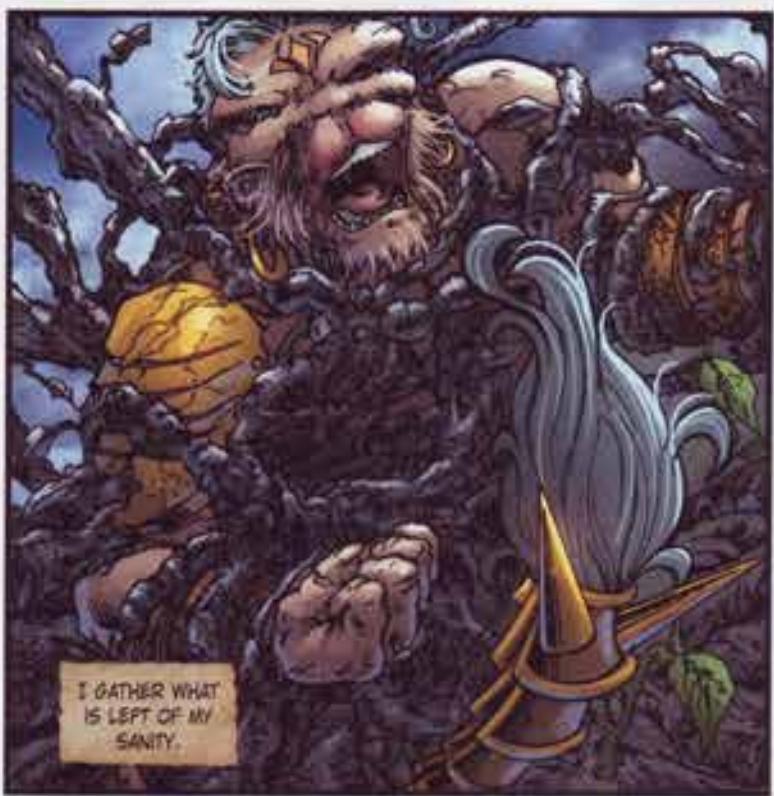
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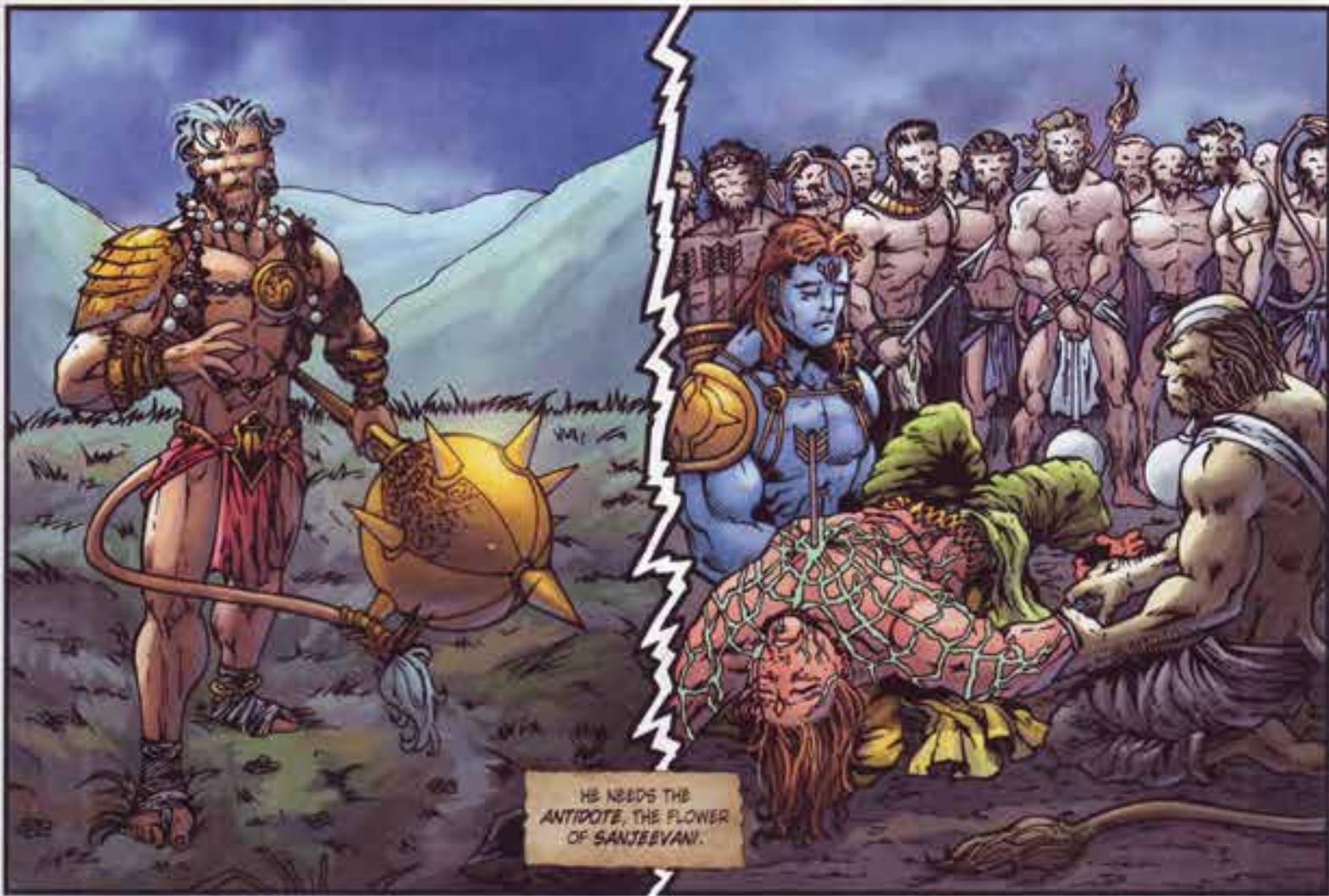
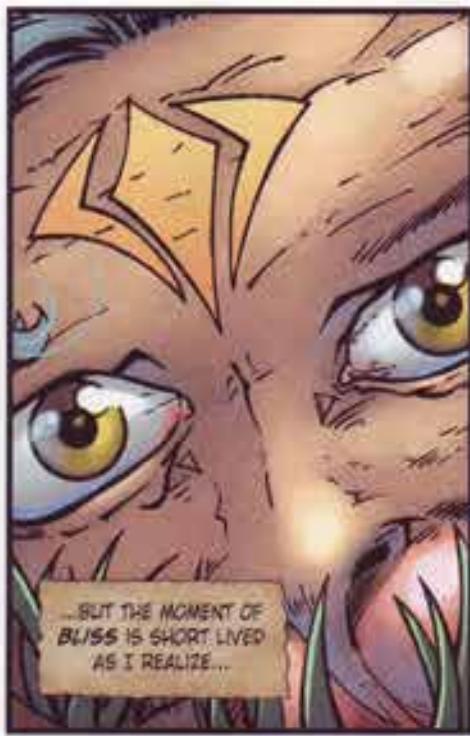
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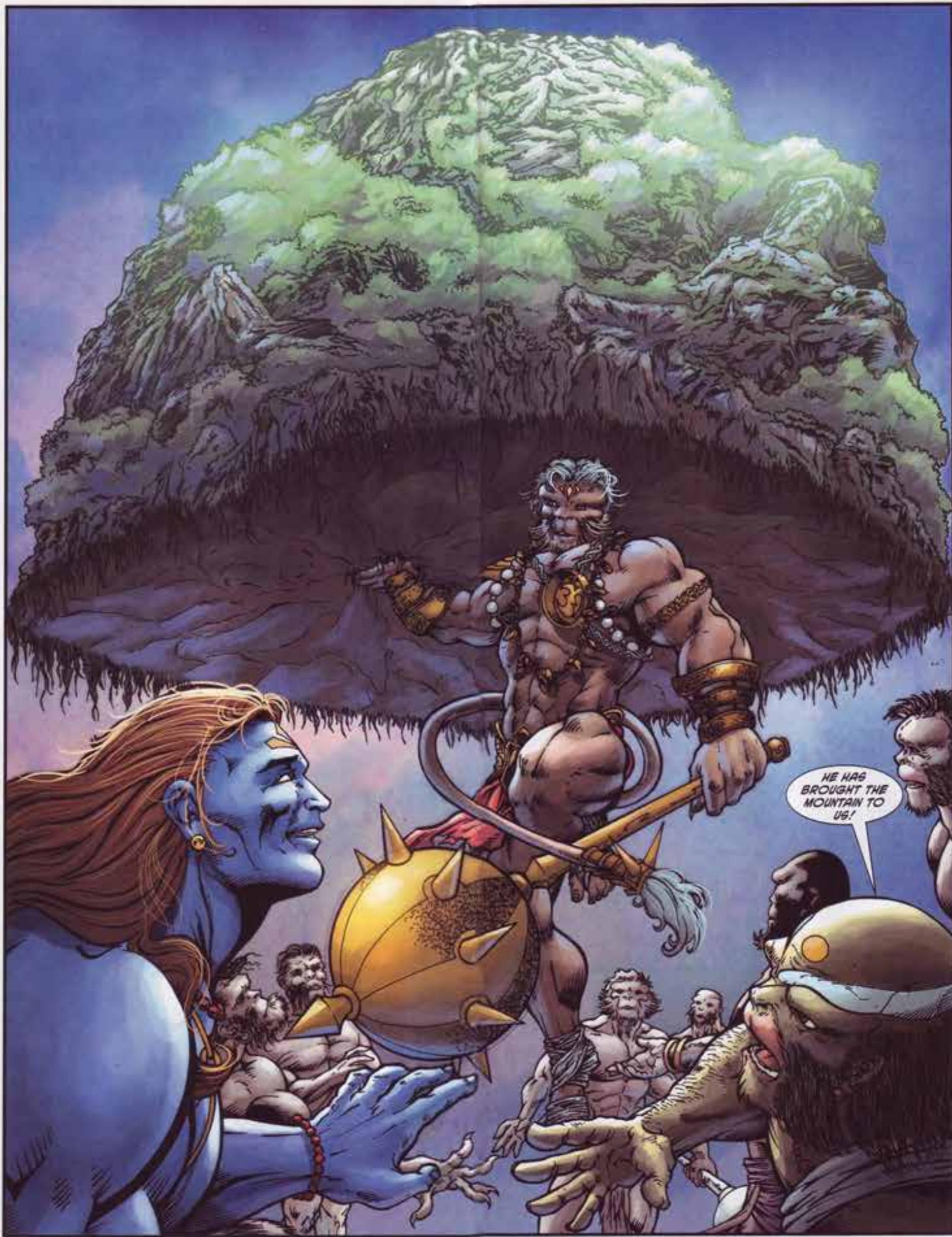
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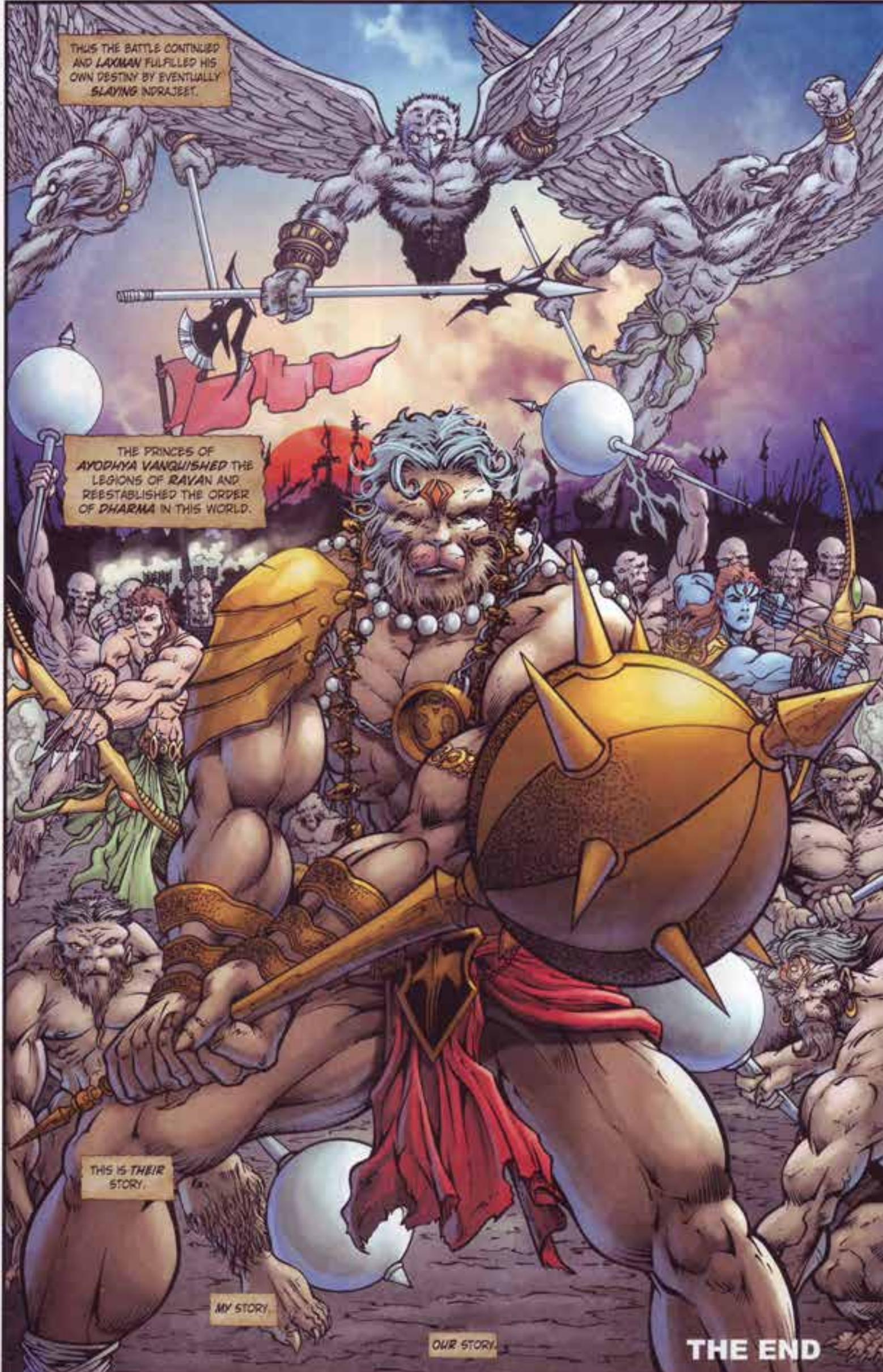
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THUS THE BATTLE CONTINUED  
AND LAXMAN FULFILLED HIS  
OWN DESTINY BY EVENTUALLY  
SLAYING INDRAJIT.

THE PRINCES OF  
AYODHYA VANGUISHED THE  
LEGIONS OF RAVAN AND  
REESTABLISHED THE ORDER  
OF DHARMA IN THIS WORLD.

THIS IS THEIR  
STORY.

MY STORY

OUR STORY

THE END

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# Buddha

A Story of Enlightenment

For me, as someone who trained as a medical doctor and practiced medicine for years, I see Buddha as the first physician in history. Why? Because when a physician sees a patient, he goes through four processes.

First, he makes a diagnosis of an illness.

Second, he looks for the cause of the illness (in medical parlance, it's called etiology).

Third, he determines the prognosis.

And finally, he prescribes a treatment.

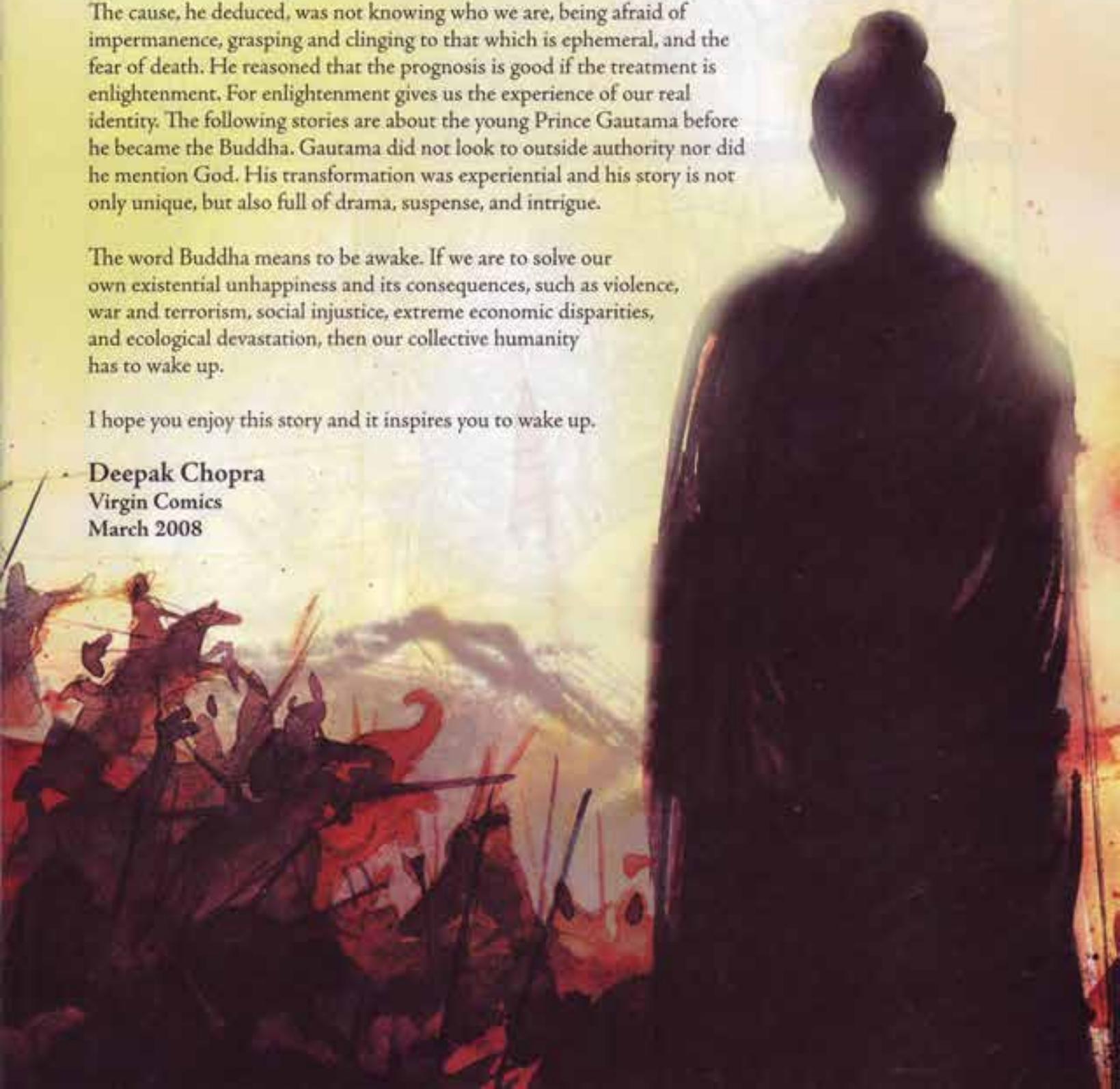
Buddha's diagnosis was that human existence entailed suffering.

The cause, he deduced, was not knowing who we are, being afraid of impermanence, grasping and clinging to that which is ephemeral, and the fear of death. He reasoned that the prognosis is good if the treatment is enlightenment. For enlightenment gives us the experience of our real identity. The following stories are about the young Prince Gautama before he became the Buddha. Gautama did not look to outside authority nor did he mention God. His transformation was experiential and his story is not only unique, but also full of drama, suspense, and intrigue.

The word Buddha means to be awake. If we are to solve our own existential unhappiness and its consequences, such as violence, war and terrorism, social injustice, extreme economic disparities, and ecological devastation, then our collective humanity has to wake up.

I hope you enjoy this story and it inspires you to wake up.

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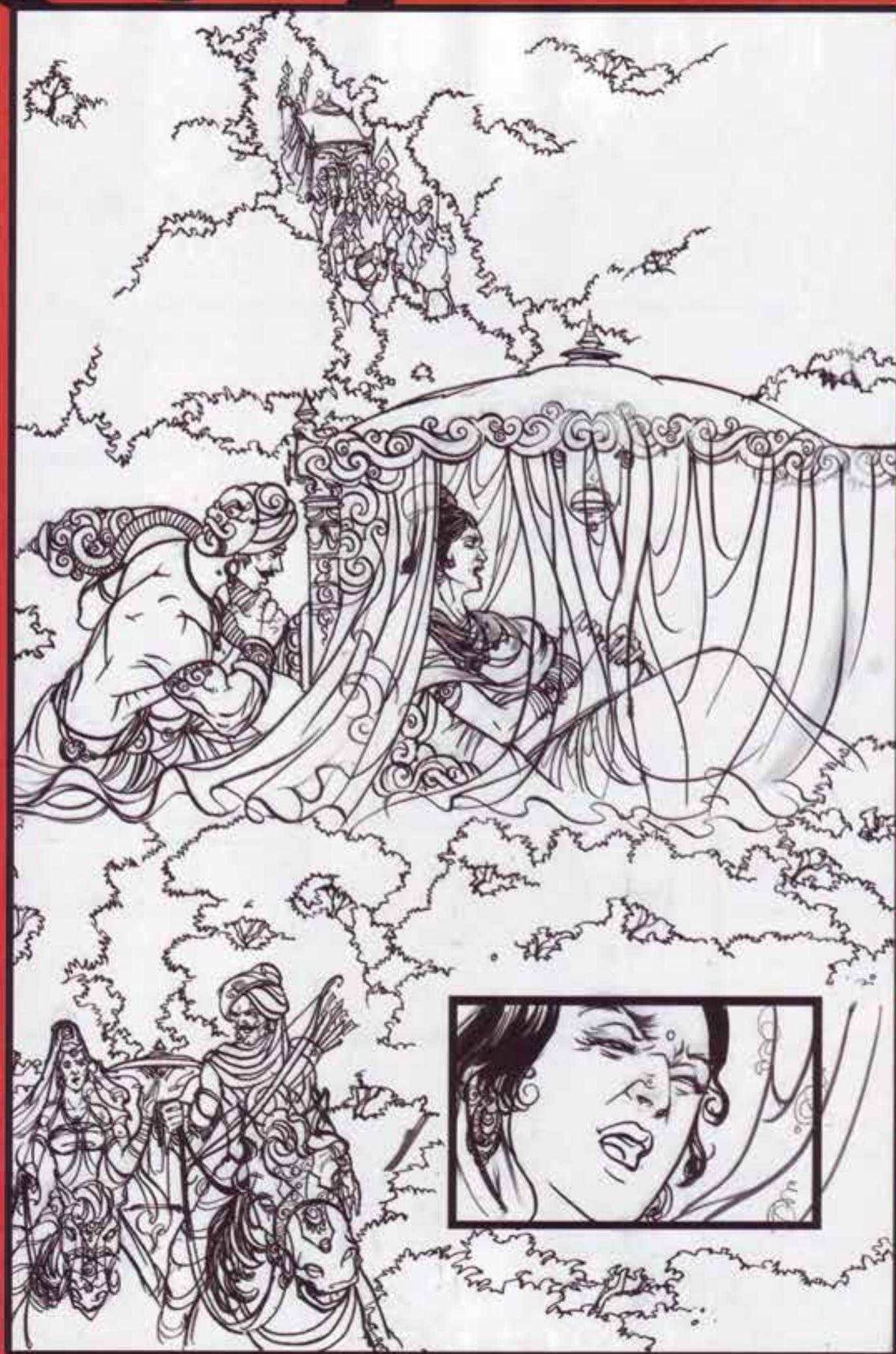
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