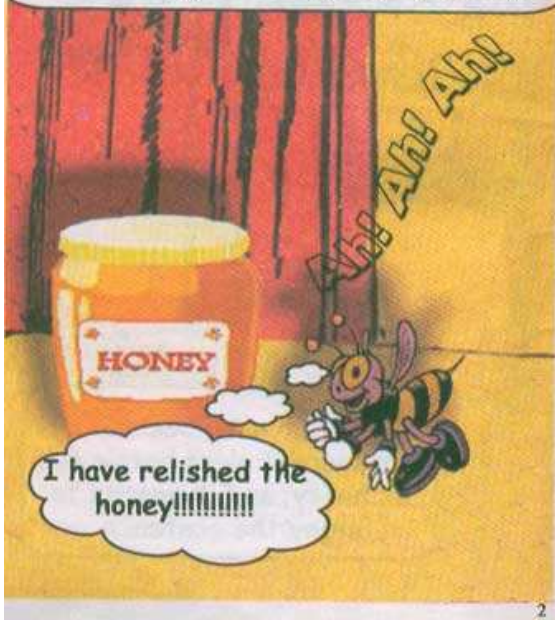
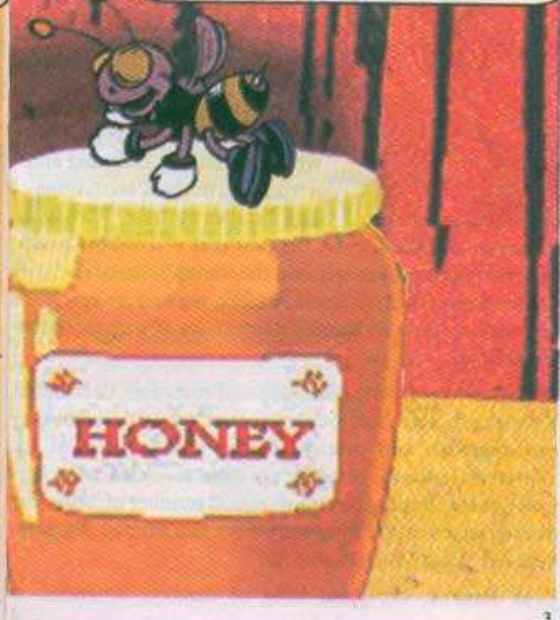


Without realizing that the honey was covered by the glass bottle, the foolish bee tried again and again to relish it.



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In fact, it could not even touch the honey, not to speak of relishing its sweetness.



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The materialistic persons and common place so-called vaisnavites believe that they have relished the nectar of devotion. In fact, they can not even discover the source of transcendental mellows of devotion, Lord Krsna. In modern times, some people while listening to chanting and performing musical recitations of the compositions of such stalwarts like Candidas, Vidyapati and the like on the pastimes of Lord Sri Krsna, believe that they have relished the transcendental mellows of love from Lord Sri Krsna. In fact, they never reach the province of Lord Sri Krsna's pastimes or His transcendental mellows.

Some awful religious renegade and turbulent heretic like Kalapahadh, the notorious iconoclast, may think that they can demolish and destroy Deities and temples of the Supreme Godhead, or some egotistic so-called preachers may boast of finding out quite a good number of faults and discrepancies in the holy scriptures like Srimad Bhagavatam and Srimad Bhagavad Gita!

Even Ravana, the great king of demons, intended to

abduct Sita Devi with an idea of enjoying her. In fact, they could not even have a look at the object of their lust and desire, not to speak of touching them. Ravana simply deceived himself by abducting only the shadow-form of Sita Devi and failed in his attempt to enjoy her.

If anyone tears up a map of India in anger and jealousy, and thinks that he has destroyed the entire state of India, then it is nothing but his foolishness. Similarly, people who are inclined to go against Sri Hari and the spiritual masters including all Vaisnavas, under the illusory materialistic knowledge, simply expose themselves as the most foolish entities on this earth.

Sri Caitanyadeva has said:

aprakṛta vastu nahe prakṛta gochar /
vede puranete ei kahe nirantar //

"Spiritual substance is never within the jurisdiction of the material conception. This is always the verdict of the Vedas and Puranas." (Cc. Madhya Lila 9.195)



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"There Runs the Thief!"

There was once a village that was plagued with constant theft. The villagers were unable to detect the thief in spite of all efforts.

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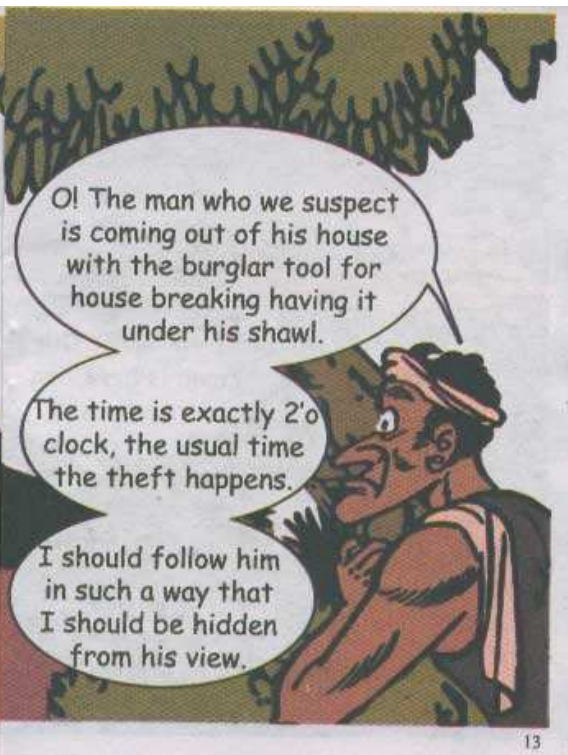
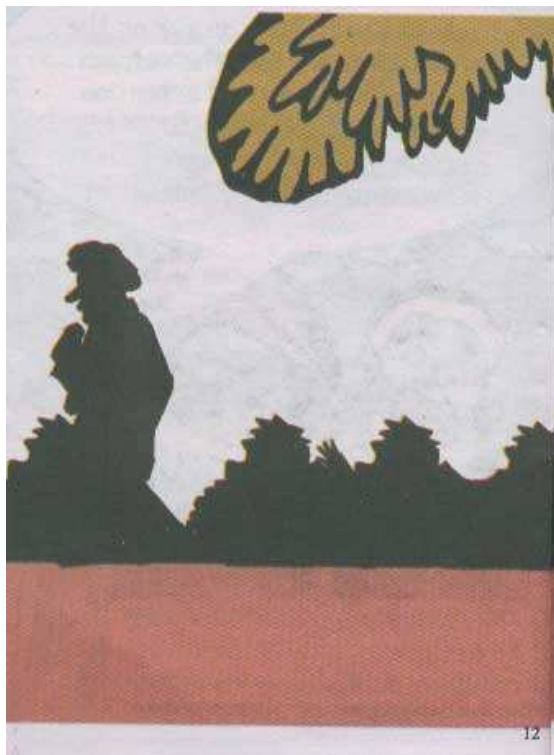
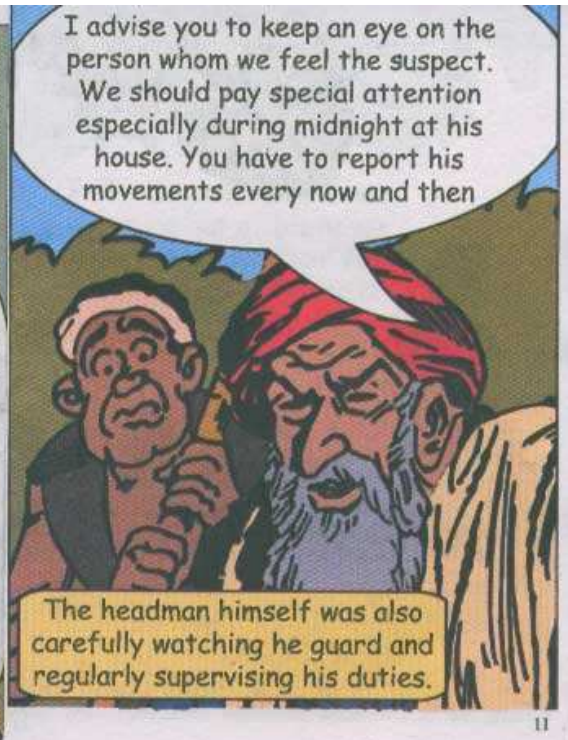
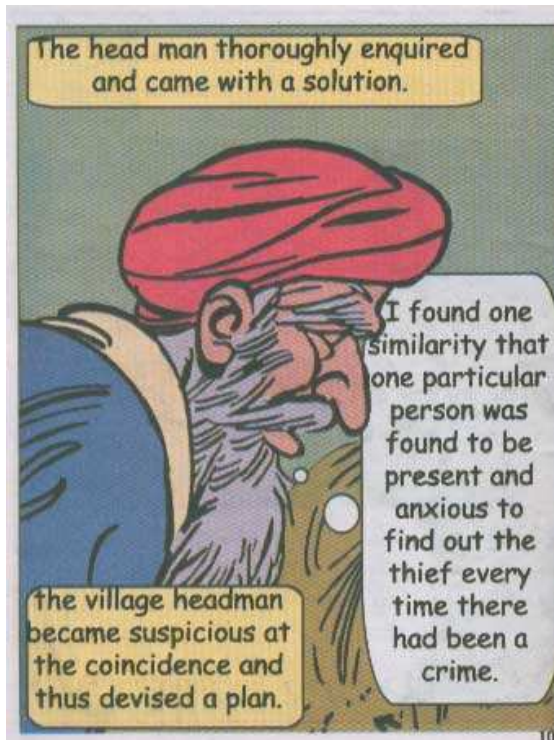
Whenever the people were alerted, the thief would run away. A hue and cry would be raised by the people, and the villagers gathered only to be disappointed.

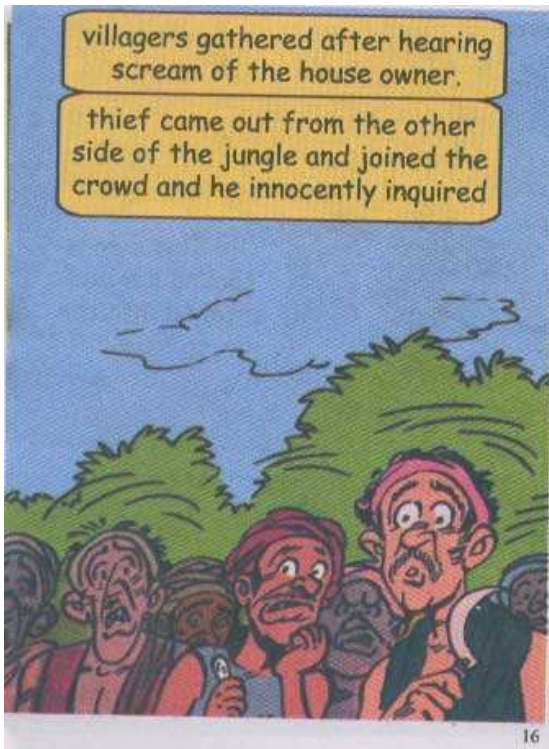
Finally the headman of the village called for all the victims of the theft individually

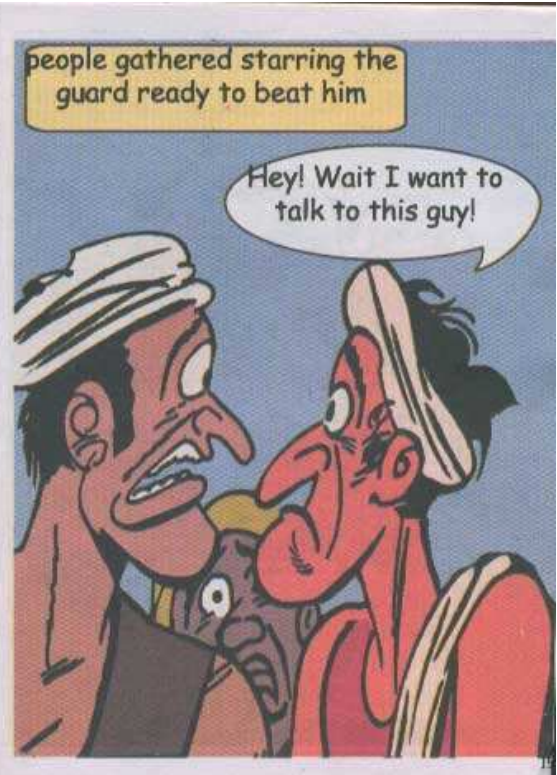
I like to question individually in confidence regarding the theft so I call those whoever are the victims of the theft.

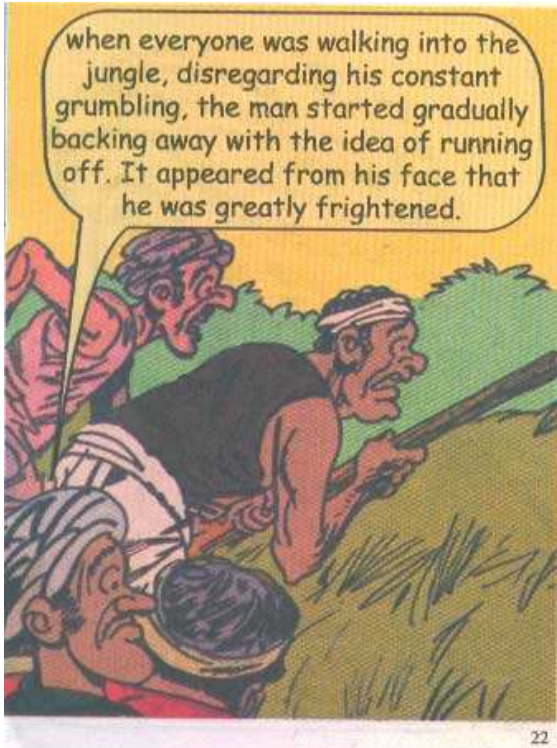
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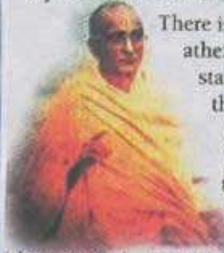






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There is no dearth of such mischievous atheists among the people. they constantly malign the real protectors of the society who are like watchmen, and harass those great souls who are truly and selflessly benevolent to common people, only to tarnish their reputation by a vile attempt to prove those saintly persons as 'thieves' and the like. In all Vedic literature, Gita, Bhagavata, Upanisads etc., it has been specifically advocated that this material world belongs to the Supreme Lord, he is the proprietor of everything, and one who does not offer everything to the Supreme Lord for His satisfaction through preaching His glories and the holy name, simply devours His property for one's own sense gratification, and as such, he is a thief.

Such a thief is always endeavouring to indicate that any person who is preaching the holy name of the Supreme Godhead, and going from door to door in order to wake everyone up from their illusory state of living, is only worthless, idle and a thief of social wealth. This is just like the motivated tendency of a thief who points to a sadhu as if he is running away from a burglary.

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This is the normal practice we find in this age of Kali. the famous poet Tulasi das wrote long ago thus:

corko chode sadhko bandhe, pathikko lagaoe phansi /
dhanya kalijug teri tamasa, dukkh lage aor hasi //

"The real thief is released, the saintly person is tied up, and the passer-by is hanged - all glories to Kali yugas, such is your great joke that creates pity as well as laughter."

Some traders who deal in so-called religion, 'holy scriptures, Gita, Bhagavata, and the Deities of Godhead as their economic profession, try to equate selfless preachers of the holy name of Lord Hari and the preaching of real saintly persons as an illicit greed for money like a professional person.

They used to say mischievously that one should not only condemn materialistic persons when even the saintly persons need money. In fact, this is just like branding a watchman as a burglar.

Money collected by saintly persons for the welfare of the entire world in favour of preaching the holy name of Lord Sri Hari, is not meant for spending on maintenance of family members like a professional family-man, or for indulging in some illicit misdemeanour, or personal sense gratification.

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Real saintly persons collect money and use it wisely. That money is very carefully spent in preaching the holy name and opulences of the original proprietor and the Lord of the goddess Laksmi in order to ensure eternal welfare to all atheistic, conditioned living entities of this material world.

In fact, persons who try to steal the wealth of the Lord of Laksmi, make an attempt to confuse common people by creating a false hue and cry by pointing at real saintly persons and showing - "There goes the thief, there goes the thief!" The envious impersonalists only make an attempt to hide themselves with their innate polluted character by shouting out at the saintly persons, "thief, thief!"



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