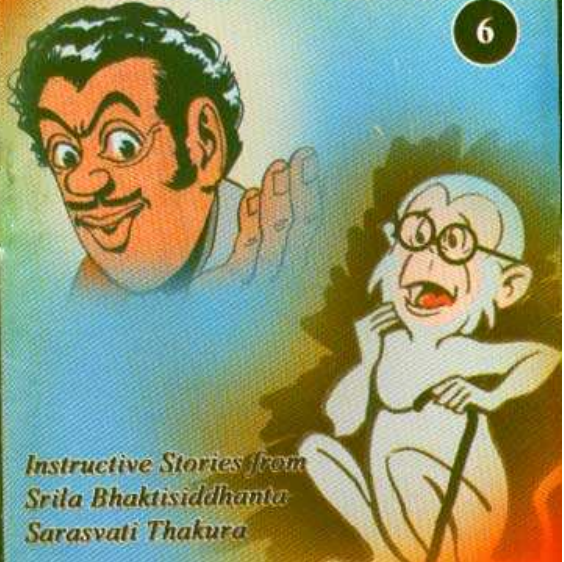
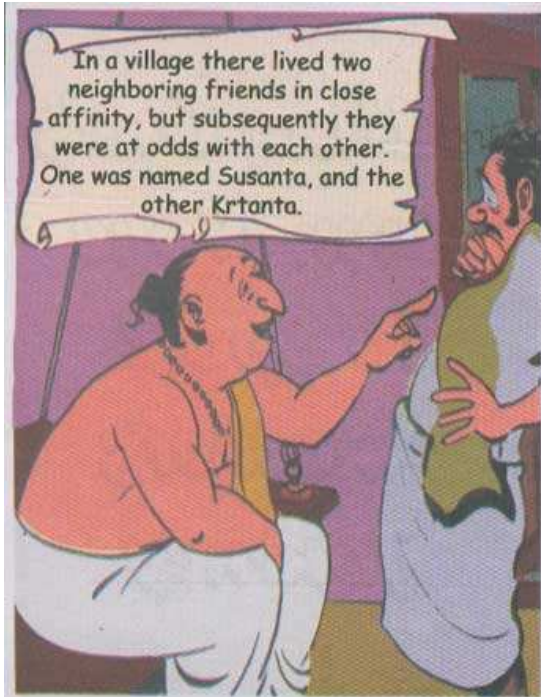


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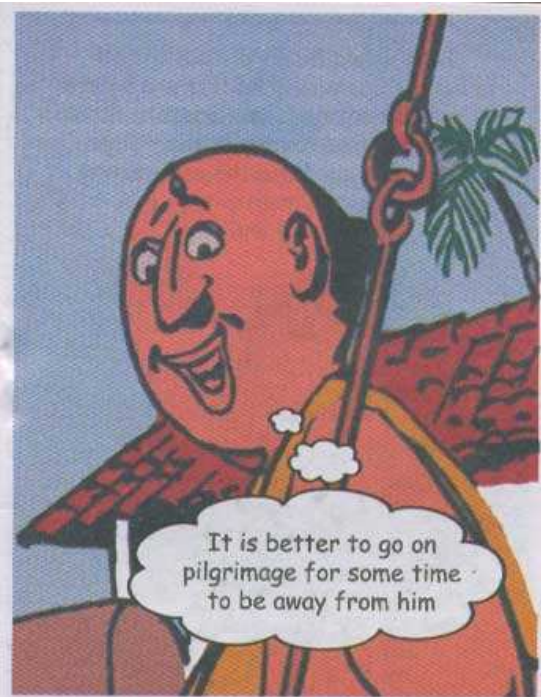
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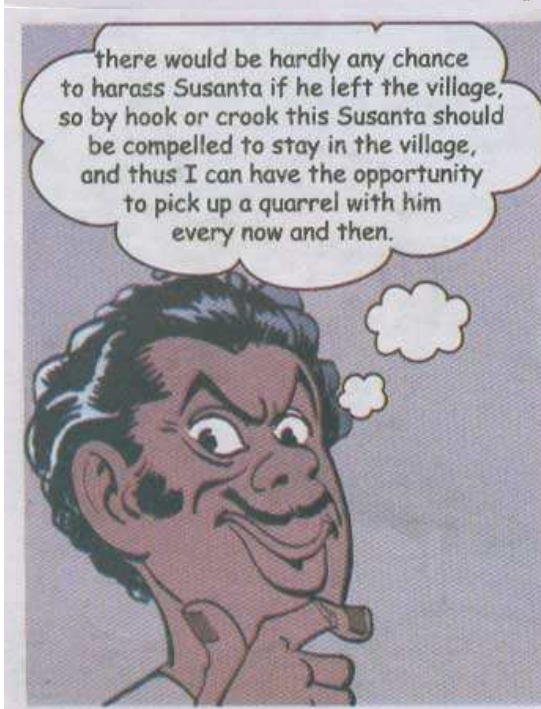
Cutting One's
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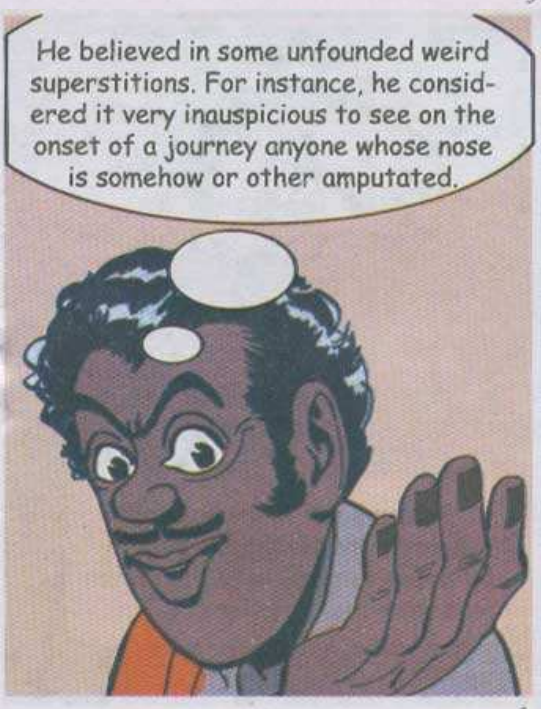
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Better I will take upon this opportunity to stop his journey by amputating my nose, just when Susanta was starting for Puri.



He took a seat in front of Susanta's house with his amputated nose exhibited conspicuously.

Oh!!!

Oh! What an inauspicious sign while starting a journey to Puri, better I should immediately cancel my pilgrimage...

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Atheists behave similarly in plotting ominous designs even at their own heavy cost so that Vaisnavas can never make good progress in their devotional practices. These atheists do their own spiritual harm foolishly by creating disturbances on the way of the Vaisnavas journey towards Vaikunthaloka.



A Boatman's Dream

Once a boatman was rowing his boat along a thorny river bank, while the soles of his feet were becoming cut all over.

if I could make lots of money by towing the boat, I could spread a long foam cushion all along the river bank so that my feet would not be cut by the thorns, then my towing business would be more efficient as I could be able to walk more comfortably.



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Many people speculate like this boatman.. They tend to ascribe anthropomorphic or zoomorphic proclivities on the Supreme Lord. What would be the need for the boatman to pull along the riverside when the boatman becomes rich and wealthy? It simply reflects one's ignorance in tugging a boat along with a foam-covered river bank, just as it is in attributing material imperfection and deficiency to Vaikuntha, the transcendental abode of the Supreme Lord.

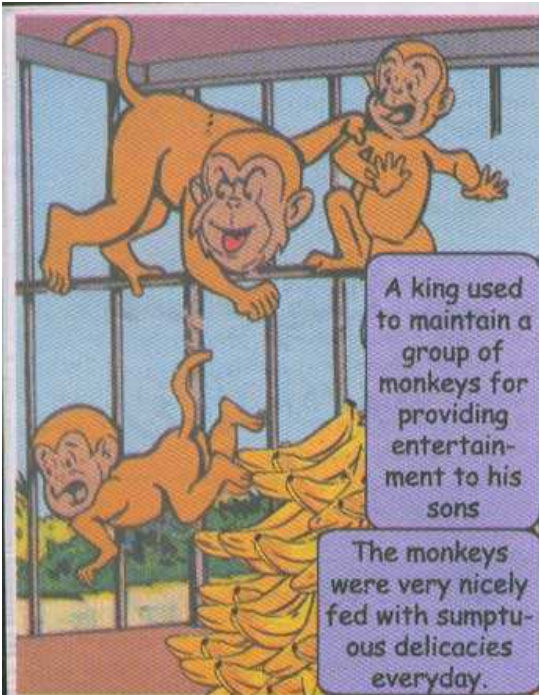
The existence of "para-brahma" or the Absolute Supreme Being anywhere should eventually confirm the non-existence of all sorts of shortcomings, objections or material wants whatsoever.



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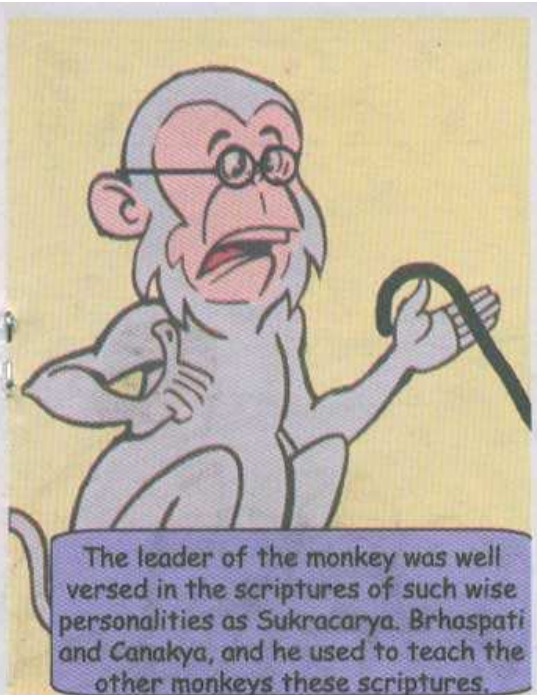
A Wise Old Monkey

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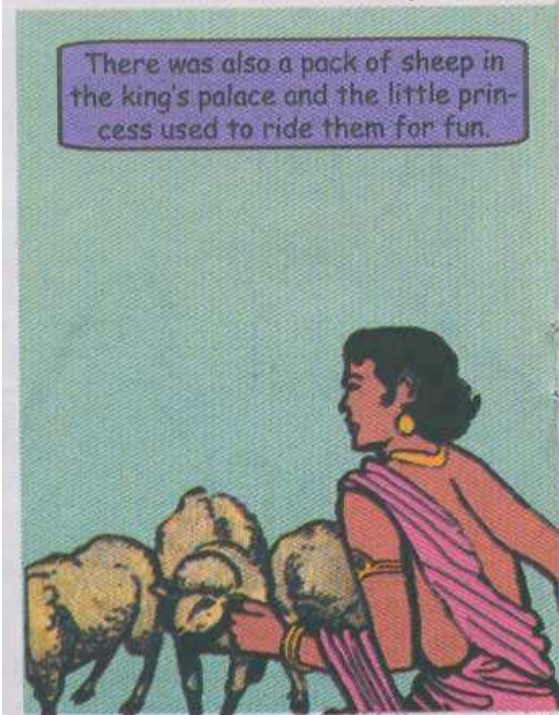


A king used to maintain a group of monkeys for providing entertainment to his sons

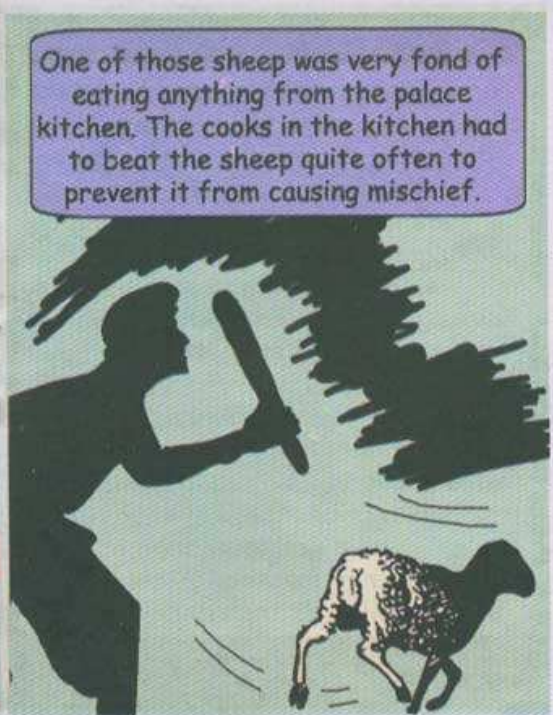
The monkeys were very nicely fed with sumptuous delicacies everyday.



The leader of the monkey was well versed in the scriptures of such wise personalities as Sukracarya, Brhaspati and Canakya, and he used to teach the other monkeys these scriptures.



There was also a pack of sheep in the king's palace and the little princess used to ride them for fun.



One of those sheep was very fond of eating anything from the palace kitchen. The cooks in the kitchen had to beat the sheep quite often to prevent it from causing mischief.

The sheep is extremely greedy and the cooks, on the other hand are very adept in beating the sheep with whatever they find at hand. In case the cooks any time start hitting the sheep would surely start burning. When such burning sheep starts running around in frenzy and by chance enters into the nearby stable, then the hay inside will catch fire and the entire stable with its horses will be a blazing fire in no time. One ancient expert Salihotra who is well-versed in animal husbandry prescribes that burns on horse-flesh can be healed by animal-skin obtained from monkeys. Accordingly, the king will have the monkeys killed.

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This sort of behavior every now and then between the cooks and the sheep may result into something disastrous for us in the long run.



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Apprehending the situation the wise old monkey called along all the monkeys confidentially.



In a place like this where the sheep and the cooks are in constant confrontation, we the monkeys, are sure to meet with our destruction. So let us take refuge in a forest somewhere before we are destroyed as a group.

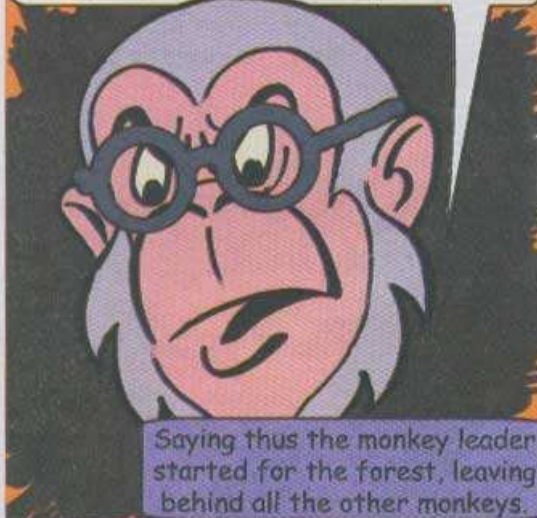
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You must be under some sort of delusion due to your advancing age, and so you are talking like a lunatic. We are not interested in leaving this place for forest life only to live on distasteful fruits; here we are being fed with nectarean varieties of foodstuffs by the princess themselves.



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O Fools! You do not know the results of such pleasure. Don't you know that this will be ultimately destructive for all of you! So let me leave for the forest alone - I don't want to see your deaths.



Saying thus the monkey leader started for the forest, leaving behind all the other monkeys.

One day the greedy sheep entered into the kitchen.



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The cook struck with a piece of burning fire-



Immediately the sheep started crying and ran straight into the nearby horse stable.

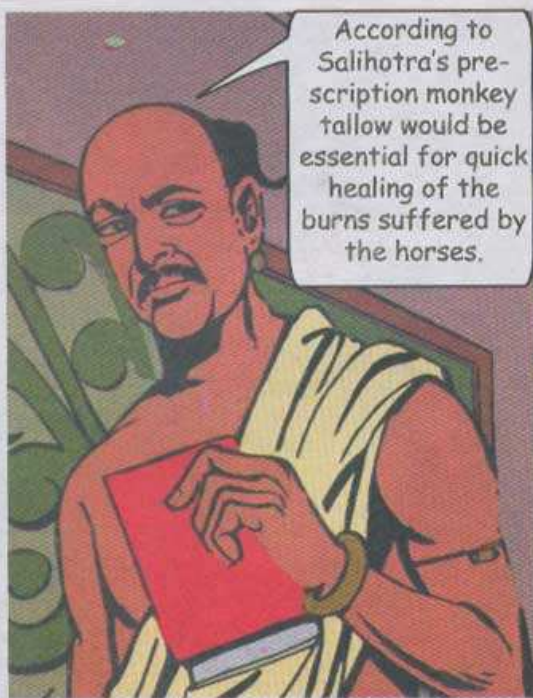
As the sheep with fire all over its body, started rolling desperately over the hay-stack kept in the stable, the entire pavilion caught fire.



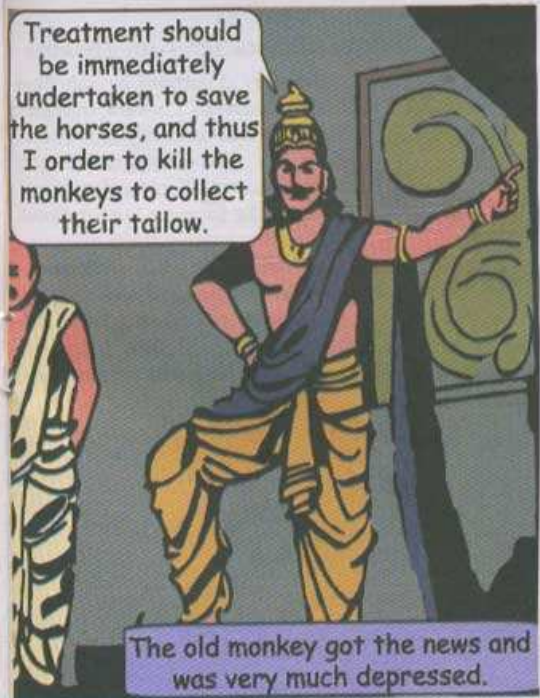
Many of the horses were burnt to death while others just ran away.

Immediately call for the surgeon for the treatment of the horses.





According to Salihotra's prescription monkey tallow would be essential for quick healing of the burns suffered by the horses.

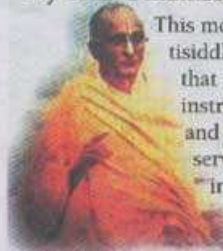


Treatment should be immediately undertaken to save the horses, and thus I order to kill the monkeys to collect their tallow.

The old monkey got the news and was very much depressed.

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This moral story as narrated by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, transpires that anyone who faithfully follows the instructions of his real spiritual master and engages himself in the devotional service to the Supreme Lord unflinchingly, will certainly attain ultimate welfare. Those who contemplate that the ageing advisor (spiritual master) might be under delusion and may not know more than a common person knows, and thus follow evil companions, will certainly meet with a disastrous end in everything.

