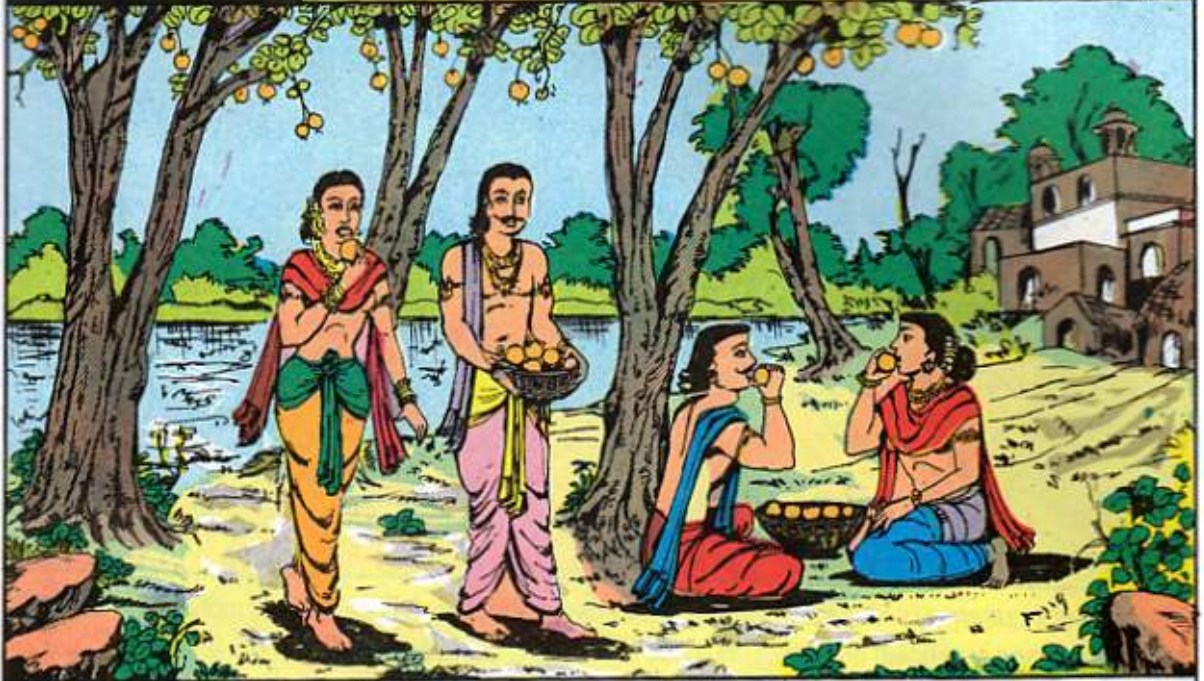
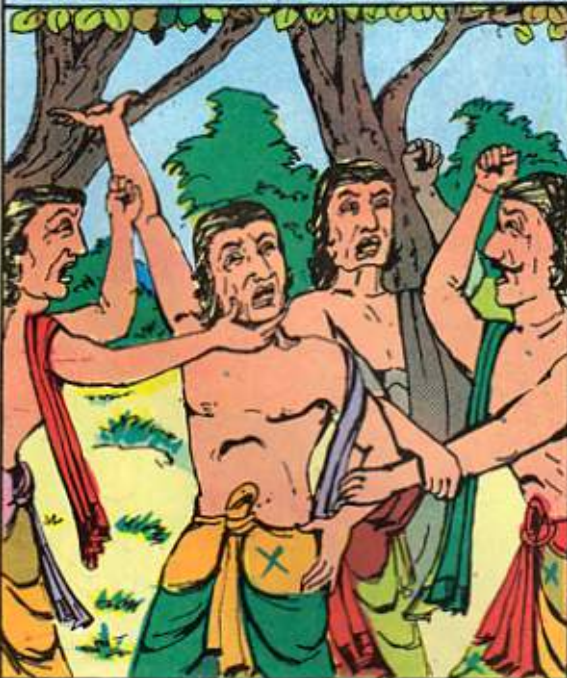


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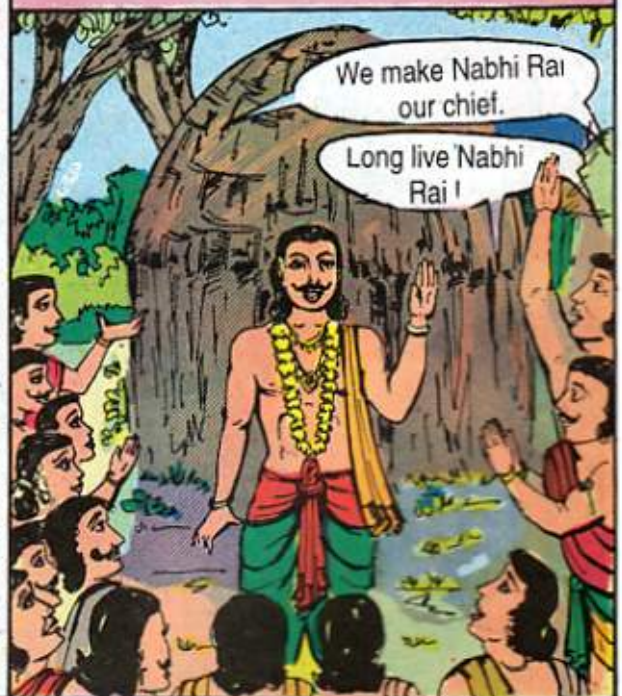
This story is from prehistoric Avaspimi* times when people had few desires. All were happy as their lives were based on truth, morality and contentment. There was no ruler no ruled. All desires were fulfilled by Kalpavruksha**. There was no conflict.



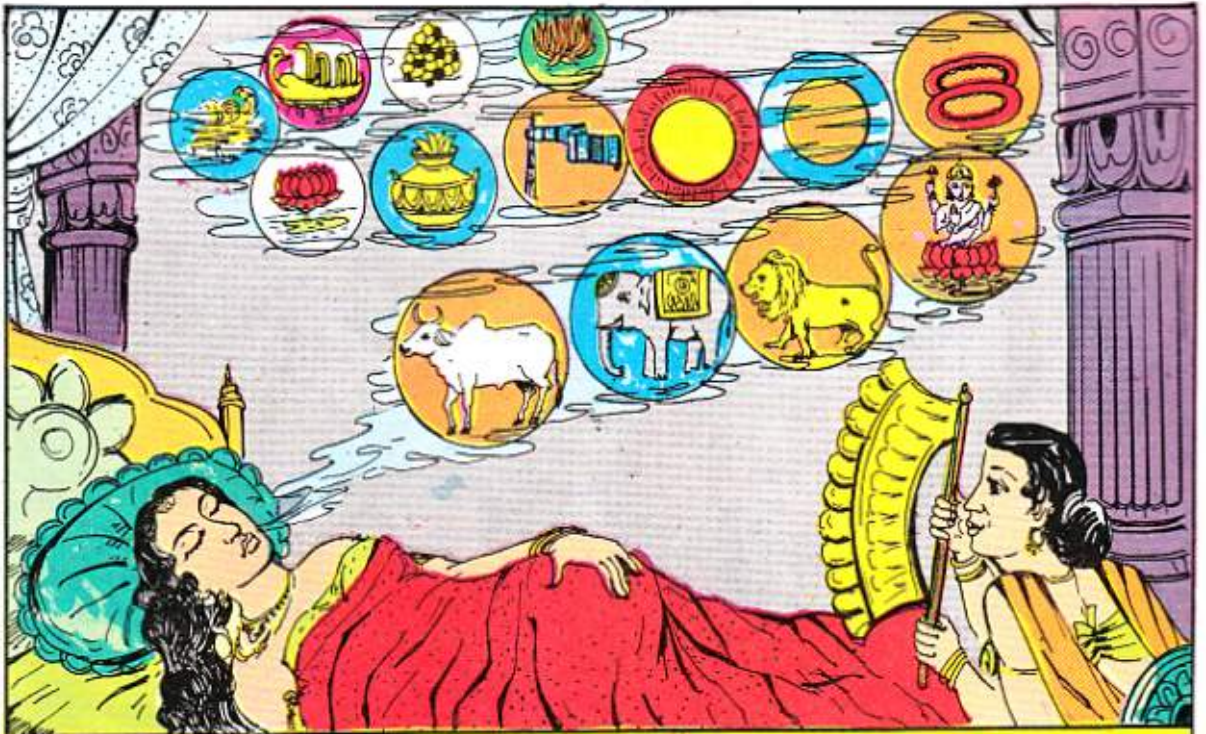
Gradually population increased. Fruits of Kalpavruksha were not enough. Needs increased. This developed friction and conflict.



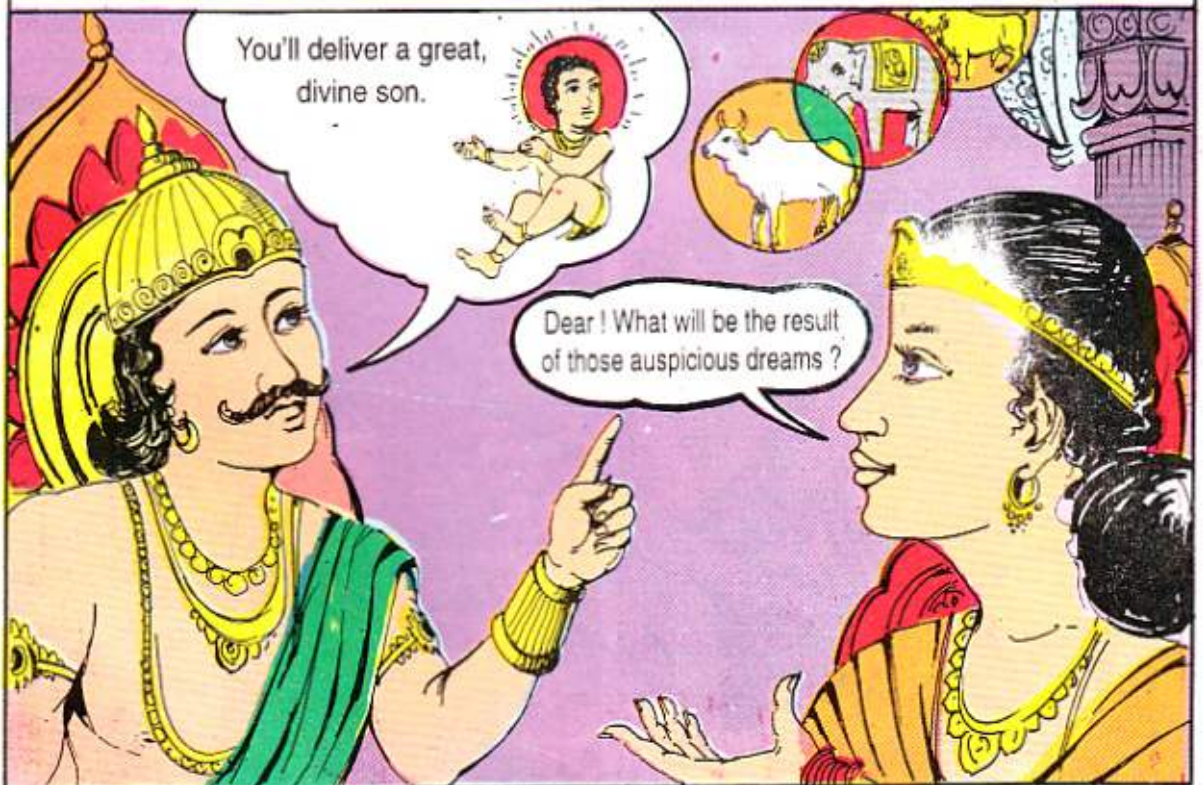
Then, to bring order and discipline, people selected Nabhi Rai to be their chief.



* Avaspimi : Time cycle. ** Kalpavruksha : The divine tree that fulfills all desires.



Nabhi Rai's queen was Marudevi. On the fourth day of the dark half of Ashadh month, she saw 14 auspicious and significant dreams. This made her wake up. She went to Nabhi Rai and said-



On the eighth day of Chaitra month Marudevi delivered a bright baby boy at midnight. The whole earth got illuminated for a while on his birth. All humans, angels, birds and animals felt delighted. Angels and humans rejoiced the birth ceremony.



Nabhi Rai decided to name his son.

