

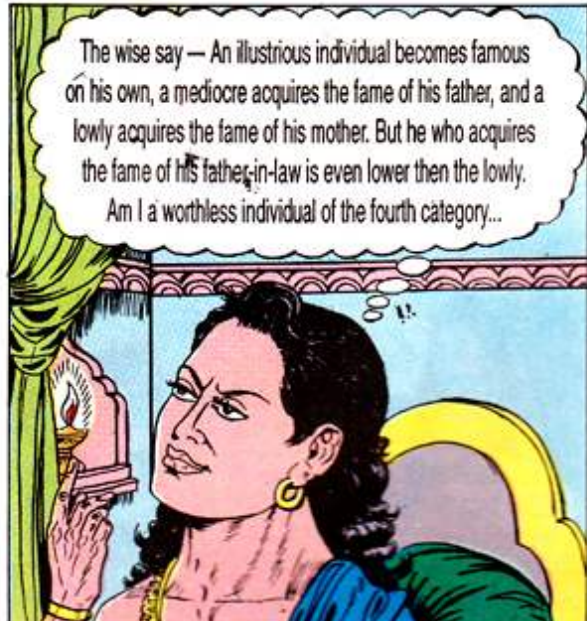
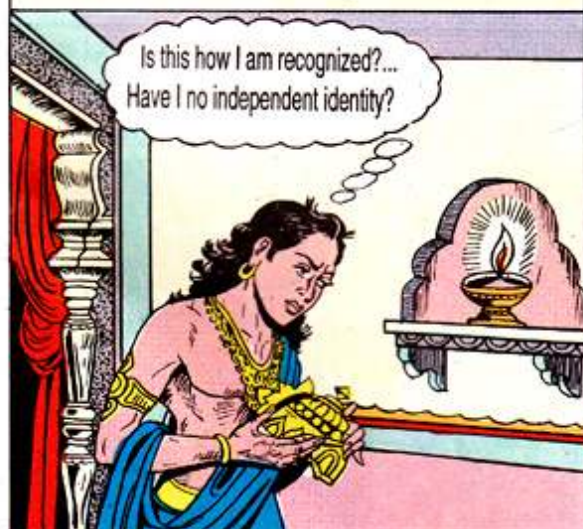
# PLAY OF FATE

Due to the worship of the Nav-pad \* potentized by the Siddha-chakra (see page-11) Shripal's life became blissful. He lived happily with his wife and mother in the palace of King Prajapal. One

evening, riding a horse, he set out to roam around in the city. The townspeople watched him from the roof-tops, windows, and balconies of their buildings. A young lady, who had come on a visit to her parent's place just two days back, asked her mother #—



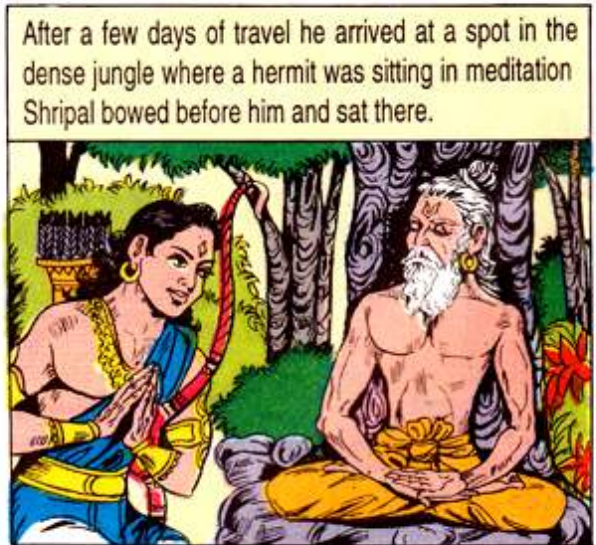
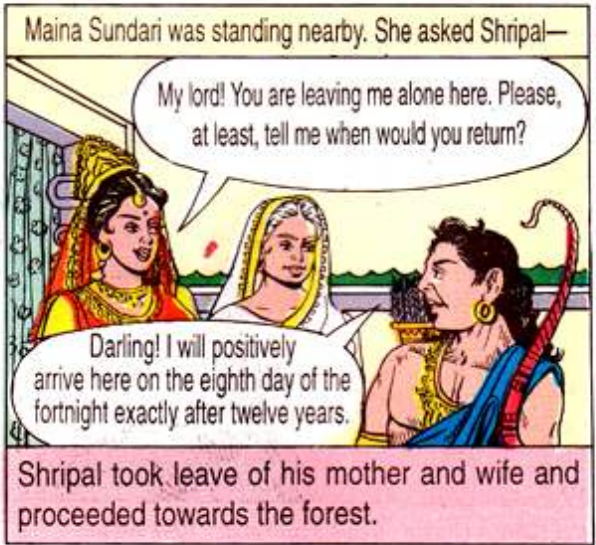
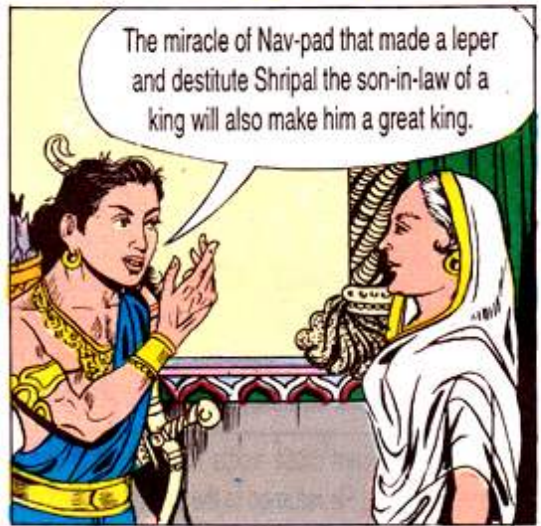
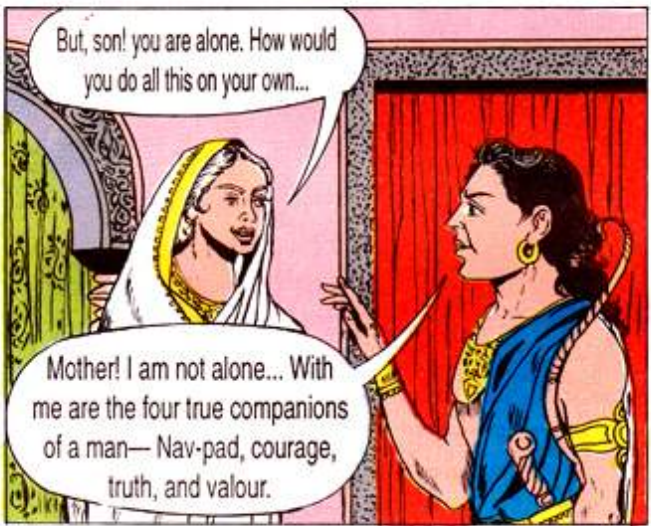
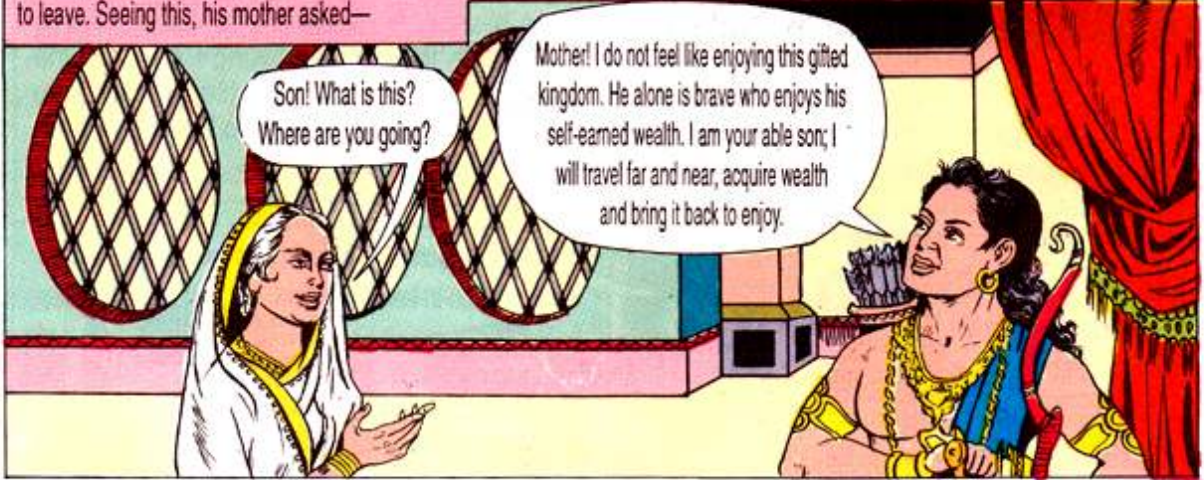
When Shripal heard these words he felt as if an arrow had pierced his heart. He returned to the palace and brooded—



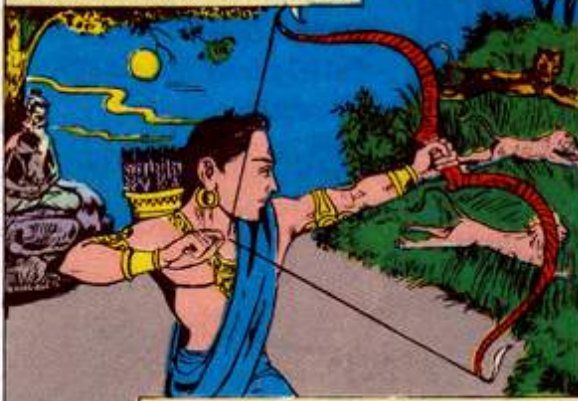
# For details see the first part of this story titled 'The Miracle of Siddha-chakra', Vol.-13 of Diwakar Chitrakatha

\* The nine step practice of Namokar Maha-mantra chanting.

Coming to a decision, Shripal got up from his bed; armed himself with his sword, dagger, bow, and a quiver full of arrows; and prepared to leave. Seeing this, his mother asked—



During the night whenever wild ferocious animals tried to disturb, Shripal twanged his bow-string.



The animals retreated in panic.

In the morning the hermit opened his eyes and said—



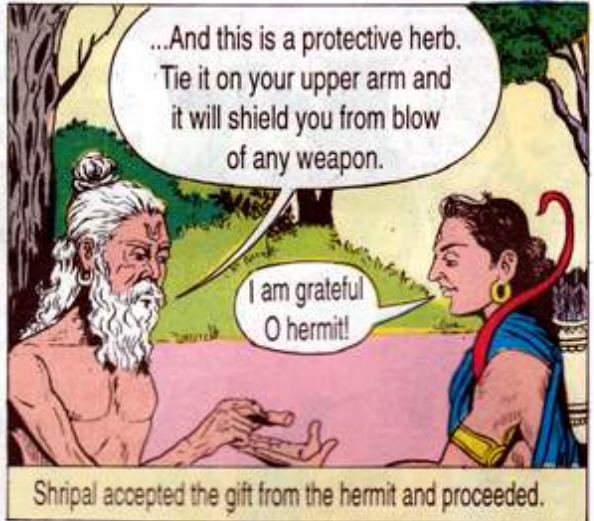
Gentleman! Had you not scattered the wild animals from here last night, my meditation would have been disturbed. You have helped me attain the desired in my practice.

O great hermit! It was my humble duty.

The hermit was happy. He gifted two herbs to Shripal after potentizing them with Mantras and said—



Son! This is a herb that makes one float on water. Grinding it a little make a paste and apply it on your soles. You will be able to swim like a fish.



...And this is a protective herb. Tie it on your upper arm and it will shield you from blow of any weapon.

I am grateful O hermit!

Shripal accepted the gift from the hermit and proceeded.

Covering a long distance, Shripal reached Bharooch city. It was a large commercial port. Shripal stopped in a garden and lied down to rest. While he was sleeping some soldiers arrived there. When they saw him, they conferred—



See, here lies a man with the thirty two auspicious marks. Our search is over.