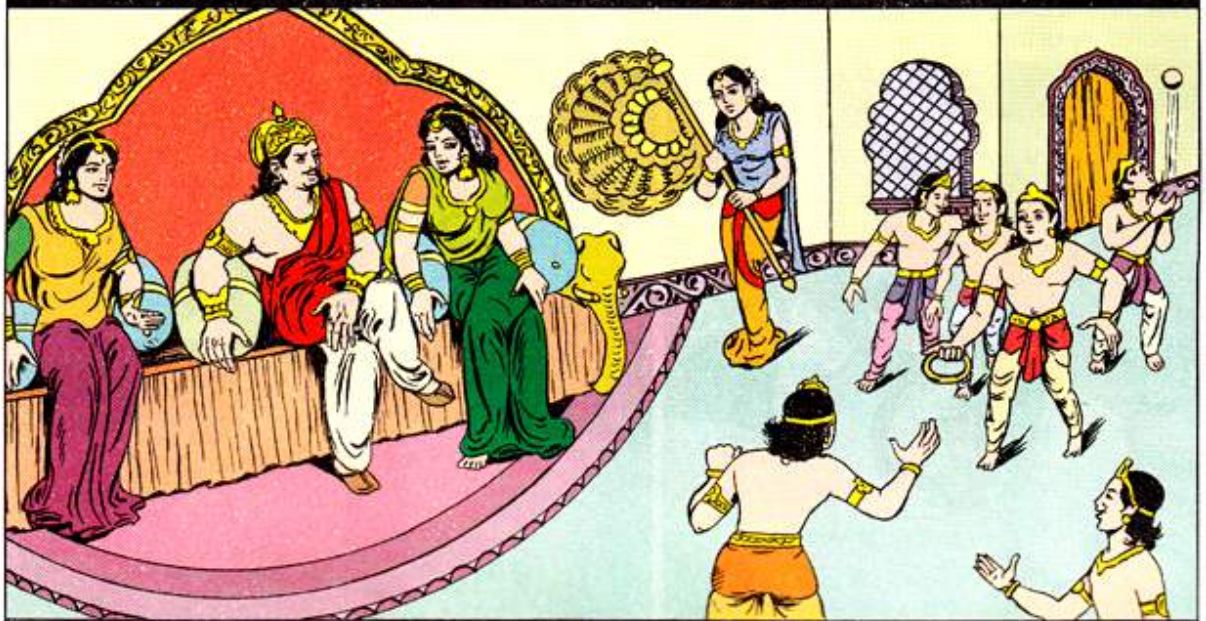
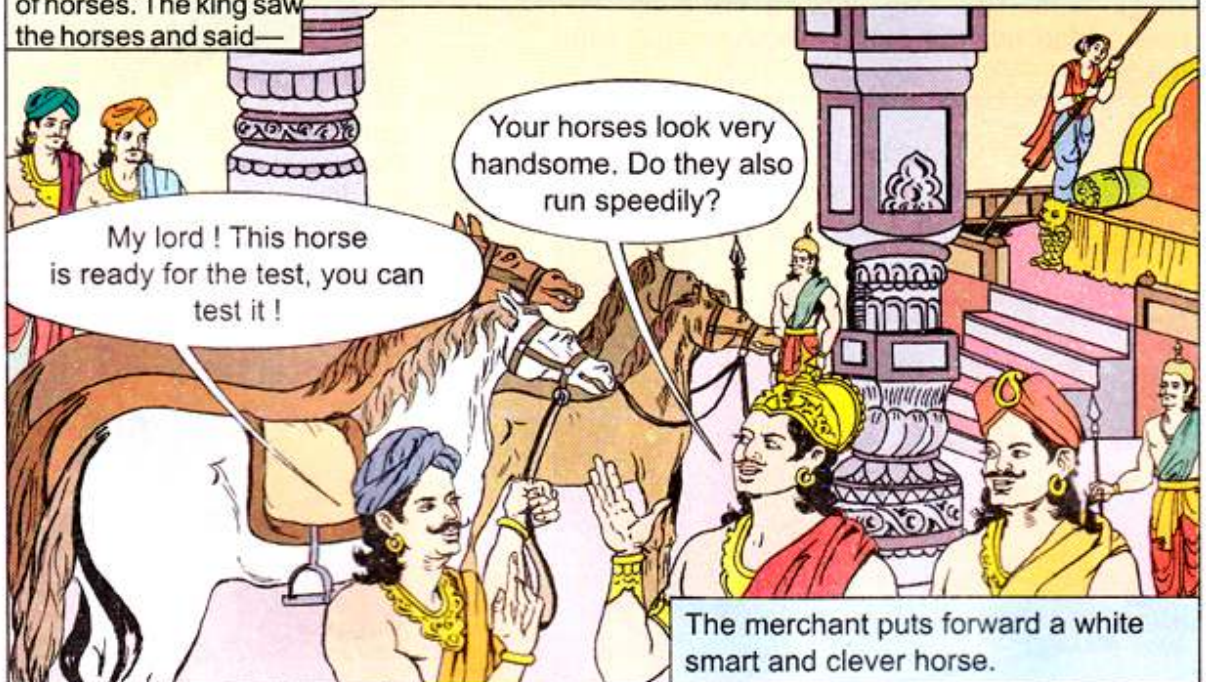


# PRINCE SHRENIK



Kushagrapur was the capital of Magadh and was located at the feet of five mountains named Vaibhavgiri etc. King Prasenjit ruled over it. He was the follower of twenty third Tirthankar Bhagwan Parshwanath and he was a brave warrior. Prasenjit had many queens but Kalavati was his favourite. Shrenik was the eldest son amongst the hundred sons of the king.

Once a merchant came from Sindh to the royal hall of king Prasenjit. He had many different types of horses. The king saw the horses and said—



My lord ! This horse is ready for the test, you can test it !

Your horses look very handsome. Do they also run speedily?

The merchant puts forward a white smart and clever horse.



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Prasenjit rides on the horse. The king gave signal with the ankle and the horse was flying in the air. In no time the horse reached a wild forest far away from the boundary of the kingdom.



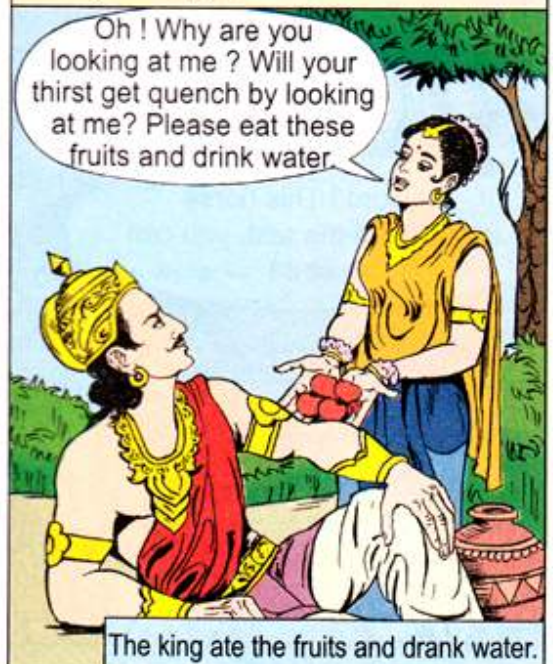
Prasenjit was frightened with the fast speed of the horse and thus pulled the reins to control it, the horse stopped with a jerk. Prasenjit fell on the ground.



A beautiful girl was passing from there with a pot filled with water. She saw the fainted king lying on the floor. So she sprinkled cold water on the king's face. The king opened his eyes. He couldn't talk due to thirst. He explained this with the gesture—



The girl quickly plucked some fruits from the nearby tree. The king forgot to eat fruits as he was admiring the beauty of the girl.



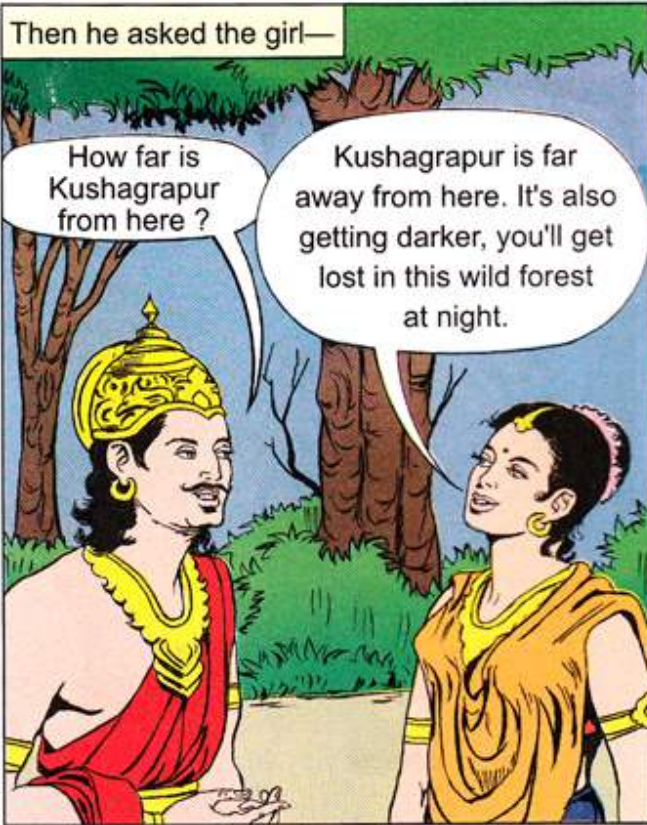


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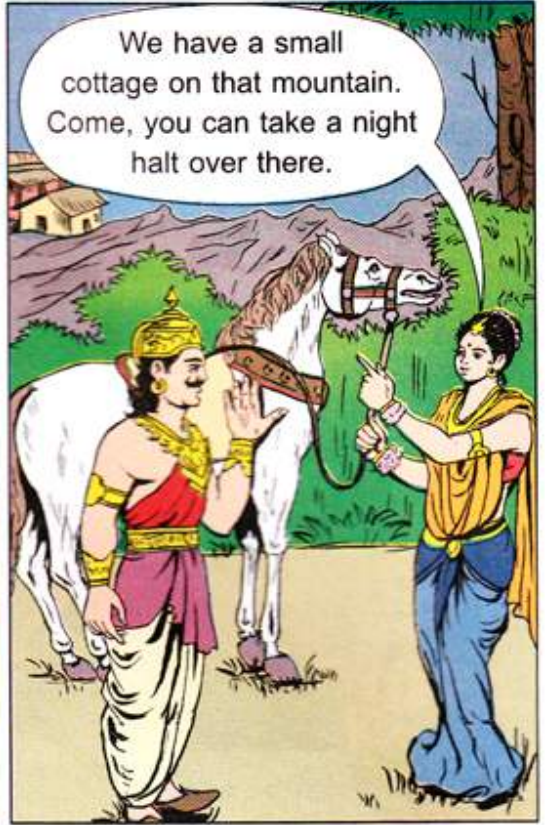
Then he asked the girl—

How far is Kushagrapur from here ?

Kushagrapur is far away from here. It's also getting darker, you'll get lost in this wild forest at night.

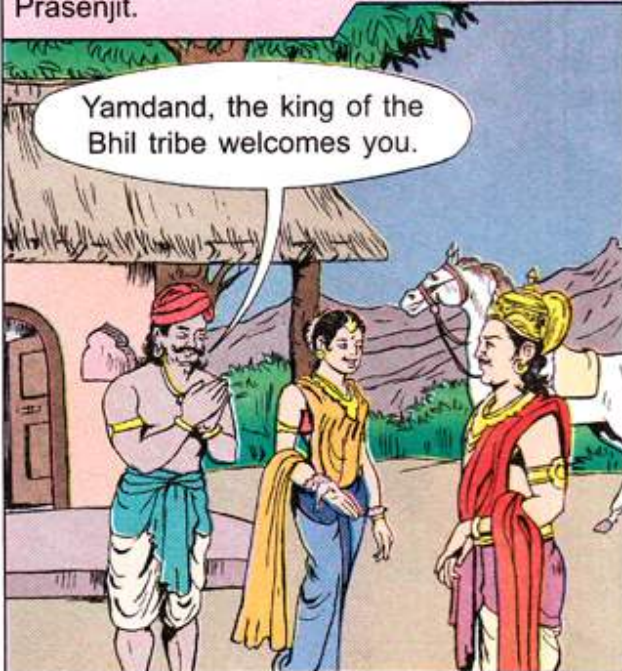


We have a small cottage on that mountain. Come, you can take a night halt over there.



The girl brought Prasenjit to her cottage. A well built man came out of the cottage and on seeing them he welcomed king Prasenjit.

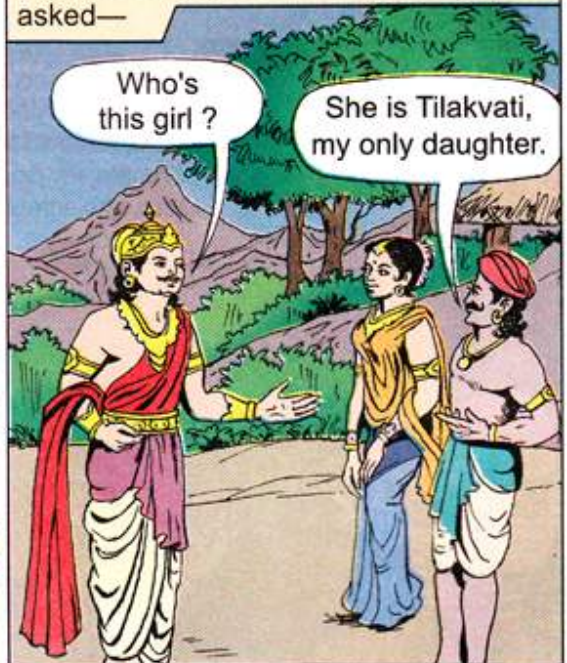
Yamdand, the king of the Bhil tribe welcomes you.



King Prasenjit gave his introduction and asked—

Who's this girl ?

She is Tilakvati, my only daughter.



King Prasenjit took rest at night in the cottage.