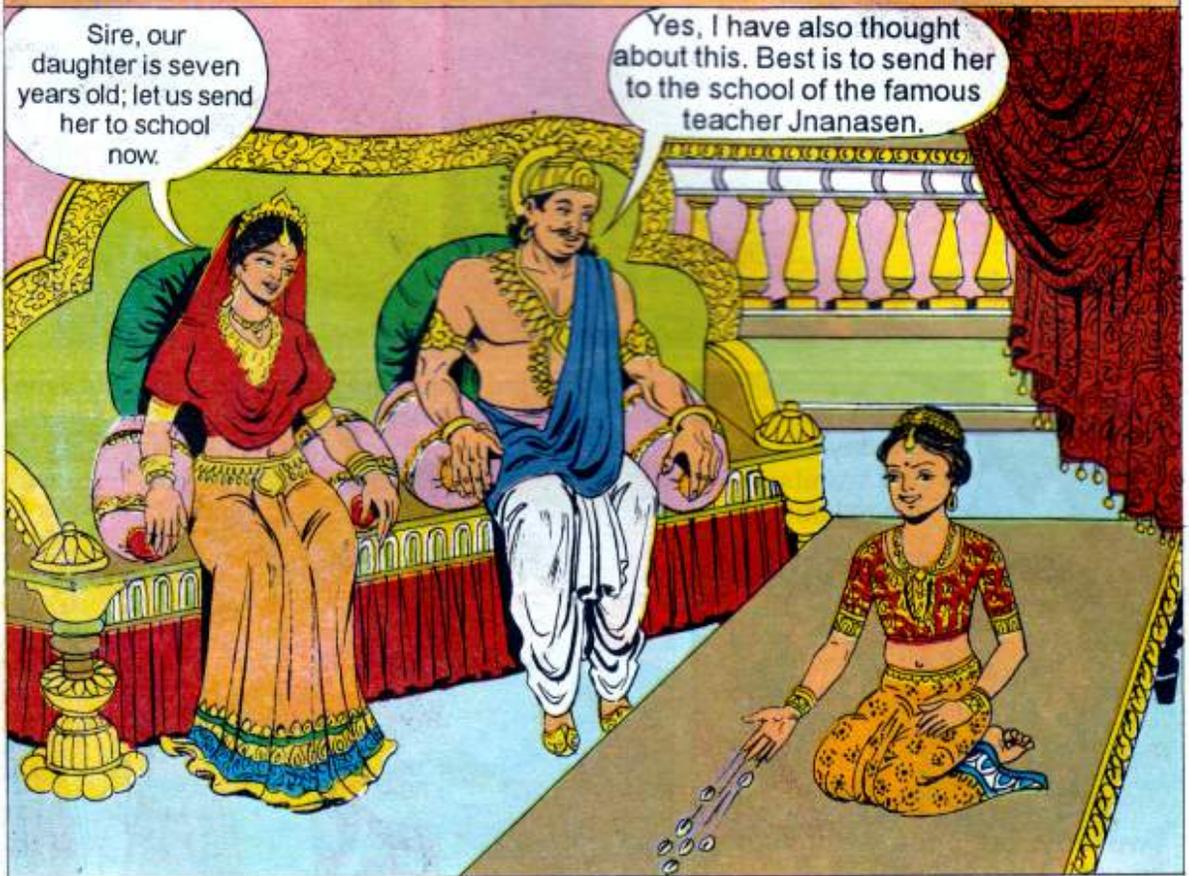
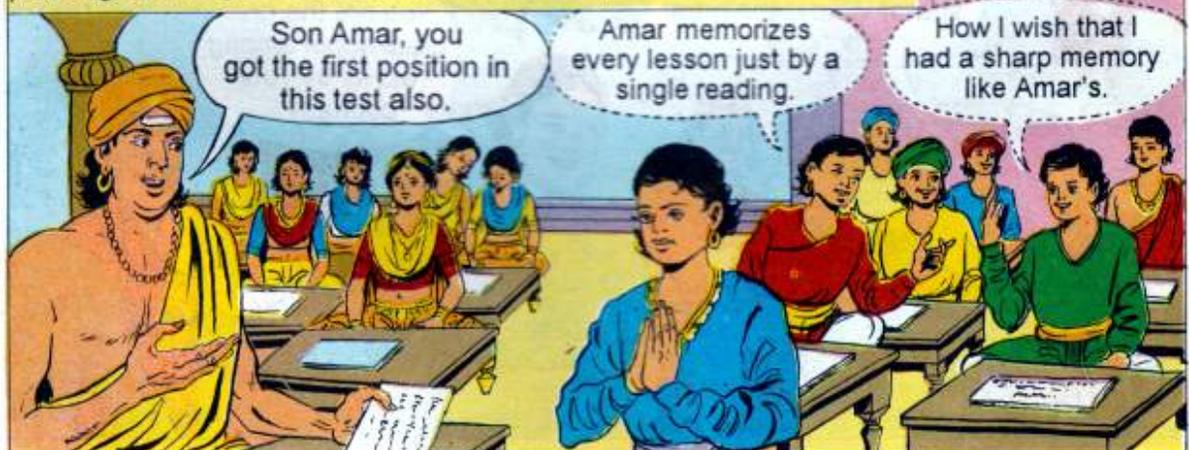


SURSUNDARI

Sur-sundari was the only and beloved daughter of king Ripumardan and queen Ratisundari of Champapuri. She was beautiful and intelligent, and very fond of playing with kaudis. One day while she was playing, the queen said—



Sur-sundari joined the school of Acharya Jnanasen. Amar Kumar, the son of the nagar-seth,[#] also studied in the same school. Amar was the best student of the school. He was handsome and pleasing, and witty as well. All the students accepted him to be their leader.



A title awarded to the richest merchant of the town.

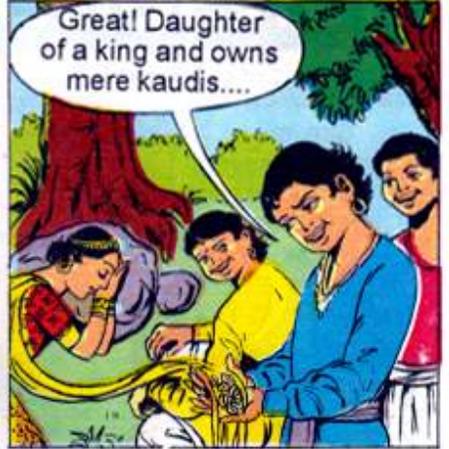
One day during the lunch recess students were playing around. The princess was sleeping under a tree. Some students laughed at this—



Look! This princess is snoring as if she was awake all night.

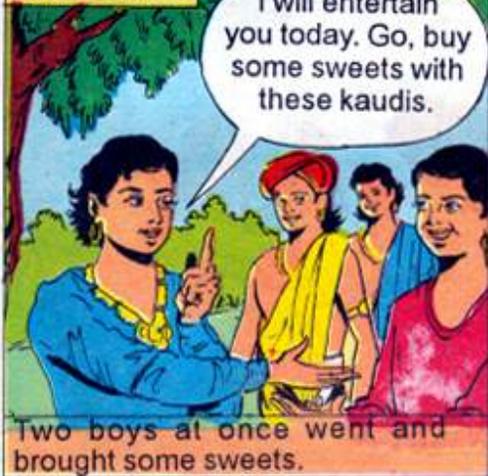
Hey Amar! What is this tied at the end of her scarf? Just take a look...

When untied the scarf he found seven kaudis. Amar laughed—



Great! Daughter of a king and owns mere kaudis....

Amar offered—



I will entertain you today. Go, buy some sweets with these kaudis.

Two boys at once went and brought some sweets.

Amar started distributing the same. By that time the princess was also awake. Amar gave sweets to her as well—



Here, princess enjoy some sweets.

When Amar placed just a few tiny globules of the sweet on the palms of the princess she uttered with annoyance—



Great! So meager a share! Who is the great donor?

You are the only great donor among us. Its by your courtesy....

