



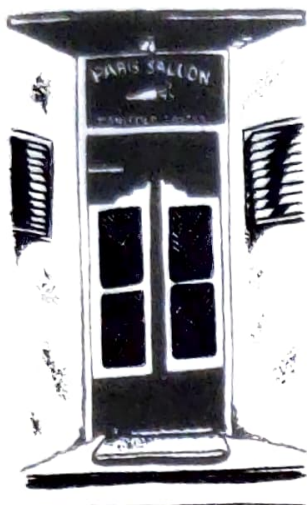
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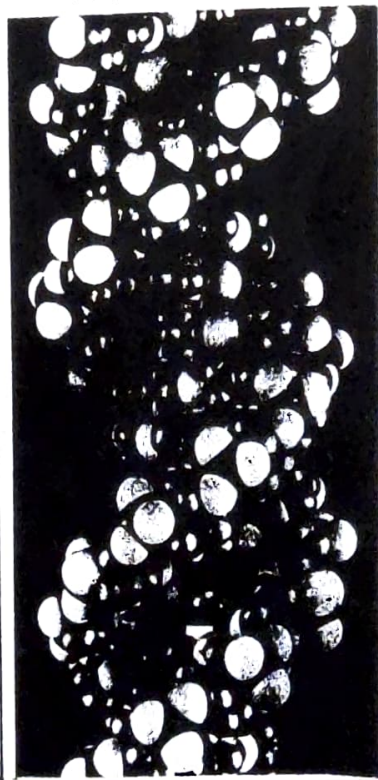
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YOU NEED THE SOUL OF CHENGIZ KHAN TO SURVIVE A JUNE
AFTERNOON IN DELHI



THE STREETS ARE EMPTY
SAVE A FEW HARDCORE
URBAN WARRIORS



I AM HUNTING FOR A BOOK...
LIFE SEEMS TO DEPEND ON IT



LET'S FACE IT, I CAN GET QUITE OBSESSIVE SOMETIMES



ONCE, I MADE A FRIEND DRIVE ME THROUGH THE OLD PARTS OF BANGALORE FOR AN ENTIRE WEEKEND...



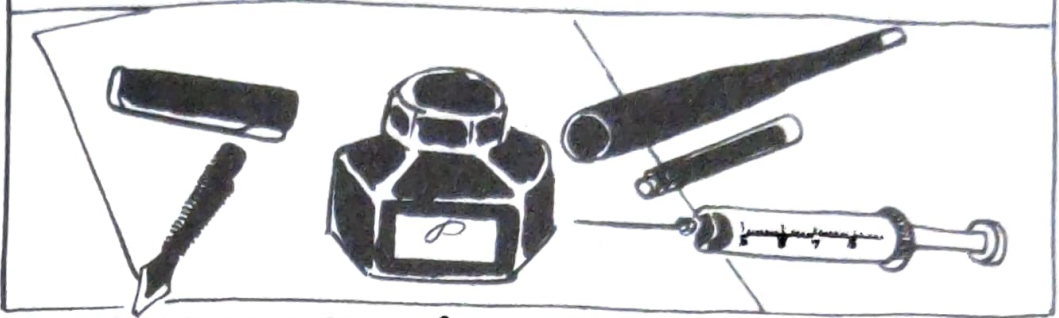
SEARCHING FOR A SEEMINGLY INNOCENT LOOKING OBJECT



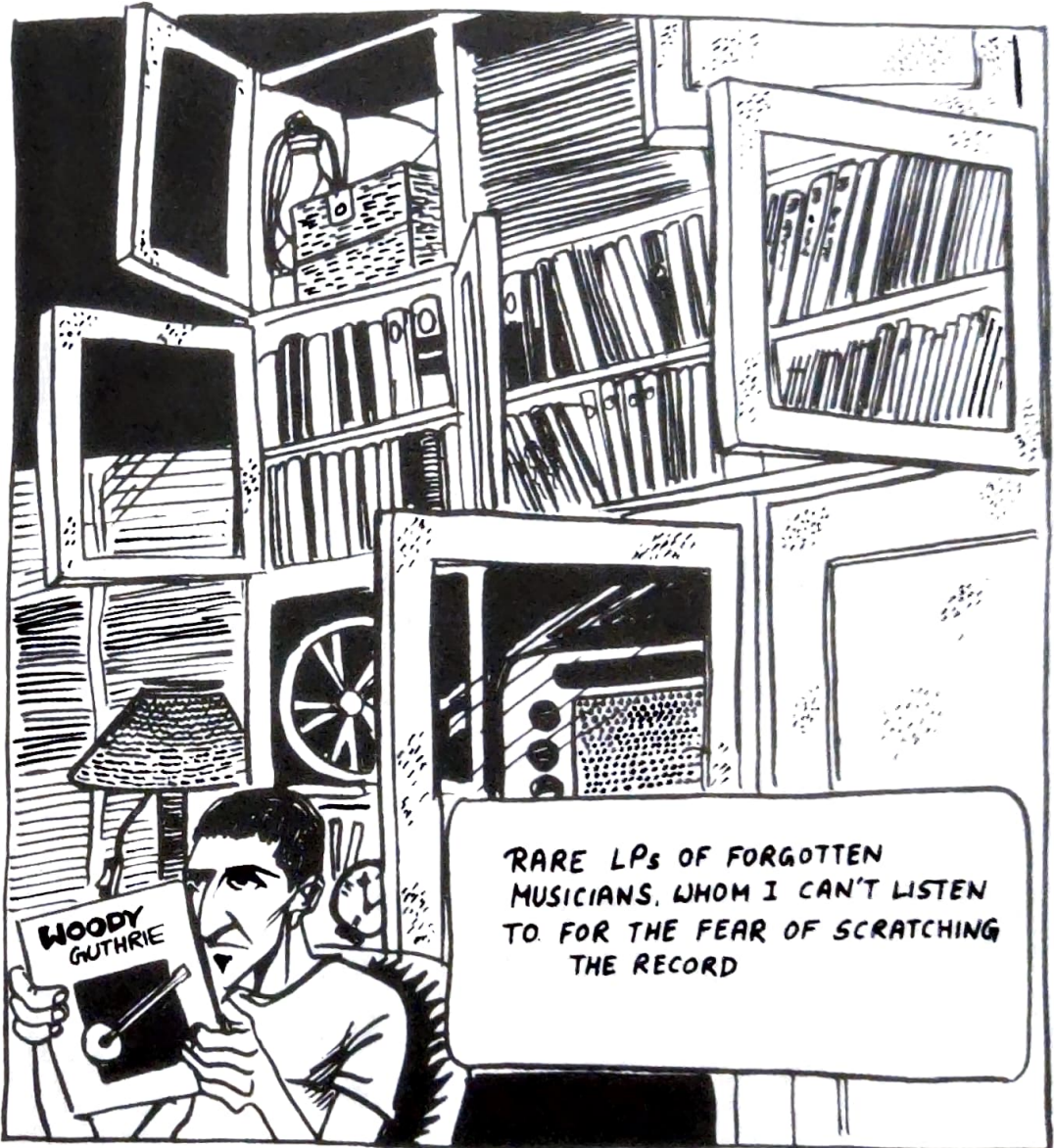
FINALLY FOUND IT IN A SHOP SELLING SECOND-HAND STUFF, IN THE CANTONMENT AREA



IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS; I STILL HAVEN'T USED THE PEN

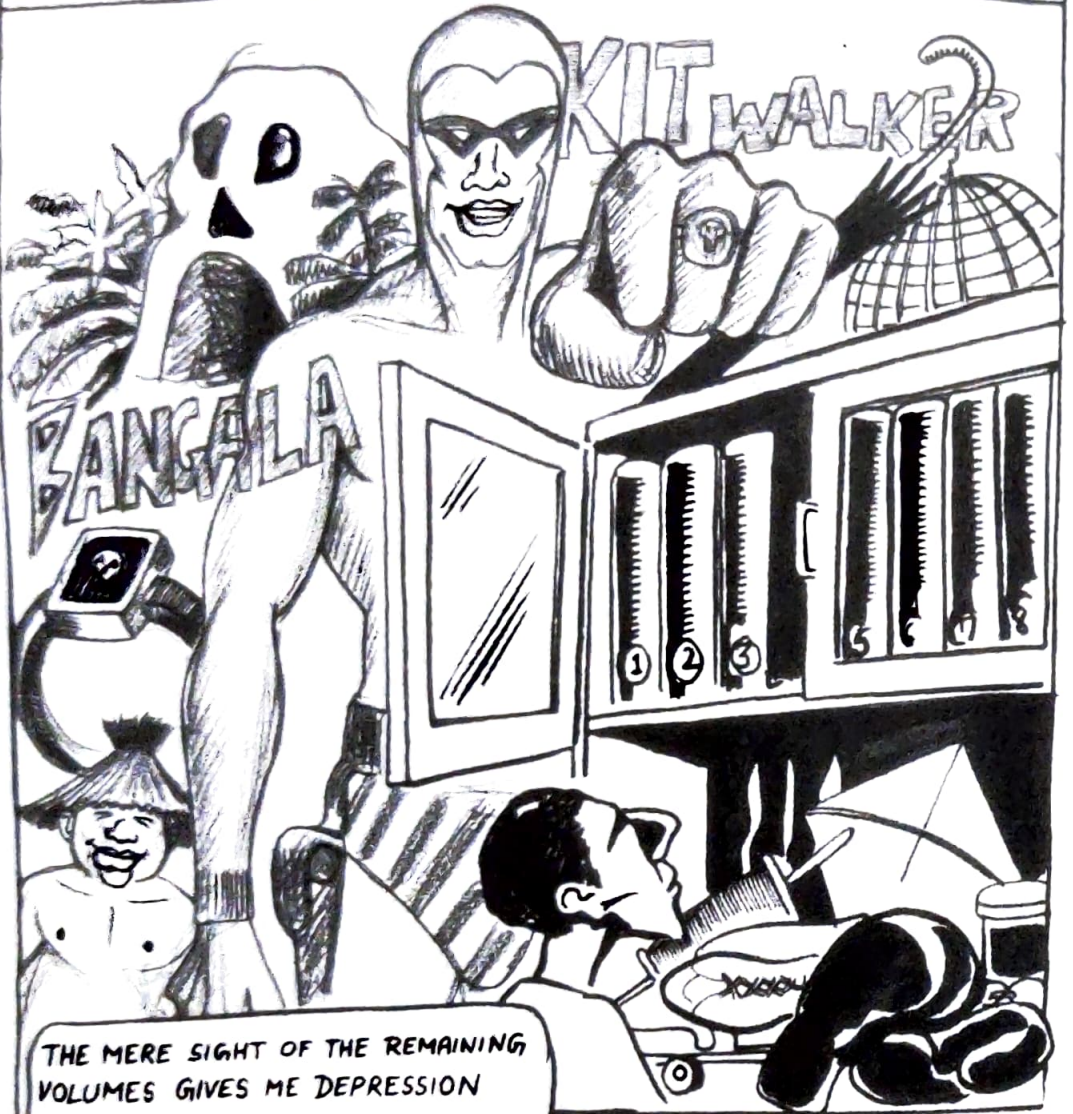


WHAT IF THE NIB BREAKS? THE PEN ROTS AWAY ALONG WITH OTHER ARTIFACTS STASHED IN MY RED ROOM



RARE LPs OF FORGOTTEN MUSICIANS, WHOM I CAN'T LISTEN TO. FOR THE FEAR OF SCRATCHING THE RECORD

... NINE LEATHER-BOUND VOLUMES OF PHANTOM - THE GHOST WHO WALKS, WHICH I HAVE STOPPED READING SINCE BAMBI BORROWED VOLUME FOUR AND NEVER RETURNED IT



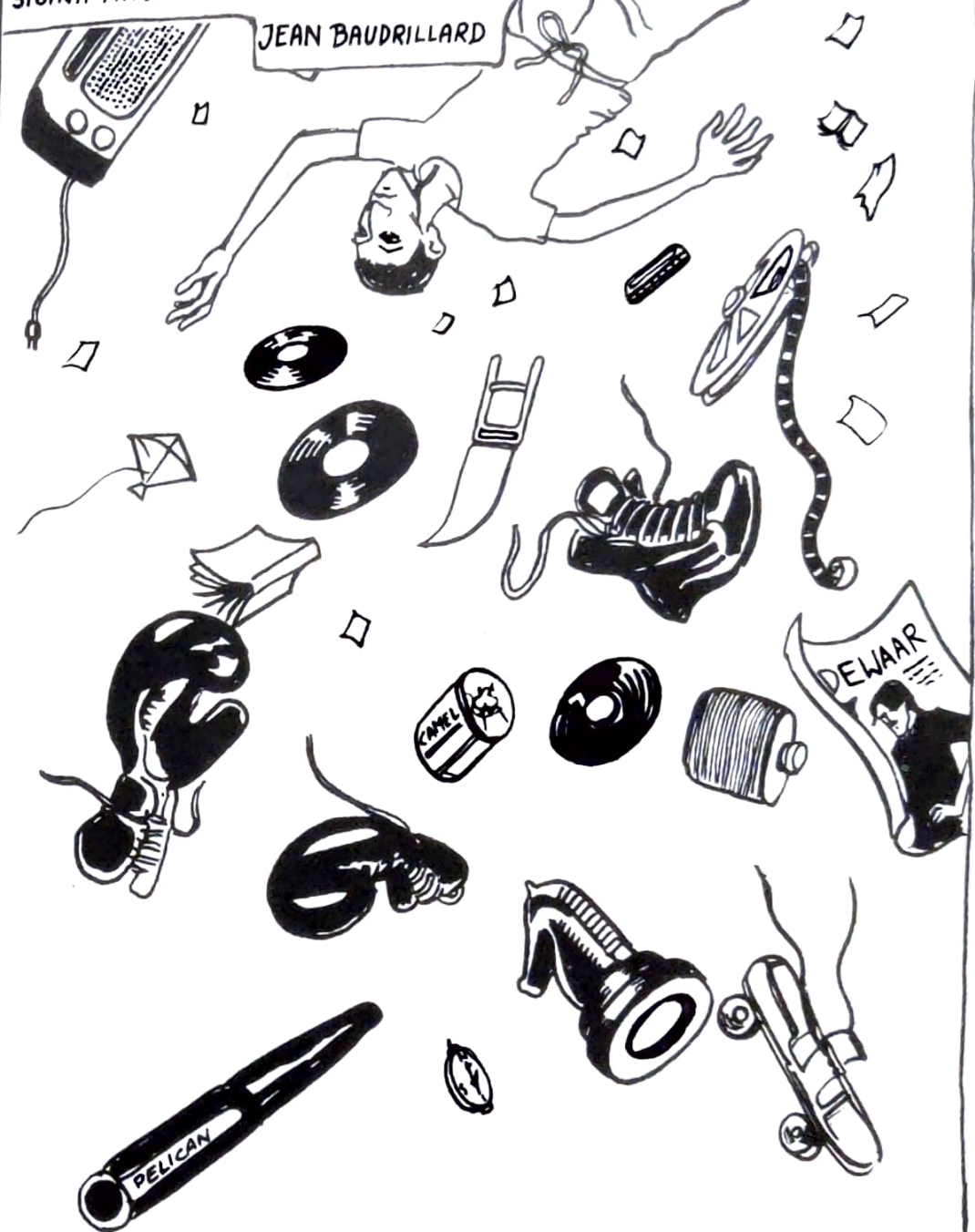
THE MERE SIGHT OF THE REMAINING VOLUMES GIVES ME DEPRESSION

THE 8mm PASSED ONTO ME BY MY GRANDFATHER LIES NEXT TO THE GALLSTONE THAT KILLED HIM



YES, THE COLLECTOR. HE REGRESSES TO THE ANAL PHASE—
EXPRESSED BY ACCUMULATION AND RETENTION. HIS
PASSION IS NOT FOR POSSESSING OBJECTS THEMSELVES
BUT STEMS FROM HIS FANATICISM FOR AN ILLUSORY
WHOLENESS, FOR COMPLETING THE SET. BUT
REALLY HE IS TRYING TO RE·COLLECT
HIMSELF. AND IF HE GETS THE LAST OBJECT
IN THE COLLECTION, HE IS EFFECTIVELY
SIGNIFYING HIS OWN DEATH.

JEAN BAUDRILLARD



MY COUSIN INFERRED, I SUFFER FROM OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE
DISORDER. SIMPLISTIC...



BUT A GOOD CONVERSATION STARTER.



KALI THOUGHT I WAS A LITTLE CRAZY... WHAT A JOKE.



THERE WERE AFTERNOONS I SPENT EXAMINING MY
TOES AND TALKING TO GUSTAV THE LIZARD

ANYWAY,
THAT CHENGIZ KHAN
AFTERNOON, I WAS
DESPERATELY SEARCHING
FOR A BOOK. I TRIED
EVERYWHERE: GALGOTIA,
BOOKWORM, JAIN BOOK
AGENCY, EVERYWHERE
NO LUCK.

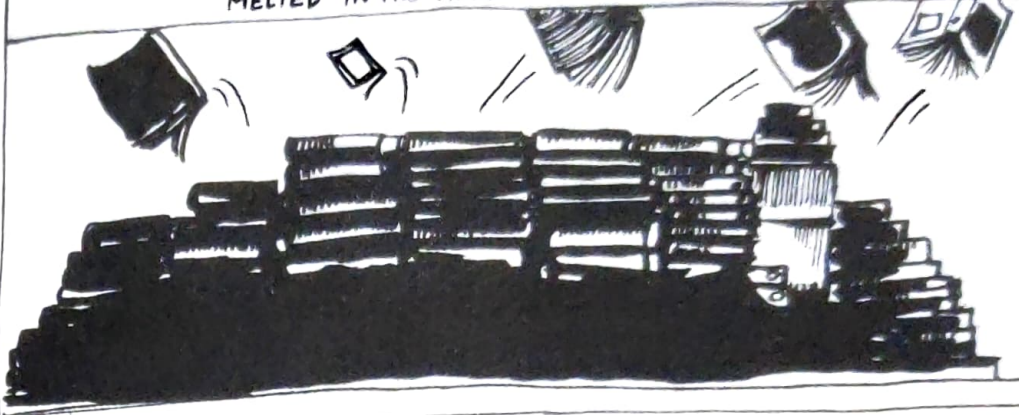
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME
WITH ME, LOOKING TO
FIND THE IMPOSSIBLE



I WAS GIVING UP, WHEN I CAME UPON A
SECOND-HAND BOOK PLACE, SOMEWHERE ON THE
OUTER CIRCLE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE



THE SEARCH WENT ON FOR FORTY MINUTES OR SO, I SILENTLY
MELTED IN THE HEAT

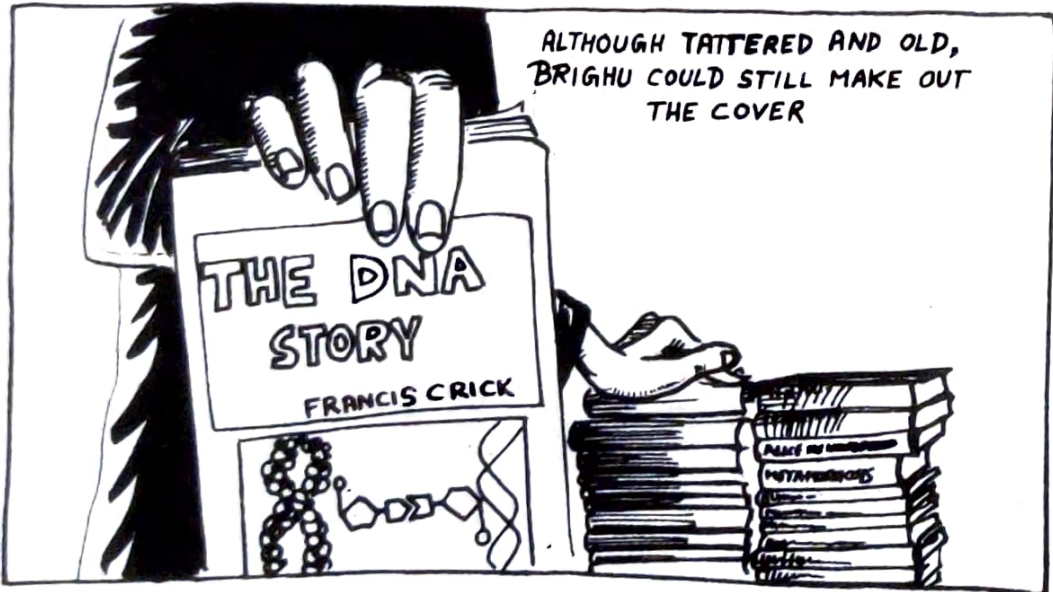


BAD LUCK



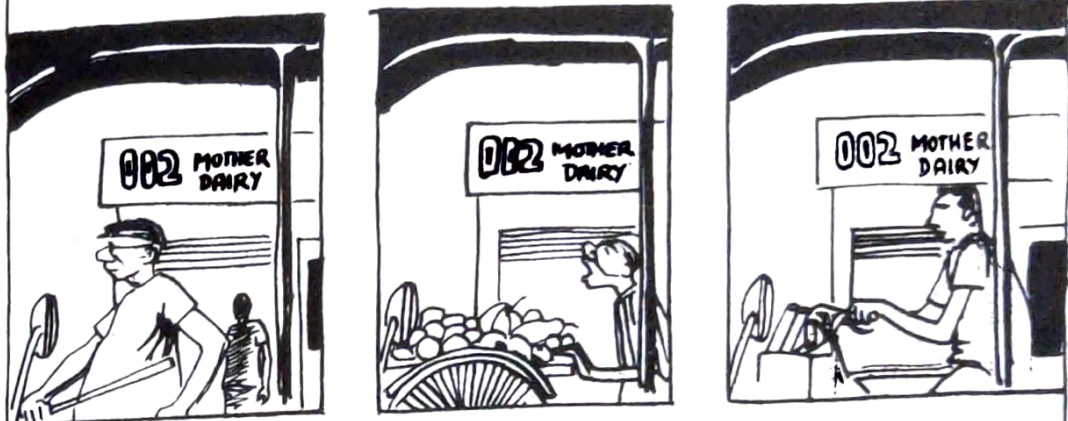
BLOODY
RIDICULOUS







THE CITY NEVER JUMPSTARTS THE DAY; IT SLOWLY STRETCHES ITSELF AWAKE

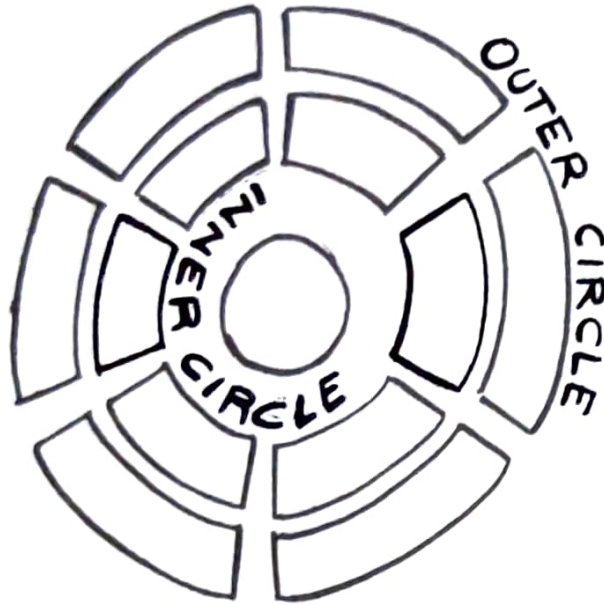


IT ROLLS UNDER THE BLANKET, DRINKS CUPS AND CUPS OF TEA, CONTEMPLATES



THEN FINALLY LEAVES THE BED, NOT WITHOUT A LITTLE RELUCTANCE

CONNAUGHT PLACE IS PRIMARILY ABOUT CORRIDORS AND PILLARS.
ONE SUCH CORRIDOR ON THE OUTER CIRCLE BELONGS TO JEHANGIR
RANGOONWALLA, THE CYRUS OF SECOND-HAND BOOKS



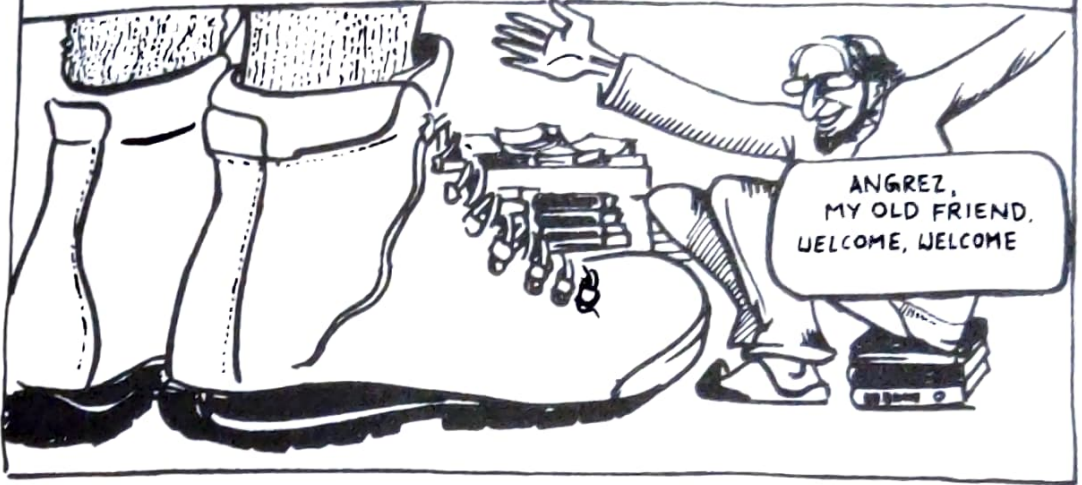
HE CONSIDERS IT THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE



BECAUSE THE UNIVERSE REVOLVES AROUND HIM, OCCASIONALLY
STOPPING TO PICK UP AN ODD PERRY MASON OR JAMES HADLEY CHASE



THAT MORNING ANGREZ BOSCH ARRIVED FROM RISHIKESH, ARMED WITH
ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF ENERGY PYRAMIDS



THERE ARE SIX DEGREES
OF ORGASM



CLITORAL IS THE LOWEST



IT'S ALL ABOUT
MASTERING THE
KUNDALINI



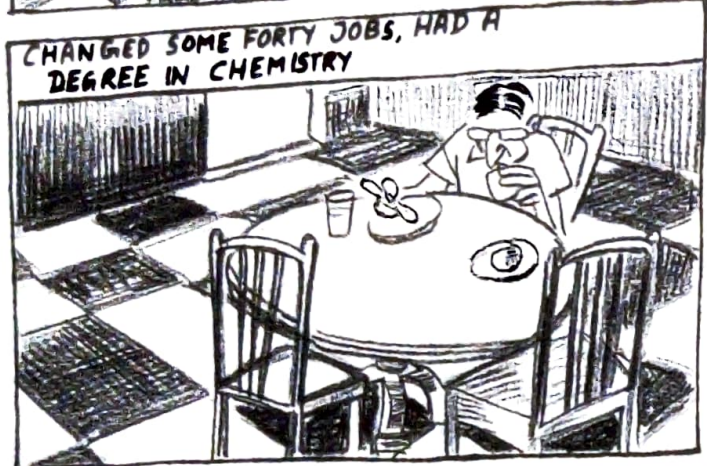
I'M OFF TO IGATPUR FOR A
TEN-DAY VIPASSANA COURSE.



MY BHURJEE-PAO DAYS AT BYCULLA



BOMBAY, EARLY 70s



CHANGED SOME FORTY JOBS, HAD A DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY



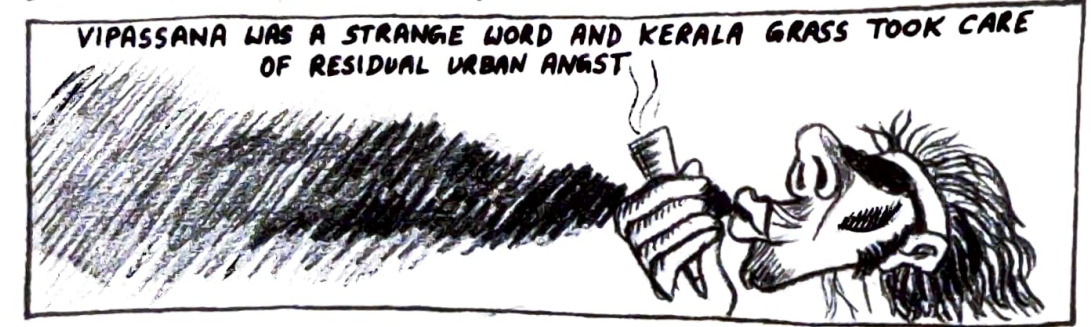
DID SOME BOXING AT COLLEGE



MAHARISHI WAS STILL BIG



AND COLABA SWARMED WITH DEAD-HEADS AND DROP OUTS

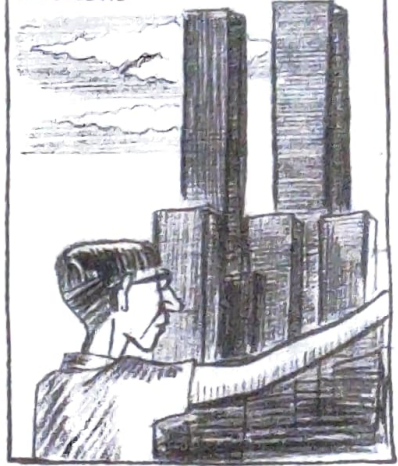


VIPASSANA WAS A STRANGE WORD AND KERALA GRASS TOOK CARE OF RESIDUAL URBAN ANGST

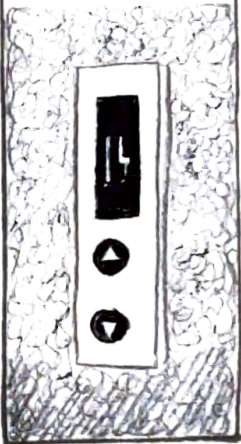
YET I WAS DISTURBED,
WHAT IS THE POINT OF LIFE, WHERE AM
I HEADING - THAT SORT OF NONSENSE



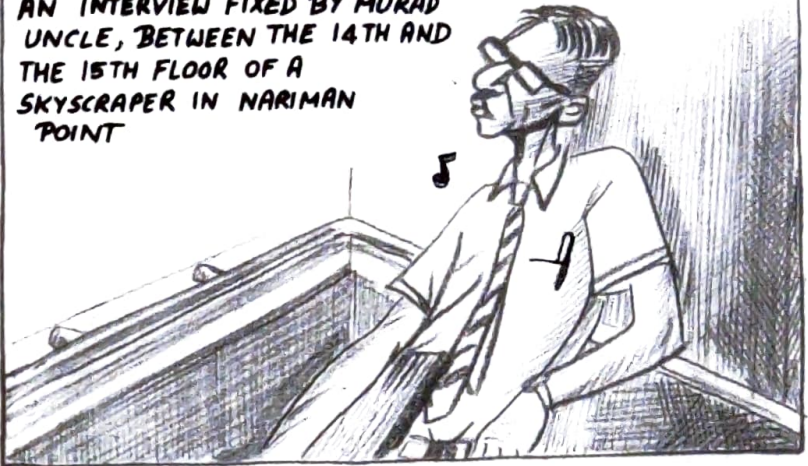
I THRASHED ABOUT THE
CITY LOOKING FOR
ANSWERS



THAT IS WHEN IT
HAPPENED



I WAS ALONE IN THE ELEVATOR, ON MY WAY TO
AN INTERVIEW FIXED BY MURAD
UNCLE, BETWEEN THE 14TH AND
THE 15TH FLOOR OF A
SKYSCRAPER IN NARIMAN
POINT



I HAD THIS BRILLIANT
MOMENT OF CLARITY...

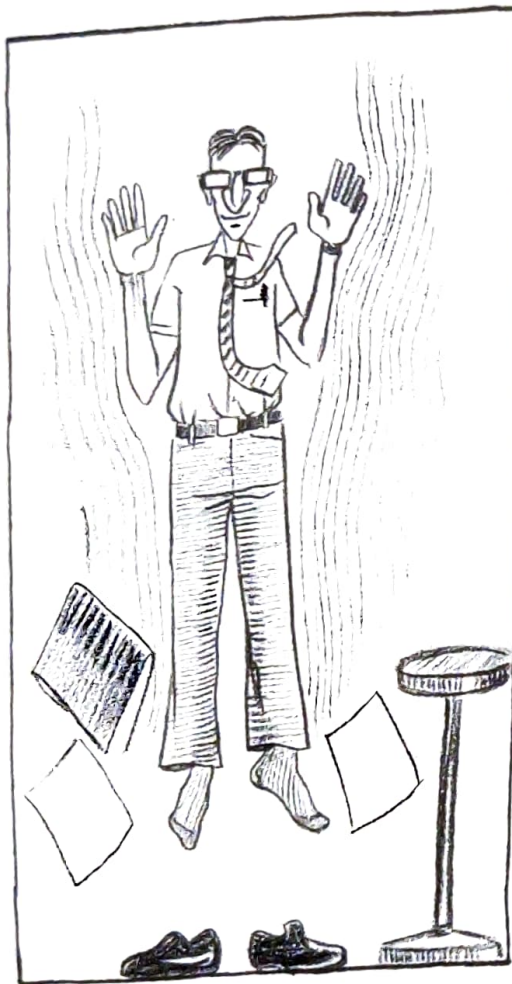


SUCH AS ONLY
ALCOHOLICS DO.



I REALISED





IT ALL COMES DOWN TO CHEWING YOUR FOOD WELL

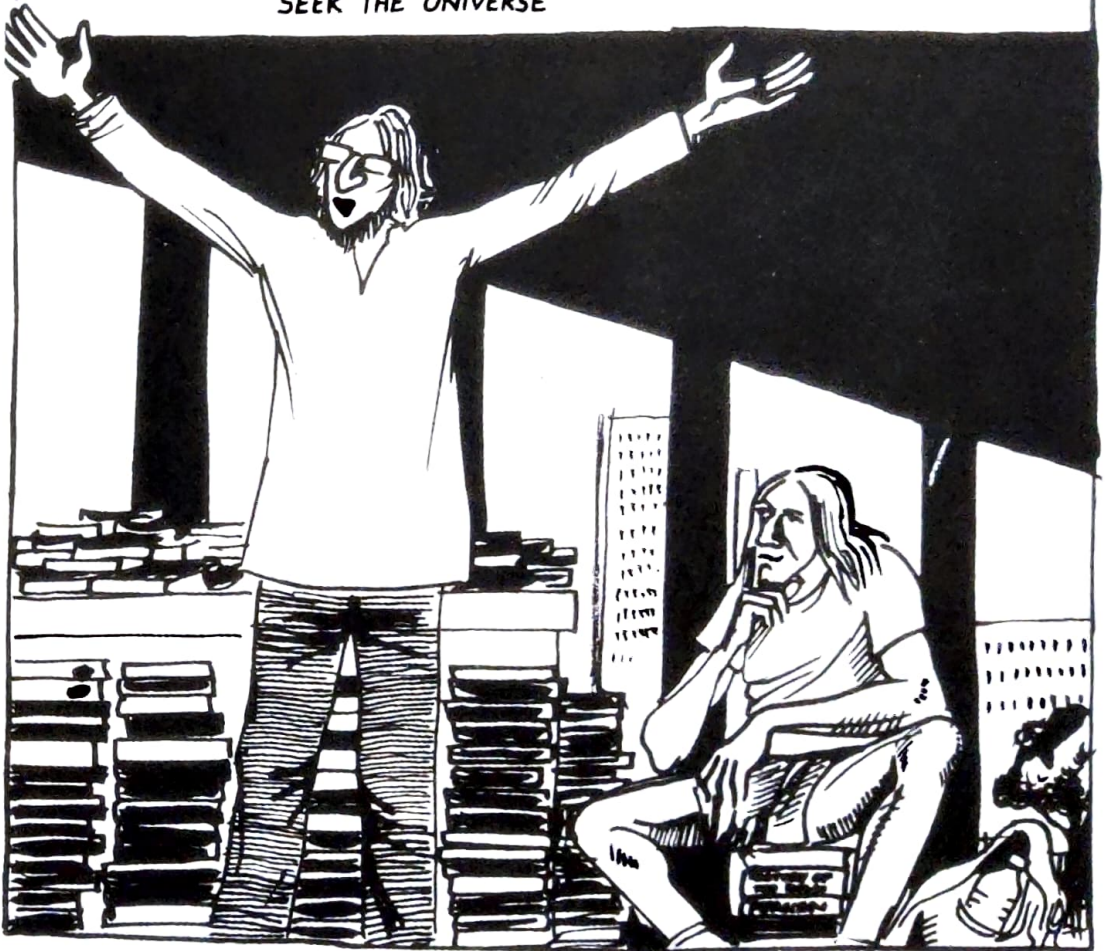
THAT IS WISDOM, WHEN IT COMES IT
COMES WITH GREAT EASE AND IS SIMPLE,
LIKE A SIP OF WATER



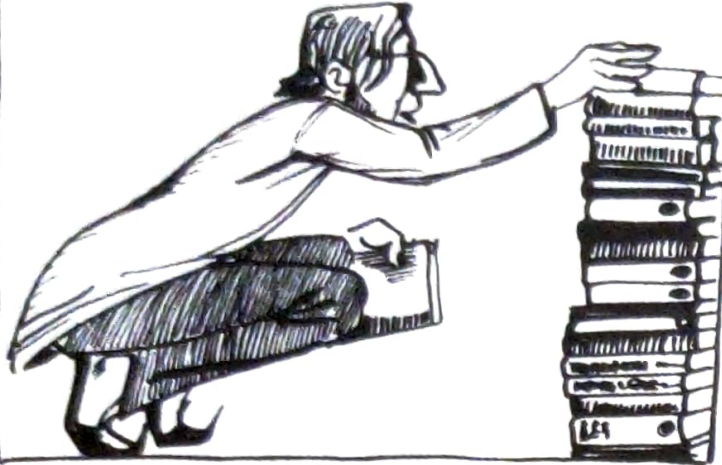
hmmmm



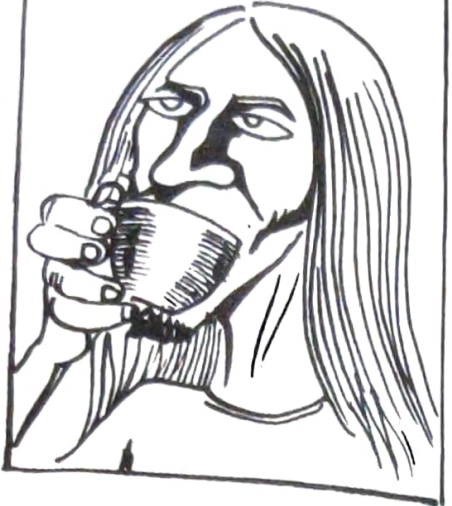
NOW HERE I AM, IN DELHI, THE SPIRITUAL CENTRE OF NORTH
INDIA, SELLING IKEA CATALOGUES. NO NEED TO GO OUT AND
SEEK THE UNIVERSE



NO NEED FOR VIPASSANA.
CHOTU, DO CHAI BOL



hmmm.



OH WELL, WHATEVER





IT'S BAD ENOUGH THE CITY IS BURSTING WITH MY SORTS



EVEN WORSE, TO BE SEEN WITH FELLOW TRIBESMEN AT FUNDING AGENCY PARTIES



THE PROGRAMME OFFICER, WHO I MUST HAVE CALLED TWO MILLION TIMES AND SPOKE TO ONLY THRICE IS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY FRIENDLY



TONIGHT SHE IS NEITHER 'TRAVELLING' NOR 'BUSY IN A MEETING'

ANDREU, MEET KALI, THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER IN THE COUNTRY



KALI, YOU MUST TELL US ALL ABOUT YOUR PRESENT PROJECT



I'M RESEARCHING FOR MY FILM ON...



VEENY



ANDREU, YOU MUST MEET VENUGOPALAN, THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY VEENA PLAYER IN THE COUNTRY!

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... BADRI, EXTRAORDINARY FOLKLORIST



... JATIN, EXTRAORDINARY THEATRE ACTIVIST

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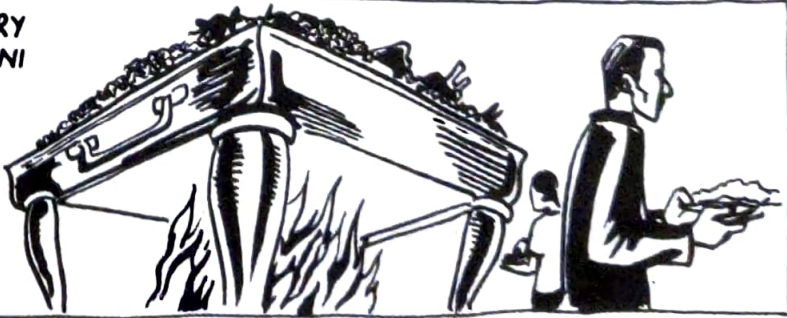


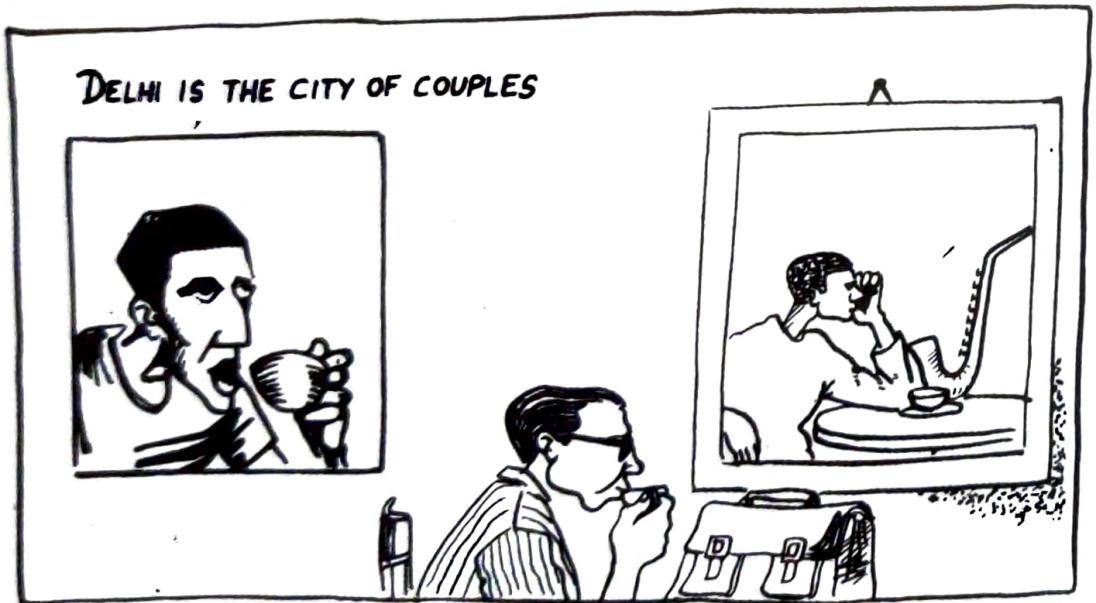
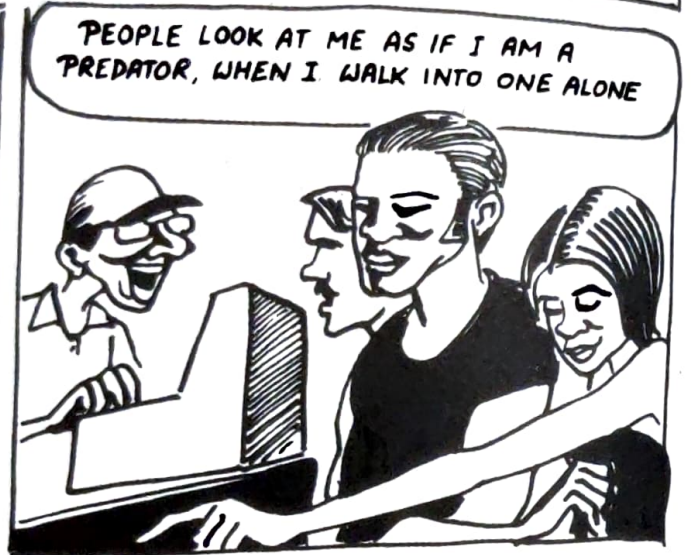
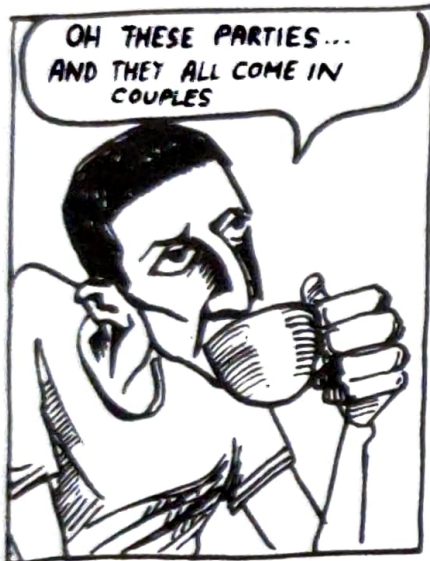
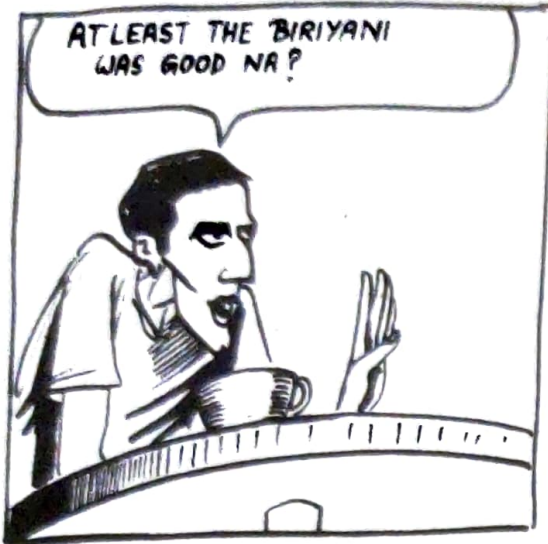
... RAMA, EXTRAORDINARY HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER

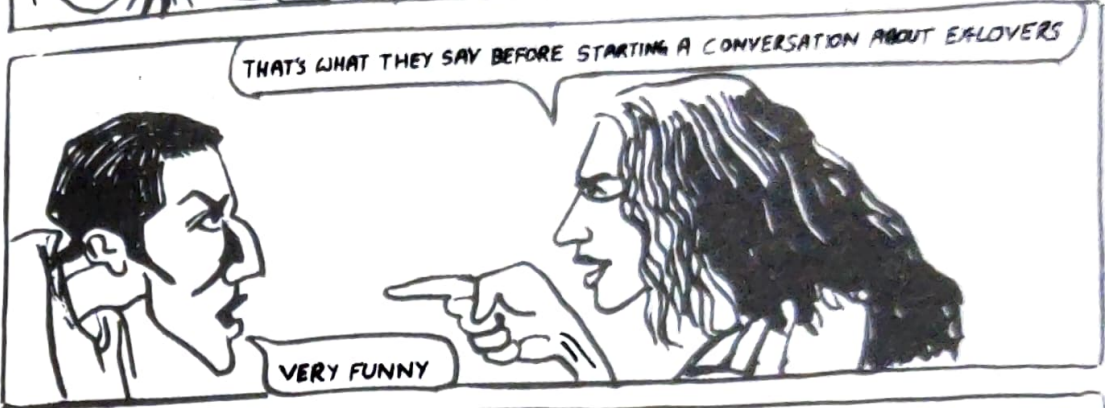
hiya



EXTRAORDINARY MUTTON BIRIYANI







BUT ON BAD DAYS ...



I THINK OF GOOD DAYS



WHEN I FEEL LIKE IBN BATTUTA

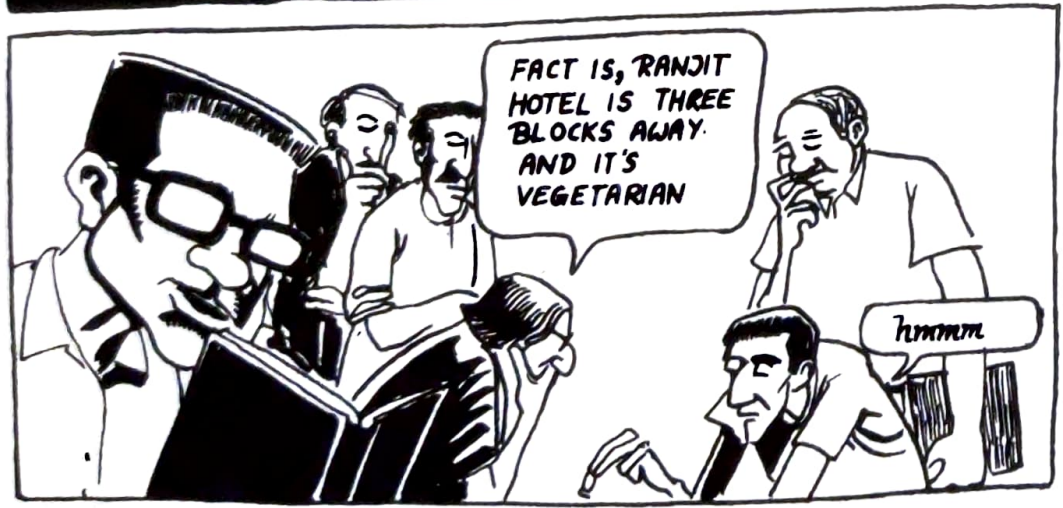
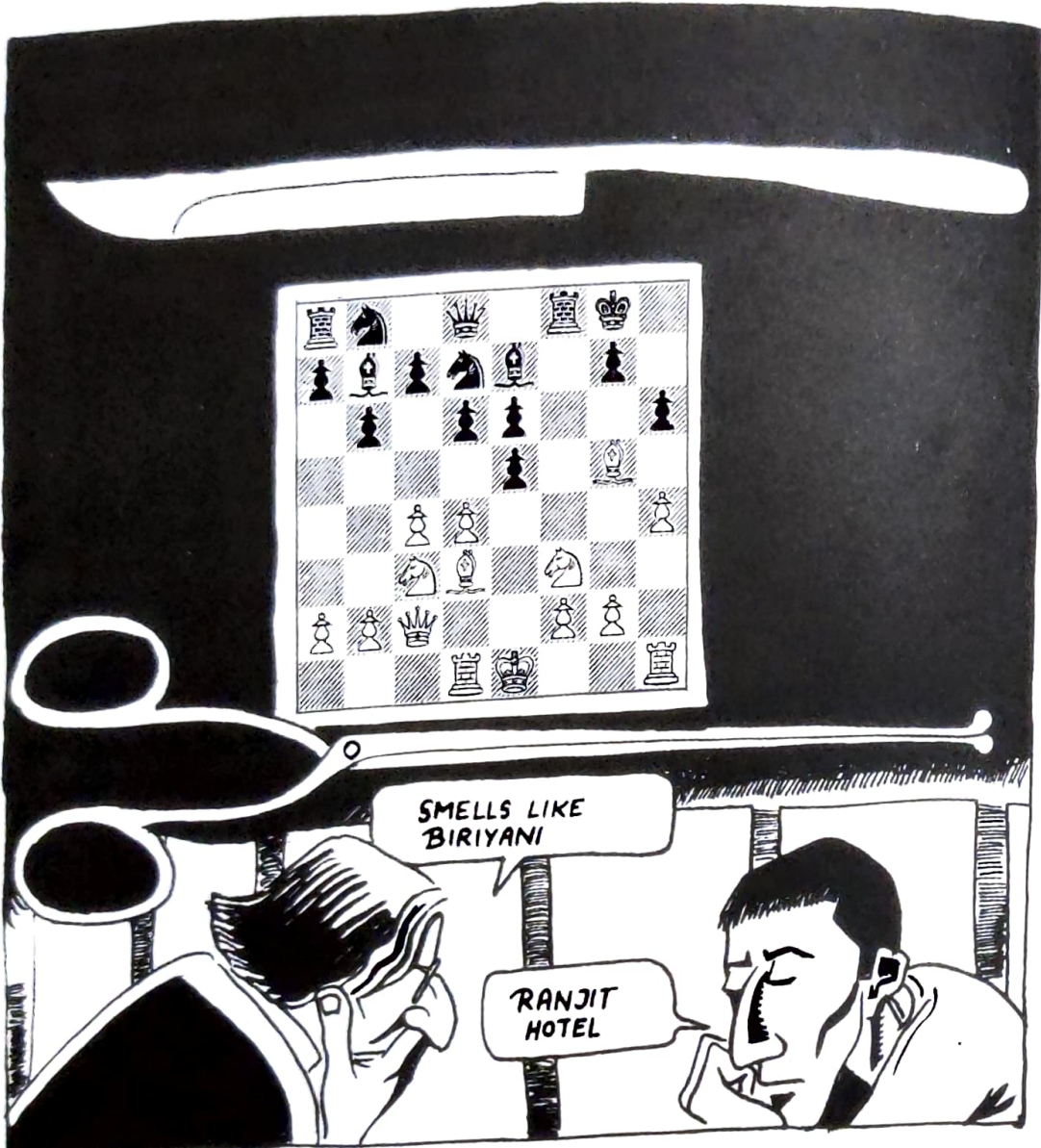


AND THE BAD DAYS DON'T SEEM SO BAD



*Verse, fame, and beauty are intense indeed
But Death intenser- Death is life's high meed*







darkling I listen and
for many a time



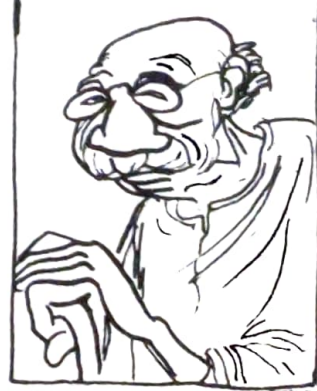
I have been half in love with
easeful death



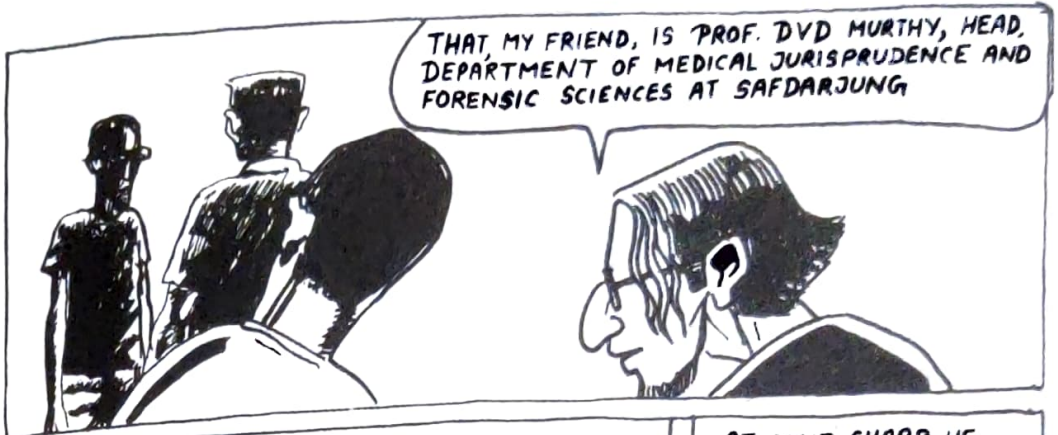
called him soft names
in many a mused
rhyme

to take into the air
my quiet breath

now more than
ever seems it
rich to die



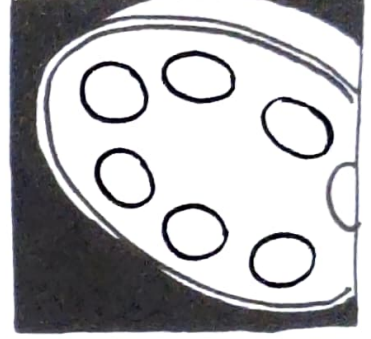
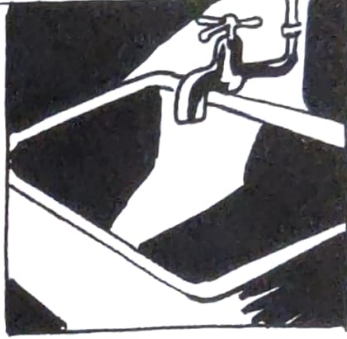




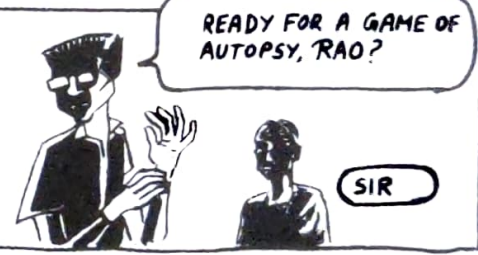
THAT, MY FRIEND, IS PROF. DVD MURTHY, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE AND FORENSIC SCIENCES AT SAFDARJUNG

EVERY EVENING AROUND EIGHT, HE GETS COMPLETELY STONED.

AT NINE SHARP HE ENTERS THE CHAMBER

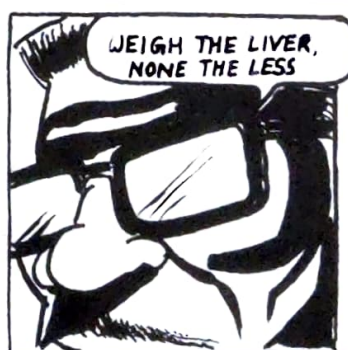


WHERE EVERY NIGHT, INCLUDING SUNDAYS, A BODY LIES READY FOR HIM



READY FOR A GAME OF AUTOPSY, RAO?

SIR



WEIGH THE LIVER, NONE THE LESS



BUT IT STILL IS STRYCHNINE

AT LEAST 120 mg

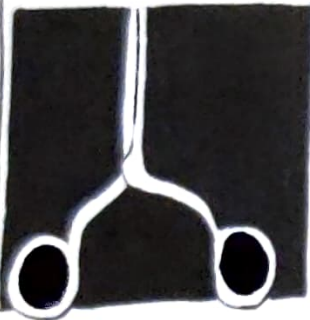
PROF. DVD'S WORLD REVOLVES AROUND POISONS, REGGAE AND JOHN KEATS

ALL FINE EXCEPT THE SMELL

THE SMELL HE ENCOUNTERED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE ANATOMY CLASS, 28 YEARS BACK...



MAKING HIS FIRST Y-TYPE INCISION



FIRST YEAR AT CMC, VELLORE



THE SMELL STAYED WITH HIM LIKE A TRUSTED OLD FRIEND

GOODNIGHT RAO



'XCUSEN'WHILE I LIGHT MY SPLIFF



THE SMELL THAT SEEPED THROUGH HIS SKIN, HIS HAIR, HIS TERRY-COT SHIRT, INTO HIS SOUL

O LORD I WANT TO TAKE A LEAP FROM REALITY...



THE SMELL THAT MAKES HIS SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER RUN AWAY FROM HIM



THE SMELL OF DEATH, NO PERFUME CAN GET RID OF



OFTEN DVD WISHES HE'D TAKEN UP PSYCHIATRY INSTEAD





*Universal death rate,
one death per person*





IT WAS A REGULAR FRIDAY EVENING AT CENTRAL PARK, CONNAUGHT PLACE



WELL AFTER OFFICE TIME



DIGITAL DUTTA AND GIRLFRIEND DOLLY SAT ENVELOPED IN A CLOUD OF SULKY SILENCE



TO DIFFUSE TENSION, DOLLY GAVE ONE OF HER KANDIUVARAM SMILES.



SO, HOW'S YOUR H TB PROGRESSING?



A LONG CYNICAL MOMENT AND A FILTER WILL FOLLOW!



A C++ PROFESSIONAL FROM APTECH IS NOT ENOUGH FOR YOUR FATHER?



FOUNDATION OF OUR MARRIAGE BASED ON A VISA, HAI!



IT WAS GETTING LATE. THE PARK TOOK A DESOLATE LOOK. THE LAST URBAN LOSER HAD GONE HOME.

SOMEWHERE LURKING IN THE DARKNESS WERE FOUR GOONDAS, MEN WITH NO RESPECT FOR GOD, FAMILY AND COUNTRY



SITTING BEHIND A HEDGE, SMOKING, DRINKING, DOING GOD KNOWS WHAT!



THEY OVERHEARD MALE-FEMALE CONVLRSATION.

THE TALLEST OF THEM APPROACHED DIGITAL, OTHERS SNIGGERED BEHIND

TALL GUY THEN MADE A REMARK THAT WAS TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE EVENING



PARTICULARLY IF THE REMARK CONCERNS HIS MOTHER

NOW DIGITAL, BY ALL ACCOUNTS, IS A MILD MANNERED RICE-EATER BUT THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH A MAN CAN TAKE ...



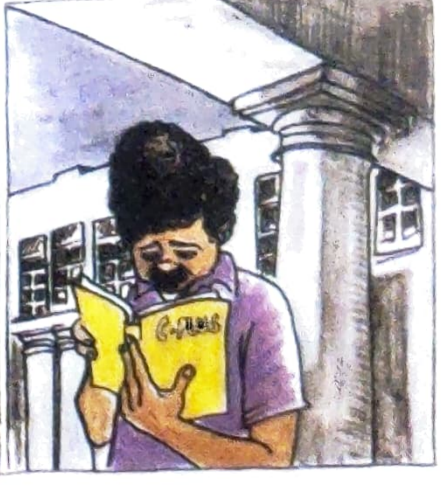
IT HIT DIGITAL AT A SYNAPTIC LEVEL







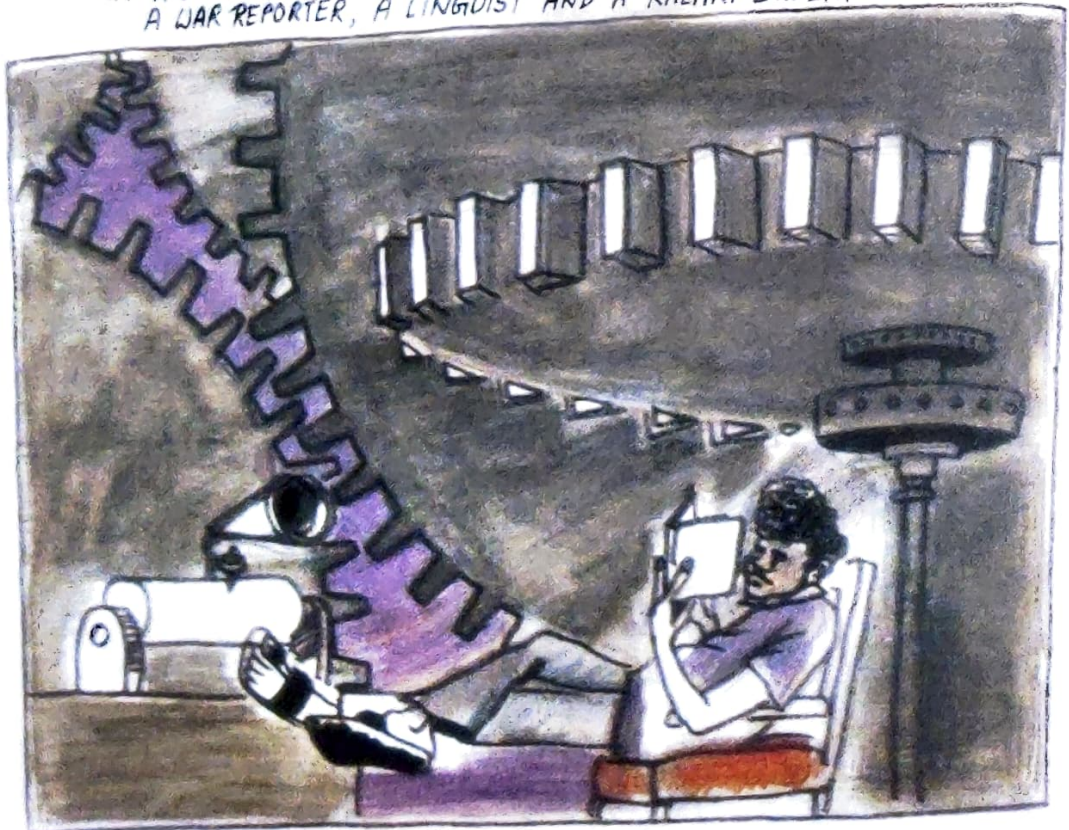
SECOND LAST
PILE ON YOUR LEFT
SEVENTH BOOK FROM
THE BOTTOM



TORN BETWEEN KARL MARX AND H-1B VISA,
DIGITAL DUTTA LIVES IN HIS HEAD.



IN HIS HEAD HE IS A FAITH HEALER, A QUANTUM PHYSICIST,
A WAR REPORTER, A LINGUIST AND A KALARI EXPERT



IN HIS HEAD HE HAS DANCED WITH ISADORA DUNCAN,
PLAYED THE GUITER WITH DJANGO REINHART



HE HAS SOLVED EQUATIONS FOR HEISENBERG, PERFORMED
ESCAPE TRICKS WITH HARRY HOUDINI



EXPLODED THE MIDFIELD ALONGSIDE GARINCHA



IN HIS HEAD, HE HAS EVEN BEEN CHRIS EVERT'S
MIXED-DOUBLES PARTNER.

DIGITAL KNOWS EVERY THING THERE IS TO KNOW THROUGH
PRINTED WORDS



AS A CHILD GROWING UP IN NORTH CALCUTTA, DIGITAL HAD
CLIMBED MOUNT EVEREST SEVERAL TIMES.



BY THE TIME HE WAS TWELVE HE HAD DISCOVERED CURARE



SMUGGLED BACTRIAN
CAMELS IN BUKHARA



FOUGHT ALONG WITH
THE SANDANISTAS
IN HONDURAS



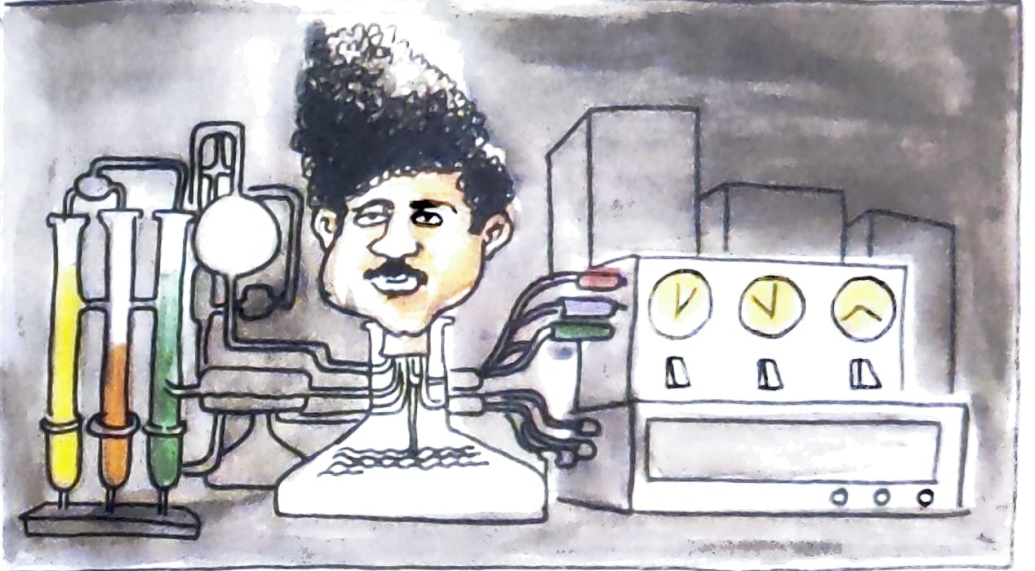
BY FIFTEEN HE KNEW
THE NAMES OF EVERY
STREET IN PRAGUE



DIGITAL LIVES IN THE ONE-BEDROOM FLAT IN HIS HEAD, WHERE KARL MARY VISITS HIM EVERY NIGHT



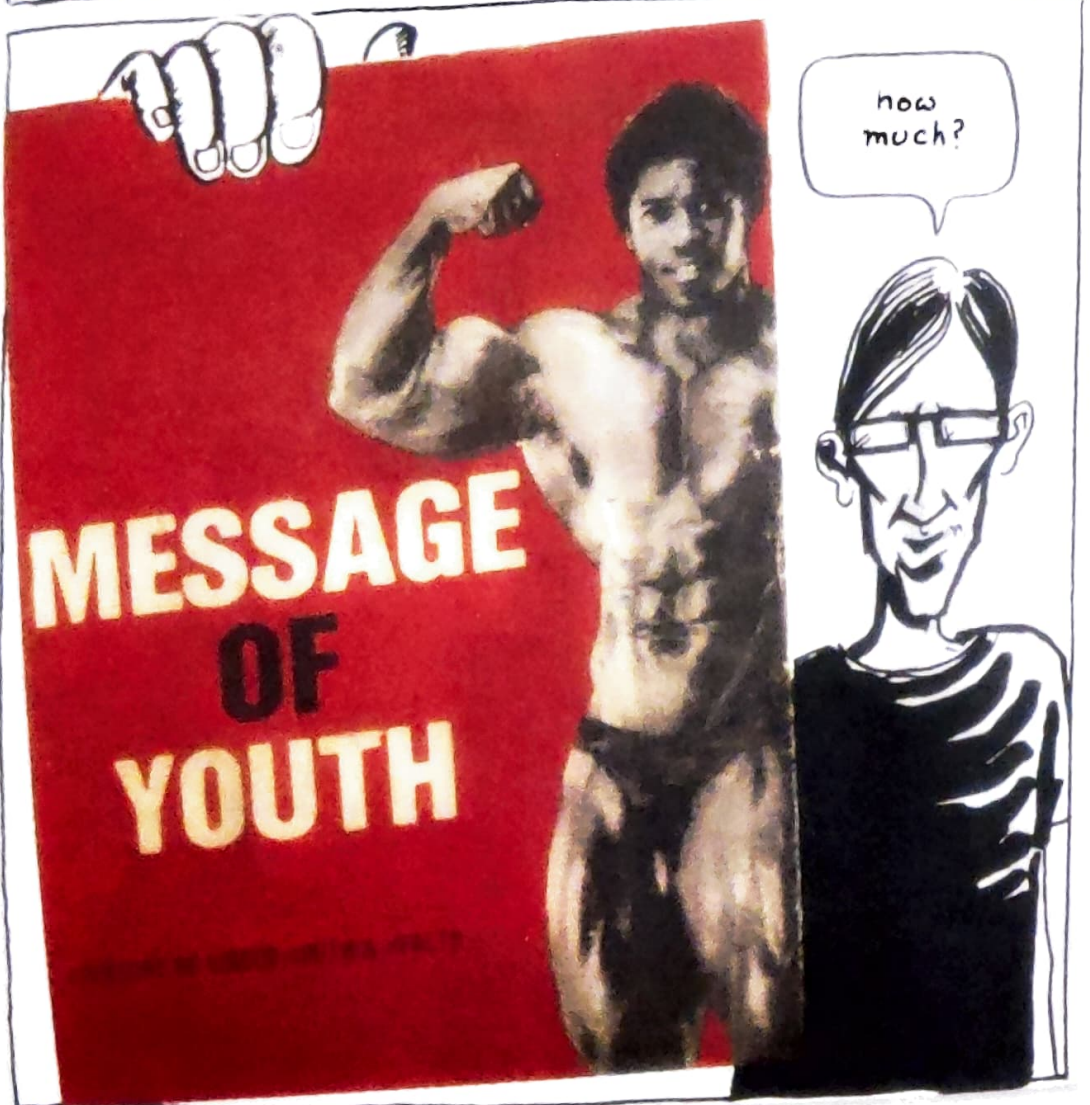
IF YOU CHOP OFF HIS HEAD, DIGITAL WILL STILL SOMEHOW SURVIVE, BECAUSE HE IS ALL HEAD



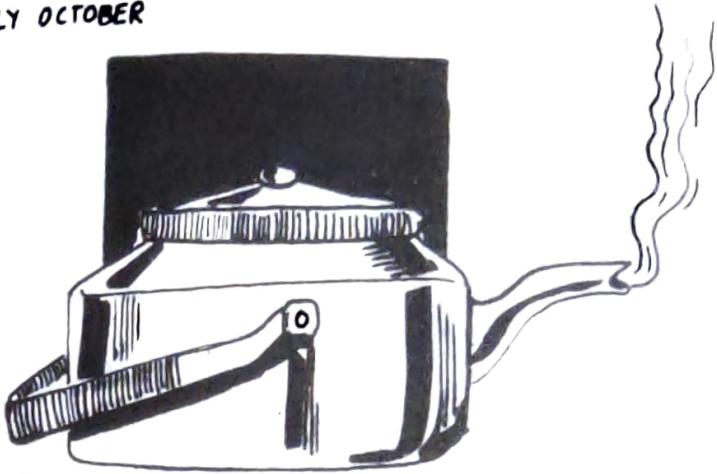
R-Q8? NO, K-R5CH...
MAYBENOT, K-R1
DEFINITELY NOT... YES...
B X Kc, YES...



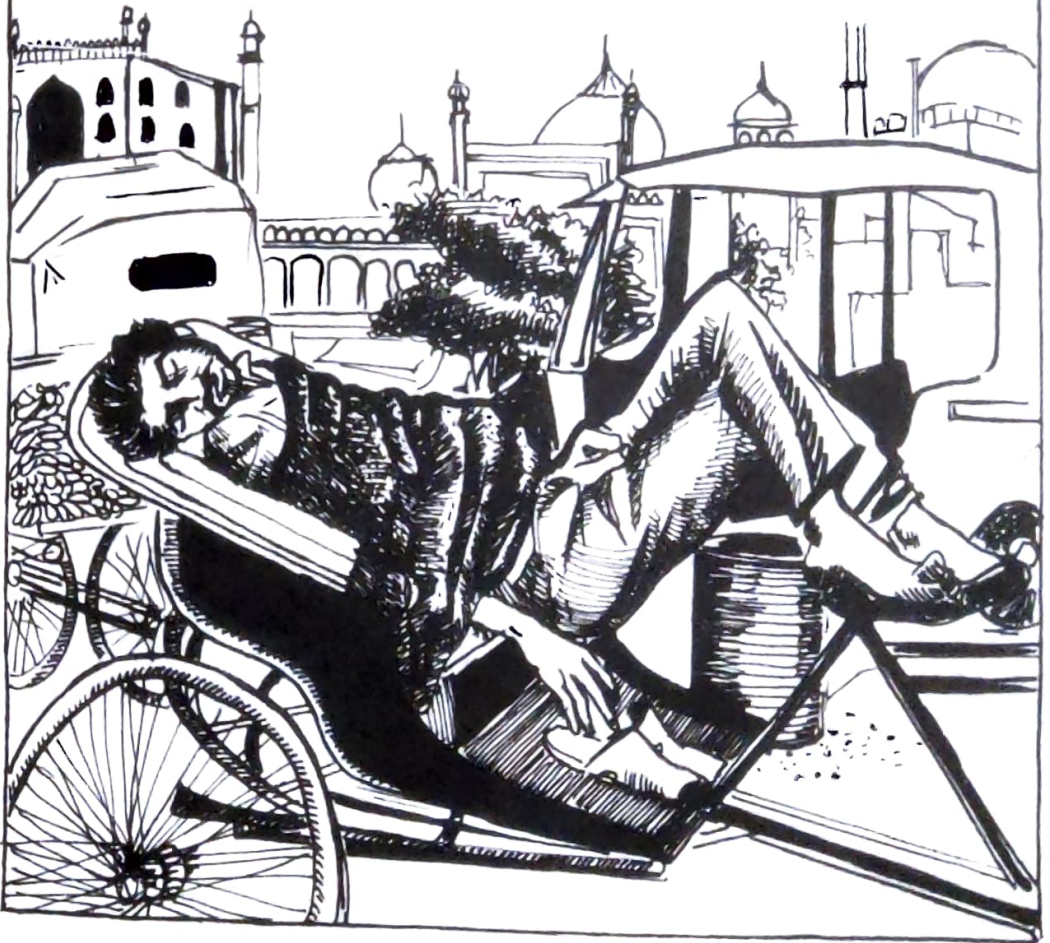
R-R6
MATE



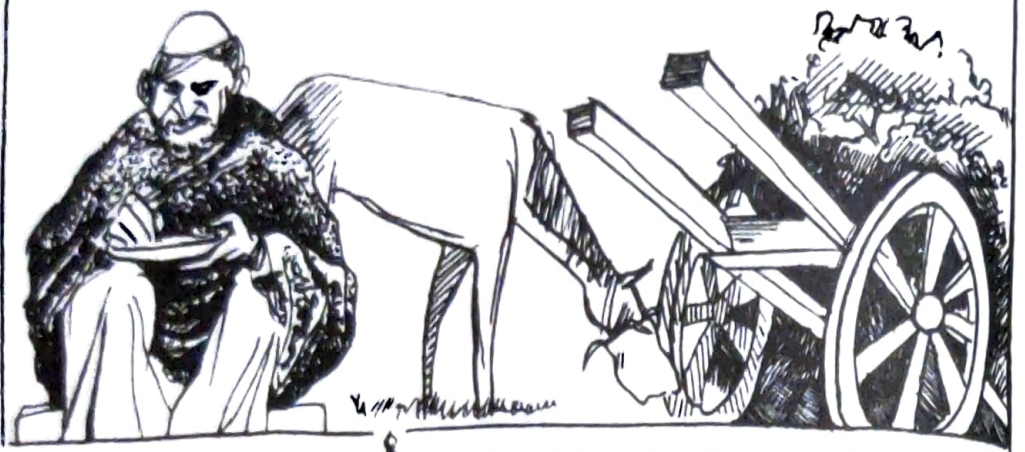
EARLY OCTOBER



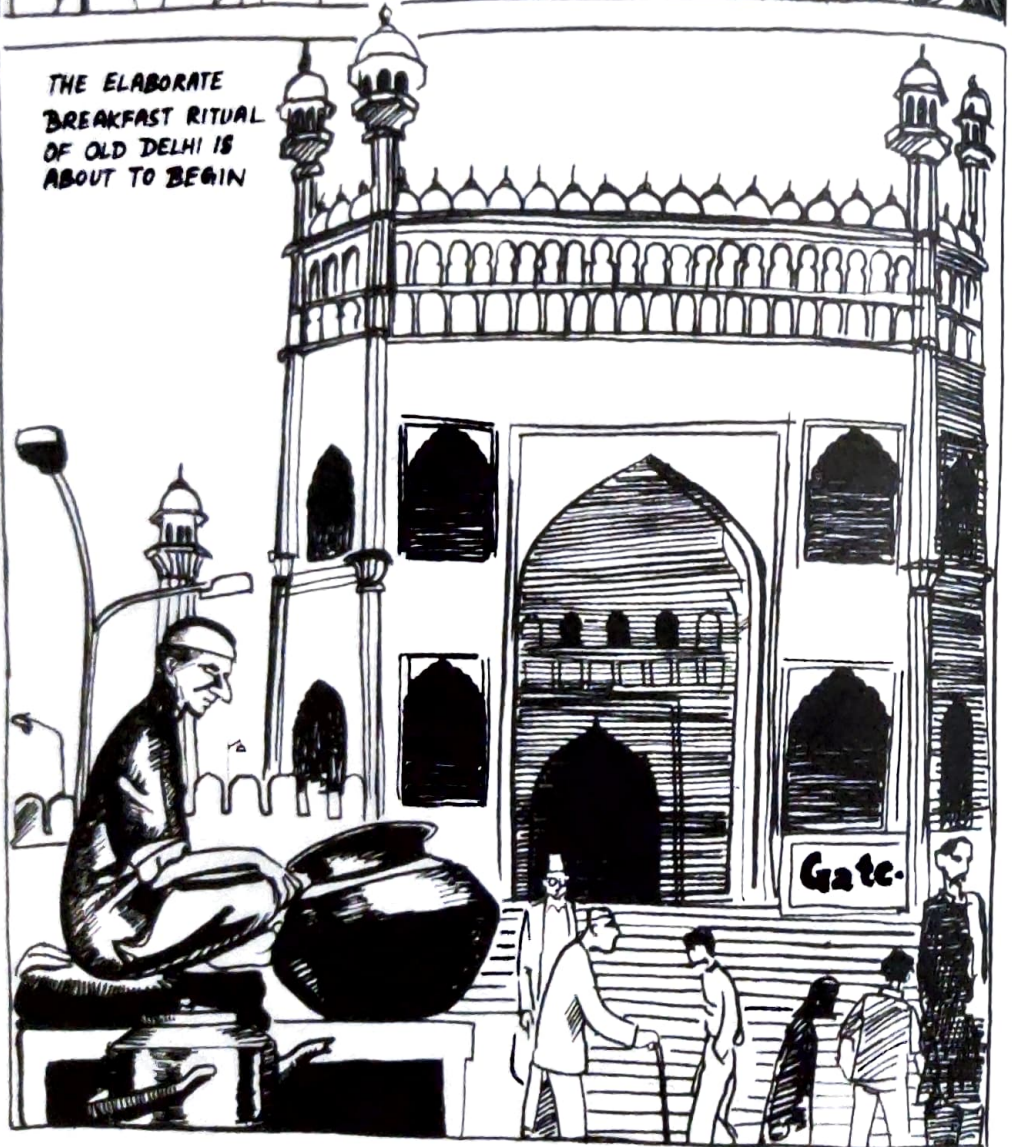
STILL AN HOUR OR SO OF PEACE AND QUIET BEFORE THE MAD RUSH
OF OFFICE-GOERS FLOODS THE STREETS
OF OLD DELHI!



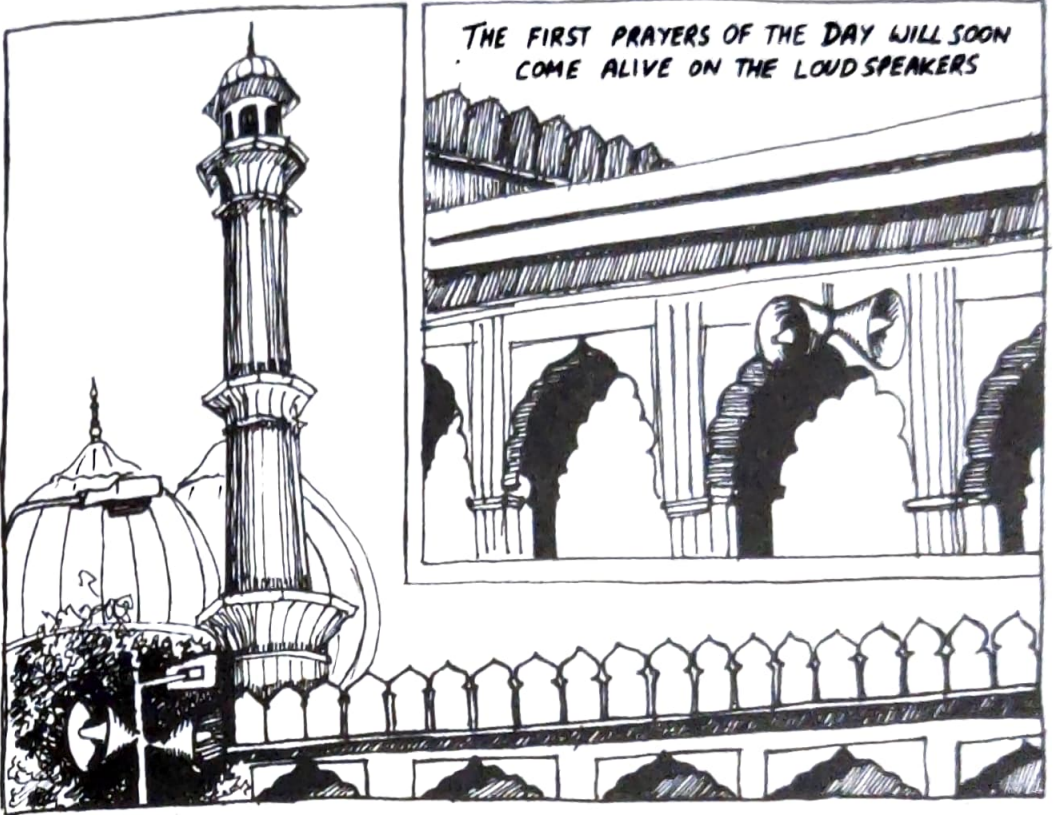
NEARBY, AT TURKMAN GATE, A RETIRED TONGAWALLA EATS
BREAKFAST WITH HIS HORSE



THE ELABORATE
BREAKFAST RITUAL
OF OLD DELHI IS
ABOUT TO BEGIN



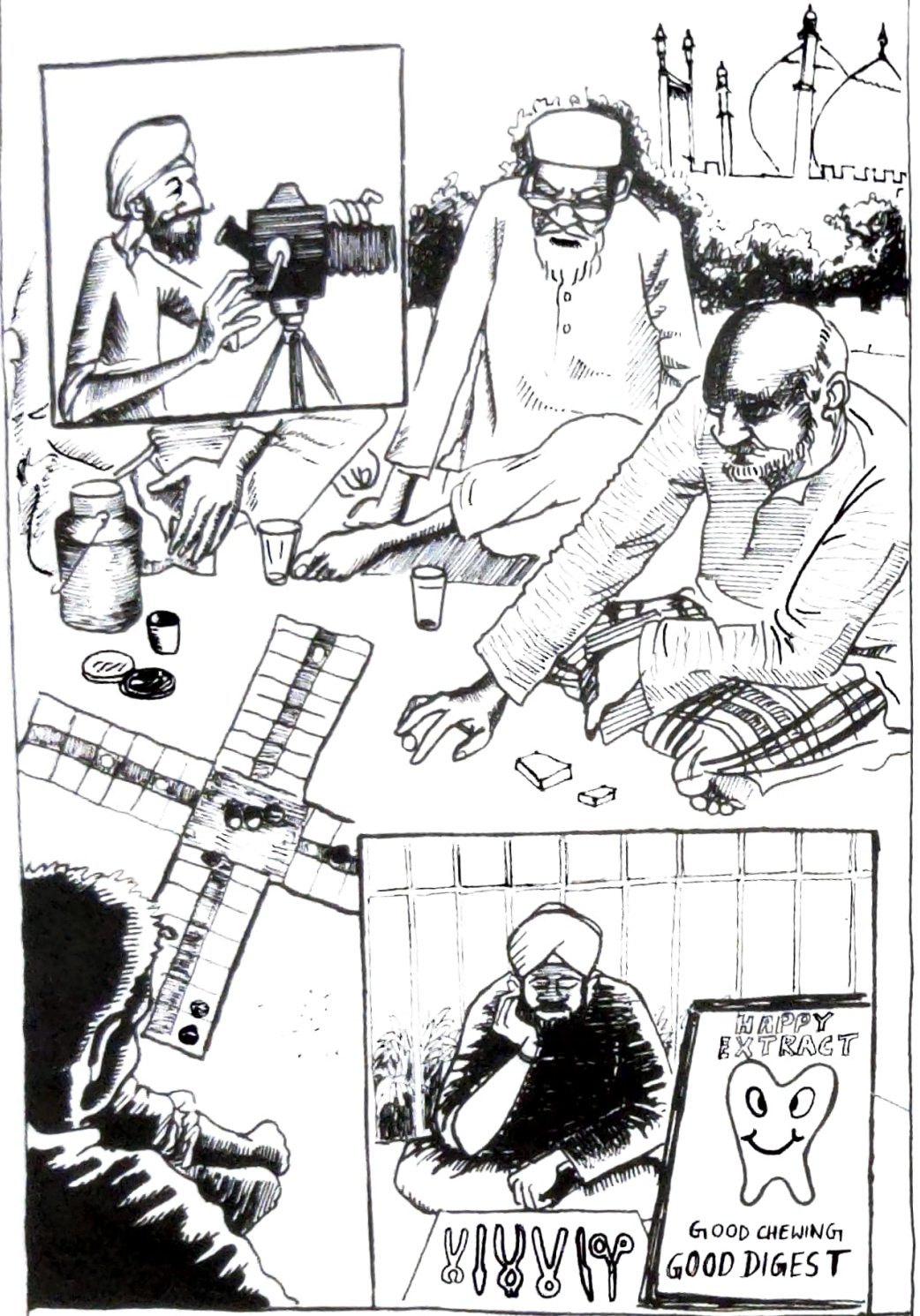
THE FIRST PRAYERS OF THE DAY WILL SOON
COME ALIVE ON THE LOUD SPEAKERS



AS OF NOW, THE JAMA MASJID SITS QUIETLY AT THE EDGE OF MEENA BAZAAR

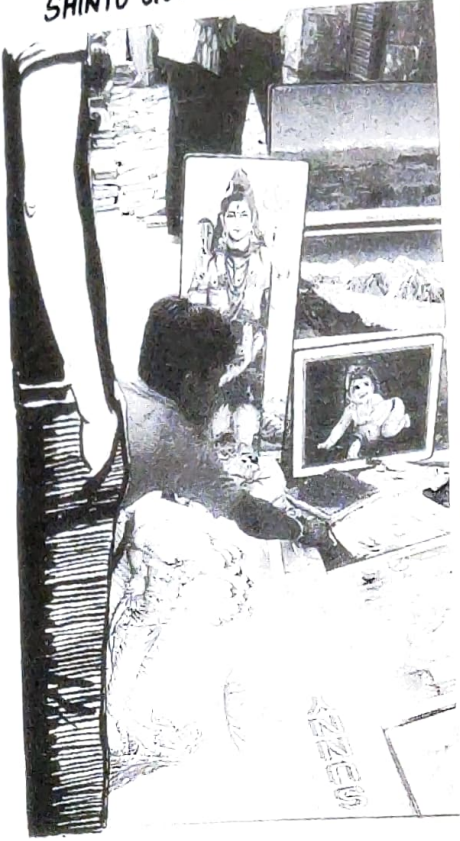


NORTH OF DARYAGANJ IS ALTOGETHER A DIFFERENT PLANET



HERE THE IMMEASURABLY OLD RUB SHOULDERS WITH THE VERY NEW

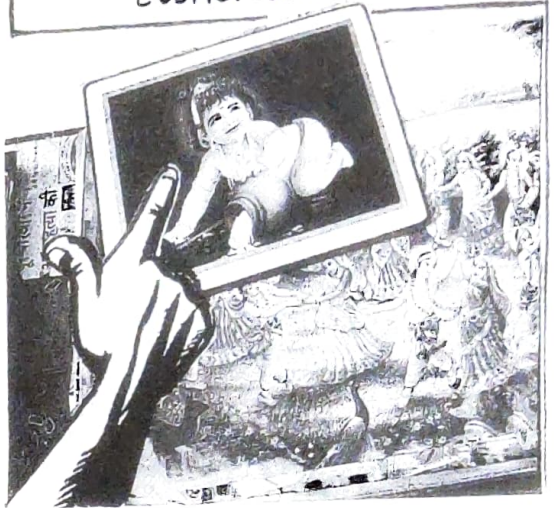
LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME
SHINTU GOT MARRIED



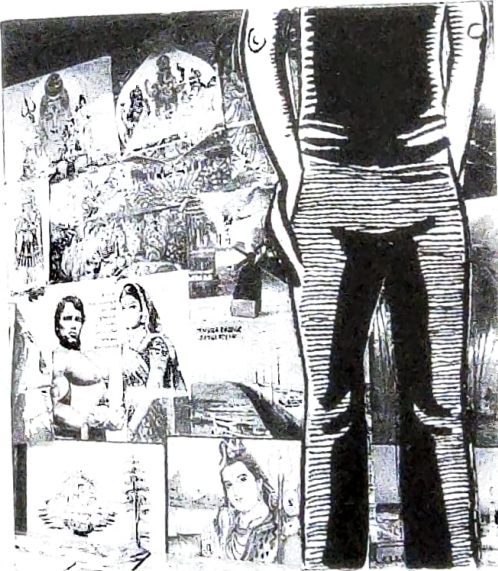
HE WAS HAPPY, MAYBE A LITTLE
APPREHENSIVE



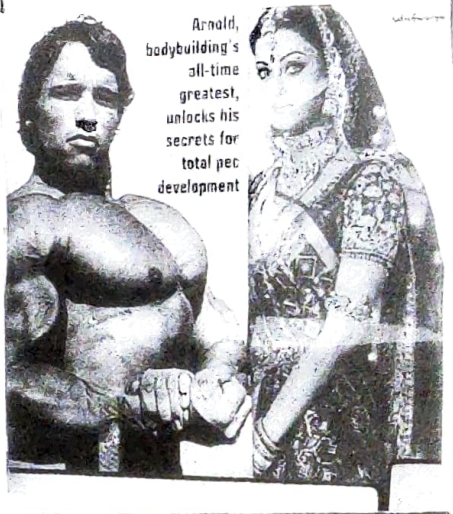
TILL THEN HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SEX
AND STUFF CAME FROM READING
COSMOPOLITAN



THEREFORE, IT WASN'T A SURPRISE...



... THAT ON THEIR WEDDING
NIGHT, SHINTU AND DOLLY
PLAYED SCRABBLE



Arnold,
bodybuilding's
all-time
greatest,
unlocks his
secrets for
total pec
development

WHICH, ACCORDING TO SHINTU'S MUM IS A GOOD SIGN



THERE IS THE HONEYMOON AFTER ALL

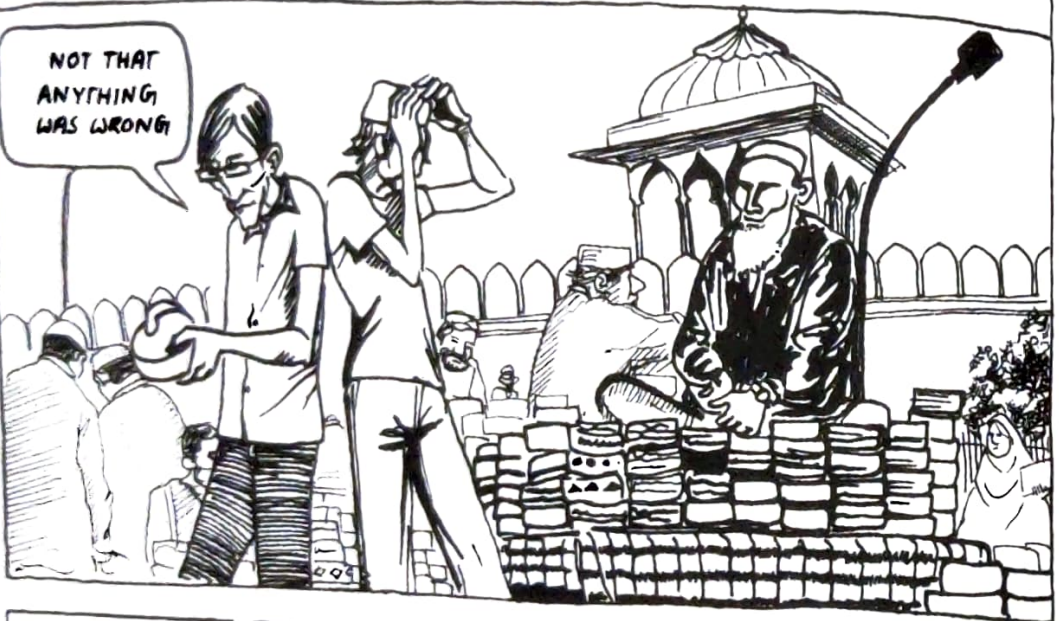
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I

AND SHINTU IS A GOOD BOY ISN'T HE?



THINGS WERE GOING FINE TILL ONE AFTERNOON, SHINTU, IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE HIS LOVE LIFE A BIT MORE EXCITING, RENTED BLONDIE IN BONDAGE

NOT THAT ANYTHING WAS WRONG



KUKREJA
VIDEO
PALACE

DVD
12/-

NEW
RELEASE

TAAL

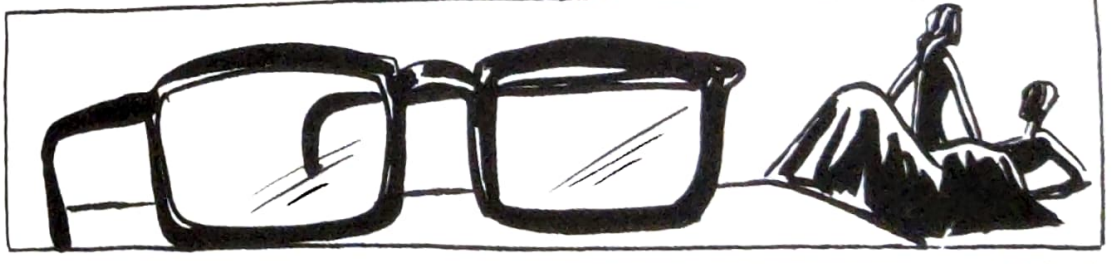
HEH, HEH,
SHINTUBABU, I'VE
CHANGED THE COVER

Mary
poppin's

NOBODY WAS AT HOME,
MUM AND DAD HAD GONE FOR
A WEDDING

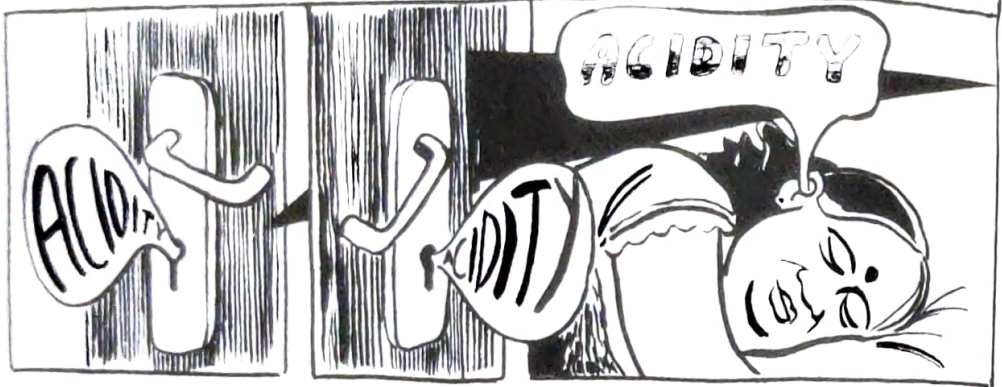


THERE IS SOMETHING AMATORY ABOUT
AN EMPTY HOUSE



TWENTY MINUTES OF QUALITY SEX... EXCEPT...





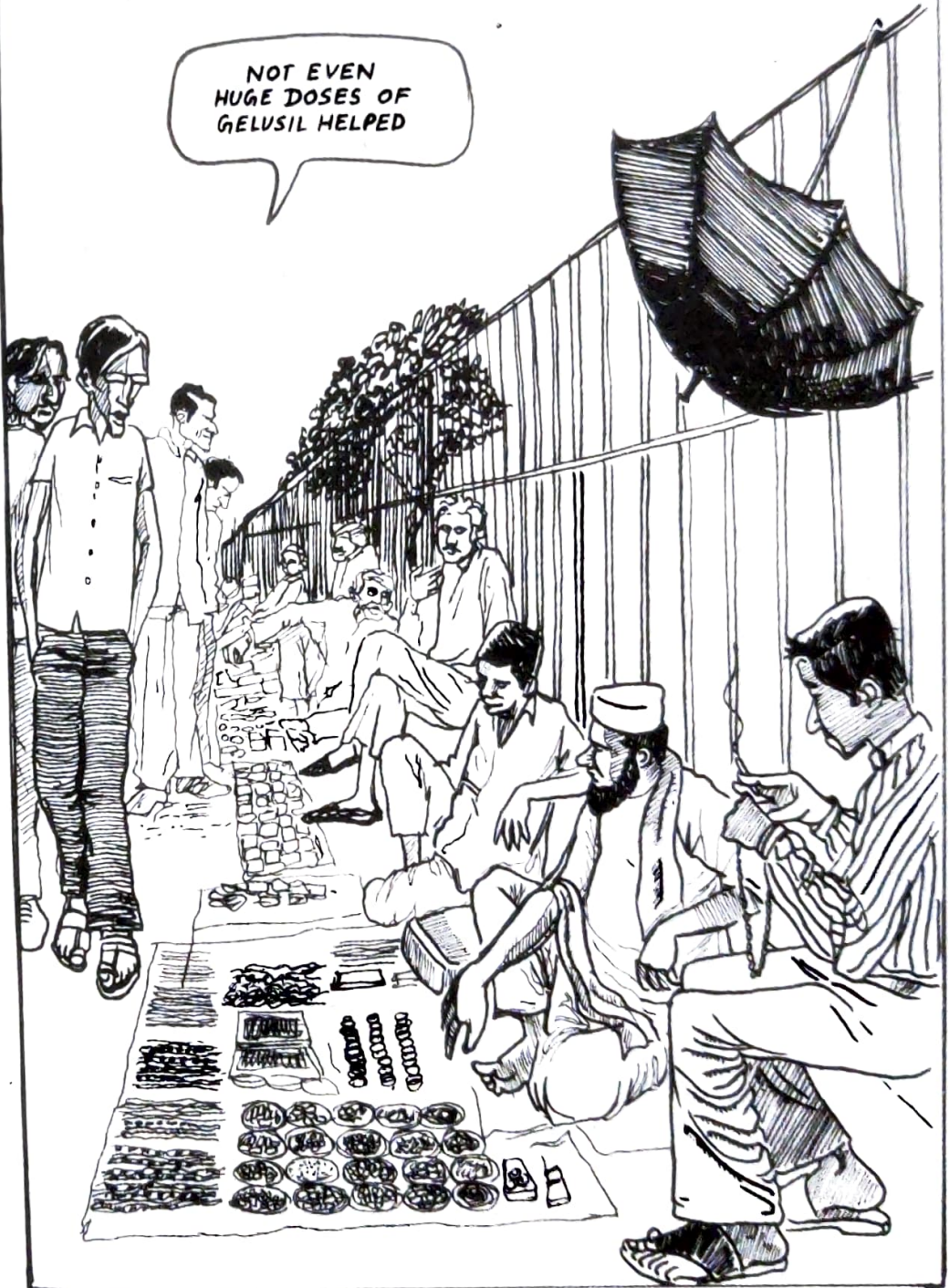
SHINTU'S FATHER
BELONGS TO A GENERATION
OF BENGALI MEN WHO
PUT UNSHAKEABLE TRUST
ON GELUSIL

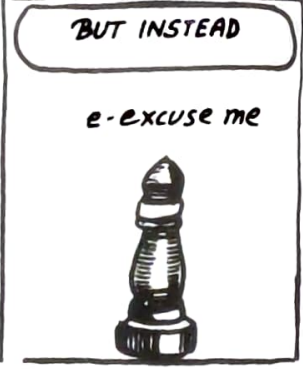
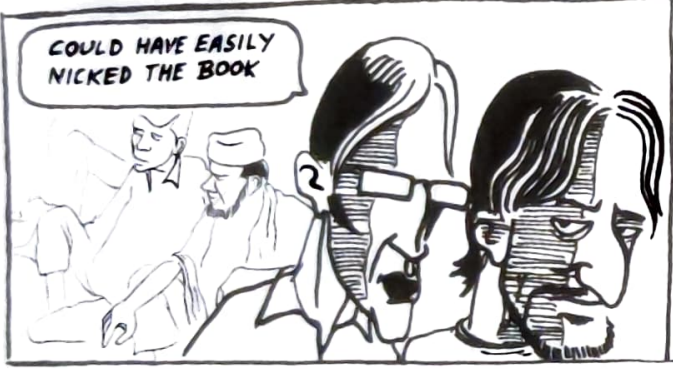
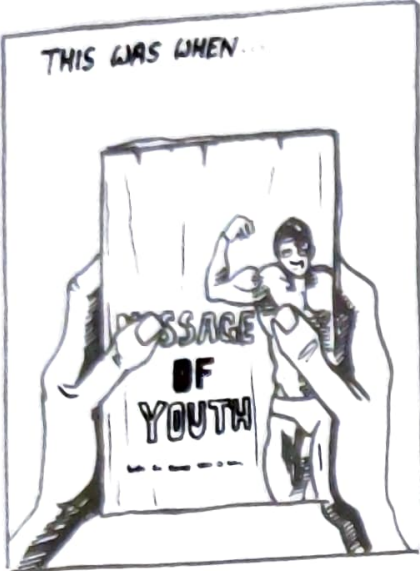


A PINK ANTACID, WHICH
ACCORDING TO THEM, CAN
CURE EVERYTHING FROM
MIGRAINES TO HUMBLE
NOSEBLOCKS AND,
WHO KNOWS, PERHAPS,
CANCER

PERMANENT WORRY LINES WERE ETCHED ON SHINTU'S FOREHEAD. FATIGUE, DISENCHANTMENT. NOTHING SEEMED TO WORK, HE FELT DISTANT, DISENGAGED

NOT EVEN
HUGE DOSES OF
GELUSIL HELPED







THE ROOM SMELLED OF MAHALAKSHMI INCENSE STICKS

Patient No. Date
QUESTIONNAIRE FORM FOR GENERAL DISEASES
 For Men

Note: Please always write the above written patient number in each of your correspondence / asking for medicines

1. Are you married ?
2. Have you ever suffered from syphilis or Gonorrhoea or any other venereal disease ?
3. Have you wasted semen in early life ? If so, why, when, how?
4. Does the white fluid come in drops while talking to women ?
5. Do you get white discharge after urination ?
6. Do you get night discharge?
7. If so after how many days?
8. Is your organ bent or is there any other defect in the veins?
9. Do you get required hardness in your organ while excited?
10. Are you constipated?
11. Do you feel weak after contact with a woman?
12. What is your duration of intercourse?
13. Have you any children?
14. Please intimate which treatment you would like to have?

Any other details you wish to furnish, please write on a separate paper, attach with this form and send to us.

Please send this to us immediately after filling.

SHAFAKHANA - I - HIND (Regd.)

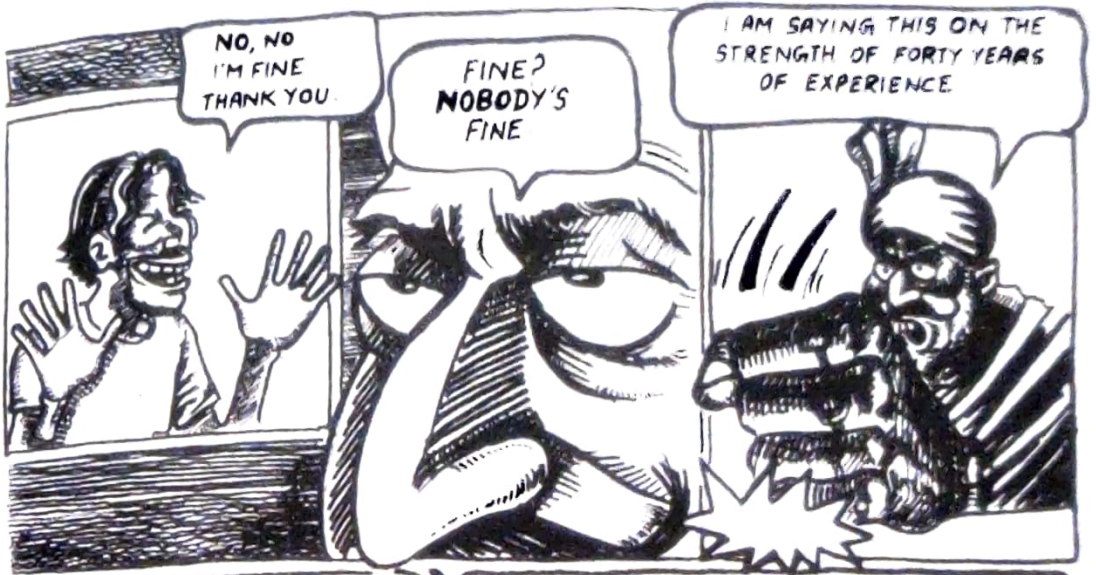
**HAKIM GULABKHUS PESHAWARI,
BA, LL.T., TTDL, MTNL, DDT**

PLEASE FILL UP FORM

KEDAR LOOKED SMUG. IT'S SHINTU'S PROBLEM. KEDAR IS MERELY AN OBJECTIVE OUTSIDER, ONE WHO SITS AND NODS...

OCCASSIONALLY SUPPORTS.

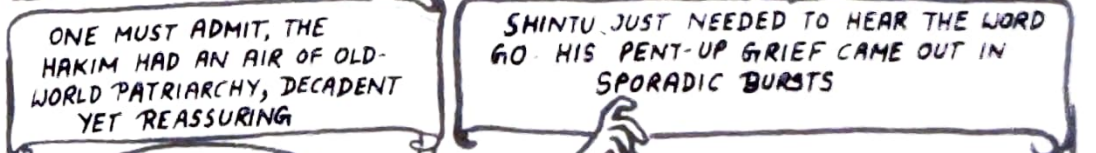
YOU TOO, KEDARJI



NO, NO
I'M FINE
THANK YOU.

FINE?
NOBODY'S
FINE

I AM SAYING THIS ON THE
STRENGTH OF FORTY YEARS
OF EXPERIENCE.



ONE MUST ADMIT, THE
HAKIM HAD AN AIR OF OLD-
WORLD PATRIARCHY, DECADENT
YET REASSURING

SHINTU JUST NEEDED TO HEAR THE WORD
GO. HIS PENT-UP GRIEF CAME OUT IN
SPORADIC BURSTS



PROCEED
SHINTUBABU



THE MINUTE
YOU WALKED IN, I
KNEW... FORTY YEARS
OF EXPERIENCE

YOU ARE SUFFERING
FROM RAPID FLOW.
COMMON PROBLEM.



SHANTU FELT THE
BIG CHILL WORKING UP
HIS SPINE

HAKIM SANIB GAVE
A FORTY-YEAR
EXPERIENCED LOOK

AND SETTLED DOWN
FOR THE ROUTINE

SEE,
MASTURBATION
CAUSES
PREMATURE
EJACULATION



WHAT WE CALL
SHIGHRAPATAN IN HINDI

CINEMA, FILM MAGAZINE, WESTERN
LITERATURE LEAD TO DIRTY THOUGHTS
AND YOUNG MEN WASTE PRECIOUS
SEMEN IN THEIR OWN
HANDS

ACT V SCENE I
LADY MACBETH

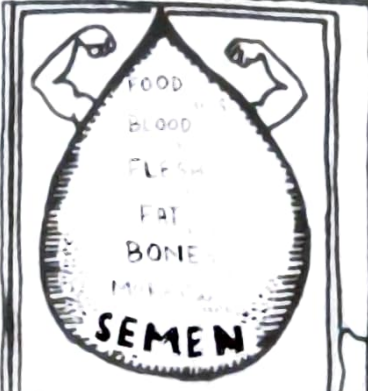


CALL IT MASTURBATION,
CALL IT HAND-PRACTICE
OR SELF-ABUSE.
ALL SAME

THE SEEMINGLY IMMOBILE BULK OF HAKIM PESHAWARI BROKE INTO SEVERAL GRACEFUL GESTURES



REPENTANCE CANNOT
BRING BACK THE CORN
THE BIRDS HAVE EATEN
AWAY



SEE, PATIENT OF
MASTURBATION



BECAUSE OF HEAVY
DRAINAGE HIS SUPPLY
WILL SOON EXHAUST
ALREADY HIS ORGAN
IS THIN AND DROOPS
TO THE LEFT

SEMEN IS
LIKE PURE GHEE,
IT IS ACTUALLY
CLARIFIED
BLOOD. TAKE 100
ROTS TO MAKE
ONE DROP



HAKIM PESHAWARI ACTED IT OUT WITH MUCH GLEE

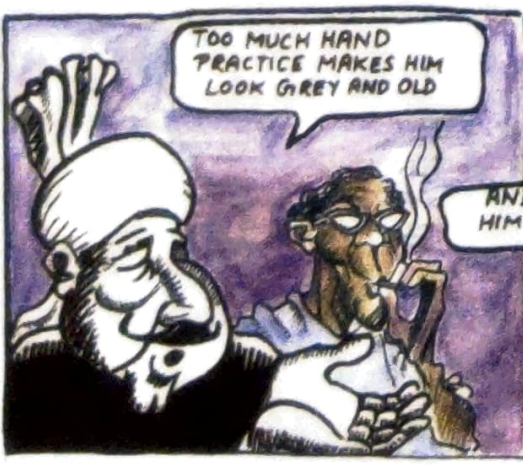


HIS 'THING'
RESEMBLES A
WICK THAT NEEDS
OIL



YOU KNOW WHAT I
MEAN?

HAKIM RAPPED ON



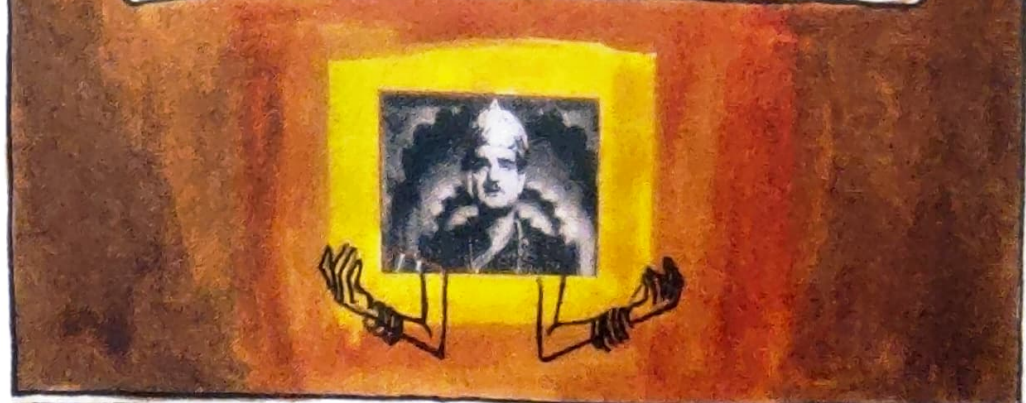
TOO MUCH HAND
PRACTICE MAKES HIM
LOOK GREY AND OLD



AND DRIVES
HIM MENTAL



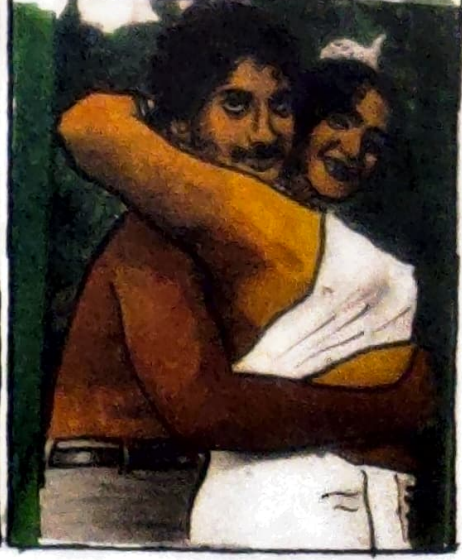
HE DOESN'T EVEN REMAIN A MAN IN THE TRUE SENSE



HIS WIFE STAYS DISSATISFIED, GETS FRUSTRATED AND TAKES UP WRONG WAYS



DEVELOPS BAD CHARACTER



BECAUSE OF HER HUNGER FOR SEX,
SHE DEVELOPS INSANITY



SOMETIMES HYSTERIA



DO THE YOUNG
MAN IS LEFT WITH
NO CHOICE
BUT...

IT TOOK KEDAR A-
WHILE TO FIND HIS VOICE

YOU THINK
I AM
JOKING?



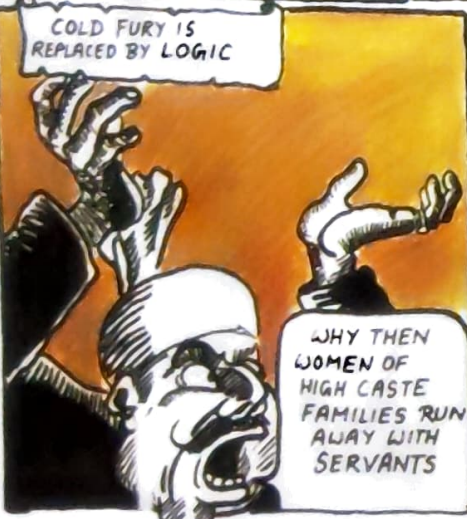
LAST CUP OF
TEA

COME ON
HAKIM SAHIB
THAT'S A BIT
TOO
PERMANENT

COLD FURY IS
REPLACED BY LOGIC

INDEED
WHY?

BECAUSE OF
PREMATURE
EJACULATION
OFCOURSE



WHY THEN
WOMEN OF
HIGH CASTE
FAMILIES RUN
AWAY WITH
SERVANTS



WHY?



AND THIS IS NOTHING

SOMETIMES, WIFE CAN EVEN MURDER HER HUSBAND IF HE FAILS TO SATISFY HER



BY NOW, HAKIM PESHAWARI HAS DRIVEN FEAR DEEP INTO SHINTU'S PSYCHE



HAKIM CONTINUES

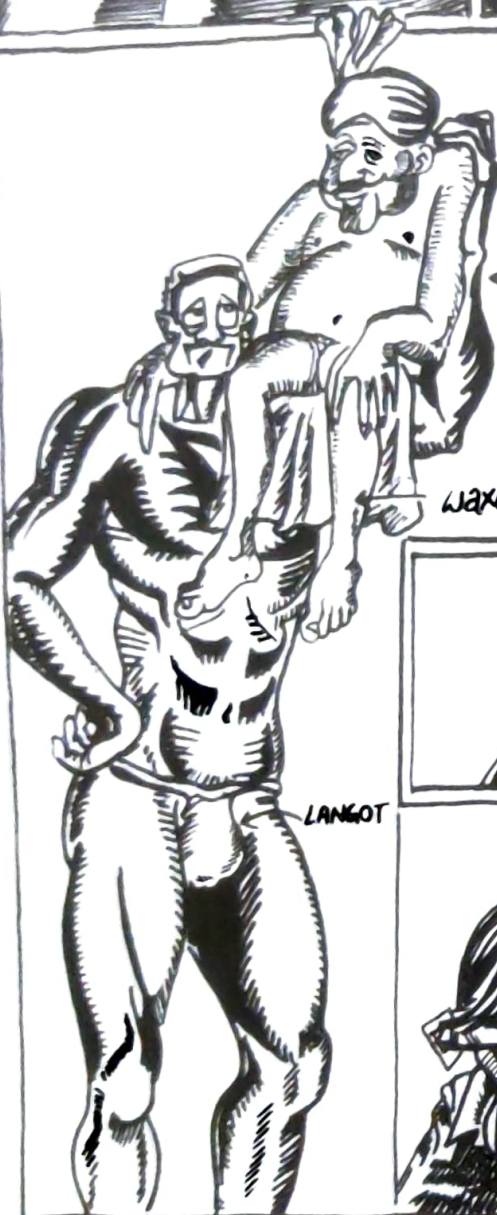
ANOTHER GRAVE DISORDER
IS NOCTURNAL POLLUTION



ALSO KNOWN AS NIGHTFALL,
SWAPNADOSH IN HINDI



IF NOCTURNAL POLLUTION
OCCURS THREE TIMES A MONTH
AND PRODUCES STIFF STAINS ON
CLOTHES, THEN IT IS OKAY, ACTUALLY
IT IS THE SIGN OF OVERFLOWING
VIGOUR. THEN A YOUNG MAN
SHOULD EITHER GET MARRIED
OR START WEARING A
LANGOT



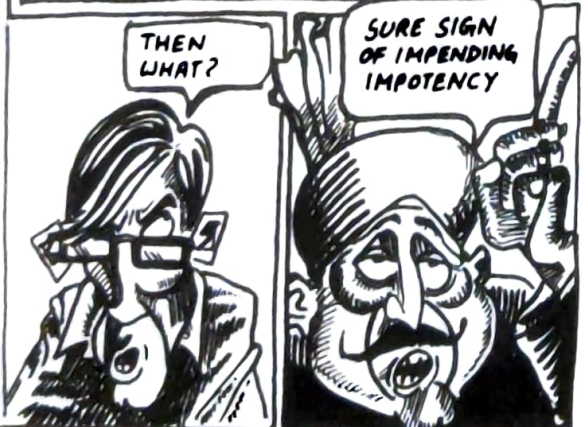
waxed?

BUT IF IT HAPPENS
AT SHORT INTERVALS



THEN
WHAT?

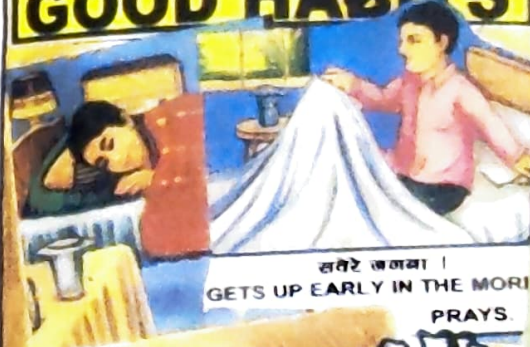
SURE SIGN
OF IMPENDING
IMPOTENCY



BUT IMPOTENCY CAN BE PREVENTED BY PRACTICING SELF RESTRAINT. SLEEP AT REGULAR HOURS

GOOD HABITS

अच्छी आदतें



सवेरे उठना ।
GETS UP EARLY IN THE MORNING
PRAYS.



Take a bath regularly and dry your body with a clean cloth.

Brush your teeth properly regularly.

BE MODERATE IN DIET AND DEEDS

AN IDEAL BOY

DAILY EXERCISE

GARGLE AFTER EVERY MEAL
TAKES PART IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

KEEP HANDS & NAILS CLEAN



TAKES MEALS IN TIME

Use plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Wash your hands well.



Wash your body always with soap.



Joins N.C.C.

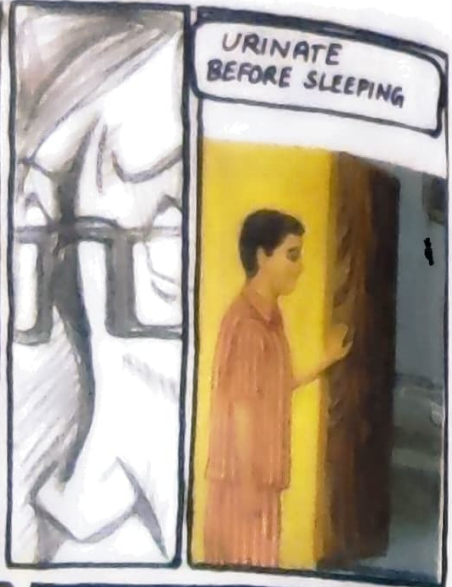
READ ATTENTIVELY
Goes for Morning Walk.

गुरु की आज्ञा काट
HELPS OTHERS.

HAVE PURE THOUGHTS



URINATE BEFORE SLEEPING



DON'T THINK OF GIRLS

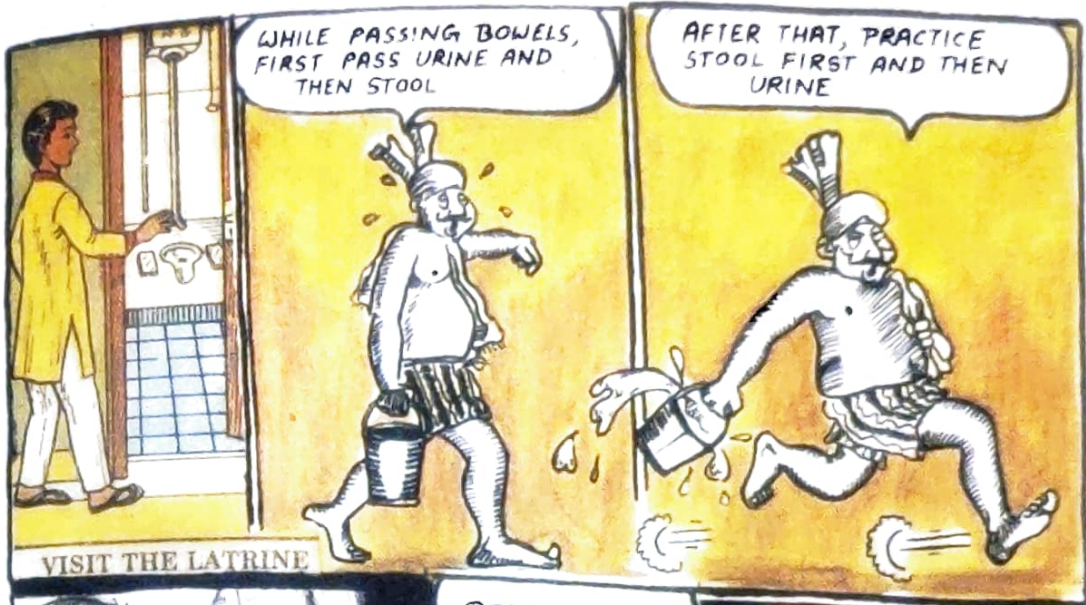


BOYCOTT LOVE THOUGHTS

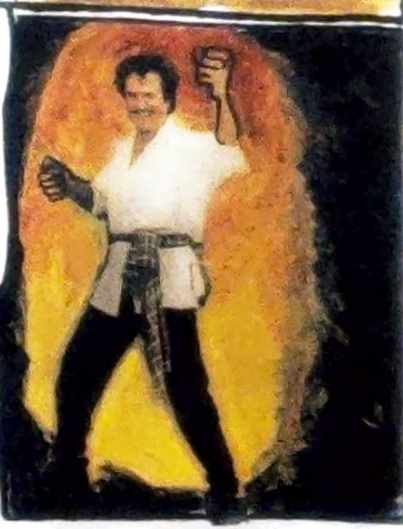


DON'T RIDE BICYCLES





REPEATED
CONTRACTION OF
MUSCLES AROUND
THE ANUS, TWO
HUNDRED TIMES,
MAKES YOUR
GENITALS
STRONGER



EATING THE
TESTICLES OF A HE-
GOAT, ONCE A WEEK IS
ALSO BENEFICIAL



CURRIED
GOAT BALLS



AVOID TEA, COFFEE, TOBACCO AND PROSTITUTES



AND REMEMBER THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE WAS BROUGHT ON BY SYPHILIS

THE FAMOUS LAST WORDS OF HAKIM PESHAWARI ECHOED
THROUGH THE ROOM

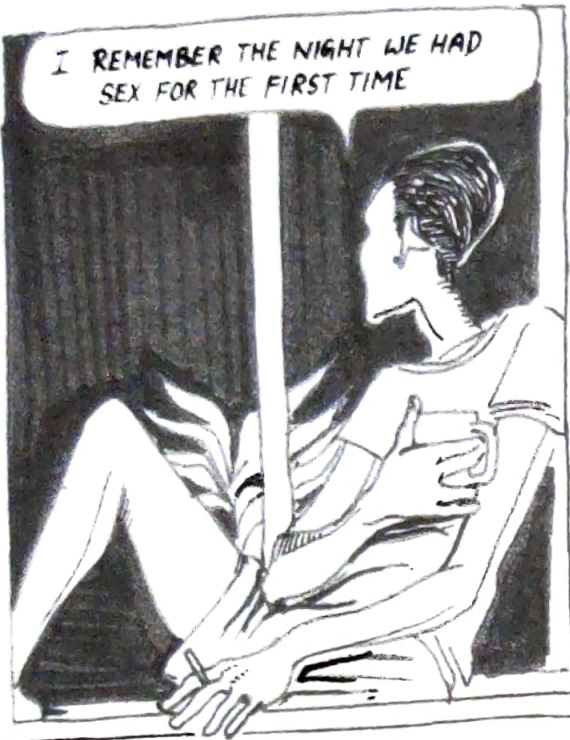


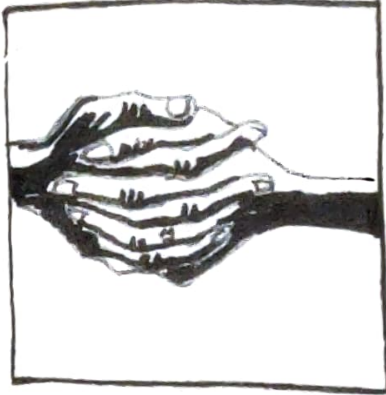
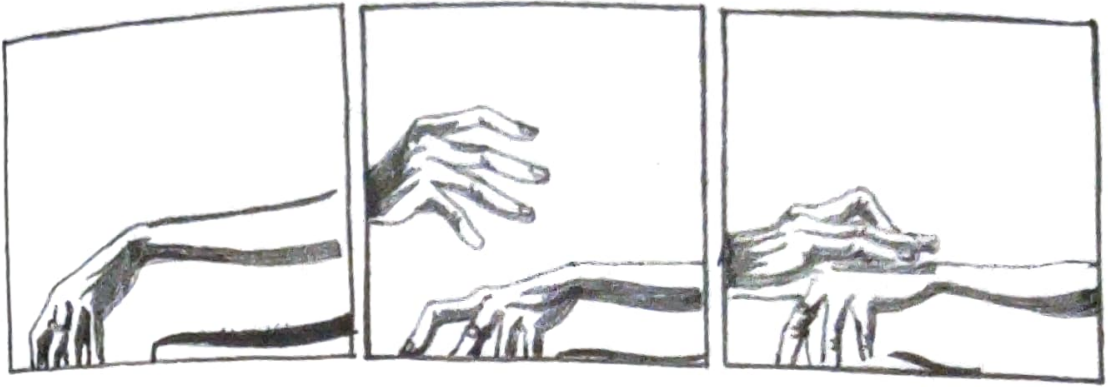
NO SEX DURING
CONSTIPATION



YOUR TREATMENT
BEGINS NEXT WEEK







AFTERNOONS I BUNKED
WORK AND VISITED KALI IN HER
SOUTH-EX BARSATI



I TIPTOED THROUGH THE DRIVE TO
AVOID MATAHARI'S EVER ALERT
GLANCE



IN HER FLAT, WE HAD, WHAT MY
UNCLE WOULD REFER TO AS...

PRE-MARITAL
SEX

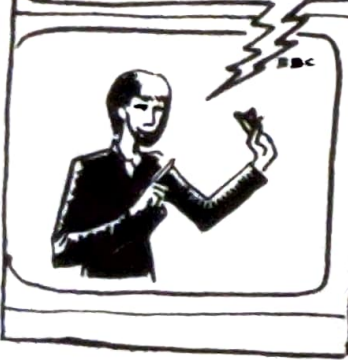


DID YOU KNOW, THE WIFE OF A
NOTED SITARIST WANTED A BABY
WITH HIM EVEN BEFORE MARRIAGE?

HOW COME NO ONE
ASKED ME?



in the next two days,
cold winds will sweep
through northern TIBET,
followed by....

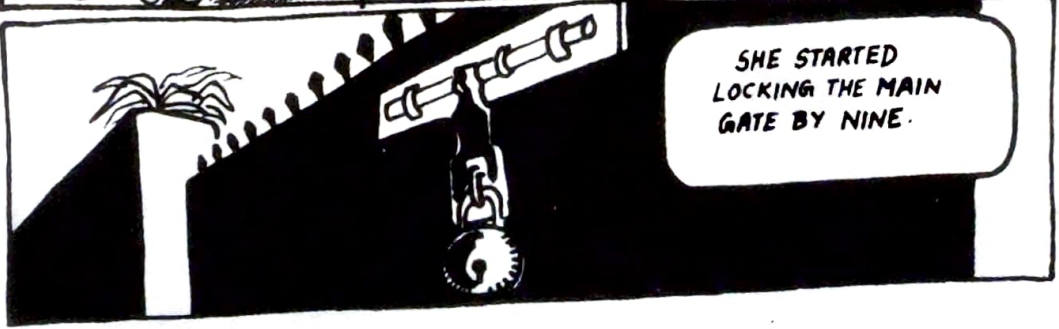
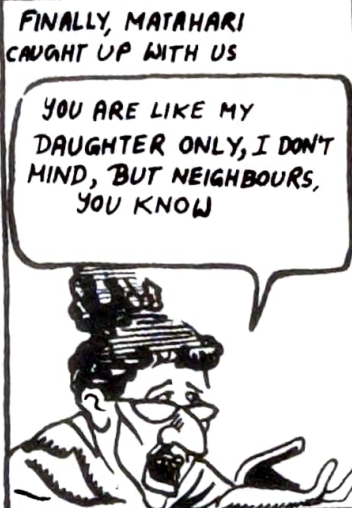
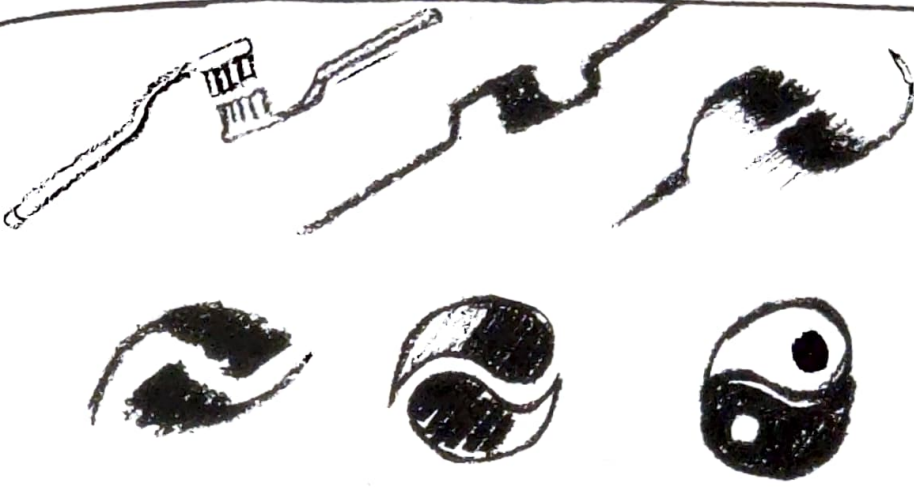


LIFE IS SHORT

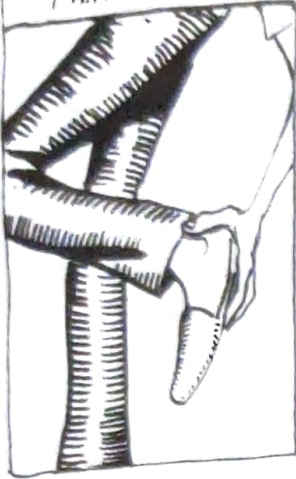


CLICK





FAIR ENOUGH



THE FOLLOWING WEEK
KALI MOVED IN WITH
ME.



I SPILLED THE BEANS, MY UNCLE FREAKED



WHAT?
GET TOGETHER

GOOD NEWS SPREADS FAST
IN MY FAMILY

THEY SHOULD
GET MARRIED

TOO MUCH
FREEDOM

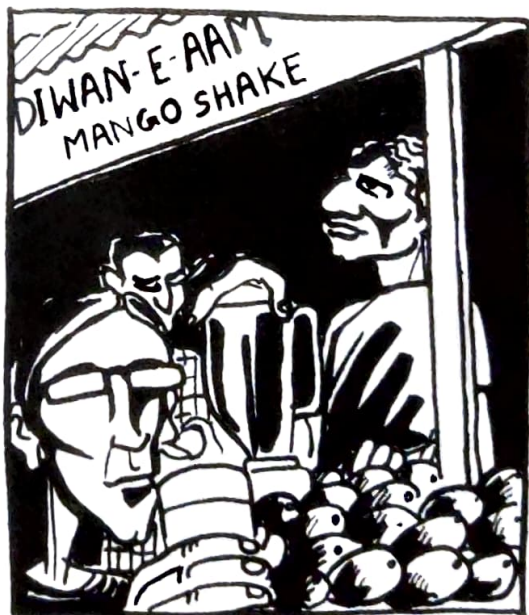
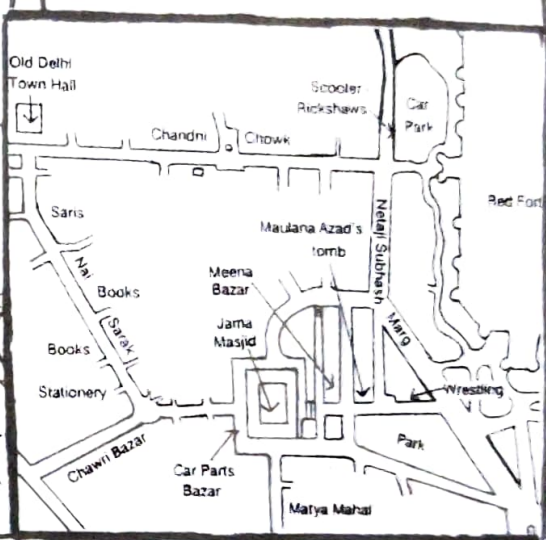
JUST A PHASE.
IT'LL PASS





SHINTU'S SEARCH CONTINUED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, RATHER UNSUCCESSFULLY. HIS LAST HOPE WAS HAKIM HYDER KALANDARI TARTOOSIE KAKI OF BALLIHARAN.

ALSO KNOWN AS PATHAN OF KABUL, BADSHAH 303, SULTAN PALANGTOD, ETC.



THE MAN WHO HAS REVOLUTIONISED APHRODISIAC TECHNOLOGY THIS SIDE OF AJMERI GATE

आज लगाओ एक ह्वे नम्बा
कल लगाओ दो ह्वे नम्बा



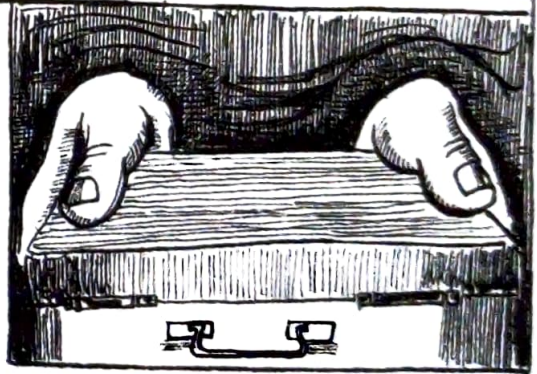
... परसौं लगाओ बिजली का सम्बा



HAKIM LISTENED TO SHINTU WITH AN ANCIENT PATIENCE



THEN, WITHOUT UTTERING A WORD, WENT TO THE VERY BACK OF HIS TENT AND RETURNED WITH A WOODEN BOX



IT HAD SEVERAL BOXES IN IT. SHINTU WAITED IN ANTICIPATION



FINALLY, FROM THE SMALLEST BOX HE EXTRACTED A TINY BOTTLE OF...



* a pale yellow extract from the bile of rare lizards

THE OIL THAT WILL AWAKEN TEN TIGERS THAT LAY SLEEPING
INSIDE SHINTU; RESTORE HIS ORIGINAL ROLE AS
HUNTER-GATHERER



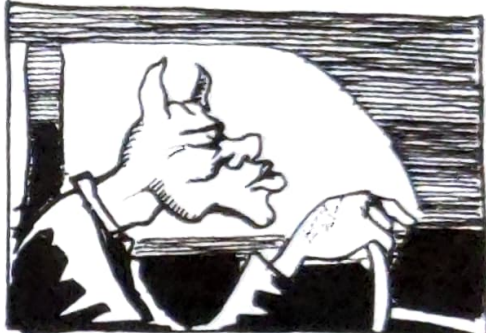
ALL THAT FOR A
MERE ONE THOUSAND
RUPEES, CASH OR VISA.

ONE IN THE MORNING, SOUTH DELHI
LOOKS LIKE A GHOST TOWN. EVEN
MOTHER DAIRY HAS ITS SHUTTERS
DOWN.



HE THINKS
I CRAMP HIS
STYLE

I'M SELF-SUFFICIENT,
INDEPENDENT, ONLY DOGS SCARE ME



WHAT'S WRONG IN WANTING
TO SETTLE DOWN? IT'S NOT
AS IF EACH TIME I HAVE A
PERIOD MY BODY IS CRYING FOR
A BABY



JUST WANT TO STOP
THIS GREAT SEARCH
FOR MR RIGHT



LIFT?



I'M OK

SURE? NOT SAFE TIME
FOR A WOMAN



THANK YOU
I'LL MANAGE



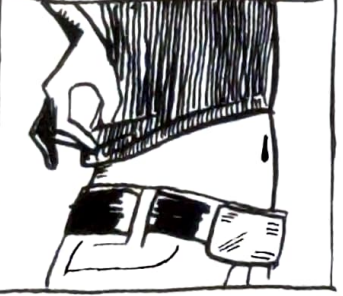
STUPID BITCH





I HUGGED THE DANCE FLOOR, SOAKING IN DRUM AND BASE, AMONG BORED MEN WITH MATCHING GIRLFRIENDS

SOMEWHERE, A GIRL WAS PULLING DOWN HER TANKTOP TO HIDE EXPOSED SKIN

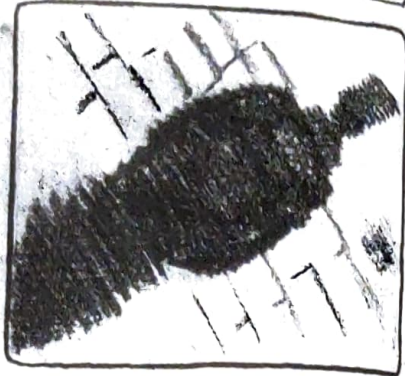


THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME, DELHI SUPERBABIES, TALLER THAN THE TALL, RICHER THAN THE RICH AND LESS AND LESS LIKE NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS





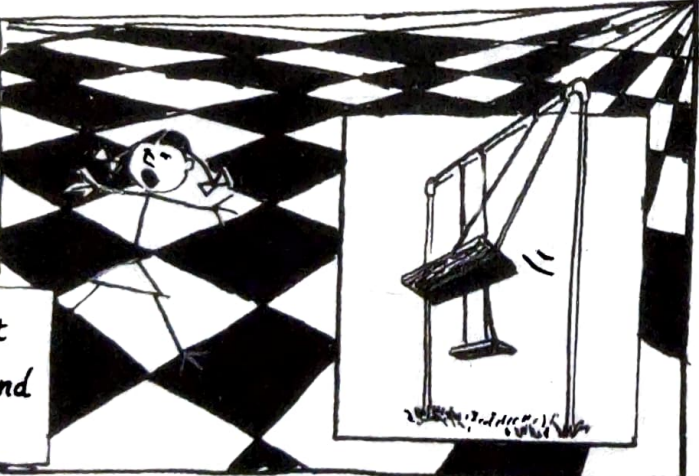
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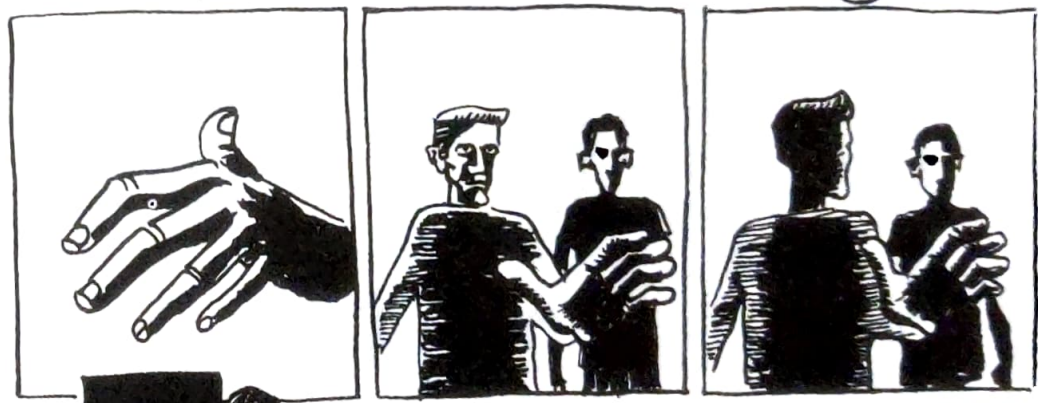
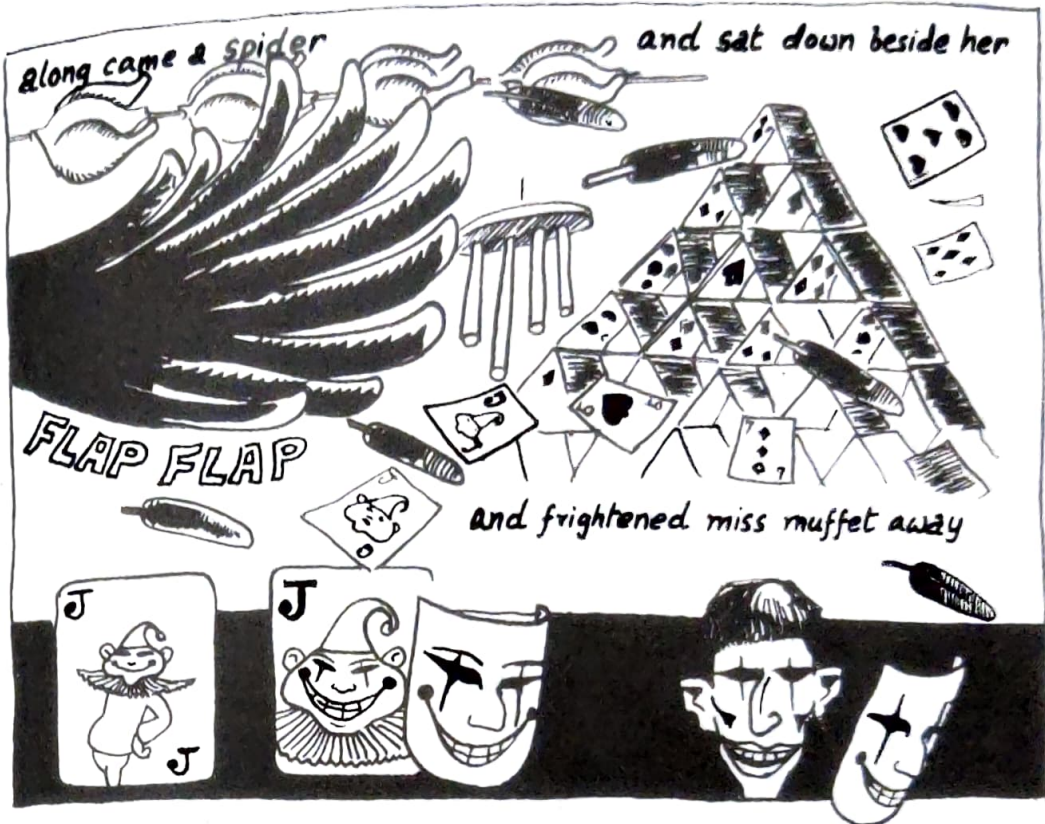


Little miss muffet

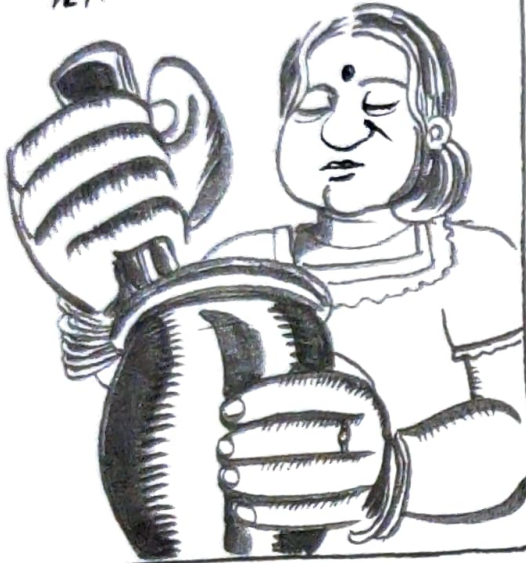


Sat on her tuffet
eating her curd and
whey





SHINTU'S PROBLEM WASN'T OVER YET.



HAVING ACQUIRED SANDE-KA-TEL FROM HAKIM TARTOOSIE



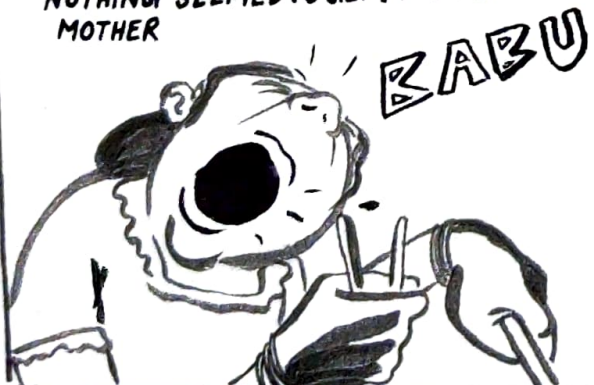
HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO HIDE IT



NO MATTER HOW HARD HE TRIED

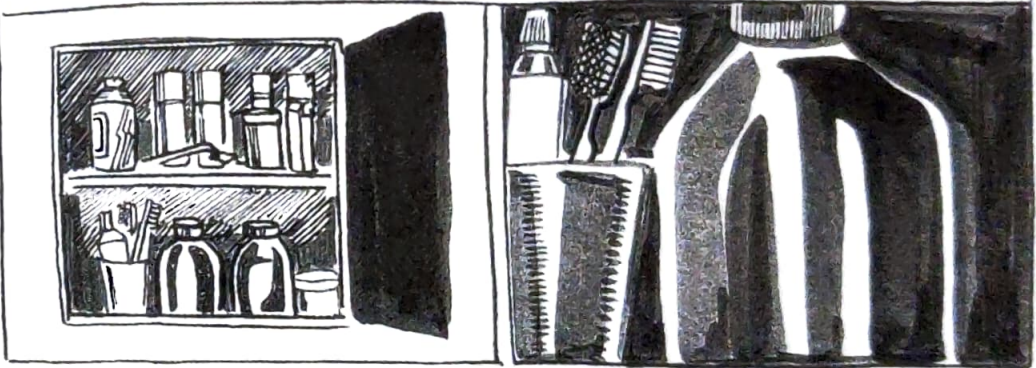


NOTHING SEEMED TO GET PAST HIS MOTHER





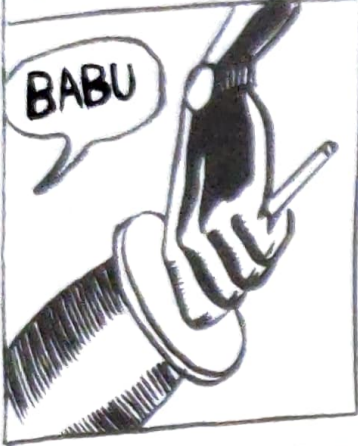
THEN IT OCCURED TO HIM - THE BEST PLACE TO HIDE IT WAS THE MOST OBVIOUS PLACE



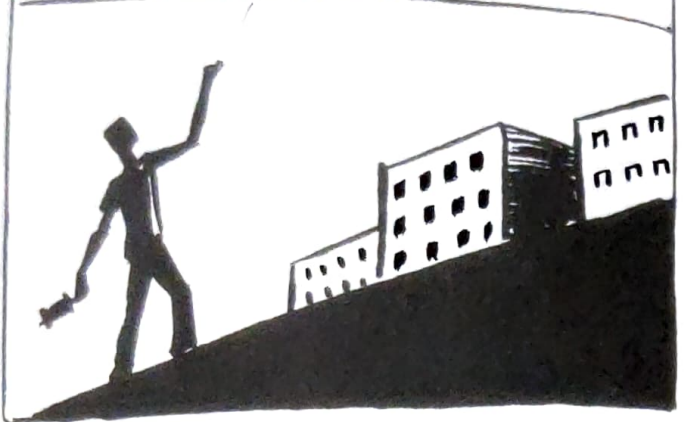
SOPHISTICATED PLAN, EXCEPT MAYA THE MAID COMES IN THE AFTERNOON, OILS HER HAIR AND MIXES UP THE BOTTLES



THINGS TAKE A
DRAMATIC TURN



A DISTINCT CHANGE IS NOTICED
IN SHINTU'S PERSONALITY



AS IF HE HAS
MASTERED TIME



DOLLY SEEMS HAPPY, ALBEIT A LITTLE
TIRED FROM SHINTU'S NIGHTLY
ACROBATICS



KALI AND I DECIDED TO TAKE A BREAK
FROM EACH OTHER, OUR ONE CHANCE
TO GET BACK TOGETHER



INDIVIDUALLY,
WE ARE NICE AND
SENSITIVE



BUT TOGETHER WE ARE LIKE BONNIE AND CLYDE



ALWAYS THE
FUCKING
AISLES



HELLO, MYSELF
MURTHY



WHAT IS YOUR
GOODNAME, SIR?

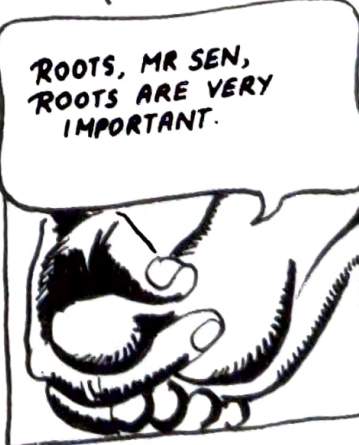


OCCUPATION?
MARRIED?

FATHER'S NAME?
HIS OCCUPATION?

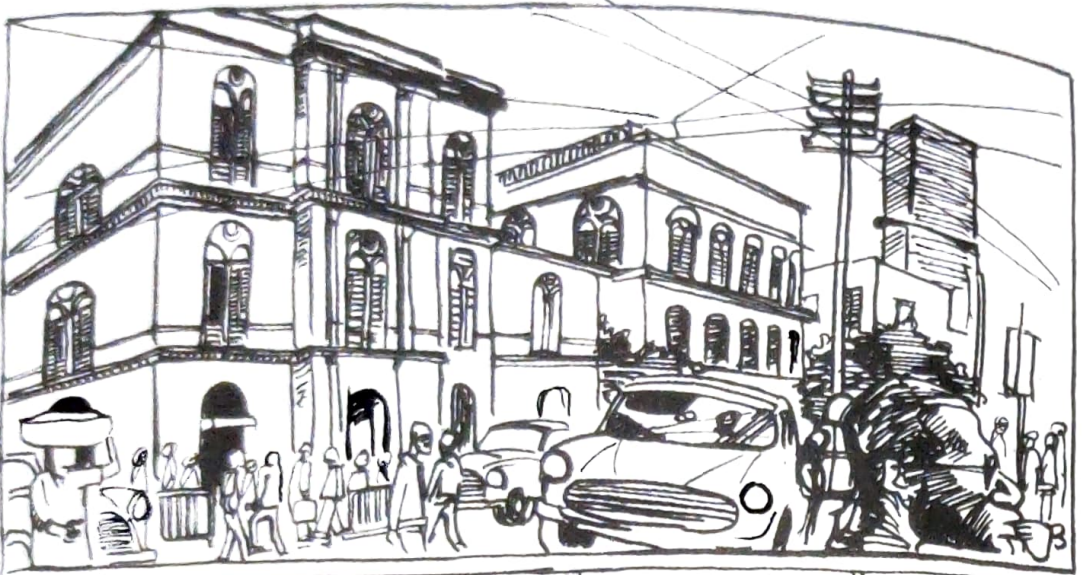


ROOTS, MR SEN,
ROOTS ARE VERY
IMPORTANT.



LET ME SEE
YOUR RIGHT
HAND





TIGER SEN AND MRS SEN, MY PARENTS, CAME TO PICK ME UP.



RELATIONSHIPS ARE ALL ABOUT COMMUNICATION



FIRST DAY, STAYED HOME, GOT REACQUAINTED



ABSOLUTELY RIGHT MR MURTHY, ROOTS ARE IMPORTANT

I would never go back to alabama

THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

STICKY FINGERS MICK JAGGER

10:00 A.M., BARLEY
SUGAR AT NEW MARKET



12:00 A.M., RECORD
SHOPPING AT FREE-
SCHOOL
STREET



8:00 P.M., DRINK
AT OLYMPIA



OLYPIUS IS DARK AND SLEAZY, WHERE
BHRADRALOK'S DRINK OLD MONK
AND FANTASISE ABOUT KINKY SEX
WITH THEIR OFFICE SECRETARIES



PLEASANT GIRL
GIVES ME A QUICK
GLANCE. I SMILE

BEER



HER BOYFRIEND...



HE COMES UP TO ME AND
THREATENS



I THREATEN HIM
BACK. BAD IDEA,
BUT WORKS. PHEW



IN DELHI, THERE
COULD'VE BEEN A
GUN BATTLE, BUT WE
ARE IN THE LAND OF
GENTLE RICE-EATERS



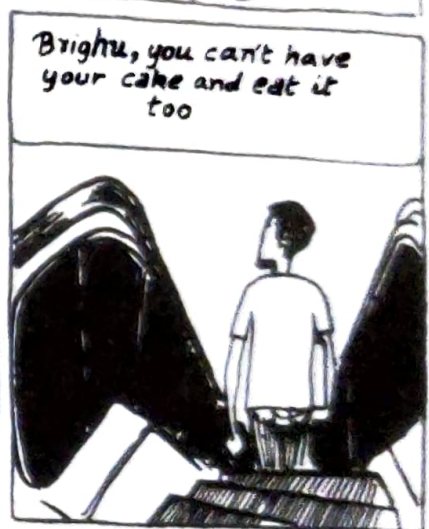
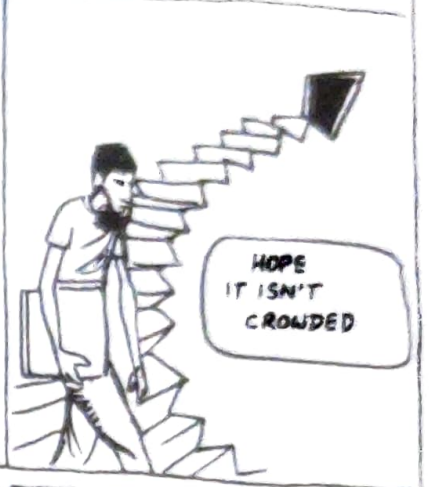
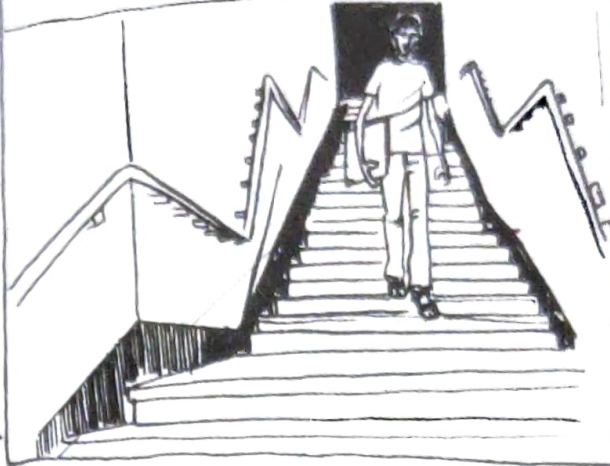
BY THE TIME I
GET OUT IT STARTS
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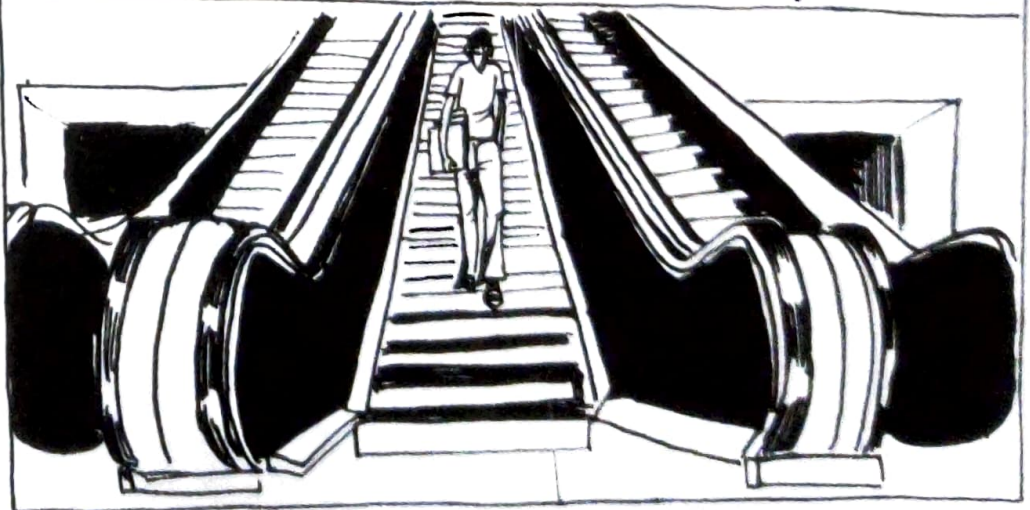
RAIN BRINGS UNEXPECTED
THINGS FOR ME



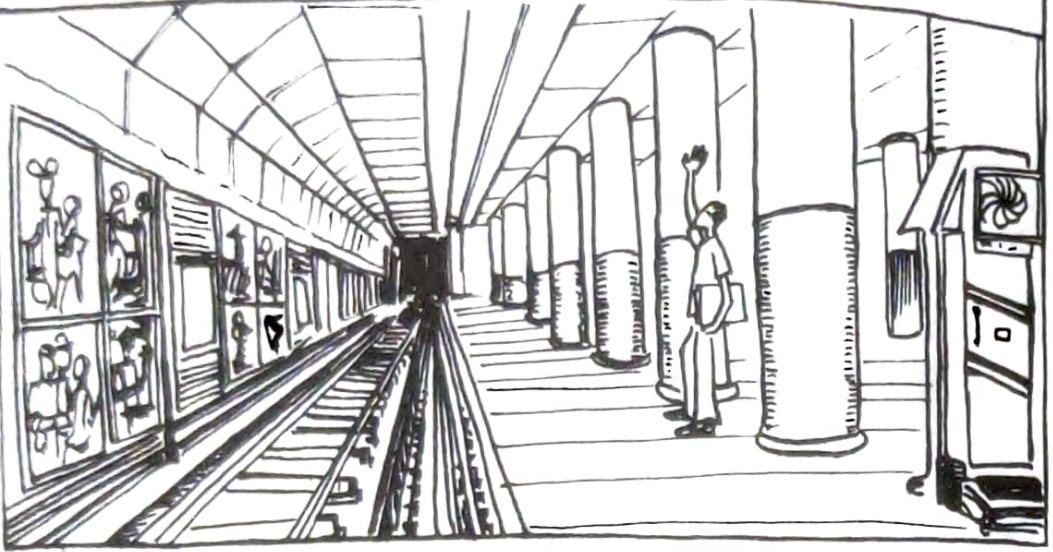
I FEEL CALM AS I PROBE DEEPER INTO THE BOWELS OF THE CALCUTTA UNDERGROUND



You can't have both, the fair maiden and the dark lady.



THE PLATFORM IS EMPTY; I DRY MYSELF UNDER AN AIRSHAFT



Women are not goddesses or
bitches, often they are both



The perfect lover doesn't
exist



some men abandon the search; some never do, and get disappointed with every woman they meet...



and live with the optimism that the next one will be better





STATIONS PASS BY, I DESPERATELY TRY TO COME UP WITH A CHAT-UP LINE. BUT, WHAT IF SHE THINKS I'M SLEAZY? SO WHAT? I'LL NEVER MEET HER AGAIN



SHOULD SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY, RISE TO THE OCCASION ... BUT SHE GETS OFF AT KALIGHAT



Bambi's party

THIS IS WHAT BAMBI'S PROUD FATHER, A MAN OF A CERTAIN LITERARY DISPOSITION, HAD TO SAY ABOUT HIS PRODIGIOUS SON.

THE BOY WHO STOLE FROM MY LUNCH BOX THROUGHOUT PRIMARY SCHOOL, IS NOW AN IT INDUSTRY HOTSHOT, SOMEWHERE IN NEBRASKA OR IDAHO, CAN'T REMEMBER

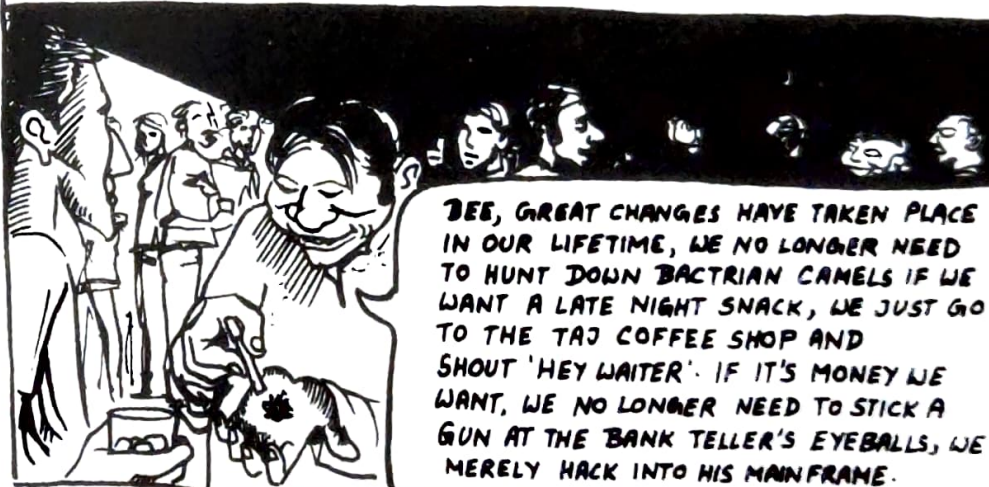


ROSES OFTEN GROW FROM ARSES OF CORPSES



SHOULD ROLL ONE, NA?

WE HAVE REALLY GROWN APART. SOMETIMES, TALKING TO HIM IS LIKE BEING TIED TO A CHAIR AND BEING MADE TO LISTEN TO WHITNEY HOUSTON, BRITNEY SPEARS AND CELINE DION BACK TO BACK. OKAY, MAYBE NOT SO BAD.



BEE, GREAT CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN OUR LIFETIME, WE NO LONGER NEED TO HUNT DOWN BACTRIAN CAMELS IF WE WANT A LATE NIGHT SNACK, WE JUST GO TO THE TAJ COFFEE SHOP AND SHOUT 'HEY WAITER'. IF IT'S MONEY WE WANT, WE NO LONGER NEED TO STICK A GUN AT THE BANK TELLER'S EYEBALLS, WE MERELY HACK INTO HIS MAINFRAME.

SOMEDAY IN OUR LIFETIME COMPUTERS WILL NOT ONLY BEAT HUMAN BEINGS AT CHESS, BUT ALSO AT VOLLEYBALL

SOME DAY COMPUTERS WILL MARRY KYLIE MINOGUE





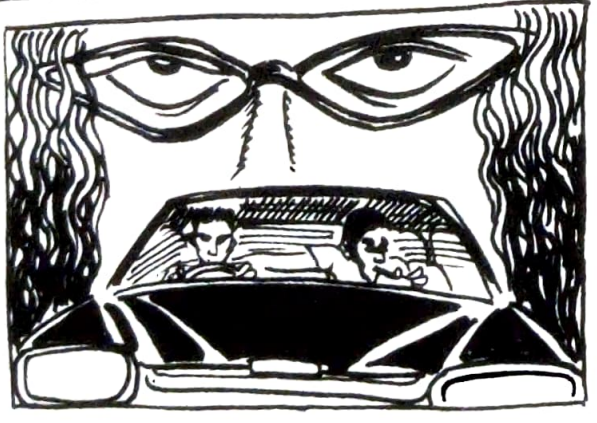
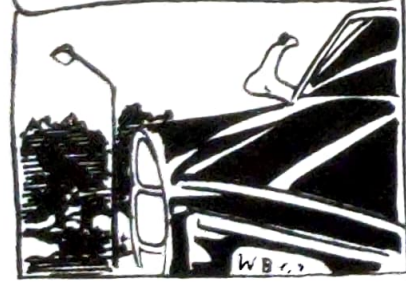
GAURI? GAURI INDEED. GAURI OF THE UNDERGROUND. WHEN THINGS HAPPEN, THINGS HAPPEN.



LIFE, MOSTLY, IS A STREAM OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES, ANYTHING ELSE IS CINEMA. THINGS HAPPEN FAST FAST



ON OUR WAY, WE STOP AT A DARK PATCH



WHAT SHALL I TELL HER?

Look, it's not as if I'm not attracted to you.

In another time and place, we could be...



SOUNDS AWFUL

RETARDED



SHE IS ATTRACTIVE, AND SHE THREW THE BALL.

I THREW IT BACK

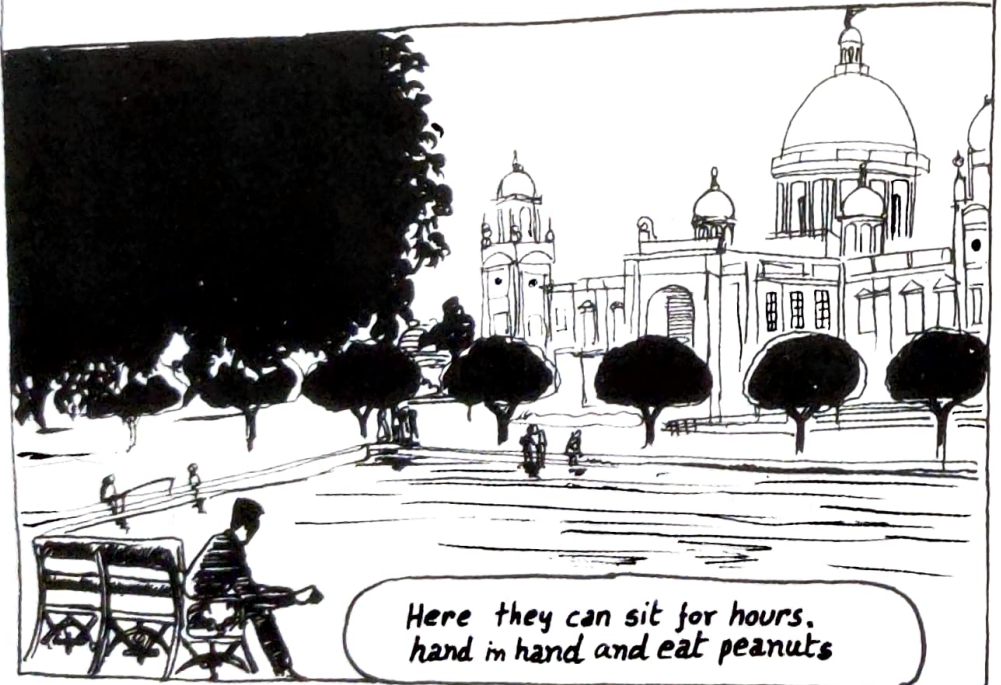


SHE THREW IT AGAIN.



They say Victoria Memorial, spread over a few acres of prime real estate, is one of the most covered spots for urban lovers

Particularly relevant when the heart is full of desire and pockets are empty



Here they can sit for hours, hand in hand and eat peanuts

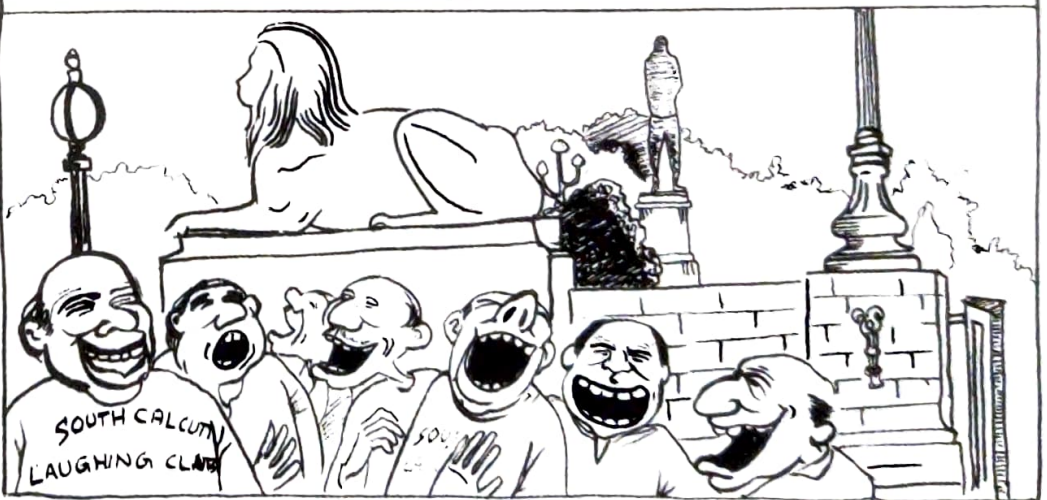
Oblivious to the hard stares of the respectable middle-class.



*Peanuts,
cheapest consum-
-able in one of the
cheapest cities in
the world.*



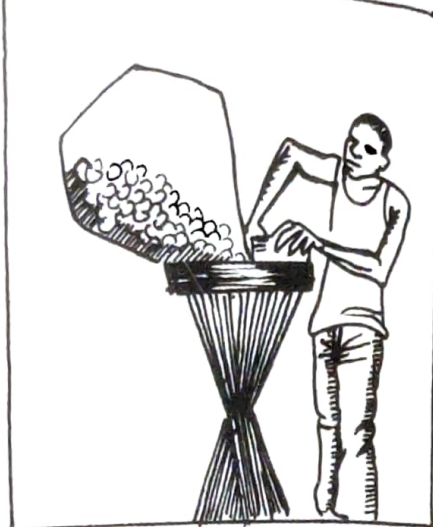
**I WAITED FOR GAURI AMONG TWELVE LAUGHING BUSINESSMEN,
MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CALCUTTA LAUGHING
CLUB.**



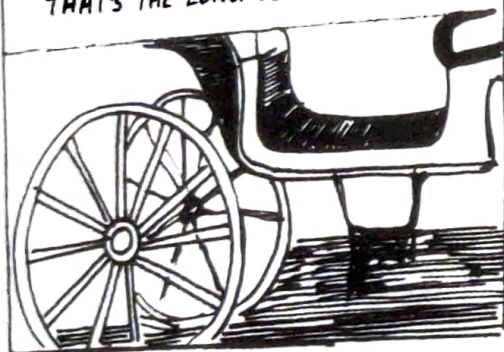
THERE IS A DEFINITE CHEMISTRY
BETWEEN US



BUT THERE IS KALI



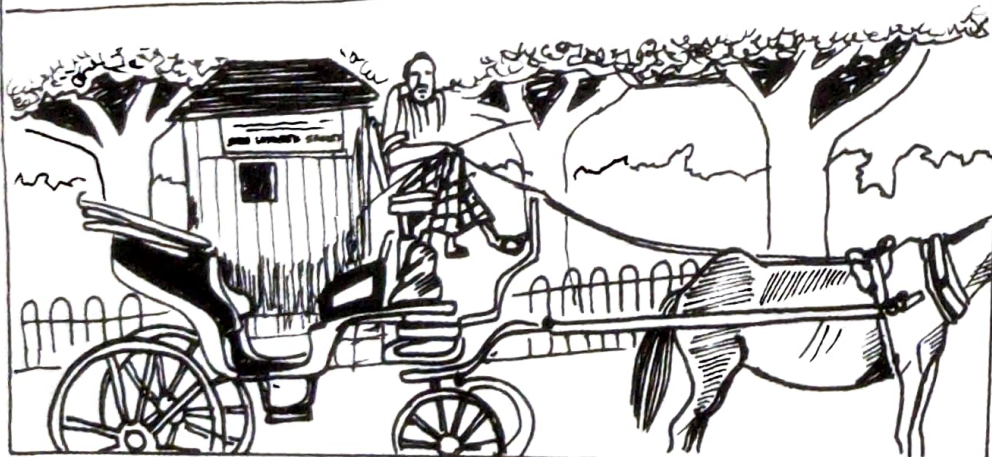
THAT'S THE LONG & SHORT OF IT



IT TAKES AN AFTERNOON TO
BREAK UP



AND A LINGERING CARRIAGE RIDE THROUGH RED ROAD, TO PURGE THE BAD BLOOD



EVERYTHING WAS GOING FINE IN THE SARKAR HOUSEHOLD , TILL ONE NIGHT, WHEN DOLLY MENTIONED



WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SMELL OF HAIR OIL?

THAT'S THE THING WITH SMELL, YOU DON'T NOTICE IF IT'S YOUR OWN.

LIKE, DVD, WHO OFTEN WONDERED WHY HIS DAUGHTER MADE SUCH A BIG DEAL OF IT.



ALL THIS WHILE WHAT SHINTU THOUGHT WAS SANDE-KA-TEL TURNED OUT TO BE ORDINARY HAIR OIL



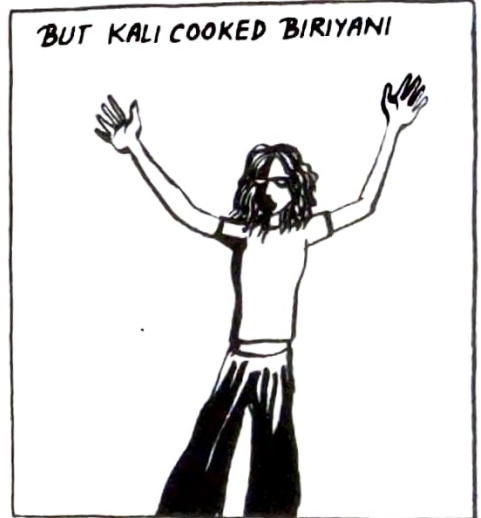
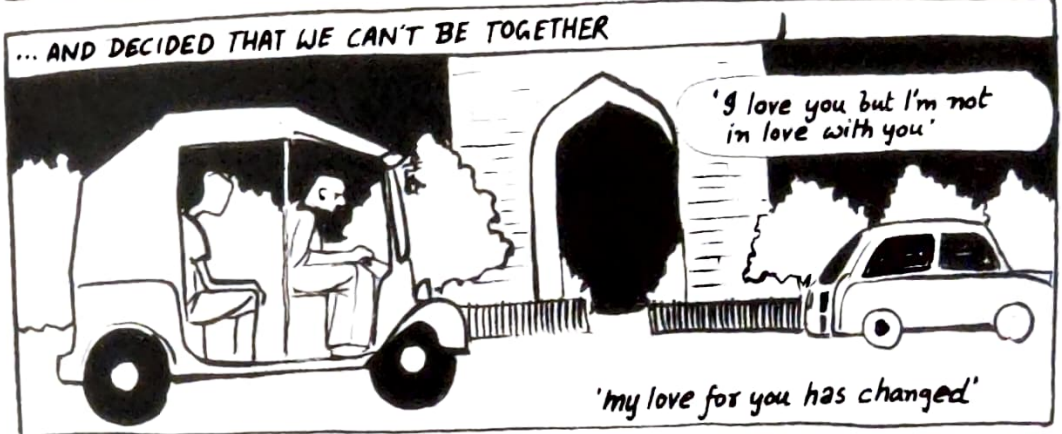
SHINTU LAMENTED THE LOSS OF A THOUSAND RUPEES, NOT REALISING THE GREAT DISCOVERY HE'D MADE :- SEX IS IN THE MIND. SILLY



MEANWHILE,



MAYA THE MAID

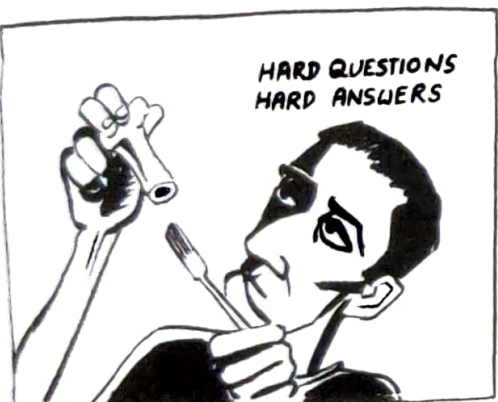


THE SUDDENNESS OF HER QUESTION THREW ME OFF BALANCE

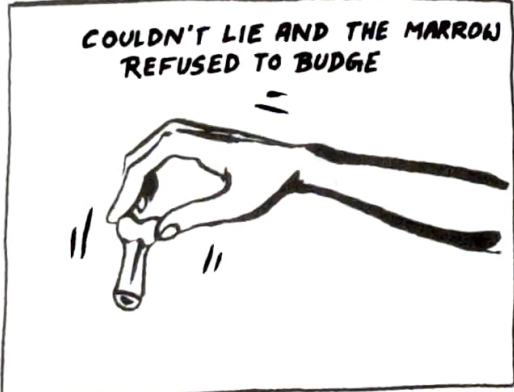


WAS I
UNFAITHFUL DURING
OUR RELATIONSHIP?

HARD QUESTIONS
HARD ANSWERS

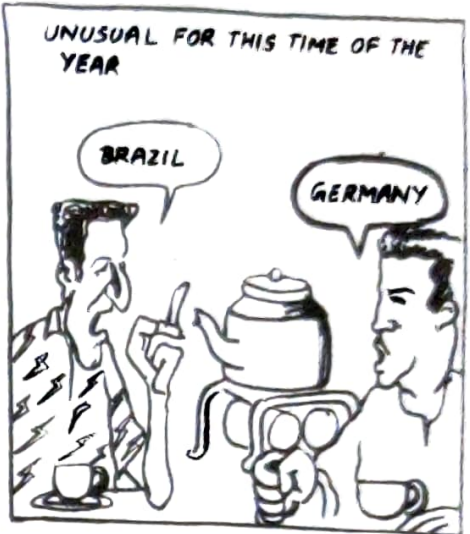


COULDN'T LIE AND THE MARROW
REFUSED TO BUDGE



SHE TOOK IT QUIETLY, HOLDING
ON TO HER BOTTLE OF WATER.
SOMETHING DIED BETWEEN US





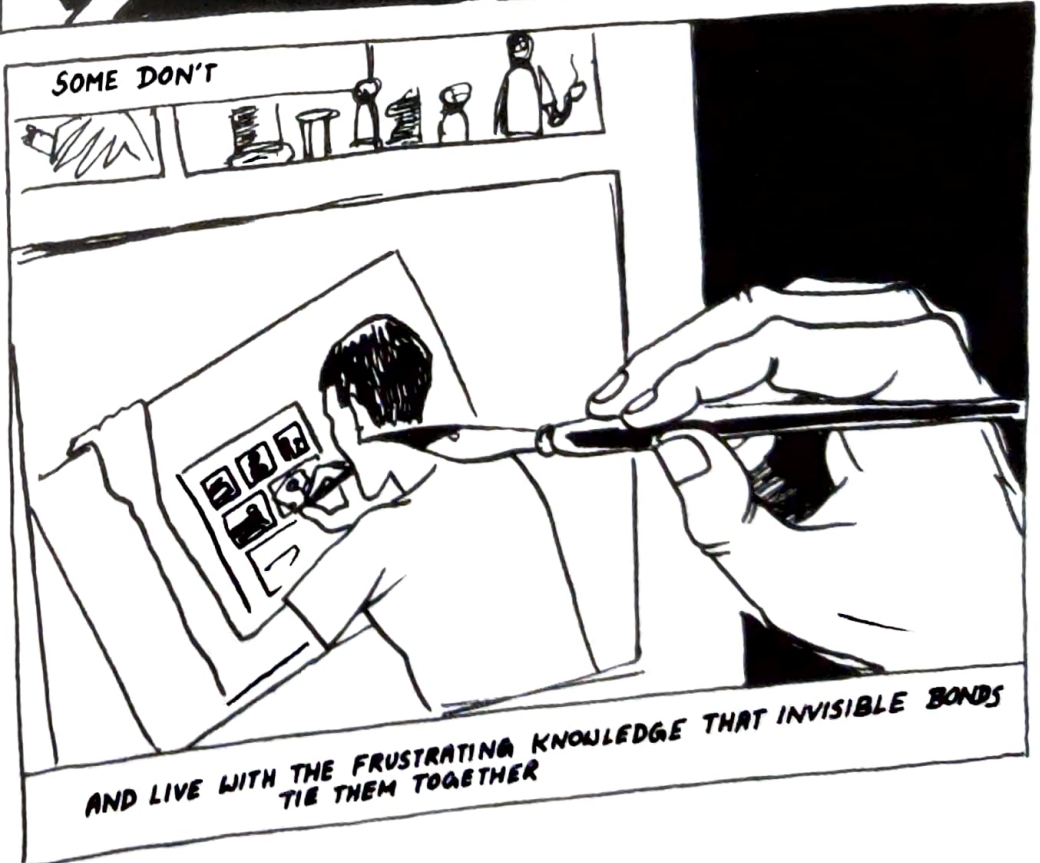
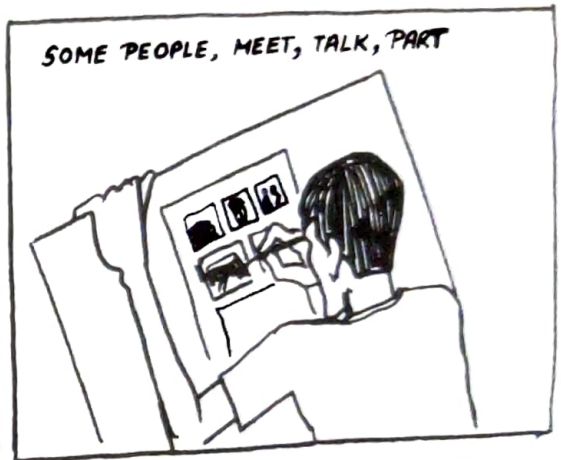


ON GOOD DAYS I FEEL LIKE IBN BATTUTA,
ON BAD DAYS I DON'T



BUT ON BAD DAYS...





AND LIVE WITH THE FRUSTRATING KNOWLEDGE THAT INVISIBLE BONDS
TIE THEM TOGETHER

THEY DON'T MEET...



UNLESS BROUGHT TOGETHER BY SOME COSMIC ACCIDENT



BUT COSMIC ACCIDENTS RARELY HAPPEN



SHINTU STILL CAN'T GET OVER THE FACT...



HAKIM TARTOOSIE FLEECED HIM OF ONE THOUSAND RUPEES



MAGICAL 303 CAPSULE
HAKIM BARKAT ALI
IMPROVES ENTERCOARSE BY 15 MINUTES



ANGREZ BOSCH COMPLETED THE FULL CIRCLE OF HATHA YOGA,
TANTRIK SEX AND AYURVEDIC COOKING TO REALISE THAT
HIS KARMA LIES IN WEB DESIGNING



THE 'SMELL' DOESN'T
BOTHER D.V.D ANYMORE



SINCE THE DAY HE DISCOVERED
'ISIS' BY MARKS-N-SPARKS



A 'PERFUME MADE TO DRIVE
WOMEN CRAZY



...IT CERTAINLY WORKED
FOR HIS DAUGHTER

THE GHOST OF KARL MARX
STILL VISITS DIGITAL



TORMENTS HIM ABOUT H-1B VISA



EVERY NIGHT MARX IMPLORES DIGITAL TO GO TO THE VILLAGES
WHERE HIS PROGRAMMING SKILLS CAN BE OPTIMALLY UTILISED
IN LAND DISTRIBUTION



BRIGHU AND KALI
BROKE UP, OFCOURSE



HER MOTHER RECOMMENDED



father

PEOPLE LIKE BRIGHU
GET NICER WITH AGE
BUT SELDOM
CHANGE



AMIDST ALL THIS SITS MR RANGOON WALLA, IN HIS
'CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE'



SIPPING TEA, SELLING ASIMOV'S, GIVING ADVICE



they have layers and
layers



but who will know?
who has time?



