

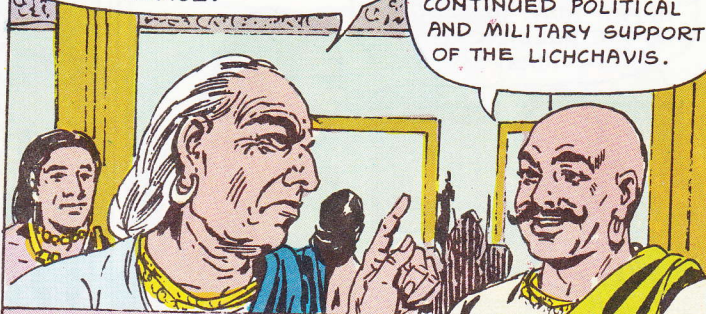
SAMUDRA GUPTA

LATER, WHEN THE COURTIER WERE ALONE —

OUR KING TAKING A WIFE FROM THE LICHCHAVI OLIGARCHY IS ONE THING.



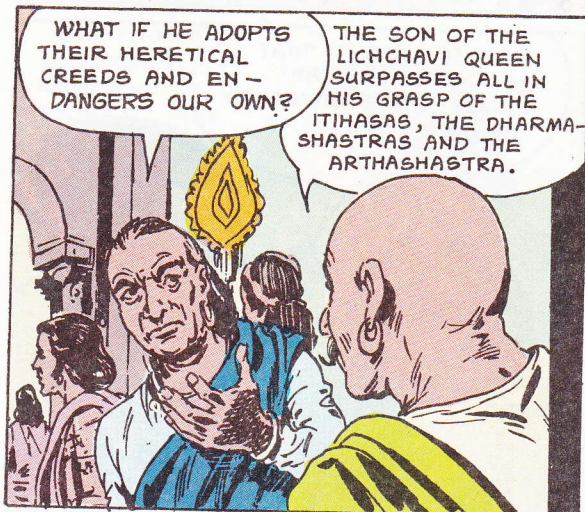
BUT MAKING A SON OF THAT UNION THE RULER IS QUITE ANOTHER. IT WAS AN UNWISE CHOICE.



ON THE CONTRARY, WITH HIM AS KING, WE CAN BE SURE OF THE CONTINUED POLITICAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT OF THE LICHCHAVIS.

THE COURTIER WHO SUPPORTED THE CHOICE WAS DHURVABHUTI, CHIEF OF THE MILITARY AND HARISHENA'S FATHER.

WHAT IF HE ADOPTS THEIR HERETICAL CREEDS AND ENDANGERS OUR OWN?



THE SON OF THE LICHCHAVI QUEEN SURPASSES ALL IN HIS GRASP OF THE ITIHASAS, THE DHARMA-SHASTRAS AND THE ARTHASHASTRA.

SO YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT HIS RULE WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR TRADITIONAL VALUES.



THUS DID SAMUDRA GUPTA ASCEND THE THRONE EVEN IN THE LIFETIME OF HIS FATHER.

