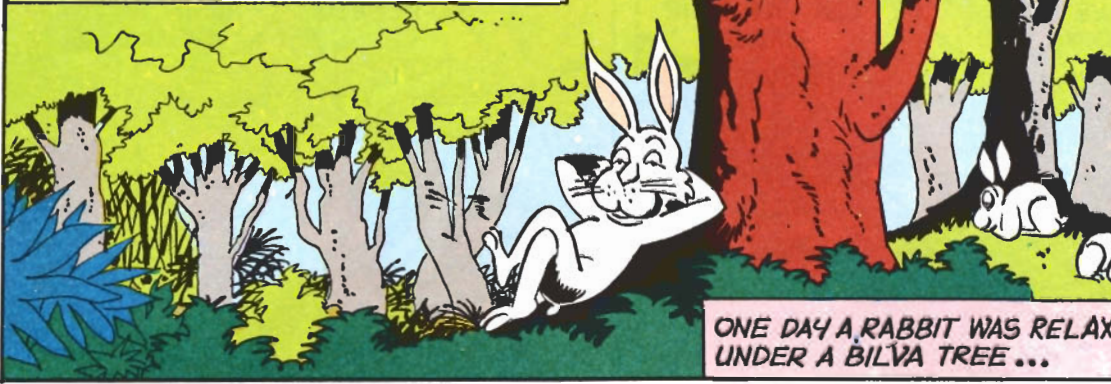


THE DAY THE EARTH BROKE INTO TWO



ONE DAY A RABBIT WAS RELAXING UNDER A BILVA TREE ...

... WHEN A STRANGE
THOUGHT STRUCK
HIM —

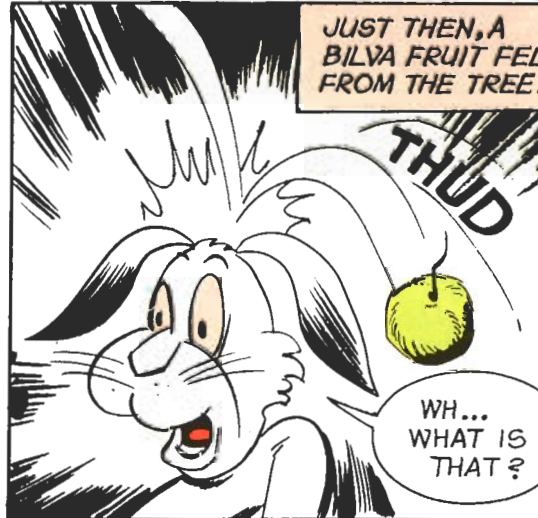
I WONDER WHAT
WILL HAPPEN
IF THE
EARTH
BREAKS
INTO
TWO?



JUST THEN, A
BILVA FRUIT FELL
FROM THE TREE

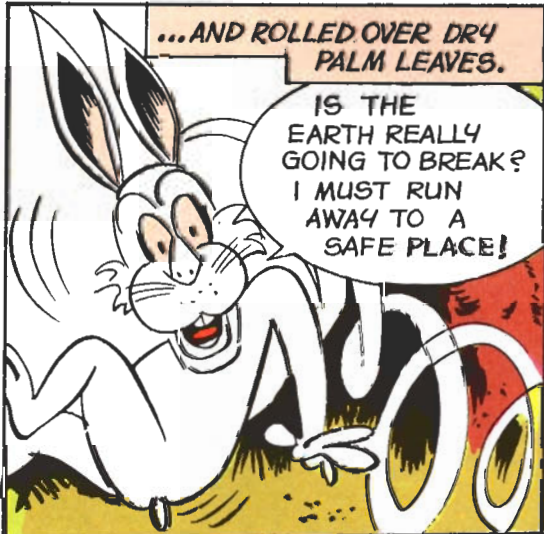
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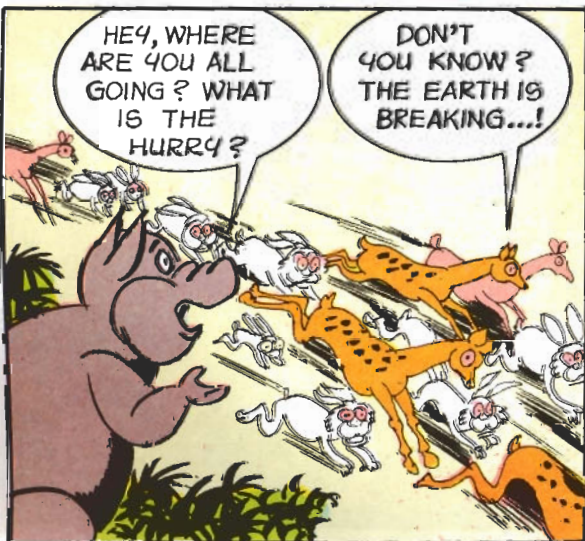
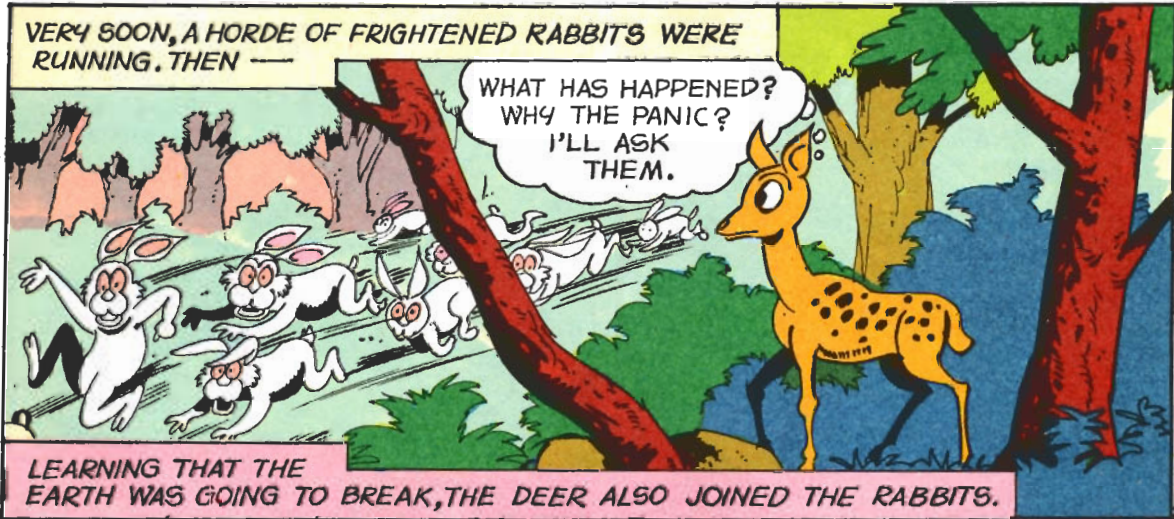
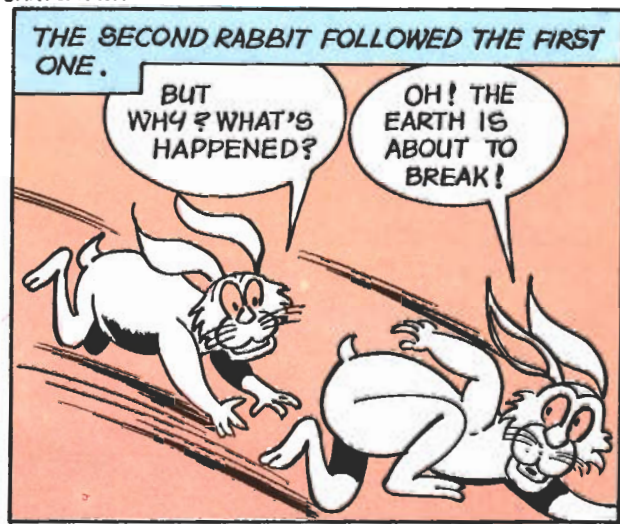
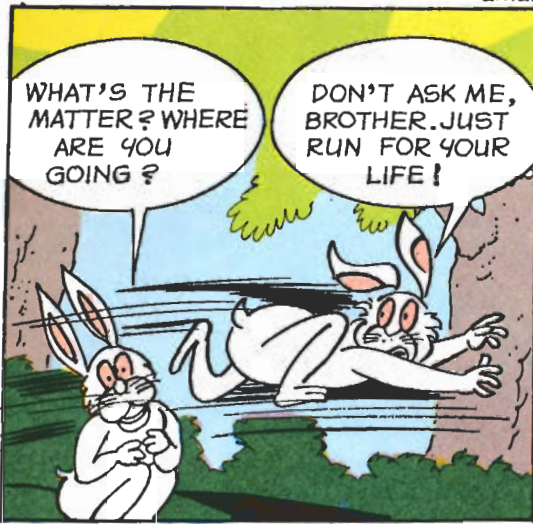
WH...
WHAT IS
THAT?



... AND ROLLED OVER DRY
PALM LEAVES.

IS THE
EARTH REALLY
GOING TO BREAK?
I MUST RUN
AWAY TO A
SAFE PLACE!





VERY SOON A PANIC-STRICKEN TROUPE WAS FLEEING THROUGH THE FOREST.



THEN A LION CAME BY —

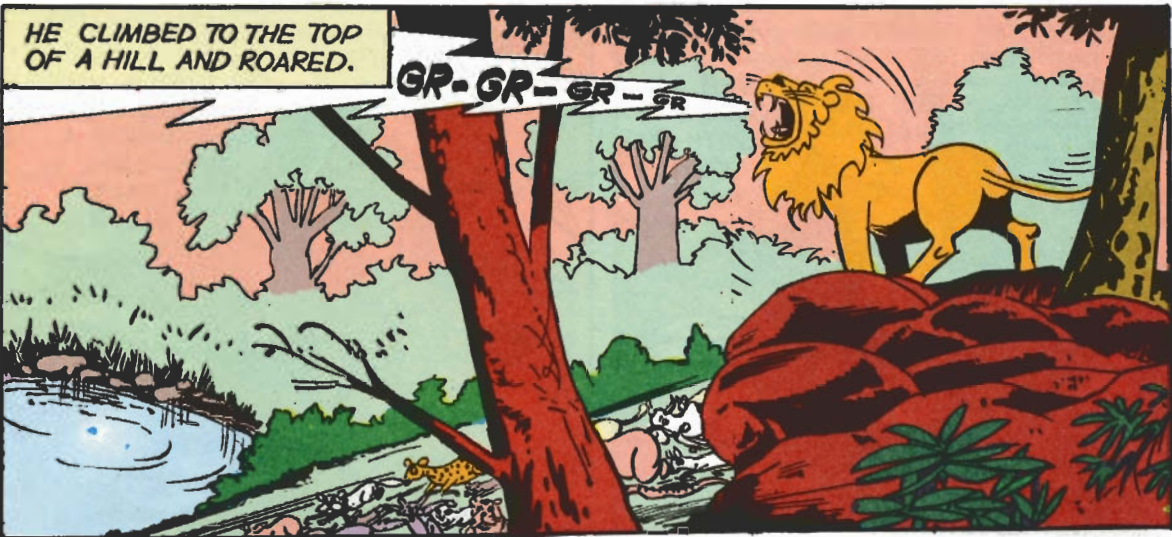
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

OH, DON'T YOU KNOW? THE EARTH IS BREAKING!

HMM.... BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

HE CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF A HILL AND ROARED.

GR-GR-GR-GR



THE ANIMALS FROZE IN THEIR TRACKS.



WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?
WHAT IS THE MATTER?

THE EARTH IS BREAKING,
O MIGHTY ONE!

WE MUST GO AWAY FROM
HERE!



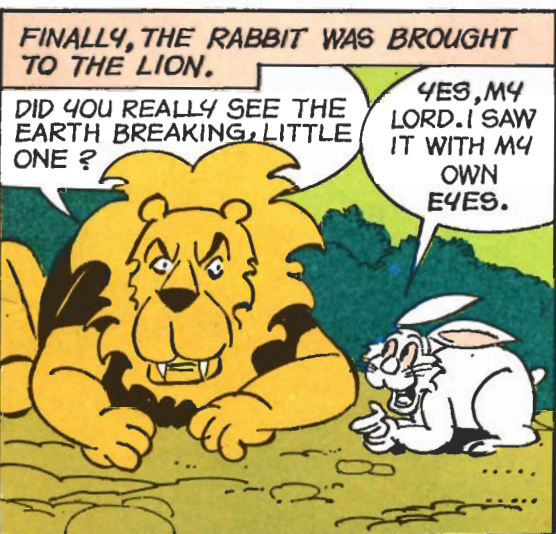
WHO SAW THIS HAPPEN?

THE ELEPHANT.
ASK HIM!



NO, NO.
NOT ME.
ASK THE
TIGER.

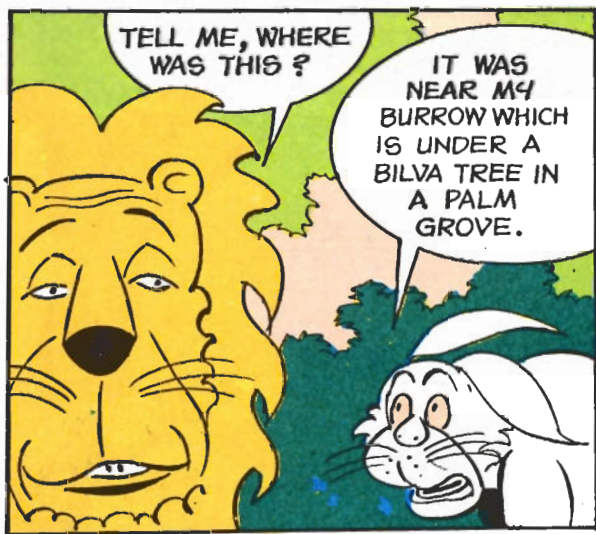
OH, NO! THE
PANTHER
REPORTED IT
TO ME. ASK
HIM!



FINALLY, THE RABBIT WAS BROUGHT
TO THE LION.

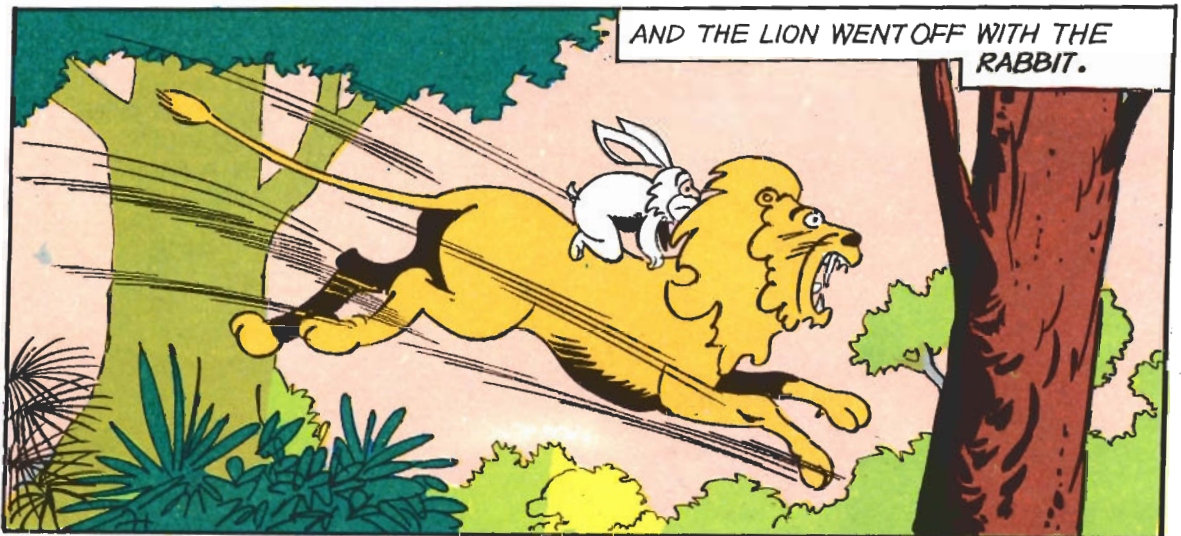
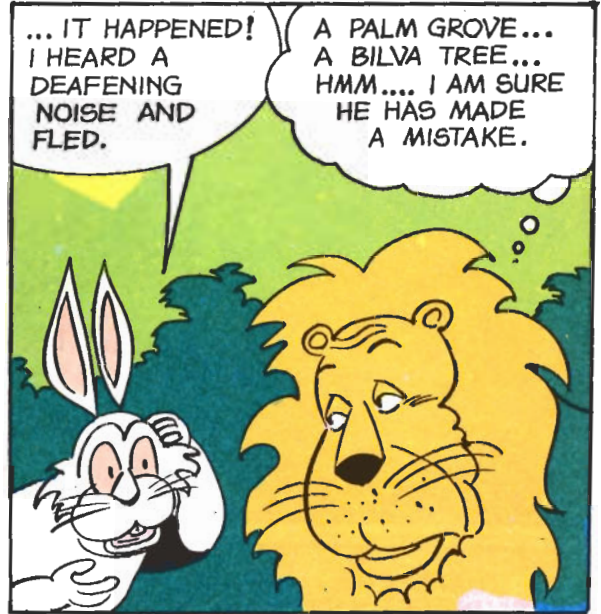
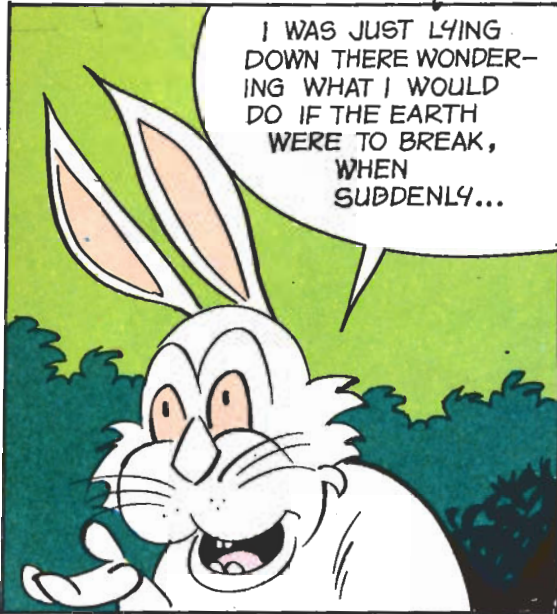
DID YOU REALLY SEE THE
EARTH BREAKING, LITTLE
ONE?

YES, MY
LORD. I SAW
IT WITH MY
OWN
EYES.



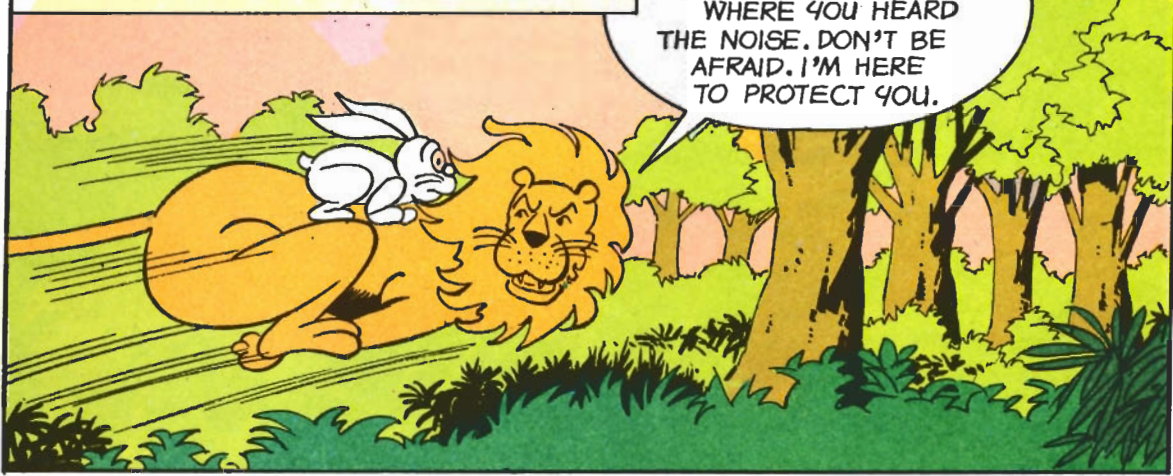
TELL ME, WHERE
WAS THIS?

IT WAS
NEAR MY
BURROW WHICH
IS UNDER A
BILVA TREE IN
A PALM
GROVE.



WHEN THEY REACHED THE PALM GROVE —

SHOW ME THE PLACE WHERE YOU HEARD THE NOISE. DON'T BE AFRAID. I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU.



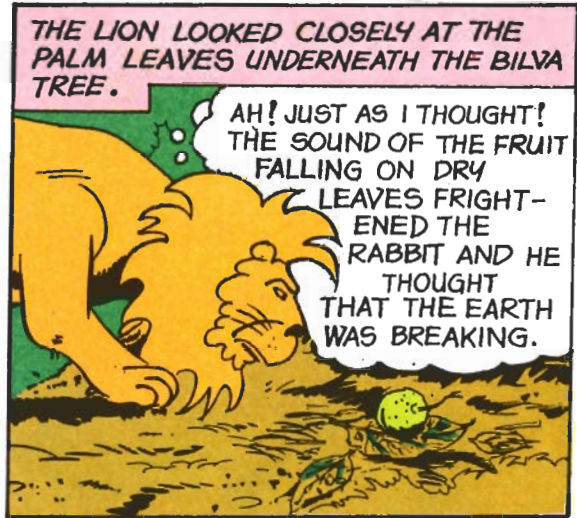
THAT'S THE BILVA TREE WHERE I HEARD THE THUNDERING NOISE!

ALL RIGHT. YOU WAIT FOR ME HERE. I'LL GO AND LOOK AROUND.



THE LION LOOKED CLOSELY AT THE PALM LEAVES UNDERNEATH THE BILVA TREE.

AH! JUST AS I THOUGHT! THE SOUND OF THE FRUIT FALLING ON DRY LEAVES FRIGHTENED THE RABBIT AND HE THOUGHT THAT THE EARTH WAS BREAKING.



RETURNING TO THE WAITING ANIMALS, THE LION TOLD THEM WHAT HE HAD DISCOVERED.

FRIENDS, YOU DID NOT CHECK IF THIS WAS TRUE. BLINDLY RELYING ON A FALSE RUMOUR, YOU WOULD HAVE PAID A HEAVY PRICE TODAY.

