

REVELATIONS

Early 90s. *The Hindu* started publishing a National weekly supplement called *Literary Review*. My colleague and Chief Editor at Macmillan, Mini Krishnan, who was a key advisor for the supplement, suggested that I do cartoons for it. I had already started a pocket cartoon series for *Madras Musings* by then but I was wondering how one could poke fun at literary topics. I was also reading about cartooning – Jules Feiffer, who took cartooning to touch profound thoughts, was one of my favourites. *The Hindu's* brief was to do a monthly column on the first Sunday based on the topic of the issue. My first piece appeared on the 5th January, 1992 (facing page). The focus of the issue was on poetry. I did around 20 cartoons in this series.

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MY WIFE COMPLAINED
I WAS USELESS.

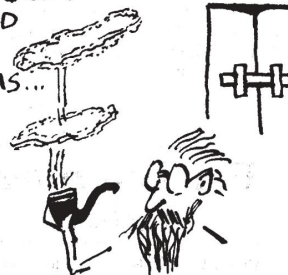
SO
I MARRIED
AGAIN, AGAIN
AND
AGAIN...



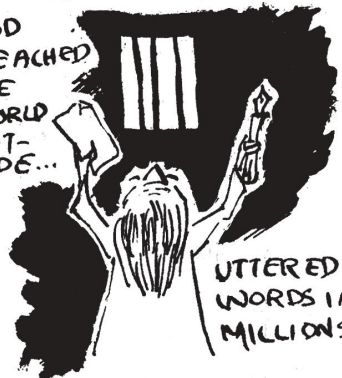
FRIENDS
TOOK PITY...
NEIGHBOURS
AND
ENEMIES
CALLED ME
A LUNATIC...



SO I
SHUT MYSELF
IN MY OWN
WORLD
OF
DREAMS...



AND
PREACHED
THE
WORLD
OUT-
SIDE...



UTTERED
WORDS IN
MILLIONS...

AND YET
THEY
EPITAPHED
MY
TOMB

IN
JUST
FIVE
LETTERS...



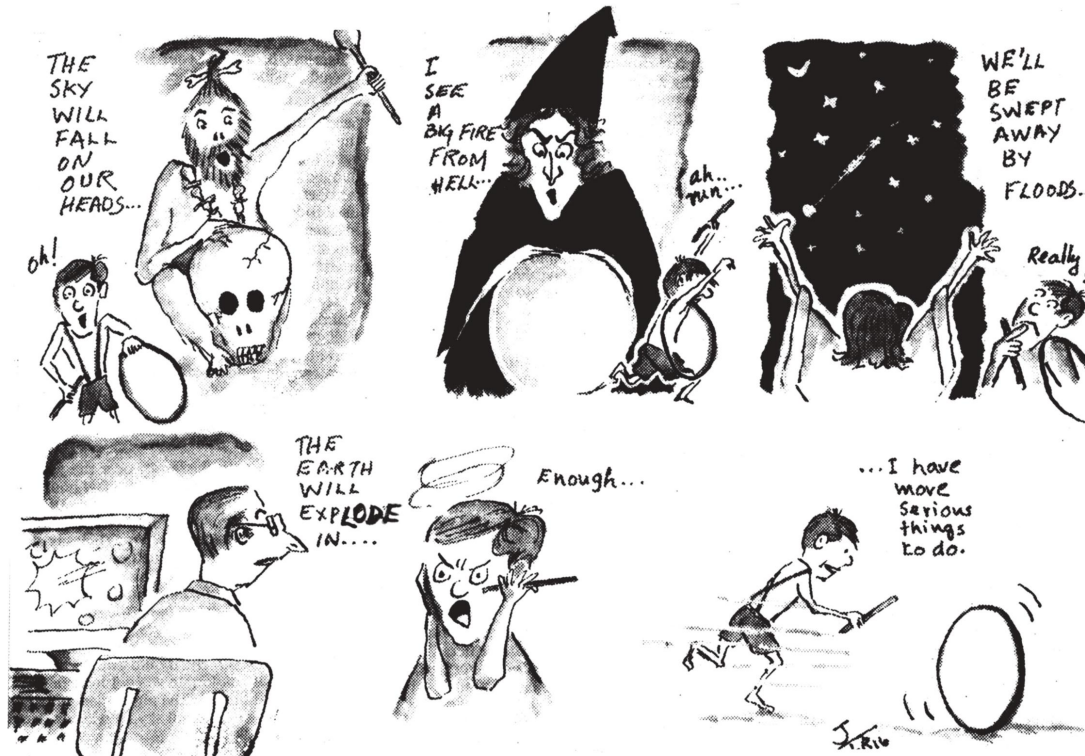
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THE
WORLD
OUTSIDE
AWAITS
FOR ME
TO
BLOOM...



...TO BE
DROWNED
IN
MY
FRAGRANCE...



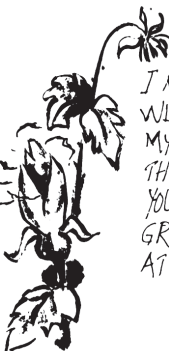
TO BE
CHARMED
BY
MY
ETERNAL
BEAUTY
AND...



...O' NO!
IS IT
TIME TO
WITHER
AWAY?...
MY
AMBITIONS?
MY
PROMISES?...



I'm
here
to keep
your
spirit
alive...



I RATHER
WISH,
MY CHILD,
THAT
YOU DON'T
GROW
AT ALL!

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COME ON,
LET'S
PLAY
HISTORY.



I AM
ARJUNA
THE
GREAT
ARCHER.



HOW
SHOULD
I TREAT
YOU
POOR
PORUS?



LET'S
NO
FUN
BEING
SO
ANCIENT...



Now
I'll
play
Bush...



...and
you
be
Saddam!

HERE
COMES
HITLER
THE
TERROR...



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I OFTEN
HAD
THE URGE
TO CONFESS,
YET
DARED NOT,
WHEN
THEY SAID...



"INNOCENT
AND
CHARMING"
AS A
CHILD...



"HANDSOME
AND
DIGNIFIED"
AS A
YOUNG
MAN...



"CALM
AND
PEACEFUL"
AS I
GREW
OLD.



IF ONLY
I COULD
BURY DEEP WITHIN
FOR EVER...



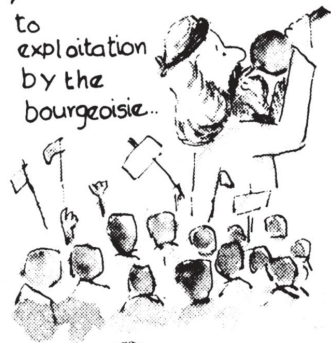
THE
OTHER
SIDE
OF
MAN!



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yield not
to
exploitation
by the
bourgeoisie...



Unite,
arise
and
revolt...



overthrow
the
rich
and...



establish
a
classless
society
of the
poor...



?

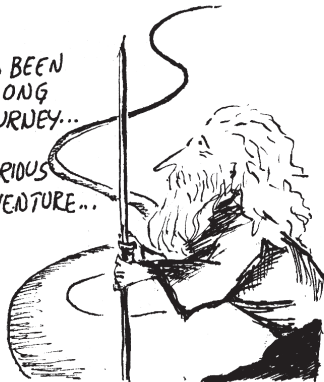


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TO
ESTABLISH
A
CLASSLESS
SOCIETY
OF THE
RICH.



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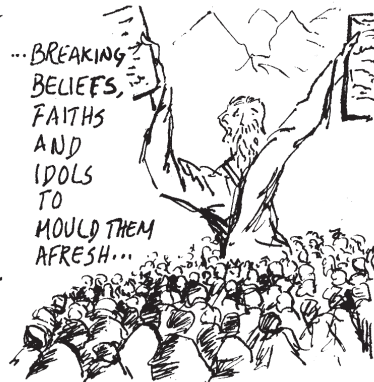
IT
HAS BEEN
A LONG
JOURNEY...
OF
GLORIOUS
ADVENTURE...



...WIPING OUT
CIVILIZATIONS
AND
EMPIRES.
TO
ESTABLISH
NEW
ORDERS...



...BREAKING
BELIEFS,
FAITHS
AND
IDOLS
TO
MOULD THEM
AFRESH...



...DEBATES,
THEORIES
AND
PROOFS
TO
DISPROVE
THE
PROVEN...



OH! IT'S
NOT TIME
TO REST,
I KNOW,
FOR
THERE'S
MUCH TO
UNDO...



... AND
MAKE
HISTORY!



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All I need is a fiction voicing a strong moral issue...



without hurting either the sentiments of women or the ego of men...



... And a lump-sum payment from a publisher who is non-commercial.



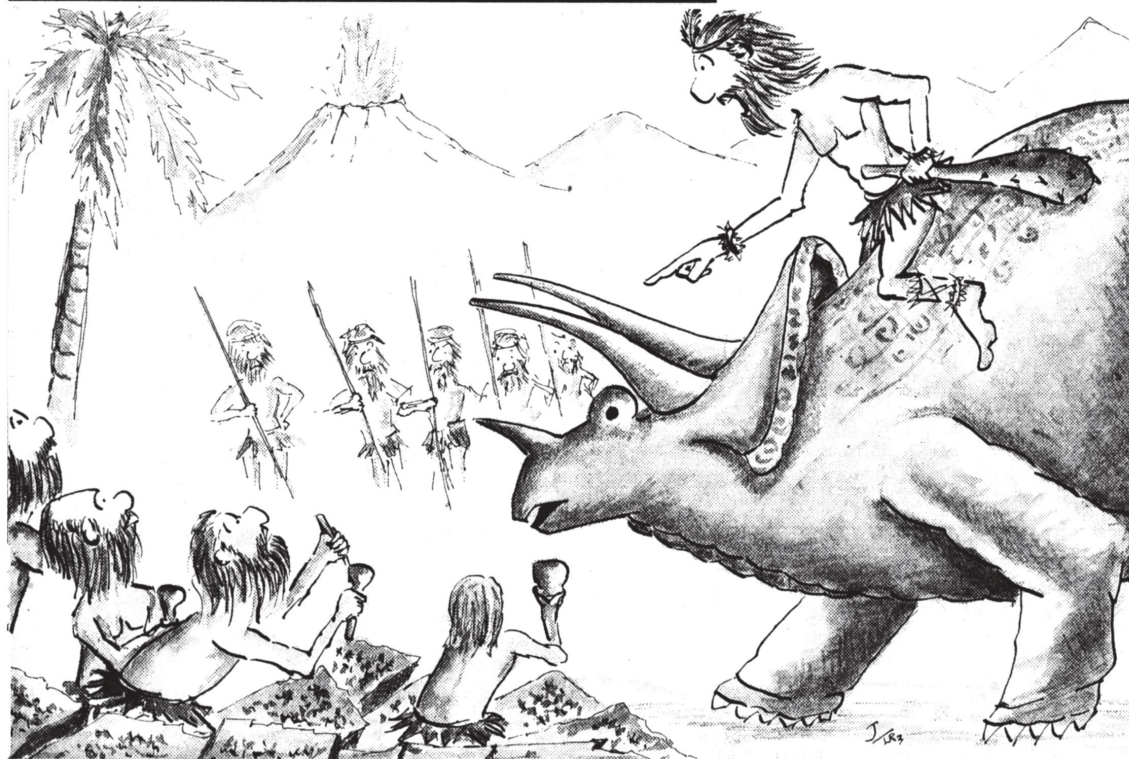




At least this book will work. I hope by the way, do you have any warranty?

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"The worth of our civilisation will ultimately be judged from these stone tablets — make the script as complex as possible."

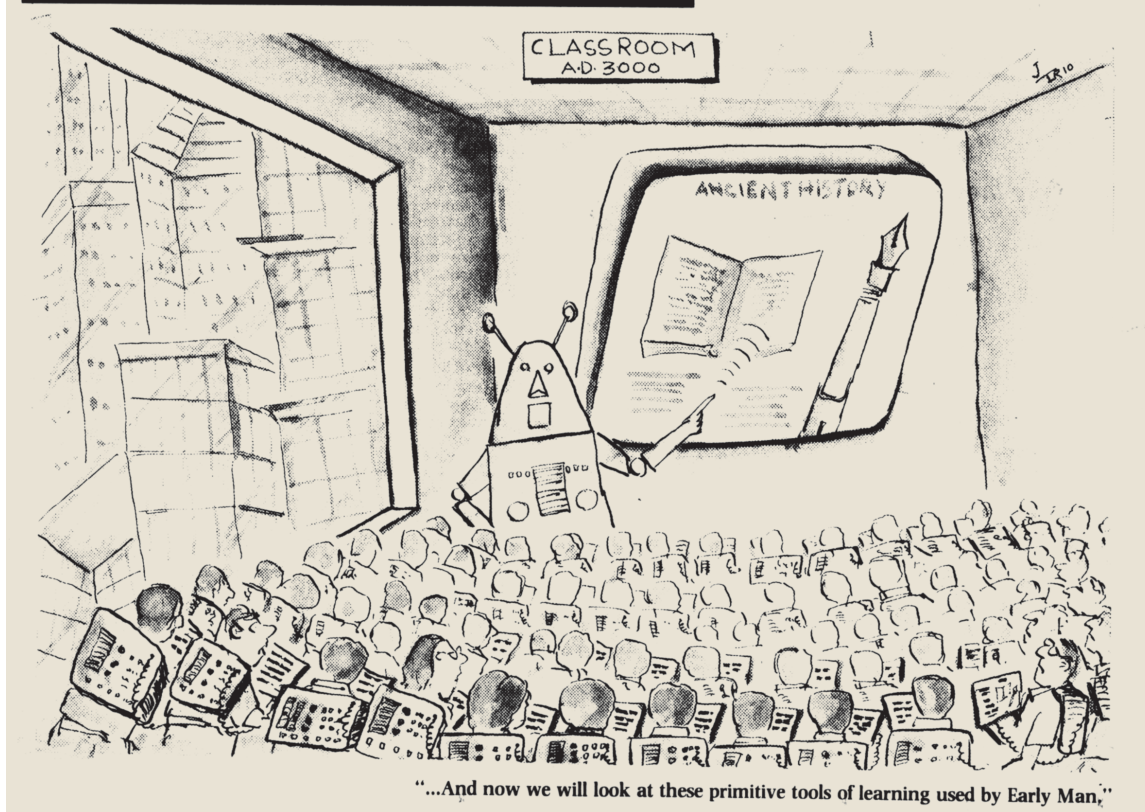
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"I must say, your manuscript was an eye-opener. We have decided to close down publishing and launch a massive cable TV network."

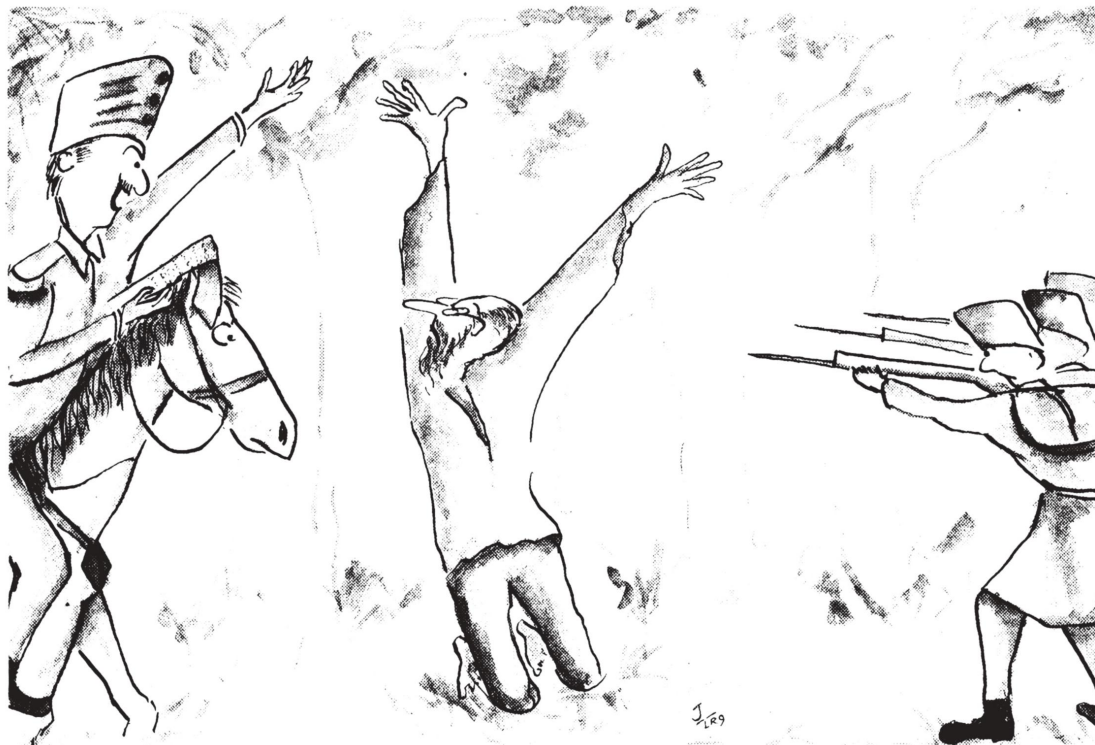


"...And now we will look at these primitive tools of learning used by Early Man."

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"Cheer up, you are honoured! The King is going to preserve your body and writings for release in the next century!!"

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"Forgive me dear — not that I loved you less but I loved peace more."

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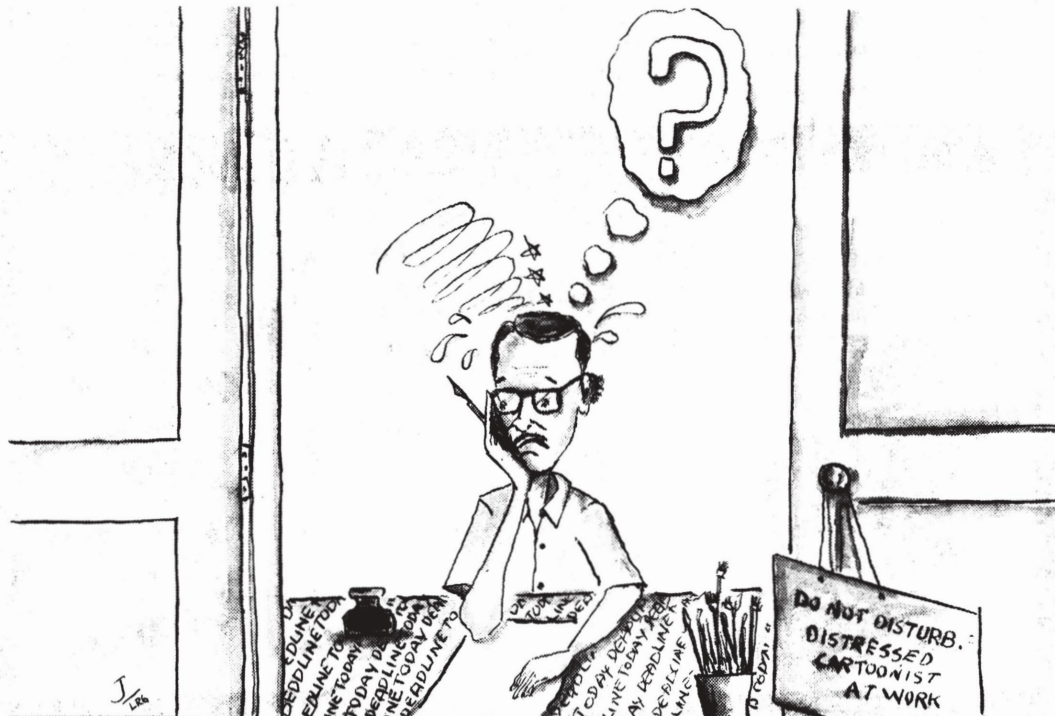
"A delegation from FARLAND is here to challenge your claims in the travelogue... and they insist on revenge."

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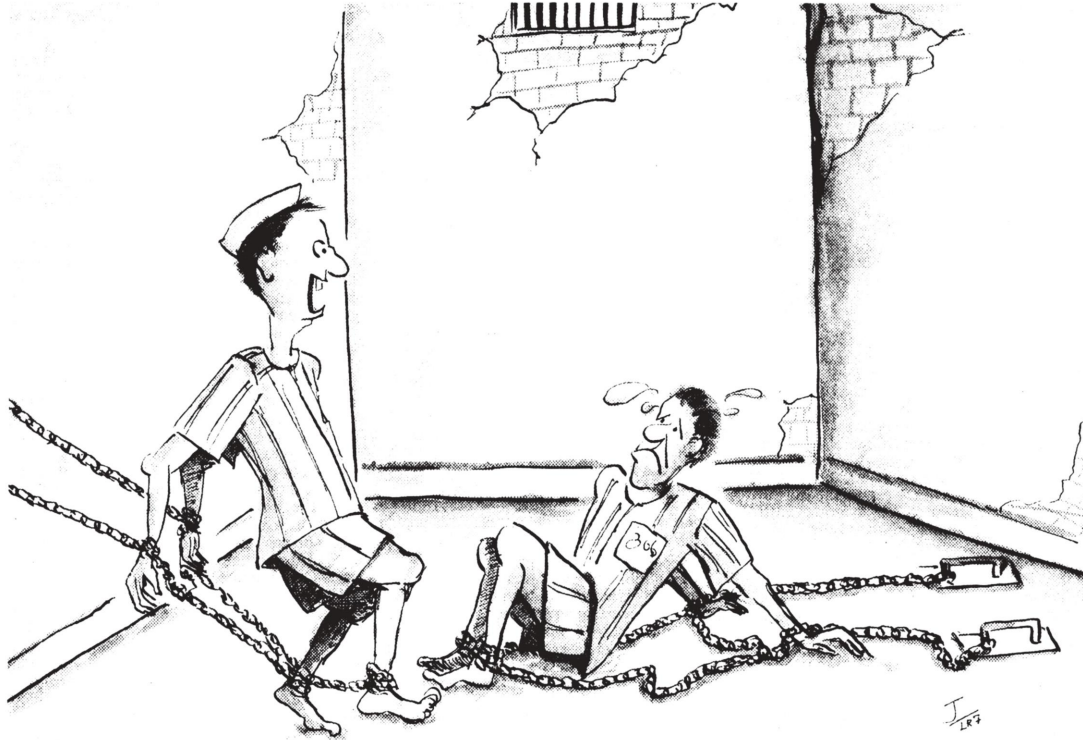
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"Oh, the script can be done in a day ... Just choose from these lists — and then, I have a special programme with which the computer will create your biography."



Misery in humour



"Here is another plan! 've you read, "The Jailbreak?"