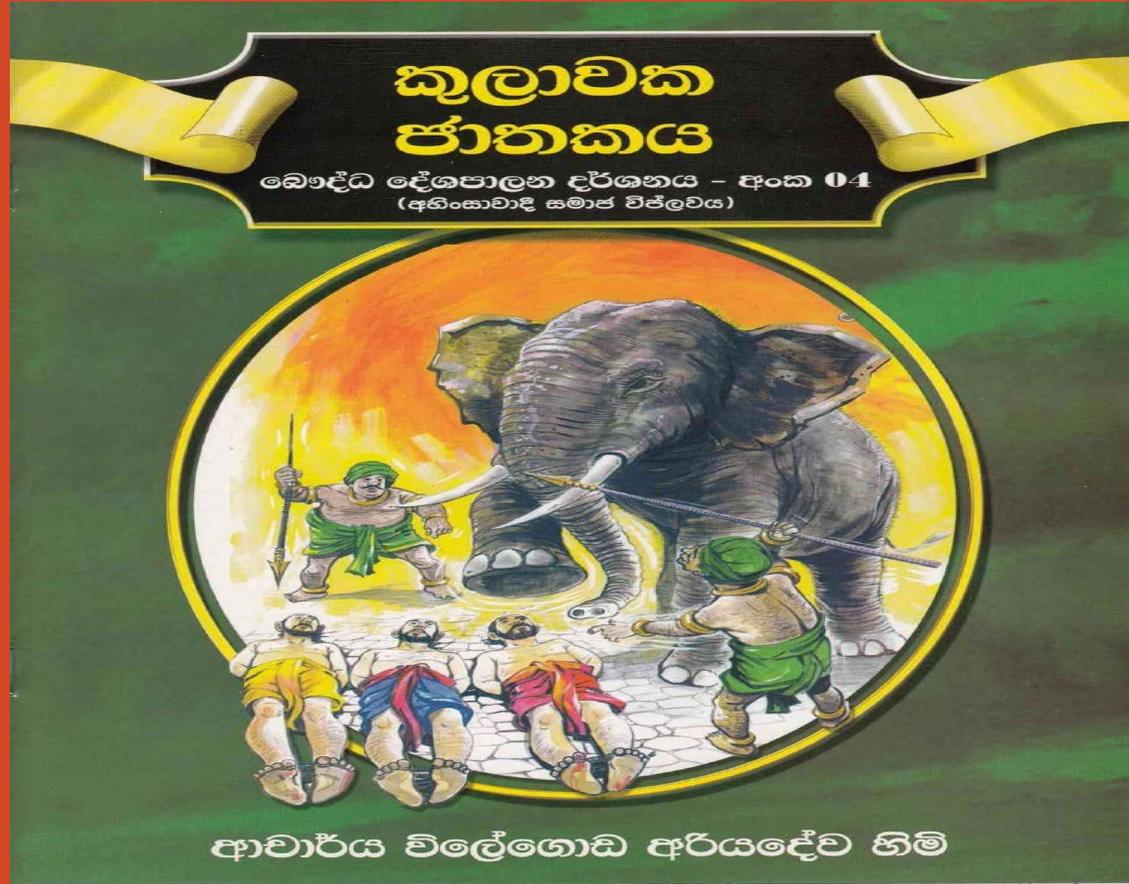


Kulawaka Jataka Story (An English Translation)

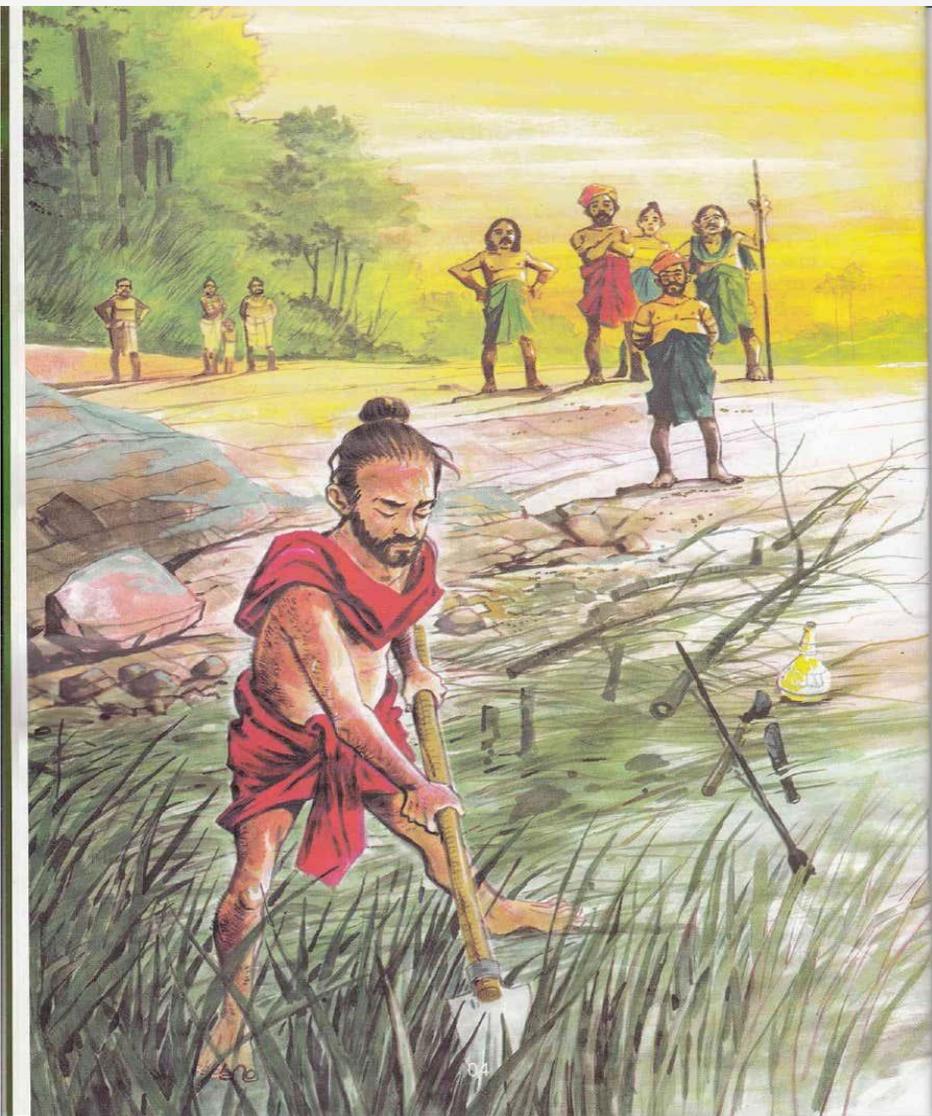
The Story of Muga Manawaka



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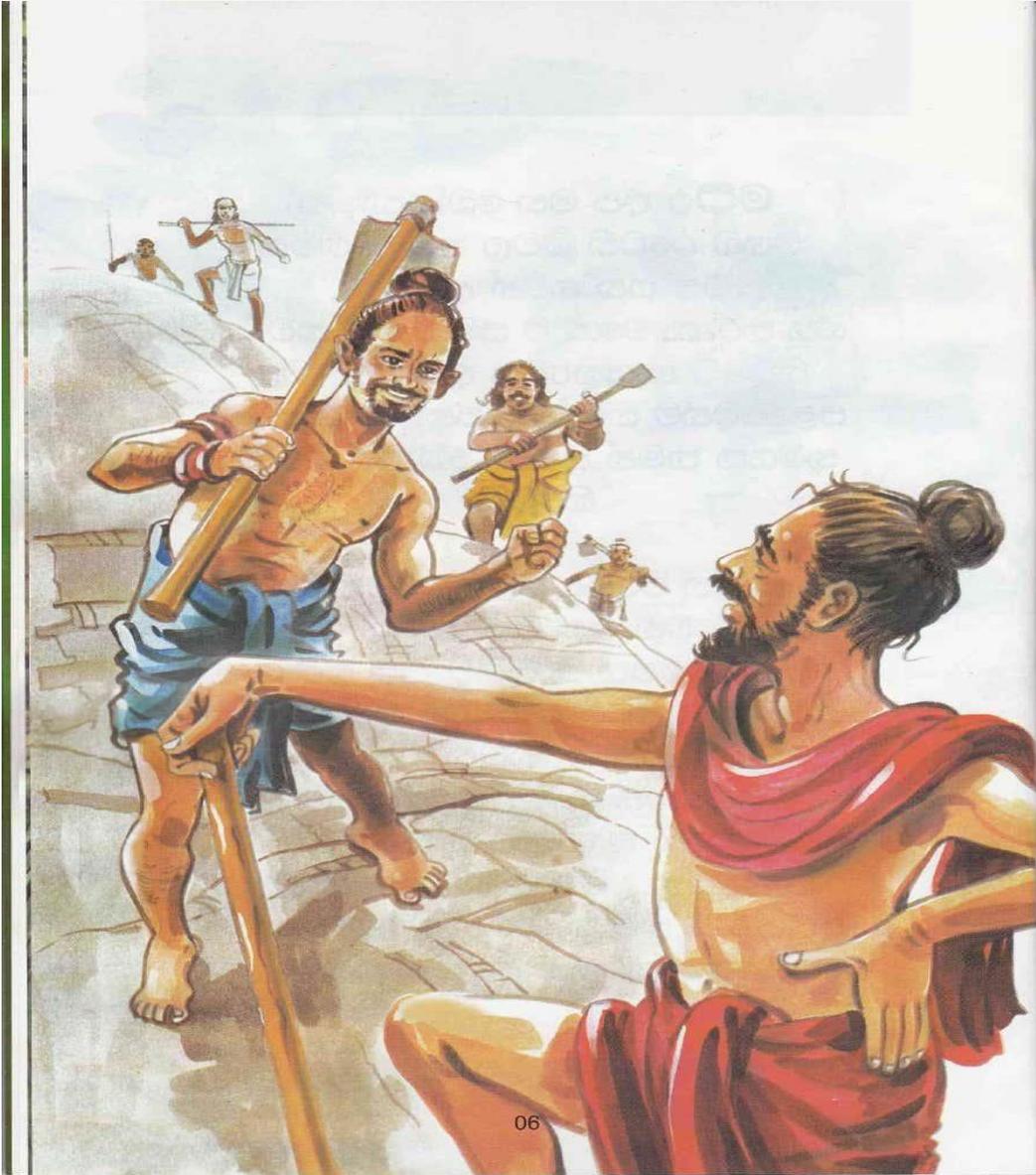




Once upon a time the Bodhisattva was Born into a rich family in the Kingdom of Magadha in the city called Machala. Their son was called "Magha."

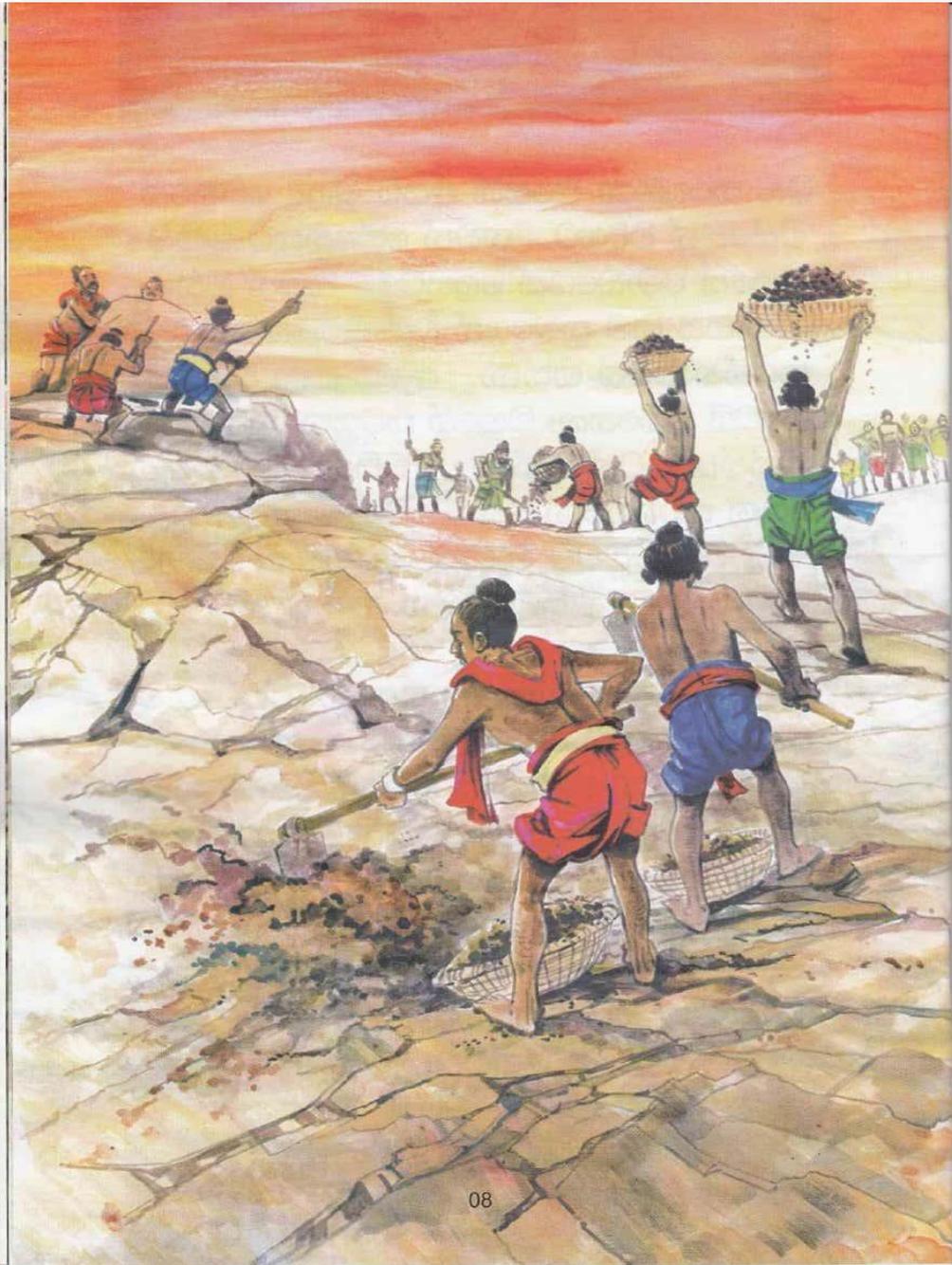
Magha observed the five precepts and practiced them. One day Magha called a meeting to which thirty young boys came from 30 families living in the village. They discussed various matters.

Magha was a public – spirited person



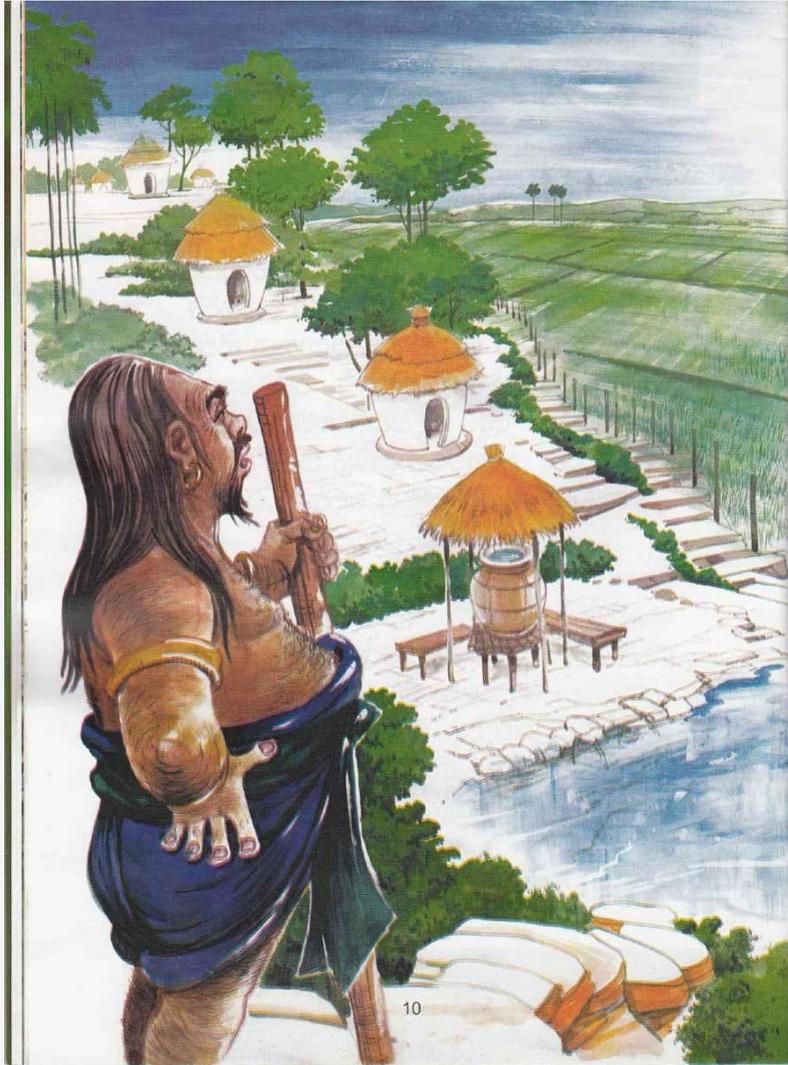
They wanted to develop their village to make it a good place to live. Magha was a public-spirited person who wanted to spend his whole lifetime for welfare work with the corporation of his friends.

At first Magha cleaned a certain place and made the place clean and beautiful. One of the boys said, "I want this place." Magha handed it over to him.



Like that every place that Magha cleaned somebody else claimed it.

The final place he cleaned up for himself; he put up a platform, a hall and a pond.

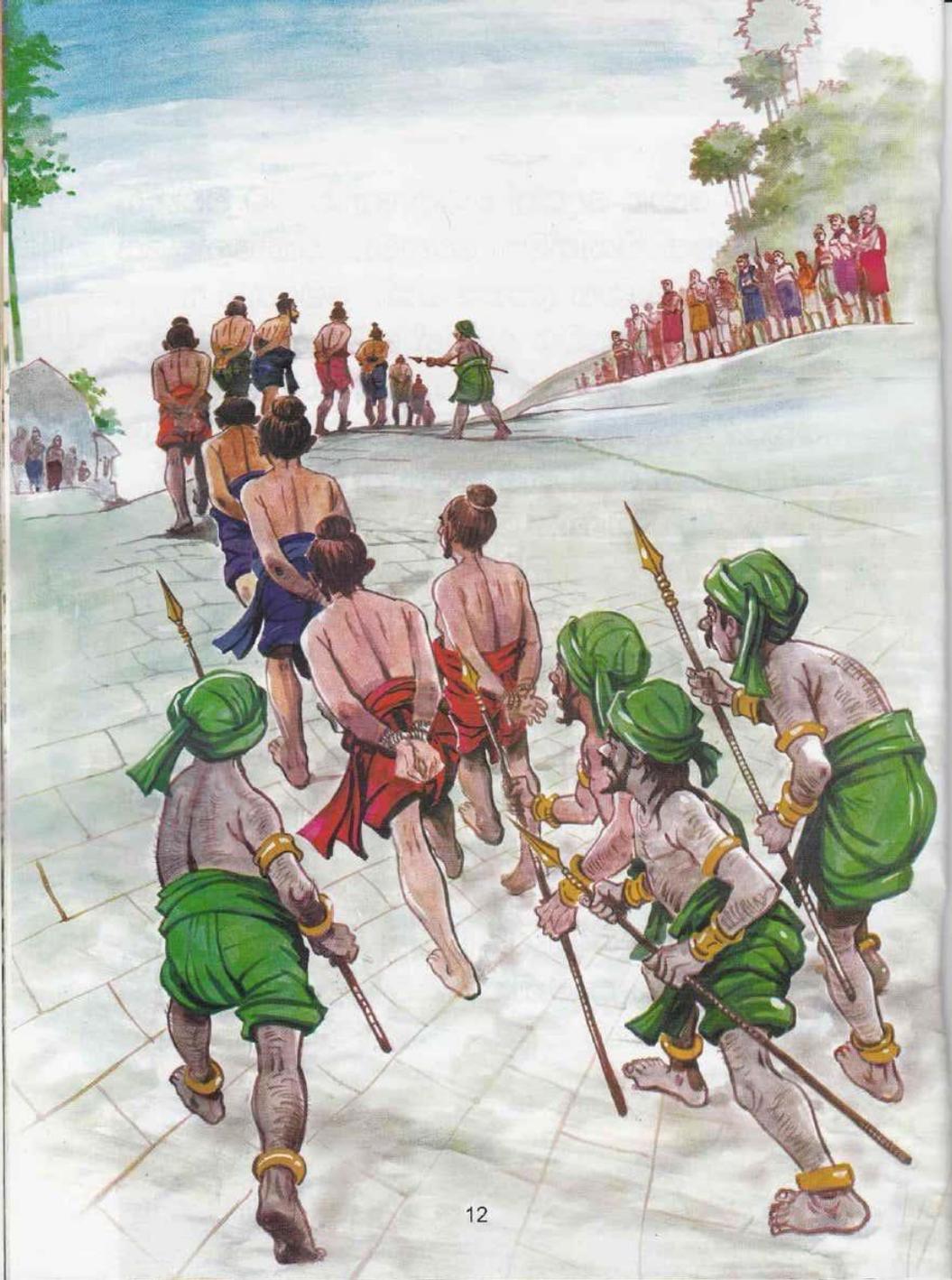


In the park he put up benches and kept pots of water for people to drink. It was beautiful.

Magha explained to the people the value of practicing the five precepts. Magha also explained the importance of supporting the elders, speaking the truth and avoiding harsh speech.

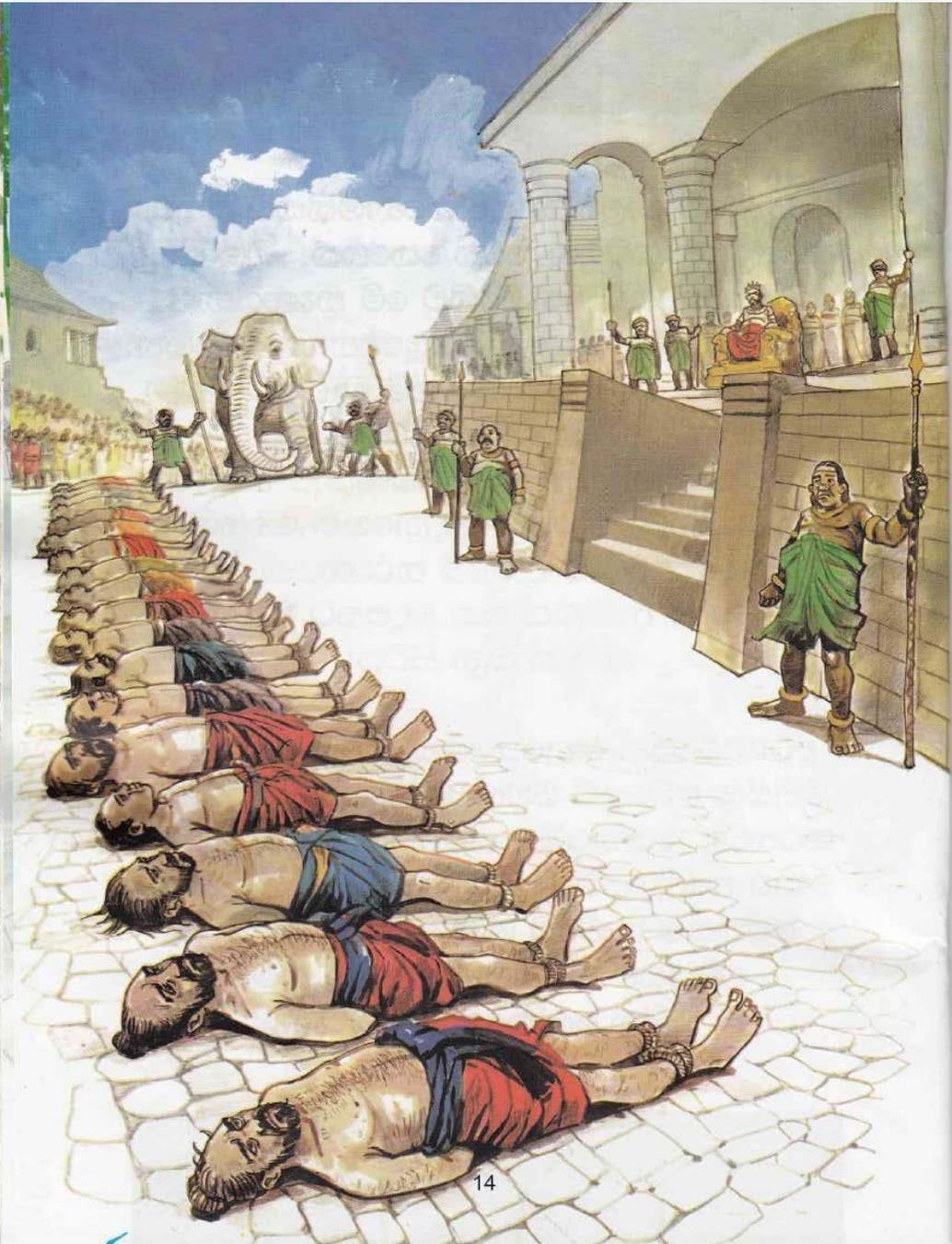
Magha was loved by all. Hence Magha and his friends developed the whole village.

The village headmen observed everything with anger.



The village headmen knew that the people in the village observed the precepts. No one in the village killed animals or sold any alcohol or they did not drink any alcohol.

Because of this the village headmen did not get his share of meat or alcohol or money from the sale of these items.

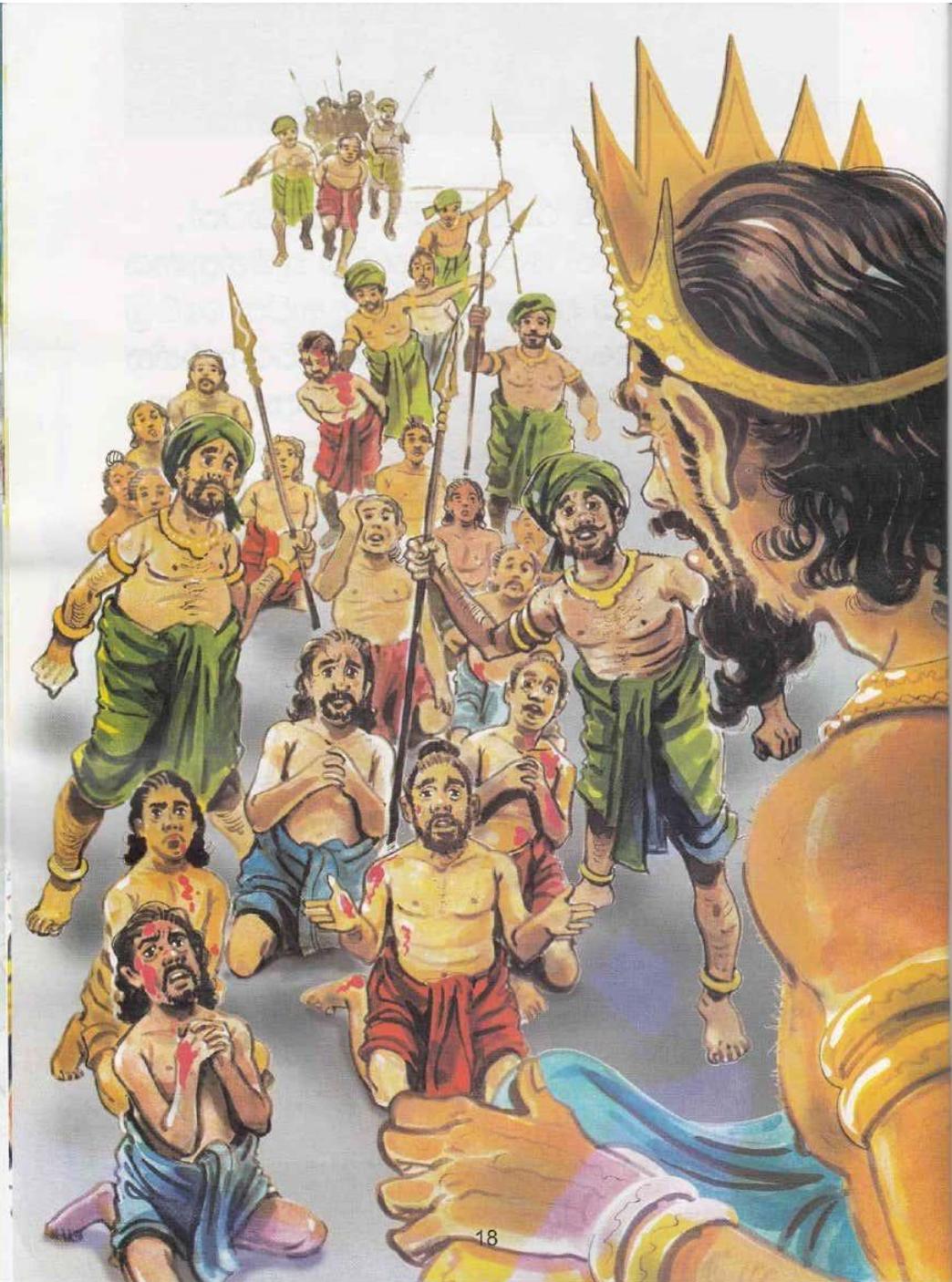


Therefore he went to the king and complained that a gang of Robbers were destroying his village. The King ordered that the robbers be killed by elephants.

Magha has taught his friends how to radiate and shower Metta or Lovingkindness on other beings. So they were able to radiate Metta on the elephants easily.

The first elephant that came to kill Magha and his friends came close and ran away. So did the other elephants.

The king was surprised. He ordered the officials to check whether the boys knew of any mantras or medicines that chase elephants away. They could not find anything.



The king then asked Magha and his friends the reason to be so calm. Magha said "Oh king we live by the precepts. We follow the precept to give up killing, give up stealing, to give up misconduct, to give up lying and to give up intoxicant or drugs that are harmful to us.

Magha said that together they developed the village, built ponds, parks and roads and cleaned the village.



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The King understood what they said and supported Magha and his friends with enough wealth to develop the village as they wished. The Village headmen's extra privileges were stopped.

Therein Magha was able to accomplish his good service to the mankind and complete his marvelous dream.

Magha was the Bodhisattva at that time.

The Buddha Preached that "The fragrance of "Sila" (Virtue) is stronger than the fragrance of flowers."

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