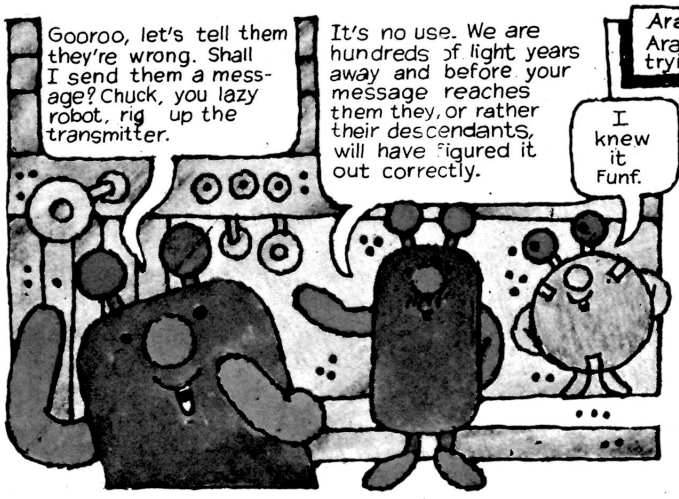
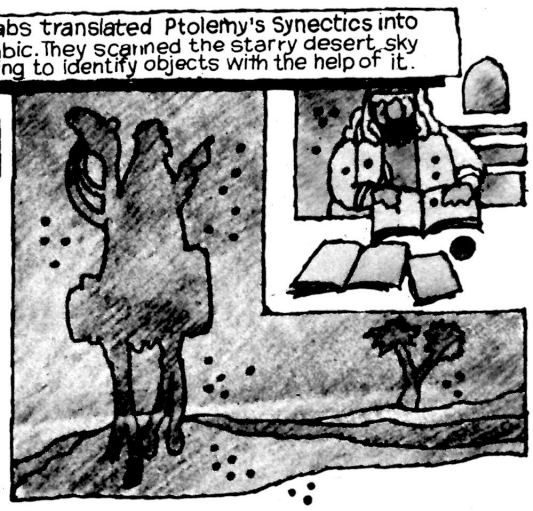
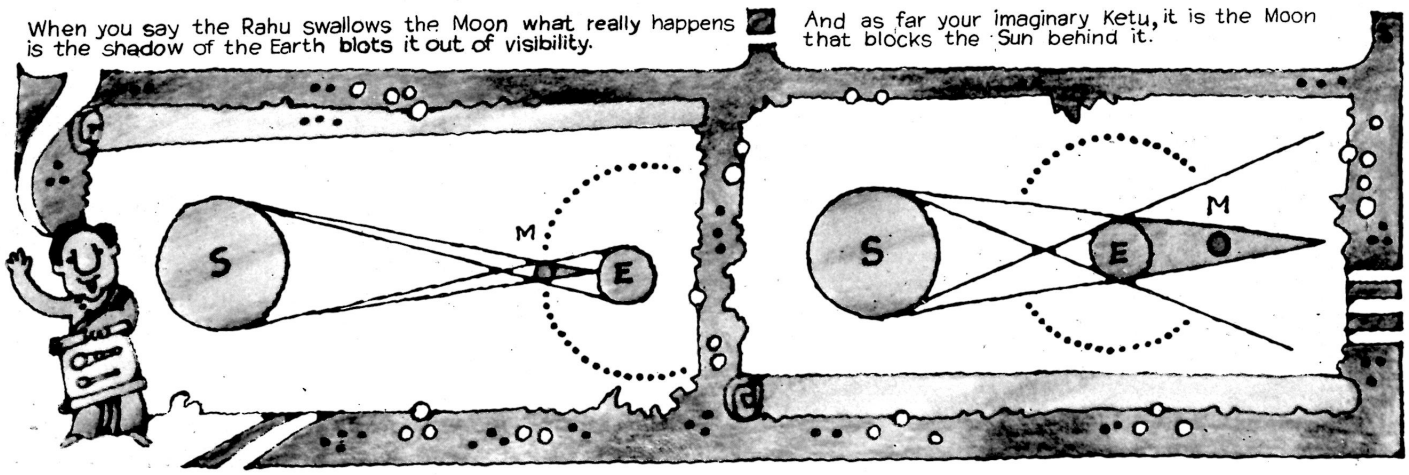
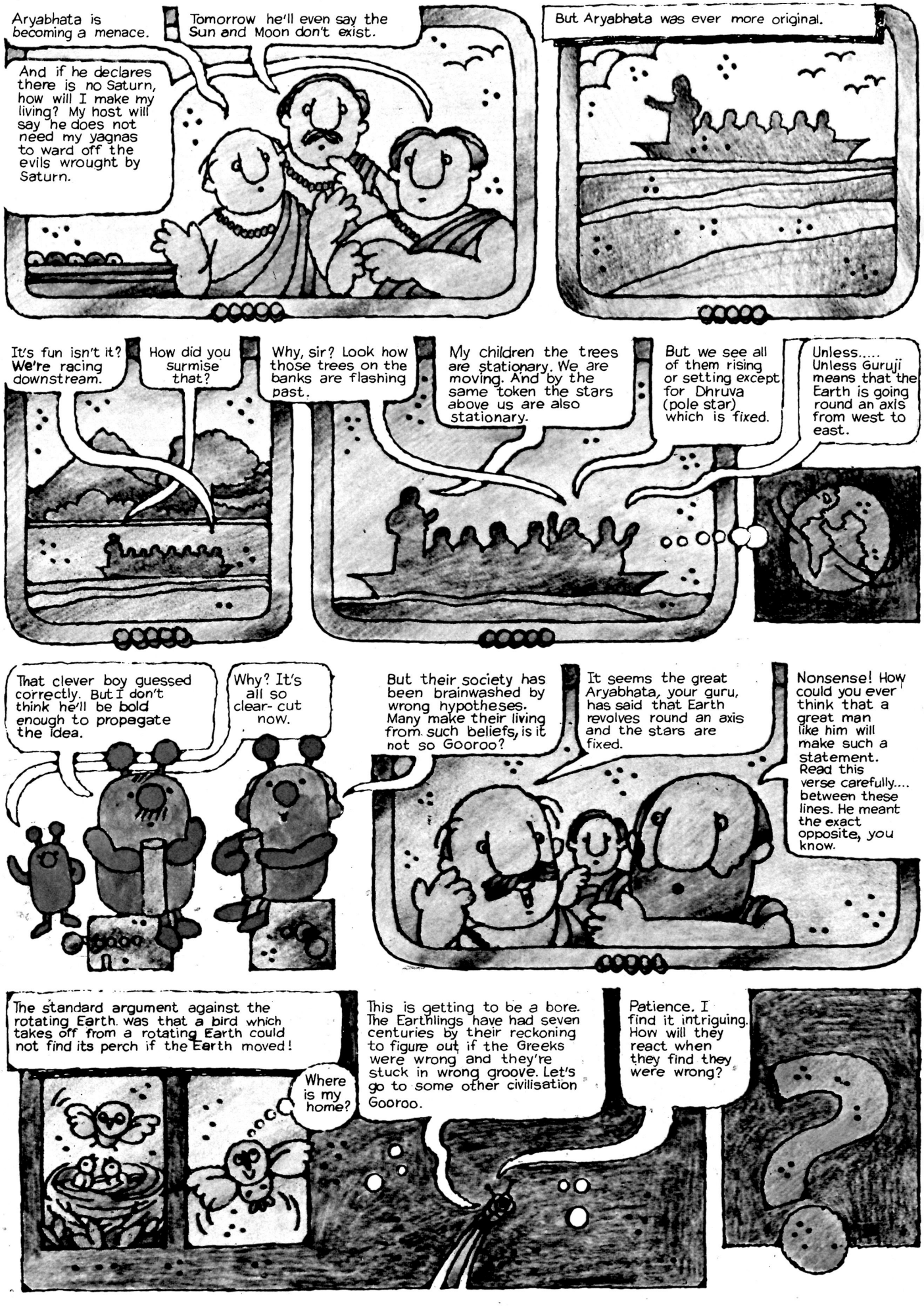
The faulty concepts of Greek astronomy did flourish and spread.

The tradition-bound Greeks built epicycle upon epicycle to match the observed irregularity of the planets' motions.








Aryabhata is becoming a menace.
Tomorrow he'll even say the Sun and Moon don't exist.
And if he declares there is no Saturn, how will I make my living? My host will say he does not need my yagnas to ward off the evils wrought by Saturn.
But Aryabhata was ever more original.
It's fun isn't it? We're racing downstream.
How did you surmise that?
Why, sir? Look how those trees on the banks are flashing past.
My children the trees are stationary. We are moving. And by the same token the stars above us are also stationary.
But we see all of them rising or setting except for Dhruva (pole star) which is fixed.
Unless..... Unless Guruji means that the Earth is going round an axis from west to east.
That clever boy guessed correctly. But I don't think he'll be bold enough to propegate the idea.
Why? It's all so clear-cut now.
But their society has been brainwashed by wrong hypotheses. Many make their living from such beliefs, is it not so Gooroo?
It seems the great Aryabhata, your guru, has said that Earth revolves round an axis and the stars are fixed.
Nonsense! How could you ever think that a great man like him will make such a statement. Read this verse carefully.... between these lines. He meant the exact opposite, you know.
The standard argument against the rotating Earth was that a bird which takes off from a rotating Earth could not find its perch if the Earth moved!
Where is my home?
This is getting to be a bore. The Earthlings have had seven centuries by their reckoning to figure out if the Greeks were wrong and they're stuck in wrong groove. Let's go to some other civilisation Gooroo.
Patience. I find it intriguing. How will they react when they find they were wrong?