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THE LAND OF SPICES



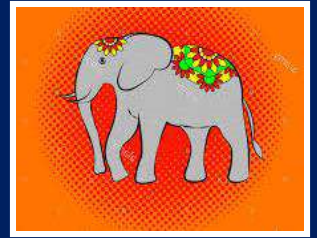
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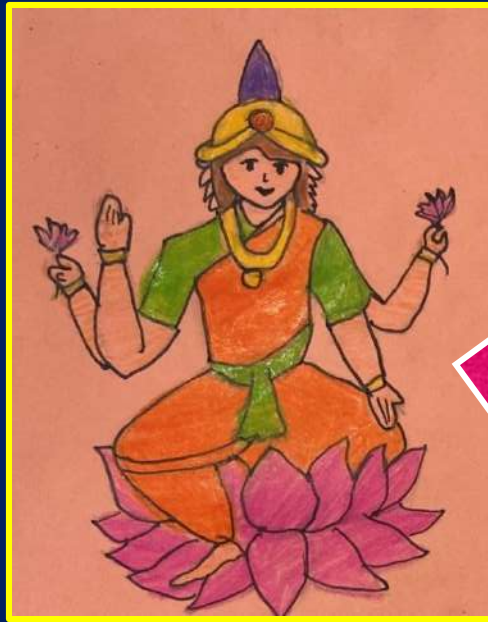
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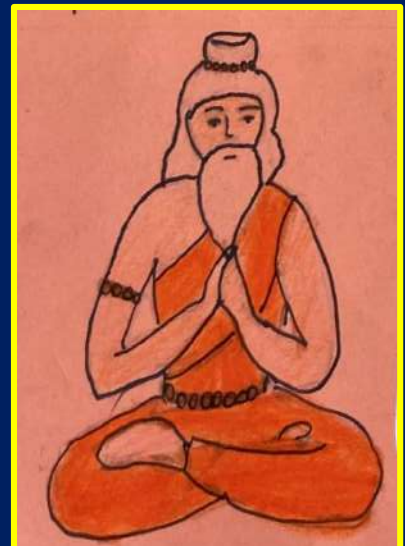
CHARACTERS  
OF THE STORY



GODDESS  
ANNA POORNA DEVI



KING VALABHAN KOTHARI



A SAGE FROM BRIGU LINEAGE

# THE LEGEND OF MAHA KALESHWARI

King Valabhan was known as the "great and famous Lord".

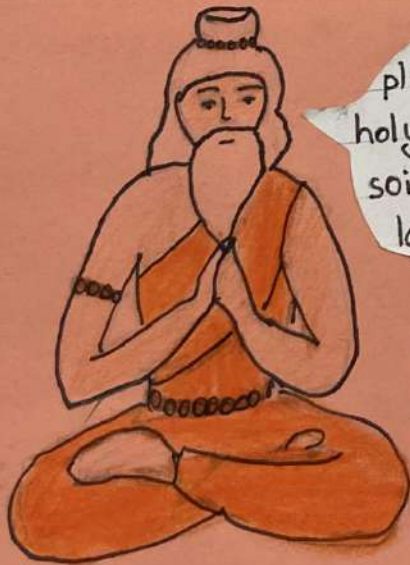


"I am black in colour".



This is what Goddess Annapoornadevi said to King Valabhan Kothari in his dream.

According to the legend, a sage from the Brighu lineage did prolonged penance at the shrine of Goddess Annapoornadevi of Kashi. The Goddess was pleased.



Oh Goddess, please put your holy feet on the soil of my land.

Of course, I will accompany you to your land, Malayalam if that is your wish.



Oh sage! I am very pleased. You may make a wish.

Thus the Goddess and her attendants travelled and reached the village of Cherukunnu on 'dwadashi' in the month of Makaram.



“May I make a temple for you, Oh, Goddess Annapoornadevi?”



As you wish, oh king. I cannot refuse such a kind and generous offer.

When the king heard of her arrival, he rushed to meet her. King Valabha asked her whether he could make a temple for her. The Goddess agreed. The king invited the best architects and goldsmith to cast the idol using ‘panchloha’ as told by the Goddess in his dream.

But the idol turned black in colour.

Oh, God,  
Why is the idol turning black inspite of adding gold?



Inspite of adding more gold, the idol turned black in colour.



"Oh king, don't you worry about my complexion because I am black in colour. I am Maha Kaleshwari, the black goddess. Go ahead and cast my idol in the black parichloha metal."

At night, when the king was sleeping, disappointed, he had a dream



The king got the idol recast again and consecrated it in the temple.



Since then, Goddess Annapurna Devi has stayed on at Cherukunnu and she came to be known as the black goddess or Maha Kaleshwari.

**I HAD A LOT OF FUN COMPILING THIS  
COMIC STRIP .**





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YOU