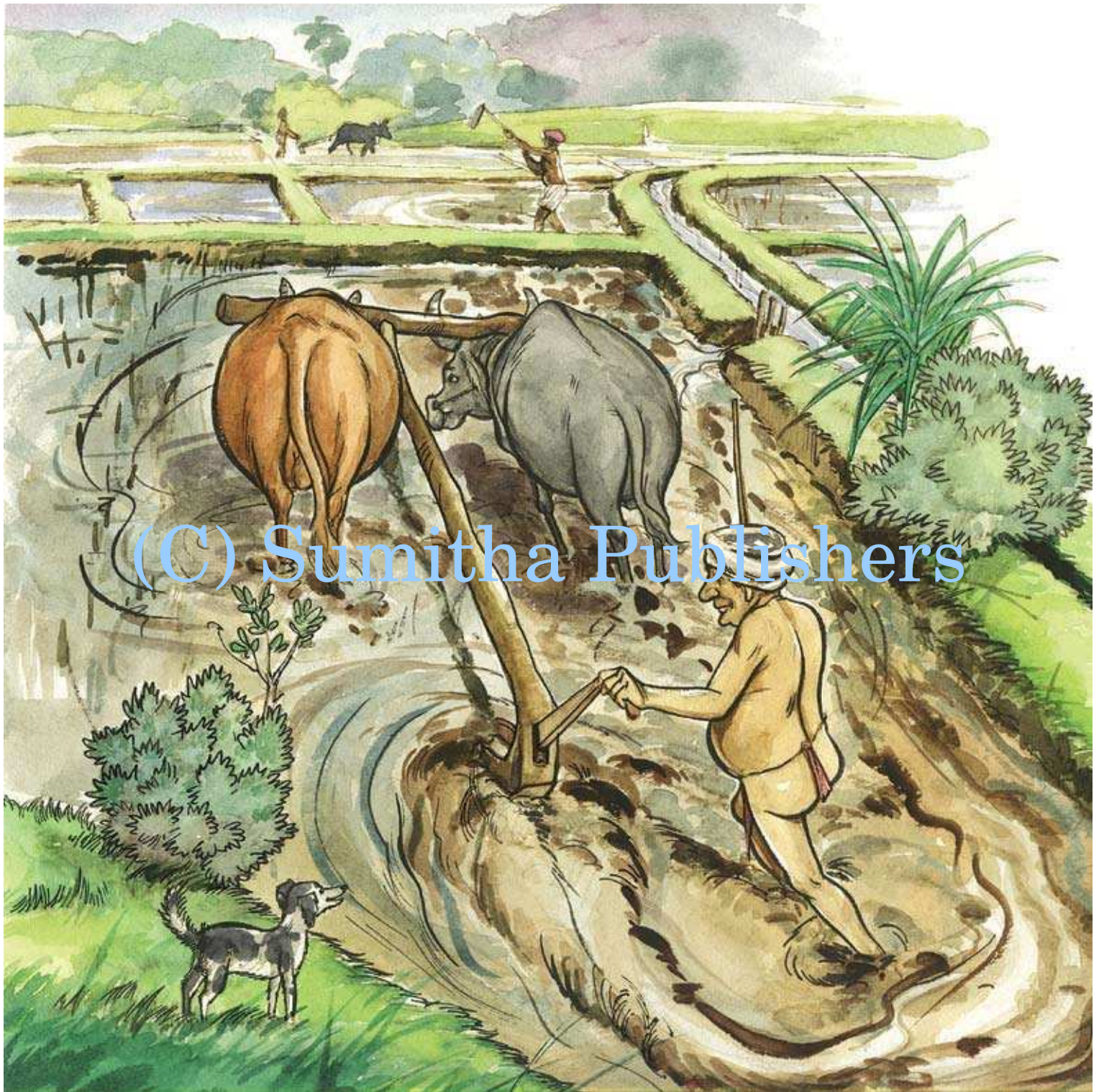


Maha Dænamutta
was the Great Wise Man
of the land.

His fame spread across the country.
People sought his advice
whenever there was a problem.

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One day a farmer came to see him
to get his advice on farming.

The special letter 'æ' is pronounced
like the letter 'a' as in the English word 'that'.



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In those days
almost everybody in the village
lived by cultivating rice paddy (vi).
Cultivating paddy
meant a lot of work.

First, they tilled the field (kuṃbura)
to make it muddy
by means of a plough (nagula)
tied to a pair of buffaloes.

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