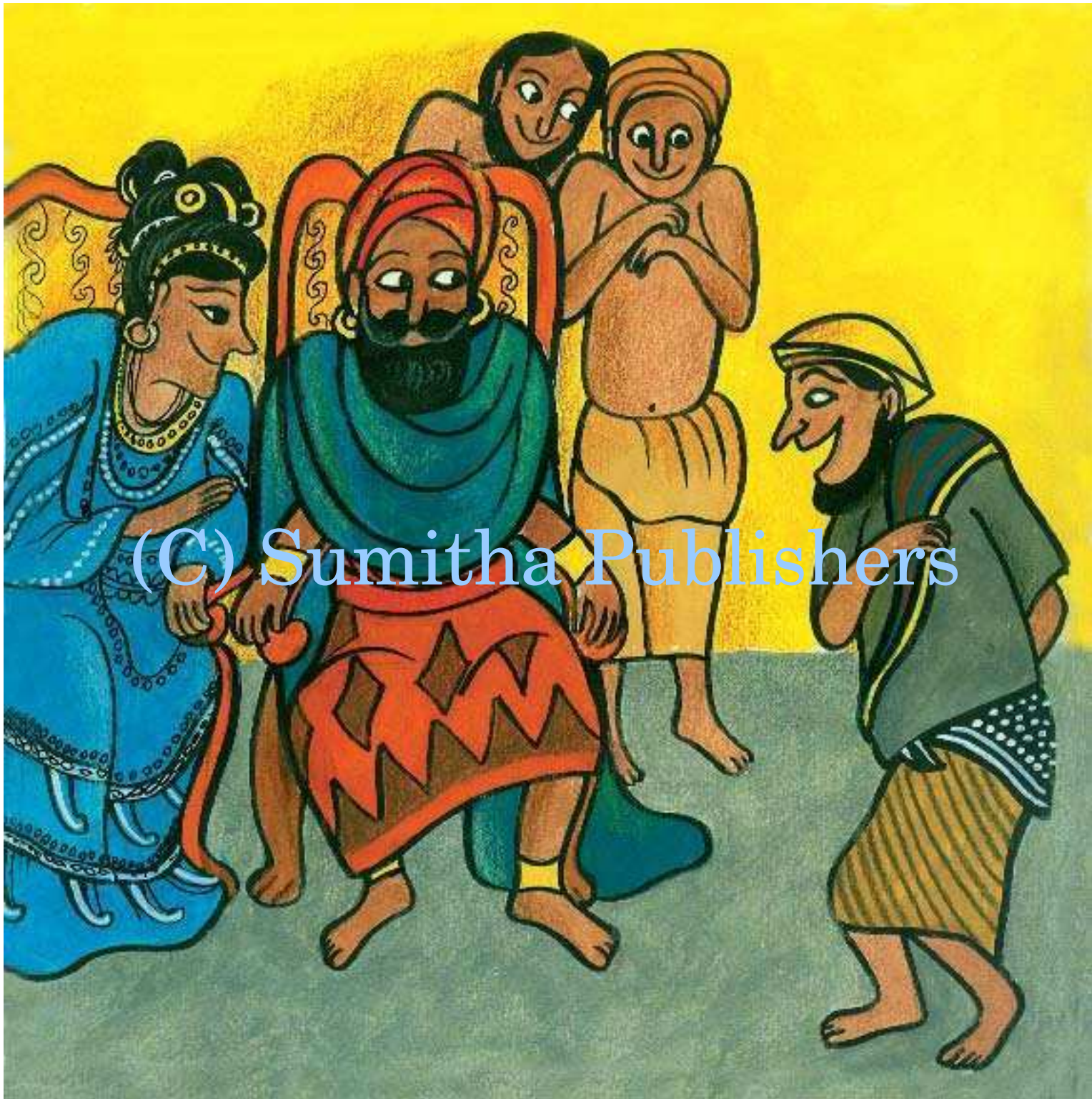


In the olden days,
the Sinhalese king
had a jester in his court.
He was called 'the Court Jester'

Once upon a time,
Andaré was the Court Jester
He made the king, the queen
and all their men and women
in the palace happy
by telling them funny stories
and playing tricks on them.

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The people in our land
produced paddy and other grains
but they had no sugar.
It was the custom in those days
to bring sugar from Mauritius,
where sugar-cane grew in plenty.

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Mauritius is another little island
in the Indian Ocean.
Sugar was brought from there
by small cargo boats.
It took many weeks for the boats
to cross the seas
to reach our land.

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