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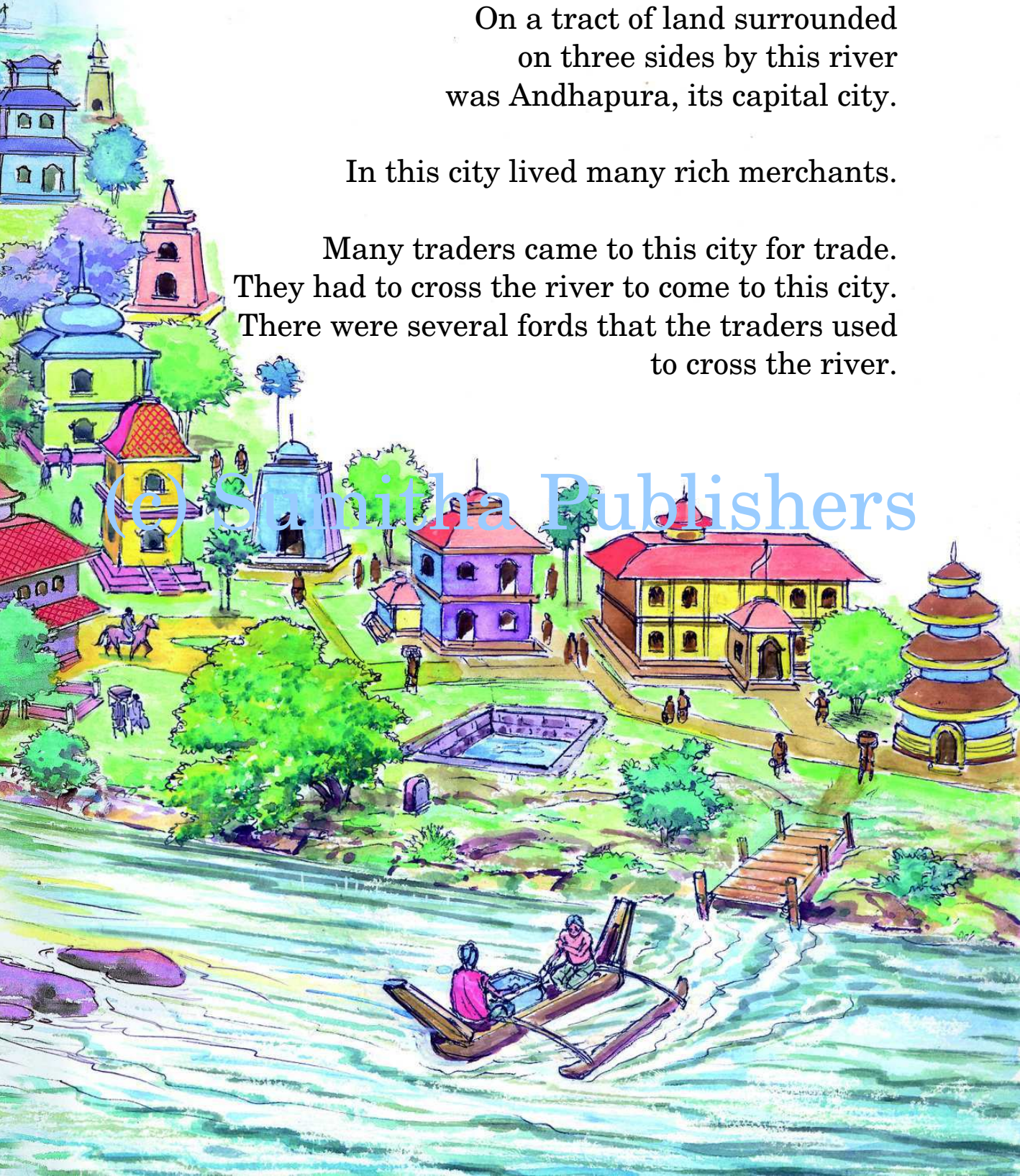
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The blue waters of the river Nilavahini meandered through the state of Seriva.

On a tract of land surrounded on three sides by this river was Andhapura, its capital city.

In this city lived many rich merchants.

Many traders came to this city for trade. They had to cross the river to come to this city. There were several fords that the traders used to cross the river.



Serivanija and Kachchaputa were two traders who often came to Andhapura.

Both of them sold fancy goods like bangles, necklaces and foot ornaments.

One day they met at a ford.

Serivanija spoke to Kachchaputa:

“You seem to be going to Andhapura today.”

“Yes” said Kachchaputa,

“I want to sell some of my ornaments”

“I am also going there” said Serivanija.

“But if we both go on the same way, we will not make any profit.

Let’s go in two different paths.

You’d better go to the South.

I’ll cover the North” suggested Kachchaputa.

“No, no” said Serivanija,

“I want to go to the North.

That’s where most of the rich merchants live”

“That’s fine.

I’ll go to the South”
agreed Kachchaputa.

