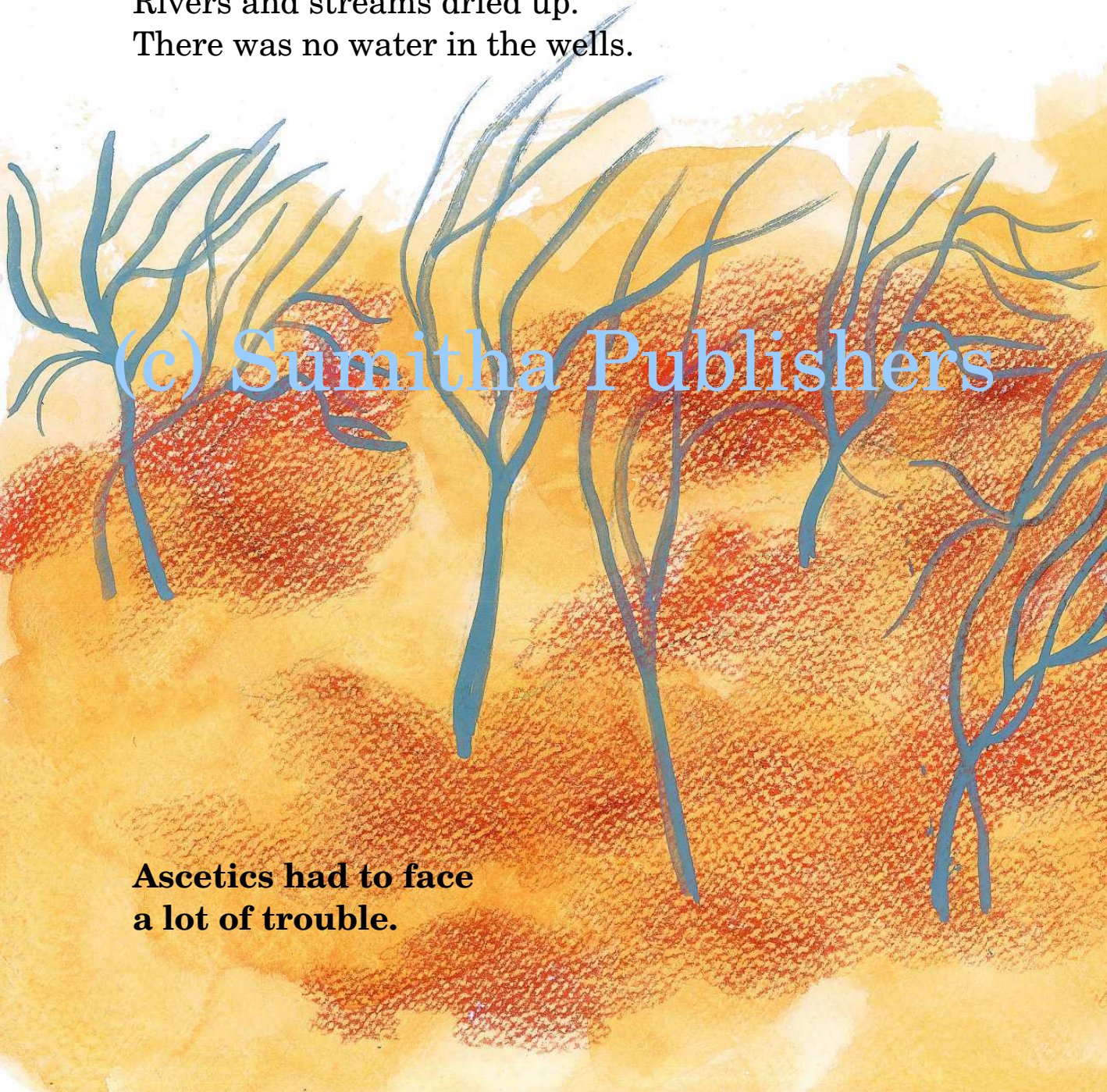


King Brahmadata was reigning in Benares.
At that time, there were five hundred ascetics
living at the foot of the Himalayan mountains.

Once a severe drought came to this area.
There was no rain for a long time.
Rivers and streams dried up.
There was no water in the wells.

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**Ascetics had to face
a lot of trouble.**





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Not only the ascetics
but even animals had to face a lot of hardship
due to the lack of water.
Animals went about here and there
looking for water.

One ascetic saw how animals
were walking about looking for water.
He felt great pity for the animals.

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