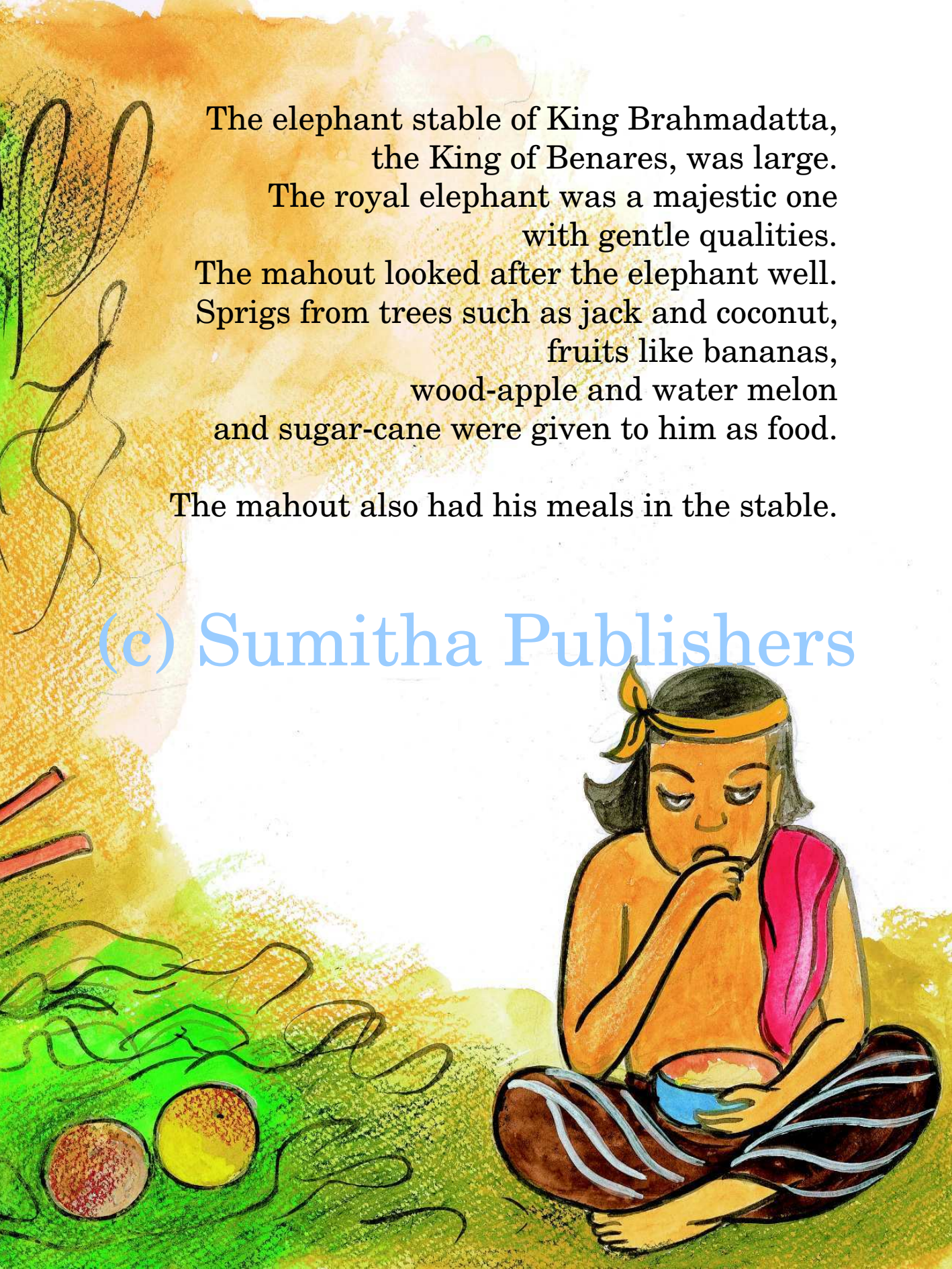


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The elephant stable of King Brahmadata,
the King of Benares, was large.
The royal elephant was a majestic one
with gentle qualities.
The mahout looked after the elephant well.
Sprigs from trees such as jack and coconut,
fruits like bananas,
wood-apple and water melon
and sugar-cane were given to him as food.

The mahout also had his meals in the stable.

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One day, a dog came to the stable.
The mahout gave him some morsels of rice.
There were some bananas fallen on the ground.
The dog ate them too.
He found that the stable was a place
where there was plenty of food.
He came the next day too.

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After a few days
the elephant and the dog
began to play
with each other.
The elephant took the dog on his trunk
and swang him to and fro.
The dog slept near the elephant.

Before long, they became the best of friends.