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Carrying Tales

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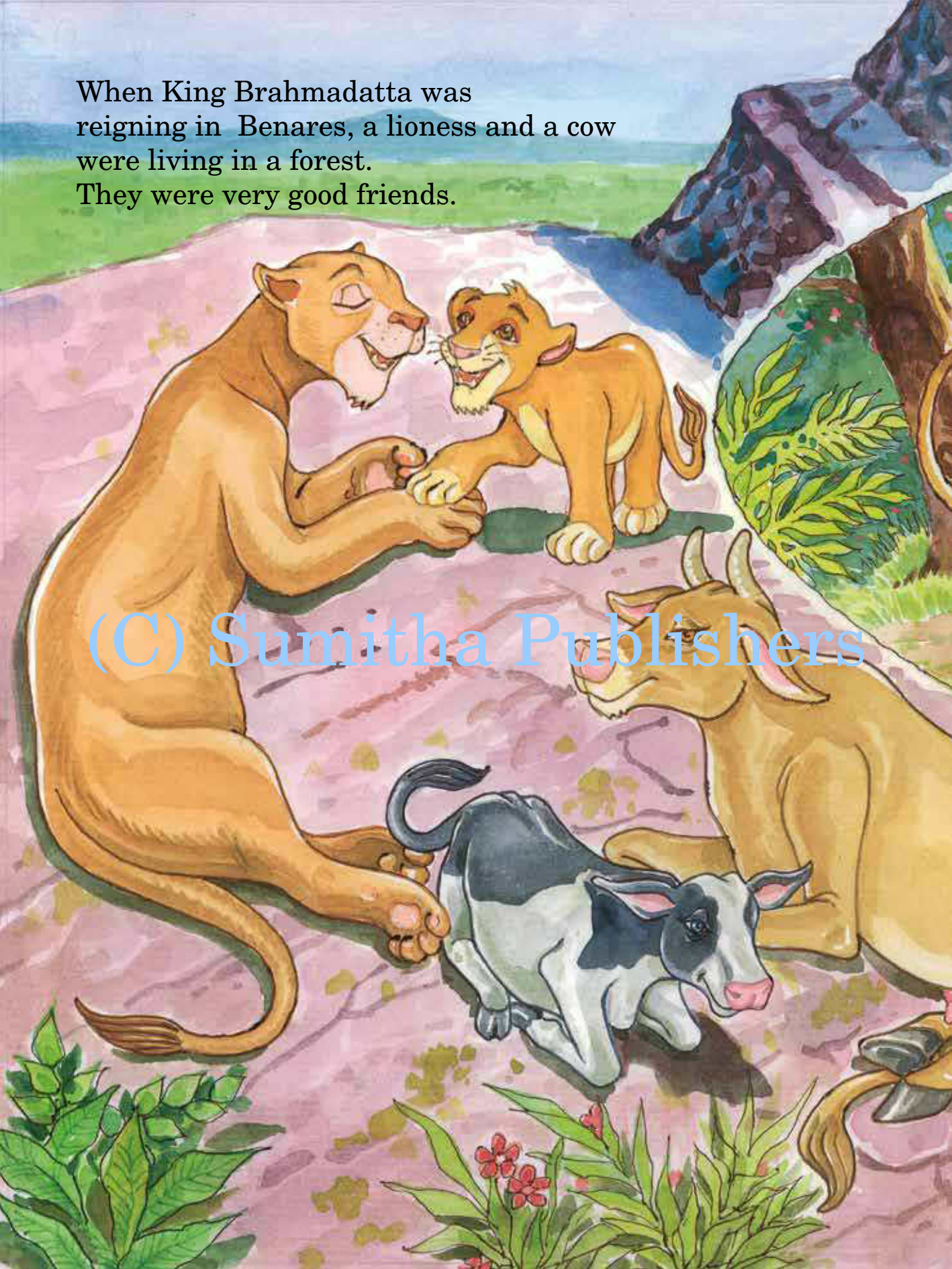


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When King Brahmadata was reigning in Benares, a lioness and a cow were living in a forest. They were very good friends.

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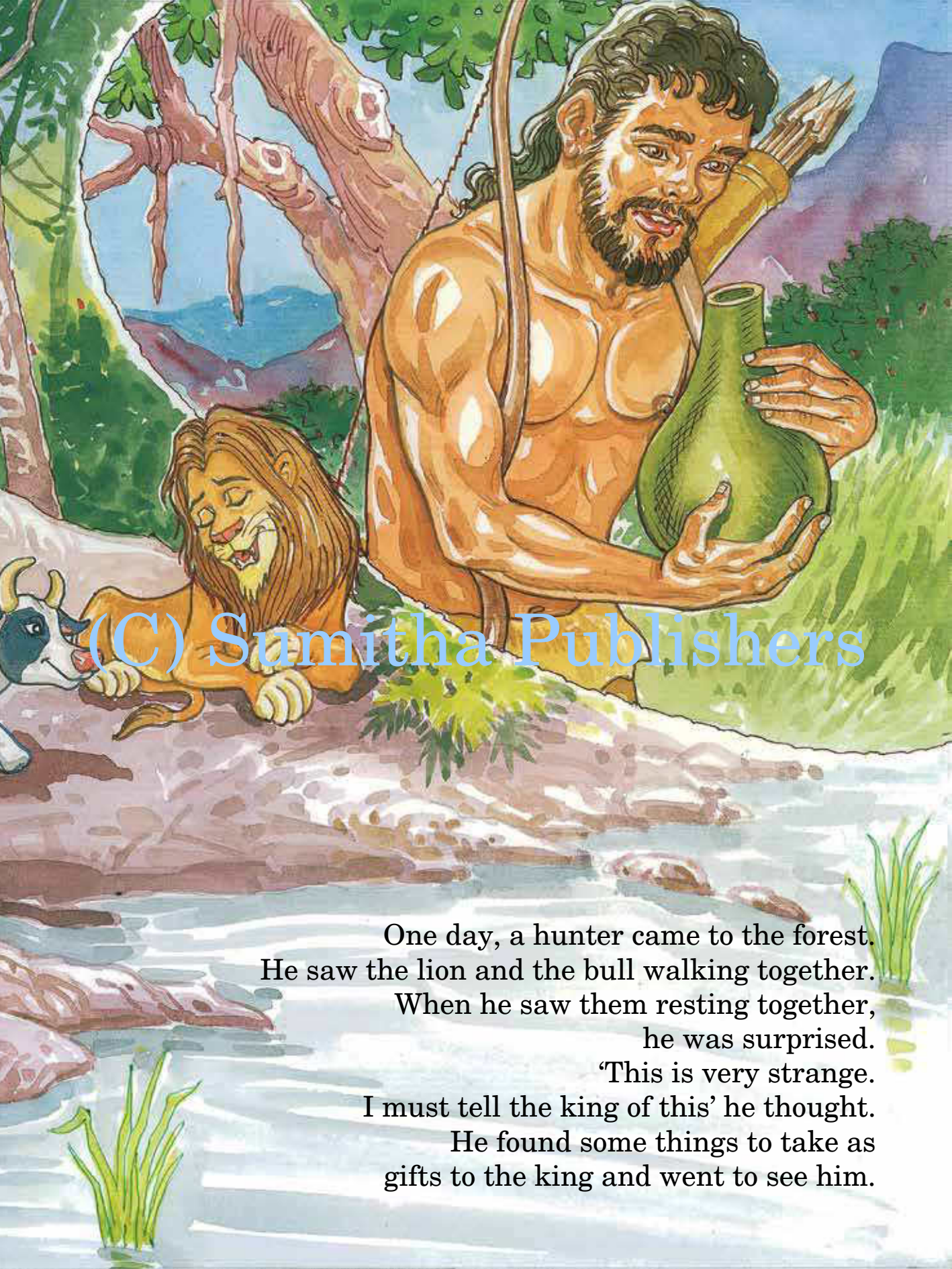




The lioness had a lion cub
and the cow had a calf.
As their mothers were very good friends,
the cub and the calf always played together.
They grew up as good friends.
The calf was now a young bull
and the cub was a lion.
When the bull ate grass in a meadow,
the lion found a prey for his meal.
Then they would rest together.
They would walk together in the forest.



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One day, a hunter came to the forest.
He saw the lion and the bull walking together.

When he saw them resting together,
he was surprised.

‘This is very strange.
I must tell the king of this’ he thought.

He found some things to take as
gifts to the king and went to see him.