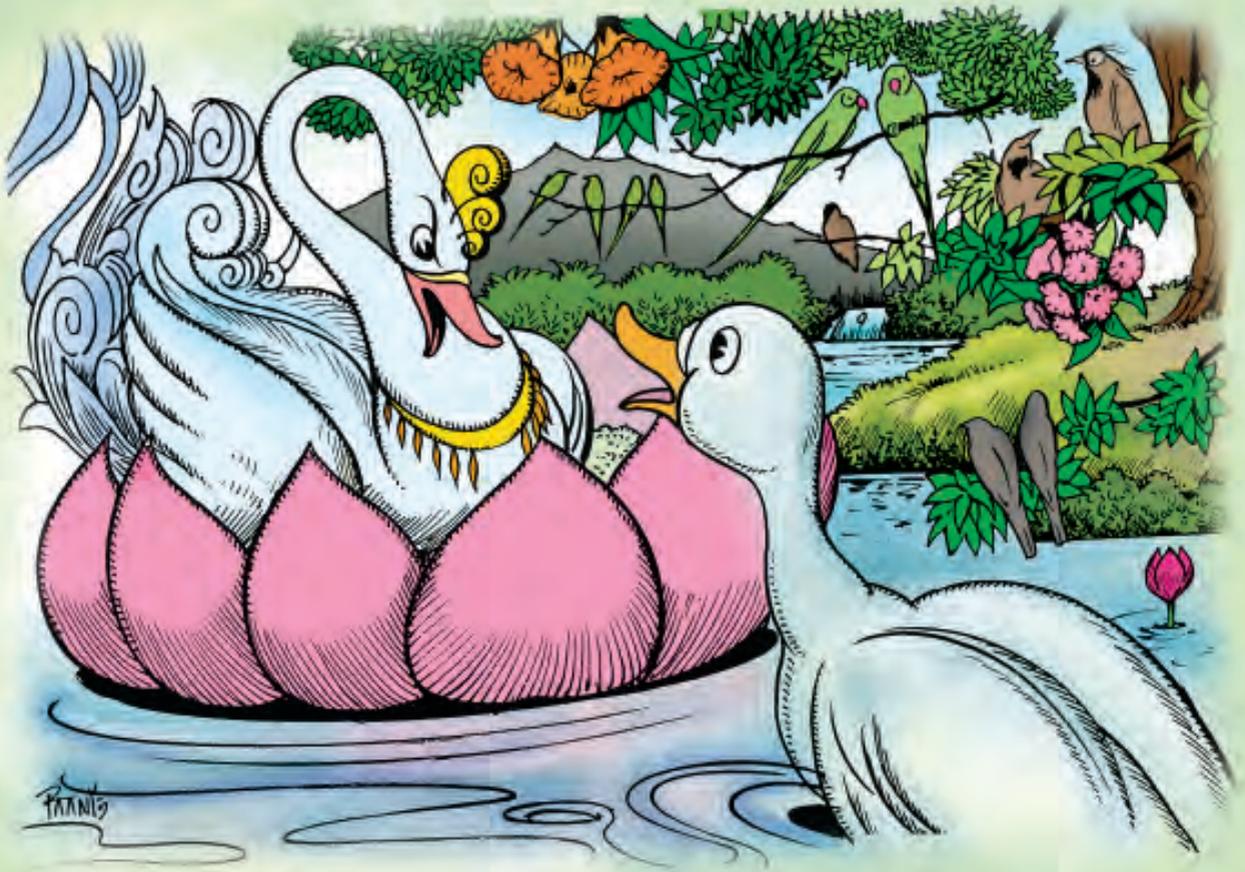


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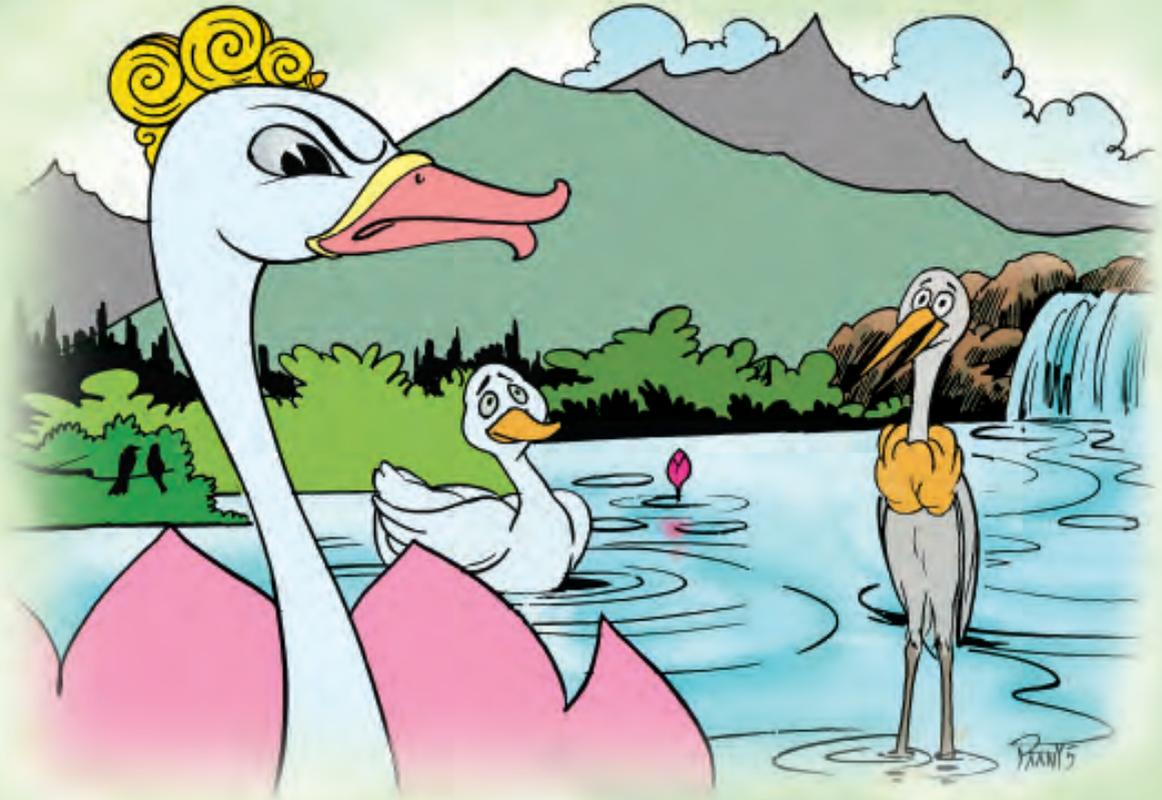
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THE COURT OF HIRANYAGARBHA

There were living so many birds in a lake. All of them chose Hiranyagarbha, a swan as their king. Hiranyagarbha was very strong and intelligent. It was taking care of all the birds. The birds too were very loyal to the Swan. They were all living under the able leadership of the Swan.

The Swan got a unique feature. It could separate water from milk and drink milk only. It used to take rest on Lotus flowers. One day when it was in the court almost all the birds gathered around it. There was a discussion on fish and rains. Then suddenly a duck entered the court, greeted the king and asked, "O great king Hiranyagarbha! Deergamukha, who went abroad on tour returned.

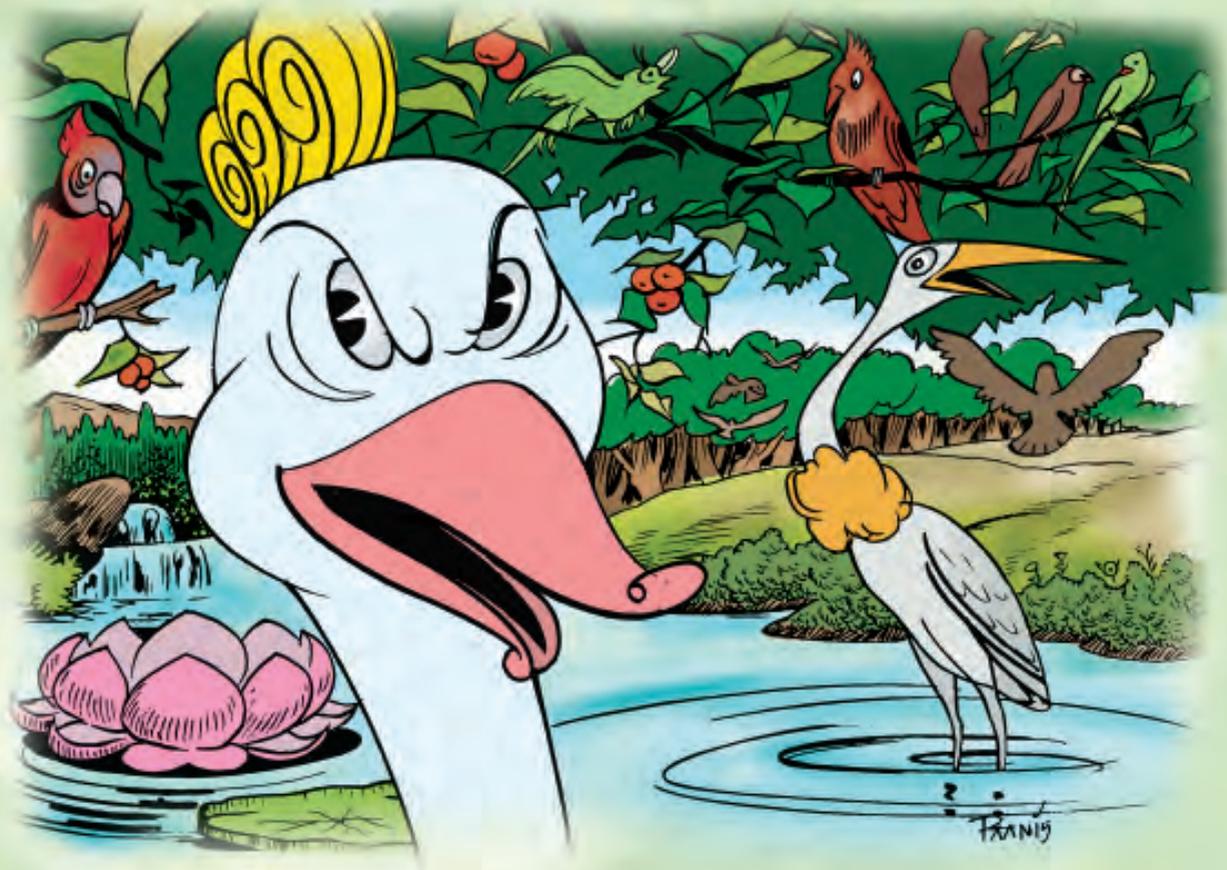


Shall I send him to the court?” The King asked to send him immediately.

Deergamukha was a crane. It was an important one in Karpuradweepa of Simharajya. Hiranyagarbha himself sent Deergamukha abroad to know the wonders and knowledge in the other parts of the world a few months ago. The king was eager to see Deergamukha. Even the others in the court were also curious to see Deergamukha and know the wonders.

Deergamukha entered the court. He bowed and greeted the king. He gave numerous gifts to him. Every one in the court appreciated Deergamukha. Then the king asked him, “O great pundit Deergamukha! What are the courtiers you have visited? What are the wonders you have? We are very much interested in knowing them. Narrate them to us”.

Then Deergamukha moved his head a little bit and observed the



people in the court and began to tell, “Respected king! My dear friends! I have visited countries like Anga, Vanga, Kalinga, Kambhoja, Utkala, Kashmira and the mountains like Malaya, Vindhya, Hima and others. I have seen even the river Ganga and gone to sacred places like Kasi, Gaya, Prayaga, Kurukhestra, Madhura and Dwaraka. I have seen many places and gathered a lot of knowledge. I have explained to them about the greatness of our king and our country. Everyone appreciated us”. After narrating it, Deergamukha stopped and looked around in all sadness. Everybody was anxious to know what Deerga mukha was going to tell.

Then the king said, “Why did you stop? What happened to you? Don’t hesitate, tell what you wanted to”. Then Deergamukha controlled his sorrow, wiped out his tears and said, "My dear king! everybody respected you everywhere, except in the kingdom of

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