

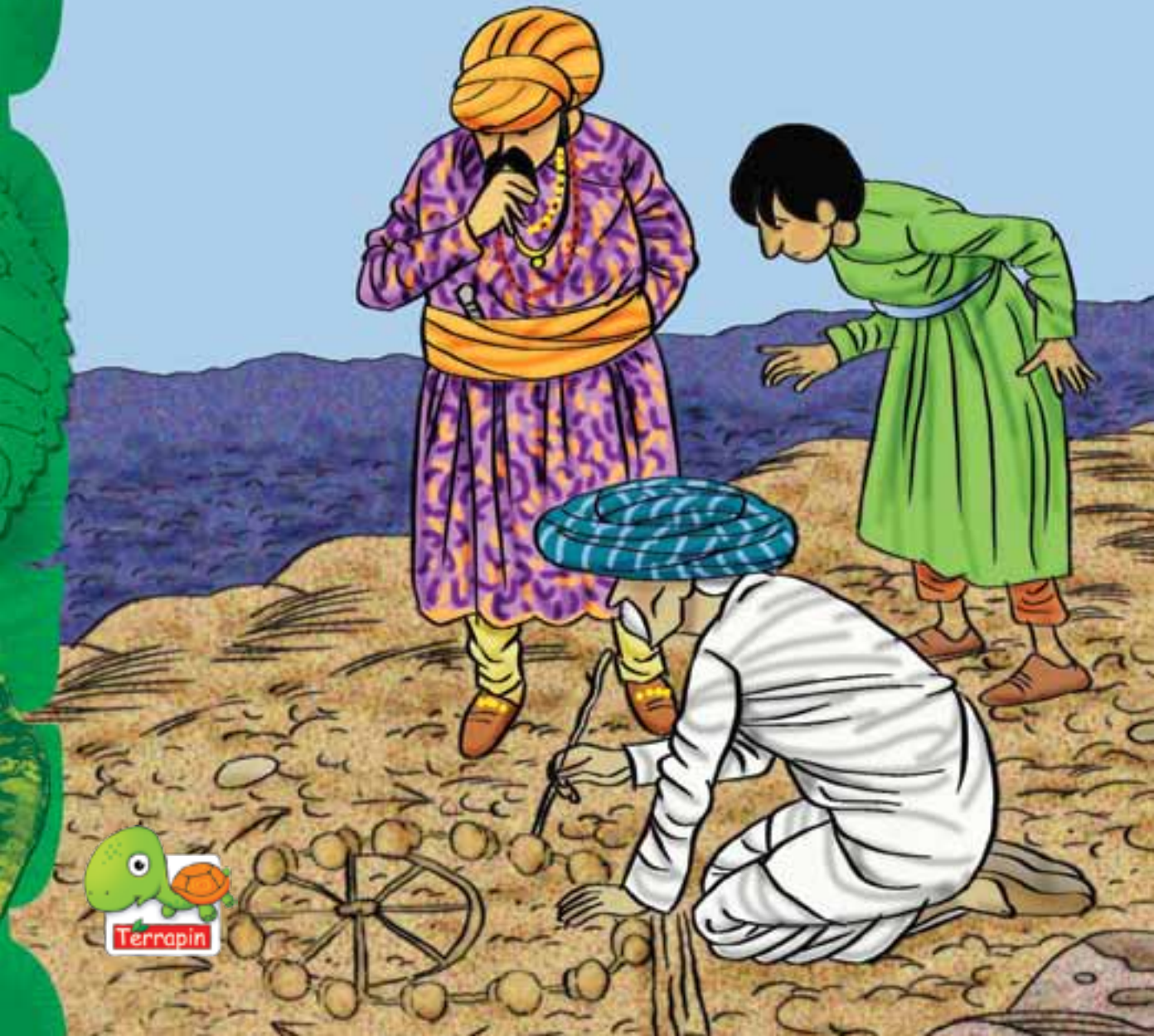
CARING FOR NATURE

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Today, as a nation, India has reached a stage of prosperity, which perhaps exceeds our aspirations set just a few decades ago. However, this “progress” has come at a price – in terms of destruction of our natural resources and other serious problems resulting from global climate change – melting glaciers, heat waves, floods, droughts, and so on.

All this provides a valid reason for us to re-examine our present. An effective way to do that is to learn from our past. Flipping through the pages of our rich history, it doesn't take us long to come across individuals who had realized the importance of caring for nature. From sowing the seeds of a minimal-waste lifestyle and growing gardens of medicinal herbs to spreading the message of protecting biodiversity through poems and plays, people from various walks of life, at different times in the past, have left behind important lessons about conserving our environment.

The world is now in the hands of the next generation. It is up to them to bring about a change in the general outlook towards the environment. The first step towards that goal is to make them understand the importance of nature and nurturing it.

Caring for Nature is aimed at providing readers with precious knowledge and wisdom from the pages of our history. I hope that those who read these books will not only enjoy them, but also feel inspired by the historical figures mentioned herein to take care of the environment today so that we can have a beautiful, clean and peaceful tomorrow.



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