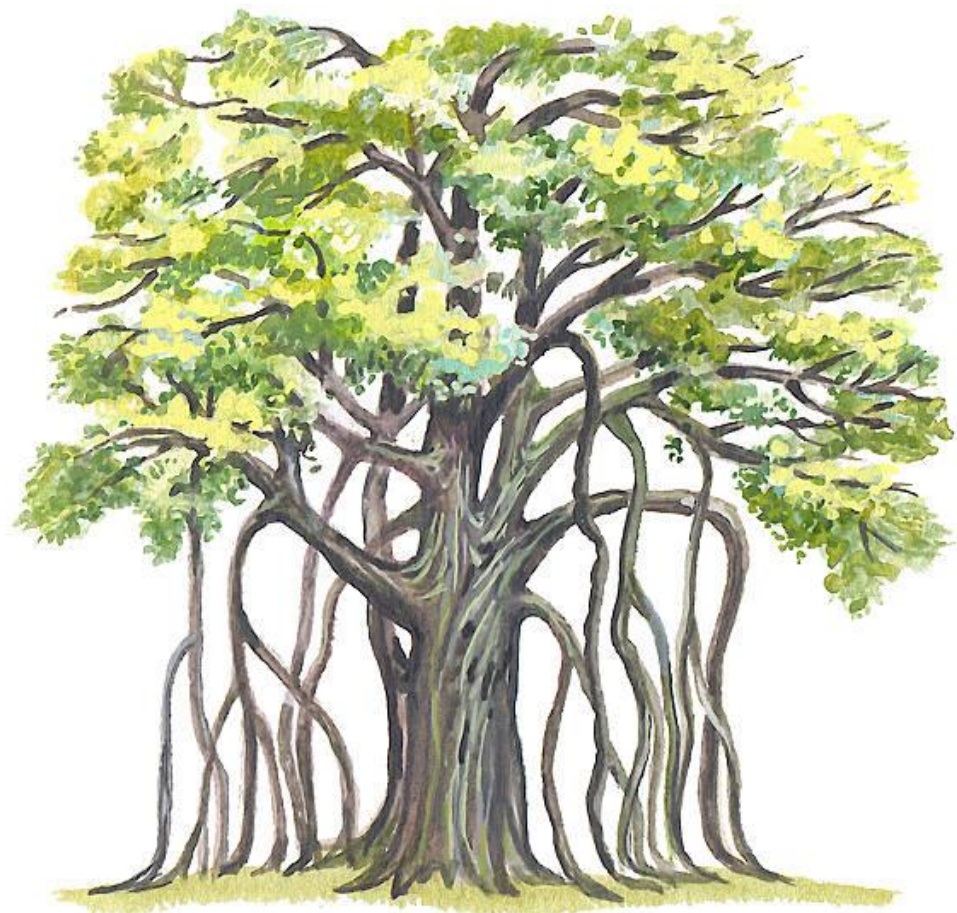




The Banyan Tree

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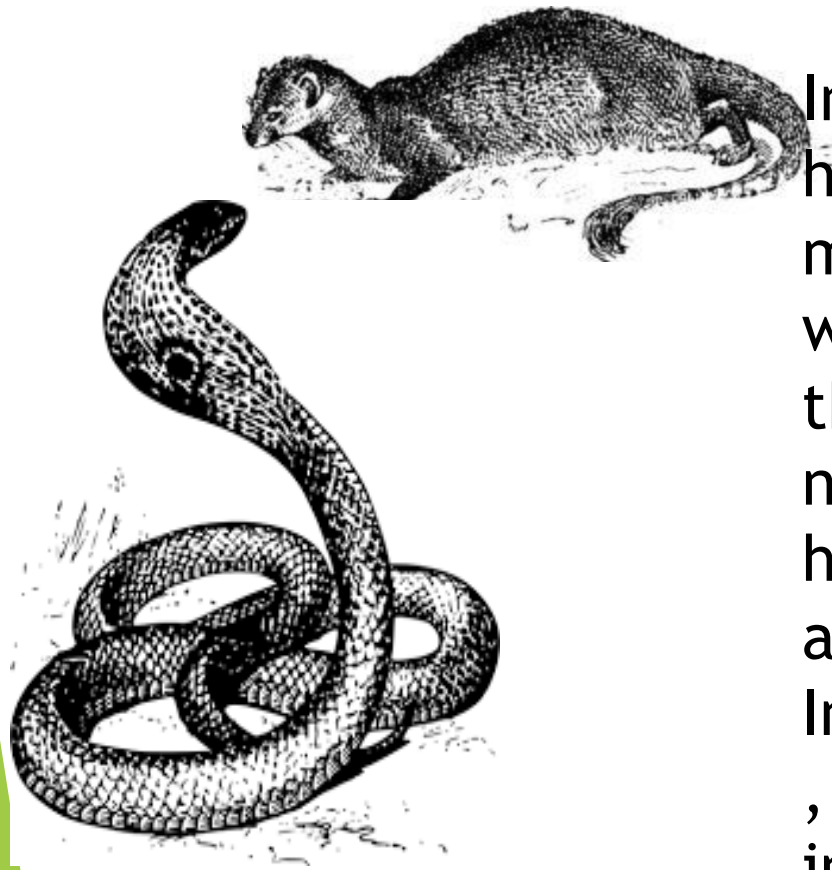
- magnificent : extremely beautiful, elaborate, or impressive
- sniffing : the action of drawing in air audibly through the nose
- invasion : an unwelcome intrusion into another's domain
- morsels : a small piece or amount of food
- headstrong : energetically willful and determined
- squabble : quarrel noisily over a trivial matters
- aggressive : ready or likely to attack or confront
- swiftly : fast
- defensive : intended to defend or protect
- collide : hit by accident when moving.
- Writhe : make twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body



About the Author

Ruskin Bond is a famous Indian author of British descent. He started writing at a young age of 17 years with his first novel being, 'A Room on The Roof'. Most of his books revolve around the theme of nature and animals. He has been honoured with several awards in the field of Literature.

In this story, the Banyan Tree the author talks about how he enjoyed his days amongst the beauty and bounties of nature and learning from it at the same time. His love for nature is clear in his vivid descriptions.



In this story, he tells us how the snake and the mongoose fight each other with mongoose emerging as the clear winner. He, the narrator, sits on the fork of his beloved banyan tree and enjoys the fight.

In between, the spectators, a mynah and a crow jump in as if to become a part of the fight. However, the crow dies and the mynah learns a lesson not to interfere in between.

