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Dedicated to

My dear Mother, Father, Brother

And The

Teachers that Discovered My Talents.

Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future. The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavor. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these-books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, for me students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

I'd also like to thank Mr. Senevirathne Mahalekam for his tremendous support and assistance in initiating this project

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Principal Mahamaya Girls College - Kandy

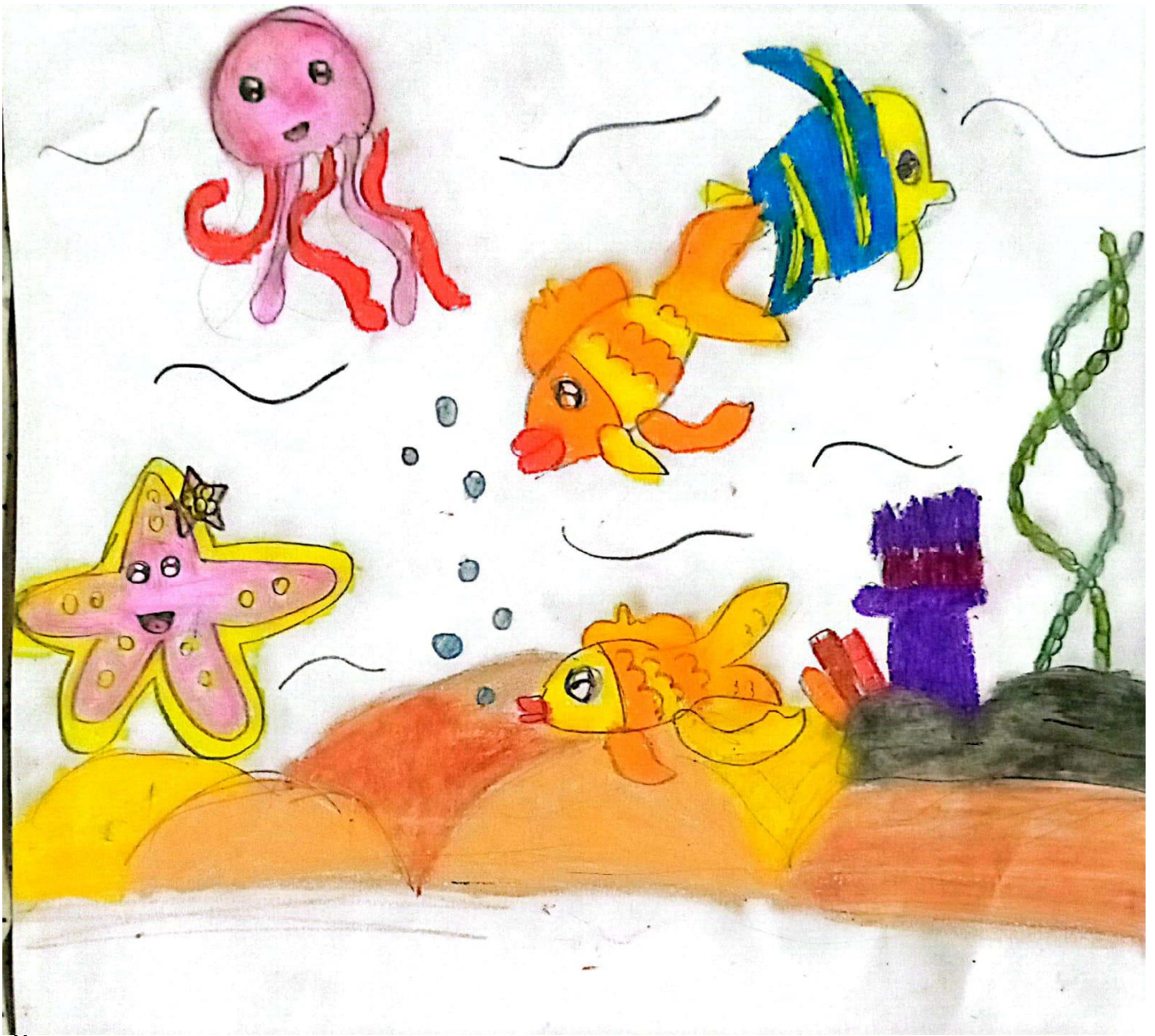
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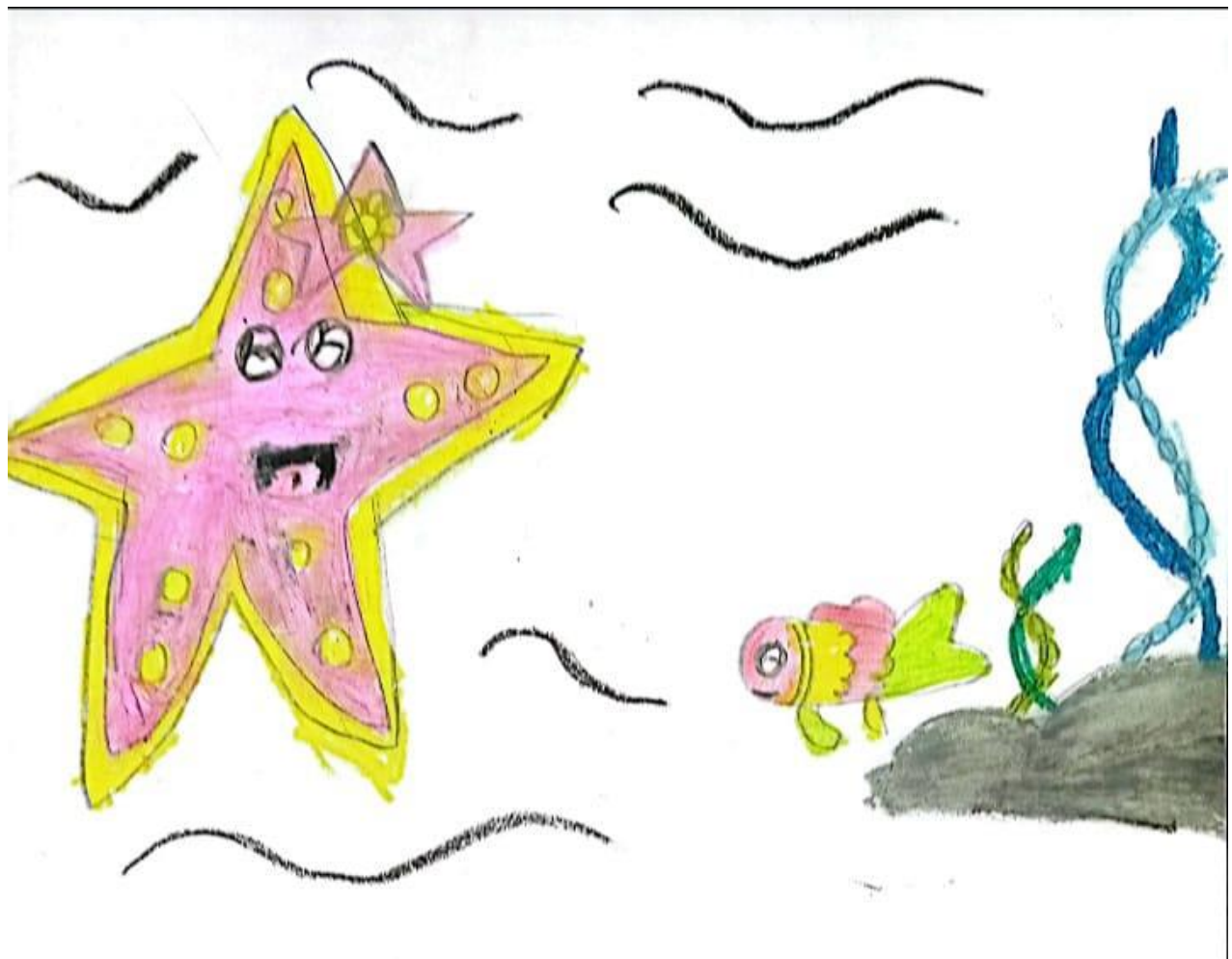
Once upon a time there was a huge starfish family. One little starfish is in this adventurous story and the little starfish's name is Katie.



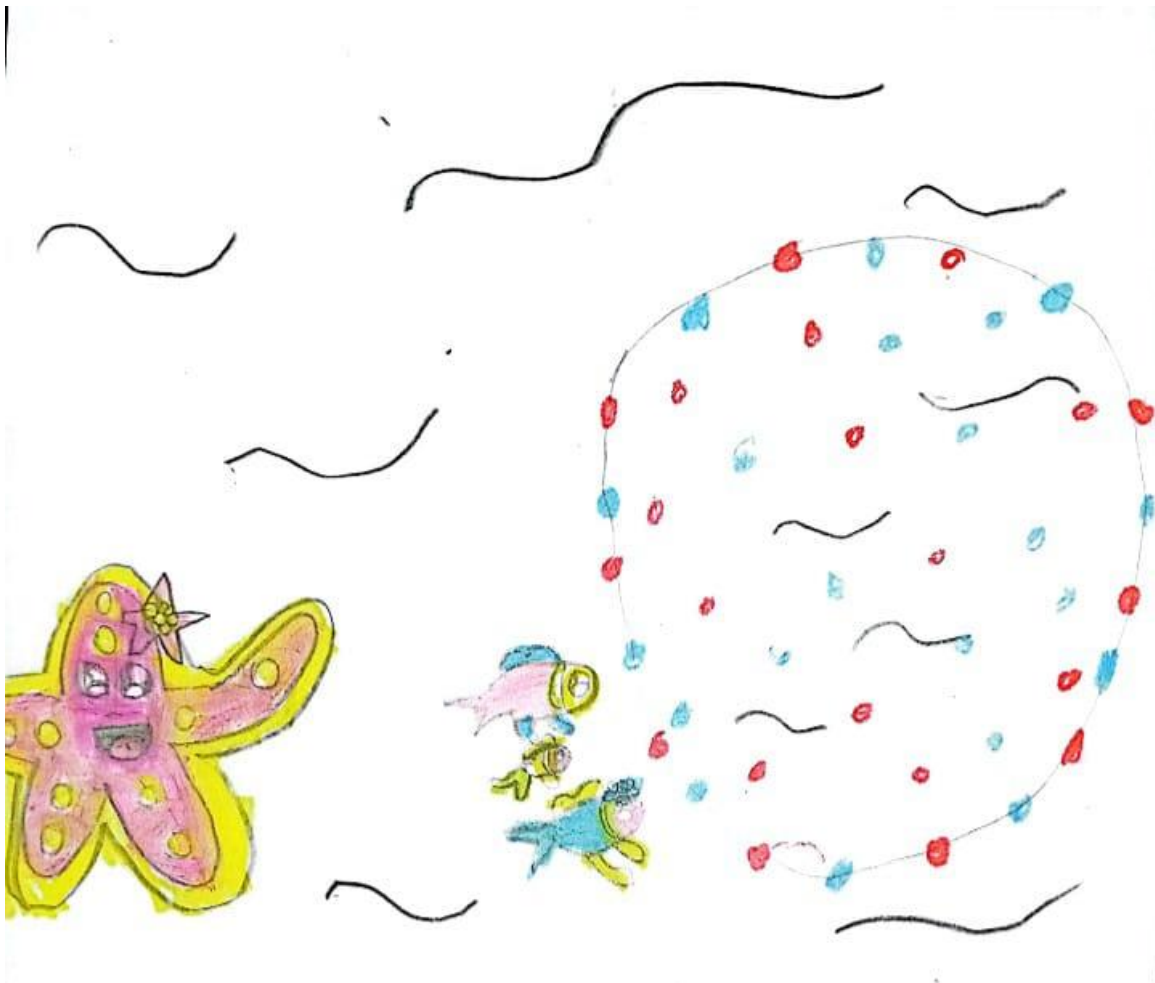
Katie always wanted to go on adventures. So one day Katie secretly left her home alone. Katie swam and swam and swam.



But when she saw a tiny frightened fish she decided to stop. Katie saw the tiny fish hiding behind a sea anemone. “Don’t be scared, I’m just a little starfish” said Katie. “I was separated from my family, could you help me to find my family?” asked the tiny fish. “Of course I will help you find your family” said Katie.



So the two of them started swimming to find the fish's family. It was not that far but when Katie saw a huge ball she was really afraid. "don't be scared that's just my family, thank you for helping me" said the tiny fish. "you welcome my name is Katie. what's your name?" asked Katie. "My name is Ryan bye Katie" said the tiny fish. "bye Ryan" said Katie.



Then Katie started to swim more and more.

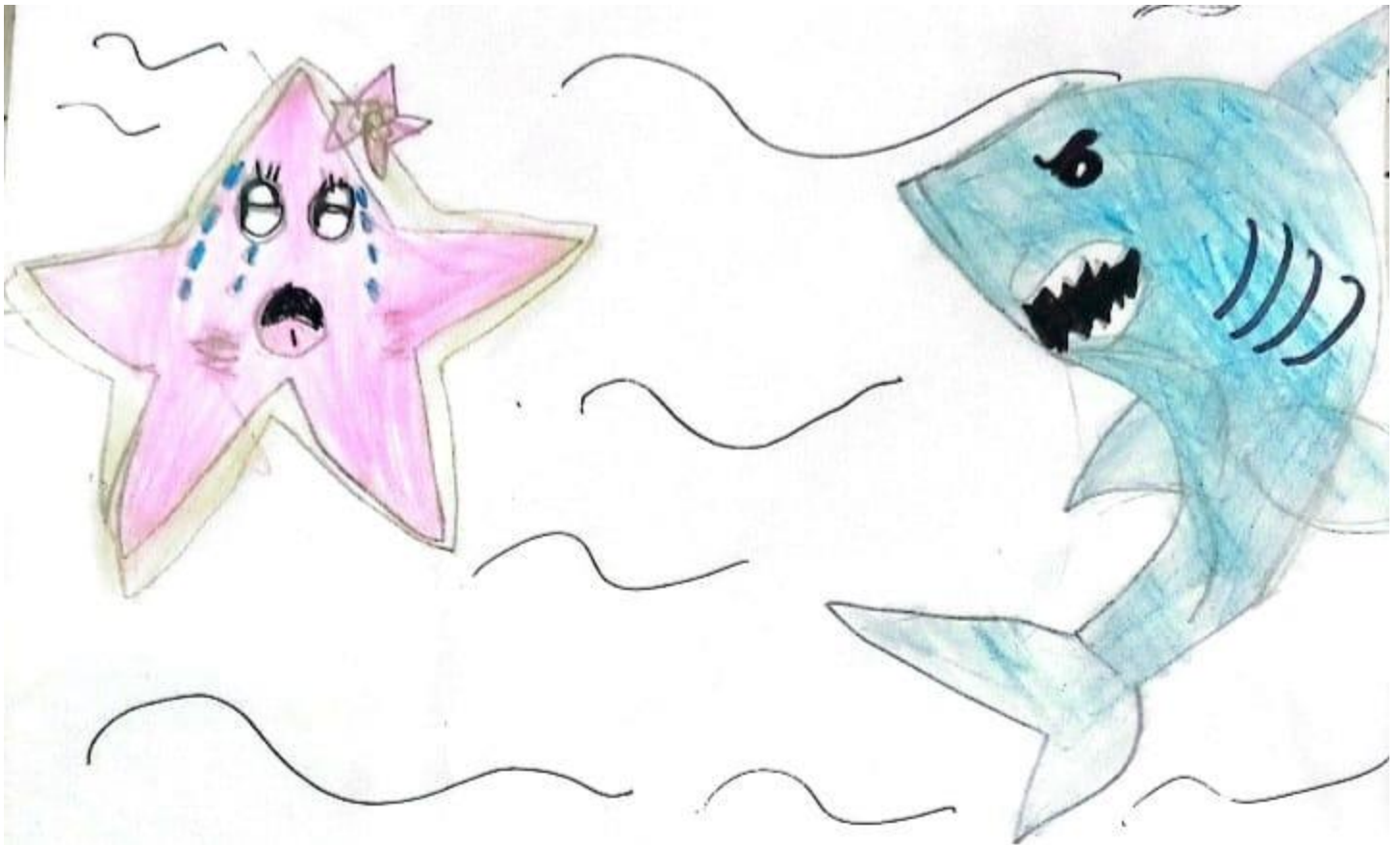
But when she found a red seahorse she decided to stop. The red seahorse asked Katie “Where are you going ?”

Katie said “I’m going for an adventure. By the way my name is Katie.” “Oh, Hi Katie I’m Mazy” Said the red seahorse. “Katie don’t forget if you swim more deeper it is dangerous” said Mazy. “Alright” said Katie.



After that when Katie thought about it she got little scared but she continued swimming. When Katie swam deeper she saw a big black shadow passing by. She got a little tingle in her body.

“WHOOSH” swam a terrifying big shark.



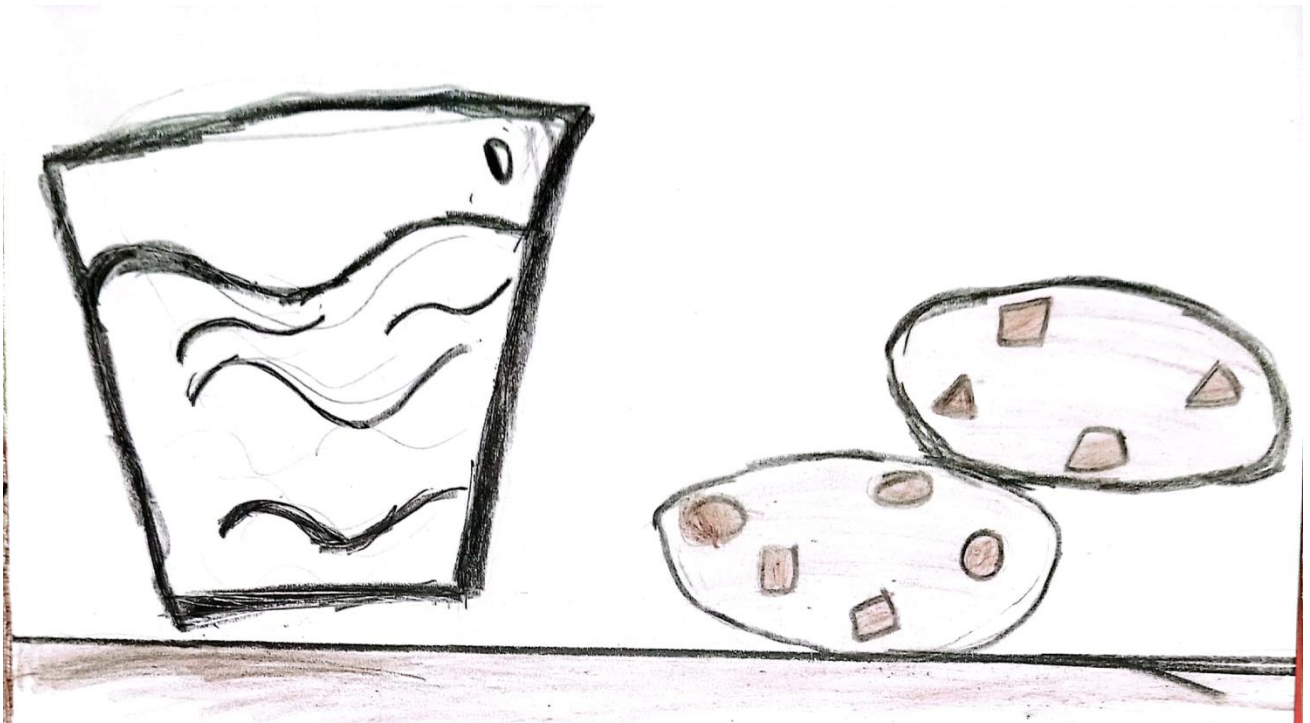
But just in time when the shark was going to eat Katie a brave turtle approached Katie and saved her and do you know who the brave turtle that saved Katie is?

It was her mother's best friend and Katie's day care lady.



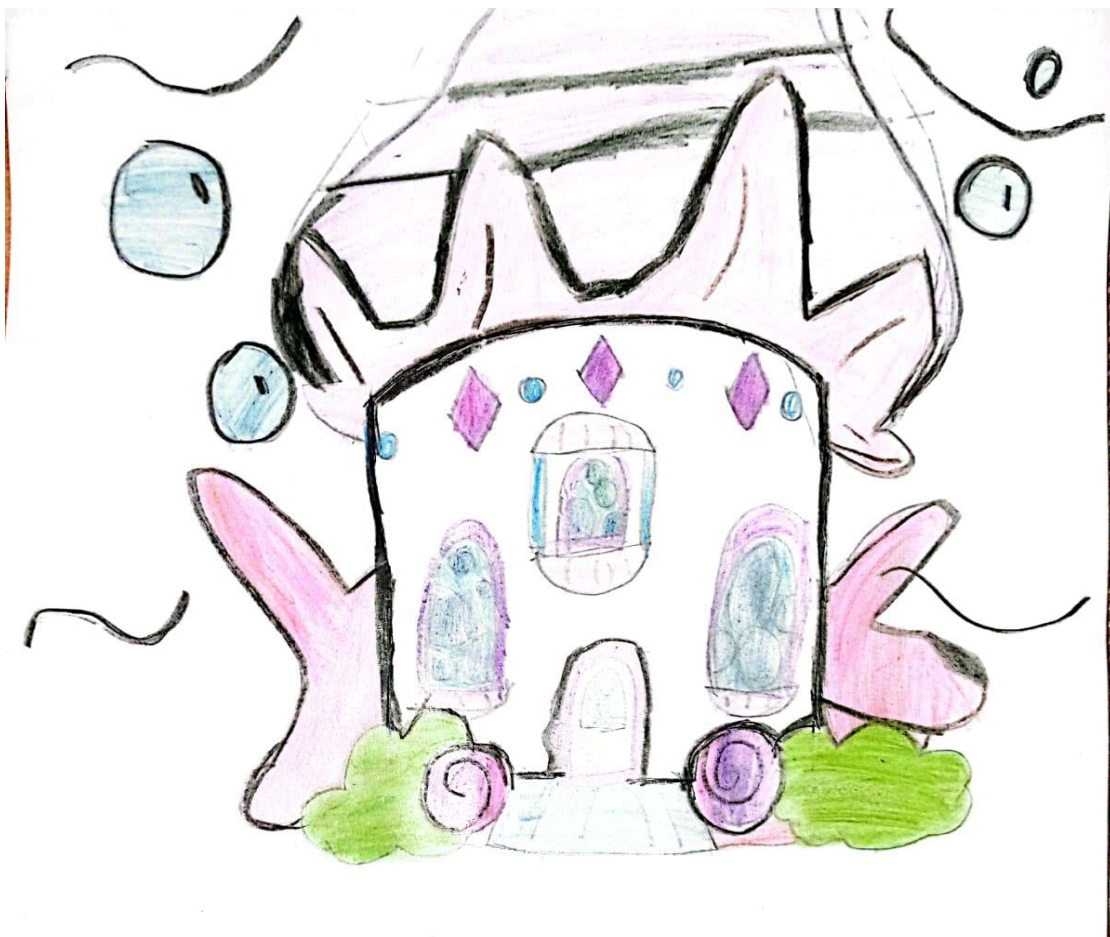
“Thank you auntie” said Katie. “No problem kid” said the turtle. “Are you hungry ?” the turtle asked from Katie. “Yes, I am hungry because it was a tiring adventure” said Katie.

“Come lets go to my house and have some biscuits” said the turtle. After that two of them went to the turtles house and ate some biscuits then drank a glass of milk.



Then the turtle and Katie started to go back to Katie's house. While going home Katie saw Mazy and waved at him. Mazy waved back at Katie.

At last when they reached home her mother, father and siblings were waiting for them. Everyone was very worried. when Katie got down everyone came running and then hugged Katie so tightly that Katie could not even breathe.



Her mother thanked the turtle.

“Mother I will never go out to the deep sea again” said Katie.

“You know we were very worried when you were gone” said her mother.



Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation. The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve. I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors

Senevirathna Mahalekam

Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children 2

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