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*This book is
dedicated to
my beloved younger
sisters
Senaya and Dinulika.*

Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a 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 have 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 my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

Ms Shashikala Senadheera

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In a village, there was a beautiful little girl. Olina was her name. She was very good and helpful to everyone.



Also, Olina received the love of the earth's goddess.



She wanted blue petals from a butterfly blue pea flower and red rose petals from her mother's red rose bush.

Olina decided to make the artwork with cloves and red mace that had fallen from the nutmeg tree.

The decaying jackfruit leaves under the jackfruit tree are also very beautiful.



Olina was gathering jackfruit leaves when she heard Tomy bark. Tomy barked from the cliff side.

"Why are you barking?" Olina asked loudly.

"Tomy is like holding a small animal" she said quietly.



"Oh, a baby squirrel, isn't it? Oh.. dear Tomy, can you leave the little one," Olina said to Tomy.

Tomy let go of the tiny squirrel and ran shyly hiding its tail. Olina took the baby squirrel and looked for the baby's mother.



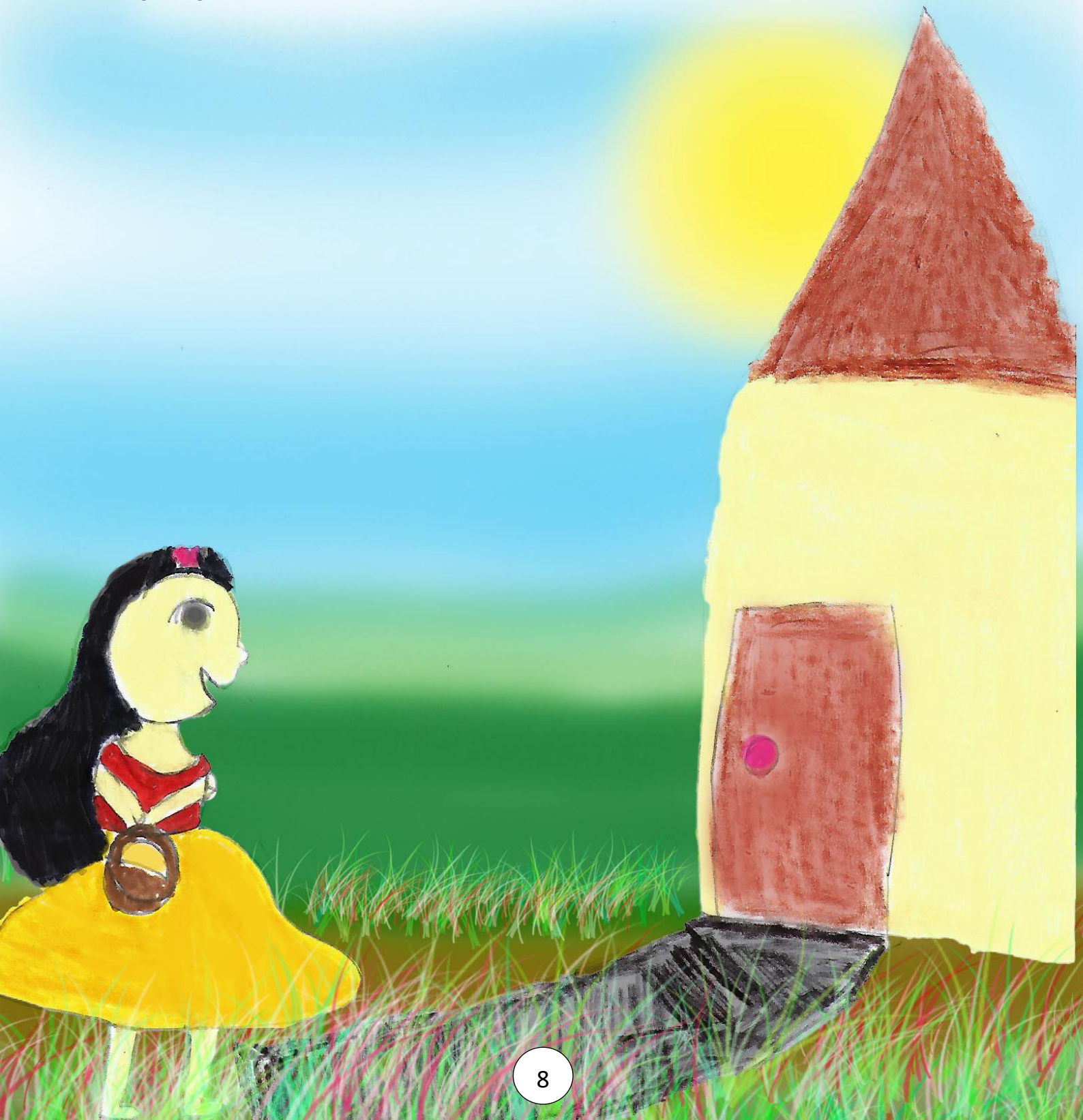
At the same time, mother squirrel came up to Olina and stopped.

"Ah.... Here is your little baby" Olina carefully placed the little baby squirrel on the ground.

Squirrel mother kept a small fiber ball that she had rolled with her hand near Olina and went up the jackfruit tree with the baby.



"Mm... these soft fibers are also good for my design" Olina thanked squirrel mother and put the ball of soft fibers in the basket and went home.



"Now I can design a beautiful bird," Olina said. And she placed the flower petals, cloves, mace, decayed jackfruit leaves and ball of soft fiber on the table.

She took the gum bottle and placed red and blue flower petals on the bird's head.

Cloves were used to make the eyes.

Red feathers were glued from mace and long feathers from decayed jackfruit leaves.

She thought of sticking the soft bristles on the bird's belly.



Olina slowly unfolded the ball of soft fibers and started to separate the fibers and was surprised to see the ball of golden threads inside.

"Oh...it's like real gold" Olina thought.

She carefully unfolded the little golden thread ball.



Amazing!!! A rainbow-colored glittering gem was beautifully wrapped inside the golden threads.

She picked it carefully and saw a small letter kept under the gem.

“Wish for what you want, and you will get it. This is a gift from me for your kindness. Earth’s goddess.” was written there.



Olina thought to fulfil her greatest wish. She took the shining gem and said,

"Make me a beautiful garden where all animals can live happily"

From that day Olina's garden became a beautiful garden. Birds, butterflies, squirrels and many other animals came to the garden.

They played in the garden. They had fun by flying from flower to flower, jumping from tree to tree, running around the bushes and playing with water.



**Olina was very happy
that her wish had
come true.**



Olina also received the gift for the best design made from natural materials.



The End



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 Mahalekm

Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children

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