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This book is
dedicated to
my beloved brother
Amiru.

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.

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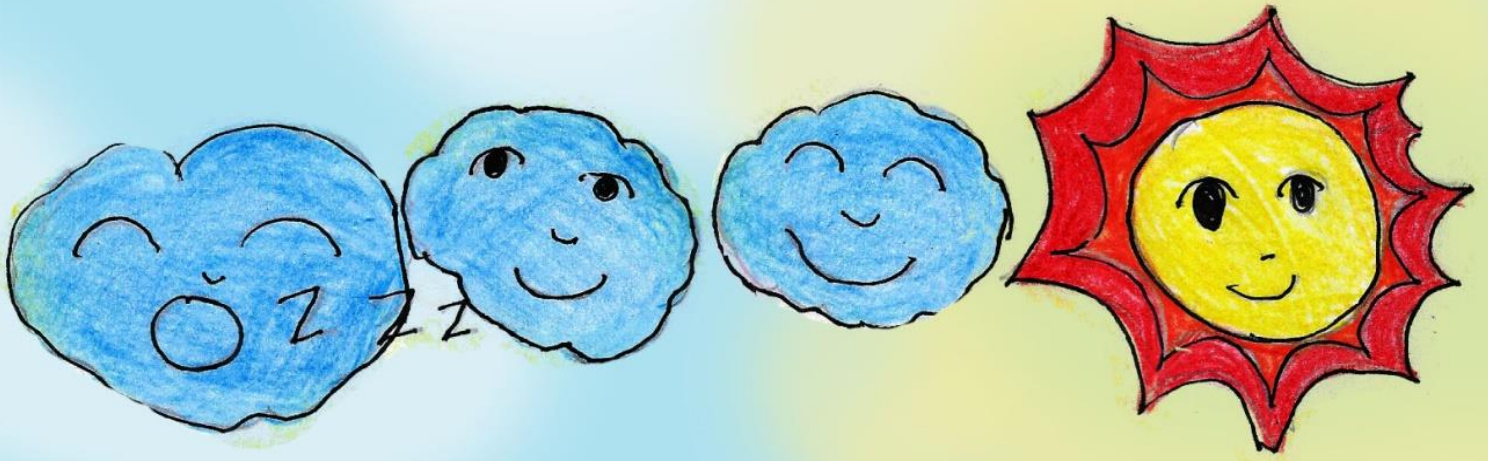


In a village, there was a little girl. Olumalee was her name. Olumalee loved the trees and the chirping of little birds.

Even though Olumalee was in the village, she attended to school in the city. The city was full of people, noise and dirty air.

So one day, Olumalee decided to find the biggest mistake people make to destroy the beautiful environment.

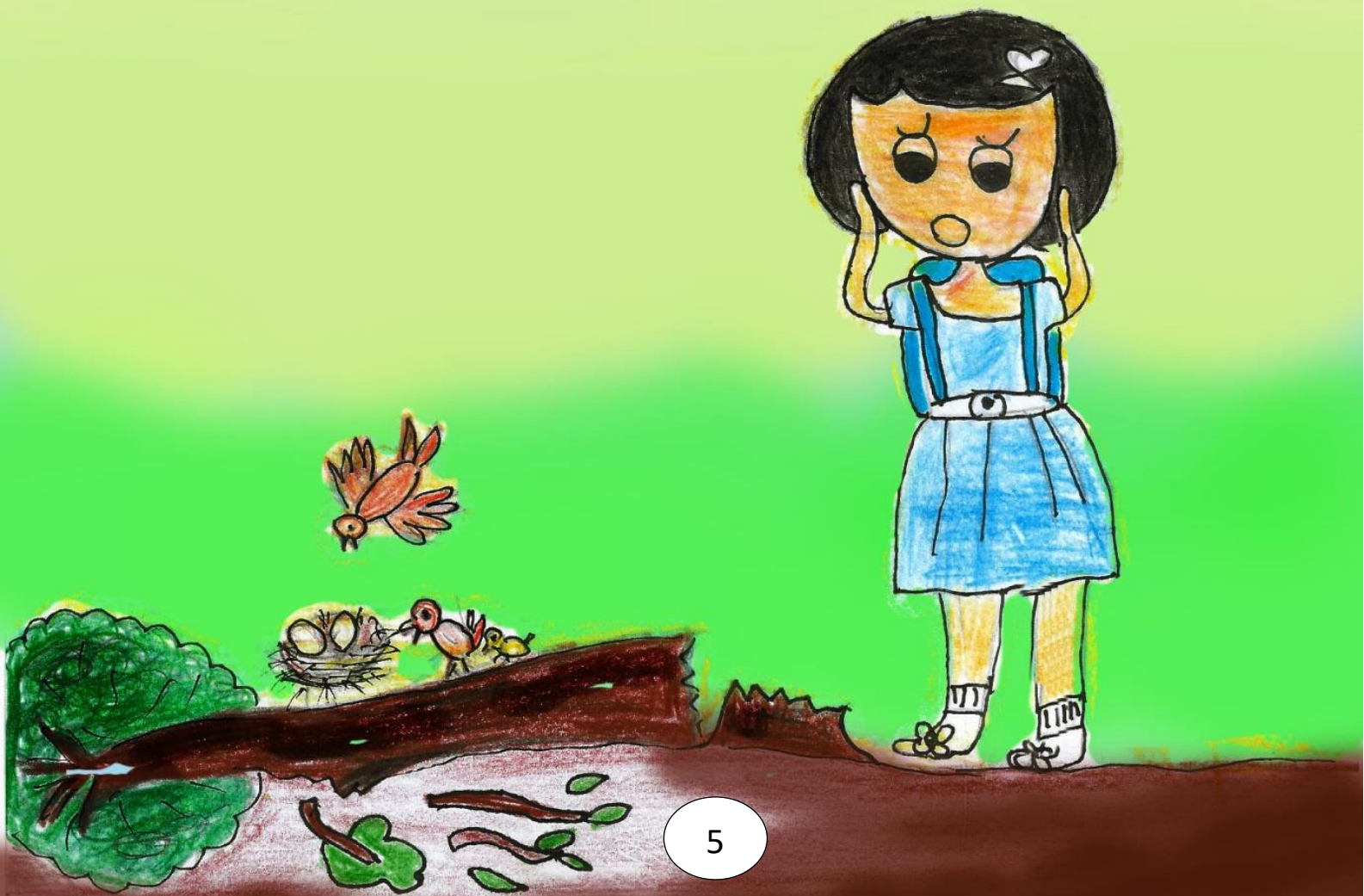
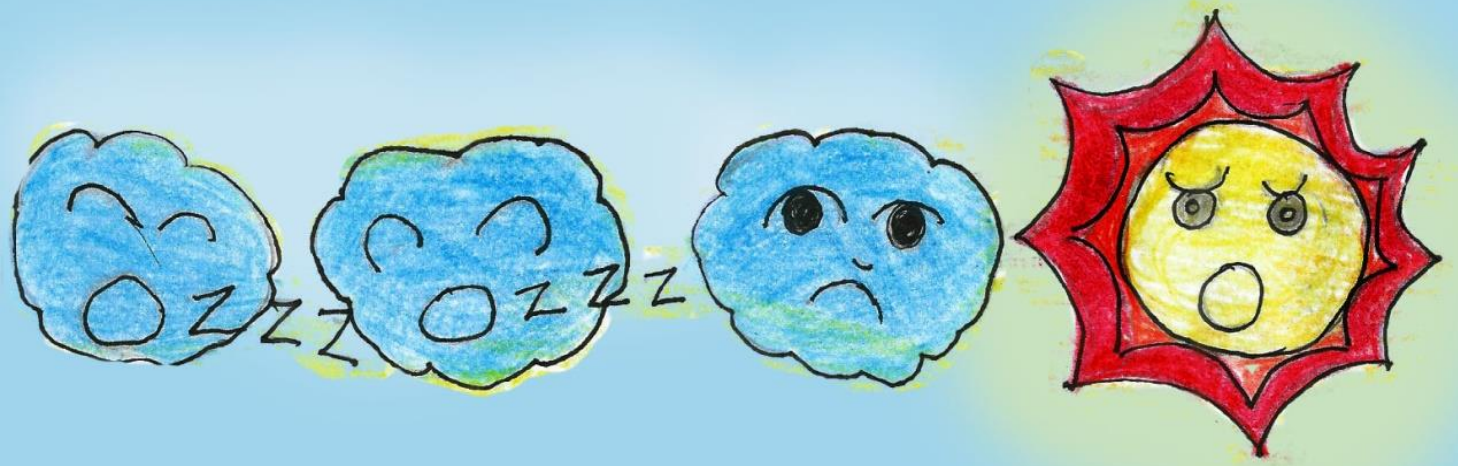
So on her way to school in the morning, at school and on the playground, Olumalee thought about the biggest mistake that people do in destroying the environment.



When Olumalee came to the school one morning, she noticed that the big tamarind tree in front of the school had been cut down to the ground.

"Oh, a bird's nest has fallen to the ground," said Olumalee.

Deforestation is a problem for us as well as animals. Because animals live in forests.



"We have clean water and air because of the forests" Olumalee remembered how the teacher taught in the environment lesson one day.



Also, her father had told her that trees clean the polluted air.

Olumalee realized that destroying trees is the biggest mistake that humans make to the environment.



And who will clear the polluted air if the trees are gone? So Olumalee found answers to her questions.

Olumalee's seventh birthday was only a week away.



"If I plant a small plant today, how many years will it take for that plant to grow into a big tree?" she asked her father.

"It will get ten years, daughter, why did my daughter ask that?" Dad asked.

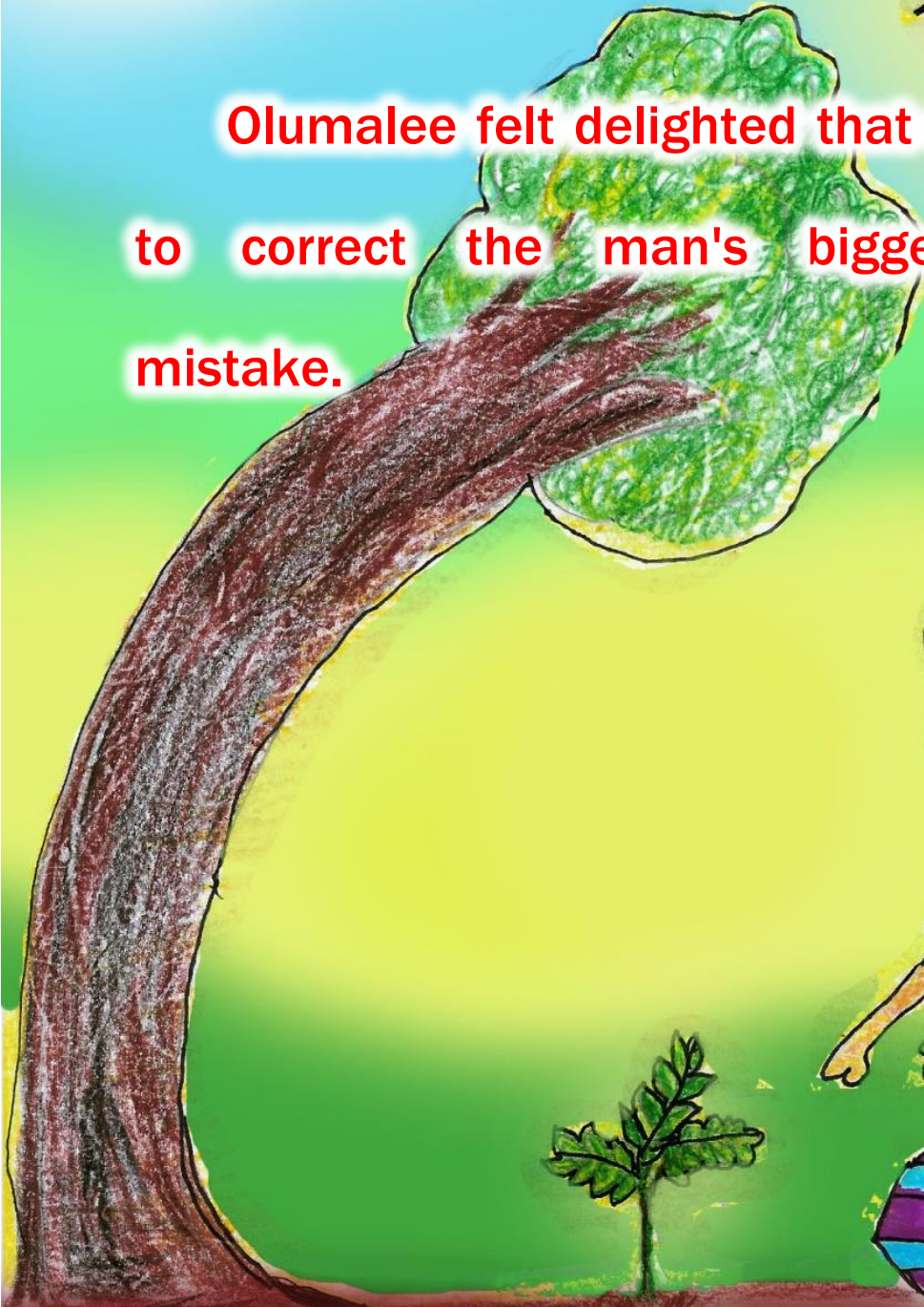
"I want to plant some useful plants on my birthday," said Olumalee.

"Huh, that's a good idea...um...um... where do we going to plant those?" Dad asked.

"To stop the destruction of this environment, we need all practice tree planting. That's why I am going to gift a mango plant to all my classmates... To plant when they go home ... So then our environment won't be destroyed." said Olumalee.



Olumalee felt delighted that she had been able to correct the man's biggest environmental mistake.



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

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Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children

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