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Author's Other Books

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Offering

I'm kindly offering my
beloved brother who
helps me for
everything!!!

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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I was coming back from school when I saw a cat getting wet. I took it home. It looked cold.



I warmed it up with a blanket. It looked a little bit better.

It was kind of muddy, so I washed it in my bathtub.



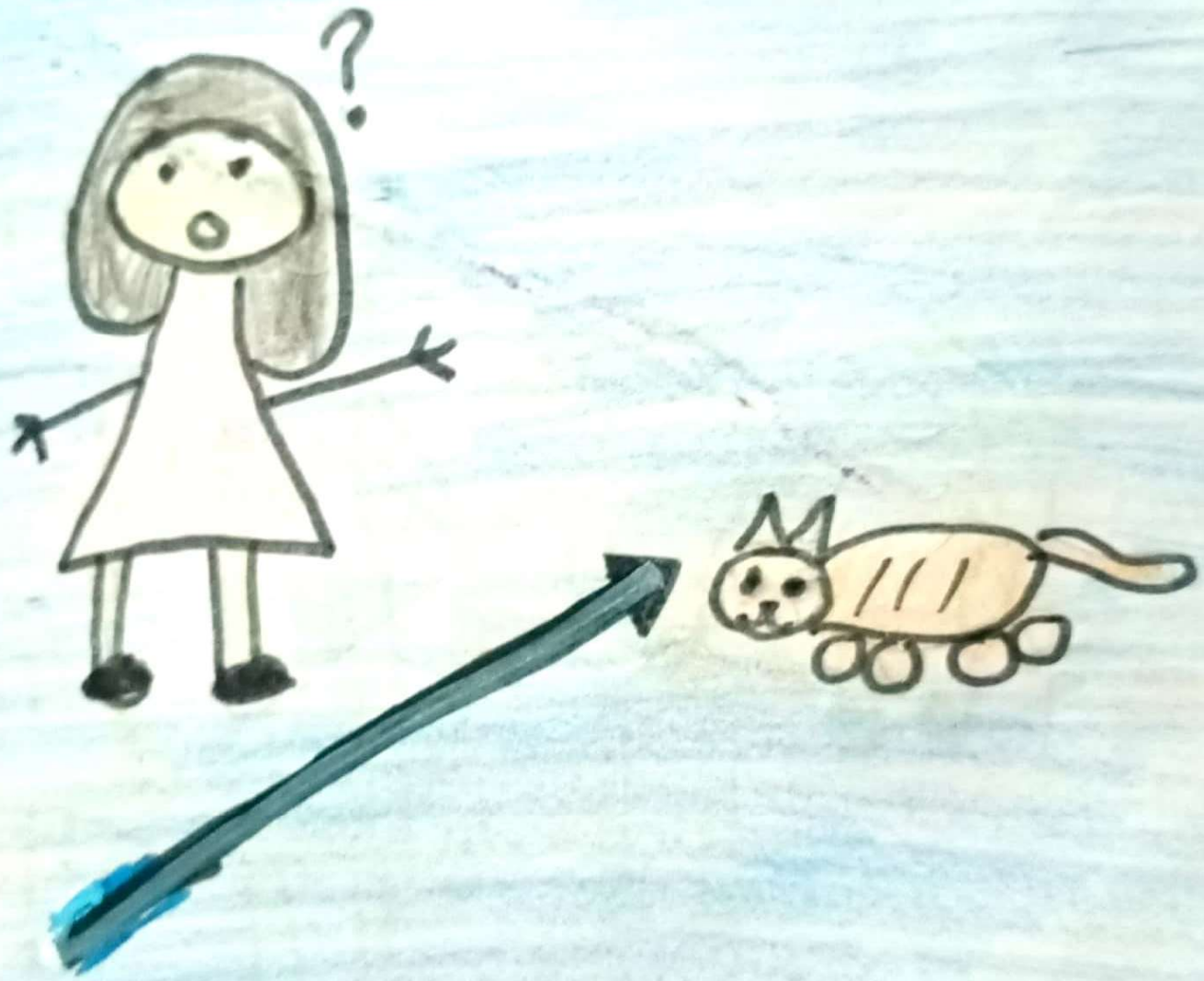
Then I saw it had lovely golden fur!



**Then I gave it some food and a bowl
of milk.**



**But, something didn't feel quite right...
where would the cat stay? Where
would it live?**



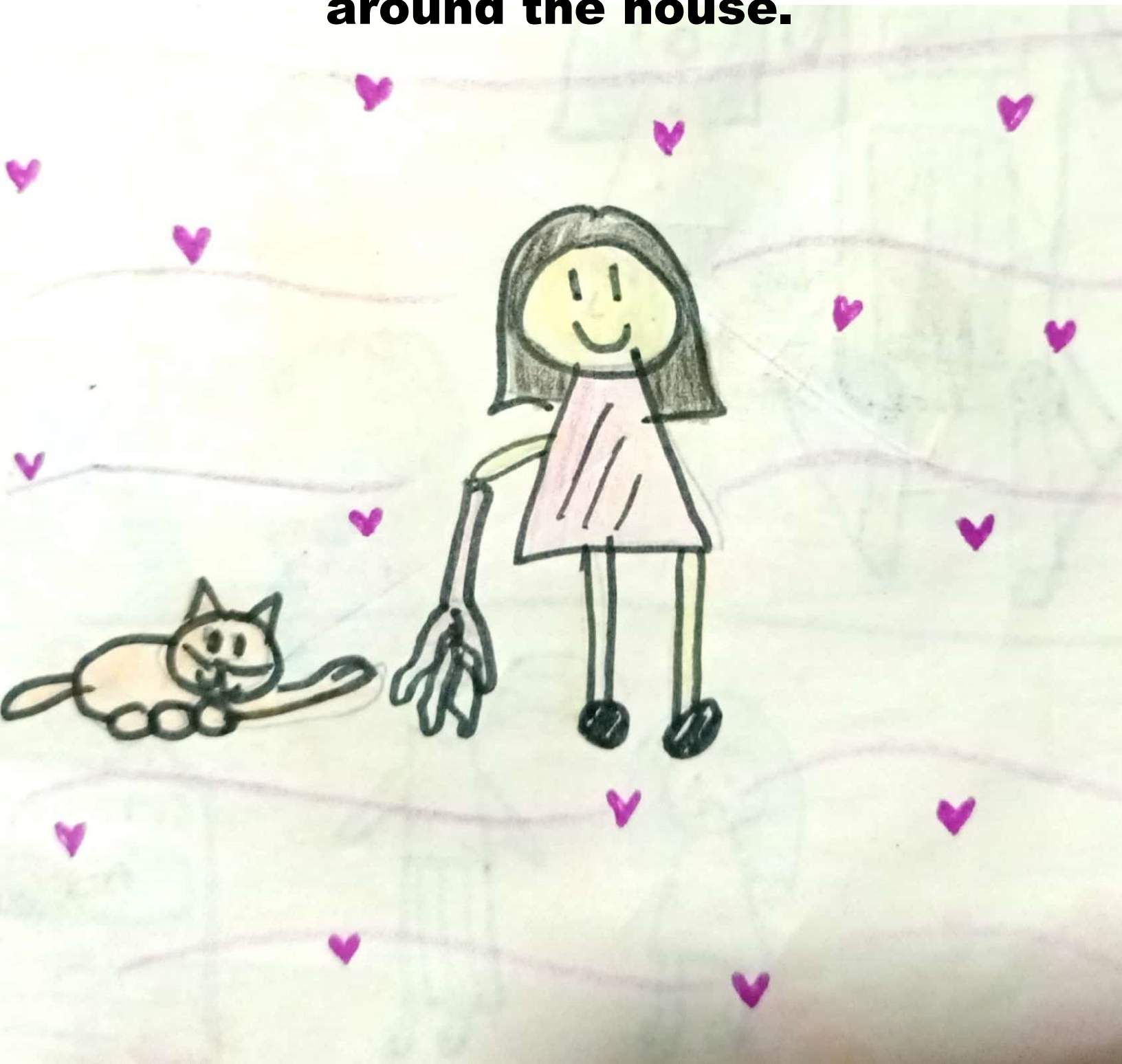
Since it didn't have anywhere else to go, I decided to adopt the cat!

Luna.



My parents loved the idea. I named the cat 'Luna'.

Luna and I are best friends. He always gets up every morning and runs around the house.



I also play with him for a while before going to school.

One day, I couldn't find him, so I went to his place. I found out he was sick. I was so sad...



**I took him to the vet with my father.
The vet checked him and we brought
him home.**



The next day I saw Luna wasn't walking as usual. His back legs weren't working.



**Every time we brought him to the vet,
the medicine didn't work. He wasn't
playing like usual. He always stayed
in one place.**



**We gave him food and treated him all
the time.**



**But, one day, when I came to check
on him, I saw he had died. I was so
sad...**



I will never forget him. He was such a great friend. I had so much fun with him. He will always be in my heart...



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
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