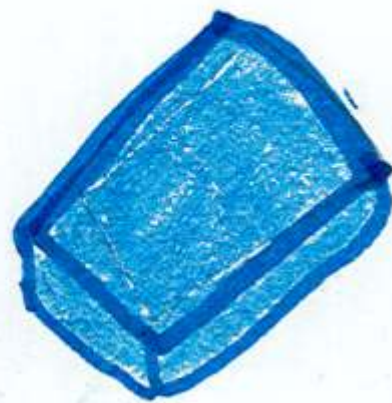


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A word from the author..

“Diviya dinana vidyuth pothak” E-book programme conducted by Mahamaya Girls’ college, made me write this wonderful book, “**The Little Seed's Big Adventure**”. I would like to take this opportunity to thank dear Madam Principal Mrs. Shashikala Senadheera and the sectional head of the primary section Madam Alwis for making this huge stage to open up our hidden talents. Dear Senevirathna sir, you were the huge tree that gave shade to little plant writers like me. Madam Samanmalee, you always poured water, gave us sunshine and made sure that somehow we grew into fruitful plants. My dear class teacher, Madam Niranjala Weerasesekara, it was you who always pushed me to write books and corrected me where I was wrong. Thank you so much for your encouragement. Thank you madam Lakshika for correcting the mistakes I made and making my English books more vibrant. My dear Madam Ranjani Sendanayaka, being my Grade 1 and first teacher at Mahamaya Girls’ College, the strong base you made on me, carried me through a long way. You taught me how to write and made me write my first storybook “bonchi ate gasak wela”. I’m happy that I could make it into an E-book. Dear Madam Champa Maparathna, you knew me in and out. You gave me so much and I’m happy that I could write a book for you in return. My book “Guruthumeeta Theggak” is a tribute to you. My dear parents, I would have never done so much without your support. I would like to thank you from all my heart for always being there for me. You are the two pillars behind my success. This book is dedicated to all of you and all my friends.

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 in the 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 challenge 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 endeavour. 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, my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

Mrs Shashikala Senadheera

The Principal

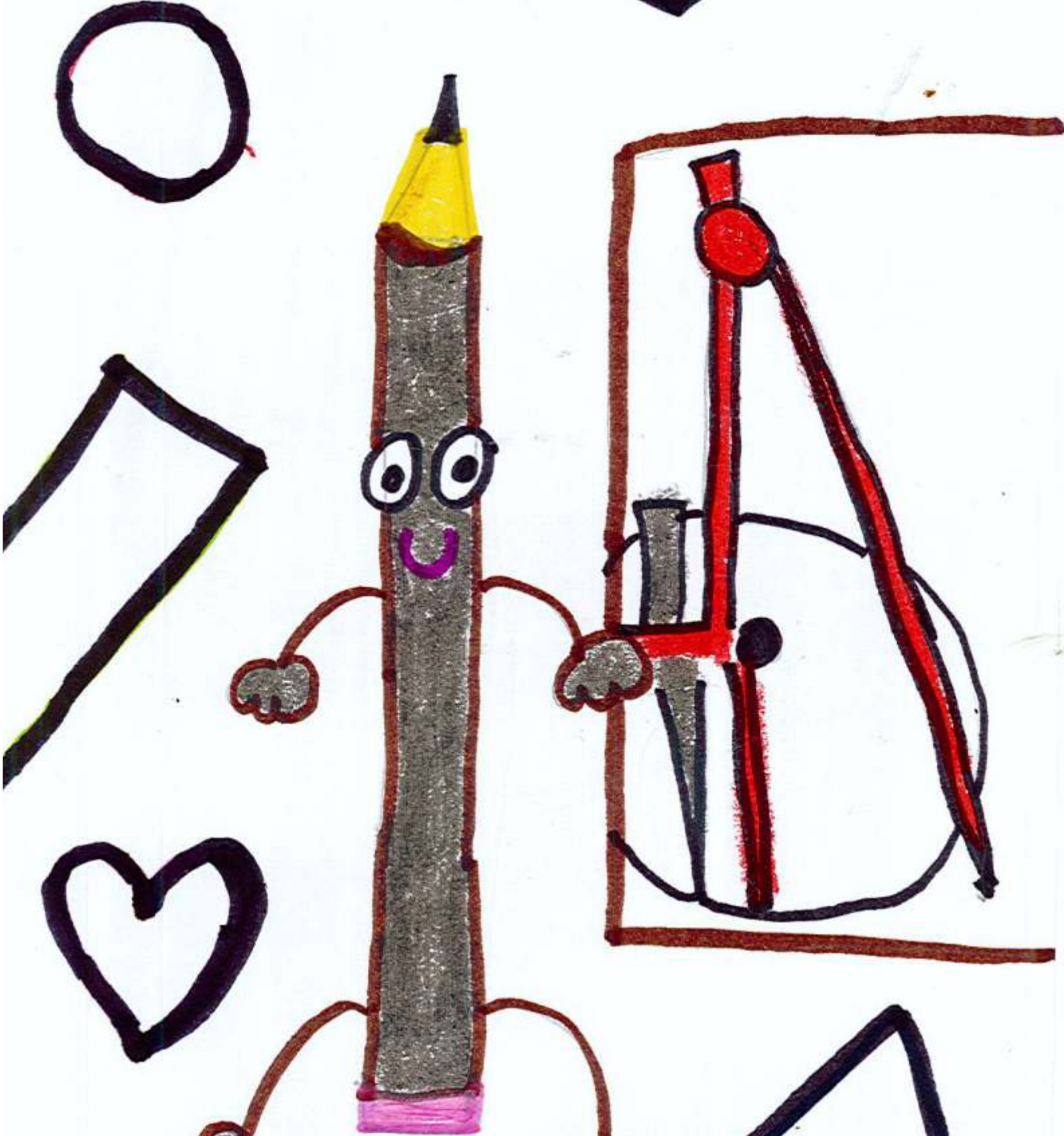
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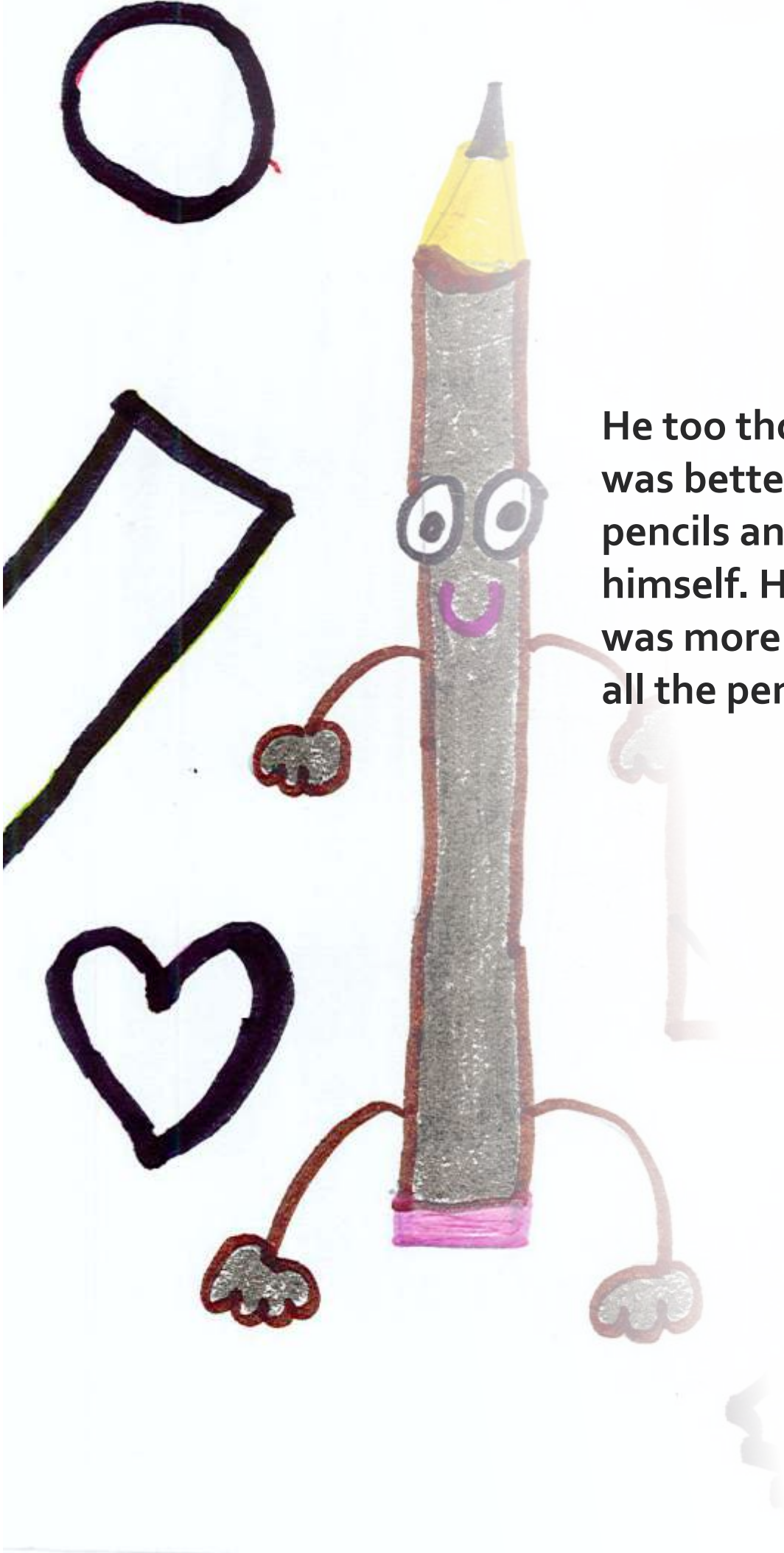
In a little art box, there were many pencils. They were of all shapes and sizes. There was one pencil named Rainbow, covered in many colours and another named Plain, which was simple and grey.

Rainbow was a special pencil with all the colours of the rainbow. He was bright and cheerful always. He drew pictures of beauty and joy. The other pencils admired Rainbow. Rainbow Pencil was a bit proud of himself. He was always trying to show Plain that he was special and better than him.



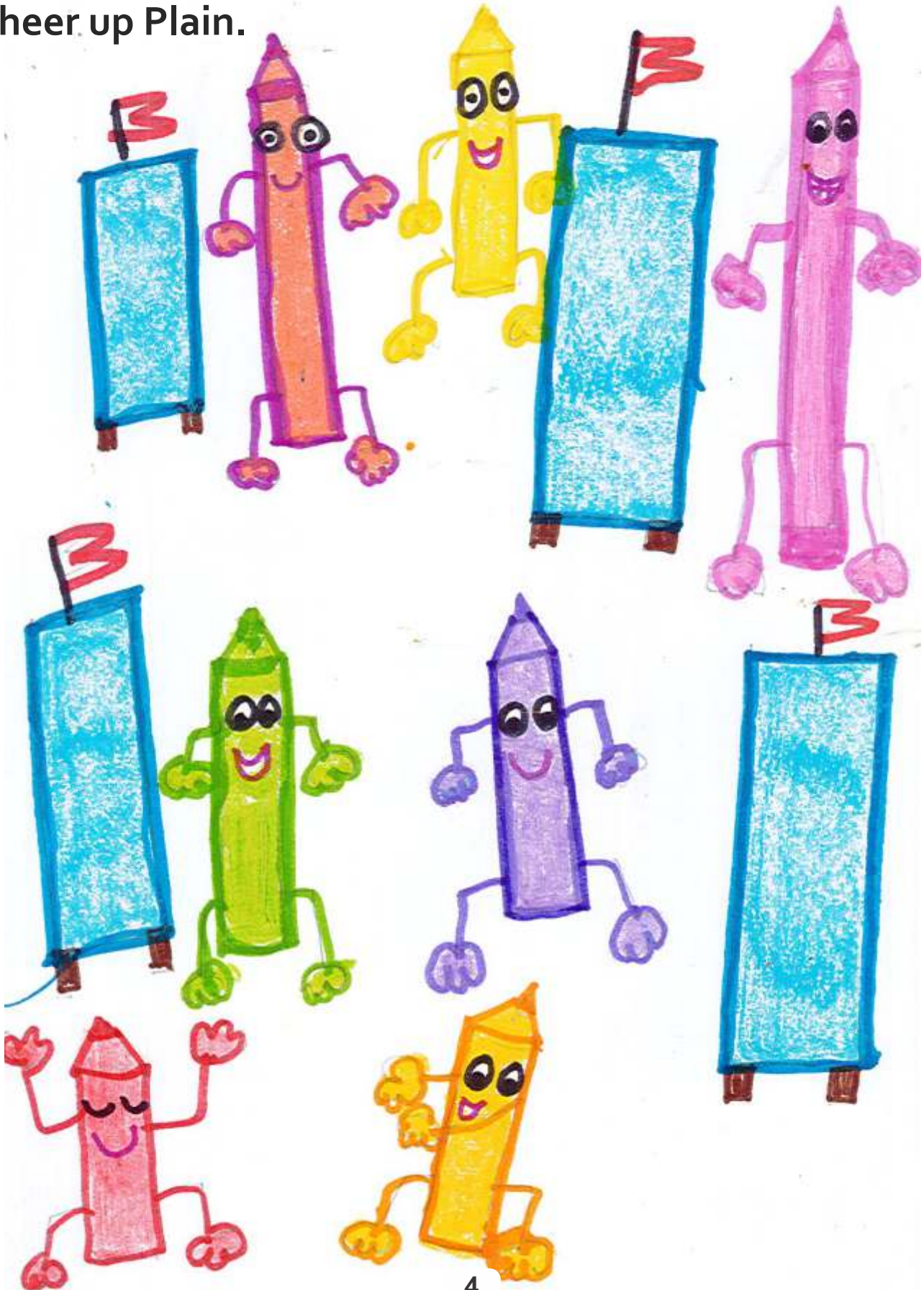


Plain, the grey pencil lived on the other side of the box. Plain was simple and grey. He could draw perfectly straight lines and shapes. He always had to do special tasks with fine and sharp lines. He helped the smallest kid who began to write and draw and also the smartest engineers.

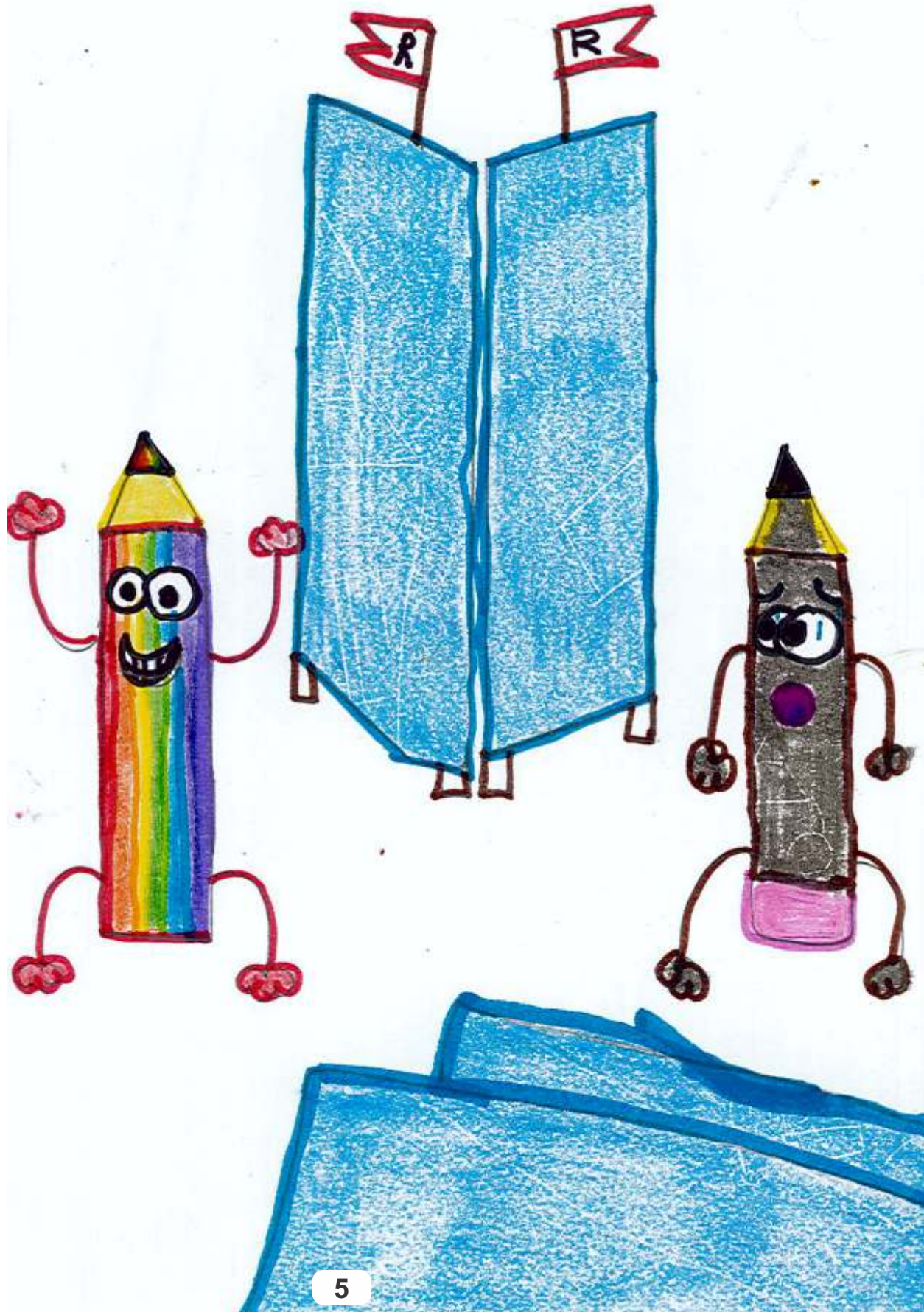


He too thought that he was better than the other pencils and was proud of himself. He thought he was more special than all the pencils in the art box.

One day, there was an art competition in the box. The pencils were exciting to show their talents. Rainbow was confident with his colourful drawing, while Plain felt a bit worried. All the pencils in the box participated in the competition. They all tried to cheer up Plain.



The art competition began. Rainbow created an amazing painting filled with swirls of colours. The other pencils were amazed by the vibrant art and cheered him on. Plain drew a beautiful cityscape with sharp lines and fine colouring. The pencils were impressed with that too.



After the competition, the pencils gathered to celebrate. Rainbow and Plain realized that even though they looked different, each had their own special talents. Rainbow brought joy with his colours, and Plain brought order with his perfect lines.



Rainbow and Plain became friends. They admired each other's uniqueness. They decided to create drawings together and learn from each other. They made beautiful art on blank paper and brought joy to all the others in the box.



In their free time, Rainbow and Plain talked about what they learned. They understood that being different made them special. Rainbows didn't have to be plain, and Plain didn't have to be colourful. They were perfect just the way they were.



To celebrate their new friendship, Rainbow and Plain decided to organize a colourful parade in the art box. The other pencils joined in, each showing their unique talents. The box was filled with the joy of being different





The Moral of the Story

Everyone is special in their way. Whether you're colourful like Rainbow or plain like an ordinary grey pencil, uniqueness in every one of us makes the world a more beautiful place.

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 endeavours.

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