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*To my family,
my school and
my friends all over the
world.*

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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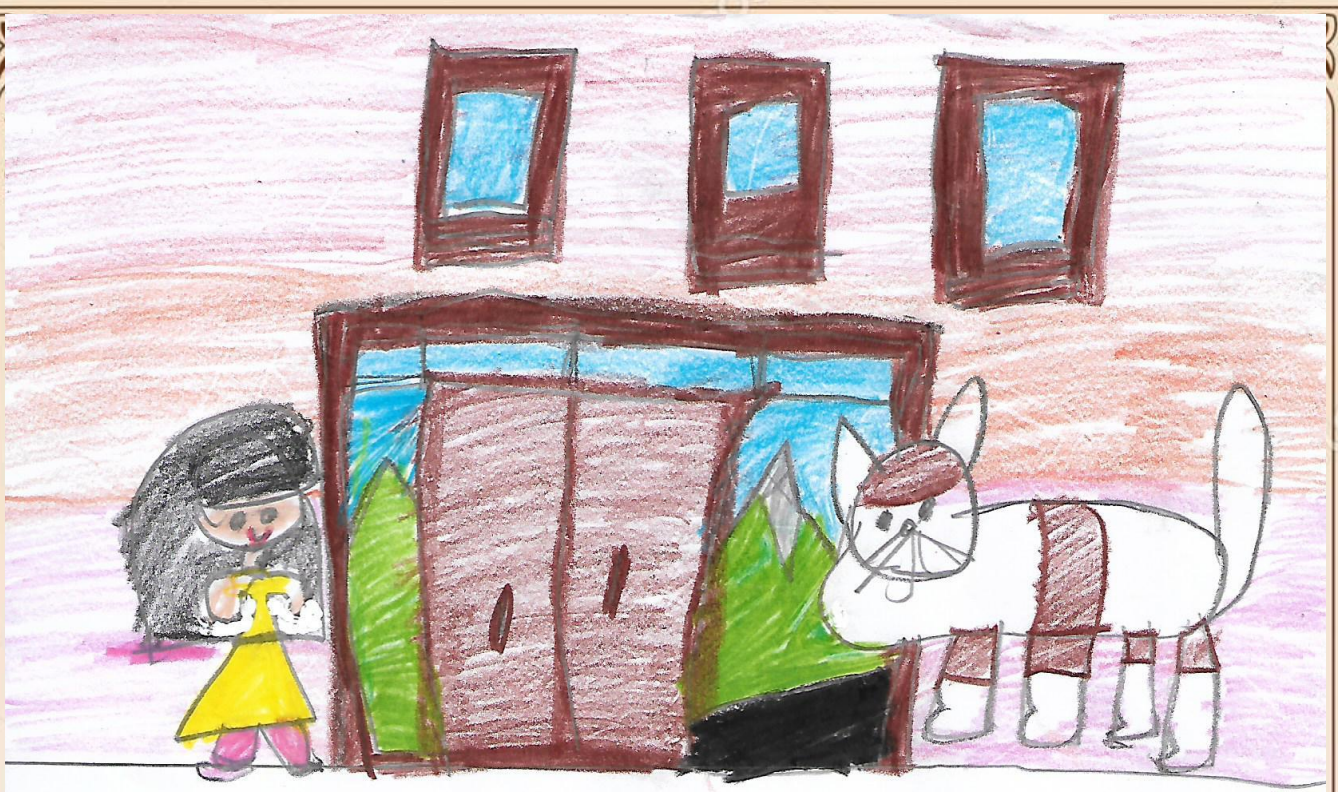
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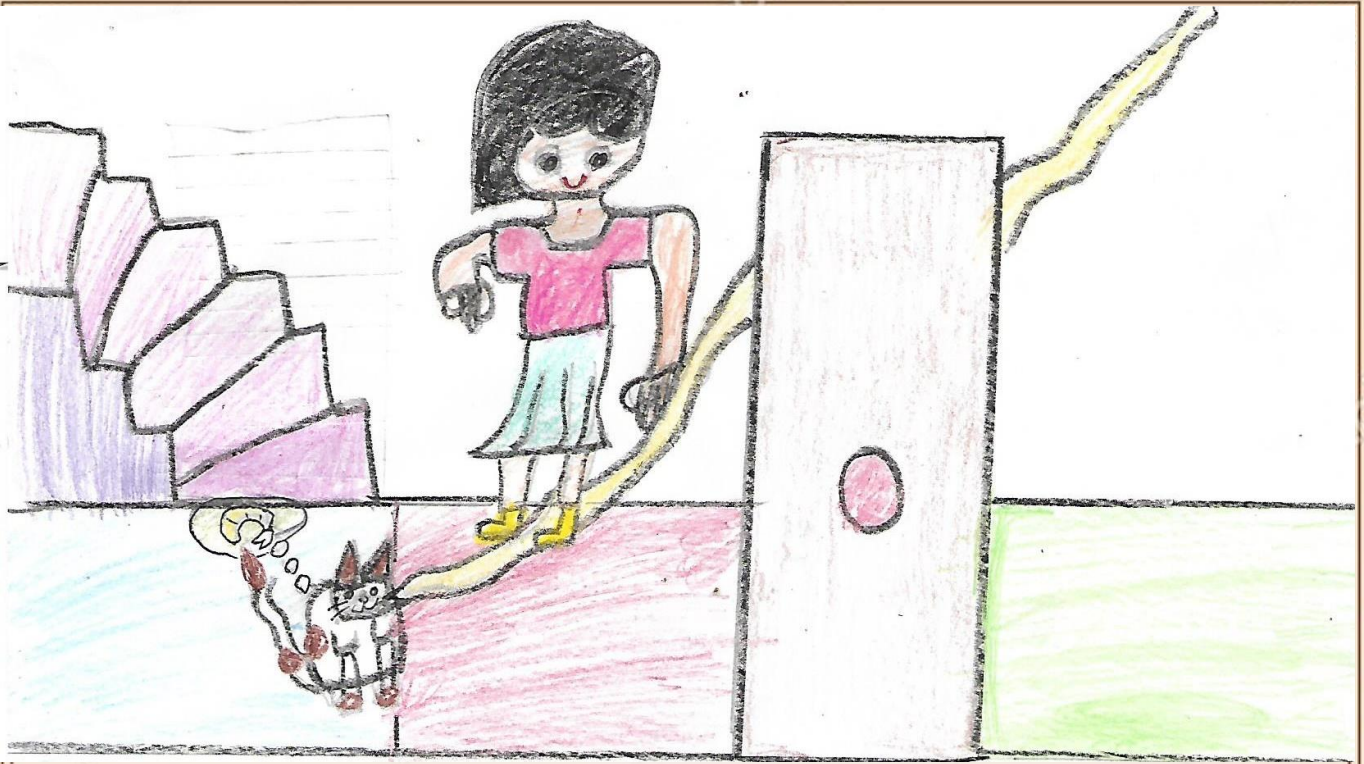
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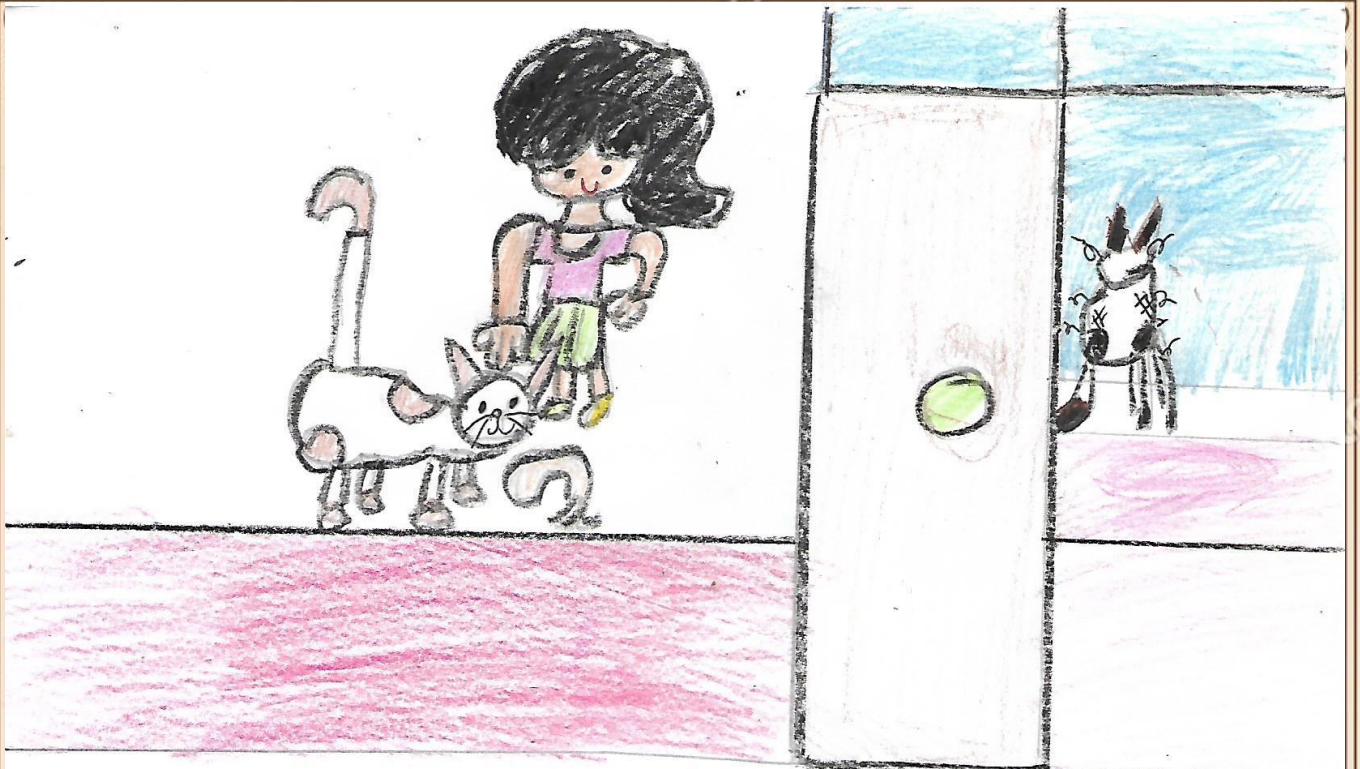
Once upon a time, there was a city called Kandy [Maha Nuwara]. Near the hills, there was a road with a board called Nalanda Place.



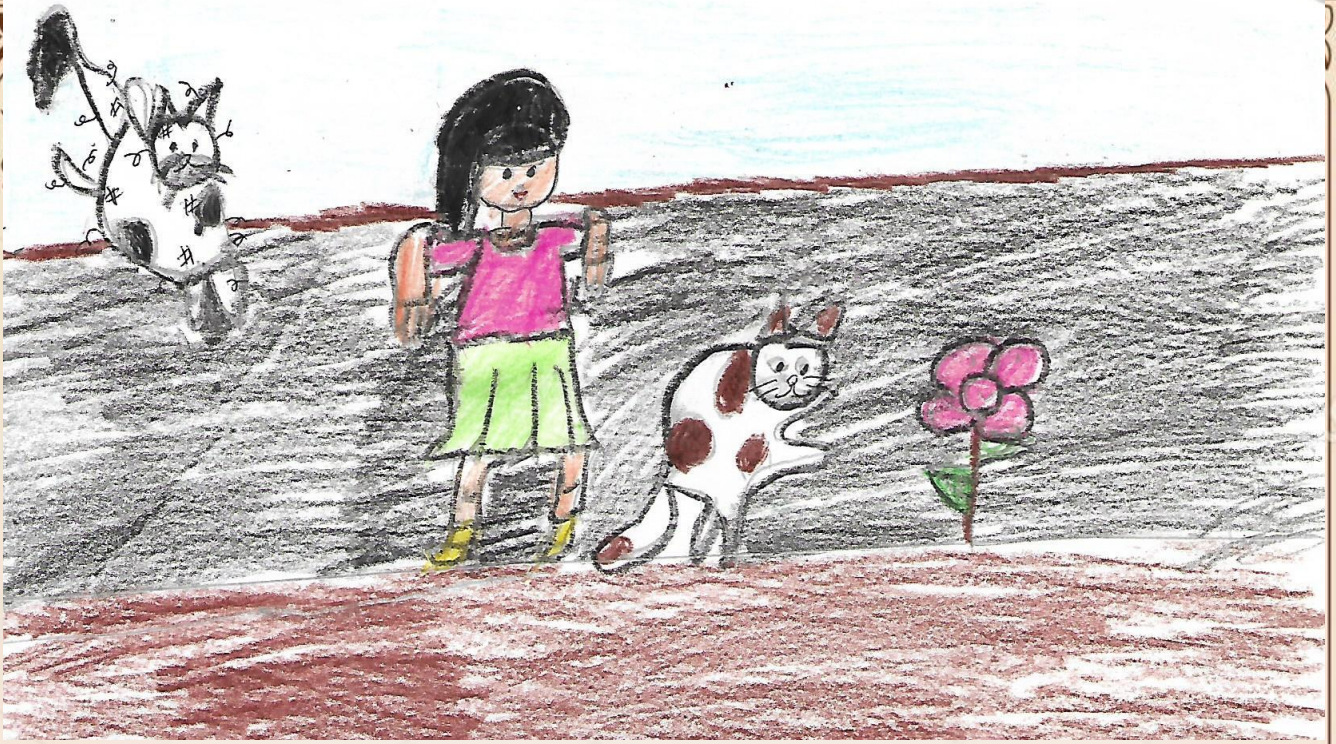
There was a house, and there was a cat called Pussy. Its owner was a little girl named Otomi. Pussy loved Otomi so much and always followed her. When she cried, Pussy ran to her and even hugged her.



One sunny day, Otomi just finished cleaning her toy blocks. Then Pussy said, "Otomi, can we go to a garden watch?" Then, Otomi said, "Ok, Pussy." When Otomi and pussy were about to open the door, Pussy smelled prawn.



It was Pussy's favourite food. Pussy ran there and ate the prawn. Just then, a dirty cat came across and felt jealous about Pussy. When Otomi came nearby and touched Pussy gently, the dirty cat became more jealous.



The dirty cat wanted to trouble them. So it went to the front door and waited until Otomi and Pussy came. When Pussy finished eating the prawn, Pussy ran close to Otomi and the two went outside. Then Otomi saw a beautiful flower and was about to pick it.



Suddenly, the dirty cat jumped towards Pussy. Pussy fell down to the ground in a shock, but managed to get up again. Otomi raised her arms in defense and asked, “Why did you come here without asking us?” The cat was very, very, very dirty.



Then, something strange happened! The dirty cat spoke out and said, “Sorry Pussy, I should not have troubled you. I don’t have a house or a friend, and I was jealous that you have food, shelter and friends.”



Then, Otomi said, "It's ok, you can stay with us, but you must clean yourself". The cat said, "Thank you, I will". Pussy and Otomi said, "You're welcome".



And they all lived
happily ever after.

The end

STORY'S LESSONS

1. DON'T BE JEALOUS ABOUT OR TROUBLE OTHERS.
2. IF SOMEBODY IS IN DIFFICULTIES, TALK TO THEM AND HELP THEM.
3. IF SOMEONE SAYS SORRY, FORGIVE HIM/HER AND GET ALONG.



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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