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**I hope he reads this book.**

## 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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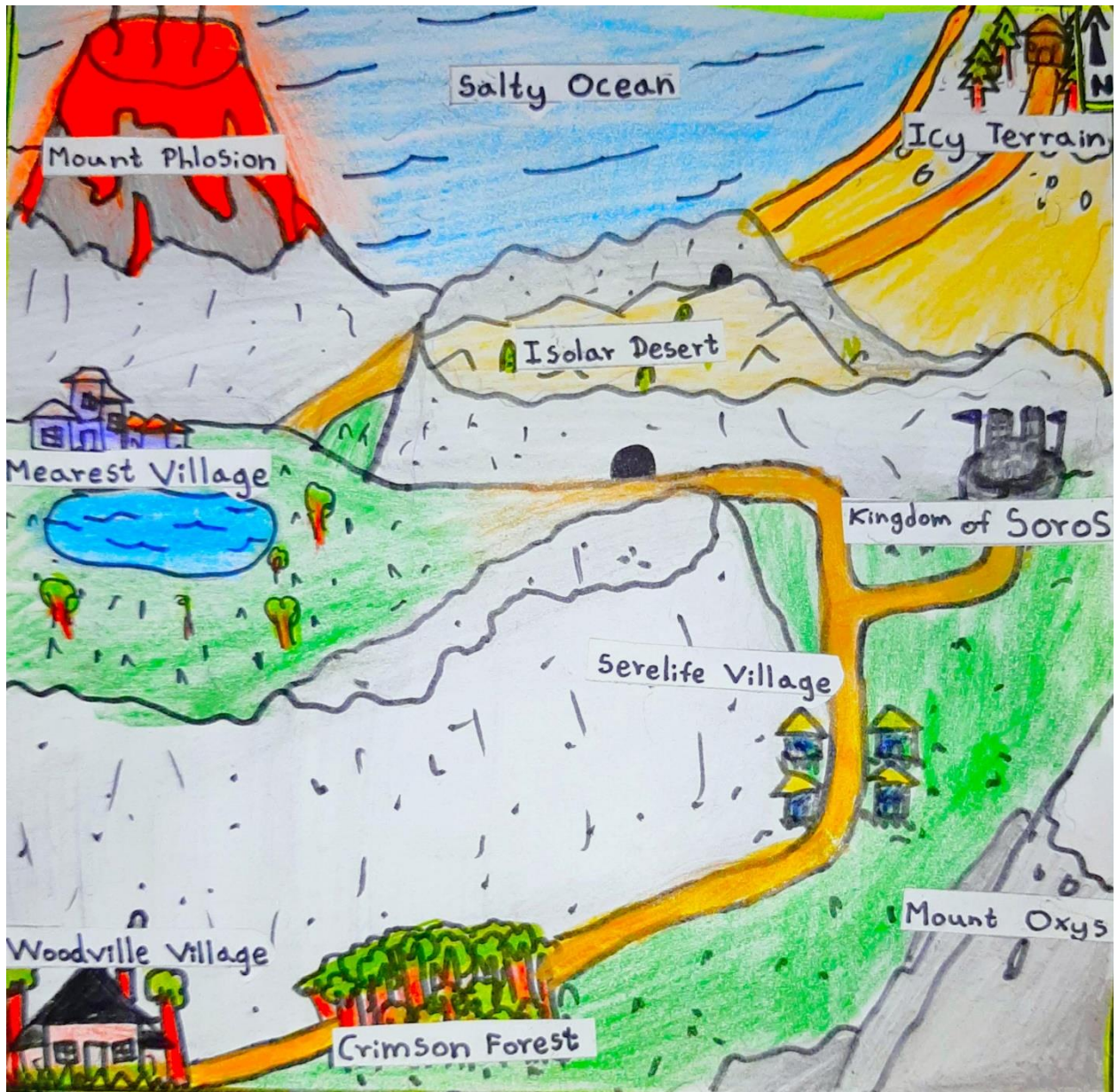
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## CHAPTER 1

# Beginnings

This is the region of Soros. The Soros region has many amazing locations such as the infamous volcano mt. phlosion, the icy north, the kingdom of Soros and all the villages.



Mount Phlosion

Salty Ocean

Icy Terrain

Isolar Desert

Mearest Village

Kingdom of Soros

Serelife Village

Woodville Village

Mount Oxy5

Crimson Forest

In the region of Soros there is 17-year-old boy named Arthur, who really wants to explore the entire region of Soros and slay all the mythical beasts that mean harm to the region. Exactly like his father, who went to explore the region 20 years ago and he never came back...

Arthur's father did not know that his wife was about to give birth when he left. But Arthur's father promised Arthur's mother that he will come back one day, but of course he never came back.



The reason Arthur's father went to explore the region was because there's too much unexplored terrain in the region and monsters to slay. So, he wanted to do it to help out the region of Soros and Arthur wanted to do it for that too.



## CHAPTER 2

# Surprise Attack

Arthur woke up early in the morning in the Woodville village. He heard a loud noise outside. He looked through the window that was in his room and saw a knight on a horse, reading a scroll to the people of his village. Arthur was somewhat confused. He got prepared and went to the people of the village to hear what the knight was saying.

“...King Xander of the Soros region would like brave citizens of Woodville village to volunteer to venture to and explore Mt. Phlosion with fellow knights. The reasoning behind picking a citizen to volunteer is because a mysterious beast has taken out almost 100 knights while on a journey to capture the said beast. So, we are volunteering 10 people in this village and other villages. If they get information and survive the wrath of Mt. Phlosion, they will be dubbed a knight of the Soros region. The one's who would like to volunteer may now raise their hands.”

Arthur instantly raised his hand and about 9 other people did too. Arthur's mother, Samira saw this happening and told Arthur to stop immediately. But,

Arthur did not stop raising his hand and told his mother that this was his dream and he was going to do it. Arthur's mother was about to say 'No!' when something quite literally came over her.



The villagers, knight and Arthur saw it too. It was a beast about 8 feet tall. It was very skinny and human-like but with green skin and sharp claws. With its eyes being inside his mouth, covered by its huge sharp teeth. It was terrifying and it also had a long sword in its hand. It was holding the sword above Arthur's mother's head. It said two words in a weirdly funny Russian accent, those two words were "Get rekked!". The beast swung its sword towards Arthur's mother's head and Arthur charged at the

mighty beast, dropping it to the ground. Arthur noticed that the beast's sword had also dropped. Arthur quickly picked up the weapon and put the point of the sword against the beast's neck. Sweating and hands shaking, Arthur said as bravely as he possibly could "S-s-surrender now b-beast or I will have to e-end you...!".

Suddenly, everything was silent. Arthur thought in his head "Well, shoot. Guess I just ended myself there. Oops?".

But then, the beast ran and ran until it was at the entrance to the village and shouted (in a Russian accent) "This isn't over yet punk! Next, time I find you kid, I'm gonna kick ya silly bottom to outer space!"



Arthur looked at his mother. "Can I go now?" said Arthur. "o-of-of c-course you can A-Arthur." Said Arthur's mother.

The villagers cheered and cheered for Arthur. Arthur felt like he was a hero, being cheered for his efforts.



## CHAPTER 3

# The Journey Begins

It was the next day and Arthur was doing last-minute preparations before he started his adventure. Arthur also thought about why the beast he had fought yesterday could talk, that was not very normal, and the people of the entire region was thinking about it too. Arthur could not even believe that the fight with him and the talking beast got around the whole region of Soros.

Arthur had packed up multiple bottles of water, all kinds of foods, clothes, other essential supplies for the journey and a map of the Soros region. The knights also announced that the volunteers will be getting free armor, weaponry for the journey and a horse to ride on.

Arthur was ready to venture the region and slay evil. The knights announced that they will be going through the crimson forest, going around Mt. Oxys, going through serelife village and firstly go to the kingdom of Soros to tell the king about the volunteers.

Then, they will continue their journey by taking a shortcut through the Isolar desert to get to the icy terrain

to get a friend that can help with the exploration of Mt. Phlosion. Finally, travel the Salty ocean to get to Mt. Phlosion. Arthur said his final goodbyes to friends and mother. Arthur climbed up his horse named Peter (for some reason). He had everything with him, his supplies, armor and weapons. He and all the other volunteers waved goodbye to the citizens of Woodville village. The volunteers, the knights and Arthur started to make their horses gallop and after a while, they vanished from the vision of the Citizens eyes.

## CHAPTER 4

# Early Deaths

Arthur was just a few minutes away from his mother and home and yet he already missed them. While on his horse, Arthur got to know the 9 participants from Woodville village. There were 6 boys named William, Christopher, Corin, James, Maximus, and Roland.

Then, there were 3 girls named Elena, Lorelai, and Fiona. Arthur already knew some of the participants and got to know the others as well. He also became good friends with Maximus

Anyways, the knights and participants were just about to go into the depths of the Crimson Forest when suddenly, they heard a noise from a tree.

One of the knights said "Alright, it is your time to prove your worth volunteers. Go check the tree and see who's messing with us.". "I'll do it." Said Roland who was also the oldest volunteer being 46 years old. Roland went to take a look at the tree. Suddenly, a large root erupted from the ground! Everyone was shocked. Then, It grabbed Roland by the arm and started pulling him towards the

tree. “HELP!!” shouted Roland. After that, the leaves of the tree went inside the tree’s trunk, revealing a cruel, monstrous face underneath. All of the knights and participants ran to help Roland. But, it was already too late, the tree monster lifted Roland up by his arm and swallowed him whole.

At that moment, Arthur already sensed that some liquid was coming out of a spot in between his legs (ew...). The knights shouted “RETREAT!” and the knights and volunteers got on their horses and made them gallop and gallop to try to outrun the beast.



## CHAPTER 5

# Evil Strikes at Night

Fortunately, the knights and volunteers managed to outrun the tree-monster-thing (except Roland :( ). They continued their adventure by going through the Crimson Forest. A few hours passed and they couldn't even see the end of the forest. Arthur thought the journey through the Crimson forest will be a short one because the picture of the forest on the map of the Soros region seemed small. Eventually, the knights decided to set up a camp and continue the next day because it was getting dark

After setting up camp, everyone took turns looking out for any danger, and the others that were not on look out slept until it was their turn. When it was Arthur's turn to be on look out, he saw a tall shadowy figure tuning around their camp. "Finally, time to kick some bottom!" thought Arthur as he slowly went up to the figure.

The figure noticed Arthur and ran deeper into the forest. Arthur followed it to a small isolated area. Suddenly, the figure kicked his bottom hard and Arthur fell to the ground. Arthur rose and shouted "WHO ARE YOU!? SHOW YOURSELF!". The figure responded, "I told you I

would kick your bottom". The figure came out of the shadows and Arthur realized it was the monster he faced in Woodville Village. "I am SNARCE! Servant of Delius and REAPER OF LIVES!"

Snarce unsheathed his sword and swung it at Arthur but fortunately Arthur dodged the attack. Arthur unsheathed his own sword and slashed at Snarce with it, and unlike Snarce Arthur hit his attack on the target. Snarce got a nasty wound. Suddenly, Snarce grabbed Arthur by his hand and held him above Snarce's mouth. "Ya can't get rid of me that easily kid, now prepare to DIE!". A long, hideous tongue with two sharp points at the end came out of Snarce's mouth and began to strike Arthur to (probably) drink his blood.

The tongue tried to attack Arthur's legs, but Arthur pulled his legs up just in time to avoid the attack!

The tongue then tried to attack Arthur's legs again, but Arthur pulled his legs aside so Snarce would miss. But, Snarce's tongue was still committed to the movement so his tongue still went forward until it stabbed Snarce's own forehead!

Snarce dropped Arthur because of the pain he felt. So, Arthur quickly swung his sword at Snarce's tongue, cutting

it off instantly. Snarce screamed. Then, Arthur stabbed Snarce at the back of the head. Snarce stopped screaming and fell to the ground.



So, now Arthur had murdered a monster in cold blood and made a big, gross mess. Arthur knew things like this would be normal in this kind of lifestyle. But still Arthur was traumatized by the experience.

Arthur went back to camp to inform the others. After going back to the site where Snarce was, Arthur told the others what happened while pointing at the dead corpse of Snarce.

## CHAPTER 6

# The Journey Continues

The next morning, after further investigation of Snarce, The knights believed that the monster wasn't actually dead and that Snarce just fainted. The knights said that Snarce being alive is good since they can take it to the kingdom to question and find out unknown things about the talking monsters.

“What do you mean by talking MONSTERS!? THERE’S MORE THAN ONE TALKING MONSTER!?” Asked Corin. “Indeed. Word has just arrived that there are more monsters with the ability to talk in English.”. “What the heck!? where did you get that information if it’s new?” asked Elena. “Oh, yes. One volunteer that is also known as ‘William’ thought he was being chased by a monster and ran and ran until he somehow wandered into Serelife Village. There he received the information. “said a knight. “Oh, cool! Now we actually know how to get out of this god forsaken forest!” said Maximus. Then, they navigated their way through the Crimson Forest until they found themselves at Serelife Village. In Serelife Village, the knights and some volunteers got supplies to transport

Snarce to the Kingdom of Soros so they could further study Snarce to know more about the talking monsters.

Once they finished getting supplies, it was already getting dark. So, they slept for the night in a small building.

Once it was morning, Arthur and the others instantly got up and began to travel to the Kingdom of Soros. Snarce was being held in a cage with wheels so that about two horses could pull the cage which had Snarce inside of it. The monster would not be able to escape the cage because of the hard iron bars the cage had (probably I dunno `\\_(\ツ)\_/` ).

While on the path to the Kingdom, the knights and volunteers a slimy green substance of goo. Arthur volunteered to investigate. Arthur went near the strange substance when the goo turned around and revealed a face! The face was not really that threatening so Arthur did not instantly slash at it with his blade. "Hallo! I da gooey monsta o' Serelife! I name be Goopa! I am da reapin' of you are soul!" Then, the monster opened it's mouth wide, revealing sharp teeth. But, before it could open its whole mouth, Arthur slashed at the monster with his sword at full speed. The monster got sliced in half and that was the end of Goopa.



## CHAPTER 7

# The Kingdom of Soros

After the encounter with Goopa, there were not any monsters or anything else to interrupt the journey to the Kingdom.

After some time, Arthur and the others arrived at the gates to the Kingdom. The kingdom was beautiful, it had many buildings and houses and at the far end of it all was the palace where king Xander of the Soros region was.

It was Arthur's first time in the Kingdom, and he was amazed.

After entering the kingdom, Arthur and the others went in the palace to inform the king who's going to explore Mt. Phlosion and to inform him that they had successfully captured a talking monster (Snarce). Arthur and the others went into the king's room and... "Ah! Finally, you have come! I see that you have captured a talking beast. Also, who actually did fight and capture the beast?" asked king Xander. Everyone pointed at Arthur. "Oh! I mean uh... i-it w-was me y-your majesty!" Answered Arthur. "Wonderful! Your name is Arthur, right?"

My knights have already informed me everyone's names." Said king Xander.

"Well, I suppose you all have to continue your quest so farewell for now young heroes, because there is nothing more to tell for now! Oh, yes and it is currently getting dark so you should spend this night at palace and continue your adventure tomorrow! My guards will escort you to the dining hall for dinner. Then you will be escorted to your rooms to rest until morning." Said king Xander

## CHAPTER 8

# The Isolate Desert

After morning, Arthur and the others went into the cave known as “Cliff Cave” to go into the Isolate Desert and make their way to the Icy Terrain. While going through Cliff Cave they encountered small, weird bat beasts that tried to suck their blood. There were too many of them to fend off so they made their horses gallop as fast as they possibly could to get out of the cave by the opening that led to the Isolate Desert. Fortunately, they succeeded.



Arthur and the others began going through the Isolate desert when something erupted from the sand. It was very big, scary looking and ALIVE. "I am DUNE the Sand beast of the Isolate Desert. I am bloodthirsty for food. My stomach shall be your new home! Prepare to be SWALLOWED!" said the very unkind monster.



Arthur did not want to get eaten by a humongous beast the size of a house so, Arthur replied with “Uh... no, thank you. I’m prefer being outside your dirty body!”. There was silence for a moment then Dune replied with “HOW DARE YOU INSULT ME PUNY HUMAN! YOU SHALL DIE A VERY PAINFUL DEATH CAUSED BY ME! PREPARE TO GET SLAUGTERED PESKY PU-”. “How painful do you mean?” Arthur said kindly and Dune replied with an unkind “About as painful as the ETERNAL FLAMES CAUSED BY MY MASTER’S STAFF YOU-”. Then, all the knights had finished loading up their crossbows (don’t ask me why the knights have crossbows suddenly) and fired rapidly at the beast.

After the knights finished firing, Dune groaned. “You... shall... DIE!” said Dune and the monster smashed three knights into oblivion with it’s giant fist, causing the three knights (btw their names were Brian, Ryan and Joe) to get sent to the shadow realm.



“Oh... well, poop” said Arthur. Dune grabbed the knights and swallowed them whole. Arthur threw his blade at the beast’s eye and it bounced off it’s eye and fell into the beast’s eye. Then, Dune began coughing and his tummy made some weird noises and after that, Dune vomited out three human skulls and Arthur’s sword which was now broken in half. All the vomit had also fell on Arthur’s body. “EW! EW! EW! YUCK! WHAT THE HECK MAN!” said Arthur as he removed the yucky goo by shaking rapidly like a wet dog.

The other knights and volunteers attacked the beast, but it was no use, the beast was too strong both offensively and defensively. So, the knights yelled “RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!” and Arthur did. He ran as fast as he could, and he felt as he was going faster than the speed of sound. So obviously, he tripped on air like the people that get chased in horror movies.

The others just ignored Arthur and ran. “WAIT! HELP!” said Arthur. Then, Arthur was shot up into the sky by an eruption in the sand and guess who did it? Dune. Arthur saw a small oasis in the desert with water and Arthur tried to aim himself towards the oasis since the others might also be going there. After that, Dune yelled “Hey! You can’t escape my WRATH!”. When Arthur was close to the ground Dune grabbed him and held him above his mouth. So, Arthur wiggled like he meant it and threw his broken sword at Dune’s teeth and “Ow!” yelled Dune as it loosened it’s grip on Arthur because of pain and Arthur fell to the ground. Arthur was still high up when he fell so when he fell, everything went black.

But then his vision soon came back, and Dune was still in pain. Arthur also saw that there was a small crack on Dune’s body. So, Arthur took his shield and rammed it against the crack and the crack widened. Arthur did it

again and again and Dune screamed very abnormally until there were cracks all over Dune's body. Dune froze in place, motionless. Then, Dune's entire body collapsed into a pile of sand that had blue blood all over it. The blue stuff got splashed on Arthur and it smelled really x100 bad. So, Arthur fell to the ground and everything went black... again.

Arthur woke up in grass, he thought he was in some plains when he just in the oasis. Everybody was looking at Arthur very weirdly. "What?" said Arthur. Then after a few hours of riding a horse through an isolated desert they finally made it to a cave that led to Mt. Phlosion. There were also the bat beast thingies in this cave too so they just ran to the exit as fast as they could but, James (a volunteer) tripped on a rock and died almost instantly to the beast-bats(at least he didn't trip on air).

After exiting the desert, Arthur saw a dude in a white coat with suspiciously nerdy glasses and a bag with what looked to be a just a ton of papers. He turned out to be the dude that was going to help explore Mt. Phlosion. The dude was going to investigate Mt. Phlosion himself so that's why he was near it. Arthur liked that since he wanted to save time and just become a knight as fast as possible (btw the guy's name is Dave).

## CHAPTER 9

# Mt. Phlosion

Arthur and the others (including Dave) began to climb the extremely enormous volcano of death. There was a giant river of lava that was blocking their way to Mt. Phlosion. There were platforms of solid rock on the lava so they parkoured there were to the other side of the river. Arthur suddenly remembered that his sword was broken in half and basically had no real weapon to fight. But then, a knight gave Arthur a way sharper and more dangerous sword as a reward for his bravery and being good in close combat.

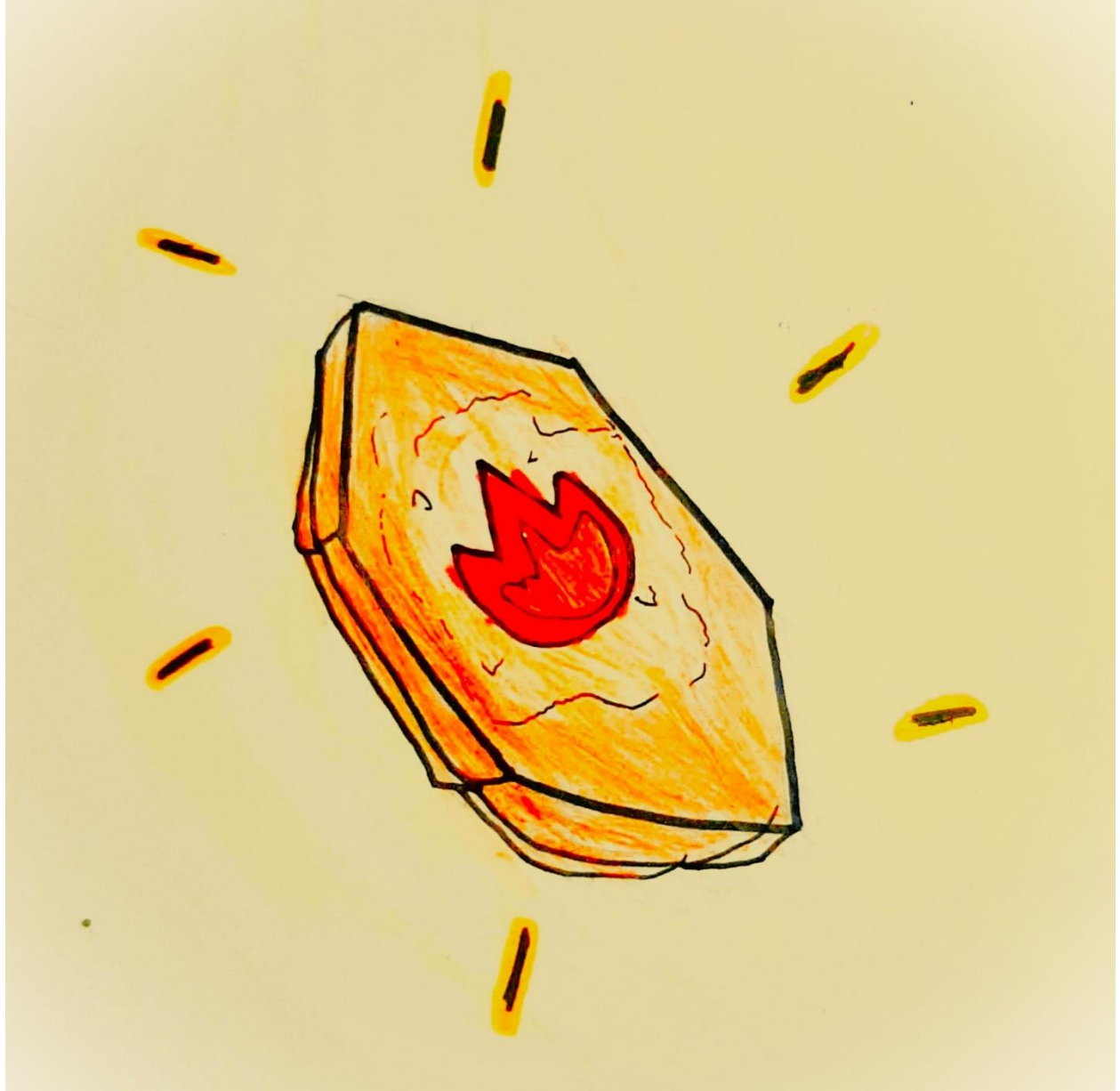
Once that was over, they discovered a cave leading to the top of the volcano. Fortunately, there were not any blood sucking bats that wanted to kill them. But, there was two types of monsters in that cave. First there were stone GNOMES (it was very random) and then there were giant bears with glowing red eyes that also messed with your vision if they got too close to you. After a long time of slashing swords and throwing gnomes at the bears, they finally knocked out all the bears in the cave (there were ten whole bears).



The gnomes were easily taken care of since they weren't very good both offensively and defensively. Then

after they went up Mt. Phlosion more, they encountered a pit of lava. Thankfully, the lava was located far down the cave, so nobody passed out from the trapped heat. But, Corin wanted to lead the others and ran too fast and didn't look where he was going so he was almost incinerated by the very hot molten lava.

They didn't find a way to get across the pit of lava. But then, Dave called out "Hey! I found something very interesting!". The others followed his voice and found him in a narrow path that led to a glowing object. Dave touched the object and grabbed it. Dave showed it to the others, and it turned out to be an orange colored stone with an emblem of a flame.



“What is it?” asked Elena. Dave replied with “I-it’s the Ancient Magma Stone! It was said to be a myth but it’s true! It’s true! It is said to have the powers to enchant fire, lava and the ground to do anything with them!”.

Then, Arthur had an idea. He took the magma stone and went to the pit of lava that was blocking their way. “What are you doing?” asked Dave. Arthur replied with “Getting rid of the lava.”. Then, he held the stone in his hands and wished that the lava pit would disappear, and surprisingly, it worked! The lava disappeared into thin air.

After that, the volcano rumbled loudly as if it was going to erupt. Then, the wall that was in the cave blew up, revealing a person in dark blue clothing that was suspiciously like a wizard’s, a long white beard and eyes that were dark and cruel. He also wore a very big hat and had a wand.

“Okay there is no way that you’re not an evil wizard trying to kill us. Also, cool hat you have there.” Said Arthur as the mysterious man snatched the magma stone from his hands. “You wish to know who I am? Well, I am Deliyus, professional evil wizard and master of the talking beasts of Soros!” Said Deliyus.

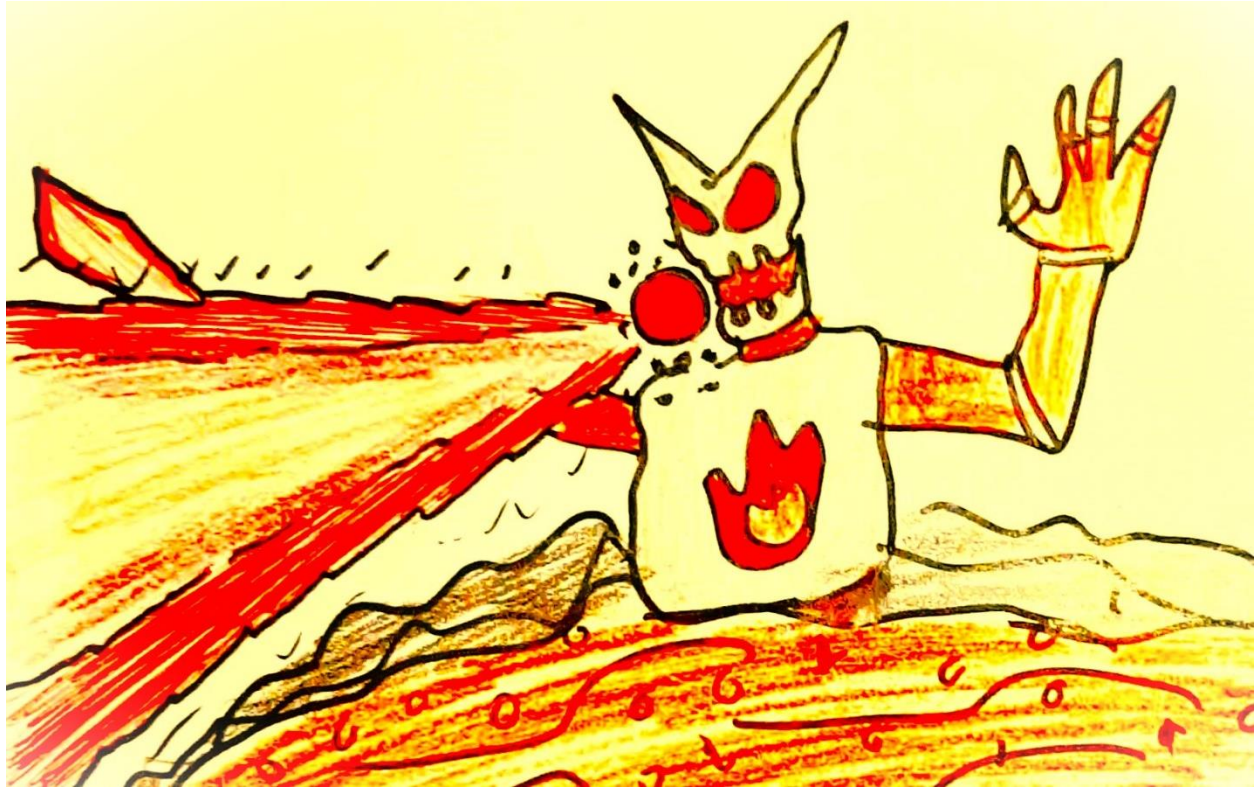
“Why am I telling you this? Because you all are already dead.” Said Deliyus. The Wizard attached the stone to his wand at it radiated a fearsome aura of light. Deliyus aimed the wand at the others and beams of lava erupted from the ground, all the volunteers and knights dodged the beams, but Dave was instantly incinerated by the beams of hot, molten lava.

The others managed to jump out of the hole Deliyus made and landed not too far down. “You think you can escape that easily? But, here’s a better question, do you want to have a bad time? Because now you shall face the wrath of my strongest beast, OBSIDIAN THE LAVA BEAST!” Deliyus let out an evil laugh and aimed his wand at the nearby pool of lava. Then, the lava pool got bigger and bigger until it made almost all of the remaining knights fall into the pool, after that, a monster 10 times more enormous than Dune rose from the pool. It was sunken to the waist in the pool of lava. It had a mask-like face made of black stone, a body made by a lava-like substance and it had an enormous sword. Obsidian the lava beast roared.

Then, it opened its mouth and smoke came rushing at William and Christopher. They started coughing and Arthur ran to help them. But then, Obsidian closed its

mouth and the smoke turned into hot flames. Arthur saw William and Christopher burnt to ashes.

Maximus threw his sword at the monster's body, but it burned to a crisp instantly after hitting its body. Obsidian the lava beast looked up into the sky and opened its mouth. Then, a ball of mystical ball lava formed in front of its mouth and it aimed at Maximus and Maximus ran as Obsidian the lava beast fired a beam of molten lava that caused destruction where it landed. Maximus was blown away by the explosion caused by the beam, not dead but very injured.



Arthur began climbing the volcano as fast as possible to try to strike it from above. Then, Arthur got to the top of the volcano. Deliyus was aiming his wand at the nearby village of Mearest. Suddenly, a thunderstorm began to form above the village. The thunderstorm produced thunder and lightning very often, causing the areas that got hit by thunder to start fires that were so extreme that the rain from the storm could not extinguish it.

Arthur saw the magma stone laying on the ground as Deliyus was not using it. Arthur grabbed the stone as Deliyus turned around. "Don't think your smart boy.

Prepare to die to the eternal flames caused by my staff!" said Deliyus as his wand extended into a staff.

Deliyus aimed it at Arthur and a great flame appeared. Fortunately, Arthur dodged it. Arthur aimed the magma stone at Deliyus, and the wizard got trapped by erupting sloped of ground. Arthur willed the Stone to make lava erupt from under the wizard and he got what he wished for and the slopes exploded because of the pressure caused by the lava. But then, someone pushed him, so he fell, and he looked up to see Deliyus above him. The magma stone had fallen too, and it was out of Arthur's reach. Suddenly, Arthur had an idea. He dodged an attack that Deliyus used and went near Obsidian the lava monster that was now trying to kill Elena. He shouted "HEY UGLY! KICK BY BOTTOM YOU WORTHLESS PIECE OF POOP!". Then Obsidian raised its sword and aimed at Arthur. Arthur went near Deliyus and just as the sword of Obsidian was about to hit Arthur. He skillfully ran to the side and the sword hit and killed Deliyus instead of Arthur.



During that, the magma stone was also destroyed so since Obsidian was created using the magma stone, Obsidian the lava beast faded away from existence, and since Deliyus was dead and his wand/staff also broke, all of Deliyus' s creations including the talking beasts and the thunderstorm above Mearest village faded away from existence too.

But then, when everything was looking good, Mt. Phlosion the ACTIVE VOLCANO began to ERUPT! Arthur and survivors ran from the volcano. Fortunately, they all got away safely.

## CHAPTER 10

# The End

After that very terrifying experience, Arthur and the others headed back to the royal palace with the knights. Then the volunteers (ahem... the survivors) were knighted and blah blah blah... lived happily ever after :) (What did you expect? This is basically what every adventure story that's set in the medieval period is like (is this even in the medieval period? Answer: I don't know).

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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