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To my father and mother,

Whose boundless love, wisdom, and sacrifices have shaped me into who I am today. Your constant support and guidance are the heart of everything I do.

To my dear grandmother and grandfather,

Whose stories, strength, and presence in my life have been a constant source of inspiration. Your love transcends generations, and I carry your wisdom with me always.

To my loving sister,

Whose laughter, kindness, and unwavering belief in me light up my world. Your love fills my heart with gratitude and joy, and your support lifts me higher with every step.

This book is a testament to your love, your lessons, and your constant encouragement. Thank you for being my guiding lights, my strength, and my family.

With all my love,

Yasadi Sehansa Jayawardhana

FOREWORD

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the Mahamaya as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past Yatiwara writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, Karadana Atthadassi Thero.

The Pirivena student monks have also taken up book writing “The Herana Gatkarani “ project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and Pirivena education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,
Principal, Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy

A Day In The Fairy Land

Once in a village there lived a girl named Anna. She is a very sweet and kind girl. Anna liked to go to the woods with her mother to collect fruits. The reason she liked to go to the woods is that there is a lake with all sorts of different animals, like fish, birds, and turtles. Some days she will go and feed the animals there. In the woods there is even a parrot who is friends with Anna. As usual, Anna went with her mother to the woods to pick berries. Then she went to meet her friend, and she named the parrot Rocky. Rocky could speak many words. Her mother was busy picking fruits, and because she did not have anything to do, she went across the lake with a boat.





Across the lake it was like another world there. There were so many different trees, animals, and even a waterfall a little far from where she is. She saw that Rocky went to another place that is near many bushes, so she too went there. Anna asked, 'Rocky, do you know this place?' and Rocky said that he knows the place, but that Anna must keep it a secret. Then Anna promised that she would not tell anybody about what is there. Then Rocky said in a quiet voice that behind these bushes there is a land of MAGIC! Anna's eyes were in shock. She heard about magic but never thought it was real. Then she slowly and carefully went through the bushes. Anna looked at the tiniest village that Anna has seen in her life. In the village there were fairies. They were walking and flying like little ants. Then Anna said, 'Wow.' A fairy named Marina came and said, 'BIG PEOPLE!' and screamed. Anna quickly said that she and Rocky did not come to do any harm. Then Marina said you two can come and visit the fairyland if you like too. Anna said, of course we would love to visit the fairyland.



Then Marina gave Anna a berry cupcake, and Rocky had to eat a purple-colored mango. When they ate the food, they became very tiny; the world around them was ten times bigger than them. So, it was very exciting and a bit scary for them. Then Marina came and said, 'Don't worry; many people do not come here that much. Then Rocky and Anna went exploring the village. A while later they realized there was an evil witch, but they did not care about that very much. And the fairies were super sweet, and their homes were tiny, cute little mushrooms. As pets, they had little baby unicorns. Like in a

normal village, there were shops, hospitals, bakeries, schools, and even lakes, ponds, and rivers. When Anna asked how the pond is made, Marina said, 'When it rains, little water droplets come from the sky and fill in the little holes in the village.' Anna saw little things swimming in the water, and then Anna asked, what are those in the water'? Pointing at the water. Marina said. They are tiny fish. 'OH REALLY? THAT'S SO AWESOME,' said Anna in a confused voice. What, it was not that much of a surprise to us fairies, said Marina in a happy voice. At that moment it was time for the little fairies to go to school.



Little fairies dressed in uniform were ready to go to school. They were wearing little bags made from leaves. Anna said, 'They are so cute.' Even a little fairy waved his hand at him. Then Rocky said, 'I am going to see the dragons,' then Rocky flew away. A few streets ahead they found that there was a pet shop. It was filled with fish, rainbow foxes, unicorns, and fire-breathing little dragons.



An hour later, a huge unicorn came, which was pulling a carriage, and went across the village. In the carriage there was the most beautiful fairy that Anna has seen in her life. At that moment she realized it was the queen. She was wearing a long red dress and had shining black shoes, and her wand was gold and had a little star on it.



All the fairies gathered there and bowed to her and said, 'How are you, my queen?' and replied with a smile and nodding her head. Just at that moment he could hear a familiar voice saying, 'ANNA, ANNA, ANNA.' Then she knew it was her mother. She thought her mother was trying to find her, but she could not go because her friend Rocky was not there. There she saw Rocky, and his friends' dragons were flying towards her. Then when he was about to leave the fairyland, Marina gave her a beautiful necklace that was made from white pearls, a gold ball in the middle, and fairy dust.



Marina said, 'If there were any danger in fairyland, it would shine brightly,' Marina explained. Then she said, 'There was an evil witch who had a cat, and she lived in the dark forest of the village.' Anna said OK and quickly ran out of the village and went across the river with a boat. Then she saw her mother in the bushes searching for where she was. She yelled at her, saying, 'Where have you been? I have been looking for you all the time.' Anna stayed quiet and did not say a word. She said bye to Rocky. Then she and her mother went to their home in the evening. Then Anna ate dinner and went to sleep thinking about the fairies. She thought about what had happened today, like,

“Who I that witch? “

“What does the witch do?”

What will happen when she goes back to the fairyland? The next morning when she woke up, there was a bright light coming from her table. It was the necklace. Anna was so excited and a little bit worried about her friends, the fairies. She thought about what might be happening in the fairyland, so she quickly dressed up and went to the forest and across the lake, and she found Rocky. Both went to fairyland, but there were no fairies there. They went a little further and found that the evil witch had destroyed the whole village. The houses were all broken, the little bakeries were destroyed, and even the pet

store was in tiny pieces. The fairies were all over the place crying. Then Anna spotted Marina with her family crying by the tree, and then she asked, why are you crying, Marina? Then she said, My and my family's house is destroyed by that bad witch, said Marina, still crying. Then he saw the bad witch. That bad witch was coming from behind the pet shop. She had a pet cat that was orange and had black stripes like a tiger and a little hat that was black and long. The evil witch was wearing a black dress and had an odd-looking wand.



Then Marina told Anna that the witch has been destroying the village because once a group of fairies had hurt the witch cat by mistake while the cat was wandering around the village. So, the witch was upset because her cat got hurt. So, he left the dark woods and came to the village to take revenge. Now the fairies, the queen, Rocky, and Anna are teaming up to save the village and all the little fairies. Then all of them gathered and decided. The evil witch said in a deep and scary voice, "YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP ME." Then the group decided to stop the witch. Then Marina said, "This is the plan: "the plan is we all get together and take the witch's wound. because it is the only thing that gives the witch power. Then at that moment they saw the witch was going to the queen's castle.

They slowly and carefully went inside the castle without making any noise. They slowly approached the witch, who was sitting in the queen's throne. Then Rocky flew behind and took the witch's wound and flew back to where Anna and the others were. Marina said, "Great job, Rocky," in a very surprised voice. Then a few minutes later, the witch found out that the wand was missing. Then she stood up from the throne, and in a frightened voice, she screamed, Where's' my wound? Then the queen came and stood up in front of her and took out

her wand and told a spell, which was, “Evil witch, evil witch, go away from this village and never, ever, never, ever come back.” As soon as she pointed the wand to her, she disappeared. Once they destroyed the witch, the village was once happy for a long time. Then they went out of the castle. And help the other fairies. They repaired all the broken mushroom houses to brand new houses, the bakeries to new ones, as well as the schools and hospital. Then Marina heard a familiar voice coming from the distance; it was Mrs. Pie. Anna quickly asked, “Who is she?” Then Marina said she is the “pet shop keeper.” Then she said, “Because of the witch, all the animals have gone to different places of the village,” so she asked if we could help her to find the magical creatures. Then Anna and Marina said OK in an excited manner.

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FOX

☀️ BABY UNICORN.

☀️ FIRE BREATHING
DRAGON.

☀️ 12 GOLDFISH.

☀️ GREEN & BLUE
BIRDS.

Then Mrs. Pie said these are the magical creatures.

Rare rainbow fox is in the forest.

Baby unicorn is in the mountains.

Fire-breathing baby dragon is in the cave.

the 12 goldfish in the pond.

and the last one, the green and blue birds in the trees.

Anna asked how the fish ended up in the pond from the set store shop. Then Mr. Pie said that when the witch came, she threw all the fish into the pond. Then Anna, in a sad voice, said, "THAT'S TERRIBLE." Then at that moment the queen said, "I must go to the castle and fix all that is broken with my helpers. Can you, do it? Then Marina said, "It's ok; we will do it." Then they went to find the fish in the pond first. We need a boat, said Rocky. Then Marina waved her wand, and a boat appeared. She told it it was a magical boat and that it had a glass bottom in the center of the boat. So, we could see the bottom of the pond, and it would be much easier to find the goldfish. Then Anna said, "Where are we going to put the fish in?" and Marina said, "We could use buckets that are filled with water." But Anna said that we don't have any buckets with us. Then Rocky said he can go and bring two buckets from a nearby house because there are 12 goldfish, so we can put 6 in each

bucket. Then Anna said that she can go with Rocky too. A few minutes later, Rocky came with one bucket in his beak, and Anna came with a bucket in his hand. They filled water to the two buckets. Then they all hopped into the boat. Then they went searching for the goldfish. Then hours went by, and there were no signs of the goldfish. Then Rocky said, “He will go and meet his friend the kingfisher on the other side of the pond. When Rocky went and asked the kingfisher, he said that he saw the goldfish pack this morning swimming on the opposite side of the pond.



Rocky said, "Thank you," and flew to where the others were, and then Rocky told all the things that the kingfisher had told Rocky. Then they all went to the opposite side of the lake, and sure enough, they found the goldfish under their boat. Everybody tried to catch the fish, but nobody could. Then Marina took her wand and wished for a fishing net. In the blink of an eye, the fishing net appeared in her hand. Anna said, "WOW." Then we tried to catch the fish, and then they finally caught ten fish. They quickly put them in a water-filled bucket and waited until the other fish came. But no fish came near the boat, so they went to another spot of the pond, and they saw little two dots in the pond shining; it was the 2 goldfish. It took a couple of tries to take the fish, and they finally got it, then they put the fish in the bucket and put the boat to a hook and tied it to a nearby tree. And went to Mrs. Pie, she was sitting all alone on the side of the pet store, and then Anna shouted and said, "WE FOUND THE FISH, MRS. PIE," and Mrs. Pie, with some relief, said, "Thank you" in a happy voice. Then Anna said we need a couple of cages to put the other animals in, so she gave Anna some cages. They said goodbye to Mrs. Pie and went to find the baby unicorn in the mountains. When they were near the mountain, they knew it was very tall and very cold at the top, but they promised to find the animals, so they had to do it. They climbed half of the mountain, but they could not go further because there was a huge and enormous rock blocking

the path to the top of the mountain. They were worried because if they were late, the unicorn might fly away. Then they heard a terrifying sound; soon they heard a huge noise. Then Rocky said, "I can go to the sky and see who is making that terrifying noise." Rocky yelled, "It's a monster!" When they heard it was a monster, everyone panicked in fright. Then the monster came to the group of friends. Then Anna asked, "Why are you screaming?" And he said, "I am screaming because I lost my friend." Then Anna asked, "Who is your friend?" The monster said that his friend is the baby unicorn. Marina said quickly that this unicorn belongs to the fairyland. Then the monster said, "Can I come with you to find the baby unicorn?" Then Marina said you can come, but first you must help us to pull to the rock so we can go. Then the monster said, "OK," in a happy voice. Then they all pushed the rock with all their might. Finally, they were able to push the rock away. Then they all went up the mountain, and quickly the monster recognized his friend, the baby unicorn, flying in the sky, and it landed next to the beautiful waterfall.



The monster said that the waterfall is to the right of the mountain. And they went; the little unicorn was eating carrots next to the waterfall. They quickly, slowly, and carefully approached the unicorn from behind and grabbed the unicorn and put it in the cage. And the monster said, "Goodbye, and the other went down the mountain, and then the unicorn wanted to be out of the cage; it wiggled. Then they quickly went to Mr. Pie and said, we found the unicorn! Then Mrs. Pie said, where was the unicorn at? And Anna said the unicorn was next to the waterfall in the mountain eating carrots. Then they set off to find the rare rainbow fox in the forest, so they ran quickly to the forest and went searching

for a den where the rainbow fox might be hiding in the den. Then Rocky flew up to the sky and saw three fox dens. Then it started raining, and then Rocky said in an odd voice, “If it rains, it's good in one way and bad in another way because when it rains, the fox might go to the den, and because it is raining, we are getting cold and wet. But they still went searching for the fox. Minutes turn into hours, but they still could not find the fox. Then Rocky saw a den between two trees. Then Marin said, “ROCKY, YOU'RE AMAZING!” Then all of them went to see if there was a fox in the den, but sadly there was no fox in the den, so they went back to finding the other two dens. And a while later they found the second den. It was next to a beehive, and then Anna said that no fox can stay next to a beehive; the bees will sting the fox for sure. But Marina said, “But in case the fox might be there, we should look at it too.” The rain got worse, and it was getting cold, so Marina took her wand and wished for three umbrellas, and they came to her. They took the umbrellas and went to find the fox. Sure enough, it was in the last den, which was next to a cave, and they slowly came to the fox and waited, but the fox would not come out. So, Anna said to Marina to wish for a whole cake of strawberry cake, which the rainbow fox loves to eat.



Then Marina said, “what are we going to do with a whole cake?” Then Anna said that we could give two pieces to the fox and keep the rest for ourselves because I am rather a bit hungry. Then Marina said, “Ok, sure, I am a bit hungry too.” Then she said, “Magic wand, please give me a whole strawberry cake.” When the cake came, we gave two pieces to the fox and ate the rest with Marina and Rocky. After eating the cake, the fox came out because of the smell, and then Anna took one piece from the fox and put the piece in the cage. A few minutes

later, the fox went inside the cage. Anna and Martina were tired after walking so much. Anna asked Rocky if he could go and give the fox to Mrs. Pie, and Rocky said, “Ok, why not?” Then Rocky flew away and went through the forest and went to meet Mrs. Pie, and Mrs. Pie saw Rocky in the distance and waved, and then Rocky smiled at Mrs. Pie. Then she asked, “Where is Anna Marina?” Then Rocky replied that “Marina and Anna are tired, so they told me to take the fox and go and give the fox to you.” Meanwhile Anna and Marina sat beside a tree and waited until Rocky came. Then when Rocky came, they went to find the baby dragon in the cave. A while later they realized they were going in the wrong direction and the cave was in the west; they were going on the north path. Then they asked Rocky to find the west direction. Rocky flew to the sky and told them where the west direction is. When they found the direction, they quickly ran to where the cave was, but there was a problem: the cave was not in the forest, and because it rained earlier, the way out of the forest is very slippery. So, they must be very careful. Even Rocky must cause. After going out of the forest very carefully, they knew the cave was in the path to the old evil witch’s home, but they did not care because they had already vanished the witch. They slowly went through the path; it was so smelly and had gooey stuff all over the path when we were near the witch’s house. Anna asked, what is that stuff all over the path? Then Marina said, “I

think those are poison bottles. Those are very dangerous; you should not touch them.” Then when they passed the witch’s house, they thought they found the baby dragon, but it was the witch’s poor little cat. Anna said, “Poor little thing.” Marina asked, “Can we take it and give it to Mrs. Pie?” Anna smiled happily. They tried to put the cat in the cage, but it ran away.



They tried to catch it, but it was too fast. Then Rocky realized it was taking us to the baby dragon. Rocky told Anna, and they went soon after they found the baby dragon in the cave eating meat. Rocky realized it was its friend the dragon. Rocky explained to Anna and Marina about the dragon being his friend. Then Rocky told this to the dragon: “Do you want to come to the fairyland with us? Then the dragon nodded his head. Then Rocky said, “Baby dragon does not like being in a cage, and I am sure that baby dragon would not fly away, so we should not put him in the cage”.



Then the dragon and the other went, and then Anna remembered about the cat, and then she said, "What about the cat?" Marina said, "We should go back and bring the cat." Then they went back and put the cat in a cage and went out of the cave. And went to the village where Mrs. Pie was inside the pet shop waiting until they came. Then Mrs. Pie said to Anna, Marina, and Rocky to come and eat lunch. Then they all went to eat lunch. Anna and Marina had fried rice, and Rocky had nuts and fruits. Then Anna asked what the dragon might eat, and Mrs. Pie gave it a bucket of meat. After they eat, they said, "Goodbye, Mrs. Pie, and thank you for the lunch." Then they went to find the green and blue birds in the trees. Then they realized that they did not know where the trees were, and they did not know what kind of tree they were in. So, they went back to where Mrs. Pie was and asked her if she knew what kind of trees they were in and where the trees were. Then Mr. Pie replied that she knew the tree and where it was, but the tree is very poisonous. And it was in the goo lagoon, and the tree is the poison tree of death.

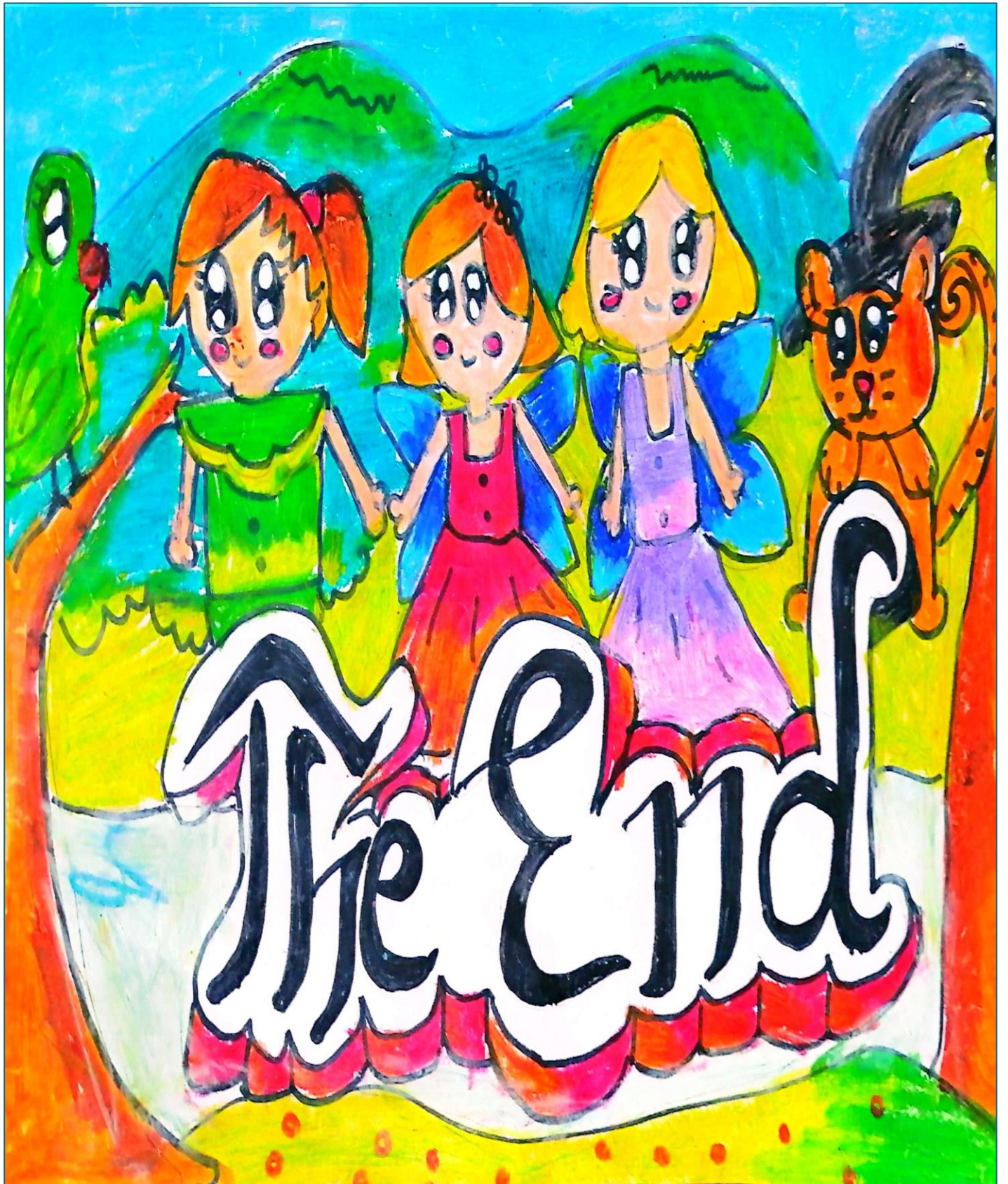


But Anna and the others took the challenge and went to the goolagoon, and then Anna saw two birds in the tree, and they were the only birds there except Rocky. Then Anna said that she was the only one that could not fly, and then Marina said this: “I can give you wings by telling a spell.” Then Anna said, “I would love to have fairy wings.” Then Marina told the spell, and Anna got fairy wings, and then they took a cage and went to the tree carefully, and then Rocky saw a beautiful, shiny thing in the tree. Sure enough, it was the magical green and blue bird, but there was only one of them, so Rocky said to Anna, “We should find the other bird.” Then the green and blue bird said, “My brother! He got trapped in a cage! I know the place. Can you “please help me to free my brother?” Then Anna said, “Of course we

would love to help your brother,” and then they all went to find his brother. Soon they heard a noise coming from near a muddy lake, and that was his brother. They tried to break the cage, but it was hard like stone. Then Marina wished for a key, and then they finally freed the bird.



Anna put them into a cage, and they all went to Mrs. Pie. was so happy that the group found all the animals, so he gave Anna a bucket of magical berries and Rocky a whole entire bowl of nuts and fruits. They Then the bird said thank you, and Anna heard a voice calling for her. It was her mother. Anna said, "I must go, then see you soon," and then he heard her mother say, Come and have breakfast, and sure enough, it was a lovely dream of Anna's.



AFTERWARD



According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the Pirivena student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,

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