

THREE FRIENDS AND THE MYSTERY ISLAND

The image is a vertical poster for a story. The background is a dark, atmospheric landscape. In the center, a large, moss-covered rock formation is shaped like a human skull, with the eye sockets and nasal cavity clearly defined. The skull is set against a backdrop of a full moon and a cloudy sky. A small airplane is visible flying in the distance. The overall color palette is dark, with shades of blue, green, and black, creating a mysterious and ominous mood.

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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.

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It was mid-December. I was spending my school vacation. That morning was foggy and misty. I was on my bed reading book. My parents went to stores to take decorations for Christmas. I was home alone but I heard a noise. I was at the second floor; I quickly went to down stairs. That noise was from our land phone. I quickly answered the call. I heard a familiar voice. It was none other than my friend benny.

“Hey is this Steve” he asked

“Yeah of course” I replied

“Steve me and my family are going on a trip on this Sunday to an island in USA

“Sound great, so what’s up”

“So my mom told me to invite you and peter”

“Oh really

“Are you joining with us? I asked from peter he’s surely coming”

“Interesting, when do you come again?”

“I don’t know, maybe on January first week”

“What about Christmas”

“We planned to celebrate my 15th birthday and Christmas in this island.

“What’s the name of that island I need to search about it”

“It’s “sun fall” island”

“Oh okay how you guys found that island

“My mom’s elder brother called a hotel in that island, so we chose it Steve are you actually coming or not

“I like but I need to ask from parents”

“Okay ask now”

“Surely, they are not at home right now.”

“Okay, you ask from them and inform me”

“Sure”

“Wait a minute, is your mobile phone working” ?

“yes, why ?”

“ No, I called it first but didn’t work that’s why I called this”

“maybe battery was over, I didn’t check it, I was reading a book.”

“Okay bye”

“Bye”

Spending long time on the phone stopped talking. I was thinking about that trip until my parents arrived. I was really excited.

“mom, my other 2 friends are going on a trip, can I go with them ?

“Where are they going ?

“they are going to an island in UAS”

“Hmm, for how many days?

“Just for 2 weeks”

“that’s a long time, you will miss the Christmases as well”

“It’s okay please mom please”

“Okay fine”

“thank you mom”

“Wait did you ask from dad”

“not yet”

“You need to ask from him as well”

:fine: I asked from dad and he agreed.

After that I called benny and told him that I coming.

It was Sunday, not a normal day. A special one. Because I’m going on a trip today. My father took me to the London airport. We saw peter and benny’s family there. Benny’s dad gave a ticket for each one

The airport announcer gave a announcement. It was about the flight that we travel to St.fransisco it will be leaving in 20 minutes. after hearing this benny’s dad hurried up the journey. We came into he flight and sat on our places.

After about and half hours finally came to St.fransisco airport. We took our bags and went into a travel bus and we met our guide there. He talked with benny’s dad and went away. Benny’s dad called us outside of the bus with bags.

Everyone listen, our guide is mark. I told him about our plan and we are going to sun fall island. He went to take a van for us. After few minutes mark came with a van.

Every one got in and we started our journey we travelled for 20 minutes and the van was stopped. We came out from the van. We arrived built up to a distance of about 20 meters. There were boats around it.

“hello” a noise came from behind. I turned around there was a big guy with a small mustache he was like a giant.

“ Are you guys visitors” he asked.

“yes we came from London. You a boat rider” Benny’s dad asked.

“yes sir. I can give you a boat. I have motor boat, sail boats, jet boats, sky boats and air boats.

“ give me that small motor boat”

“sure. Just 30 dollars”

“30 Dollars for that island?”

“Yes sir”

It's expensive but okay. “Benny's father is a very rich businessman. So 30 dollars is not Much for him.

We quickly got in to the boat and sail to the island. The hotel manager and others welcomed us. It was about 9'o clock so we quickly went into our rooms and washed up and ate. We had bread of cheese, oysters and fried carb with prawns. We also had lemonade to drink. I enjoyed the crab and that bread with cheese not the oysters.

After that we met hotel manager. He is not old. He was like 30 years old. He had a son next to him. He was like six years younger to me.

“Warmly welcome everyone. Glad to see you. “Manager said”

My friend what are the famous places here to visit expect here? Benny's dad asked.

“sir, this island has 3 parts. It has been divided because of this sun fall river. The part we living is called claude and other two are fernand and Gabriel.”

“Why did they have name like that”. Because the French man auguste allard found this island and named those path from his sons names”.

“oh can we see them tomorrow”?

“yes sir, we have an indian names raj. He will come up with you.”

“okay, we'll get ready at 8:30”

“okay anything else”

“sir my son George also likes to come with you. He hasn't see this island that much. He was at florida with his mother and grandparents. He came here a week ago with his mother”

“No problem. Tell him to come” after that we went our rooms.

My room wasn't a big one. But it had enough space to keep my everything. It had a bed , a table next to the bed, and a small cupboard. There was an entrance to rooftop. I 'be felt boring and went to sleep.

I woke up early in the morning because I forgot to lover up window, the sun shine felt on my face. I brushed my teeth and changed the outfit and came down (me and peter was at the second floor. But peter was still sleeping) I saw manager's son drinking coffee at the table. I remembered that he's coming with us today, so I went to talk with him.

“Hey man, how you doing “ I asked.

“I'm doing great” he replied

“ you are George, right?”

“yes, what's your name”

“Steve”

“British right?”

“Hmm nice to meet you”

It's 6.30 guys you came late yesterday and are you tired. I thought you guys would sleep another hour”

“Others are still sleeping. Only I'm a wake.

“Do you drink coffee?”

“I do”

“So tell marvin, that you want coffee”

“Bro I can’t. I’m new”

“How long will you be here”?

“ I don’t know. 2 weeks Maybe.”

So spend like home, I’m also new but I spend time here like home.”

“ okay, I will.” I went to the chief servant and told I want a coffee and he gave me one within 10 minutes. While I’m enjoying that peter came in.

“Hey peter, do you need a coffee?”

“why not”

“ask from the chief servant”

“okay”

“wait, why did you woke up early?”

“long story”

“ oh I think I can understand”

“no, you can’t”

Did you forget to lover the window.”

“ how do you know?”

“ I heard you were rolling at rooftop. I think you felt sleepy and went to bed without covering the window. It was dark outside so you didn’t notice it but in the morning.....”

“okay. I know now: in 30 minutes others also came and got ready for the breakfast. We had prawns with strawberries, bacon ham, and omelets and orange juice.

We met raj and talk with him. We didn't forgot to bring medicine and sandwiches foe the lunch, also benny's father wasn't came with us.

There was a small forest behind hotel. We walked 2 miles and came to the edge of our island. And we saw too big island. One is at left side other one is at right.

“Let's go to left side island. It's not much big, we can visit it quickly”. Raj said in Indian accent.

Why let's go to other one. We have much left. I havn't seen it. I have only gone to the Gabriel island (left one) said by the manager's son.

oh. Do others like that idea?” raj asked.

“yes” everyone said

“But there are nothing much to watch”

“what, then I'm not going to that one” I said.

It's okay, I know there is a big jungle” little George replied. We are facing big trouble. We can't decide where we are going. But peter came up with an idea.

“okay guys. Let's split up ones who like to go to the left island can go there with raj. Others can go with uncle” he said.”

“Agreed” George said

“it is dangerous”

“ no let's stop this decision, do what peter said” I said, after that me and peter went with raj. Others went with benny's father.

“see you at 2.p.m. here” benny’s dad said and we divided our foods and got into a wooden boat stopped at the beach and we came into the island. We saw a big board that had been informed about this island. Also it’s name was gabrial. We walked hearly 500 meters and came beneath a big mountain we took our lunch there.

“we call this mountain “Rockey” and the small mountain behind these one is alphonse mountain” raj explained to us.

“Excuse me raj”, why did they name this with those names” peter asked.

“because they were the two name of the two son that Gabrial Allard had. I had another son, his name was Henri Allard and There is big underground cave in this island it named by henri cave.

“oh raj, how did this island got the name of sun fall?” peter asked again.

“it’s the name of the British ship that Auguste Allard came here. Okay boys we don’t have time let’s go

“Frenchman came from a British ship and found an island is America, is crazy I told to peter.

We walked few miles and came to the mountain top. We an amazing view.

“boys let’s go to the cave. I think if we visit Alphon Mountain we can’t go on 2.pm “raj said and we quickly went to visit to cave. It was bigger than what I expected. A lake was going through it. The special thing about it was it had green mix blue water. It was an amazing experience. After that we came up to the boat and came to the claude (Hotel island) island but still no sign of our other team.

“I’m tired now” I said

“okay then let’s go to hotel “Raj replied. “before going we should inform benny’s team” I said.

“Raj, can you give me your jack knife” peter said

“why not” Raj gave it to peter. he took out his notice book and wrote some thing on it.

“now we can go” peter said and we all came to the hotel. We saw benny’s mom sitting on the

“hey guys, how was the trip?” she asked

“Not bad” I said

“Where are others?”

“Aunty, they will come in few minutes”

“Ok okay” we went to our rooms and took a bath. We came out and searched for benny but they hadn’t come.

“Peter, this is getting too serious. It’s 4.00 pm now”: I said.

“Hmm. Let’s talk about this with our aunty and manager” peter said.

“Let’s go” we met them and said the full story to them.

“It was very dangerous. How did Raj leave them along manager was serious.

“I’m going to find them” he said.

“Can we come” we asked.

“No children. Stay here” he said.

“Don’t worry madam, we will find them” manager said to benny’s mom. She was very sad.

Manager gathered fix other people and went for search others. Benny's mom went to her room. We waited five hours but they didn't Came. Peter came near me and said.

“Steve let's go to find benny”

“what ! don't you remember. What manager uncle told to us.”

“I don't care. Go to your room and bring your torch. I will bring my one”

“but.....”

“okay, if you want to atay. Please stay here. I'm going alone” he an his room.

“I can't let him alone” I said to my self. I also went to my room. Grab my torch and went down stairs.

“ I knew you are coming” peter said and we went to find others. We came to the place where we put a notice in the afternoon. It was 11 pm peter took that knife again and put it inside his pocket.

“peter, we can't go get over from this river” I said.

“why, don't you know how to ride a boat?” he asked.

“Nope”

“Then I will ride” jumped into a boat. I was not confident at all. But, also into the boat. After few minutes we came t the fernand island for the first time.

“Steve, can you see these footsteps” peter showed me some foots step.

“Yes, I think others have gone this side.”

“Okay, then let's follow the footsteps” we followed the footsteps. We came to a land fill of stones.

“Take care steve, there can be snakes under those rocks.” peter said

“Okay.....” Peter shut me up before I could finish he silenced me and took my torch and pointed to my left side. I show 2 man talking to each other.

“Oh peter, I think that’s our men” I said. “I also thought bring in the same way but after I saw those guns under that bush. I knew it wasn’t our guys.”

“Oh my god” I knew this was a bad idea.

“ Don’t be afraid, don’t make any noise.”

Who are they?

“ I don’t know but they aren’t good, it’s only I can say about that men” we slowly covered by to a gig stone and observed them. They were just talking. Peter took a mid sixe stone and throw it on to our right side making a big noise. Those men took their guns and slowly passed that checkpoint while we were passing. I saw a water bottle on the ground. I tried to take it but peter stopped.

“What are you doing?” he asked.

“We need water. I’m thirsty.

“But if we steal this, those men will follow us all night”

“Fine.”

“Let’s go” we slowly walked few miles and we saw some tents in tree area. We quietly walked into the nearest tent.

I found 2 water bottles and drank and saw a bay. I had felt like I had seen this one, finally I remembered it was Raj’s bag. We searched inside it.

I think this is a construction side” peter said.

“Hmm maybe”

“Is that a cage”?

“I think they arrested benny and kep him there”

“I know why raj didn’t let us to come here”

“he is a traitor”

“Let’s go to that site”

“Bro what! It’s very risky. I think that Steve would have a massive security”

“Bro, be silent, someone is coming. Take your torch out and ready when open this Curtin. Hit him. I will close his mouth” he told me calmly, and we got ready he didn’t took much time to come here. He open the Curtin I hit him , peter jumped and punched him in the face, he fall down, I swap the job and shut his mouth, it was raj. He couldn’t fight with us. He was very weak, because he travelled lot with us and had become tired here. I can tell by looking at his face. He is extremely terrified. He was tried to say something and got fainted. We picked him and hide him inside a big bush.

We started our journey again went to site. There wasn’t much security asjust 6 people. But they all had guns.

“Okay, what should we do” ? I asked from peter we were hiding under a big tree.

“I need to go inside”

“That’s impossible”

“ No, if we distract them, as we did first 2 men, we can easily get in.”

“yes but how ?” all six weren’t at the same place, six were at six different places and moving here and there.

“ Steve, go in front of them and run to the forest”

“what!

“yeah, run fast as you can and hide inside a bush”

“I’m not fast”

“Don’t worry you can, I believe you”

“They have guns”

“they want shoot at you, because you are a child.

“But....

“Gooo” he pushed me front and all looked at me. Then I ran to another direction. Shooting at them. Don’t move, I will fire” but I didn’t listen to them and ran inside the forest. Few started following me, I didn’t look back. I heard some gun shots. I ran fast but they still chasing me. I saw a big bush I couldn’t hide there because those people just 20 meters behind me. I ran little bit again and couldn’t see anyone. I light up my torch. Saw them running to that site. I didn’t know the time enough to peter I knew that he couldn’t do anything now. I thought inform police about this it was the best option left. I walked until I met the beach. I walked around the beach and saw our boat. I haven’t ride a boat in my whole life time but while we were coming to this island, peter taught me how to ride correctly. I put the boat into the water and I boated as peter taught me. After boating the boat for 5 minutes I finally came to the claude island. I slowly walk to our hotel. Before I entered to hotel’s land I heard big noise. I carefully look at the hotel. **OH MY GOD!** All the glasses were broken, the wooden chairs were are on the floor. The chief servant were destroying the hotel. I think everyone in this side work for that people met in the island. I ran backwards and I jumped boat and started sailing to the main road that we come from airport. I was so tired I had a 2 hours flight, didn’t get much time to sleep. Climbed up

mountains run to save my life and sailing boat after 20 minutes I came into that wooden bridge. There were few houses near but I didn't go there for help. Because they could be work for that bad people. I was very thirsty. I walked as much as I could fainted and fell into the ground and I opened my Eyes.

I didn't know where I was. But in few seconds I got my memory again. It was hospital. Peter and benny were there. They were okay? What happened? I tried to ask but a nurse come and said me to rest and my friend went away.

I was way better than last day. I went out from hospital everyone came. Benny, his mom, dad, peter, manager and his son were there too. They didn't told what had happened. They took me out the hospital and took me to restaurant. Benny's mom, dad and manager uncle were at a table me, peter, benny and little George were another table.

"What happened, were all things a dream? How did I Came to a hospital? Have I Come my self or is this is dream right now. Tell me" I questioned them.

"wait wait I will tell what happened" peter said calmly.

After you distracted those guards they ran after you. But two guards left and came around cu the electricity supply wires"

"but how"

"Don't you remember raj's jack knife. After that I saw a door in the wall. It had a board telling it's an emergency exit. It was unlocked. I went inside and the guard was sleeping. I took his gun and hit him to the head he fall down. I got his jacket (jacket every guard weres) and his helmet. I acted like a guard. I saw a man giving instructions to worker. They were cutting sand. It was a big construction site.

I slowly went around him and I put my jack knife. Others tried to shoot but that man stopped them.

“What do you want?” he asked from me.

“Release your prisoners now!

“What”

“If you didn’t do it I would end your story”

“Okay realize them.”

“Say them to put guns down”

“Okay, put your guns down” our men took guns and arrested guards. I put that leader guy into the jail. We went outside and arrested other six”

“Then” I asked.

“I said benny’s dad, uncle and one other person looked after prisoners and I, Benny and other four came to find you. We saw Raj creeping and went 20 meters from that bush. I told benny to look after Raj and me and other four who come to hotel, it was destroyed we saw chief servant and that guy who we sail by boats and arrest them too. I told two guys to go and tell police, unexpectedly they had found you in the road. We admitted you hospital.

“Okay, so why did they do at that site”. Police came and took the leader. He told the police that they had come to get diamonds and gold”

“yah, the sunfall ship had drowned here. And auguste Allard found this”

“I know”

“So tons of gold and diamonds had been lost here.”

“how did he knew it?”

“ I don’t know. I think from a history book or something”

“Hmm”

-The End –

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