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MY GRANDFATHER'S MISSING HAT

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THIS BOOK IS FOR DIGANA LOKU ATHHA

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.

Today I am going to tell you about what happened to my grandfather's hat, when I was at my grandparents' house for the school holidays. So you better read this book till the end. Ok let's get to the point.....'

(Read the other page)

If I tell you about my grandfather the most important thing is his hat. He wears it all the time. And my grandmother, she is a talented cook. She makes delicious food. And I love both of my grandparents so much.

And you already know that this story is about MY GRANDFATHER'S HAT.

One day grandpa woke up normally and he found out that his hat was missing. "Where is my hat?" He said with an astonished voice.

I went to his room to see what was going on. I asked him "What happened grandpa?" and he said. "Jasmine my hat is missing can you help me to find it?" I said OK. And we both started to search around the house.

First we checked the kitchen.....

But we didn't find it.

*Then we checked the living
room.....*

It wasn't there either.

And then we checked the bathroom.....

No clue for a hat.

*Lastly we checked all the bed
rooms.....*

Nope. Not in the rooms.

What happened to that hat?????????????

We were tired of searching for that old hat. Then my grandpa said "I will never find my hat again. Must've been stolen by someone." then we sat on the dining table hopelessly to eat breakfast.

And then my grandma said. "Wilson don't think about that old hat I will buy you a new one." Then grandpa said. "Oh it will be hard to forget about my old fellow hat. But that's ok because I can't find it anywhere."

Then next day my grandma went to buy vegetables, fruits and other needs. And with all of that she bought a brand new hat for grandpa. So grandpa wore the new hat happily like before.

And that day, grandpa went to bed normally as before. And next day he found out that the new hat was missing like before. He was so sad. So I started to search the house again for the missing hats. Bruno also helped me. (Bruno is my grandparent's dog)

And we searched and searched but we couldn't find them. So grandma bought another hat. And that day grandma and I stayed up all night to see what's happening to grandpa's hats.

And at about 11:25 P.M. we heard a sound coming from grandpa's room. So we peeked into his room and turned the lights on.

And **BAM** we found out that our dog Bruno was the hat thief. He was chewing the new hat and playing with it.

Grandpa also woke up and he was shock to see his new hat in Bruno's mouth. We all laughed loudly after seeing grandpa's reaction. And grandpa said. (While petting Bruno) "Oh Bruno you naughty little puppy you ruined all my hats".

Then we all laughed and went to bed. I took Bruno to sleep with me. And that's what happened to my grandpa's hats.

(Don't worry grandma bought another hat to grandpa and he promised that he will never forget to close his door before going to sleep ever again.)

I hope you enjoyed my story and also

Thank you for reading this book.

BYE!!!

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,
Senevirathne Maha Lekam**