

The Brave Archeologist



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My heartfelt dedication to

My dear Teachers, Children's,

Wonderful Readers

and my Loving Parents

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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FOREWORD

This, my message which I pen with tremendous joy highlights the creativity, hard work, and dedication of the young writers of Greenhill International School. More over this been our very first attempt in publishing a book with writings of our own young authors, permit me to express how proud I am in the accomplishments of the task given to all at Greenhill and my gratitude to teachers, parents, and mentors who supported the project. May I also emphasize the importance of storytelling, self-expression, and the power of words in shaping the future of these budding leaders of tomorrow and the nation at large. Finally, I encourage readers to appreciate and celebrate the students' voices while inspiring them to continue writing and sharing their ideas.

A special thank you to our librarian Mrs. Hansika Ranaweera and veteran writer and author Mr. Seneviratne Mahalekam for his guidance and support given to make our dream a reality. "Duty First Pleasure Next"

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Once upon a time, In a beautiful city in Italy, there was a girl named Milen. She was brave, smart and kind hearted girl. Her family was a rich who had a lot of money. Milen was 10 years old. She struggles with her studies. She couldn't study well, because of this reasons, she became an Average Student. Milen was a little childish, so nobody wants to be friend with her but, one girl named Alexa became friend with her. Alexa always comforts Milen in hard situations. Luckily Milen made more friends. Earlier Milen hated to go to school, but now she went to school happily. But Milen was very weak in her students. Milen had to study 14 subjects. She struggled a lot. She couldn't manage her time properly.



Days passed. The exam was near. Milen decided to study harder in every subjects. But unfortunately , she could no complete studying. She became stress and depressed. So Milen became unhappy. She said "I don't know how I'm gonna pass the examination. I can't handle my studies.:" Milen went to cry but she controlled herself.

Milen's parents were kind But strict. Milen's Mother was Sarah and Father was Max. Sarah and Max was expecting too much from Milen, because of her family Milen hated to go to her house. Next day was the exam for Milen. She went to school with a upset mind set . Then Alexa asked "Hello ! Milen, how are you ? Then Milen replied ".....Hi, Alexa, I'm fine." With a sad expression. Alexa noticed

Milen's unhappy face. So she asked, " what happened Milen ? Why are you so dull ?" Then Milen said, " I don't know. I'm so stressed, I can't handle my studies. Even I didn't study for the exam. I'm so scared !" The Alexa replied. "It's ok Milen! You are a very brave girl. I have ever seen, so be confident !" Then Milen became a little confident and she attend her exams without fear.

Days passed The exam ended. The teachers are so busy, who are correcting the exam papers. The staffs in the school arranged a meeting to collect the progress report of students. Milen worried if her parents got to know about her exams results. They will beat her in a cruel manner. But luckily Milen's marks were fine. Milen at least got above 60 in every subjects. But still, her parents was expecting too much from Milen.



Even Milen's grandparents were so toxic. They often called Milen for silly things. Days passed now Milen is grade 9. Her family was advising her to do many things. Milen liked to study but her family members forced her to do the household works. Once Milen was studying . Then Sarah said " Milen come and wash these clothes and clean house, " in a bad manner. Then Milen replied. " But Mom, I have to study a lot" Then Sarah said , "Don't argue with me. I am you mom, you should obey my words. YOU GOT IT? !" Then Milen replied "Okey mom with a sad expression. After that Milen washed all the clothes and cleaned the whole house.



It took her around 2 hours to complete the work. In other hand she has to complete her home works. Milen struggles a lot. Finally she completed her home work at midnight. The time was 12.30 a.m. Milen felt sleepy so she went to sleep.

Next day at school Milen slept. So teacher shouted at Milen and said, "MILEN" WAKE UP, How dare you to sleep in my class ?!" Then Milen replied "Oh ! sorry teacher yesterday I slept at 12.30 am at id nigh. Then teacher asked " why did you sleep at night at night so late?"

Then Milen told everything that happened yesterday. Teacher felt every sorry for Milen and she said, " Oh dear! I am sorry ! you can sleep for a while."

Teach said to Alexa to send the works to Milen and she said "Ok teacher I will send the works."

After school Alexa invited Milen to a sleep over in Alexa's house. Milen wish to go, because she haven't visit any of her friends house. Then Milen said ? "Hm.. ok ! I will ask from my mom and dad,"Then Alexa replied " Ok! I will be waiting for you. The sleepover is around 9.00 p.m. so come to my house around 6.30 p.m. So we can have some fun," Milen returned and asked for her mom, Mom can I go to the sleepover in Alexa's house?" Then Sarah

replied" Ok ! you can go, but be carefull. I will tell dad to drop you in Alexa's house. Milen replied, "Oh , Thank you so much. Mom!"



Then Milen went to her room and packed her things needed for the sleepover. After a few hours, Milen arrived at Alexa's house. Alexa's said, "Oh Milen I am waiting waiting for you !" (Takes Milen Inside the houe).

Milen felt very happy with her friend. Then Alexa said, "Look, Milen we can have fun with Chloe, Aliya, Chloe," (Other friends).

After that they had their dinner, they planned to play a game. Before going to sleep. Then Chloe asked, "What are we goona play?" What you guys say?" Everyone agreed with Aliya. They spinned a bottle on the floor . The bottle came to the side of Cholea. Then Aliya said, "CHOLEA you got the 1st chance, so tell what is your ambition?" Chole thinks for awhile and said, " I'm gonna be a Engineer !". Everyone said "Oh ! Wow ,A good choice" Everyone gave a clap for Cholea. They spinned he bottle again. It came to t e side of Aliya. Alexa asked same question. Then Aliya said, " Hmm... I'm goona be a Pilot, so I can see the beautiful sky:" everyone said "Oh! A GOOD CHOICE."

In the next round the bottle spinned and came to the side of Milen. Then Alexa asked "Oh, it's your turn Milen, Tell us your ambition!" Then Milen said," I like interesting stuffs so I `m goona be an ARCHEOLOGIST... " everyone said, "wow, what a nice job. But you

have to study a lot. The Mile said, "It's ok. I like my ambition." Then they repeated the game.

This time the bottle came to the side of Alexa. Then Milen said "It's your turn... ! Tell us what is your ambition," Then Alexa replied. "I'm gonna be a Doctor.." Everyone was shocked at the same time they were happy .

In next round, it came to the side of Chloe. Alexa asked the same question. Then Chloe (thinks for a while) and said, "I am goona be a counselor, So I can solve other problems. Evryone was proud of their future job.

After a while they felt very sleepy, so they went to sleep. Next day morning Max (Milen's dad) came to pick up Milen. After few hours , Milen returned home. The time was 3.41 p.m. Milen was watching about Archeology in her laptop. Then her grandpa called Milen and said "MILEN ... go and make me a TEA!..." Then Milen replied "But Grandpa, I don't know how to make a tea " Then Milen's grandpa replied in a bad mannar "Don't you know how to make a tea?! Your USELESS" shouted at Milen. Milen felt very embarrassed. After a few minutes Milen started? To do her hobbies (painting dancing, meditating and reading) Milen started to paint a beautifu scenaryy. Time passed the time was 9.30 p.m. Milen had her dinner. When she tried to go to bed Milen's grandma stopped her and said " Come here and wash this dishes and clean the kitchen ! in a cruel and in a bad manner.

Then Milen said "But Grandma , I have school tomorrow. I have to go to bed. Then grandma said" Just do what I say don't argue with me, you are a girl, you should do all the household works every day

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! you understood? Now go and do the work” Milen don’t like to do household works but her family members forced a lot to do them. Milen said “OH GOD ! I don’t want to do them want to do these works , tomorrow. I have to get up early in the morning at. 5.00 a.m. Why can’t they understand me !?” to herself sadly. It took Milen 1 hours to finish the work. She felt very tired and sleepy.

She went to the bed and slept at 11.00 p.m.

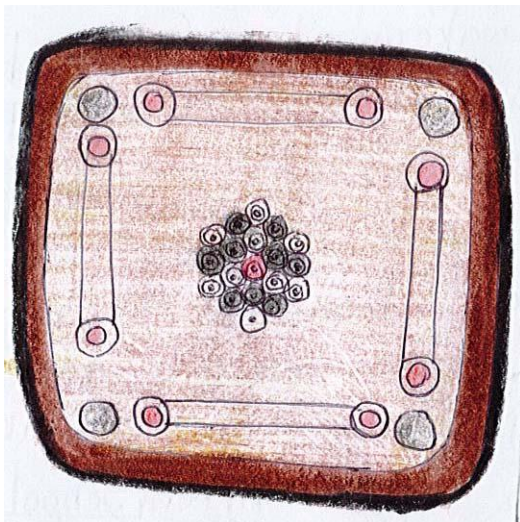
Next morning Milen woke up at 5.30 a.m. She thought to wake up at 5.00 a.m. But she got up little bit late ilen started to panic and she hurried to go to school.

Finally, Milen went to the school at time. Milen said, “Thank God, I came to school at time, today they will teach about Archeology. It’s very important to my future” to herself . After school Milen returned home. She was so tired. But she has to study a lot. Milen studies very hardly and she got god marks in the examinations. Days went so quickly now Milen is 18 years old. She studied very hard to become an Archeologist. Usually we have to study 4 to 5 years to become an Archeologist.

Milen finished her school studies and went to study in University. Milens started to study in University to be success in her life. But her family members still forced her to do the things that she don’t like . Even they didn’t give her peace, freedom privacy and happiness. Sometime Milen cry about her life.

In the university there was different types of sports so Milen decided to engage in sports to get relief from stress and depression. After she returned home. She said to Sarah (Milens Mom) "Mom can I engage in sports? Please !....." en Sarah replied" Hmm .. what sports you're gonna engage?" Then Milan said "I am going to engage in Karate and Carrrom." Then Sarah replied . "Ok Mom. I will be carefull and say dad to pick me from University.

Next day in the University, Milen engaged in carom first. Then Milen met Alexa (Milen's best friend) Then Milen said "Oh! Hi Alexa, How are you@ Then Alexa replied" Oh, Hi ! Alexa, How are you ? Then Alexa replied "Oh Hi! Milan, I'm fine ! How are you ?" Then Milen replied. " I'm fine ! Did you come here to engage in sports (Alexa thinks for a while) Then she replied "Hmm... i came here to engage in Karate and carrrom"



Then Milen replied, "OH NICE ! I am herewith too, we can play together , Today we have carom practice. The karate session is day after tomorrow. So we are gonna play carom first, " Both of them was very excited and happy. They played carom perfectly. After carom session ended.

Milen and Alexa had a ice crean together. They talked about their childhood memories. The had so much of fun together. Time passed. It's time to go to home. After a hile, Milen returned her house. She saw Sarah (Milen's mom) was sick, she had a health

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problem. Milen went to be emotional but she tolerates herself and comforts her mom to not to be worried. Days passed Sarah became so weak and the situation was so critical. So they decided to take Sarah to hospital to attend an operation. Sarah was a little bit fine. Sarah discharged from the hospital and returned home. The doctor gave an advice to her family

members to not to strain in any occasion, Doctor said to look after Sarah carefully and not to do any household works. The time was 3.00 p.m. Milan's grandpa called Sarah and said "Sarah and said "Sarah make me a tea ? "Then Milen said, "But grandpa, Mom is sick. She had to take enough rest, so don't disturb here. Ask grandma to make a tea !." In an angry expression. Then grandpa replied. "OH MY GOD!..., No. one is respecting me. Milen said. These grandparents are not respecting us . So how we can respect them ? !" In a weird manner. Days passed Sarah became perfectly alright. One day there was an announcement about carom tournament .

In Milen's University , Milen decided to engage in carom tournament. So she practiced a lot. But still her family members forced her to do this and that. They treated Milen like a maid in their house. At last Milen got angry and said " PLEASE Stop troubling me, do you think that, I don't have any work ! Every time you all are calling me for silly things. You all know that, I have exams and a carom tournament. Please let me to do my WORK ...!" we are adults and you should respect and obey our words. Then Milen

replied. "First, do you respect me? No right ! you are giving stress to my mind." Shouted again. Then her family members thinks for a while and understood about their fault. So they apologized from Milen and said "We are sorry Milen. We didn't understand you properly, hereafter we will do our work ourselves. Sorry for



disturbing you ! Milen went to her room without saying anything. They all felt very shamed about themselves. They all wanted to make Milen happy so they arranged a trip to France , Paris because Milen loves Paris a lot. They went to talk with Milen. then they said "Milen we felt so embarrassing. Please forgive us !" Then Milen replied "It's ok. I

understood "we are planning to go to France. Do you wish to come ? we can have fun !" Then Milen (Thinks for a while) said " OH WOW ! I love France, when'r are we going?" Then Max replied "Next month... Milen when you will get your holidays on next month ? Then Milen replied "Hmm... Dad, I will get my holidays on 5 next month. Then Sarah said "Ok then we can go next month 7th. Today is September 28th So, we have to pack our things. Next day in University. Milen said about the trip to France to her friends. Then Alexa said " Wow, I wish to come too, can you tell your parents that can we also join with you all? " Then Milen replied " Hmm... good idea let me ask my Mom." After non Milen asked here parents that her friends also like to join . Then her parents agreed but they applied one condition. Max said "tell your friends to take enough

money for everything, because I have arranged money only for us” then Milen replied “Ok dad, I will inform them.



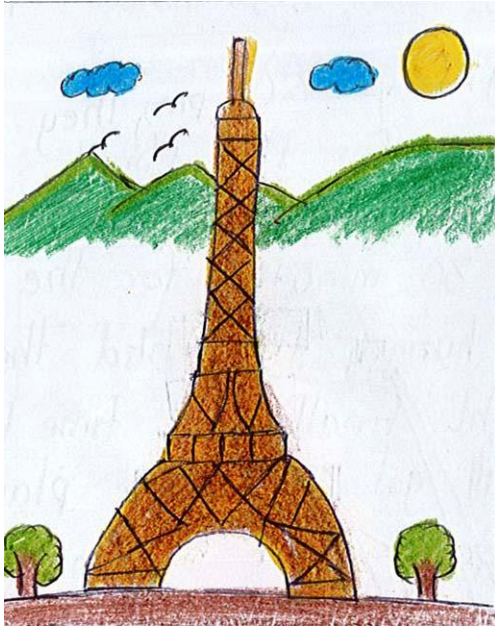
Next day in the university , Milen informed everything that her dad said to bring enough money. Then her friend agreed with her. Milen told other information about the trip. Everyone said that their parents agreed for the trip. Then Alexa said “ shall we dress the same outfit for the trip?” Then Chloe replied “Wow ! a

good idea we have to plan what outfit we are gonna wear”

Then Milen said “ We will talk about it in a video call today night. “ Everyone agreed with Milen. At night, they decided everything. Days passed. It’s 7 October, Milen’s friends and family are getting ready to go to the airport . After 1 hour they reached the airport.

The time was 2.00 p.m. The flight is 3.00 p.m. They have another 1 hour for the flight. They all checked their luggage and passports. There was 30 minutes for the flight. They felt hungry, they had the snacks. They brought. Finally it’s time to the flight. Hey all got on to the plane and sat on their seats. After 5 minutes they take off the flight. Now the flight is in the air. Aliya felt so happy to see the sky because she wants to be a Pilot. The Milen said “ Aliya, I think you are happy because you want to be a pilot. Then Aliya replied “Yes of course I am happy I can’t wait until to see the Eiffel tower in Pairs ! Then Milen said “yes , me too. I love Paris a lot” They all told their

each other happily. After 3 to 4 hours, they arrived at the International Air Port in Paris. They booked a resort to take rest for a while.



At night they planned to visit the famous museum and the beautiful Eiffel tower . According to their plan, all of the visited the beautiful Eiffel tower at night. Then Milen said "Alexa , the Eiffel tower look very beautiful. Their Alexa and other friends replied "yes. It's beautifu. Then Milen said, "I wish I would live here for ever" Then Chloe said "Hmm... May be In your future you can come , but now we have at least 1 month to stay here, So, we have to enjoy" Then Aliya said we have wore the same outfit ! Then everyone said "yes I love this outfit, we'r like sisters. After 1 hour they visited the famous museum in Paris. They say many beautiful paintings.

Then Chloe said "Everyone look ! This is the MONA LISA Painting !" Then Milen said. " Yes, it look so simple and weird. They looked all the paintings in the museum even in the museum thee were so many beautiful statues. Time passed they felt hungry. So they went to a restaurant and ate the famous food in France, Paris . They went to the river crossing in boat. They had a boat Safari. They enjoyed in boa safari. They enjoyed a lot. They took many pictures. Days passed the vocation came to a end. They returned to their own hoses. They are very tired so they took some proper rest. The

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University is re-opening. So Milen went to ready her things for tomorrow. Next day , in the colleague Milen and her frineds talked about the trip they went to Paris. Days went, Milen studied 4-5 years about archeology Milen's archeologist training was fund and interesting Milen said " I can't wait until to become an archeologist, I would lie to be a archeologist in France.

I will get good salary , "Usually In France , the monthly salary is 35,000 euros (10 million) days passed and Milen got her archeology degree. She became an archeologist in France and eared good money. She was physically and mentally fit .

Milen was a brave girl, so she found money ancient things and valuable things. In dangerous places . Milen's family as a "THE BRAVE ARCHEOLOGIST"



AFTERWORD



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.

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Senevirathne Maha Lekam