

# THE BRAVE LITTLE STAR



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## **DEDICATION**

To my loving Mom, Dad and Grandma, whose love and support light up my life like the brightest stars in the sky.

And the organizers of “Heranagathkaranaya E-Book 2”, thank you for inspiring me to dream and shine.

# 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.

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Once upon a time, in the shining area of the night sky, there was a small star family. Daddy Star, Mummy Star, and their little baby girl star, **Fairy**, lived happily among the stars. Fairy was the smallest star of them all, but her dreams glowed as brightly as the biggest stars in the sky.



Every night, **Fairy** would join her parents in the sky, twinkling with all her might despite her small size. Daddy Star and Mummy Star were always there to support her, helping her shine her brightest. But even during their nightly glow, **Fairy** couldn't help but feel the hurt of the other star friends kidding.

The bigger stars would make jokes for Fairy for being so small, insulting her dreams of shining brightly. They would laugh and insult, saying she could never be as glowing as they were. **Fairy** would feel her light blink with sadness, but her parents were always there to relief her.



Daddy Star and Mummy Star would gather around **Fairy**, covering her in their warm light. "Dear daughter," they would say, "this world isn't always kind. There are decent stars and terrible stars, but you must learn to shine brightly on your own. Don't let the words of others reduce your brightness."



With her parents' encouragement, **Fairy** swore to never give up on her dreams. Each night, she would twinkle with all her might, determined to prove the bothering stars wrong. Slowly but surely, Fairy's light began to shine even brighter, casting a warm and gentle glow across the night sky.

One peaceful night, the sky was filled with twinkling stars, just like always. But then, there was a big noise – an asteroid crashed into the sky, making everything messy. Stars were pushed out of their spots, and **Fairy** got separated from her parents.



Lost among the unfamiliar stars, **Fairy** felt a deep sense of sadness and isolation. She made a lot of efforts to locate her parents, but they were never found. With each passing moment, her loneliness only seemed to grow.

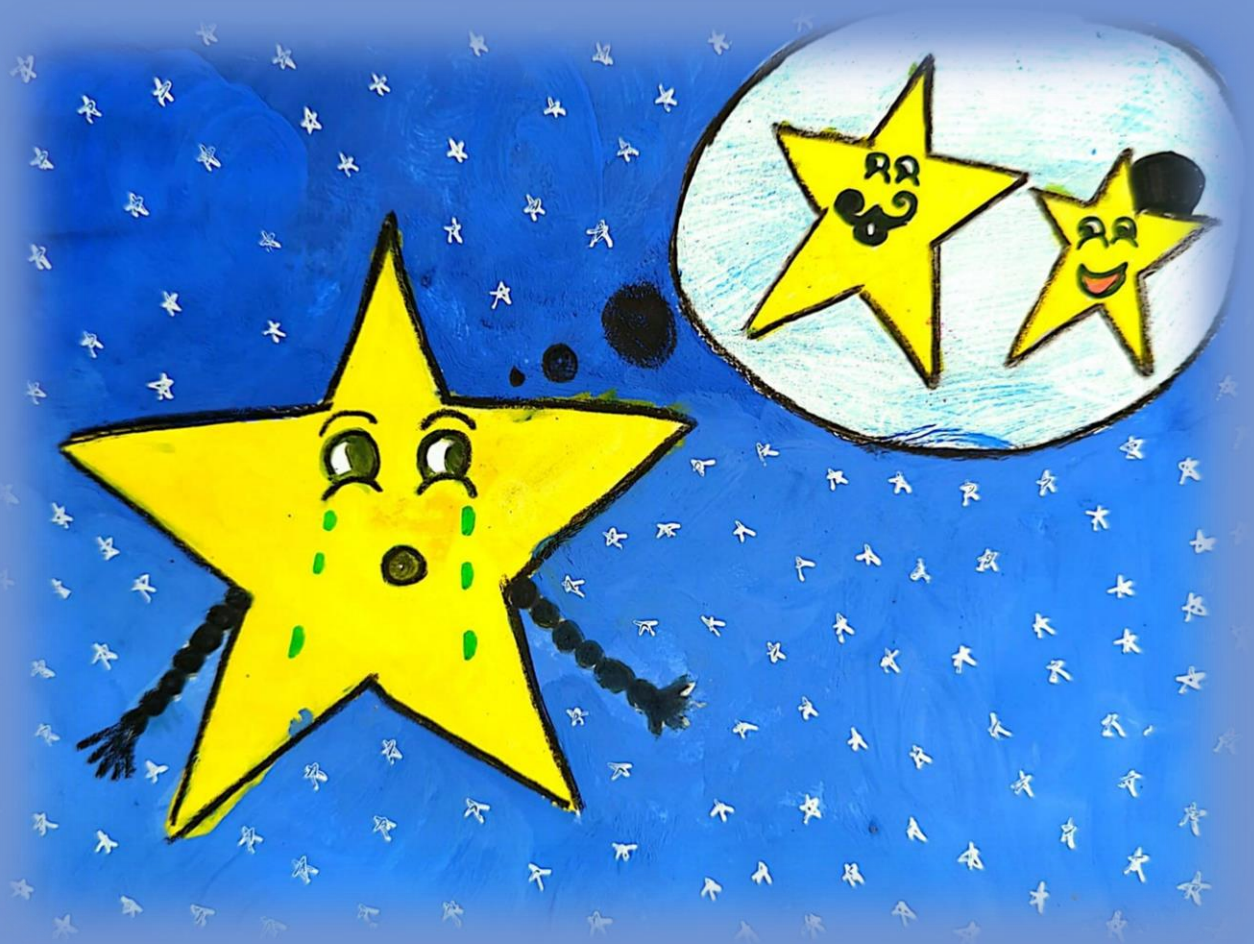
But **Fairy** remembered her parents' advice: "Shine bright on your own." Holding onto their words, she decided not to give up. Even when other stars teased her, she stayed strong and didn't let their words make her feel small.

Every night, as **Fairy** looked down upon the Earth, she watched as families gathered in their homes, surrounded by love and warmth. She observed children laughing and playing with their parents, and she wished for the comforting embrace of her own family.

From her place in the sky, **Fairy** could see children and their parents on rooftops, gazing up at the stars with wonder. Though they couldn't hear her, **Fairy** would wave to them, a silent reminder of the love she once shared with her own parents.

As she witnessed these moments between families, **Fairy** couldn't help but feel a pain of longing for her own parents. Tears filled her eyes as she remembered the love and care they had always shown her.

Yet, even in her sadness, **Fairy** found relief in the memories of her parents' love. She held onto their words of encouragement and guidance, drawing strength from their steady belief in her.



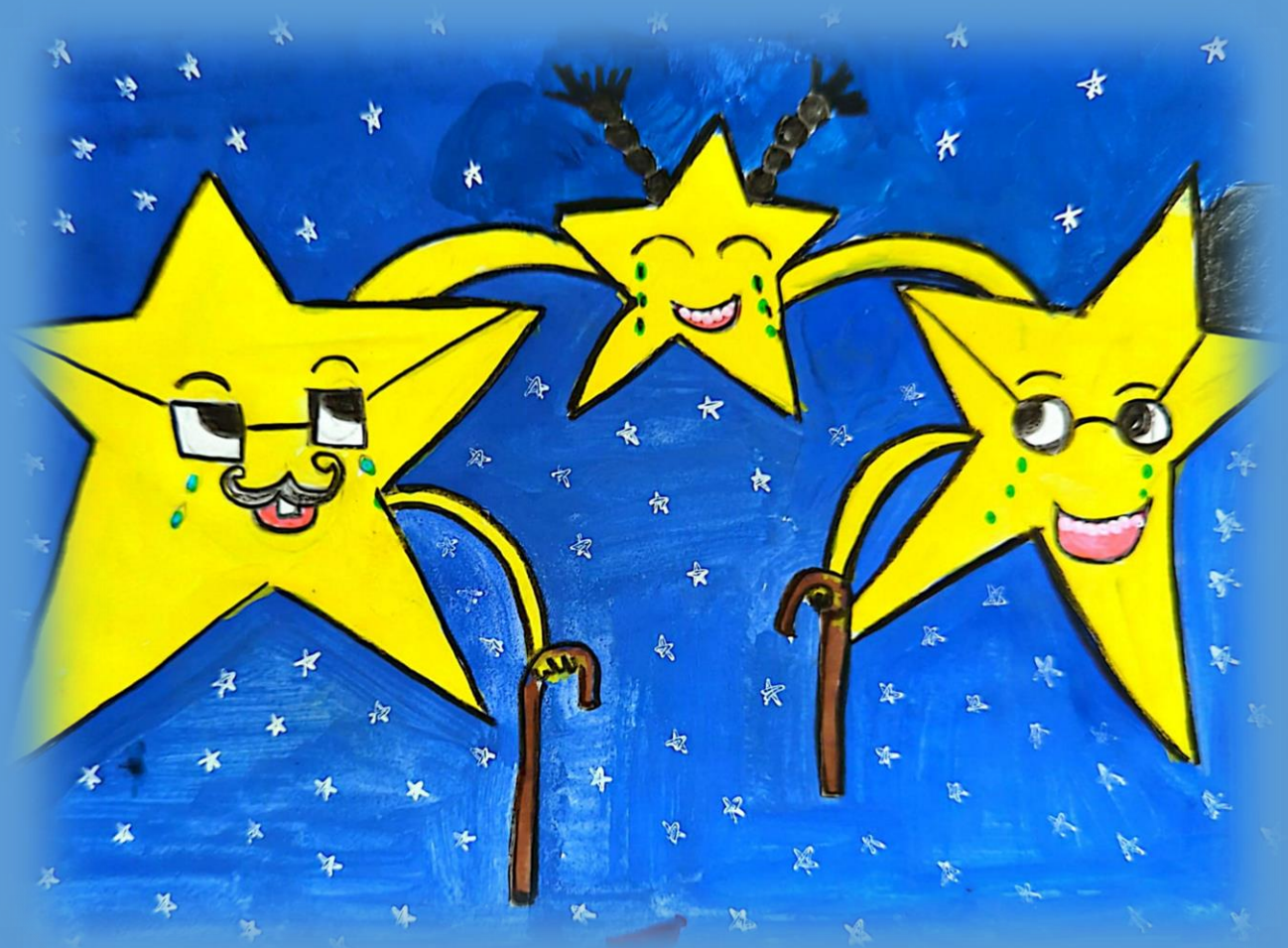
And though she remained lost among the vast expanse of the night sky, **Fairy** promised to never lose hope. For she knew that as long as she held onto the love of her parents in her heart, she would never truly be alone.

Days and weeks passed, and **Fairy** kept going, getting stronger with each day.

But Fairy's journey wasn't just about shining brightly for herself. She remembered her parents' words about helping others, and she took them to heart. Whenever she saw a dim or struggling star, Fairy would reach out with her light, sharing her glow and helping them shine once more.

Then, one night, she saw a star pattern that looked familiar. It was the one her parents had shown her.

With hope in her heart, **Fairy** flew towards it. And there, she found her parents – their warm light shining brightly. Tears of happiness filled her eyes as she hugged them tightly.



One night, while **Fairy** was dancing in the sky with the other stars, she noticed a faraway star that looked blurred than usual. Quickly, without thinking twice, **Fairy** flew over to it. She wrapped the fading star in her own soft light. And when they joined together, their shared brightness made the whole sky shine even brighter, showing everyone the power of helping each other.



From that day on, everyone in the sky knew **Fairy** for her kindness and bravery. Her caring act towards the fading star made her famous as the *Brave Little Star*. All the stars admired her and looked up to her with respect, even though she was small. They loved her bright light and whispered her name with amazement.

As **Fairy** kept shining brightly in the night sky, she became a symbol of hope for everyone who looked up. Her light showed that no matter how tough things get, love and courage can help you through. Fairy's determination and kindness inspired stars everywhere, reminding them that they can overcome anything with bravery and love.

With her family always there for her, **Fairy** felt like she could do anything. They were her strength, and together they faced every challenge with courage. **Fairy** knew that as long as they attached together, they could handle anything that came their way in the vast sky.

## 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.

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