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# Thank you

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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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## *Chapter 1*

### **The big reveal**



**Once there lived a young girl named Iris. She lived with her aunty, who was named Nettie, in a city called Springvale. They both lived a normal life but Iris always wanted to know who her parents were. Whenever she asked about that from her aunty, she would avoid the question or say that they lived far away that they are unable to come visit her. This was not the answer Iris wanted, she also felt that her**

aunty was hiding something from her. One sunny day Iris was walking in the park to get some fresh air after school. After a while she heard some rustling near the bushes, her curiosity took control and she walks to the bushes and peaked to see a beautiful girl fighting with a creature. The girl had a wand which she used to shoot magic. Suddenly the creature noticed Iris and charged at her with incredible speed. Before the creature can do anything the girl with the wand used her magic and the creature vanished.

After that she helped Iris get to her feet. “Are you ok?” asked the girl. “Y-yes, w-what was that?” trembled Iris with fear. “My name is Dian. I am so sorry; you weren’t supposed to get involved. That was a Demon. I was just doing what I was told to do,” said the girl. Iris slowly calmed down and said “Nice to meet you, Dian. I am Iris.” Dian’s jaw dropped. “Wait your name is Iris. You mean the long-lost princess of Celestia.”



Dian paused, "Oh! My god, I can't believe this, it is really you." Dian was so excited and jumping up and down uncontrollably. "Slow down, Dian. The long-lost princess of Celestia. What do you mean?" asked confused Iris. "Exactly Iris is the name of the princess of Celestia who was lost till now, because I just found her," Replied Dian. And Iris spoke, "how are you so sure? My aunty said my parents lived far away and they are unable to visit because of the distance." Dian was confused for a minute and answered Iris "That can't be true. I can feel your power and I am very sure that you're from Celestia. Also, you never had an aunty." "What? She is not my aunty. If anyone knows how to solve this confusion it is her," said Iris and dragged Dian to where her aunt was.

Aunty Nettie was working in her flower shop when Iris and Dian came. "Hey Iris, you are early today," aunty Nettie kept the flower pot which was in her hand and turned towards Iris and Dian. "How was your walk, look like you have found a new friend?" Iris told everything to her aunty, her aunty sighed and explained "It seems you have found the truth about yourself. You are actually the long-lost princess of Celestia." She took Iris's hands, "I wanted to tell you slowly honey but you have already found out." "This is too much to process but Dian said that I don't have an aunty, is that also true?" asked Iris. "I am so sorry to break this down to you, but that is also the truth. I can explain myself," replied Aunt Nettie, "how about we go inside first." They both followed Aunty Nettie inside and Aunty Nettie bought some cookies and some tea.

"It all started when Celestia was created. The gods who created Celestia made two gems known as the gem of creation and the gem of destruction. Celestia was one of the strongest five planets in the universe. Even the other four planets have gems like Celestia. And when a person has all ten of them, they can become the power fullest person in the universe. So, imagine what will happen if an evil person gets their hands on the gems." Aunty Nettie drank a sip of her tea. Iris and Dian were listening carefully. "So, because of this the gems were given to the queens and kings of the five planets including Celestia. These gems have been passed down for centuries within the royal family. Becoming the strongest person of

the universe in a really big thing. So, there were a lot after the gems, one of them was The Dark Lord. He came to Celestia to get his hands on the gems, he fought countless wars with Celestia” explained aunty. “Wait a minute, why did The Dark Lord choose Celestia? There are four more planets. So, why Celestia?” Iris interrupted. “Good question Iris. The Dark Lord was a citizen of Celestia before he was sent away, because of this he wanted revenge from Celestia and came to take the two gems. This time he was very powerful and had help from other evil people, he also had a strong army. And using this he defeated our armies and came to the palace. Before he can come to the palace your mother, the queen called me to come. The queen and I was good friends and I also work as her assistance. She knew me a lot and trusted me” Aunty Nettie drank another sip of tea, and continued, “the queen told me to take you to a faraway planet and to keep you safe.



Before that she took the gem of creation and inserted it in your locket.” “Wait you mean this locket on my neck?” Iris pointed towards the locket on her neck. Aunty Nettie nodded with approval. “You should keep that safe and yourself too, because The Dark Lord is searching for that everywhere. If he finds it, he will be able to find the other gem,” added Dian. “What do I do then? How do I protect this and myself,” asked Iris. Aunty Nettie suggested “How about you go to the Academy of Magic and learn to use your powers. Also, it would be better to use another name.” “Yes, almost everyone there know the princess’s name,” said Dian. They started to think of a good name. Finally, they all agreed to the name ‘Ross’.



## *Chapter 2*

### **Memorise will last a lifetime**

**A**fter few days they started packing. “Are you ready for your new journey, Iris,” Dian gave Iris’s locket which was left on the nearby table, “this is going to be so cool; I can’t wait.” Aunty Nettie entered the room, “you two ready to get going?” The girls nodded with approval. “We should go quickly, the school will start any minute,” said aunty. They took their bags and went to the flower park and then



Dian showed them to the fountain of crown. This fountain was very beautiful and had a crown on top of it. "This is the place where you open the portal to the academy and to different places," explained Dian. "Ok then, this must be goodbye," Iris said with teary eyes. "Don't worry I will come visit after taking care of the things here. Just do your best, ok?" Aunty Nettie consoled Iris. "Bye, I love you, aunty," Iris hugged aunty plus Dian used her powers to opened the portal and they both travelled through it.

In the other side was a magical world filled with beauty. Iris was astonished, both of them was standing on a green field filled with attractive flowers. "That is the academy," Dian pointed at a big shiny building with pale walls and rosy roofs. The building was long and had sections. It had an enormous yard. After a while they made it to the gates of the academy, there was a huge number of students. "Iris, come on don't be afraid. You have me, let's go!" Dian dragged Iris and entered the academy. It was quite noisy and crowded. "Everyone quite down," said a tall, serious looking women with glasses, "my name is Miss Griselda. I will be you discipline and assistant principle. Now come students, you all have to meet someone special."

All the students followed the teacher inside and there was an old, pretty lady wearing a blue short dress, she had short blond hair. "Welcome everyone, I am your principle, Miss Evelyn. Thank you for being here. I think you will have a great school year. I have to say, do your studies well and make this a fun and memorable school year. Now you can go check the noticed board to find your rooms and roommates. I think you and your roommates will get along, and if there is anything you want help with, the teacher and I are here to help you. Ok you all are dismissed," conclude the principle. Iris and Dian check the noticed board and found out that both of them were going to stay in the same room with another three more roommates. They searched for the room number F5 and found in in the end of the corridor. "Hello, anyone there?" Iris knocked the door and pushed in open. Inside there were three teenage girls in the room.



“Hi, you two must be our roommates,” one of the girls waved hi. “Hello my name is Flora, I am from the kingdom of flowers, Gardenia,” told a girl with brown hair, with a small flower in the Conner of her ear. She was wearing a dress that had petal-like structure in the end. “I am Viola, I am the princess of Harmonia, the kingdom of music. It is a pleasure to meet you two,” Added a girl with headphones around her neck. She looks like a person who loved music, her shirt had music clip pin in. She had cute short hair. “It is a pleasure to meet you too, Viola,” with a bright smile Dian said, “I am Dian, the princess of the kingdom of the rising sun, Luminaria” “Oh! I’ve heard about it, Luminaria is not that far from Cytopia,” said a girl with a tom boy haircut. She was wearing a shirt and pants with cool designs.

“OMG, almost forgot to introduce myself. I am Luna from technology kingdom. Nice to meet you Charlotte and...” Luna looked at Iris. “Oh! I’m Rose. A friend of Charlotte,” answered Iris. The name was critically not fake, but Iris’s second name. After that they settled down, rested and got ready for the next day.



The girls had a very busy schedule. Like this, the years flew by, Iris got very powerful, so did the others. And with time their friendship grew stronger, because of the trust for each other, Iris and Dian told them the truth about Iris’s past. All three of them accepted the truth and agreed to help her with defeating The Dark Lord, they help each other and became close and stronger. Iris made a lot of friends and made some enemies too, like Chelsey. She was The Dark Lord’s Daughter and bullied students. Because of this,

students were very scared of her. One day Chelsey started bullying a student and Iris stood up for her, from that day on Chelsey hated Iris so much. She tries to annoy Iris anytime, and also ruin mostly everything Iris did. While this was happening Iris and others found information on how to find the other gem. According to what they know, it should be in the forest of whispers, it is well known for its terrifying monsters and scary stories. Inside this forest there is a hidden cave; to find this cave you need the gem of creation which is with Iris, this is why The Dark Lord is searching for Iris. Somewhere in that cave the gem of destruction is kept. But this is also not that easy.

“So, what is your planes, Iris?” asked Viola They all were resting in their room after school. “I really don’t have any idea,” Iris took the hot chocolate that was still warm, “we are almost done with this school year and then will get some holidays.” Dian spoke up, “but Iris the Dark Lord is becoming stronger and if we don’t start now, he might find you and our only hope will be scattered.” “Wait, how about we start this holiday. It is a long holiday, we are stronger now and The Dark Lord is going to capture more kingdoms and planets,” Luna came and sat on the comfortable couch in the room, “Don’t you think it would be a good idea if we do that.” Iris looks worried “but I don’t want you guys to get hurt because of this. What if we don’t get through or fail?” Iris complained. “Calm down girl, everything is going to be fine. And we told you that we will help you. You can’t do this along, we can do this like we always do, right?” Viola looked at others waiting for a response. “Yeah, don’t you worry. We are in this together and were friends, you know what they say ‘friends stick together’,” Dian added and all of them came together and gave Iris a bear hug. “Thank you all. You are the best,” Iris hugged back while saying this. “That is what friends are for,” Flora replied with her innocent smile.



## *Chapter 3*

**every movement is a new beginning**

**A**fter few days they all were given holidays and this is the being of their new journey. “I’ve told my parents and they agreed to it and told all of us to be careful,” Dian told while packing her bag for the journey, “oh! Also, they said if we need any help the army is ready to lend a hand.” “That’s great, so we can count on them too.” Iris expressed her joy. “So, all ready for this?” Iris put her hand front and the others joined and they all released their hand at the count of three and conclude “let’s do this!!!”



All of them arrived at the forest of whispers. It was terrifying, it was gloomy, spooky and it felt like the trees was watching them. The deeper they went into the forest the spookier and darker it got. Slimy and creepy vines were hung down from the gigantic trees, in the distance hooting and howling sound, these frightening events kept the girl's hearts pounding with fear. As time passed, they got a little familiar with their surroundings and slowly Iris locket started glowing.

Unexpectedly, it to control and dragged Iris towards somewhere away from the path they were using, and Iris's friends followed her. It dragged her and came to a stop in front of a bunch of strong and thorny vines. "Wait, I might be able to help," Flora broke the silence. Magic started to appear from her hands and she muttered a spell, the thorny vines began to clear out of there sight. "It is great that we have a nature princess with us," said Viola. All agreed with Viola, Flora thanked them as she finished. Finally, they found the entrance to the cave, but there were some monsters guarding the cave. The girls quickly hid behind the bushes nearby. "Look like this is our first fight in this journey," Charlotte whispered. They all transformed to their costumes. "Ok, at the count of three. One, two, three, attack!" commanded Iris. The monsters were taken by surprise as the girls attacked them. As soon as the monsters understood what was happening, they all attacked the team. The monster was not really alive they are just made from rocks and follow their master's orders. It was not hard for the girls because they have been preparing when they got to school and they used all their power to beat them. Flora was using her vines to tight up the monsters to one place as Dian used her solar wave to eliminate them. Viola used her music to put some of the only monsters to deep sleep. "Tech shield," Luna Casted a spell to shield Viola from the monster's attacks that were about to hit her directly. "Thanks Luna," Viola thanked her. "OK, we only have a little of them. You all can stop for now and I will finish them with my magic," others backed down and Iris casted a spell, "Crystal rain!" Crystals started to appear from the sky and hit the monsters. The monsters vanished and the path was cleared. "Good job everyone. You all did great," exclaimed Iris with proud, "Lets continue then."

They enter the dark cave that they were searching for. As they continued further it started to get darker to the point that the girls can't even see each other. Dian stopped on her tracks and uttered the words, "Solar flame." As she said this a small flame appeared in her hand. "This should help us for a while." It was small, but had a bright light.

Afterwards they came across a portal. "Now what?" Viola looked around, "We don't know what is behind that portal. What if there is a trap." Iris responded, "It is going to be okay, Viola. We have each other, if we get into trouble will think of something like we always do." Viola agreed and then all of them went into the portal. As they all reached the other side of the portal, they found an ice cave. Ice crystals were hanging from the roof of the cave. Suddenly some guards appeared and captured Iris, Diana, Luna and Viola. "Wait, what are you doing? Where are you taking us?" argued Diana as she struggled to break free. "I order them to do it," responded a man that was sitting on a large chair, not far from where the girls were. "I am the king of the ice kingdom, and I have a favour to ask you young lady," he pointed towards Flora and added "I saw the way you moved those wines, and I want you to make a flower bloom on this plant." A boy brought a small pot, not one but, two. "I want you to and him to use magic to make the flower bloom in this plant. Because these types of plant don't grow like normal plant but need magic to." Said the king as the boy got ready. "If you help me, I will let you and your friends, free. You both are doing this to see what levels my magicians are at." Flora was hesitant but eventually gave in. Before starting Flora noticed that her plant had a small shoot while the boy didn't, she wanted to tell, but the king already started the challenge, and she didn't want to lose this chance. The boy was doing his best so did Flora. The boy looked older than her and had great control over his powers. Finally, Flora succeeds by making the flower bloom first.

King looked at the defeated boy, "you will be sent away from this kingdom, forever." The poor young boy looked scared; and Flora felt guilty. "Wait, I have a confection, your majesty." Flora spoke up

before the boy was taken away. "I cheated your majesty." Everyone



was surprised. The King looked at Flora with a puzzled look, "There was a small shoot in my pot and not on the boy's one," Flora explained. Unexpectedly the king started to clap, and Flora was taken off guard. "Marvellous, this is just what I wanted," the king continued, "see Flora, this this was not a test to see what level my magicians were but a test to see your honesty. I purposely made your pot have a shoot." The king ordered the guard to release Iris and others. "Thank you, your majesty, for letting us free," said the girls. "Don't thank me but your honest friend." Acknowledged the king. Afterwards they bid goodbye and went through the portal that the king had shown them.

When Iris opened her eyes, all of them was standing on top of a piece of land. The land was located near a river of lave. “What is this?” Diana jumped in shock. “H-how did we get here. A minute ago, it was freezing cold and now it is burning hot.” Luna looked around and spotted another portal on the other side of the lava river. The only way to get there is to cross the lava river. The girls threw a thick stone nearby to the lava and within seconds it snaked. “Wait, look there. It is a group of people” Viola pointed to some people standing not too far from them. The girls quickly went to where the people were standing. “Can you please help us? We will surely repay you later,” the people pleaded from the girls. The girls reassured that they would help them as the people calmed down. Iris made a crystal plains and Viola used her magic and gave support to the floating plain. Everyone started to cross the plains before it can collapse and sink to the lava. Suddenly the girl slipped



and sprained her ankle. Viola saw this and ran back to help her, she checked her ankle.

Viola helped the girl up and rapped the girl's hand around her neck and continued to cross the lava. While she was crossing the plain that was made started to melt and sink because of the heat. Viola started to run; they both reached the last plain. Iris and Luna help the girl get to land. While they were helping the girl the plain Viola was standing started to sink. Before she can fall, some people helped her to get to land. "Oh! That was close. Thank you everyone." Viola sighed. "No, thank you for helping us and my sister" said a girl with a pink hat and a cute pink dress. The people expressed their gratitude and the girls proceed through the portal to a totally new world.



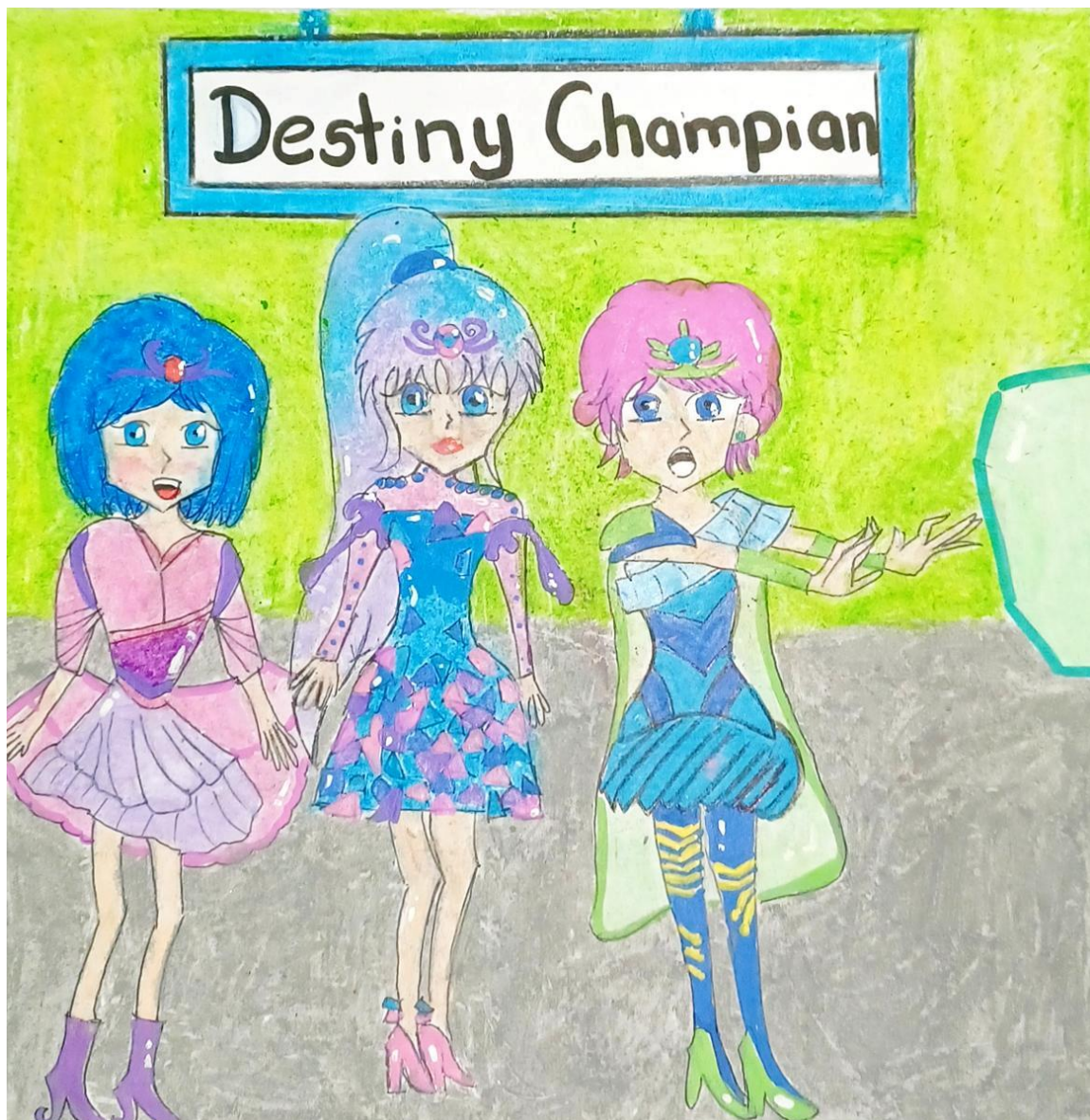
## *Chapter 4*

### **The mystery of the portal**

There was a massive banner with the words ‘Destiny Champion.’ “Destiny Champion, is this a game world. Does it work like a real game,” questioned Viola. They all were examining the situation, suddenly they were interrupted by the voice in the mic, “Welcome everyone to Destiny Champion. Today we have some guests that we have not met before.” The spotlight fell on the girls making them alarmed. “Anyway, that means the glitches are going to have some competition,” said the announcer. “Almost forgot the unforgettable,” a drum roll was played in the background “the glitches,” shouted the announcer. As he said that the spotlight shifted towards gang looking people. They looked extraordinarily strong, there were five of them and they all had black colour clocks covering them. Their faces were also covered with clocks, and it made them creepy and mysterious. “So, are you ready?” Asked the announcer as Iris and the other looked at each other. “Wait what you mean?” Diana asked curiously. “Miss this is Destiny Champion. This is a game where you must get to the finish line which has the medal of gold.” The announcer pointed towards a finish line which had a medal, behind it was the next portal.

“Come on girls, we will anyway have to get to the finish line to get to the portal,” whispered Luna. They all decided to do it. They all transformed and started the game as the announcer counted to three. It was like an obstacle game, first was the fire orbs. These

orbs were shoot from cannon and Luna used her techno shield. The girls crossed that obstacle with the help of Luna. Next was a river that they had to cross and get to the other side. Iris used her crystal magic to make a bridge, and they crossed the river safely. Afterwards they came across an ice wall, normally they must climb it in the game. "Sun rays" chanted Diana as the heated rays melted the ice. "That is one way to do it" Flora acknowledged as the passed that obstacle too. Finally, was The Glitches, they attacked the team with great speed as they saw them. "Sonic waves," as Viola said this a wave of sound pushed The Glitches away. Flora also joined and attacked with poison petals, and some of them hit The Glitches. The people who were hit by the petals disappeared and respond at the finish line. The group of girls noticed this but continued to fight.



This carried on till the girls being to get tired. "This is going to take for ever and it is so frustrating. This is just like a game, if you die you get responded in the finishing line." Diane complained. "Exactly, were in a game." Every one look at Luna with confusion as she said this. "See in a game, if you die you respond in the finishing line. So, the thing we need to do is to get killed and eventually we will get responded in the finish line," explained Luna. "You're a genius, Luna," Iris expressed. "Hey! Don't I get some credit too?" questioned Dian, "I help too." Iris and other snickered as she agreed and thanked Dian. Afterwards they started follow Luna's plan and Luna got killed first and she responded on the finish line as she expected. Others all got killed and responded at the finish line. They all took the medal. The crowd applauded and screamed as the girls went through the portal.

"Let's see what is next" expressed Dian as they cross the portal and came to the next place. The blue portal disappeared as they saw some people shivering with fear. There was a gigantic monster with a wooden bat that was huge. It looked as the gigantic monster was guarding the path by blocking it. The curious girls looked to see what else was there, suddenly Viola pointed to something and said, "There is the fifth portal." Behind the monster was another portal. "We will have to pass that monster to get to the other side," whispered Iris, "How about we ask the people over there about the monster." They all walked towards the shivering people. "Hi! What are you guys doing here?" asked Dian with a fun tone. The people jumped with horrid. "W-who are y-y-you?" asked an old man with a white bared and hair with some old cloths. "We are just on a mission to save our kingdom and need to get to that portal," Flora explained feather more. "Oh, we also need to pass that monster. He loves to collect different things, so he has stayed there and ask people for things in return to that he let them pass through," the old man added, "we tried giving our things but, it didn't work. He wants something new that no one have, do you have any ideas?" Iris and others thought for a movement. "I might have something rare," Dian interrupted the silence, "It is my favourite earrings. They are custom made and was given to me by my grandmother before she passed away." Dian looked as if she was about to cry and her

friends rushed to console her. "You don't have to give it, we will think of something else," Luna said while others agreed. "No! No! It is ok. From what I know, we don't have anything that is super rare. It is ok I will give it to him." She confirmed and started to remove her earrings one by one. They had sparkling ruby with a golden outline, the earrings were magnificent.

Afterwards they tiptoed towards the enormous beast. He was snoring loudly in his sleep and as the girls crept closer the beast



slowly opens his red eyes. "Oh! It is those small ants. Listen, if you don't have anything rare with you, I am not going to let you through," the bossy beast shouted. "Ok! Big guy, no need to be that angry." interrupted Viola as Dian showed the monster the earrings in her hand. "Would this be enough? This is super rare and custom made," Dian promoted the earrings. The monster took a closer view and

was satisfied. He nodded rapidly. "This is just what I was talking about. It is more than enough, "the monster move aside from the road, "you can go now. Quickly before I change my mind." All of them hurried and passed monster. "Give three hoorays for Miss Dian. Hip! Hip! Hip! Hooray. Hip! Hip! Hip! Hooray. Hip! Hip! Hip! Hooray," yelled the people. "Thank you for everything miss. And you all of too." the old man thanked. "It was all thanks to Dian's generosity," answered Iris and other also nodded. They journey through the portal to the next world.

In here it was very dark. A small light was illuminating from the distance. It was a small door. Suddenly the whole place lit up and there were big monsters and mages guarding the small door. As soon as they saw the girls they charged at them, and the fears battle begin. "They are a lot of them," said Flora. Magic was blasting in the air. Both parties were strong. "Crystal mount!" Iris casted as crystals appeared from the ground. Monsters attacked the girls and Luna shielded them with her magic. There was something wrong, they responded rapidly and it looked as they were protecting something behind the door. This was noticed by Iris. She searched around and her team was about to lose. "There are is too much of them," Viola interrupted the noise of the battle. "Don't worry everyone. We can do this together. We still have each other. Don't give up!" Iris motivated the team. All of them were shocked and their jaws dropped to the floor. Iris was confused until Dian answered, "You are glowing, there is magic surrounding you." Iris noticed that Dian was right, she was glowing. She also felt immense power and much stronger than before. "How did you do it?" asked Flora. Suddenly a voice was heard in the background, "It was her courage and leadership. She didn't give up, and motivated her team." The girls started to understand what the voice meant and thought to not give up. As they were thinking, just like Iris light started to illuminate from them. "Try 'Celestic wave' it is a very strong spell used by people of Celestia," mysterious voice added. "Ok now everyone gets together and let's do the spell," Iris leaded as they got together and started chanting. The spell took power and an extremely strong wave of magic wiped out the monsters and the mages. "Hooray we did it." Viola expressed with joy. They were

celebrating the victory. "Well done girls. You all are quick learners," the voice interrupted. "Can you tell who you are?" asked Luna. It was silent for a moment and then the voice told, "If you are that curious, pass through the door in front of you." The girls travelled through the tiny door to an enormous room.



It was filled with gold, diamond and gems which were scattered all over the room. There were piles of coins just sitting around. Big pillars were holding the place which looked as if it could collapse any second, some were broken while others stand tall and steady. In the middle of this old, dusty room there was a luxuriously throne made out of gold, red cloth was wrapped around it. Next to it was a locked chest. While the girls were mesmerizing the area, from behind the throne came a woman with a crown. She wore expensive and beautiful cloths and jewellery. The women looked similar to a Queen. "Greetings, your highness, princess Iris of Celestia. It is my

greatest pleasure to be in your presents," bowed the women with respect, "I am the queen of this cave, Queen Linda. You all can address me as Linda. I was ordered by the Queen of Celestia to protect the gem of Destructions." "So, you were that mysterious voice, and how did you know it was me?" asked Iris. "You were destined to be here. Her majesty, said that the princess of Celestia will one day come with her four friends on a journey to find the gem. It was on one of her visions. She also said that you all will be able to complete all the tests," explained Linda. Dian interrupted, "what tests are you talking about?" The queen walked to the chest and brought a magic ball and showed them something in the magic ball. It was all the places they went through the portals. "All of this was a test and not a coincident. Flora, because of your honesty you were able to save your friends. Viola, you helped the girls without continuing furthermore and because of that you were able to get help in return," Linda continued, "Luna, the team was able to get to the finished line because you listened to your surrounding and thought of a solution for the problem." Luna thanked Linda for praising her. The magic ball showed everything they did, and came to where Dian was." See Dian, it was your generosity which helped the people and your group," praised Linda.

This reminded Dian of the past event and this brought a wave of emotions. This was noticed by the queen and she replied, "I kind of have a surprise for you, Dian. Do you recognize this?" Linda used her magic and surprisingly Dian's earrings appeared in her hands. Linda gave the two earrings to Dian, who was still in massive shock. After checking it was not a dream. Dian jumped and hugged Linda, her eyes were teary. "Oh, thank you, thank you so much, I don't know how to repay you," muttered Dian. "It is what you deserved, darling." answered the queen, "as for the princes of Celestia, this is your gift." The queen walked towards a chest nearby and open it to a locket that looked kind of similar to Iris's locket, Linda opened it and inside was a black gem with a mix of red and a black magic ring was around it. Suddenly it flew up to the sky and Iris's locket started to glow with a great light. It was very bright, blinding the sight of the event taking place. As the light lowered its brightness, Iris slowly opened the locket and a beautiful blue colour gem with a

blue colour magic rings around it flew into the sky. Both gems circled around and came to Iris. She took them and unexpectedly a wave of power was released by the two gems. "Listen your highness, you and your friends need to get out of here. The wave you just felt was a way to tell that the gems have found each other. That means The Dark Lord will come here to search for it by using the waves," said Linda with a panic. "But what should we do? How do we defeat The Dark lord?" asked Flora. The queen quickly used her magic and some bracelets appeared. "Princess Iris, say gems in. The gems will go back into the locket. Also, if you want to take them out, say gems out. This will keep the gems hidden and will reduce magic that is sent by them, so it would be hard to find it." explained Linda and Iris followed what she said. The bracelets were given by the queen to the girls and she said, "these are some bracelets that will help you win the war that will come in the future. You will know what to do with gems sooner or later." The queen opened a portal that looked exactly like the once they went through after coming to the cave. "Use this portal and this will take you to Luminaria. Get ready for war and good luck," Linda bid them good bye, so did the girls and they took the portal to Luminaria.



## Chapter 5

### The culmination

Luminaria was a beautiful kingdom. It had great agriculture because of the sun that fell on it. The sun was bright and very help full. Citizens of Luminaria, lived with happiness and peace even though their planet was ruled by an evil leader. This happened



because Dian's fathers was a great king and took impressive decisions for the kingdom. Suddenly one day a purple colour portal appeared in the centre of the palace. People of the palace started to panic. Unexpectedly, some people came through it, they didn't

look like from Luminaria, because of this the people around got ready to attack them. Before they could do anything, Dian shouted, "Stop!" The people recognized the voice as their princess. All of them bowed in respect. The king quickly arrived and took Dian and her friends inside. "I am so sorry for the commotion," Dian apologized to her friends and hugged her father. "It is my Honour to be in front of the princess of Celestia. I am so sorry for not introducing myself. I am king Edmund and the ruler of Luminaria," Dian's father introduced himself with his deep but calm voice. He was a tall and strong looking man. He had blond hair like Dian and had a beard. He wore a big crown and loves his daughter very much. "It is my pleasure to meet you king Edmund. It is ok not to be too formal. As you know I am not crowned yet," Iris said to the king and others also introduced themselves to the king. "I have prepared some room so you can rest. You all must be very tired from the journey," told the king and the girls nodded. They went to the rooms which were prepared for them.

The girls arrived at the meeting room the next day to discuss their next plan. The king was also present there. They were discussing on a surprise attack, suddenly there was a knock on the door. "Come in," order the king. "Excuse me my majesty, pardon me for disturbing you at this hour," apologized the massager with a little panic, "we have a huge problem." The king asked his what it was. The messenger replied, "The dark lord has announced war with Luminaria and the Princess of Celestia. They have sent a letter and it says that they will attack by next week" The messenger gave a letter to the king and Iris that was sent by The Dark Lord. It said that the Dark lord would have help from his friends and that they would love to see the princess of Celestia at the battlefield. After the messenger left the king and the girls continued discussing. "We need a big army to fight the enemies, your majesty. Cytopia's army can help," Luna stated. "Gardenia's army can help too. What about Harmonia, Viola?" Flora asked and Viola nodded. "Great team. We all can do this together. Let's save Celestia and make peace all over it," announced Iris.

The next few days went in a flash. The armies trained for hours, so did the princess. They trained day and night. Iris got to meet a lot of people while training and also learned new things from them. Luna found out what were the bracelets capable of and told bracelets can also protect them from a lot of magic spells.” The girls tried them and instantly their magic boosted and they felt a lot powerful. “This is just what we need,” Viola expressed her happiness. They continued their training. The kings made sure to make new armour and weapons for the armies. They planned that the princess and her friends will attack front row with the strongest knights and captains. They made archers also ready. With all these preparations the day before the attack arrived. The armies and other with the girls all went to the borders of Luminaria. The place was huge with a big wall separating the other side. The wall stood strong. The area had huge catapults and other weapons. Near the walls was a big palace-like structure, it was also built to stand for a long period. In side had a lot of swords, bows and various other weapons.

All of the people started to set camp and to settle down. The girls also set camp and started to walk around the place to get to know it. It had old pictures hanging on the wall, which looked like they were portraits of the old Kings and Queens of Luminaria. While they were mesmerising the portraits, they bumped into King Edmund “Greetings, what might you all be doing here?” asked the king. “We came for a little walk so we can get familiar with this place. You don’t mind do you your majesty?” said Viola. The king shook his head and answered, “Oh no! Take your time and feel free to look around. Just came to tell you all that we need to be ready by sunrise tomorrow. The Dark Lord has said that they will attack us by sunrise the next day.” Iris thought for a while and said, “Wait, don’t any of you feel of about something. Am talking about the fact that The Dark Lord just told use that they will attack tomorrow?” The girls looked a little confused. “Just think about this, why the Dark Lord would say that they would be attacking tomorrow. They could have just not told us and just attacked, it would have been a great advantage,” Iris added, “It feels like he has something that we don’t know about. He should probably know that we have a really strong

army and weapons. Also, he asked me to be their too.” The confusions in the others disappeared slowly after listening to Iris. “So, you saying that he might be hiding something from us, like a secret weapon or something worst?” Luna questioned Iris and Iris replied, “Yup! Something that came do huge damage. But we still have the two gems, so should just calm down right?” The girls nodded and as the sun started to come down the girl went to the beds to get some sleep. Iris was thing about the big day ahead and wish the best of luck for the war and went to sleep.

Before long, it was almost sunrise. Everyone including the girls woke up early in the morning to get ready for the war. As the sun rose the gates of the enormous wall open and the army entered the battle field. From the distance the army can slightly see The Dark Lord’s army. In the Luminaria army in the front was Iris and her friends. They had already transformed to their outfits and had worn their bracelets. Behind the girls was a strong army with well-trained soldiers. Slowly the two sides started to come closer. As The Dark Lords army got closer Viola pointed to someone and said, “That is The Dark Lord. You see the person in the middle.” Iris looks to see a tall, not too old man leading the army. He had crimson eyes with black hair and he wore tight cloths with a red coat. In top of his hair was a big crown with gems on it. Luna said that the crown that The Dark Lord was wearing was the king of Celestia’s crown. This made Iris a little angry. After a while, When the two parties were face to face and loud horn was bowed to declare war. So, the two sides charged at each other and the battle started. There were a lot of people attacking the Luminaria’s army but the army didn’t give up. They had stayed up for countless hours to get ready for this battle, and that training want go to waste. The Princess also fought with great courage and hope. The king of the other kingdoms was also present and they also fought bravely.

The Dark Lord on the other hand was also not giving up. He had great skill and power. It looks as The Dark Lord also had trained his army and himself too. The both parties were really strong. The battle field was filled with the noises of the clashing swords and the enchanting magic. Arrows and big boulders were shoot at each

other. There were healers also, they helped the injured soldiers heal them self. This continued for a quite a while, they had no time to take breaks but can only get healed and energized by the healers. While the girls were fighting. They noticed The Dark Lord was not to be seen. This was really weird but the girls didn't have time to think about it because the enemies were constantly attacking them.

It didn't take long for Iris and the other to realize what was happening. The Dark Lord appeared and pulled out a gem that looked a little like the gems of creation and destruction but had a different colour. Suddenly the army started to back down and The Dark Lord raised the gem in his hand up and shouted 'energize'. The gem suddenly started to glow and ray of beams spread and entered the bodies of the solders of The Dark Lord. They started to glow and The Dark Lord also got hit be some transformed into a demon. Nobody expected this and the army and the Dark Lord attacked the Luminaria's army. They were stronger than before and fought with great power. They used magic and defeated a lot of Luminaria's soldiers. The Luminaria's army was getting defeated. Iris saw that they were about to lose.

Suddenly Iris heard a voice. She didn't know where it came from. "Hello, it is me, in your locket," said the voice. Iris looked at her locket, "I am in your locket. Open it." Iris was very curious so she opened it. She saw the two gems glowing. She slowly reached for it and everything went dark. She slowly opened her eyes and looked around with confusion. Suddenly a very pretty girl walks towards her and in her hands was the gem of destruction. "Who are you?" asked the frightened Iris. "Don't worry I will not hurt you. I am actually the gem of creation. I came to help," answered the mysterious girl. "Wait, what? You are the gem of creation?" questioned Iris and the girl replied, "Yup! See we can take different forms if we want to, and this is my human form. Please don't freak

out.” The mysterious girl showed her some magic to prove herself real. As Iris calmed down the girl started to explain. She was actually the gem of creation and her human name was Lyra the gem in her hand is the gem of destruction and it also can turn into a



human, his name is Zane. He can't turn into a human now because he was sealed to the gem and the only way to free him is to use the two gems power together. "So, you want me to help the two of you by using your powers?" Asked Iris as Lyra Nodded and told, "You see that gem in The Dark Lords hand that is another gem of creation. I can't tell you specifically which planets the gem is from, but I am sure it is a gem of creation." "So, what is our plane? How am supposed to use the power of the two gems?" Iris questioned. Lyra thought for a while and replied, "My powers and Zane's

powers will be too powerful for you to use alone. We need your friends help too, team work leads to success, right? It will be easier to do it that way.” Iris knew that what Lyra told was true. Lyra said that she will send Iris back to the real world and she will tell her what to do then. Iris agreed and Lyra sent her back to the present. Her friends were frightened for a while because she suddenly froze on the spot. “Everyone listen to me. We don’t have a lot of time. I know how to win this war; I need help from all of you. Gems out.” Iris said with a panic and the gems came out of the locket and floated in the air. “Listen girls, you all need to hold your hand together and say ‘Contramagia’. Our power will activate and we will take care of the rest,” explained Lyra who was a gem at the movement. “Oh my god, who said that?” Luna asked with surprise. “It is the gem of creation. I will explain all the details later, for now we just need to follow the gems lead,” Iris answered. The girls understood that this is very important and they all made a circle and hold each other’s hands. The two gems were in the middle. This scene was witnessed by The Dark Lord who was busy fighting his enemies. As he saw this he charged towards the girls. The girls quickly said, “Contramagia” and a very bright light eliminated from the place. Unexpectedly small orbs of light floated toward the injured soldiers and other soldiers of the luminaria’s army. It floated all of the soldiers and other people of luminaria, behind the girls. After that a huge beam was sent towards The Dark Lord’s army and the whole army lost their powers and The Dark Lord was nowhere to be see. The bright light that was surrounding the girls slowly vanished and the girls was safe. “What happened? I feel very dizzy,” Flora stuttered. “We won the war. You guys did it. And it was better than what I expected,” the gem of creation expressed and Iris said, “We really did it. We won. The Dark Lord is gone. It was our friendship that made the beam this strong.” The army of The Dark Lord was all arrested. The people cheered for the hero’s and Iris thanked the two gems for their help. The girls took some rest after because they were exhausted for the battle and a lot of their energy was used for the big beam.

After they took some rest, they all slowly made their way to the capital where Celestia’s palace was located. It was an enormous

area with beautiful waterfalls, rivers, buildings and many more things. There were people in the city who were saved. The palace was huge. It had white for the walls and a darker blue for the roof. There were big gates separating the city and the palace. From the small spaces in between the gates the girls can see a beautiful garden with trees and flower. From the distance stood some people, but their faces were not clear because of the distance. When Iris touched the gates, the gates automatically opened. Iris was taken by surprise. The girls made their way into the palace grounds and got closer to the people inside. As the distance decreased the people got clear. They wore good looking cloths and few of them were wearing crowns on their heads. One of the people who wore crowns, there were two that caught Iris's eyes. One was a woman with lavender colour hair like Iris and pink eyes. And the other was a man with blue hair and blue eyes just like Iris. They both had crowns in their head and wore elegant cloths. Iris felt like she knew them. When the two of them saw Iris, they were joyed and happy. "Oh, my darling, you're safe and well. We have missed you so much," said the women. After hearing this Iris realised that these two people were her parents and asked, "Mom, Dad?" The two people nodded their heads and Iris jumped into their arms and hugged them tight. "I missed you too mom and dad. Where were you all this time? Are you two, ok?" Iris questioned and the queen replied, "We all were taken as prisoners in the palace, but now we are ok, thanks to you and your friends. We both are very proud of you." Iris and her parents talked for a while after they went inside to the palace. Everyone was very happy and thanked the girls for their help.

After few days, it was the day of the coronation. This was a very special day for Iris because she was finally going to be crowned as the crown princess of Celestia and the next in line for the throne. The ball room was beautifully decorated with flower and more. There were tables and chairs for the guests and there were three thrones for the king, queen and the princess of Celestia in the end of the ball room. As time passed the ball room got flooded with guest, then the king and the queen entered the ball room and everyone bowed. Then Princess Iris entered the ball room. She

wore an elegant light blue dress with designs and wore jewellery with her hair down. High heels that fit the dress and two glows competed her look. When the princess entered the ball room the guests bowed in respect. As the princess got closer to the king and the queen, the king ordered the person with the crown to bring it to him. The crown was beautiful with gems all over it and other parts were made with gold. It was kept in a pillow without making it fall. The king took the crown and placed it on the princess head while she was bowing. The king announced Iris as the crown princess and the heir to the throne. After this the ball continued with the guests dancing and having fun. The princess went and met with her friends who were in the crowd. The five friends also had a great night that day. They did not know what challenges would the future bring them, but they promised each other that they will go through



them together.

The End



## 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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