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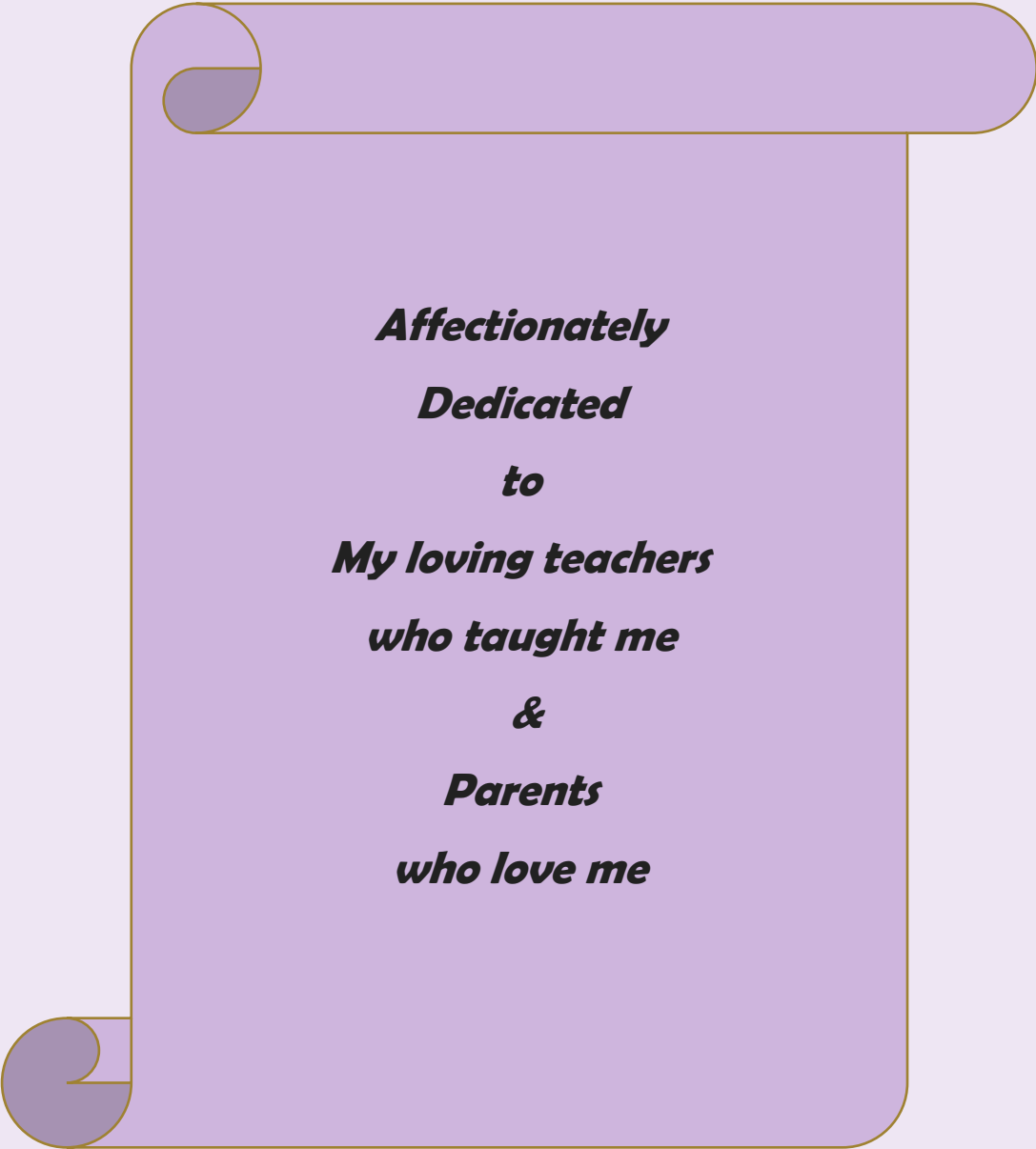
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***Affectionately
Dedicated
to
My loving teachers
who taught me
&
Parents
who love me***

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 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 help future education and life.

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Once upon a time, a king and queen lived in a beautiful castle happily and peacefully. The villagers too lived happily, while working together. One day the queen went to the royal garden for a walk. She wandered to a quiet pond and sat on a rock near the pond. Suddenly a witch appeared and the queen got scared. She started running back. But the witch stopped her way.

Shaking with fear, the queen asked “What do you want?”

“I want your first baby, but only if it is a girl”. Witch replied.

The queen was terrified and nodded quietly. “Can I go now?” the queen begged.

“Okay, now you can go. But remember I need your first girl. If not, I will kill your whole family, ha... ha.... ha...”. Witch yelled loudly and disappeared.



The queen was shocked. Her heart was pounding. She ran to the castle as fast as she could. She wanted to tell this to the king. But when she arrived, the king was not there. He had gone to visit the villagers. Filled with fear, the queen cried for hours in her room. Just then, she heard the sound of carts approaching the castle. She cried loudly. King heard the queen's cry, and he quickly went to the queen's room.

“Why are you crying, my dear queen?” gently asked the king.

“I went to the garden for a little walk. While I was sitting down near the pond, a witch appeared and told me she wanted our first baby if it is a girl” said the queen.

“Don’t worry, my dear. Let’s hope we have a boy,” said the king.

One year passed by. The queen got pregnant. They were so happy, while they had forgotten what the witch had said. Months passed by, and now it is the time to deliver the baby. The king and queen were surprised to see cute twin girls. The king named the sweet girls Ella and Bella. King organized a welcome party for the newborn and they all celebrated the birth of twin princesses.



At the end of the party, they all went to sleep. At midnight, the horrible witch came into the bedroom and took one baby from there. It was Bella, the golden-haired girl. In the morning, Ella started crying. Then the king and queen woke up and ran towards the cradle. They were shocked. Bella was not there. They send soldiers to search for Princess Bella. But she was nowhere to be found. The horrible witch has taken her to a tall tower,

hidden in the jungle. It was a very old and dark place, without a door. It had only one window at the top of the tower.

Ella was always asking, “Mother, why don’t I have a sister or brother to play?”

Queen didn’t say anything but started crying whenever Ella raised this question. It was a big question for Princess Ella.

“Mother why don’t I have a sister or brother?”. Bella asked from a witch. The witch shouted and said “No more brothers and sisters”. Bella was so sad to be locked up in a room all alone.

Twenty years passed by. It’s the birthday of Princess Ella. She went outside the castle sadly and looked at the castle. Then she saw something strange at the top of the castle. Ella quickly ran to the top floor

of the castle. She noticed there was a secret door on the roof. She pushed the door on the roof.

The door opened and a ladder came out. Ella had never climbed a ladder and that was the first time she climbed a ladder. While shivering she climbed the ladder with a fluffy dress and went into the secret room. It was very dusty and dark. When she looked around, she found the torch. She turned it on and searched the room. Suddenly she stopped at the big box and she opened it.

It was full of old clothes and some cute small dresses. There were some baby toys, which were not belong to her. She found an old photo, taken at the welcome party of the newborn. There were two babies in the photo who were alike. It was a big question for Princess Ella to see another girl similar to her in the photo. She did not know that it was Princess Bella.



“Well, I don't have any brother or sister, then who is in this picture?” Ella was thinking.

Suddenly she remembered that her mother used to cry when she asked for a sister or brother. It is a mystery to Ella. When she searched more, she found another piece of folded paper. Once she opened the paper, it had written;

Name: Ella and Bella

Date of Birth: 05th March 2020

Then she found a poster that printed “Princess Bella is missing”.

Princess Ella understood everything. This may be my twin sister, who is missing. But Ella could not recall her twin sister. Suddenly the door locked. Ella was shocked and she started crying. She pulled the door, but the door did not open. She saw a window, full of dust. She wiped the dust with the piece of clothes. Then Ella hit the window hard. At last, the window was broken. She wrote a note on a piece of paper. “Help, I am stuck on the roof – Princess Ella” and throw it from the window.

One of the king's soldiers picked up the piece of paper and gave it to the king. They soon ran to the top of the castle with guards to rescue Princess Ella.

When they opened the door, Ella was crying in horror. She ran to her mother and said “Mother, I know everything. I had a twin sister but now she is missing”. The queen and king were shocked.

“Mother, I cannot celebrate my birthday without my twin sister. I will find her on my own.’

While saying that, Ella ran to the garden, took a horse, and rode right into deep the forest. Ella started feeling scared. King sent soldiers to find Princess Ella. That night Ella slept on the large tree. When she woke up in the morning, she was surprised to see the whole forest from the tree. While she was looking at the beauty of the environment, something strange was there in the middle of the forest.



She climbed up to the top of the tree to see it clearly. Then, she realized that it was a tall tower covered with vines. She heard a beautiful singing from the tower, the voice she thought a bit familiar. She went down the tree, but her horse was not there. She searched for the horse, but could not find it. She was really tired and hungry. Then she saw an apple tree with red ripe apples. She ran to the apple tree and started eating apples for hunger.

Suddenly, a group of soldiers searching for Princess Ella came across the princess. She told them about the tower and they searched for the tower hidden inside the forest. Finally, they found the tower, which is hardly noticed, covered with vines.



While looking at the tower, hiding behind a large tree, they heard the witch coming closer to the tower and murmuring a word. All of a sudden, a long ladder came down from the top of the tower,

from which the witch had reached the small window at the top of the tower.

Once the witch went back, Princess Ella too murmured the same word. Surprised, the door opened, and the ladder came down. Princess Ella climbed the ladder and entered the room inside the tower. She was surprised to see a beautiful girl who was just like her. Ella could not believe her eyes. Bella too was shocked to see a girl just like her in front of her.

“Who are you? You look like me.” Said Bella.

Ella quickly told the story and Bella understood everything clearly. Suddenly they heard that the witch was climbing the ladder. They push the ladder when the witch is about to come in. The witch had fallen and it was the end of the witch. Ella and Bella climbed down the tower with the help of soldiers

and went to the castle safely. When the king and queen saw the two girls returning, they cried with joy. They were so happy that the twin princesses were back with them. The two princesses looked so beautiful and couldn't identify with each other. That eve, they celebrated the twin's birthday and they lived happily ever after.



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 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, 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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