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And thank you to everyone who reads my book. I hope it makes you smile, laugh, and imagine amazing things. I had so much fun creating this story, and I hope you love it as much as I do!

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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.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal,

Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy

The lonely princess

Long ago, there lived a lonely princess. The lonely princess did not have any one to play with.



One day, she was so lonely, that she decided to take a walk.

She walked and walked until she reached the woods.



There, she found a beautiful pond.

The pond was surrounded by huge trees.



While she was sitting by the pond, a giant came and asked her: “Who are you and what are you doing here all by yourself ?”



The princess said “I am the princess of this kingdom. I’m so lonely because I don’t have anyone to play with.”

The Giant felt so sad. He thought for a while.

Then, the giant said “Oh, I will give you one wish to make.”.

“Thank you very much”, said the princess.

She thought what she wanted the most.

Finally, she made her wish. She wished to have some kids to play with. So, she can play with them **ALWAYS!!**

“Okay, just as you wish!” said the giant.

Then the giant asked the princess to go home.

When the princess went to the palace, the palace was filled with kids.



She was soooo happy and she started playing with them.

She was never happier before.

She played with her new friends the **WHOLE DAY**.

When it was night time, still the kids were playing.

The princess was starting to get tired by the evening.

But the kids wanted to keep playing.

They played with her the whole night.

They even played with her the next morning.

By this time the princess was very very very tired.

She secretly went near the pond and called the giant.

She asked him “can you please take the kids back? I cannot play with them ALWAYS. I am tired now.”

The giant was confused.

He asked her “but you wanted someone to play with.”

“Yes, but now it’s very tiring.”

The giant agreed and the kids disappeared.

Princess was happy when she went home to see the palace was empty again.

But she started feeling lonely again.



Just then, her mother came.

The queen gave the princess a hug, a kiss and a PET CAT to play with, her new best friend to play with.



Afterward

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the Pirivena student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,

Senevirathne Maha Lekam



Dear Reader,

Thank you so much for reading my book! I hope you liked it. I had so much fun making up the story, and I hope it made you smile. I love thinking about dragons, giants, princesses and I thought, "What if I put them all together?" So, I did!

Writing this story was kind of like playing, but on paper. My mother helped me spell some of the hard words, but the ideas were all mine. I think stories are everywhere, and you can make them too if you look around and imagine.

If you liked my book, maybe you could write your own story! I'd love to read it one day.

Love,
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(Grade 1-A)