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I dedicate this book to my
school greenhill
international kandy and to
my father

Forword

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"

Dr. Lalith Navaratne

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Foreword

Literacy 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 literacy enlightening periods.if so, this is the golden period in the mahamaya as well.this is the reason why why our daughters have been enchanting though book writing for many years now. It is a special event that out writers have succeed 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 , katakana atthadassi thero.

The pirivena student monks have also taken up boon 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 qualitative change in the education of schools and pirivena education through this academic and religious service, and also an achievement for the school.

This book which is a result of recognizing ones innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing will undoubtedly be a help for the future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadeera

Principal, mahamaya girls' college, Kandy.

The school bell rings and yet another day wasted she thought. she walked down the corridor looking down and shutting all the whispers of the world and started speeding her legs to walk faster and get out of school quickly. Hazel is a highschool girl, with brunette coloured hair and caramel eyes, her body that had a feminine vibe but she preferred baggy fashion. She was really gorgeous. No one in her school liked her and would always talk bad about her behind her back. She had no friends till highschool. The only friends she ever had were just betrayers who wanted to use her for her fathers fame and money. So she gave up the idea of having friends and moved on , she thought that not having any friends is the best choice she could make. The students at school would bully her a lot everyday , they would throw expired food at her so she knew better enough to bring two more extra clothes to school. Hazel hates everyone on earth and feels like she never belonged here and that she was mistakenly born on earth. The one and only person Hazel loves is her father. James Emmet, hazels father who was a rich CEO, he didn't have time for Hazel but loved her with all his heart. He gave her everything she asked for except for the attention and love she is searching for. She got used being alone so having no friends was no big of a deal for her. Hazel never knew her mother

since she left her when she was young or that's what her father told Hazel . She did miss having a mother but she was still grateful to have a father.



She would spend most of her time on reading books , she always wanted to live in books because it was better than living on this cruel world that she hated so much. She could read her whole life if she wanted. Hazel really hated going to school like cats hate taking a bath, but she went anyways. Unlike the students even the teachers hated her , the teachers would punish her for no reason and give her bad marks on examinations on

purpose. She didn't care about those things as long as she was happy being on her own. As days passed Hazel graduated from high school, she was turning 16 and on her 16th birthday her father gifted her a whole library just for her so she could read anytime, it was her best birthday ever unlike the others where the students would throw toilet paper rolls on her house and she had to clean them before her father notices. Well no one could bully her now that she was out of school and peacefully in her library, she thought. Everyday after waking up on the morning, she would hug her father good bye and run to her library and stay there the whole day till night, she sometimes even sleep over there if she wanted to. But one evening when she came to her library it had been graffitied all over the wall saying LOSER, NERD AND GOLDIGGER. Hazel wanted to kill the bullies who did that right at that moment she went inside and shouted till her lungs broke "WHY ARE PEOPLE SO CRUEL?!!!! I NEVER BOTHERED THEM BUT WHY HURT ME?!!!!" she felt broken thinking she would never find peace ever in her life. But something unexpected happened when she heard a huge noise from behind her when she turned around there was a small faded trail of light leading somewhere. Hazel thought it must've been one of the bullies doing something, so she took a heavy

book as her weapon just in case they attacked her, she took small steps near and light and turned near the curve, the only thing that was there was a lonely shelf with empty rows and one big book in the middle, she has never seen that shelf before and she was sure that she had come there before. Hazel felt curious and stepped closer to the shelf and grabbed the book, it was so dusty that you could see the dust in the air floating. The only logical thing to do was to open it she thought. But when she opened it, the world went blank and stopped spinning, time was no longer found and the next moment she woke up she was in a cave seated flat on the ground with the book on her thighs. She took it to her hands and woke with her weak legs pushing them through the ground to find light. As she was walking she saw a beam of light touching the ground just 5 meters away from her, Hazel started speeding up her pace and forced her legs to walk faster. she reached the end and what she saw was unbelievable! It was a whole new world right in front of her eyes. She pinched herself hard to make sure that she's not dreaming. She stepped in and looked around and this world looked like earth but much better. She walked around in disbelief but admiring everything she saw. It was way better than earth she thought. She was wondering if people lived here and that

moment she heard screaming and a crowd of people running towards and they didn't see Hazel and started pushing her, hazel tripped and was about to fall when someone caught her. She opened her eyes and saw a young man about her age with jet black hair and dark green eyes staring into her soul. Hazel got up and sat down in front of him and said a shy thanks.



“ oh, don't mention it. By the way whats your name ? I am Matheo Allister. And are you from around here because I havent seen anyone like you here before.”said Matheo waiting till Hazel starts to reply. “ I am Hazel nice to meet you and

yes I am not from around here , I am actually from
ughhhh..... Earth!” said Hazel trembling hoping
that he wont freak out and put her to some kind of
jail. But instead Matheo was staring at Hazel with a
blank face trying to process whats going on. “ so
your telling me you are not from here but Earth?
You know that human mortals cant see
Sapphireshores! “ matheo broke the silence. Hazel
noted that this world was called Sapphireshores
and that she was the only human to ever get here.
“well..... ya maybe but arent you going to give
me a tour of Sapphireshores? “ said Hazel with a
childish smile painted on her face. “sure, why not?
Just follow me and don’t go anywhere else
because Sapphireshores is bigger than you think ,
you might get lost.” replied. matheo getting up
and walking towards a direction. Hazel realised
that Matheo was actually taller than her like a lot .
and Hazel still couldn’t believe whats happening
to her. She quikly followed Matheo . After walking
for a long time they reached at a house and it was
gorgeous . it was nothing like the houses on earth.
Matheo went in and called Hazel. Hazel ran and
went inside. She saw Matheo hugging a middle-
aged woman . Hazel looked at her and smiled.
Matheo quikly got in the middle and called his
whole family to introduce Hazel and Matheo
explained that Hazel was from earth but they went

blank for a moment like Matheo but got back on track.



Hazel saw that Matheo had a big sister she was really pretty and his father looked a bit like the typical fathers from earth but his mother was totally different she didn't look like she was a mother but a teenager. Hazel also noticed that they all shared the same dark green eyes. But that was the only similarity she could find till now. Matheo's mother called Hazel for dinner , so she sat on a chair between matheo and his big sister. They started eating and the food looked like spaghetti but tasted nothing like spaghetti but better. Everything is always so much better here

than earth she thought. They all started chatting and enjoying their time that for the first time Hazel felt loved and care from a true family. She felt as if she was the happiest person in the world. After the meal Matheo signaled Hazel to follow him. So Hazel washed her hands and followed Matheo to a flight of stairs and then to a huge room which seemed to be his. When she went inside it was so awesome and it was also full of books. Hazel was so happy to find out that there was someone else who liked books other than her. She sat on the side of the bed beside Matheo, and they started chatting when Hazel asked "Is Sapphireshores similar to earth and do the people here see earth?" Matheo got a bit of time to think and replied "we do look similar to earthlings but we have powers according to our ancestors but earthlings don't and we know that a planet called earth exists but they don't know we exist so there are some differences and not all the people of Sapphireshores can see earth but some can." Hazel noted that they called humans 'earthlings' and she just realised what Matheo had said, and asked "wait so you have powers?" Matheo nodded and asked if she wanted to see. Hazel jumped out of bed with excitement, Matheo giggled on the way she was acting and when they were about to leave Hazel bumped onto a young man and saw Ariana

Matheo's big sister, the young man had deep ocean blue eyes and dark brown hair. Matheo introduced him as Peter who was his best friend. "Are you serious Matheo are you really going to show your powers when we in a situation like this?" asked Peter with a little bit of disappointment and anger. "But how do you know that I -" Matheo was cut off by Peter saying "I overheard your conversation and your sister told me about Hazel" Matheo nodded at Peter and turned to Hazel and sat on the bed along with Peter and Ariana. Hazel felt as if she did something wrong but she listened to what they were going to say. "Well, remember Hazel when I caught you and a ton of people were running and there's a reason for that our world is cursed and it has been this way for 20 years now so whenever we use our powers they usually get turned into a curse and puts the bad magic on us so ya now I think you understand why we can't use our powers!" explained Matheo. But Hazel wanted to help them stop it cause she felt as if she belonged here even if she was from earth. So she asked "if you guys don't mind can you like show me how the curse works by using your powers this one time? Please.....?" they were frozen and didn't talk until Matheo signalled Peter and Ariana to do it just once. Peter agreed and made it clear that it was

just that once. Hazel agreed with him and followed Matheo to the garden and Peter, Ariana and Hazel got behind Matheo when he was about to perform his powers, he swirled his hands and a big green light started to release from his hands and it was powerful but as soon as it got out it turned black and grew stronger and aimed towards matheo but before it could get him Hazel ran in front of him and held her hands trying to stop it from entering but something unexpected happened when she held her hands huge lights started coming from Hazel's hands similar to Matheo's but there were five lights coloured blue,red,white,brown and purple, once they were all out they got mixed and vanished the cursed majic out of sight. Hazel couldn't believe what she saw and the fact that it came from her own hands, she quickly turned around to see if Matheo and the others were ok but they were shocked,jaws dropped and staring at Hazel with no sign of blinking. Hazel called out to them and they snapped out and came back to their minds." how did you do that....?"Ariana asked with a trembling voice. "I don't know actually it just happened I guess."said Hazel being amazed of herself. " I think I know what happened, just wait a moment." said Peter while running inside and coming back with a big book.He opened and read it and said " it says that whoever enters

Sapphireshores will get powers till they leave, and since hazel is from earth maybe the brown means earth, blue means water, red means fire and white means air.” everyone looked puzzled and then Matheo asked “ but what about the purple ? there were five colours!” Peter flipped through the books and couldn’t find an answer. “ and also the fact that she could vanish the curse with sapphireshores powers but we cant !” asked Ariana expecting an answer from Peter. But Peter was clueless and didn’t know about it. As they were discussing about Hazels powers a crowd started screaing again , Hazel ran towards the noise and the others followed her. Hazel saw that a citizen has made a curse and it was aiming to kill so she thought if she did what she did back then with matheo she could save them, so she ran towards the curse and repeated what she’d done before and once again her powers returned and vanished the curse. The people looked puzzled for a second and then started cheering for hazel and from then on onwards Hazel started saving people from the curses and she became a hero. She stayed there and slept over at matheos house and she thought that she had the best time here , everyone liked her , she had family who she feels like her own and best of all friend. she got everything she could dream of.

One evening when she was just practising her powers in the village and she got the hang of it , suddenly a bit of an old woman from her house called Hazel for a talk. Hazel went to see what that woman wanted to ask so she just followed the woman into her house. The woman led her to a secret room and signalled Hazel to sit beside her and she started to talk “ Hazel, I am Emma your mother’s best friend and I have to tell you something.” Hazel froze and trembled “you know my mother ? do you know what happened to her ? please tell me! I beg you!” pleaded Hazel looking at Emma. Emma simply nodded and started to explain “ well it’s a long story but I will tell you. Your mother is the Queen of Sapphire Shore and she had all the power of this world but once a man named Xavier who was a spoiled brat wanted power and pretended to be queen’s personal assistant and after the queen fully trusted him he showed his true self and framed your mother and sent her to earth and got the throne to Sapphire Shore , your mother on earth helpless and worried not knowing what to do met your father and they fell in love and decided to get married , once they were married two years later you were born but your mother started feeling sick and she got to know that she was feeling that way because she wasn’t where

was meant to be, so she left you with your father and returned to sapphireshore to get back the throne and put an end to xavier , your mother and Xavier had a huge battle and Xavier lost but before he died he put a curse that ‘ only one world could be happy while the other suffers’ and died but your mother died along with him and because of her death a solution to the curse was found with her magic , it was turned into a big book which only 1 of million could read, but no one knows where that book is..... And I know you have been vanishing the curses with your powers but did you ever think where they vanished off to?” Hazel started thinking but had no clue. Emma noticed this and said “ they vanished and re-appeared on earth , like Xavier said only one world can be happy while the other suffers , so you didn’t stop it but transport it to Earth”hazel was frozen and realized her mistake and felt really guilty , yes she hated earth but she couldn’t let some innocent people suffer because of her.she had to make it right. “ how do I make this right ? how can I stop this curse ? you said there was a solution what is it?” asked hazel hoping for a answer. “ like I said the solution is in the book but no one knows where that book is.” hazel then realized what book she was talking about and took it out of her side bag she kept it in and showed Emma. Emma

couldn't believe her eyes that she forgot to blink. " how did you get this?!!!!" Emma screeched and took the book and flipped it. Hazel explained that the book is the source of how she came here. " well , I think you know what to do now you to find the translation and find the solution.Hazel knew what she had to do and ran back to Matheo's home and searched for and she finally found him in his room reading. She sat on the bed and told Matheo everything what happened, matheo couldn't believe what he was hearing. He knew the story but not that the Queen had a daughter and that she was Hazel. Hazel even told Matheo about finding the solution in the big book and Matheo agreed to help her.They were thinking how to find someone who knew this language and at one point Matheo remebered something " I know someone who knows this language , its Zack he's my classmate, his grandfather used to teach him this language and I think I know where to find him." said Zack while holding a map he got from his table. He showed an island little far from here and said " this is where Zack is , he does expirenments there , we can pack today and go tomorrow if we hurry!" Hazel nodded and started packing because it was almost night and they had to leave tomorrow. Hazel put the big book in her side bag as usual and went to sleep.

The next morning Matheo woke up and tried to wake Hazel up but he didn't want to disturb her sleep because she looked so beautiful for him to stare at when she was sleeping but Hazel woke up on her own and got ready , she called Matheo and he came running to the garden bringing everything they needed " so shall we?" asked matheo . Hazel nodded with a smile and they walked to the beach and started to find a boat for them , finally they found one and also hired a captain to ride the boat , they got on and sailed. They were on the sea and Hazel went near the corner of the ship to feel the breeze on her skin , after a while Matheo joined her and stood beside her none of them wanted to break silence. Until Hazel started crying matheo got worried and asked why but she just kept on crying so Matheo took her into his arms and hugged her to make her feel better.

" I...I....miss.....my.my...fath....ther.." whimpered Hazel trying to stop crying. Matheo didn't know what to do so comforted her. Hazel felt comfortable around matheo and told how here life had been before she came to Sapphireshores. Matheo felt really bad for her and for the rest of the trip they started chatting about their lives having full trust in eachother. They reached the island and got off at the shore and started walking ,

Hazel followed Matheo since she doesn't know where Matheo's friend Zack is in this island. Matheo and Hazel walked for a while and reached a cave, it looked really dark and deep so Matheo was trying to use his powers to emit light but Hazel stopped him and allowed herself to do it, she knew what will happen but still gave it a try. She swirled her hands and light started to appear but this time only purple, it led the way through the dark and finished at an old wooden door. Matheo opened the door and found Zack experimenting on something and went in, while Hazel was thinking what the purple light actually meant and then she realized that her mother was from Sapphire Shore and maybe that the purple meant Sapphire Shores. She wanted to tell Matheo and went in when she saw Matheo with a blonde haired blue eyed young man with round glasses. Hazel went inside and Matheo saw her and introduced her to Zack and explained why they were here. Zack asked the book from Hazel to check, Hazel reached for her side bag and handed the book to Zack. Zack took it sat on his chair and started to read it while Matheo and Hazel were waiting for an answer. Hazel was nervous and her hands were shivering, Matheo noticed and grabbed her hand and said "it's alright, everything's going to be fine, don't worry" Hazel

nodded with a fake smile and looked at Zack who was reading. Zack looked at Hazel and Matheo as if he saw a ghost and said “ umm.... wellll.... the thing is there is a solution but its kind of a bit to serious ! do you really want to know?” Hazel’s eyes widened and she said “ yes , please tell us! It’s the only way to save sapphireshores and earth. Please!” Zack sighed “ ok I will..... it says in the book that only a desendant of both the worlds’ can save people from the curse.....” Matheo froze and said “ but that’s Hazel.....” Hazel wasn’t moving and waiting to hear the rest as zack continued “ she has to ummm ... sacrifice herself in order to free both worlds’....” Hazel’s heart stopped beating and she ran out of the cave with the book in her hands while Matheo ran after her. Hazel reached the shores and searched for something and finally found an knife in an old shipwreck , as she was aiming to kill herself without thinking twice because billions of lives were more important to her than her’s. Just as she was going to die Matheo came and stopped the knife and begged while hugging her “ please Hazel don’t do this you cant die! Please..... we need you..... I don’t want you to leave me like this!!!” Hazel hugged him back and said “ I know I also don’t want to die , I want to spend more time with you, your family because you showed me

how beautiful love and care really is..... but I cant let soo many innocent people die because of me! I am sorry Matheo.....” Hazel pulled away from the hug and wiped her tears. “ but why you?!! its not fair ... I will die along with you !” said Matheo. “ no, I want you to live for the both of us and take care of sapphireshores on the behalf of me! Please tell me you will do this? Promise?” said Hazel while holding out her hand for a promise. “ pr....r..romise...” struggled Matheo to get the words out of his mouth. Hazel took the knife back and aimed the knife at her stomach, within a second the knife was inside her blood dripping from her body. Matheo screamed in pain looking at hazel die right infront of his eyes and Hazels blood falling on top of the book. The sky lit with power and the book vanished along with Hazel leaving no trace of her except her blood. Matheo wasn't sure if to be happy that they free from the curse or to be sad that the person he cherished had left him.

Back in sapphireshores , Matheo was selected as the king on the behalf of Hazel and no one on sapphireshores forgot about her sacrifice. *Some stories arent meant to have a sad ending ,* matheo thought looking at the stars hoping Hazel

would see how happy the people are because of what she had done.

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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